

The MISSIONARY WORKER

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An Appeal from the Autumn Council

To our Believers and their Conferences and Institutions:

GREETINGS: While assembled in Autumn Council in Milwaukee, Wis., we have had placed before us the needs of our world-wide work, indicating that the Lord is going before us in a truly marvellous way, throwing open doors in mission lands that have been strongly closed against the Gospel. The reports tell of new advances in every land, and many souls won to the message as the result of the missionary work being done.

At the same time we are led to see that while mission funds show an increase this year over those of last, the receipts of the treasury are farther from meeting the amount necessary to maintain our growing work than a year ago, when a cut of nearly one-third was contemplated in our appropriations to foreign fields.

To make such a reduction in our appropriations for the year 1924 would not only bring great hardship and perplexity to our missionaries and their work, but would also make necessary the return of many faithful workers, who in toil and sacrifice have learned the language of the people for whom they are faithfully labouring, and from among whom they are gathering many precious souls.

Facing these facts, and knowing that the Lord does not want us to retreat from positions which have cost money and lives to secure, the brethren at the Autumn Council saw no other way than to pledge the mission fields the money needed to hold the workers at their posts.

We do not believe retrenchment to be in harmony with our confidence that the message is to be rapidly carried into all the world preparatory to the coming of Christ, the signs of whose soon appearing most surely affirm that His return is near at hand.

Last year at this season our workers generally and many of our churches united in a special offering of gratitude and thanksgiving to the cause of missions. The offering was one week's income—a generous gift, resulting, in the aggregate, in more than £70,000. In the experience of many this liberal offer-

ing was made possible only by self-denial and real sacrifice. A serious crisis in our mission work was averted. The hearts of our missionaries were cheered and comforted by this assurance of brotherly love. The Week of Sacrifice brought rich blessings as well to our churches at home. They experienced the truth of the Scripture: "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Requests have come from many parts of the field that the occasion of last year be duplicated for 1923, that our brethren and sisters may share this year in the blessings of a Week of Sacrifice.

In response to this sentiment in the field, and as an expression of gratitude for the rich spiritual and material blessings enjoyed during the closing year, the delegates assembled in Autumn Council have set apart Thanksgiving Week, November 25th to December 1st, for our churches in the United States and Canada as a week of sacrificial giving to the cause of Gospel work.

We ask our workers in all branches and departments of the work throughout the world to give one week's salary for this purpose. We recognize that this will entail upon many close economy and genuine sacrifice. But as leaders in the church we believe Heaven will bless them in this sacrificial example.

We earnestly ask our dear brethren and sisters in Great Britain and throughout the world to unite with the workers in likewise giving to the cause of missions a week's wage or income as a tribute of love and gratitude to meet the very serious financial situation which we now face.

Realizing that there are many among us whom the Lord has made stewards of large means, we would especially appeal to them to give liberally of their greater abundance in this hour of need.

We suggest that in divisions outside of North America the division officers arrange for the most suitable time for their Week of Sacrifice.

We also ask our conferences and institutions in the homeland to bind more firmly about their wants, and share with our work in other lands, by reducing their operating funds to the lowest possible amount,

effecting every possible economy in the conduct of the work, and holding in abeyance such plans for the extension of the work at home as would seriously affect the mission offerings. There is abundant means to meet the needs of the cause. As our people wholeheartedly give their hearts to God, the means can be secured, and the cause of truth move forward triumphantly. May the Lord impress every brother and sister now to do his whole share in this hour of special need! Yours in the Master's service,
GENERAL CONFERENCE COUNCIL.

The Week of Prayer

ONE more year is nearly closed. It has been a year of sorrow and suffering, unrest and danger. It has been one of the hardest and saddest years this world has known, but God has in His great mercy held back the winds of strife. He has still given us a time in which we can work for Him and prepare for the heavenly home.

With the children of God in this advent movement the year really begins and ends with the Week of Prayer. Another such week of consecration is upon us. The readings have been prepared with much care and thought and have been sent out here and there to all our brethren. The first purpose of the Week of Prayer is to seek God. We are in the time of judgment and we are near the end. We need to search our hearts, to make things right in our lives, in our homes and in the church. God's people must be a holy people. We must have power from on high. We feel a burden to urge upon our brethren everywhere to take time to meet during the Week of Prayer every day if possible. We hope that every reading will be carefully studied and that it may be a week of real spiritual revival and reformation.

One other purpose of the Week of Prayer is to bring a thank offering to the Lord. These offerings go to our needy missionaries and mission fields. Owing to the low value of the money in some countries our mission funds have not come in as well as last year. We need a large Week of Prayer offering. We have so much for which to be grateful, and the Lord expects thank offerings as a token of our love to Him and to His cause. May God richly bless His people during this spiritual feast.

L. H. CHRISTIAN.

West Africa

THE last mail brought, among other good things, a copy of the *MISSIONARY WORKER*. The news item that perhaps conveyed more gladness to our hearts than any other was that which told of the success of the Harvest Ingathering Campaign during the first week of effort. The enthusiasm that has been displayed in this year's effort assures us that the people in Great Britain, though not now so directly connected with the mission fields of Egypt, East and West Africa, are as interested as ever in them, and mean to support the workers they have sent out. The present year has not been without its periods of anxiety for the workers on the West Coast. Lack of money has meant that we have been barely able to hold what we already have, while all around us are new openings into which we feel we must press. We are certain that could the members of the home field be with us for a little while to see the situation for themselves, they would agree with us, and assure us that the money would be forthcoming for these new enterprises. Seeing that you cannot be with us to get this view, I will endeavour in a few brief words to set the scene before you.

Early in 1921 Brother and Sister Lowe came to Sierra Leone to take up work amongst the Timne-speaking people of that colony. Our work had been started there some years previously, but for a considerable time had been without European supervision, save an occasional visit from the superintendent. We had hoped that these workers would have been able to put in a good term of service there. However, after about one year, it was necessary to call them to head-quarters to look after affairs while the writer and his family went on furlough. From that time, early in 1922, to this, our Timne work has had to be left to the care of a few native workers, who, while doing their very best, are but young in experience.

I understand that at the present time other workers are under appointment for the Sierra Leone field, but upon their arrival in this country, they will be required to relieve Brother Lowe, while he returns home for a much-needed rest. So that for some months to come this work in the interior will be unprovided for, in spite of the fact that near by is a large district as yet unentered by any missionary society, anxious that we should open up work amongst them. This is only one of several needs in Sierra Leone.

In April of the present year it was our privilege to join, at Accra, the ship upon which Brethren McClements and Clifford with their wives were journeying to Nigeria. After spending some days at Shao in counsel and study with them and our native workers, we proceeded to visit some parts of the field that for some time we have been anxious to open up in order to look after the interests that are already there. In the past when application has been made to the Nigerian government for new mission sites some obstacle has always been presented. This year, however, the two applications we made have been successful. We take this as evidence that God has gone before us to prepare the way. Brother and Sister Clifford have already taken possession of the sites, and are writing encouragingly of the prospects for the work in this new territory. Considerable means will be required to properly equip this station. It is our plan that Brother Till shall occupy the other site early in the New Year. Some, perhaps would bid us hold for a while, until the financial situation in the world improves. But we who are on the spot, and who to some extent have grasped the greatness of the work awaiting us in Nigeria, believe that we must move forward.

In the Gold Coast our efforts, save in the case of Kickam, a village on the coast, have in the past been confined to Ashanti. Recently, however, three other coast villages have been entered and small schools established. During the past month we have received calls from no less than five other places for a teacher. In our school at Agona we have boys who in the New Year might be able to go out to occupy two or three of these places, providing the money is forthcoming. What shall we do about it?

In the providence of God Great Britain has been entrusted with the care of lands in many parts of this old world. The home government takes upon itself the responsibility of sending out men who will instruct the peoples of these lands in the ways of the Empire. Surely God expects that the Adventists of Great Britain shall take an ever-growing part in carrying to some of these countries the message of the kingdom of the King of kings. You have, I know, just concluded a successful Harvest Ingathering Campaign, with this very thought in view. But in the closing month of the year it is our custom to bring a special offering of our own to God, and to present to Him our special petitions, and brethren and sisters, in closing this article, I want to say that the cause of missions was never in greater need than it is to-day. Let us therefore give at this time as we have never given before, and pray at this time as we have never prayed before, for the advancement of God's cause in the earth.

L. F. LANGFORD.

Leicester

WE have lost three of our members—Brother and Sister Brown and Margaret Brown—they having gone to Bournemouth where Brother Brown is opening treatment rooms. We are very sorry to lose them. Their new address is 63 Talbot Road, Winton, Bournemouth. L. BROOKING.



F. A. Spearing.

South England Conference.

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S. G. Joyce.

Notes from the President

If plans have not already been made for the Week of Prayer, they should be made at once.

Workers and church leaders should be sure to read the message to church elders in the Week of Prayer "Review." Should any worker, church elder, or isolated member not have received a copy of the readings for the Week of Prayer, he should communicate at once with Brother H. Robson, at Lindrick House.

Don't let us forget the children and young people at this time. Special effort should be put forth for their conversion.

Can we not make our Annual Offering this year the best we have ever given? Possibly by means of the sale of our literature we could greatly increase the amount we intended to give.

We are glad to learn that two sisters have been baptized and added to the church at Bournemouth. May the blessing of God be theirs as they unite with those of like precious faith.

We are thankful to be able to report that our people in Salisbury, Southampton, Portsmouth, and the Isle of Wight, whom we visited recently, are holding aloft the banner of truth. Brother and Sister G. W. Bailey tell of several Sabbath-keepers not yet baptized, and of others who are interested. Portsmouth may be added to the list of places at which it is expected to hold a baptism before the close of the year.

Church officers should examine the church records, and deal with those who have ceased to observe the Sabbath, or who are not now in fellowship with us. Care should be taken, however, not to be too precipitate in this very important matter.

Nominating committees should be chosen without delay for the purpose of selecting suitable persons to act as church officers during 1924.

We rejoice at the results of our Ingathering Campaign. £100 over and above our conference goal! *And souls inquiring the way of salvation!* Shall we not make the most of the interest aroused during the Campaign by following it up with "Present Truth"?
F. A. SPEARING.

For What Shall We Pray?

For many years it has been the custom of Seventh-Day Adventists to observe what is known as an annual Week of Prayer. In times past this has been a season of real refreshing. Many precious souls have been born into the kingdom of grace, and the faith of our people generally has been strengthened, and their hope brightened.

What will the Week of Prayer mean to us this year? If we are prepared to receive what God has for us, it will be the most momentous and the most blessed prayer season we have yet experienced. We are assured that "whatsoever" we ask in the name of Jesus will be granted to us. And the promise is emphasized in another verse: "If ye shall ask *anything* in My name, I will do it." It is for us to grasp the promise and to look for answers to our prayers.

For what shall we pray?

1. That the angels of God may continue to hold the four winds until the work of God is finished. Statesmen tell us that war is inevitable in the near future.

2. That our brethren and sisters who are in prison, and are in other ways suffering persecution for Christ's sake, may regain their liberty, and be granted freedom to worship God according to the dictates of conscience.

3. That our brethren and sisters in Europe who are destitute or in want because of the economic situation may be relieved.

4. That our unemployed members in Great Britain may

obtain a means of livelihood; and that relief may come to others who are out of employment, irrespective of creed, class or nation.

5. That those dear brethren and sisters who have recently taken their stand for the truth may be encouraged to hold on at all costs.

6. That funds may flow into the treasury of the General Conference to enable our brethren who lead out to care for and extend the world work. Word has been received that the appropriation of the General Conference for next year to the European Division—which takes in our field—has been cut down by approximately £5,000 as compared with this year, whereas the needs for 1924 are greater than for 1923.

7. That our young people and children may be converted and accept for themselves the soul-saving truths of the three-fold message, and be prepared to take their part in warning the world.

8. That God may abundantly bless our institutions—the College, the Sanitarium, the Press and the Factory—and make them in the truest sense agencies for the carrying forward of His work.

9. That our labourers—ministers, Bible-workers, colporteurs, institutional workers, etc.—may all be conscious of the presence of God as they put forth their best endeavours to help in the great work of saving souls.

10. That as far as is in harmony with the Lord's will, our sick may be restored to health and strength.

11. That our relatives may be led to accept the truth for this time.

12. That our people everywhere may be willing to reconsecrate themselves to the service of the Master, rendering to the Lord His due in tithes, giving freely of their means for the advancement of His cause in the world field, and proving faithful in every way.

13. That all efforts of the enemy to sow seeds of discord, distrust, dissatisfaction, division, and unbelief may be frustrated.

14. That copious showers of the latter rain of God's Holy Spirit may be received, reviving our spirits and making us more useful and more effective workers in His service.

While we pray for these things, let us *believe* that God answers prayer, and that He will answer *our* prayers.

F. A. SPEARING.

A Week of Self-Denial

ELSEWHERE in this issue reference is made to the announcement in a recent number of the "Review and Herald" that our workers are being asked to give to the cause of missions a sum equal to one week's salary before the close of this year. The reasons for this appeal are apparent to all who have studied the financial situation of the movement. We are faced with as grave a crisis as we have yet met. Retrenchment and economy are the order of the day. But when we have carried out our plans for retrenchment as far as is safe; and when we have economized in every way, the funds available for our world work are still far less than the amount actually needed.

We believe that all workers in the South England Conference will find some means of responding to the call for sacrifice. The suggestion is that our Annual Offering amount to not less than one week's salary, and that the amount be given by the end of the year. Where our workers find it especially difficult to do this, permission will be gladly given for them to spend what time is necessary, up to one full week, selling literature with the object of raising the sum asked for. That

would mean that those who are now canvassing, and turning in the proceeds to the conference, would, during this particular week, devote the profits to missions instead.

We trust that *all our people* will place in the homes of their neighbours as many copies as possible of the Christmas "Present Truth," "Good Health," and of "Looking Beyond." If, as suggested in our recent letter to the churches, everyone in this southern field would plan to take and sell twelve copies of each of these two papers, and six copies of the little book, and give the profits, in addition to the regular Annual Offering, an increase of about £500 would be obtained.

But, while the financial side of our work is important—we cannot carry on without means—the spiritual side is even more important. One of the decisions arrived at during the Autumn Council was that an effort be made to raise the spiritual standard of our people. *All our getting and giving of means will avail nothing unless we are willing to give ourselves unre-servedly to the Master.* The question of questions during the Week of Prayer should be: "Who will consecrate himself to the Lord?" May we all respond by laying ourselves and our all on the altar!

F. A. SPEARING.



An Appeal and a Plan

STOP! It's December, 1923! And yet it seems but yesterday that we eagerly hugged January, 1923, within our grasp. Stretching out before us lay a vast field of opportunity, 365 days for gaining new ground, experiencing new thrills in the Master's work and redeeming the past. Great was our enthusiasm then and our veins teemed with an overflow of energy. Past years, to us, perhaps, had been hurled into forgetfulness with nothing but failure written in large glaring letters across their history. But 1923—it was going to be a year of real success, a year of spiritual growth and progress in every way.

Eleven months of this year have gone! Gone for ever! Where does to-day find us? Has your enthusiasm waned because of that dread inertia that Satan causes to sweep over the soul, or has repeated failure cast a cloud of depression and bitterness into your heart? The signs in the world tell but one story, emphasizing that, "Yet a little while and He that shall come, will come, and will not tarry."

Do you believe that? Have you the saving faith for these days? Outwardly you may profess a belief in Christ's soon return, but do your actions show to the world that you *really* believe it?

If you do you will respond loyally to the call for to-day. Great and wonderful is God's dependence upon man. Our treasury is low, the news from the Autumn Council confirms the fact that money is desperately needed to carry on the work through 1924. Shall we not ALL give of our best during December!

Here is the plan. By the sale of "Looking Beyond," "Present Truth" and "Good Health" and offering the profits let us supplement and increase twofold, yea treble, our gifts this year. "Looking Beyond" sells for 1/- and will yield six-pence per copy for the finishing of the work. How many will you take? The Christmas "Present Truth" sells for three-pence and as a special concession for December will yield sixty per cent of its selling price. Anyone who has seen the Christmas "Good Health" recognizes it as a king of its kind. It will sell readily.

Thus let us make December such a month that the close of 1923 will make this year live in our memories as a year of real spiritual growth. God is counting on us, our missionaries are depending upon us, the whole world looks to us for help. Let us keep busy in the Master's service.

S. G. JOYCE.



Ingathering in Exeter

WE are glad to be able to report that our goal is reached. Brother Joyce's remark, "Poor Exeter!" (the spirit of which we understood), together with the example of Nurse Hull, put some "vim" into us and inspired us to keep on until the goal was reached.

We have experienced much of the Lord's blessing in the recent visits of Pastor Spearing, Brother Hyde and Brother

Newman. Brother and Sister Spencer have also been a source of blessing during their brief stay of one week whilst proceeding westward. We were indeed sorry to part with them and wish the way had been open for them to have stayed among us. During the Sabbath service Brother Spencer extended the right hand of fellowship to Brethren Turner and Boyce, whilst awaiting baptism. There are others here also who are taking an interest in the message as a result of the Ingathering Campaign and we trust and pray that they will soon help to increase our membership.

MRS. E. BYRT.



IRISH MISSION

Superintendent: F. S. Jackson



Ingathering and Other Victories in Erin

WE feel very thankful to all our members for their loyal and untiring support in the great work of the Harvest Ingathering. It has been a long, hard pull in Ireland, but in spite of peculiar hindrances, success has crowned our efforts. By the time this is read we confidently expect our goal will have been reached. The achievements and victories across the channel have been a great inspiration and encouragement to us. We heartily congratulate Scotland and Wales—and South and North England too—on their magnificent successes. The good cheering letters received from Elder L. H. Christian and Pastor W. E. Read have also helped us much.

In Dublin one of our members, Sister Raper by name, has herself collected £28, a truly great exploit. I believe this sister has won the palm for the highest individual amount gathered in Erin. Others have done splendidly. Sister Ballard has £25 to her credit, and many other individual successes might be recorded. Belfast Church has reached the splendid total of £130 and is anxious to reach the £150 mark. Dublin Church is nearing £40 and the other smaller companies and isolated families have in the main done very creditably. One of our members, Sister Adair of Templepatrick, collected £46 in Margate as a sanitarium collector. If we could have had this credit we should now be away beyond our goal.

Many other things beside Ingathering have been happening in Ireland to bring cheer and gladness to our hearts. A week or so ago we had a Harvest Thanksgiving service in Belfast extending over Friday and Sabbath. The church was most tastefully decorated with fruit, vegetables and flowers, and a very profitable time was spent in worship and remembrance of God's bounty. We are planning to carry on a vigorous tract campaign between now and the end of the year and thus continue the seed sowing process.

In Dublin our faithful few are of good cheer in the work. Sister Moseley recently spent a profitable ten days with the church, building up the Sabbath-school work, and this was followed by a very welcome visit from Pastor W. J. Young, of the Union Sabbath-School Department. The Sunday evening lectures are attracting visitors though we are hoping for the time when it may be possible to hire an attractive hall and do strong public work in the capital. Pastor Young proceeded from Dublin to the rural section of our large "parish," closing his tour with a Sabbath-school convention in Belfast. Pray for the work in Ireland.

We have been specially glad to meet Sister Mary E. Walsh of Boston, Mass. U.S.A., who has been visiting her family and relatives in Co. Monaghan with a view to winning them to the truth. Sister Walsh is returning to her field of labour this month and we wish her Godspeed and assure her that we will remember her family in prayer, that the seed sown may spring up and bear abundant fruit in God's good time.

We wish to mention the faithful work that is being done by Brother James Whiteside, our colporteur working in Ulster. Brother Whiteside toils steadily and hard with our truth-laden

books and is having good success, though not without some hard experiences. We greatly appreciate the faithful endeavours of our colporteurs. We are visiting Brethren Kirby and Reece who are still working in this field. Please remember Ireland in your prayers.

F. S. JACKSON.



Sabbath-School Convention in Belfast

NOVEMBER 16th--18th was a week-end of special blessing to the Belfast Church. Pastor W. J. Young visited us and conducted a Sabbath-school convention which the Lord signally blessed.

On Sabbath evening the presence of the Holy Spirit was felt in the opening meeting. All hearts were stirred as the talk on "The Relationship of the Young People's and Sabbath-School Work to the Closing Message" was presented. Each one present testified to the blessings already received from the Sabbath-school, and all desired to realize more fully the blessings it affords.

A full programme was provided for Sabbath and after a very profitable teachers' meeting and Sabbath-school session,

conducted by Brother Young, the Sabbath-school work was considered in detail in the three meetings which followed. The topics assigned to various members were forcefully presented, and Brother Young supported them liberally from his well-stocked resources. Our vision of the Sabbath-school was enlarged and deepened. We all sensed our shortcomings, and definitely resolved to be more faithful members, and do our part to make the Belfast Sabbath-school an ideal one. We wished all our Home Department members could have been present, also the members of our smaller schools and the Mission Church, but we trust the fire of enthusiasm will reach them through those who were present that we may unitedly seek to raise the Sabbath-school standard in Erin's Isle.

In our closing meeting at 3 p.m. on Sunday Brother Young demonstrated very forcefully "How to Teach." This was much appreciated, and at the close a warm vote of thanks was rendered to him for the help he had given us throughout the convention.

We believe real impetus was given which will lead to a fuller development of the Sabbath-school work in Belfast and the Irish Mission.

DORA E. MOSELEY.



Alfred E. Bacon.

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E. E. Craven.

Week of Prayer

THIS annual season of seeking God has been appointed for 1923 from December 8th to 15th. Readings have been sent out to all our churches and companies, and by the time our isolated members receive this issue of the WORKER a copy of the readings with an Annual Offering envelope and a circular letter will have reached them. Envelopes are being dispatched to the churches and companies this week with a letter from the president and the home missionary secretary. We hope, by carrying out the good suggestions made in the aforementioned letter, that the Annual Offering of the North England Conference will realize this year £650.

We believe that all our members should make the present unsettled state of affairs in this kingdom a special matter of prayer. Let us unitedly and earnestly seek God immediately, that the unrest and distress of the moment may be held in check, and we enjoy a little time of peace and prosperity, that His work in the British Isles may be very materially extended and stabilized.

We hope all our members will make this Week of Prayer a time of seeking God such as we have never witnessed before. Our experiences this year have been peculiar in many respects. If ever a people needed to seek God for a new experience and greater power in their lives, it is Seventh-Day Adventists. With Paul we must forget the things that are behind—our mistakes and failures, our criticisms and lack of confidence, our disloyalty and unfaithfulness—reach forth to that which is before and press toward the mark. It is time to seek the Lord in real earnest, for He is waiting to be gracious to His children. Brethren and sisters, may we all so relate ourselves to God at this special season of seeking Him, that it may prove to be to us, as His remnant people, a veritable Pentecost.

Church treasurers, please do not fail to send in all the tithes and offerings on *Monday, December 3rd*, at the latest. All the Harvest Ingathering money should be in by the end of this month (November). This applies especially to our isolated members. The North England Conference has gone well beyond its goal. Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!

ALFRED E. BACON.

Lively Times at Leeds

WE are glad to state that all our new Sabbath-keepers have stood firm. A few years ago one of them had to remove to another section of the city. When she left the Mission she was attending they presented her with a Bible, in the front of which was written the following: "That which I see not teach Thou me." She now rejoices in the knowledge of the Sabbath and thanks God that the text from Job 34 has been fulfilled.

After our Sunday evening service a few months ago some of our people were standing to the tram queue awaiting a car home. They were soon joined by a curate and his friends. Our people overheard the following conversation: "There are other denominations which have colleges besides Church of England. Seventh-Day Adventists have a college at Watford, and they turn out some pretty good stuff." He further said, "Don't you argue with them if you don't know your Bible."

Recently we were challenged by an experienced elder of the Latter-Day Saints. He said we were afraid to come and present the Sabbath to him and his people and that he would knock "that silly Sabbath" out of our heads. We accepted his challenge for we believe there is nothing to be afraid of on the fundamentals of the Adventist faith. A few of our members in Armley came and listened carefully. We believe that we were victorious in our presentation of the truth, because our people came away stronger Adventists than they went in. We give God the glory. We feel like Nehemiah of old, we have no time to waste, but we certainly refuse to be afraid of presenting points of belief which have been our stay for twenty years and which are divine in origin.

During the past year our people have been wonderfully faithful in their gifts to God's cause. We praise God that our Harvest Ingathering goal was reached and that we are now giving Bible studies to three interested donors.

E. E. CRAVEN.



Blackburn Church

It is quite a long time since our friends in the WORKER had a report from Blackburn. We are still on the progressive side, and our members are still active. The Sabbath-school attendance is higher than it has been for the last three years.

1923 Final Harvest Ingathering Report

	Amount	Per Cap.		Amount	Per Cap.
British Union Total	£6396 12 10	£1 14 10	South England	£2831 0 2	£1 17 3
Scotland	513 8 3	2 9 6	North England	2162 0 9	1 13 3
Wales	712 18 5	2 0 2	Ireland	177 5 3	18 6

Membership over 50

	Amount	Per Cap.		Amount	Per Cap.		Amount	Per Cap.
Edinburgh	163 13 8	2 18 2	Leeds	106 15 1	1 15 0	S. Manchester	93 6 0	1 5 6
Bristol	216 7 1	2 16 11	Handsworth	88 13 1	1 14 9	Wimbledon	153 13 5½	1 4 8
Glasgow	148 7 7	2 13 11	Walthamstow	173 1 3	1 11 9	Newcastle	73 8 1	1 4 6
Plymouth	173 2 8	2 9 6	Southend	94 0 10	1 10 4	Newport	88 9 0	1 3 7
London W.	115 10 0	2 3 2	Belfast	114 9 6	1 7 9	Derby	56 18 9	1 0 4
Watford	219 16 3½	2 3 1	Nottingham	125 13 6	1 6 3	Sheffield	64 3 1	1 0 0
Worcester	120 3 11	1 18 10	Hull	176 5 6	1 5 9	London N.	106 11 8½	1 0 0
Stanborough Park	357 7 7	1 15 9	Southampton	63 18 2	1 5 7			

Membership of 20 to 49

	Amount	Per Cap.		Amount	Per Cap.		Amount	Per Cap.
Cardiff	151 18 7	3 9 1	Forest Gate	42 2 0	1 12 5	Irish Mission	52 0 0	1 2 7
York	130 14 6	3 3 9	Wellingboro'	30 0 0	1 10 0	Bath	45 3 11	1 2 6
Portsmouth	128 3 10½	2 14 7	Bargoed	30 4 1	1 10 2	S. Birmingham	26 14 0	1 2 3
Forest Hill	56 10 3½	2 13 10	Bournemouth	66 6 2	1 8 10	Hastings	24 0 0	1 0 0
Swansea	69 6 10	2 3 4	Cambridge	38 14 6	1 8 8	Luton	25 18 3½	16 6
Brighton	80 2 7	2 3 4	Catford	39 10 3	1 7 3	Grimsby	11 7 5	11 4
London N.W.	69 4 5	2 0 9	Edmonton	28 0 0	1 6 8	Wolverhampton	8 17 0	8 0
Stoke	61 7 0	1 18 4	Manchester N.	50 0 0	1 6 4	Langley	8 5 4	7 2
Coventry	72 3 10	1 18 0	Liverpool	60 0 0	1 4 6	Dublin	2 4 9	1 2
Leicester	56 10 1	1 15 3	Porth	29 0 0	1 4 2	Bearwood	8 0	3
Kettering	53 14 3	1 14 8	Mansfield	28 14 11	1 4 0			

Membership under 20

	Amount	Per Cap.		Amount	Per Cap.		Amount	Per Cap.
Isle of Man	68 17 10	11 9 8	Dereham	32 10 0	2 6 5	Ulverston	24 0 0	1 10 0
Stockton	21 15 3	7 5 1	Paisley	11 6 3	2 5 3	Ebbw Vale	21 6 5	1 6 8
Scarborough	55 0 0	6 17 6	Aberdare	31 8 10	2 4 11	Newport I.O.W.	6 10 0	1 6 0
Dorchester	44 7 6	6 6 9	Sittingbourne	11 0 0	2 4 0	Kirkcaldy	18 10 4	1 4 8
Kingston	46 18 6	5 4 3	Salisbury	6 10 0	2 3 4	Pembroke Dock	20 13 0	1 4 3
St. Mabyn	20 0 0	5 0 0	Rhos	23 15 1	2 3 2	Dowlais	3 11 3	1 3 9
Dundee	28 7 9	4 14 8	Pontypridd	30 0 0	2 2 10	Sandown	4 15 6	1 3 11
Gillingham	50 0 0	4 3 4	Melton Mowbray	10 8 6	2 1 8	Hessenford	5 7 9	1 1 7
Ely	13 8 7	3 7 2	Sutton	26 5 0	2 0 4	Shrewsbury	3 0 0	1 0 0
Mountain Ash	37 4 6	3 7 8	Wellington	14 1 5	2 0 2	Seacombe	10 0 0	18 2
Croscombe	50 0 0	3 6 8	Wigan	13 10 0	1 18 7	Rugby	6 2 6	17 6
Torquay	16 0 0	3 4 0	Bradford	34 0 0	1 17 9	Wattsville	7 14 3	17 2
Hereford	54 4 8	2 17 1	Caerphilly	21 12 9	1 16 1	Burnley	9 2 0	15 2
Waterloo	36 15 6	2 16 7	Clydebank	15 19 3	1 15 5	Walmer	1 10 0	15 0
Stirling	22 0 0	2 15 0	Ventnor	12 3 5	1 14 9	Banbridge	4 10 0	12 3
Blackburn	27 7 11	2 14 9	Northampton	13 9 2	1 13 8	Rotherham	8 8 10	9 4
Romford	29 4 3	2 13 1	Ropley	12 10 9	1 11 3	Blaenavon	4 8 9	8 10
Middlesborough	26 10 0	2 13 0	Rushden	22 10 0	1 10 0	Southport	2 15 0	5 0
Reading	12 4 6	2 8 11	Exeter	12 0 0	1 10 0	Magherafelt	1 13 0	4 8
Lincoln	26 17 11	2 8 10	Harrow	15 0 0	1 10 0	Kilmoyle	2 8 0	4 4

Under the leadership of Brother Greenhow we have also reached our goal for the Harvest Ingathering Campaign, having obtained £27, or thirty per cent above our goal. The old as well as the young people took an active part. Thank God for the victory. Our members have been greatly encouraged of late by the visits of the conference Sabbath-school secretary, Brother Goodall, also a never-to-be-forgotten week-end visit of Pastor Fishell.

The Home Missionary work has been brought well to the front and great progress has been made. Several of our members attended a Sunday observance demonstration recently, and after the meeting gave each person a tract entitled, "Which Day is the True Christian Sabbath?" Over 700 tracts were distributed. One of the leading speakers, Canon Ginker, R.D., said: The Jewish Sabbath and the fourth commandment go hand in hand. If he were asked why he kept Sunday, he could not tell. It was changed, but how the change came about he did not know, although he had tried to find out. We are glad to say he will be enlightened, as he was one of the twenty ministers who received one of the above tracts.

In closing we would desire a share of the WORKER family's prayers for our work here.

JOHN W. BONSALE, *Missionary Secretary.*



Church School Department

Mrs. H. H. Howard

What Shall We Teach?

(Selections from the Spirit of prophecy regarding subjects that should be taught in our home schools and church schools.)

HOME SCHOOLS.

- (a) Proper school age.
- (b) Subjects of study.
 1. Bible.
 2. Nature.

3. Physiology and Hygiene.
 4. Voice Culture and Singing.
 5. Reading.
 6. Use of Money and Systematic Giving.
 7. Home Duties.
 8. Gardening.
 9. Cooking.
 10. Use of Tools.
 11. Sewing.
 12. Missionary Work.
 13. Right Habits.
 14. Children to be Christians.
- Promises to the Faithful Parent.

PROPER SCHOOL AGE.

"It has been the custom to encourage sending children to school when they were mere babies, needing a mother's care."—*Christian Education*, p. 182.

"Parents should be the only teachers of their children until they have reached eight or ten years of age."—*Christian Education*, p. 8.

"Do not send your little ones away to school too early. The mother should be careful how she trusts the moulding of the infant mind to other hands.

"Parents ought to be the best teachers of their children until they have reached eight or ten years of age. Their school-room should be the open air, amid the flowers and birds, and their textbook the treasures of nature."—*Christian Education*, p. 170; *Christian Temperance*, pp. 60-72.

"The only schoolroom for children from eight to ten years of age should be in the open air, amid the opening flowers and nature's beautiful scenery. And their only textbook should be the treasures of nature."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 3, p. 137.

"It is in the home school that our boys and girls are to be prepared to attend the church school. . . . Wise parents will help their children to understand that in the school life, as in the home, they are to strive to please God, to be an honour to Him."—*Counsels to Teachers*, p. 150.

SUBJECTS OF STUDY.

1. *Bible*.—"The Bible should be the child's first textbook. From this Book, parents are to give wise instruction. . . . From it the children are to learn that God is their Father; and from the beautiful lessons of His Word they are to gain a knowledge of His character. Through the inculcation of its principles, they are to learn to do justice and judgment. . . . Parents, let the instruction you give your children be simple, and be sure that it is clearly understood. The lessons that you learn from the Word you are to present to their young minds so plainly that they cannot fail to understand. By simple lessons drawn from the Word of God and their own experience, you may teach them how to conform their lives to the highest standard."—*Counsels to Teachers*, pp. 108, 109.

"Our heavenly Father, in giving His Word, did not overlook the children. In all that men have written, where can be found anything that has such a hold upon the heart, anything so well adapted to awaken the interest of the little ones, as the stories of the Bible?"

"In these simple stories may be made plain the great principles of the law of God. Thus by illustrations best suited to the child's comprehension, parents and teachers may begin very early to fulfil the Lord's injunction concerning His precepts: 'Thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.'

"The use of object lessons, blackboards, maps, and pictures, will be an aid in explaining these lessons, and fixing them in the memory. Parents and teachers should constantly seek for improved methods. The teaching of the Bible should have our freshest thought, our best methods, and our most earnest effort."—*Education*, pp. 185, 186.

2. *Nature*.—"As fast as their minds can comprehend it, the parents should open before them [their children] God's great book of nature. The mother . . . should find time to cultivate in herself and in her children a love for the beautiful buds and opening flowers. By calling the attention of her chil-

dren to their different colours and variety of forms, she can make them acquainted with God, Who made all the beautiful things which attract and delight them. . . . These lessons, imprinted upon the minds of young children amid the pleasant, attractive scenes of nature, will not be soon forgotten."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 3, p. 137.

"Mothers, let the little ones play in the open air; let them listen to the songs of the birds and learn the love of God as expressed in His beautiful works. Teach them simple lessons from the book of nature and the things about them; and as their minds expand, lessons from books may be added."—*Counsels to Teachers*, p. 146.

"To the little child, not yet capable of learning from the printed page or of being introduced to the routine of the school-room, nature presents an unfailing source of instruction and delight. The heart not yet hardened by contact with evil is quick to recognize the Presence that pervades all created things. The ear as yet undulled by the world's clamour is attentive to the voice that speaks through nature's utterances. . . . In no other way can the foundation of a true education be so firmly and surely laid."—*Education*, pp. 100, 101.

(To be continued.)



Forest Hill Young People's Activities

WE are very happy to be able to report that all our young folk—including one little fellow of seven years of age—have done some collecting in the Ingathering Campaign and between them have brought in a little short of £13.

Besides this sixteen to twenty young people deliver tracts regularly week by week and they have some very interested readers. We are hoping great things of our young people. Please remember them in your prayers.

JENNY R. WHARRIE, *Young People's Leader*.



BROTHER E. T. WAKEFIELD wishes to return thanks to our heavenly Father for his successful operation and splendid recovery, and also to express his gratitude to the many kind friends in various churches who offered up prayer on his behalf, thereby undoubtedly assisting in his recovery. The Catford Church is delighted to welcome him back, once more in good health, after an absence of nearly a month. E. R. BINNS.

At Rest

HARTSHORN.—On October 17th Sister Hartshorn, of Thurmaston, after a two weeks' illness, rested from labour at the age of 78. She accepted the truth through the labours of Sister Brooks several years ago and died loving the truth. Although not able to come to our meetings in Leicester she enjoyed reading "Present Truth" and other of our papers.

L. BROOKING.

WOOLSTON.—On Thursday, November 15th, our dear Sister Woolston passed away. The Sabbath was presented to her a few years ago by Sister Pearman and was readily accepted. She was a child of God. A faithful husband and seven children mourn their loss. Our hearts go out in sympathy to all the bereaved and pray that God will give wisdom and strength to Norah as she endeavours to replace "Mother." We laid Sister Woolston to rest on the 19th to await the resurrection morn.

E. E. CRAVEN.

JACKSON.—Early in the morning hours of November 19th our dear Sister Jackson passed away in her sleep. For many years our sister has been in the grip of that deadly disease, cancer. Courageously she bore the pain and her continuous message to the church was "Victory unto the end." She was baptized twelve months ago and the third angel's message brought joy to her heart. Our hearts go out to her dear husband and family in this their hour of bereavement. We laid her to rest on the 22nd, confident that when Christ shall call our sister will answer. Our hearts in Leeds are sad as we have been called upon to part with two of God's saints.

E. E. CRAVEN.

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OWING to the large amount of copy received for this issue the Editor "regrets" that he must confine his remarks to apologizing to the contributors whose matter has to be left out.



Our Young People and the Closing Work

As early as 1892 messages began to come to us from the Spirit of prophecy regarding our young people. One of the first was dated Dec. 19, 1892, and read: "We have an army of youth to-day who can do much if they are properly directed and encouraged." When this was written there were approximately 17,000 young people in the world connected with this movement. To-day we have approximately 100,000. How true it is that we have an army of youth who can do much if directed and encouraged. For ages the great Niagara Falls had rolled over its precipice without accomplishing good to anyone. Suddenly men with a vision saw great possibilities, harnessed its power and brought light and blessing to men and women. Like the Niagara, the energy of our young people in the early days of the movement was running to waste. A few societies had been formed and then came messages from the Spirit of prophecy to harness up the great energy of our young people. "The restless energy that is so often a source of danger to the young might be directed into channels through which it would flow out in streams of blessing." "Years may counsel and stimulate and provide means, but the hard work must fall mainly on the young strength and zeal. Experience may counsel but youth pulls the oar." A part of the great army of youth is at work in Britain and the harnessed energy is flowing out in blessings to men and women. The following brief report of work done should encourage the older members to take a deeper interest in the young people, for "The work that lies nearest to the churchmembers is to become interested in our youth."—"Testimonies," Vol. 7, p. 196.

Details	1st. quar.	2nd. quar.	3rd quar.
Societies	52	62	64
Membership	757	1088	1046
No. reporting	427	546	460
Letters written	659	1018	809
Letters received	368	548	487
Missionary Visits	1170	1422	1188
Bible Readings	377	389	254
Papers sold	22052	26789	9466
Papers given	2838	3610	3224
Books sold	631	598	948
Books given	533	660	488
Tracts sold	270	452	237
Tracts given	13435	9921	3926
Hours of Christian Help Work	4470	7421	7566
Articles of clothing given	606	459	1
Treatments given	68	341	157
Bills distributed	62344	39348	18481
No. conversions	3	8	21
No. taking Standard of Attainment	154	178	178
Offerings to Missions	£45 16 8½	£49 3 0	£44 19 2

During the third quarter of the year our young people have been busily engaged in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign, hence the figures for the third quarter are not so large as those of the first and second quarters. Soon we hope to have reports of the work done by our young people in the Campaign.

The following is from a letter we have received: "The members of the Glasgow Young People's Society have done very much better this year in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign than last year. Even the very young members have

done their part. God richly blessed us in our efforts to get money for the advancement of the Gospel to those in heathen darkness. We have gathered the sum of £20 for the Campaign." This is only one out of the many that have done well.

Dear church leaders, it is your privilege in co-operation with your churchmembers to direct and encourage the army of youth at your command. Give your young people something to do and so save them to this movement and finally to the kingdom of God for eternity.
W J. YOUNG.



Southend-on-Sea Young People's Society

ALTHOUGH the above society has not increased its membership during the past year, we are glad to report that a lively interest is shown by the members, many of whom have taken an active part in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign. Our goal was set for £20 and we have passed that by over £5.

We have been favoured with several visits from conference workers, which have been very much appreciated. Especially were we glad to have with us once again Pastor Young, who gave us valuable advice regarding the relationship between the Young People's and the Sabbath-school work.

It is gratifying to note that every member taking the Standard of Attainment Course successfully passed in the June examination.
N. LEVIERGE, Assistant Secretary.

ADVERTISEMENTS

Where to stay in London.—"Restholmie," 31 Lorne Road, Finsbury Park, London, N.

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WANTED.—Small house to rent, with some land, suitable for a small holding and poultry. If suitable might purchase later. Dutton, Shide House Cottage, Newport, Isle of Wight.

WANTED.—General maid for nice, comfortable home; no washing and no children; only two in family; Saturdays off. Write: Mr. and Mrs. B. Coller, 19 Chardmore Road, Stamford Hill, London, N.16.

COOK or housekeeper disengaged desires post where Sabbath can be kept; thoroughly experienced; good references. Communicate in first instance with Mrs. Duvall, The Laundry, Stanborough Park, Watford, Herts.

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SUNSET CALENDAR.

	LONDON	CARDIFF	EDINBURGH
November 30th	3.56	4.9	3.47
December 7th	3.53	4.6	3.42