

The MISSIONARY WORKER

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BRITISH UNION CONFERENCE
OF
SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

ATTACKING the CITIES

By E. M. FISHELL



At a recent convention of conference presidents, field missionary secretaries and publishing house managers held here at the Park, several items of importance relative to our publishing work were freely discussed. The topic which doubtless received the greatest consideration was the one relating to city work, or, in other words, the relation that our large books sustain to evangelical endeavour in our large cities.

SEVENTY-FIVE PER CENT OF POPULATION IN CITIES.

It is estimated that at least seventy-five per cent of our population here in the British Union Conference is in our cities. Doubtless statistics would disclose a much larger number of people in our cities than there is estimated to be in the above statement.

OUR TASK.

It is an unchallenged fact that little has been done in our cities with our books in comparison with the amount of work accomplished in the rural parts. The question naturally arises from a score of voices, Why have the major activities of our colporteurs been confined to twenty-five per cent of the population and so little effort expended on the seventy-five per cent? Reader, that is the supreme question—the problem with which we are wrestling and for which we are endeavouring to find a solution.

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

The following is the word of the Lord to you and me:—

“THE BOOK WORK SHOULD BE THE MEANS OF QUICKLY GIVING THE SACRED LIGHT OF PRESENT TRUTH TO THE WORLD.”—“*Testimonies*,” Vol. 9, p. 69.

Here is the message of the hour. What shall we do with it? The “world” for which “we” shall be held accountable, very largely, is in the cities of Great Britain? How shall we relate ourselves to it? What is our individual responsibility? Let the Lord tell us while we listen.

“The world is to receive the light of truth through an evangelizing ministry of the Word in our books and periodicals.”—“*Testimonies*,” Vol. 9, p. 61.

Go where you may throughout the large cities of this land and you will find comparatively few of our large books. With

but few exceptions very little effort has been made with our large books on behalf of our large cities in recent years. Again we read: “From city to city, from country to country, they are to carry the publications containing the promise of the Saviour’s soon coming.”

THE CALL.

The urgency and vastness of the call is then comprehended in the fact that approximately 33,000,000 people are without a knowledge of the message of Christ’s soon coming as contained in our books.

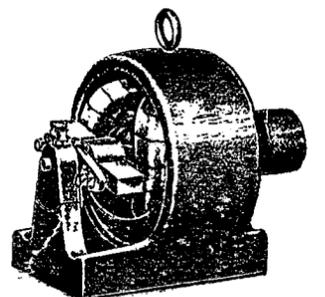
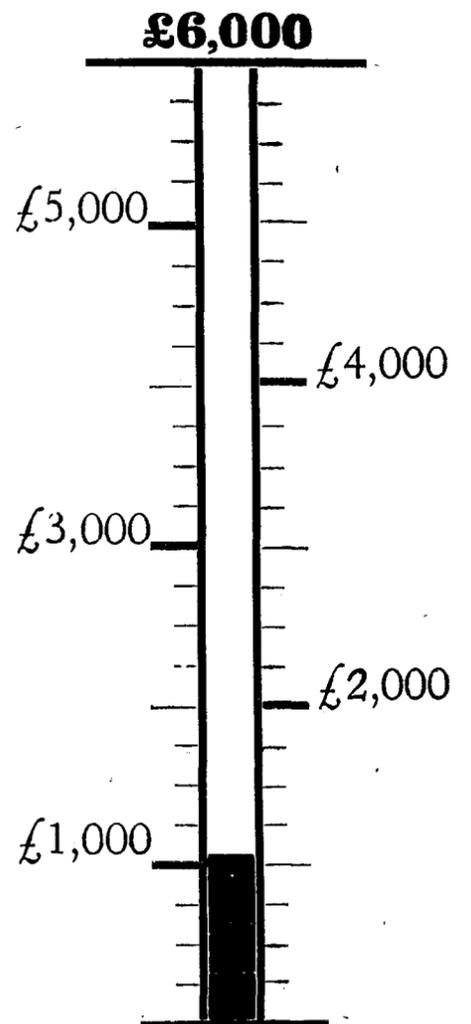
At least fifty men and women from among our churches, in addition to those already in the work, should without delay respond to the call to take our books to the homes of the people who are residing in the cities.

WARNINGS.

The words of Christ as recorded in Matt. 24 are already meeting their fulfilment in disaster, earthquake, fire and flood. Soon it will be too late to do this work. Already we, as workers, are experiencing the warning appeals of the servant of God that what we have failed to do in times of peace we would have to do in times of trouble.

TESTIMONY.

The following are statements and experiences from those of our workers who are at the present time devoting



Ingathering Total for 1st Week £1,100



Left: Mrs. C. Sully, now canvassing in Salisbury. Right: Miss F. Talley, at work in Penzance. These sisters testify that canvassing in the cities CAN BE DONE.



more or less of their time to the city work. Apart from the testimonies of our city workers we felt the readers of the WORKER would be interested to see just what these workers look like—hence their photographs in this issue.

Sister Talley from South England writes of her experiences thus:—

“It is now five years since I began evangelistic canvassing in the cities. Many and varied have been my experiences. Practical experience is really the best teacher. However, there are many little things one could relate which would help another who has had no experience at all in town work.

FIRST GREAT ESSENTIAL.

“The first essential is full consecration, which resolves itself into a willingness to spend and be spent in service for others.

WORKING TERRITORY.

“The systematic way of working territory is to begin on the outskirts and work into the centre of the city. No houses should be missed, as many poor people live in large houses and sometimes the rich are found, especially since the war, living in small homes. One should never begin work without taking a help or small book. A very important point is to make a prompt delivery, not putting it more than a week in advance. The very day of the delivery should be designated. If the lady is engaged on your first visit, arrange, if possible, to call another time. Where the servant has to be approached in the larger homes, use the private visiting card. If money is offered when an order is taken, receive it, as you are then comparatively sure of delivering the book.”

Next we will hear from Brother Benefield, who is one of our veteran colporteurs in the South England Conference. He writes as follows:—

“There are tremendous opportunities awaiting faithful colporteurs who will do systematic work to-day. Experience goes a long way in developing the necessary talents for this work. Preparation is the pathway to a successful career in any line of work, and especially that of entering our towns and cities with our large books. There is a great thirst for truth to-day. One of the greatest difficulties we have to meet is prejudice on the part of the people with whom we come in contact, but prevailing prayer overcomes difficulties and unspeakable joy becomes the lot of the persevering co-worker with Jesus. There is great scope for men of courage and grim determination to join in service with the colporteurs.”

I am sure you will be interested in hearing from Brother J. C. Gallaher, who for many years has been doing faithful work in North England. He sends us the following experience:—

“Three months ago I took up colporteur work in the city of Liverpool, but had some very hard experiences calling upon Plymouth Brethren and local preachers of various denominations. These made light of the work I was doing, so I was reminded of our Lord's invitation to the great supper when He said, ‘Go out into the highways and hedges and compel them to come in.’ I immediately went to the hotels and wayside inns and canvassed the publicans with ‘Daniel and the Revelation.’ I secured twenty-four orders, nearly all of which were in the better bindings, and succeeded in delivering every book. Thus ‘the Lord turned again my captivity, as the streams in the south.’ ‘They that sow in tears shall reap in joy.’”

The next testimony relative to city work comes from Sister Sully.

“In past years many of our workers have been inclined to

shun the territory in the big cities. Perhaps we have been like Jeremiah—‘afraid of their faces.’ However, experience teaches that one meets as pleasant people in the towns as in the country. There are many advantages in city work. One is the saving of expenses. Then, too, we have the satisfaction of knowing that we are doing the work that the Lord would have us do at this time. There are honest souls in the cities as well as in the country who need searching out. Therefore I am glad that the Lord has given me a small part in this work.”

Sister Butler, in writing of her burden for city work, states briefly that she has had a fair amount of success in working the towns and cities and that when she moves again, she would appreciate the privilege of entering into the city of London, as she has had a particular burden for that place for some time.

Brother Griffith, who has for some time been working in the city of Birmingham, writes briefly of an experience of his as follows:—

“I have had a very high recommendation from a most distinguished popular vicar of the Church of England. This is not in the city of Birmingham, but a suburb some two miles from the centre of the city. I should like to know what I could do in that particular locality before I give you an experience in city canvassing.”

Another experience from Brother Gallaher is to the point in that it demonstrates that our large books can be sold in the cities. Here is his experience:—

“I visited the shipping office in Liverpool to see if there was a boat to Whitehaven. I was officially asked what my work was in Whitehaven, and when I told it, I was given a free passage. When I reached Whitehaven, I thought I had jumped out of the frying pan into the fire, for there are 3,500 out on strike. They have been out of work fifteen months. I started in outside the strike area and the Lord gave me twenty-five orders amounting to £12. 15s. in five days. It just proves how the Lord ‘does things’ as Brother Spicer used to say.”

Now, dear fellow-reader, as you read these experiences that have come from men and women who have voluntarily dedicated their lives to self-supporting evangelistic work, I trust that you will ask yourself the question, What can I do more than I have done to hasten the knowledge of the good tidings of Christ's soon return in the cities of Great Britain?

E. M. FISHELL.



Ingathering Supplies

WE would like information from the churches at once regarding the possibility of requiring further supplies of Ingathering literature. Do not wait until the stock is entirely exhausted. Write to us now.

J. HARKER.

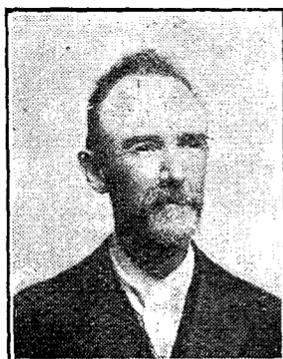


A Plan for Town Canvassing

BEING a novice at book work, I have not attempted to canvass a large book from door to door. However, I have sold over 200 small books besides periodicals and a few copies of “Daniel and the Revelation” in a town of nearly 20,000 which is not nearly finished.

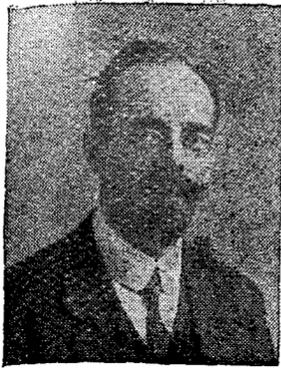
My plan is to sell “Steps to Christ” from door to door, and after several months canvass former customers with “Daniel and the Revelation” or “Looking Beyond.” Making a list of people gone out, or undecided, secures many orders from back calls, which would otherwise be lost. I find it easier to deliver in town than it would be in the country.

H. G. BUCKLE.



Left: Brother J. C. Gallaher, who has had remarkable success in Whitehaven. Right: Brother J. Benefield, recently at work in Cirencester. These brethren are DOING THE JOB in the cities.





F. A. Spearing

South England Conference.

President: F. A. SPEARING.
Secretary and Treasurer: H. ROBSON.
Field Missionary Sec'y: J. S. NEWMAN.
H.M. and Y.P. Sec'y: S. G. JOYCE.



J. S. Newman.

Notes from the President

OUR hearty congratulations and sincere thanks are due to those who did their share towards raising £500 for the first week of the Ingathering Campaign. We have more than reached one-sixth of our goal in just one-sixth of our time. Surely the second week should be better than the first, and the third week better than the second. This movement to gather in funds—sorely-needed funds—should increase its momentum week by week so that the goal will be more than passed long before we reach the end of the six weeks' period.

As we draw near to the end of the quarter we would remind our people of the necessity for sending in their tithes and offerings in good time. Owing to the shortage of funds in the conference treasury, we have been compelled to ask all our workers to earn as much as possible during the last four months of the year by selling books and papers. If they all do their best and all our members render to God that which He claims as His own, there will be no deficit at the end of the year. Then let us pray that the funds needed for work in the homeland as well as for foreign fields may be forthcoming; and let us do our part to see that our prayers in this respect are answered.

CONFERENCE workers, in caring for the various interests of the Lord's work, do not forget to arrange to spend one day of every week, on the average, selling our books and papers with the object of earning a part of your salary. If each worker would endeavour to raise one-seventh of his salary during the last four months of this year, it would bring great relief to our treasury.

WE are glad to learn of dear ones, here and there, who are taking their stand for the truth of God. May the blessing of God continue to rest on all who are labouring to win souls in this field, whether conference labourers or lay members, and may their efforts be crowned with success.

WHILE souls are being won for the message, a determined effort is being put forth by some to lead men and women astray. Brethren and sisters, turn a deaf ear to those who are attempting to tear down what God has built up. Hold on to the Word of God. The presence of "wolves in sheep's clothing" is an evidence that we are nearing the end. May all our members be kept faithful!

F. A. SPEARING.

Twentieth Annual Session

Held in Battersea Town Hall, August 8-13, 1923

ANOTHER conference session has come and gone. Another link has been forged in the history of the South England Conference. All who attended must have felt the spiritual nature of the meetings and must have received an uplift of the soul which will strengthen them for days to come.

The opening meeting on the evening of Wednesday, August 8th, was well attended and the Lower Hall was fairly well filled. Pastor J. S. James, associate Sabbath-school secretary of the General Conference, led out in this meeting. His theme was the certainty of the message we believe, and this was brought home to us by reference to the many parallels between the children of Israel journeying from Egypt to Canaan and the remnant people of God coming out of Babylon and travelling to the promised land.

Pastor Barras conducted the devotional meeting on Thursday morning. He presented the need of ever keeping a song in our hearts in all the varied experiences of life.

The next meeting was the first dealing with conference business. Ninety-two delegates were present when the roll call was made. The president's report covered a good deal of ground, and we should like to have printed it in full had space permitted. The net gain in membership for 1922 was 12, but this has been increased by a further 83 during the first half of this year. The tithe trebled itself from 1912 to 1919 and had increased since then. The offerings are ten times as great as in 1912. The public efforts in various places had been productive of good results. All the departments were making progress. The report concluded with a quotation from "Testimonies for the Church," "There is a great work to be done in England. England has needed many more labourers and much more means. London has scarcely been touched. . . . In the city of London alone no fewer than one hundred men should be engaged." The truth of this statement is evidenced by the fact that only 1 in 9,500 of the population of South England is a Seventh-Day Adventist, and in London the proportion is 1 to 14,000.

The treasurer presented the balance sheet for the year ending December 31, 1922. After a brief discussion this was accepted as read.

BALANCE SHEET

LIABILITIES

Capital Account, January 1922	1355 18 11½		
Replacement of loss for 1920 and 1921	771 13 2¾		
		2127 12 2¼	
Accounts payable		1945 0 7½	
Bills payable		590 10 8	
Net gain		795 7 10¼	
			£5458 11 4

ASSETS

Bank Deposit	829 2 8
Bank Current	2219 8 11
Cash in Hand	268 13 10
Accounts receivable	468 14 9
Furniture and Fixtures	213 9 4½
Lindrick House Investment	962 12 5½
Verulam Investment	496 9 4
	£5458 11 4

LOSS AND GAIN ACCOUNT

LOSSES

General Expense	385 16 7
Rent	52 0 0
Less Int.	22 15 8
	29 4 4
Reimb. of Capital	771 13 2¾
Miss. Worker	85 6 6½
Depreciation	34 5 11½
1st. & 2nd Tithe	1873 0 8
Sustentation	250 2 8½
Workers' Sal's	5259 7 3½
Workers' Expen.	2121 10 10
Net Gain.	795 7 10¼

£11605 15 11¾

*Colporteurs' Expenses

Examined and found correct 29/3/1923,
(Signed) H. D. CLARKE, Auditor.

GAINS

Gross Tithe	10005 15 4¼
Refund on Exs.	7 18 5½
Weekly Offerings	55 9 9½
Five per cent on sales	
	147 4 7
Less	*32 9 6
	114 15 1
Appro. B.U.C.	900 0 0
Appro. Suts'n	93 12 0
Spec. Literature	1 8 7
Donations	426 16 8½

£11605 15 11¾

E. M. EASTCOTT,
Treasurer.

At the beginning of 1922 the Sabbath-school membership was 1,522. At the close of the year this had risen to 1,609, an increase of 87. The proportion gaining cards for regular

attendance and daily study was good. In 1922 South England led the Union in Sabbath-school offerings with a weekly per capita of 6d.

Brother S. G. Joyce reported on the work of the Home Missionary and Young People's Departments. We were glad to note the splendid increases in societies, in the numbers reporting, in the work done. We were pleasantly surprised to learn that during the first six months of 1923 no less than thirty-four new members had been added as a direct result of home missionary work.

An interesting report of the field missionary work was given by Brother J. S. Newman. This also is a soul-winning branch of the Lord's work. "There is no need for unemployment," he stated, "Tuition is free; there is no premium to pay; work is waiting for you; start at once; send in your name. Remember, however, there are no doles."

The Bible study in the afternoon was conducted by Pastor J. C. Raft, of the European Division. Opening with the statement that "the end of all things is at hand," he emphasized the great need of prayer, of a living connection with God. One sentence stands out clearly in our memory. Speaking of Christ he said, "Never man spake like this Man or taught like this Man, because never man prayed like this Man."

The afternoon session of the conference was devoted to reports of various evangelists concerning the work in Wimbledon, Leyton, Cambridge, Fulham and Bristol. Our hearts were warmed as we listened to the story from each one of fruit gathered for the kingdom and bright prospects for the future.

Our Union president, Pastor J. E. Jayne, gave the address on Thursday evening. The note he sounded was that of "preparedness." His well-weighed words sank into the hearts of his hearers, solemnizing all with the necessity to get ready for the soon coming of the Son of man.

The young people's devotional hour on Friday morning was under the leadership of Brethren Young and Joyce. The needs of the young people were again cared for on Sunday morning when Brother Kotz addressed them.

The remainder of the business meetings were devoted to the various resolutions which are reported elsewhere. These aroused lively discussion, much interest being taken in all that pertained to the young people. We were greatly encouraged by the excellent report of the work and finance of "The Stanboroughs" as given by Brother A. Carey. We believe our health institution is now under capable management and we look to it being a source of strength to the work in Great Britain.

Friday afternoon's Bible study was conducted by Pastor J. S. James, who also led out in a meeting in the interests of the Sabbath-school work.

Brother Jayne's address on Friday evening was based on the text, "What will ye do then with Jesus that is called Christ?" Brother James conducted the Sabbath morning service and Brother Raft the praise service.

The attendance at Sabbath-school was 851 and the offering £26. 16s. 9½d. The attendance at the service following was probably not less than 1,000.

In the evening a baptismal service was held at the West London Church. Fourteen precious souls confessed their faith and followed the example of our Lord. We are glad to welcome them into our fellowship.

Sunday morning's devotional meeting was under the leadership of Pastor Maudsley. Pastor Kotz took the afternoon meeting and the evening was devoted to a lantern lecture on Sabbath-school work and mission work in India given by Brother J. S. James.

The conference closed with a series of meetings for workers on the Monday. The topics presented were such as to give us a clearer understanding of the fundamentals of our beliefs. Brother Raft also gave some excellent advice on methods of work.

Mention must be made of the interesting display of church

school work arranged by Mrs. Howard and the various teachers.

Our hearty thanks are due to Brother F. E. Powell for his efforts in securing suitable accommodation. We heard not a word of complaint. Thanks are freely given to Sister W. D. Clifford for looking after the hot drinks and to all who helped to make the conference a success.

May the result of these meetings be seen in more earnest preparation for the day of God and in fuller zeal and consecration in hastening that glorious time.

H. ROBSON, *Secretary.*

Business Session

PASTOR F. A. SPEARING continues to be our president. The departmental secretaries are the same as previously with the addition of Dr. Ruble and Brother H. H. Howard as secretaries of the new health and educational departments respectively.

Those holding credentials and licences remain as heretofore with the addition of Brother S. G. Joyce, ministerial licence, and Brethren C. H. Anscombe and H. Robson, missionary credentials.

SUMMARY OF RESOLUTIONS.

1. *Praise.* Being appreciative of God's watchcare and blessing during the past year we renewed our consecration and devotion to His service.

2. *Thankfulness.* Gratitude was expressed to our brethren of the General Conference and Division Conference for their very substantial appropriation of money made to us during the past year.

3, 4 and 5. *Sabbath-school.* Recommended that all our teachers and officers avail themselves of the "Sabbath-School Worker" and Teacher's Training Course. That churchmembers who are not members of the Sabbath-school become members for

- a. Personal benefit.
- b. Personal influence.
- c. Benefit to the regions beyond.

That those unable to attend become members of the Home Department and so enjoy the blessings of the Sabbath-school.

6. *Young People.* Our young peoples' leaders to become more efficient by studying the book, "Missionary Volunteers and Their Work," and to encourage and assist our young people with the Standard of Attainment and systematic missionary work.

7. *Tracts.* Lay forces to be organized for a strong campaign with the "Topical Truth Series" during autumn and winter.

8. *Harvest Ingathering.* Conference goal, £2,750. To be raised in six weeks. Minimum individual goal, 30/-.

9. *"Review."* Special efforts to be put forward to greatly increase the numbers of subscribers.

10. *Health Reform.* That as a people we study, adopt and practise more fully the principles of healthful living.

11. *Colporteur Work.* Conference workers and church elders to enlist the services of suitable individuals to engage in the colporteur work.

12. *"Present Truth."* Every member to take six copies per issue and aim by this means to win one soul during the conference year.

13. *"Good Health."* Recommended that we have monthly health meetings from September to April, and that we use this paper as an entering wedge for our other periodicals.

14. *Educational.* Conference workers, church elders and parents to do all possible to encourage our young people to enter our church schools and College.

15. *Territory.* Recommended that the European Division and General Conference give us their help in counsel as to the readjustment of conference boundaries, believing that a larger constituency will bring about greater conservation of means, a more constructive policy of work; a less expensive and more

£1,000 a week for Missions for

effective administration, thus contributing to the much-desired increase in membership.

Constitution. Recommended that the Executive Committee of the South England Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists with the counsel of the president of the British Union Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists be and hereby are authorized to make such changes and amendments to the constitution and bye-laws of the South England Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists as will bring them into harmony with the constitution adopted by the General Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists which provides for conference subdivision, superintendencies and budgetary control.



South England Calling—

HAVEN'T you heard? South England has reached the astonishing figure of £502 for the first week's Ingathering. All places report, except one or two small companies and nearly all reports were in by Monday!

These are the bare facts of our magnificent entry into this year's campaign—a commencement that beats all previous records and proves that God is still with His people and giving increasing success in spite of the growing difficulties.

Watford Town leads with £47 reported, but Portsmouth, with half the membership, reports £35. And you should see the long list of collectors from Plymouth, all with money to their credit. Their total is £35. Stanborough Park reports £40, but we know of big sums there and at other places that are not included in the figures as yet. Walthamstow romps along in fine style with £39, and their evangelist's name appears loyally among the collectors. At Cambridge, Southend, Brighton, Croscombe, Plymouth and Portsmouth the conference workers are also distinguished by their *deeds*. Smaller places such as Dorchester, Dereham, Gillingham, Kingston, etc., are making their presence felt in a very practical manner. One place has already attained its goal of 30/- per member. A conference worker, Brother Powell, has his £10 and is after his second £10. A laymember, Brother Dunn, of Southampton, also smiles joyously on his £10. And you—how much have you done?

Thus the tale runs. We could tell you more, but your imagination will fill the gaps. We are realizing the burden of this year's effort and God is lifting it. You may suggest that our goal of £2,750 is much smaller than last year's figure—but listen. We have to get that £2,750 in SIX WEEKS. Only £1,362 was raised in six weeks *last year*. We have to double our efforts and treble our force of collectors this year if the goal is to be reached. Every church elder, home missionary leaders and secretaries and young people's leaders must continue to rally their members or—well, we haven't time to think of defeat.

Yes, and by October 14th, *sure*. If you think that we shall be eating our Christmas dinner on a collecting box, you'll be caught napping. We know that previous years have heard the six weeks' cry, but the administration of 1923 *means* six weeks and NO MORE. So don't hesitate and feel there is still time. At it, all at it, all the time at it and hurrah! we shall have still broader smiles on October 15th.

No one can ever doubt the loyalty and ability of the South England members. Even for reporting this is Utopia. Keep it up. Your patriotism and desire to help our mission fields is wonderful. We are giving God what He asks for—our best.

“There's a task that awaits you, a task which is yours;
To neglect it were surely pure madness
Dereliction of duty most truly ensures
A harvest of sorrow and sadness.
Then heed not the voice that will bid you delay
And tell you to wait till to-morrow;
The task that you ought to be doing to-day—
Get it done, if no trouble you'd borrow.”

“To-day is no time to be lazy and slack,
To be wilfully idling and shirking;
The hours you are wasting will never come back,
Those hours when you ought to be working.
So tackle the task with a cheery good will—
To-morrow its duties is bringing—
For well-finished work to the heart brings a thrill;
Get it done: soon for joy you'll be singing.”

Make each week rival this first week and see a still greater number collecting in each church and among our isolated.
Heartiest thanks and good wishes. S. G. JOYCE.



North England Conference

President: Alfred E. Bacon

Tempus Fugit

BY the time this issue of the WORKER is in the hands of our members, nearly nine months of the year will be in the past. This hardly seems possible. Soon another year will have passed into eternity, with its record of progress made and victories won.

Sunday, September 30th, marks the close of the third quarter of the year. May we impress on all our members the importance of seeing that their tithe and offerings are all in by that day. Then treasurers, please send in all the funds promptly on Monday, October 1st.

Reports. Sabbath-school secretaries, kindly see that *all* the information called for on your report blank is filled in correctly and the report sent in promptly; this also applies to the church clerks, home missionary and young people's secretaries. Sometimes we have to write for some of these, but we sincerely hope we shall not have to do so this quarter. *Please all do your best to help us this time.*

“Let none feel at liberty to retain their tithe to use according to their own judgment. They are not to use it for themselves in any emergency, nor to apply it as they see fit, even in what they may regard as the Lord's work. . . . The minister should, by precept and example, teach the people to regard the tithe as sacred. He should not feel that he can retain and apply it according to his own judgment because he is a minister. It is not his. . . . Let him not give his influence to any plans for diverting from their legitimate use the tithes and offerings dedicated to God. Let them be placed in His treasury, and held sacred for God's service as He appointed.”

ALFRED E. BACON.



Among the “Storm-Centres” of the Great Campaign

ACTIVITY is the order of the day in all our churches and companies and little groups of isolated members.

We find everywhere a loyal response to the cause of God. Our missionaries would be encouraged could they see the earnestness of the members and their desire to “hold the ropes.”

Our first call was Blackburn where Brother Nicholson and helpers are holding aloft the torch of truth. We had a good attendance at our meeting in spite of a heavy downpour of rain, and an inspiring hour was spent together. They hope to gather at least £20 this year. To show the progress of the campaign, the local home missionary secretary, who is a “live wire,” has a device in the form of a steamer, an engine and a bus. These represent the three bands of the church. We

Weeks. Are you doing your bit?

are sure each of these will reach their goal "on time." From here we went to Burnley where a number of members and friends came together. The leaders of this company are of good courage and mean to do their best in the campaign.

Then on to Wigan where we had the pleasure of meeting Brother Hill, who has so faithfully held the fort for many years. Two friends, recently won from the I.B.S.A., met with us. These had been introduced to the truth by means of our literature, through the efforts of one of our members.

At Liverpool we held a series of meetings, first, with the officers to talk over plans. There are several enthusiastic ingatherers here, two of whom collected about £25 each last year. Brother Woodhead and fellow-officers are leading out, and the young people are also taking an active part. A party of seven was ready for Big Day activities and met at 9 o'clock Sunday morning, with cards, canisters, supplies and high spirits. The result of the morning's work was over £3. 10s., or 10/- per member.

We were very pleased to meet with the members at Seacombe and Southport, and we look for their hearty co-operation in our work.

At Waterloo, the church that topped the list last year, we held an enthusiastic meeting. We are confident they will do their utmost to keep their position. One of the youths here collected over £6 last year. He hopes to beat that record in the present campaign.

Our next "storm-centre" was Manchester, first on the north side. Here our loyal members, one of whom collected over £30 last year, met to consider the possibilities for 1923. After a short address, suitable leaders were chosen to head the bands and every available member assigned his work. A goal was set for the church as well as for each band. The sister who gathered so much last year has prayed for larger donations and already is receiving a good response. At 10 p.m. we bade Godspeed to these enthusiastic leaders, confident that they will reach their goal.

A meeting of earnest members was held at South Manchester. Brother Harker gave an inspiring talk and the church was organized into bands with suitable leaders. This church is facing difficulties, not being allowed to collect within the city boundaries. However, they have responded nobly to the call and a goal of £100 was set. The young people are hoping to do much better this year. We look for pleasant surprises.

From this great city we went to Rochdale, where Brother Jenkinson and others are doing good work. The young people for whom Sister Hancock is working met at 7 o'clock. We dealt with the aim, motto and pledge of the "M.V." Society. Four of these young people are studying for the Standard of Attainment and are also enthusiastic collectors in our campaign. At 8 o'clock we had a full room of members and friends. By means of a world map, we visited most of our mission stations where the advent message is winning its way. There are hopes of a good company of Sabbath-keepers in Rochdale.

From here we booked to Leeds, where Brother Craven has recently conducted a successful effort. This was evident from the inspiring meeting held on Friday evening. It was good to see both old and new members, whose hearts were aglow with the love of this truth, bound together in the bond of fellowship. On Sabbath afternoon we met with the young people. They are fortunate in having such an active, warm-hearted leader as Sister Marshall, who for many years has been a personal worker for Christ. Already she has the joy of seeing others won to the truth through her efforts.

On Sunday evening our hall was full and after an address on our world-wide work we considered the organizing of the members for a successful campaign. A brief outline of the Ingathering work was given and band leaders were selected. Then a call was made for the goal. Someone suggested doubling last year's amount, and it was unanimously carried that £100 be set for this year's campaign. Then the treasurer called for the amounts that had been collected during the first week. Our courage rose as the figures were stated and it was found that about £16 had been gathered, or almost one-sixth of the goal. After some lively experiences had been related, we said farewell to another "storm-centre," confident of success.

On Sabbath morning we met with the members at Bradford. This was the church that led the conference in the 1920 campaign. We were pleased to meet with Brother Horspool and his associates and to hear of their plans for a successful campaign this year. We are confident they will reach their goal.

Now we are at Killamarsh, a small town near Sheffield, where Sister Tesh, an isolated member of the Nottingham Church, is bearing a faithful witness for the truth. About ten or more interested friends gathered together to listen to the story of our world-wide work. We trust that ere long a company will be formed in this town. We are still on the way visiting other "storm-centres" where the work is going forward. We look for cheering reports from every centre of activity throughout the North England Conference in this great campaign for missions.

Go Right On Working!

FRED W. GOODALL.



Educational Department

G. Baird

College Opens

THE buzz of interest and movement on Wednesday morning one hour before the time for the opening exercise of the College year gave some indication that a goodly company of students, parents and friends would be present at 9 o'clock to give the College year a good "send off." When the hour came for the opening the accommodation of the chapel was taxed to its limits. It was a splendid gathering and the programme was appropriate to the occasion. It did all hearts good to see the faces of the old students returned from good experiences and triumphs new in the quest for scholarships. New students, too, sat square-shouldered and alert in their seats with the air of those who had come to share in the privileges and to learn how great deeds are done. Fathers and mothers were present to see for themselves whether all the good things reported concerning the College this year were really true or not. The looks of contentment on every face told of satisfaction. They had really come to see and were convinced.

The teaching staff rose to the occasion in providing advice and counsel for students both old and new. A hearty welcome was extended by the Principal to the students on behalf of the British Union, the South England Conference, churchmembers of the two churches in Watford and the teaching staff.

Never in the history of our educational work in these islands has there been a more auspicious beginning of the College year. God certainly has blessed our educational work; and surely in what He has done we have the assurance of His guidance and help in future days if only we will walk according to His plans.

After the opening exercise teachers and students proceeded at once to make the necessary adjustments and assignments of studies. This was so expeditiously carried through that on Thursday morning, without a hitch or a moment of time lost, the daily programme of class recitation was begun. We can truly say "the ship has left her moorings with teachers and students aboard"—but not quite, for there are still a few students to arrive. These have been delayed through force of circumstances, but all should be present in a few days. It is too soon yet to say accurately just how many will be present, but there is ample evidence that we shall have a larger school numerically than last year.

It is very encouraging to see how our young people are settling down to business. One or two of the younger ones have felt a "wee bit" homesick. It seems natural that they should, but all are happy and apparently have decided to work hard and make the most of their opportunities. We ask ear-

nestly for the prayers of our brethren and sisters that this year, so auspiciously begun, may be the best year we have known in our educational experience. G. BAIRD.

SABBATH-SCHOOL DEPT.

Missing! Sabbath-School S.O.S.

How eagerly we scan the papers after some great disaster to see if any are missing. It seems inherent in human nature at such a time to extend sympathy to those in distress and to feel sorrowful over the loss of men and women.

Do you realize, dear reader, that some great disaster must have happened to our Sabbath-school work in the British Union. Over 1,000 churchmembers are missing from the church Sabbath-school roll. More than 1,000 Sabbath-keepers missing from the most important meeting of the week! Superintendents and secretaries, are you looking up the list of missing members? If not, do so at once and get into personal touch with the missing members and do all you can to save them to the Sabbath-school. They do not realize what they are missing every week.

The following churches and companies report every church-member as a member of the Sabbath-school. Splendid!

South England Conference.—Cambridge, Ely, Exeter, Forest Hill, Gillingham, Hessenford, London W., Newport, (I.O.W.), Reading, Romford, Ropley, Sittingbourne, St. Mabyn, Sandown, Walmer.

North England Conference.—Blackburn, Coventry, Mansfield, Melton Mowbray, Middlesborough, Northampton, Rochdale, Scarborough, Stockton, Ulverston, Wellingborough, Wigan.

Welsh Conference.—Barry, Hereford, Merthyr, Mountain Ash, Pembroke Dock, Port Talbot,

Scottish Conference.—Dundee, Perth.

Irish Mission.—Kilmoyle, Magherafelt.

Thirty-seven churches and companies have every church-member a member of the Sabbath-school. We have 116 Sabbath-schools not counting the five conference churches in the Union. This means that seventy-nine of our churches and companies have missing members.

Sister Plummer, secretary of the General Conference Sabbath-School Department, and our Union president, Brother Jayne, are deeply concerned over this matter. They are very anxious that all conference workers, church elders and leaders, Sabbath-school superintendents and secretaries should see to it that this state of affairs is remedied and that speedily for the sake of these missing members. Permit me to give you an extract from Sister Plummer's letter to me. "It is not merely the Sabbath-school secretary's business; such a situation is the business of the whole union."

The Sabbath-school has been compared to the heart. "What the heart is to the physical body the Sabbath-school is to the church in spiritual things. . . . Heart disease is a serious organic trouble, and if long neglected will bring serious results. Symptoms of heart-weakness in the Sabbath-school should be noted and prompt measures taken to effect a cure." Seventy-nine churches ranging from one beat up to fifty beats below normal or seventy-nine churches ranging from one member up to fifty churchmembers who are not members of the Sabbath-school. Superintendents and secretaries, it is in your power to effect the remedy. Let our slogan be "No rest until every Sabbath-keeper is a member of the Sabbath-school."

W. J. YOUNG.

CIRCULATION DEPARTMENT

Special Medical Missions Number of "Good Health"

THE medical missionary element is proving such a great help to our Harvest Ingathering Campaign that we have decided to devote two pages of the October issue of "Good Health" to a consideration of this phase of our medical work. Here is therefore an opportunity to all who prefer to use the magazine in an

effort to contribute something definitely for the medical missionary department of our mission work. (Remember you get 12/6 on each hundred less the carriage, of course.) "Good Health" is the organ of the medical missionary movement in this country—this statement is announced on the cover page of the October issue, and you will have no difficulty in interesting people in the medical phase of our work if you introduce it by the use of the magazine.

Then on page 11 we are glad to be able to give our readers absolutely the latest information from the West Coast of Africa concerning "What a £5 Medical Outfit Did." The article is contributed specially by Brother H. W. Lowe, and is a most powerfully convincing appeal to support this very needy and essentially practical form of missionary work. We believe the receipt of this special article to be providential, arriving as it did just as we were going to press, and there is little doubt but that the circulation of a few extra thousand copies of this number will influence many to respond to our appeal even though you say nothing about the matter when selling the paper beyond stating its mission.

The October number is now ready; please order early so that none may be disappointed. Apart from the medical missionary matter there are some excellent articles that our people will be glad to circulate. Who will be the first to order 1,000 copies? It is printed in a beautiful double tone blue ink and altogether is a really handsome magazine.



Missionary Work at Belper

A SABBATH-SCHOOL was opened at Belper on September 1st by Brother and Sister Bloomer of Derby at the request of Brother Saunders of Belper, who, as an isolated member of the Sabbath-school, has laboured unceasingly for many months to win souls to keep the Sabbath, and has at last seen his hope realized of opening a Sabbath-school at Belper.

There were eight present and there is a definite promise of five more for next Sabbath. Many more also are interested in the truth. Brother and Sister Saunders and Brother and Sister Bloomer earnestly request the prayers of all members for the success of their combined missionary effort in Belper.

A. BLOOMER.

ADVERTISEMENTS

WANTED.—A practical bricklayer (S.D.A.); one used to jobbing work preferred. Write: W. F. B. Clarke, 24 Clarina Street, Lincoln.

WANTED.—A post as house-keeper, cook or assistant in business (health food stores preferred), where Sabbath can be kept. Address: Mrs. S. Bruce, 17 Clive Terrace, Byker, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

PICTURE ROLLS.—Will all churches that have spare picture rolls kindly communicate with W. J. Young, Stanborough Park, and we will send list of mission stations to which they may be sent. This will prevent any of our stations being overlooked. Thank you!

WANTED.—By elderly couple of good faithful Seventh-Day Adventists, a middle-aged sister who would be willing to make a home with them, and in return for home and food do the little necessary work to keep the small house in order. Ideal for some sister with a small income. Apply: T.M., 22 Zulla Road, Nottingham.

WANTED.—Two unfurnished rooms in London, near the city. Write: Mrs. Cawthorne, 90 Riversdale Road, Highbury, London, N.5.

WANTED —Post as clerk where Sabbath can be kept. Six years' experience. Apply: Miss G. Butcher, 36 Stanhope Street, Long Eaton, Derbyshire.

WANTED.—By girl of fourteen, place as domestic help near S.D.A. church. Strong, willing and fond of children. Address: Miss A. Kipling, 63 Cotterill Lane, Brimington, Chesterfield.

THE members of the Sheffield Church wish to announce, for the benefit of visitors, that their place of meeting is Cliffe Hall, Derbyshire Lane, Meersbrook, Sheffield. Sabbath-school, 10:30; preaching service, 11:30; Young People's meeting, 3 p.m.; Sunday, 6:30; Wednesday, 7:30.

THE EDITOR'S PAGE.

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PASTOR and MRS. JAYNE left Watford on Tuesday, September 18th, sailing the following day on the s.s. "Olympic." Pastor Jayne is going over to attend the Autumn Council of the General Conference to represent the British Union, and personally present the pressing needs of this field. We hope he gets all he is going to ask for.

REMARKABLE success has attended the first week of the Ingathering Campaign, the goal of £1,000 having been more than reached. This splendid result is a fine tribute to the organization of the Home Missionary Department in this field and also to the loyal co-operation of our faithful members throughout the union.

As promised in our last issue we are devoting considerable space this time to a consideration of the city canvassing problem. We are very glad to be able to print the photographs of some of our faithful colporteurs who are actually making a success in city work. We have done this so that those who are fearful of commencing in the towns may see that there are some who at the present time are doing very well in this line of work. We hope that many others will be encouraged to begin work in the cities and towns of the British Isles.

A FEW days ago a brother of an inventive turn of mind brought to the Stanborough Press a suggestion for a new machine which was calculated to print and fold thousands of books an hour. He thought that it would help us to speed up production. Unfortunately the management had to reply that this was not the great need of the moment, but that if the brother could invent a machine that would sell the books already on hand he might expect to do some business. What is needed at present is not a new machine to make books but more people to sell them, and incidentally new territory in which to sell them. The cities provide the new territory and the "new machine" which we must start working in order to speed up distribution.

SOME people will say, Why not print a new book and then we can go over the country territory again? But how can the publishing house pay the heavy initial cost of a new book when its money is tied up in books already on its shelves? Paper manufacturers will not accept copies of "Daniel and the Revelation" in payment of their bills. A large stock of these books was prepared in the expectation that the whole of the British Isles would be canvassed—including the cities—and this stock must be very largely cleared before any further investment can be made in new publications.

SUPPOSE, however, that a new book should be printed and the country territory re-canvassed, would that be fair to the cities? As Brother Fishell points out in his article, seventy-five per cent of the population of the British Isles live in the cities, and they have been practically untouched. Is it not time to take "Daniel and the Revelation" to them? And if it is time, that is, *God's time*, for the work to be done, does not that ensure success?

WHILE writing about the colporteur work we do wish to emphasize another important point. Several times this summer young people have come to us—some very much discouraged—and said, "We were sent to so-and-so and found it had just been worked with the same book, although no record of previous work was to be found anywhere." We are certain

that many others who read these lines will say, "That is the very experience I had this year." Why is it? Simply because the first colporteur did not report the work he did. No report means no record at the conference office, and no record means that many people are going to be sent to territory already worked, with consequent loss of time, energy and courage. To us this non-reporting of work done seems a crime of the first magnitude, because it jeopardizes the whole canvassing work in the union. If every man does that which is right in his own eyes, goes where he pleases and says nothing about it, we shall soon be into canvassing chaos. After all, it is a case of doing unto others as we would like them to do unto us. Ask yourself how you would like to spend money on railway fares to get to territory that someone has just finished with the book you are taking. That should decide the matter of reporting.

ON this very point we would like to throw out the suggestion in the interest of solid, progressive, building-up work, that every canvasser be provided with a large-scale map—to be preserved after use at the local conference office—on which he should mark the farms and villages where he sells books. If he is in a town he should have a street map and mark the houses where he has placed his books. What a "fag!" you say. Possibly, but wouldn't you be glad to consult such a map if you were going to a piece of new territory? And wouldn't the minister be glad to borrow such a map when starting to work a new town or city, so that he might know in advance where the interested people are located? Would not such a map be an excellent guide to the conference committee as to the best places in which to conduct efforts? We have the optimism to hope that some such scheme will be put into operation before long. Write to your field secretary about it.

COLLEGE opened, according to plan, last Wednesday morning, September 12th. The Principal, Brother Baird, reports the opening proceedings in this issue. On the evening of the same day a very pleasant and unusual event took place in the College dining-room, the students being introduced to the faculty and to each other. First the teachers lined up and then one by one the students passed by, shaking hands with each teacher, then joining the row at the end and "shaking" with the next student. It was a very pleasant occasion and we hope the ceremony will be repeated at the opening of every College session.

AT the request of the British Union Committee the Scottish Conference has released Pastor George Hyde from his work in Edinburgh to take up the post of Bible teacher in the College for the present school year.

THE special missions number of "Present Truth" is now ready for despatch. It has been prepared particularly to assist in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign, and we trust all will do their best to circulate it. The beautiful cover picture, combined with the medical mission and other articles, should make it a very ready seller.

SUNSET CALENDAR.

	LONDON	CARDIFF	EDINBURGH
September 21st	6.4	6.16	6.19
September 28th	5.48	6.0	6.0