

# The MISSIONARY WORKER

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BRITISH UNION CONFERENCE  
OF  
SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

## We Welcome the Division Committee

By the Editor

THE European Division Committee has decided to hold its winter session at Stanborough Park, commencing December 26th. Among those who will attend, whose names are familiar to our people in this field, are Elders L. H. Christian, L. R. Conradi, J. C. Raft, W. K. Ising, W. E. Read, P. P. Paulini, A. V. Olsen and E. Kotz. We extend to all a very hearty welcome to the British Union. We are glad that they have decided to hold their meeting in our midst. It raises our hopes that certain urgent British problems will receive special attention.

Britain's greatest need at the present time is more evangelism. The number of towns and cities in our field which have never seen a Seventh-Day Adventist preacher is appalling. When Pastor A. E. Bacon was outlining the needs of the North England Conference in the *MISSIONARY WORKER* only a few months ago he presented the following staggering statistics:—

"We have in this North England Conference," he wrote, "sixty cities with a population of between 20,000 and 30,000 (an average of 24,354 each), fifty-five of which await the coming of the living preacher.

"We have twenty-eight cities with a population between 30,000 and 40,000 (an average of 34,345 each), twenty-five of which have not yet been entered by an evangelist.

"We have nineteen cities with a population between 40,000 and 50,000 (an average of 43,488 each), fifteen of which are waiting for present truth.

"We have eight cities with a population between 50,000 and 60,000 (an average of 53,890), ALL of which await God's message for to-day. All we have in these eight large places, by the way, is ONE isolated sister.

"Then we have ten cities with a population between 60,000 and 70,000 (an average of 65,137 each), seven of which are still waiting for the message for this time.

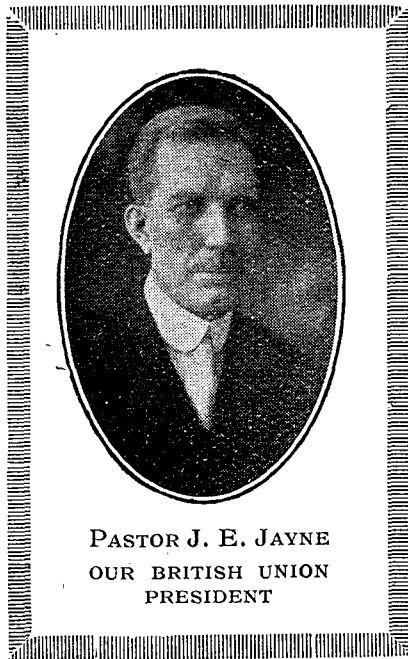
"We have nine cities with a population between 70,000 and 80,000 (an average of 74,935 each), three yet to be worked.

"We have four with a population between 80,000 and 90,000 (an average of 85,518 each), one still to be entered.

"We have five with a population between 90,000 and 100,000 (an average of 95,516 each), four waiting for our ministers to come.

"We have fifteen with a population between 100,000 and 150,000 (an average of 123,192 each), eight of which are waiting for the third angel's message.

"We have two cities of nearly 200,000 each, both waiting for our ministers to come with the truth for these days. In one of them we have two isolated members and in the other only one member."



PASTOR J. E. JAYNE  
OUR BRITISH UNION  
PRESIDENT

The South England Conference could present similar figures, with the addition of the unwarned millions of London. Together they present an appeal which cannot be left unanswered. These millions are as dear to the Saviour's heart as the heathen of Africa. They, too, must hear this last warning message ere the end can come.

What vast possibilities lie before the cause in this heart of the British Empire! Think what has been done already—what is being done now—by the few Sabbath-keepers in this land. There are less than four thousand. Yet in the past four years, under the blessing of the Lord, they have raised by gifts and Ingathering collections about £60,000—\$250,000—for foreign missions. What help might not this

Union render to the cause of missions if its membership were doubled or trebled!

Think for a moment of the Home Missionary activities of the remnant in Britain. They circulate about 30,000 copies of "Present Truth" every fortnight and 25,000 copies of "Good Health" every month—a fortnightly average of twelve copies of the two papers for every Adventist in the Union. And it should not be overlooked that both papers are now run without loss to the Publishing House. It is an achievement to call forth thankfulness, -but what might not be done with double the membership?

It is when one considers the number of Adventists per thousand of the population that the truth is brought home that the British Union should be assisted to increase its membership. In Germany there are to-day 30,000 Seventh-Day Adventists among a population of 60,000,000, or one Seventh-Day Adventist to every 2,000 people. In England there are, roughly, 4,000 Seventh-Day Adventists to 45,000,000 people, or one Seventh-Day Adventist to every 11,000 people. That is evidence enough as to where efforts might well be concentrated for some time to come.

We appreciate the fact that all the world is crying out for help, that millions in other lands are longing for this message. We rejoice in these opening providences elsewhere. Nevertheless, in view of the wonderful possibilities before the work in Great Britain and the assured resultant blessings to other fields of a ten thousand membership in this Union, we suggest at this most opportune moment that no better investment could be made than in evangelism for the British people. Such an investment might be a turning point in the history of the movement. Certainly it would be an action worthy of far-seeing statesmen of God.

## Are We Prepared?

BEFORE the Great War broke out, the following solemn statement was made by the Lord's chosen servant: "There will soon be a sudden change in God's dealings. The world in its perversity is being visited by casualties, by floods, storms, fires, earthquakes, famines, war and bloodshed. . . . Who is prepared for the sudden change that will take place in God's dealing with men?"—"Special Testimony on Education," p. 28.

This is a solemn, personal question. Who is prepared for the sudden change? Who is sufficient? Who will stand?

"Lest coming suddenly," said Jesus. Brethren and sisters, are we not coming into these changed conditions? Is it not true that we are even now coming right into the predicted hour of trial?—the hour which is to come upon the whole inhabited world, "to try them that dwell upon the earth."

Is it not, even to-day, true, that human resources have dried up? That the world situation is such that a state of sheer hopelessness is becoming more and more apparent? That "every movement in the government of God is being watched with intense interest and inexpressible apprehension." As recently stated by Dr. F. B. Meyer, "Men have tried every system of human government, every phase of human philosophy, every form of religious cult. Like a restless sleeper, they have tossed restlessly on their beds, and beneath their coverlets; but the one is shorter than a man can stretch himself on it, and the other is narrower than a man can wrap himself in it. Many there be which say, Who will show us any good? Suicide is said to be on the increase. Immorality and the laxity of the marriage tie, suggest the

wane of love and hope and faith. The clouds of revolution and searching trial are hurrying up the sky. Ancient landmarks are being swallowed up by the advancing tides of change."

These solemn truths should arrest us. They should lead us to reflection and earnest prayer. Then would we not become more energetically and successfully engaged in warning others and winning them to God and His truth? In a few days' time another year of "this generation" will have passed. We are all convinced that God has very many souls in every town who



Where thirty millions at least have never seen nor heard a Seventh-Day Adventist preacher.

Ere judgments fall from the wrath-filled vials  
Up! Warn the souls of the British Isles!

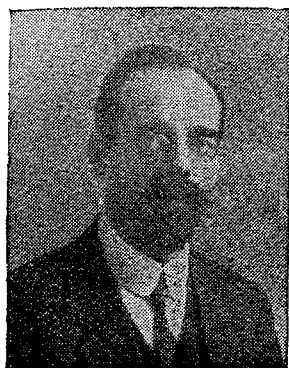
are seeking to know the will of God and the meaning of present-day happenings. A few days ago the writer was privileged to speak to a small group of new Sabbath-keepers together with several others learning their way into the message, and the eagerness, yearning and intense earnestness which characterized these good people showed plainly that our small numbers are not altogether due to a lack of response on the part of the souls about us. It is we ourselves who lack faith, power and zeal in doing the work committed to us.

We believe the Week of Prayer has brought great blessing to many souls. Sins have been confessed and put away. Wrongs have been made right. The King's highway is being cleared. Let SERVICE be the watchword for 1924. Not lip-service; not a lifeless, formal service, but that which is the natural

product of hearts renewed and possessed by the Holy Spirit.

"Throughout our churches there is to be a reconversion and a reconsecration to service. Shall we not in our work in the future, and in the gatherings that we hold, be of one accord? Shall we not wrestle with God in prayer, asking for the Holy Spirit to come into every heart? The presence of Christ manifest among us would cure the leprosy of unbelief that has made our service so weak and inefficient. We need the breath of the divine life breathed into us. We are to be channels through which the Lord can send light and grace to the world. Backsliders are to be reclaimed. We are to put away our sins by confession and repentance, humbling our proud hearts before God. Floods of spiritual power are to be poured upon those who are willing to receive it."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 8, p. 46.

J. HARKER.



F. A. Spearing.

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W. Maudsley

### Shall We Stop Giving?

THE Week of Prayer is over. For some it has been a real "week of sacrifice." For how many has it not been a season of refreshing? We know of many who have come under the influence of the Spirit of God during these days. Hearts have been melted; sins have been confessed, both privately and publicly; wrongs have been righted; power for living and witnessing has been sought and obtained; precious souls have been born again into the kingdom of God. Altogether we can say that never has the softening and subduing influence of the Holy Spirit been more manifest than during the season just ended. On Sabbath, December 15th, the climax was reached. Our people generally were invited to reconsecrate their lives and their all to the service of God, and from what we hear and have seen they have responded well. Not every voice was heard in testimony that Sabbath afternoon, but we are sure that great victories have been gained. Our brethren and sisters emerged from the Week of Prayer with a spirit of praise for what God had wrought for and through them.

Shall we cease giving? When our Father ceases to shower down His blessings upon us; when our Saviour ceases to love us; when we cease to receive, we may cease to give. When we remember that "goodness and mercy" have "followed us all the days of our life," and that "every good gift and every perfect gift" we receive, comes from our Father in heaven, we can do no less than say:—

"Take my life and let it be  
 Consecrated, Lord, to Thee. . . .  
 Take my silver and my gold  
 Not a mite would I withhold."

The following paragraph from a letter received from Pastor W. E. Read will encourage our members throughout the field: "I am very glad that we can pass on an encouraging word from our different mission fields. The Lord is certainly blessing the efforts of our faithful workers in the regions beyond. During the last few weeks we have received word from nearly all the fields, and with very few exceptions the note of progress and victory is sounded. Brother Spencer Maxwell in Pare reports a recent baptism of twelve. Brother Delhove in the Ruanda tells of five who have just gone forward in this ordinance. He is full of joy and courage over the fact that his eldest daughter is one of the number. In Eritrea Brother Gudmundson is encouraged by the fact that he has just seen the firstfruits of his labour; five new converts were baptized some weeks ago. In Mwanza Brother Cuthbert writes concerning fifty-one natives who have just been buried with their Lord in baptism. Brother Raspal of Mauritius tells of twenty

who have just united with the church; and in Persia Brother Oster who has been working there for a number of years has just led forty into the watery grave. . . . In Iceland we expect soon to report the baptism of forty or more, so really in all these fields the Lord is working and souls are being won to the message."

Shall we cease to give? One sister, not yet a member of our church, has already answered the question for us. She writes: "Can you use one hundred pounds for the Lord's work? My husband is willing for me to send this sum on to you; it represents our hard-earned savings." These friends realize that it is a joy to give; a real blessing to be called upon to make sacrifices for the Master. And, thank God, their spirit is the spirit of the Advent people. F. A. SPEARING.



### Notes from the President

ON Monday, December 10th, it was our privilege to spend the whole of the morning with the Plymouth Church-school. The first hour was spent in a devotional manner, and the rest of the time we were privileged to visit the various classes in the school. It is evident that the Lord is blessing the work of Sister Lewis and Sister Firks. On the whole it is our opinion that the standard of education attained by the children at Plymouth is good. We pray for the blessing of God to continue to rest on the school here and the other church-schools in the Conference.

It was a real joy to us to lead through the waters of baptism six young people at Plymouth. The Lord is blessing Brother J. J. Hyde in his work in Devon.

WE are glad to report that a baptism was held on Sabbath, December 15th, at Wimbledon, and one at West London on Saturday evening, same date. We rejoice to see these evidences of the work of the Holy Spirit upon the hearts of men and women in the great city of London.

WE are wondering what success our members have had with the Christmas "Present Truth" and "Good Health," and with the little book "Looking Beyond." We pray that the papers and books sold will be truly effective in bringing souls into the truth, and that the amount obtained through their sale will swell the annual offering.

WE would remind all our members to hand in their tithes and offerings in good time. In just a few days the year will be ended and there is just a possibility that owing to the fact that this is the holiday season some might overlook this important matter.

SOME members during the Week of Prayer have handed to their respective churches rings, lockets, chains, etc., to be sold, the proceeds to go to missions. It is possible that there are others throughout this conference who would be glad to part with their jewellery for the Lord's work. Will all who desire to do this please send to Brother H. Robson, Lindrick House?

WE have great pleasure in wishing all the members in the South England Conference a truly happy and prosperous New Year. May 1924 be a record year!

F. A. S.



### Over Fifty Souls

I FEEL it a privilege to report progress once again in our church at Wimbledon. On Sabbath afternoon, December 15th, we held our second baptismal service this year. On this occasion twelve souls presented themselves for churchmembership by baptism and vote. Not having a church building of our own we were obliged to approach once again the leaders of the "Advent Church" with a request for the use of their church and baptistery.

Pastor L. W. Barras was present and addressed the candidates on the fundamental principles of the third angel's message. The church was full of members and friends who listened appreciatively to the very comprehensive and spiritual presentation of the chief points which distinguish us as a people. The writer then proceeded to immerse the candidates and afterwards the right hand of fellowship was extended to them all on their being received into the church.

The membership of the Wimbledon church—not yet a year old—is now over 140; the largest church in the British Union with the exception of Stanborough Park. Amongst the new members added this year I rejoice to state that eight were men. Considering the very trying days in which we are living, this is surely a testimony to faith and to the working of the Spirit of God. Perhaps the best aspect of all is the promising outlook which is still before us. To be added to the forty-two already taken into church fellowship there are more than a dozen others whom we fully expect to unite with us when next we baptize. If this baptism can be arranged by the end of January, 1924, we shall undoubtedly be able to show an increase of one soul per week for the first year of our stay in Wimbledon. The baptismal service was a fitting close to the Week of Prayer. As many of our members are scattered we decided to hold sectional meetings through the week, and these with our main services numbered sixteen in all. The ready response of prayer and testimony at these meetings indicate real spiritual life among the members.

My two Bible-workers, Miss Clifford and Miss Clarke, have done splendid service in this reaping of souls and are entitled to considerable credit; also the spirit shown by the church officers and members has contributed largely to the success of this spiritual enterprise. There are still many more souls yet to join this church. I trust it may be possible to gather them in to add still more to the triumphs of the Advent message.

Yours in the Master's service

W. MAUDSLEY.



### A Hundred Conversions at Walthamstow

THE WORKER family will be delighted to know that the hand of God is over the work in Walthamstow. On Sabbath, December 1st, we were privileged to have Pastor Spearing with us on the occasion of another baptismal service. He spoke powerfully concerning the things that God has revealed to us as a people. All hearts were touched and helped by his ministry. Following this address the writer led the candidates through the watery grave, after which they were received into church fellowship. It is just under two years since we opened up work in Walthamstow and over one hundred souls have responded to the truth, and by the time these words appear in print one hundred additional names will be on the roll as members in good and regular standing. Our baptisms for the current year are forty-four.

A splendid spirit of unity and Christian fellowship prevails among God's people here, and all conference goals have been

reached. The Lord helped us to reach the Harvest Ingathering goal within the six weeks, and now we are making a big attempt to make our annual offering a good one.

The young people's society is flourishing under the leadership of Brother Hargreaves. The church-school work is making splendid headway under the capable leadership of Sister Annie V. Tapping and the valuable help rendered by her colleague, Sister W. Willis. We appreciate very much the work that these two ladies are doing in our midst for our children.

A Good Health League has been started with Dr. F. C. Shone as president and Dr. H. Hargreaves as vice-president. This league will function shortly and bring before the people in a more definite way the health principles for which we stand. We are indebted to our loyal workers for their co-operation in making this progress possible. Sister Anderson has been with us since we opened up the work here, and is planning to stay on; she has many sheaves to lay at the Master's feet. Sister Dorothy Brown has been associated with us during the last year, and has done excellent work with her people, and has had the joy of seeing many of them line up with the people of God. We very much regret that she must leave us on January 1st. Brother Bird has, until recently, been rendering good service here and was present at our baptism when he had the joy of seeing some of his people make their covenant with the Lord. Sister Powell has been our part-time worker during the campaign, and the Lord has blessed her work with us. Unfortunately we may be losing her at the end of the year.

Quite a number of our young people are planning to attend College next year, and the writer has started a Greek class with nine students in attendance.

We face the future with calm trust in God. The outlook is excellent. Many are keeping the Sabbath. Men have sacrificed their positions to do so, but they find that God is still able to care for them. We solicit the prayers of God's people that we may all be kept faithful until the work is finished and the Lord calls us home.

Your brother, L. W. BARRAS.



## Scottish Conference

President: R. Mussen

### Baptismal Service at Edinburgh

AN effort was started here the first Sunday in March in the Grand Cinema, Stockbridge. On Sabbath, December 1st, the result of this effort was celebrated in the Church of Christ when the candidates for baptism were examined by our president, Pastor Mussen.

This part of the service was followed immediately by the baptism. We had the joy of seeing Brother Mussen bury eighteen dear souls in the watery grave, then raise them again to walk in newness of life.

We were sorry Brother Hyde had to leave before the full fruition of the effort was reached, but Sister Archibald, the members of this church and the writer know he rejoices with them in this evidence of the working power of God's Spirit on the human heart.

We also appreciate the many timely discourses which Dr. Cave has given.

There are still quite a number more who are keeping Sabbath, so we hope (D.V.) to have another baptism shortly.

H. W. ROBERTSON.



### Harvest Festival at Edinburgh

ON Sunday, October 7th, under a canopy of flowers and green leaves—not forgetting a large bunch of West Indian

bananas just above his head—Dr. Cave addressed a large and appreciative audience on the subject of "The Earth's Harvest."

The following evening, under the auspices of the Church Building Work Party, a very happy time was spent where pleasure and business were harmoniously blended. Sister Dickson, leader, was in the chair and a programme of singing and recitation was successfully carried through, some of the juniors taking part. After some refreshments had been served the harvest gifts were disposed of so successfully that ten o'clock found nothing but debris left and the Church Building Fund the richer by a few pounds sterling. For this result thanks were due to members and friends who not only brought their gifts but also their willing services. In "bringing in the sheaves" Sister Robertson was the leading spirit. She was unsparing of herself and an inspiration to the others, so our harvest festival was a success because, like "Barkus," everybody was "willin'" and it was the love of God which made them so. The work was for His cause. From Him all things come; to Him be all thanks and praise.

This year we miss not only the presence but the ready and efficient help of Pastor Hyde who, with Sister Hyde and wee Doreen, left us so unexpectedly in September. Brother Hyde was called to fill the place of Bible teacher at Stanborough College. We earnestly pray that they may have the rich blessing of the Lord in the new work and place and in God's hands be made a blessing to many.

J. ARCHIBALD.



### Glasgow Y.P.S.

FOR the Harvest Ingathering Campaign the Glasgow Young People's Society was formed into a collecting band with Miss G. Heard as leader and the writer as secretary.

The great amount of unemployment in the city made the work very hard and discouraging, but we pressed on determined to do our best, trusting in the Lord to crown our efforts with success. The majority of our young people rose to the occasion, and enabled us to finish with the goodly sum of £20 for missions.

MAY M. BLEASBY, Y.P.S. Secretary.



Alfred E. Bacon.

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E. E. Craven.

By the time this issue of the WORKER is in the hands of our members, the year 1923 will have nearly passed into eternity. A few more days and its record will be complete. For many it has been a year of trouble and perplexity. The vast amount of unemployment, and the unrest and unsettled state of the world, have all helped to make it one of the most trying years of our lives. Yet in spite of all this, God has been very gracious to us as His children, and for all His mercies and blessings we thank Him, and reconsecrate ourselves to Him for more efficient service. The outlook for 1924 is by no means a promising one, especially in our own kingdom. It looks as though we shall have to do in times of trouble, and under the most unfavourable conditions, what we have failed to do in times of peace and prosperity. We are writing this in the middle of the Week of Prayer, and our hearts are made to rejoice by the good news that we are receiving of the manifold blessings our dear members are enjoying at this special season of seeking the Lord. Our *greatest and most urgent need* is a revival of our spiritual life. As we pray for this revival let us say, Lord, begin this revival in *me*. Then, no matter whatever the new year may have in store for us by way of trouble and unrest, it will be for us as individuals a year of mighty power and victory—a year of soul-winning and great advancement. That this may be so is our most earnest prayer.

Success has attended the efforts of our evangelists, for which we thank God. Our latest achievement is the organization of a company in Douglas, Isle of Man, which we hope is the forerunner of a good strong church in the island. On November 30th our Harvest Ingathering totalled £2,219. 6s.-9d., a per capita of 34/2. We are very grateful for this magnificent sum of money for our missions. We are hoping to raise as an annual offering the sum of £650. Many of our lay members are uniting with our conference workers in responding to the call for a week of sacrifice.

We take this opportunity to invite all our members to make sure that all their tithes and offerings are in the hands of their church treasurer not later than Sunday, Dec 30th. *Treasurers*, please send in all your funds to the conference office on Monday, December 31st. Our isolated members should send in also on Monday, the 31st. This being the end of the year, let nothing be left over for the new year that should come in this year. We would also remind our secretaries to be prompt in filling out their respective reports *cor-*

*rectly*, and in sending them to us in good time.

To all the members of the WORKER family we tender our very best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year.

ALFRED E. BACON.



### A Great Enterprise

DURING the past century many great feats of engineering work have been accomplished as the result of carefully-worked-out plans. Yet how much could have been done without the co-operation of thousands of workmen who have carried out the instruction of master-minds? In like manner, God has placed in our hands His plans for the finishing of the most important task ever entrusted to mankind. He looks for our help in carrying out this great enterprise. The completion of this task, which is of unusual importance, is soon to be achieved.

LEADERS.

As wise generals, you are to lay plans for advance moves all along the line. We are not even to wait for what might seem to be a more convenient time or favourable opportunity. The plans must be passed on quickly. Delay is dangerous. We must act at once! While we wait, the enemy is entrenching himself, and the cause of God must suffer. *Now* is the time to link up the full strength of membership with the cause of truth. Leaders! let us be up and doing. Arouse your members to action. Co-operate with us in the advancement of the work so long delayed.

OFFICERS!

Unite together for strong advance moves during the coming year. Make 1924 a year of real success.

"The sunset beams across the sky. . . .  
 The work that centuries might have done,  
 Must crowd the hour of setting sun."

The message of the angel is: "There shall be time no longer." Soon Jesus will come. Let this be our confidence. We appeal to

EVERY MEMBER—

Respond to the call! Link up in this soul-saving work. Ask yourself the question: "What can I do?" then ask God

for guidance, as Paul did: "Lord, what wilt Thou have ME to do?"

You can be a living link in the chain—the life-line—flung out to save sinking humanity. HOW?—

By taking a personal interest in the souls around you.

By a stewardship of your time—devoting one hour or more each week to definite Christian service.

By passing on the message contained in our books and periodicals. Many have read themselves into the truth. Be a sower for Christ.

By visiting at least six homes regularly with tracts. New "Topical Truth Series" is just the thing.

By becoming better acquainted with the message, so that as opportunity comes, you may give Bible studies.

By visiting the sick, the infirm, the aged, the sorrowing; rendering help as you are able.

By a stewardship of your income, thus increasing your gifts for the advancement of work in all lands.

Above all, by a deeper spiritual experience; a closer walk with God; and a more complete and entire surrender of yourself to the Master. Activity, coupled with a life of consecration, will bring success and victory. Will you respond?—Then

begin at once by taking hold of the first opportunity that presents itself. Remember that—

"Chance will not do the work,  
Chance sends the breeze;  
But if the pilot slumbers at the helm,  
The very wind that wafts us to the port  
May dash us on the shelves.  
The steersman's part is vigilance,  
Blow it rough or smooth."

Know that YOU have a part to take in the great task—now nearing completion—of warning a lost world, and act at once!

News is already to hand of a record month in our literature work, which will crown the year with success.

We also anticipate big reports from all our churches, companies, and M.V. societies for this closing month of 1923.

With hearty thanks for your loyal co-operation during the year, and wishing all our members and young people the compliments of the season,

Yours for great things during 1924,  
FRED W. GOODALL.



W. H. Meredith

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J. H. Parkin

### Our Sabbath Schools

IN this issue we would use our space to refer briefly to a vital feature of the work in Wales—our Sabbath-schools. We are privileged to have a fairly close acquaintance—gained by occasional visits—with most of these institutions, and would take this opportunity of saying how much we enjoy sharing in the weekly feasts of the good things to be obtained only in the Sabbath-school.

To meet, as in some cases, those who have travelled long distances on foot, often over mountainous ground, and to start with them Sabbath-school *on time*, is indeed an inspiration. Then, to be one of a class whose members take a lively interest in the recitation of the lesson, giving proof of some real daily Bible study, is a further joy, and one never hesitates when invited to take such a class.

On these visits we try to learn all we can of the schools, and consequently are "all ears" when the secretary's report is being read. The privilege of listening to a carefully prepared report (without much of the customary "then followed" and "after this"!) supplies as much information as would have been gained in two visits to that same school had no report been rendered. Variety—the spice of life—is ours to enjoy in respect to reports by reason of attending a different school each week; yet this enjoyment to a large extent may be shared by all if secretaries will develop their opportunities of serving up bright, bracing, and yet brief reports. This can be done without drawing on the imagination too much. To feel the pulse of the school as regards attendance, daily study, offerings, etc., and chart it out in graphic fashion in the report week by week, is the grand privilege of every secretary; and there can be no greater aid than this to a superintendent who is anxious for a healthy school.

Ours, too, is the opportunity of hearing a variety of readers making use of the interesting "Missions Quarterly" on behalf of a needy mission field in anticipation of the thirteenth Sabbath. The appeal that is made by some readers is irresistible—the result of the time given to looking well over the article before reading, and rendering it plainly and intelligently, thus conveying the spirit of the missionary writer as he penned it in the midst of the pressing need of his field. We are not sur-

prised at the good Thirteenth Sabbath Offerings in some schools when care is taken in this respect.

Occasionally one has the pleasure of witnessing the review of the previous week's lesson in an ideal fashion, minus notes, lesson pamphlet or Bible; brief yet comprehensive. Such an experience is certainly stimulating.

We would not imply that the pleasing features of Sabbath-school procedure as here described are common to the schools in the Welsh Conference, nor that in any one of them are all manifested. Such, however, is the ideal before us and we would earnestly commend the suggestions to the men and women who will be selected as Sabbath-school superintendents and secretaries for the new year. "All the church in the Sabbath-school" is an assured thing when attendance at the Sabbath-school is made worth while.

Despite the unfortunate cut in the miners' wages, difficulty in supporting hall rents, and other adverse conditions that have been developing for some time, we are happy to record the maintenance of the average weekly per capita rate of 6d. Three times only since the beginning of 1921 has this been exceeded, viz., 8d., 6½d., and 7d. for the first, third and fourth quarters of 1921 respectively. As was seen in the last WORKER, no conference exceeded our per capita rate for the third quarter of this year. We rejoice in this manifest token of the real devotion of our Sabbath-school members to the cause of missions, though, frankly, we were sorry to see quite half our schools below the 6d. mark. Pembroke Dock with 1/-, Cardiff 10½d., Mountain Ash 9½d., and Port Talbot 9d. deserve special mention in relation to the weekly goal of 9d. per member. Attention to the membership, making use of the Home Department, birthday gifts, and the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will, we confidently hope, bring others within this honoured circle at the close of this, the last quarter of the year.

"A cry as of pain, again and again,  
Is borne o'er the deserts and wide-spreading main,  
A cry from the lands that in darkness are lying,  
A cry from the hearts that in sorrow are sighing,  
It comes unto me, it comes unto thee;  
Oh! what, oh, what shall the answer be?"

J. H. PARKIN.

# CIRCULATION DEPT. NOTES

## The January "Good Health"

IT was a matter of considerable regret that we were not able to supply the demand for the Christmas number of "Good Health"; only a limited number were printed, and many whose orders were late were disappointed. We hope it will not occur again; it never occurs with those who know the value of being on time. Let us see how we get on with the January number. This is now ready for delivery. It is a bright and attractive issue with a lively winter scene on the cover page printed in a pretty sunset blue ink. The articles in this number are thoroughly practical and will be much appreciated by all who believe in prevention rather than cure. How to "Stop that cold!"—stop it starting—that's the kind of article that is worth while. No one objects to paying 3d. when the magazine contains this sort of matter. It may be you know the last word in cold stopping, but everybody does not. There are thousands of people who will be glad for the information this article contains. "Oh, for Sleep!" sighs Dr. G. H. Heald, on behalf of those who cannot get it. You will find many who will gladly pay double the price of the journal for this article alone, for it is full of sound advice to the sleepless. "Common Winter Ailments" includes preventive treatment for pneumonia and the "Flu." Here again the information given may be well known but needs continual emphasis. Now is the time to do it. You may save someone a serious illness by selling them a copy of this January number. "Defective Diet and Degenerative Diseases,"

is the title of Dr. Ruble's article in this number. It contains some dietetic truths which none of us can afford to ignore. We hope you will decide to order a good supply of this excellent issue.

## The Christmas Number of "Present Truth"

WE are delighted with the hearty support that we received in circulating the holiday number of "Present Truth." 50,000 copies were sent out in the time taken to dispose of half that number ordinarily. Many of our people welcomed the opportunity and appreciated the extra 10 per cent discount allowed. Let us hope that much good will be accomplished by the circulation of this splendid number. To those who were disappointed by not sending their orders in soon enough, or who for other reasons failed to have a part in this good work, we say, make up for it by ordering an extra supply of "Present Truth" No. 1 which is now ready. You will find many people who will be interested in the article entitled, "Probing the Secrets of 1924." Get a copy and read it well yourself; you will soon get up the necessary enthusiasm to order and sell a good number. The cover picture is particularly attractive—it is a home scene entitled, "Telling the old, old story." Here are the main articles:—

Looking Back at 1923.—By the Editor.

The World's Wonder Book.—By L. H. Reed.

Why Not Be 100 Per Cent Protestant?—By E. E. Craven.

Probing the Secrets of 1924.—By O. L. Ice.

Onward With God.—By E. Rowell.

Why not double your "Present Truth" order for the whole of 1924? Surely this is a goal worth striving to attain.

# Canvassers' Book Report for November, 1923

## Scottish Conference

Field Missionary Secretary: F. L. Chapman

Name	Territory	Book	Hrs.	Total Value
Barr, A.....	Glasgow.....	S. to C.	143	8 18 0
Broadfoot, A.....	Suetland.....	D. & R.	80	19 5 0
Clement, A.....	Glasgow.....	L.B.	133	16 18 0
Howard, H. D.....	Deeside.....	D. & R.	102	25 18 0
Howie, J.....	Glasgow.....	L.B.	54	12 4 0
Innes, A.....	Glasgow.....	"	202	29 2 0
Miscellaneous.....			55	18 1 6
<b>Total.</b>			<b>769</b>	<b>130 6 6</b>
No. of Agents, 6.				

## Welsh Conference

Field Missionary Secretary: D. Davies

Name	Territory	Book	Hrs.	Total Value
Brooks, R.....	Treforest.....	O.D.		7 0
Bevon, J. G.....	Pembrokeshire.....	"	147	32 12 6
Box, A. E.....	Cardiff.....	L.B.	87	7 19 0
Cox, H.....	Newport.....	"	20	14 0
Davies, O. C.....	Swansea.....	D. & R.	120	16 7 6
Davies, W.....	Rhondda.....	"	102	23 4 6
Franklin, A. M.....	Llanely.....	L.B.	104	16 12 6
Freeth, R.....	Newport.....	"	97	10 3 6
Fisher, A. W.....	Pontypridd.....	D. & R.	62	7 14 4
Howell, H. J.....	Radnorshire.....	L.B.	107	9 10 0
Morris, W.....	Aberdare.....	"	8	19 0
Owen, J.....	Mountain Ash.....	D. & R.	189	22 1 2
Parry, Miss.....	Port Talbot.....	"	28	3 11 0
Rees, J.....	Resolven.....	O.P.H.	179	35 1 2
Woodfield, W. H.....	Herefordshire.....	D. & R.	124	6 18 0
Miscellaneous.....	Rhondda.....		60	21 10 0
<b>Total.</b>			<b>1434</b>	<b>215 5 2</b>
No. Agents, 15.				

## North England Conference

Field Missionary Secretary: F. L. Chapman

Name.	Territory	Book.	Hrs.	Total value.
Anderson, Ivy.....	Harrowgate.....	L.B.	180	30 0 0
Beiton, B.....	Huddersfield.....	O.D.	191	57 12 0
Bolam, J. R. W.....	Leeds.....	L.B.	117	16 17 6
Bolam, P. W.....	Birkenhead.....	"	90	12 11 0
Davies, B. H. C.....	Bradford.....	"	79	13 0 0
Gallaher, J. C.....	Newcastle.....	D. & R.	207	35 16 0
Glenister, A. G.....	Leicester.....	L.B.	83	2 0 0
Greenhow, J. H.....	Blackburn.....	D. & R.	132	28 7 0
Gregory, W.....	Wolverhampton.....	R.A.	143	44 2 6
Gregory, E.....	Northallerton.....	L.B.	90	10 7 6
Griffith, G. W.....	Redditch.....	G.C.	36	11 9 0
Hall, N. S.....	Grimsby.....	L.B.	160	15 2 0
Halstead, E.....	Oldham.....	D. & R.	86	29 19 6
Hamblin, G.....	Leicester.....	L.B.	42	3 11 0
Hamblin, Mrs.....	Rugeley.....	S. of H.	40	2 4 0
Hilton, W.....	Hartlepool.....	D. & R.	197	30 1 0
Hulbert, A. E.....	Morpeth.....	"	199	53 1 6
Jacques, E.....	Glossop.....	"	180	23 17 6
James, W.....	Bradford.....	"	98	13 0 0
Lacey, A.....	Wolverhampton.....	L.B.	88	21 12 0
Laming, W. E.....	Barnsley.....	S. to C.	185	27 1 6
Leck, Miss S.....	Blaydon.....	D. & R.	43	1 18 0
Mayoh, P.....	Bolton.....	"	53	14 0 6
Reeve, A.....	York.....	L.B.	98	8 15 6
Rowland, W.....	Sheffield.....	D. & R.	169	27 1 6
Thorpe, Mrs.....	Todmorden.....	O.D.	27	5 7 6
Young, E. J.....	Stourbridge.....	D. & R.	125	10 11 0
Miscellaneous.....				8 14 0
<b>Total.</b>			<b>3038</b>	<b>558 0 6</b>
No. Agents, 27.				

## South England Conference

Field Missionary Secretary: J. S. Newman

Name	Territory	Book	Hrs.	Total Value
Barker, Mrs.....	Bath.....	L.B.	24	1 0 0
Bailey, Mrs.....	Wimbledon.....	D. & R.	64	14 12 0
Benefield, J.....	Cirencester.....	"	230	41 2 9
Buckle, H. G.....	Salisbury.....	"	14	1 8 4
Boyce, H. G.....	Exeter.....	"	66	6 8 3
Butler, Miss.....	Woking.....	"	172	15 4 9
Burrow, S.....	Kilburn.....	"	67	3 16 0
Cameron, Miss.....	Gillingham.....	L.B.	99	4 3 2
Chappell, W. G.....	Bristol.....	"	89	16 11 9
Chappell, Mrs.....	".....	"	159	26 10 7
Combridge, S.....	Bungay.....	D. & R.	139	36 11 0
Dean, J.....	Brighton.....	L.B.	110	9 14 0
Hardy, J.....	Guernsey.....	B.R.	186	123 18 6
Joyce, R. S.....	Chelmsford.....	L.B.	105	27 10 0
Kelly, C. L.....	Raleigh.....	D. & R.	34	2 11 6
Lelean, D.....	Littleport.....	"	80	6 12 0
Nickels, G. D.....	".....	"	82	21 16 0
Rice, S.....	Bristol.....	"	97	12 0 2
Spencer, J.....	Bideford.....	"	63	6 19 6
Sully, Mrs.....	Salisbury.....	"	159	32 11 3
Watts, Miss.....	Bristol.....	L.B.	128	10 5 0
Whaley, S.....	Bournemouth.....	D. & R.	172	14 7 0
Winkworth, A. E.....	Canterbury.....	O.D.	100	12 0 0
<b>Total.</b>			<b>2439</b>	<b>447 19 6</b>
No. of Agents, 23.				
<b>Grand Totals, 71.</b>			<b>7680</b>	<b>1351 11 8</b>

# THE EDITOR'S PAGE.

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December 21, 1923.

A WIRELESS message from Elder Jayne informs us that he is on the s.s. "Majestic" and will arrive here by the 22nd.

THIS is the last issue of the WORKER for 1923. The next number will be dated Jan. 11, 1924. Copy should be in by Jan. 3.

IT has been decided by the British Union Committee that the MISSIONARY WORKER shall become a regular fortnightly for the future, so that there will be twenty-six issues during 1924 instead of twenty-four as in past years.

WE are glad to be able to publish in this issue the reports of further baptisms. When the final statements for the year are issued we believe an excellent increase in the total membership will be revealed. Looking at the MISSIONARY WORKER file for 1923 we have been impressed with the remarkable number of baptisms reported during the year. On the average there has been more than one per issue, recording in all the addition of nearly 300 souls. Doubtless other baptisms have taken place which have not been reported to the WORKER. Here is the list according to our file: Walthamstow (44), Wimbledon (42), Edinburgh (33), Glasgow (27), Bristol (17), West London (16), Watford Town (16), Belfast and District (11), Stanborough Park (11), York (8), Hereford (8), Hull (7), Manchester (7), Worcester (7), Plymouth (6), Bath (5), Liverpool (5), Kettering (5), Birmingham (4), Southend (2), Perth (2). A full list will, of course, be published later, but this is sufficient to bring encouragement to us as we bid farewell to 1923 and look out on the prospects for the coming year. It also sheds light on the possibilities before the work in this field, referred to in the front page article. If these results could be accomplished with our very limited resources for advertising purposes—and our meagre force of workers—what might not be done with a heavy appropriation for evangelism, wisely administered?

ONE of the most interesting items of news that has come to us during the past few days is the fact reported by Brother F. L. Chapman that the Glasgow Broadcasting Station, in a recent "Talk on Books," made reference to "Looking Beyond." If any reader "listened in" that evening we should be very glad to hear what was said.

TUESDAY evening, December 18th, the Stanborough Park Church School entertained half of Watford—or it seemed so—in the College dining room. An excellent programme had been arranged and great credit is due to the school authorities for the thorough way every item had been organized and prepared.

Among the good items unfortunately held over this time are articles from Pastor W. J. Young, Brethren J. S. Newman and A. C. Johnson, and a report from the Handsworth Young People's Society. We will do our best to get these into the next issue.

WE should be particularly interested to learn whether or not the Christmas "Present Truth" was a "good seller." Did you appreciate a threepenny paper with 60 per cent discount? Please let us know.

## Press Notes

CHURCH Treasurers and Sabbath-school Secretaries will be interested to note that we have a good supply of Church Record Books (4/6; 9/-, 11/3 according to size), Church Treasurers' Report Books (1/- each) and Sabbath-school Record Books (2/9 and 8/6). We sometimes hear of the records of a church being kept in ordinary note books. This is surely not necessary or advisable when we have specially prepared books with columns provided for the various activities which not only preserve the information required in a systematic manner but safeguard the secretary against overlooking the details required for the proper conduct of the Church's activities. The beginning of the year is a good time to start a new record system; let us hear from all who have not properly prepared record books.

THE CIRCULATION DEPARTMENT.

## ADVERTISEMENTS

AUDIT clerk requires situation as same, or book-keeper. Six years' experience, London preferred. Strict Sabbath keeper. J. C. Thompson, "Roseneath," Nelson Rd., South Ockendon, Romford, Ex.

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WANTED.—By lad of 17, situation in any capacity where Sabbath can be kept. Experience as salesman. Accustomed to horses. Write W. H., c/o Pastor F. A. Spearing, Lindrick House, Seven Sisters Road, Finsbury Park, London, N.4.

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VACANCY.—The College is in a position to offer sufficient domestic work to cover the expenses of a strong girl who is desirous of coming to school for the remaining portion of the current school year. One with knowledge of cooking preferred. Apply: The Principal, Stanborough Park College, Watford, Herts.

MARRIED couple require situation together where Sabbath can be kept. Willing to work in any capacity. Apply: Miss Robertson, Picardy Hall, 16 Picardy Place, Edinburgh.

S.D.A's can have printing done by Adventist firm. Posters, handbills, billheads, specialities. Samples. Price list free. Apply: Electric Press (Dept. B.) Bentham, Lancaster.

WANTED.—Second hand, a copy of "Great Empires of Prophecy," by A. T. Jones. Communicate with F. D. Buckle, 2 Coldharbour Lane, Bushey, Herts.

## SUNSET CALENDAR.

	LONDON	CARDIFF	EDINBURGH
Dec. 28th	3.57	4.9	3.43
Jan. 4th	4.5	4.17	3.52