



Fulfilling His Purpose

By Elder J. E. Jayne



“FEAR not, little flock; for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.” “And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.”

Recent years have been a period of unparalleled perplexity. God has been dealing with the nations of earth. He has made the wrath of men to praise Him. He has blessed and prospered His work far beyond the expectation of His people.

The present is a time of anxious uncertainty. No man knows what a day will bring forth. We do know that God will continue to be the hope of His people; He will fulfil to us His promise, “Lo, I am with you all days, even unto the end of the world.” He has committed to this denomination a very

definite task. With His help we shall be able to complete it. His word shall not return unto Him void, it shall accomplish that which He pleases and prosper in the thing whereunto He sent it, until the times of restitution of all things which He has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began.

One of the ways in which He has promised to help His people is by giving to them the riches of the Gentiles. This is a very natural thing for Him to do, because the earth is the Lord’s and the fullness thereof, the world, and they that dwell therein. The adversary is a usurper and that which he has seized shall be taken from him.

God created the earth in such beauty and filled it with such gladness that when the angelic host looked upon it all the sons of God shouted for joy. Through sin, disease and every refinement of cruelty that the evil one has been able to devise, that beauty has been marred and that gladness destroyed;

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£1,000 for Missions

during Ingathering Big Day—the opening day of the campaign. 10/- each from 2,000 collectors will do it.

but the Son of man came to seek and to save that which was lost. Besides the help of His people He will employ the riches of the Gentiles to accomplish His purpose concerning its restoration. God follows His own plans to accomplish His purpose and fulfil His promises. "My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts." To illustrate: In the 104th Psalm, He describes the manner in which all creatures of the earth are fed, and says: "These wait all upon Thee, that Thou mayest give them their meat in due season; that Thou givest them they gather; Thou openest Thine hand, they are filled with good." We should not overlook the statement "that Thou givest them they gather." In that way they co-operate with God in fulfilling His purpose concerning them.

The Harvest Ingathering plan has been given to us of God for the purpose of helping to fulfil His promise and attain His purpose to bring to the aid of His people the riches of the Gentiles in their efforts to co-operate with Him in the accomplishment of His purpose to reclaim the earth for Himself. We are exceeding glad that the time is near when not only the riches of the Gentiles, but the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ. We hope soon to join with those who, at that time, shall worship God saying, "We give Thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty,

which art, and was, and art to come; because Thou hast taken to Thee Thy great power, and hast reigned."

"We are labourers together with God; ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building." The Lord wants everyone who engages in any form of Gospel work to have that comfort and encouragement which comes from a consciousness of His divine presence and help. Those who engage in Harvest Ingathering work can in a very special manner feel that they are labourers together with God; that His presence is with them, and that His Holy Spirit in response to their prayers will co-operate with them in what they are endeavouring to do.

This year the task before us is very great. In many countries financial conditions are such that the funds gathered are almost worthless. In Great Britain God has richly blessed us in providing a stable government, a valuable currency and freedom to labour. We should make the most of this opportunity. During the recent war, in His providence God so directed affairs that the care of His missions in Africa was entrusted to our people in Great Britain. They accepted this trust with a loyalty that was greatly blessed of God and of wonderful encouragement to our people throughout the world. God has not yet relieved us of our responsibility. We should pray that He will help us to make this year's Harvest Ingathering work equal to the best in our history.

Our Present Task

By J. Harker



THE entire force represented by the Seventh-Day Adventist membership of Great Britain is now called into action in behalf of foreign missions. This call brings each believer face to face with a very important question—What is *my share* of the responsibility now resting upon the British Union in connection with the 1923 Ingathering Campaign? One enthusiastic brother has

already thought over the matter and come to a decision. We wish every churchmember would do as he has done. He says, "I have been thinking over the £6,000 Harvest Ingathering goal and have wondered how much I ought to collect this year. Thirty shillings per member seems a very small amount. In view of what the Lord has done for me in past years I have determined to work as hard as ever. You can reckon on me doing my very best to make this year's campaign a real success."

How many will follow this good lead? Surely

nothing less than our "very best" will please the Lord and satisfy our own hearts. The 30/- per member goal is only suggestive. It was set chiefly because of the shortened campaign period. This year we are to accomplish our task in six weeks, which means we must raise £1,000 each week, or 5/- per week per member.

The £6,000 set for the Union has been apportioned as follows:—

South England	£2750
North England	2000
Wales	600
Scotland	350
Ireland	300
Total	£6000

Resolutions incorporating these conference goals have been presented at the annual meeting of each field and enthusiastically accepted. Now, brethren and sisters, the time has come to put these resolutions into action. Please remember when the clock strikes eight on Saturday night, September 1st, the campaign has commenced. From that moment up

to the same hour on the Sunday night following we want to raise not less than £1,000. If each church will contribute one-sixth of its goal, based on 30/- per member, it will be done.

The Lord has greatly blessed our endeavours in the past. During seven years—1916 to 1922—not less than fifty missionaries have been sent out from the British field. In the same period, we have collected through the Harvest Ingathering £37,000. Then from our own pockets we have given another £35,000, making a grand total of £72,000 for the support of the work in the mission fields during the past seven years.

These accomplishments under the blessing of God, and our pledges to the men and women who have gone from us, together with the insistent calls from those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, constitute a mighty appeal to every soul in the ranks to do his utmost, that the present campaign might be truly the very best in our Ingathering experience.

“Is this the time to halt, when all around
Horizons lift, new destinies confront?”

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No! Rather strengthen stakes, and lengthen cords.
Enlarge thy plans and gifts, O thou elect,
And to Thy kingdom come for such a time!
The earth with all its fullness is the Lord's;
Great things attempt for Him, great things expect!
Whose love imperial is, whose power sublime.”

Talk Courage

WE are a missionary people. If we want to carry on our mission work we must be filled with the courage of the Lord. That's why the Spirit of Prophecy has given us the timely advice to talk courage. We want to heed it, especially during the time of our Harvest Ingathering Campaign. This very plan, its small beginning by a lay member, and its wonderful success throughout the whole world, has been a proof of God's willingness to do great things for His humble servants. Think of the thousands of pounds, dollars, francs, lire, marks and kroner collected for God's cause, the hundreds of precious souls won, and the millions of Harvest Ingathering papers distributed! Surely the Lord is doing “great things” in spite of all the many difficulties.

Blessed are difficulties! What would we do without them? We would not even have a chance to talk courage! Difficulties in the British Union are perhaps smaller than in any other field of the European Division. In the British Union the “mission spirit” has been cultivated for centuries. In some parts of Africa the word “Vangeleza” in a general sense means “Englishmen” as well as “missionaries.” Apparently they did not know of any other people sending out missionaries. To them being a missionary was the same as coming from England. I think this is a great and truly deserved compliment the natives of Africa are paying to Great Britain.

That's why any campaign in favour of foreign missions will never fail in Great Britain. People are in

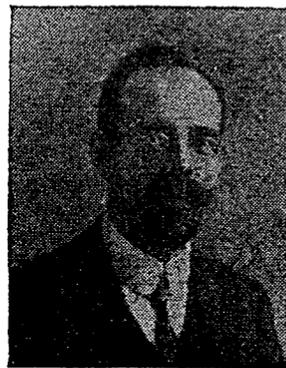
sympathy with it as they have a large number of missionaries in foreign lands. But how different it is in a large number of countries in Europe. Not only do they not have a single missionary of their own anywhere in heathen lands, but they do not in many places even understand the term “mission.” They think we speak of Jesuit propaganda in the churches at home! They have never been trained to think beyond the boundaries of their little countries. Our brethren are not allowed to take up collections but must get every penny by selling the Harvest Ingathering papers. And yet what a wonderful work has been done throughout the whole Division in spite of these and many more difficulties—even in places where they thought this “American” plan would not work at all. It did work though, because it is the Lord's plan. And they have all raised their goals this year. Here in Great Britain the Harvest Ingathering goal has been lowered a little, the reason for which is understood. You have a big surprise in store for us. This time you want to go beyond your goal considerably. It looks better than not to reach it fully.

We hope and pray that you will do it. Indeed, we are depending on you doing so. The mission budgets have had to be cut considerably. We all know what that means for the faithful men at the front. They expect every one of us to do his duty. So does the British Union. So does the European Division. So does our great missionary leader, Jesus Christ. Let us not disappoint Him! Let us talk courage, and ours will be the victory.

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“Every One Straight Forward”



WHEN Jesus taught the disciples to pray, “Thy kingdom come;” He taught them also to say, “Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.” A wonderful glimpse of the activities of the angelic hosts is presented to us in the first chapter of the book of Ezekiel. After giving a description of these heavenly beings, the prophet tells of their absolute devotion to God, and their unquestioning obedience to His will. Verses 12 and 14 read: “And they went every one straight forward: whither the Spirit was to go, they went; and they turned not when they went. . . . And the living creatures ran and returned as the appearance of a flash of lightning.”

From these verses we learn at least four things:—

1. *Every one* of the angels responds to the call of God.
2. *Every one* sets about his task *immediately*.
3. *Every one* goes “straight forward” with his task until it is done.
4. *Every one* is accompanied by the Spirit of God.

To us as a people has been committed the work of evangelizing the world. The *immediate* task before

us in this field is the collecting of funds during the Harvest Ingathering Campaign, that the world work may soon be finished. This does not mean that our regular activities must cease, but that as far as possible we concentrate on this campaign with the object of ensuring its success.

Success in this effort means the maintenance of the work in the fields operated by the European Division, including British East and West Africa, and Egypt. Failure in the campaign we dare not contemplate. Brethren and sisters, we *must* succeed!

Success means the collecting of at least £6,000 in six weeks by 3,600 members. There is no need to ask, Can it be done? for we are all conscious of the fact that it can. It is for us to say, *It shall be done!* and then to *do it*. It would not surprise us in the least if this year proved the best ever experienced in Ingathering work. There are many people who have plenty of money, and some of them can be reached. But the great bulk of the sum collected will come from working people, and will be obtained in moderate amounts. Let us get large gifts where possible; but we must not despise the widow's mite, however often it is received. To make quite sure that the £6,000 will be obtained we should bear in mind at least four very important things. They are the lessons we learn from the angels whose activities we are to emulate.

1. *Every one of our members should respond to the call of God to collect funds for missions at this time.* We know that many of our devoted members will obtain £10, £20, £30, or even more than this, and there is a tendency on the part of a few to leave to the "successful" ones, or those who "like to do it," the burden of the work. But the Lord Who calls these dear ones also calls *you*, my brother or my sister. We need *your* help. And there is a real blessing in the work. Can *you* afford to do without it?

2. *Every one should begin September 1st.* There is a reason for this. The campaign only lasts six weeks instead of twelve or fourteen, as in past years. Our time, therefore, is limited. There is wonderful inspiration in a successful start. A task "well begun is half done," says the proverb. By all means let us plan to make September 2nd a Big Day. Whatever others do, let *us* do our best to see that the £1,000 is obtained during the first twenty-four hours of the effort. We may find that *our* example will stir someone else to activity.

3. *Every one should go "straight forward" with the task until it is done.* The minimum goal is £1. 10s. per member. This means that every one should get this sum at least. Why not try to get this the very first day of the campaign? The minimum for workers is £10. We like to see the leaders *lead* in a work of this kind. It is a healthy sign when they do. How many of our lay members will try to reach the workers' goal? Or how many will aim at nothing less than £1 a week for the six weeks?

4. *Every one may have the companionship of the Holy Spirit as he works for the Master in this cam-*

paign. Numerous texts of Scripture could be quoted to bear out this statement. If *every one* responds to the call, and starts on time, and continues until his personal goal has been obtained, and, above all, seeks the presence and guidance of the Holy Spirit, not only will the required funds be obtained, but a great spiritual revival will take place, a revival far-reaching in its effects, a revival that will lead to the conversion of scores of precious souls. There is no exaggeration in this. Let us put the matter to the test; let us prove the Lord. It is a Gospel principle that when we labour for others, we ourselves are blessed.

F. A. SPEARING.

Big Day



BIG Day! What does it mean to you? What atmosphere surrounds these two words as you conjure with them in your mind?

Big! B-I-G!! What a word, but what does it spell to you? As we think of our work for these days, of God's power and of all He is doing in the world, we must indeed be struck with the tremendous, awful grandeur of it all and so conclude how well the word "big" fits the occasion. We think of our place in it all and as we link up with God, so our thoughts rise and we too become big assets for soul-saving.

Mighty faith the promise sees and looks to that alone; laughs at impossibilities and cries "it shall be done." With a faith strengthened by the solid every-day proof of God's power, let us get our vision clear over to September 2nd—the commencement of our Harvest Ingathering Campaign for 1923—a commencement that is to be of such dimensions as will ably fit God's work. That day is to be a "BIG DAY" for all the believers in these Isles. From 8 p.m., Saturday until 8 p.m., Sunday, the faithful in Great Britain will spend some hours with canisters and cards and gather in much-needed funds for God's work. On that day all who are indeed members of the commonwealth of Israel and who enjoy the hopes and privileges of God's family, will visit the Gentiles and garner in of their wealth.

As God has ordained and planned all the various sections and departments of our work to meet the growing needs of our time, so we must sense that this is His plan, not a mere concoction of man's fertile brain. Man, in his zeal, may over-burden a department, but we could never overdo the spreading of this message. The lethargic person will complain of the growing demands of God's work; he will esteem it irksome to labour for Christ. But the honest soul, who longs to do all possible to hasten His coming, will venture far and often for our beloved Master. We are glad to say these honest souls are in the majority, although their voice is not heard like the voice of the complainer. The world's awful, crying need is the spur to their energies and

the shortness of the time is sufficient to make all become thoughtful and to seriously consider what we are doing.

Now, dear leaders, definitely plan for Big Day, September 2nd. Have all the territory and bands arranged and just make a big drive. And, dear churchmember, plan now to gather in your biggest sum for the campaign on Big Day. Why not strive to get your minimum goal of 30/- on that day? That would be an achievement worth while.

A few more days and Big Day will be a present, vibrating reality. Let's pray big, plan big and think big so that we will accomplish something big. For big will be the disappointment and grief of those who can but look on and murmur, "I did nothing," as the happy churchmembers lay on the offering table their willing token of gratitude to God and the tangible expression of a big desire to see the work progress rapidly to a triumphant conclusion.

Friends,

"Full many a race is lost
Ere ever a step is run,
And many a coward fails
Ere ever his work's begun,
Think big and your deeds will grow,
Think small and you'll fall behind,
Think that you can and you will—
It's all in the state of the mind."

Content and refreshing will be the sleep on the night of September 2nd of the person who did his best.

S. G. JOYCE.

"I Came, I Saw, I Conquered"

"THE vision of a mighty movement glows before the church to-day." The Ingathering Campaign calls for the wholehearted co-operation of every member. The support, the advancement and the success of this great movement is dependent upon each one. The command given to Moses in the exodus movement applies to God's people to-day. "Speak ye unto the children of Israel that they go forward." A leader should be one who not only organizes the forces in his church, but who also leads out in the work and causes others to follow. Here is one of the secrets of success in the Ingathering Campaign. Careful organization, the appointing of suitable leaders over bands, and above all, enthusiasm and perseverance, will bring the results we desire.

We must face the situation before us, see the possibilities in the work, and, by God's help, overcome the difficulties. "Speak ye unto the children of Israel that they go forward." We are told that "through most wonderful workings of divine providence, mountains of difficulty will be removed and cast into the sea." We cannot close our eyes to these difficulties, they are with us all the time.

God has spoken and whatsoever is commanded by the God of heaven let it be diligently done. God is working in the dark heathen fields; thousands are responding to the message.

Now the Ingathering calls for our assistance. It

calls for our best. In the first book of Chronicles, chapter 12, we see how David obtained the support of every band; they all came to his help. Notice verse 21—"They helped David . . . for they were all mighty men of valour." In verse 22 we read that they came "day by day" in continually increasing numbers "until it was a great host."

You will remember also in the time of Jehoshaphat the message came from God: "Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude: for the battle is not yours, but God's."

As the people went out, "resting themselves" on the promise of the Lord, that valley became "the valley of blessing." Thus it will be with us in the great campaign.

It calls for our co-operation, our confidence and our courage. The one who gave the commission, "Go ye into all the world," said also, "Lo, I am with you always, even until the end." Let us put every ounce of our strength into this great campaign for missions. The humblest worker moved upon by the Spirit of God will touch invisible chords, whose vibrations shall ring to the ends of the earth. The possibilities lie before you; will you respond?

Yours for our missions,

FRED W. GOODALL.

By the Wayside

A Continued Harvest Ingathering Story

CHAPTER I.

It was in 1921 that Sister T went to the little town of Waycross in the interests of the Harvest Ingathering. With a firm trust in God, and with zeal and determination to work thoroughly the territory which had been assigned her, this sister began calling at the homes of the citizens of Waycross. But immediate success was not to be her reward. From door to door she went, earnestly appealing to the people to help in the great work of foreign missions, but almost without exception a spirit of indifference and prejudice was manifested. Of the few Harvest Ingathering magazines distributed, one was torn and thrown by the side of the road, although this ruthless disregard for the magazine was not known by Sister T until some time later. She remembered the Scripture admonition, "In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand: for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that"; and truly there was no visible evidence of prosperity attending any of the Harvest Ingathering seed sowing in Waycross. But she continued until she felt that all had been done that she could do, and returned to her home in an adjoining city having no remarkable experience of success to relate.

CHAPTER II.

It was in August, 1922; that the following letter was received at the General Conference office in Washington, D.C., addressed to "Mr. W. T. Knox, Treasurer," and postmarked "Waxcross."

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

"My Dear Sir: I am enclosing money order for one dollar for subscription to 'The Watchman Magazine,' which I think is the journal printed in behalf of the Seventh-Day Adventists. I have never heard a Seventh-Day Adventist preach but have read some of their writings and books, and I found a part of their journal which had printed their belief, and they do appeal to me to be the right church to belong to. I have never joined any church as yet, but have been reading and studying the Bible for the past six years; and have also studied the churches, and have failed to find any Protestant church that comes up to the Bible standard. But what I have read and seen of the Seventh-Day Adventist church leads me to believe that it is the right and true church, and as soon as I can find and hear a minister of the Seventh-Day Adventist faith, I think I have made up my mind what to do, believing they are the right church, and it is my intention to be baptized just as soon as the opportunity presents itself. I live ten miles from Waycross, on a farm. Last Sunday I heard there had been a Seventh-Day Adventist preacher with a tent in Waycross, but I was too late to get to see or hear him before he closed his meetings."

CHAPTER III.

The letter was immediately forwarded to the conference headquarters for that section of the field, and was then placed in the hands of the minister who had held the tent-meeting referred to. The minister quickly retraced his steps to Waycross and did not stop until he had gone ten miles into the country and reached the home of the man who wrote the letter. The visit was a most interesting one, the farmer relating that one day as he drove along the road his attention was attracted to the bright cover page of the magazine which had been thrown aside. He stopped and picked it up, and although torn, it was still possible to read most of it. The name and address of the treasurer of the mission board being intact, he wrote the letter as appears above. Elder — found not only this man, but his wife and several children thoroughly acquainted with our message, and ready for church membership.

CHAPTER IV.

Now all this time Sister T had no knowledge of what had developed through her Harvest Ingathering work in Waycross. The experience was not such as to leave many pleasant memories, or the feeling of having done a great work. It was months later when Elder — spoke in her home church one Sabbath morning and related the incident, referring to the fact that *somebody* had done some Harvest Ingathering work in Waycross and that this was the result. Who that "somebody" was Sister T well knew, for the incident centred around the time and the place of her effort. It was indeed a happy surprise and a source of true and lasting joy to know that although the seed had fallen by the wayside, it had taken root and brought forth such abundant fruit.

[Only a few weeks ago we received a subscription for "Present Truth" from someone who had picked up a torn copy in the street.—Ed.]

It was our privilege to meet with a fairly representative gathering of our young people of the North England Conference at Derby during the conference session. It brought joy to our hearts to see the good response of our young people to the call that was given to prepare for service. As a result the next three weeks will be a busy time for those who have decided to come to College this year.

A similar privilege was enjoyed by us during the session of the South England Conference. The young people of this conference yield in nothing when the work of the Lord and its needs are placed before them. We have good hopes for a large attendance of young people from South England.

Wales, Ireland and Scotland also have promised their representation of students. While the number from these countries has never been large, yet many of these students have become stalwart missionaries in the cause of the third angel's message.

Our people throughout the British Union will be glad to know that God has blessed our educational work this summer as we have gone from place to place in our quest for students. Now we look forward to the opening of the College year with the joyful expectation of seeing a good attendance during the coming session. When the youth in our churches are determined to give of their best to the cause of God there is no reason to doubt that God will yet do a mighty work for the people of the British Isles. We thank the parents, too, for their loyal support. Many times their portion is to know sacrifice and self-denial that their boys and girls may receive a Christian education and a preparation for service in the vineyard of the Lord. Surely God is well pleased when His people sacrifice for Him.

EDUCATIONAL SECRETARY. (

College Notes

PREPARATIONS for the opening of the College year are well-nigh completed. The vacation period has gone all too quickly. In three weeks' time the Park will begin to take on its usual air of bustle and activity indicating that once again an army of young people full of energy and zeal is in our midst.

Will all prospective students kindly note that we require them to fill in the "Application Form" before registration in the College is carried into effect. This form should be sent to us now at the earliest possible moment to enable us to allocate our bedroom accommodation. Students neglecting to fill in this form will have no redress if there is any dissatisfaction concerning the home arrangements made for them. We have still accommodation at the College for ten women students. To help any young woman desirous of obtaining a Christian education the College is willing to find work to cover half the expenses. We should be glad to hear from any young woman who would like to avail herself of this opportunity.

Let all students plan to be on time for the opening exercises at 9 a.m., Wednesday morning, September 12th. The Principal will be glad to send a copy of the College Calendar to any member interested in our educational work. A postcard will bring a calendar by return. Write for one to-day.

G. BAIRD.



Young People's and Sabbath-School Departments

Report for Second Quarter, 1923

Dear Sabbath-School Superintendents and Secretaries:

We take pleasure in presenting the Sabbath-school report for the second quarter of this year. Study it. Intelligently understand the situation. Get a vision of the world's great need. Plan and rearrange your Sabbath-school activities in harmony with and in the light of the Gospel's great commission, then go on to *action*. Someone has well said that "where there is no information there is no inspiration." Every Sabbath-school ought to have a mission map of the world. Superintendents get one! You can urge your school on to higher heights, but you must first get the basis of inspiration—information. Secretaries, every school ought to have a goal chart. You are the ones to supply this information. The Bible is a book of goals. "Thorough preparation is essential to ultimate and enduring success." Thorough information is essential to ultimate and enduring inspiration.

One of the saddest things that we have to report is that there are more than one thousand missing members from our Sabbath-schools in the British Union—more than one thousand souls missing the most important meeting of the week. The Sabbath-school has been compared to the heart of the church. Superintendents and secretaries, let us do all we can to strengthen the heart of the church. Let our slogan be: Every Sabbath-keeper a member of the Sabbath-school. Save your missing members!

The per capita for each conference:—

S. England Con.	6d.	or 66 p.c.	of goal	of 9d.	per week	per mem.
Scottish Con.	6d.	" 66	" " " "	" " " "	" " " "	" " " "
Welsh Con.	5d.	" 55	" " " "	" " " "	" " " "	" " " "
N. Eng. Con.	4½d.	" 53	" " " "	" " " "	" " " "	" " " "
Ireland	4½d.	" 50	" " " "	" " " "	" " " "	" " " "
Union	5½d.	" 61	" " " "	" " " "	" " " "	" " " "
Total Offerings				£1123	7	9

Two star churches or companies (those reaching the goal twice).

Waterloo 2/-, Dundee 1/10d, Melton Mowbray 1/8d, Stockton 1/6½d.

One star churches or companies (those reaching the goal of 9d. per week per member once).

Scarborough 1/5½d, Walmer 1/5½d, Port Talbot 1/4½d, St. Mabyn 1/4½d, Harrow 1/1½d, Dorchester 1/-, Sittingbourne 1/-, Paisley 11½d, Stirling 11½d, Gillingham 10½d, Pembroke Dock 10½d, Cardiff 10d, Mountain Ash 10d, York 10d, Barry 9½d, Reading 9½d, Stanborough Park 9½d, Banbridge 9d, Croscombe 9d.

23 churches reached the goal of 9d. or more per week per member.

Churches or companies 6d. and less than 9d. per week per member.

Newport I.O.W. 8½d, Ulceby 8½d, Watford 8½d, Ulverston 8½d, Wellingborough 8½d, Newcastle 7½d, Coventry 7½d, Merthyr 7½d, Mansfield 7½d, Middlesborough 7½d, Swansea 7d, London N. 6½d, London W. 6½d, Rhos 6½d, Rochdale 6½d, Southend 6½d, Catford 6½d, Forest Hill 6½d, Bournemouth 6½d, Clydebank 6½d, Lincoln 6½d, London N.W. 6½d, Sutton 6½d, Brighton 6d, Edmon-ton 6d, Southampton 6d.

Churches or companies 3d. and less than 6d. per week per member.

Dublin 5½d, Glasgow 5½d, Kettering 5½d, Kingston 5½d, Tor-quay 5½d, Belfast 5½d, Kilmoyle 5½d, Leicester 5½d, Romford 5½d, Rotherham 5½d, Wattsville 5½d, Blaenavon 5½d, Grimsby 5½d, Plymouth 5½d, Stoke-on-Trent 5½d, Blackburn 5d, Bristol 5d, Edinburgh 5d, Handsworth 5d, Kirkcaldy 5d, Walthamstow 5d, Wimbledon 5d, Bradford 4½d, Luton 4½d, Nottingham 4½d, Scot-tish Isolated 4½d, Ebbw Vale 4½d, Leeds 4½d, Portsmouth 4½d, Ropley 4½d, Rushden 4½d, Ventnor 4½d, Wigan 4½d, Manchester S. 4½d, Aberdare 4d, Bath 4d, Hastings 4d, Hull 4d, Northampton 4d, Perth 4d, Pontypridd 4d, Seacombe 4d, Birmingham S. 3½d, E. Dereham 3½d, Langley 3½d, Sheffield 3½d, Cambridge 3½d, Forest Gate 3½d, N. England Isolated 3½d, Welsh Isolated 3½d, Newport, Mon. 3½d, Manchester 3¼d, Wolverhampton 3¼d, Exeter 3d, Hereford 3d.

Churches or companies 1d. and less than 3d. per week per mem-ber.

S. England Isolated 2½d, Derby 2½d, Bargoed 2½d, Burnley 2d, Magherafelt 2d, Irish Isolated 1½d, Porth 1½d, Liverpool (Selwyn Street) 1½d, Worcester 1½d, Bearwood 1d.

Companies less than 1d. per week per member.

Wellington and Shrewsbury ¾d, Southport ½d.

Companies that failed to report.

Ely, Hessenford, Rugby, Sandown.

Sad is the day for any church when it becomes absolutely satisfied with the life it is living, and the deeds that it is doing; when there ceases to be for ever beating at its doors a desire to do something larger. It is the church which persists in seeing its ideal, ignores obstacles, absolutely refuses to see failure, and clings to its confidence in victory, that wins.

Why are some churches always at the top and others always at the bottom? There's a reason! Let me invite the latter to dig down to the bottom of their problems, find the reason for their present state, then rectify it. "Make perfection your aim and be satisfied with nothing less."

"Vast continents are still shrouded in almost utter darkness, and hundreds of millions still suffer the horrors of heathenism, or of Islam. Millions are still sitting in darkness. Now is the churches' opportunity." Said Dr. A. T. Pierson: "Facts are the fingers of God. To know the facts of modern missions is the necessary condition of intelligent interest." Get the facts. In-terest will follow.

W. J. YOUNG.

SOUTH ENGLAND CONFERENCE

Home Missionary Department

1923

RIP VAN WINKLE yawned! He was beginning to realize it was a little later in earth's history than he had imagined. All around him were figures and facts—but they stated things that had happened when he first went to sleep. These figures and facts he repeated with real gusto, but like himself they were old. They stated what "Present Truth," "Good Health" and our tracts accomplished years ago and folk almost thought that our periodicals "years ago" must have been better than those of to-day.

Times have changed! The mind of man has changed and it requires the mind of 1923 to lead the progressive, hurrying, scurrying men and women of to-day.

So now for some figures—figures that show what has hap-pened since January, figures that are filled with all the vigour of youth and tell so plainly just what some of our good, faithful lay members are doing. These lay members are in twelve of our churches, five of our companies, and eight are among our iso-lated. Four of the churches have the assistance of a conference worker, but their results are not included. Nothing is included from either Leyton or Wimbledon.

Souls baptized34
Number keeping Sabbath55
Number definitely won for Christ75
Number having studies75
Number interested through tracts85
Number interested through periodicals303
Other interested ones75

These figures would fill an evangelist with thankfulness and they are *all* the results obtained by *lay members* in our Home Missionary department. What would they have been if we had garnered in all from our forty-two churches and 120 isolated? Several of those keeping Sabbath were baptized at our conference.

THINK OF IT! ONE-THIRD OF THE TOTAL BAPTISMS IN SOUTH ENGLAND SINCE JANUARY OF THIS YEAR IS THE DIRECT RESULT OF LAY MEMBERS' WORK. WHO NOW, WITH JUSTICE, COULD QUESTION THE TREMENDOUS VALUE OF THE HOME MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT OF OUR WORK?

Dear reader, look behind those figures and see the faithful lay member—busy and weary, yet willing to do something for Christ. See also the "Present Truth," "Good Health," or tract that was sufficient for the need and realize the wonderful power and effi-cency of our 1923 literature.

Friends, let's use it—that's our responsibility and our duty.
S. G. JOYCE.

THE EDITOR'S PAGE.

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It seems quite a long time since we had the pleasure of chatting with you all through the "last page notes" of the *WORKER*. The silence has been due to our absence from the office at the Zurich meeting, Rome, and certain home conferences. Since our return some people have said, "How did you enjoy your holiday?" Dear, dear, what a misconception! Editors do not get holidays; they merely have a change of scenery for business purposes!

At any rate we have certainly tried to make the best use of the time we have been away from the office. Our stay in Rome was particularly profitable and the information there obtained concerning the Papacy will certainly be of great interest to all our people. We have embodied these facts in a series of eight articles which will commence in "Present Truth," No. 19. If you have any friends interested in Catholicism be sure that they read "What I Saw in Rome." By the way, it is worth while recording, particularly for the benefit of those who object even to editors travelling, that the actual value in this country of the pictures (for "Present Truth") purchased during the visit at very small cost, more than counterbalances the total expenses of the Italian trip!

SOME of the things seen in Rome were the Vatican palace—with the Pope's jewels and triple crowns; St. Peter's—with men and women kissing the toe of the bronze image; the holy stairs—with people still crawling up on their knees; many extraordinary cases of sheer heathen idolatry and pagan superstition; heaps of relics—well assorted; the catacombs, and a hundred and one other sights of intense interest. This, of course, is propaganda to whet your appetite for the next eight numbers of "Present Truth."

Now about the conferences. We were sorry not to be able to go to the Welsh meeting, but did not get back in time. However, though we can give no details we know by report that they had a very helpful and inspiring time. The South England Conference followed, and here a large number of people assembled to obtain real blessing. Battersea Town Hall was crowded on Sabbath morning and there was indeed a good attendance all through the session. Brethren Raft, James, and Kotz were the "visiting brethren" and helped the people with their good counsel. The same three also attended the North England Conference session held from August 16th—20th. This, too, was a time of blessing and uplift to all who came. There were about 400 present on Sabbath morning to hear a message from Brother James. In the afternoon Brother E. E. Craven was ordained to the Gospel ministry. The outstanding features of this conference—to us at least—were the sound counsel so forcefully given on divers occasions by the Union president, the missionary lantern lecture on Sunday night by Brother James, and the exquisite singing by Sister Hadley of "O Rest in the Lord" and "I Gave My Life for Thee."

COLLEGE opens September 12th. We believe this is going to be one of the best years in its history. We are glad Brother Baird is principal. His heart is in his work and that ensures success. To young people sitting on the great divide, wondering whether to come to College or not, we would earnestly say, Pack your bag at once and come down here for the happiest years of your life. Whatever you may do in later days your

whole experience will be better for the Christian education you will gain at Stanborough College.

We are grateful for the many kind remarks we have heard on our travels about "Looking Beyond." But we are particularly pleased with the way it is selling. At the North England Conference we heard of two sisters who were "on the rocks" and thought they would try the book as a forlorn hope. They sold 500 in about a fortnight. One of them sold 50 in an hour and a half.

We hardly need to announce again that the Harvest In-gathering Campaign commences September 1st. The Sabbath should be spent thinking about it and praying for it and then the work should start immediately after. One good suggestion was made by Elder Jayne at Derby. Not only should each church be divided into bands but each band leader should call his band together somewhere to pray *as a band* both before and during the campaign. If the work is carried forward in this spirit success is assured.

OWING to pressure of work at the office we have found it necessary to relinquish the eldership of the Watford Town Church. We understand that the South England Conference Committee is asking Pastor McAvoy to fill the vacancy, dividing his time between the Sanitarium and the Town Church.

Wedding Bells

ON Tuesday, June 27th, Miss Mary Elizabeth Whiteside was united in marriage to Dr. Rupert Alexander Madgwick in the Seventh-Day Adventist Church, Florenceville Avenue, Belfast. Pastor J. McAvoy conducted the ceremony. A large number of churchmembers and friends were present at the service and eagerly joined in the congratulations and good wishes that were heartily extended from all quarters.

F. S. JACKSON.

ADVERTISEMENTS

WANTED.—Situation as engineman where Sabbath can be kept. Used to Belliss and Morcom, Wellin and Allen high speed type; Westinghouse dynamos; Lancashire boilers, etc. Willing to accept other work. Good references. Write: J. Leaf, 31 Swann Street, Nunnery Lane, York.

WHEN in London stay at "Restholme," 31 Lorne Road, Finsbury Park, N.4. Mrs. Thicke is desirous of taking in paying guests as at Brighton.

MRS. SHONE wishes to acknowledge the receipt of £5 tithe from an anonymous member.

THE price of "Home and School" was stated in the last issue, incorrectly, to be 5/6. The real price is 6/9.

BROTHER W. H. MEREDITH's address, formerly 20 Clarence Place, Newport, Mon., is now 25 Brynhyfryd Street, Brynhyfryd, Swansea.

WANTED.—By mother and daughter, a good situation as house parlour maid and good plain cook. Good references given. Apply by letter to Mrs. Everitt, Silsoe, nr. Ampthill, Beds.

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