

The European Division Council

By Pastor J. E. Jayne

THE British Union Conference has greatly enjoyed the privilege of entertaining representatives of the European Division of the General Conference during its Winter Council which was held at Stanborough Park from December 26, 1923, to January 2, 1924.

The entire Division, with the exception of Central Russia and Siberia, was represented. Our brethren of these many nations, kindreds and tongues worked together in harmonious accord. A delightful spirit of fellowship prevailed. The sufferings of Christ in the experience of our brethren and the common perils of those of like precious faith united us in strong bonds of Christian brotherhood.

A number of our leading brethren of other nationalities have visited stricken regions such as the Near East, Poland, the Ruhr and Germany. They bore earnest witness concerning what they have seen and learned of the faithfulness of our people under the most severe suffering. There is an earnest desire to do all within our power to encourage these brethren to maintain true Christian fortitude, and so far as is practicable, to supply their temporal necessities. Arrangements were made to assist in providing money and food for those whose need is greatest. The tithe and offerings available for use in this Division and in its mission fields was distributed for the advancement of the work in various localities, as best we knew how, without reference to the number of Sabbath-keepers residing therein, or the amounts of money they formerly gave for the support of their work. While considering these matters we often thought of the experience of the early church as recorded in Acts 11:27-30 and in other scriptures, when, during a famine, "The disciples, every man according to his ability, determined to send relief unto the brethren which dwelt in Judea; which also they did."

During the entire Council the first meeting of the day was devoted to prayer and the study of the Word of God. That meeting, also the evening preaching service, was well attended by our people living in

Watford and at Stanborough Park. They were seasons of spiritual blessing.

An effort was made to effect arrangements for our public labourers to partake in the benefits to be received through our denominational Ministerial Association. Because of the many languages used that is far from a simple problem. Nevertheless, our labourers most earnestly desire to share in the benefits, that we may the more perfectly represent our Lord and Saviour in our daily living, and better exemplify Him in our methods of service to mankind.

Thought was given to evangelization. Europe must do its full share in quickly carrying into all the world a knowledge of the saving power of the wonderful truths of the third angel's message. We are comforted to know that our records reveal that in spite of the difficulties in various parts of Europe, a larger number of persons has united with our churches of this Division in 1923 than during any former year of our history. When considering this fact we recall the words of the Lord in Hosea 5:15: "I will go and return to My place, till they acknowledge their offence, and seek My face: in their affliction they will seek Me early."

Likewise, thought was given to improving our pastoral work. We greatly desire that our institutions, departmental organizations, and other cultural endeavours shall supply to our children, youth and church membership, all the instruction and encouragement possible, thus helping them in Christian growth and in fruitful service to the cause of God. The last days are indeed a period of great peril to Christians as well as to all men. Kindness, infinite patience, and untiring service in the right, are essential for the protection of those who are weak and the restoration of those who may be overtaken in a fault.

The plans made at the Council materially affect the interests of our work in each part of this great Division. It was earnestly sought to make the best possible arrangements to properly care for the work already established and to make all the advancement that our limited resources permit.

Our workers have returned to their respective fields of labour refreshed in spirit, with a deeper sense of Christian fellowship, a greater consciousness of the presence and help of God, a more earnest desire to rededicate their lives in greater consecration to the service of that blessed Master Whom having not seen, we love; in Whom, though now we see Him not, yet believing, we rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory.



The Wakwavi (East Africa)

THE Wakwavi people are closely related to the warlike Massais by whom, however, they are heartily despised on account of their inferiority in warfare. Yet they, too, love warfare and still hanker after cattle raids as in bygone days, as is illustrated by an event which took place during the recent European War. While their German rulers were engaged in defending the colony (then known as German East Africa) against the British, the Wakwavi seized their opportunity to raid the Wapare at Mwala. Many deaths occurred in the short but fierce combat and the raiders carried off hundreds of cattle. For this escapade they were severely punished by the Government later on.

As do the Massais, the Wakwavi literally live for their cattle. I found them living in one village more than two hours' journey from water of any kind. I am becoming somewhat accustomed to the blazing heat of the African sun but never have I felt the heat so great as out there in a wilderness of stunted thorn bushes and cactus plants. They were living here because it was, strange to say, a better herding place for their cattle.

Both men and women dress in sheep or goat skins softened with fat and coloured dull red with a native mud dye. The women wear them trailing on the ground in the dust of their filthy village, but the men wear them shorter. The women's arms and legs are almost completely covered with brass, copper or iron wire about 3/16 in. in diameter, bound round the limb very closely in spiral form. The women also wear a collar, somewhat suggestive of the Elizabethan ruffle, made in the following way: A long piece of wire, of the same diameter as that used for the arms and legs, is wound first closely round the neck four or five times making a collar about 2 in. high. From this support a spiral is made with the same piece of wire, each turn being larger than the preceding one until the last stands out about a foot from the neck. Since this attractive (?) ornament can only be removed by those versed in the art, and even then only with great difficulty, the wearer has to sleep in it. These masses of metal do not hinder their ablutions as they do not indulge in washing except on very rare occasions. The practice is to smear the body with dull red mud putting a new coat on when the old one is dirty!

Another interesting feature is the men's head dress. The hair is worn in a kind of pigtail about twelve to fifteen inches long. The hair is first greased and well mudded, then carefully combed with the fingers. A small stick is placed in the centre of the hair and the whole is very tightly bound round with thin strips of sheep skin right to the end of the hair. The result is a greasy-looking dull red roll gradually tapering off at the end. There are certain minor modifications of this plan and there are various "styles," but the pigtail forms the distinctive feature of the head dress.

The chief food of the Wakwavi is milk, which they get in abundant supplies from their cattle. Their fine physique testifies to the value of milk as a food. I felt quite short in their midst, being only six feet tall! They do not cultivate land as do most Africans. When milk is scarce they eat meat and occasionally, now-a-days, they exchange goats for maize.

A Wakwavi village has many peculiar features. First a large circular boma or wall is built having, perhaps, two outlets. Inside this cattle and human beings live together, the latter in flat-roofed hovels not more than four feet high, plastered with cow manure. They have this "dairy produce" above them on the roof, beneath them on the floor, and on all sides on the walls. It is one of the prominent features of the village and advertises the place for a considerable distance!

The calves sleep in the hut with the natives; the other cattle sleep in the centre of the boma. About the first thing a child learns is to know the cattle which it will inherit later on. As soon as it is old enough, if it be a boy, it is sent out to herd cattle, if a girl, it must assist its mother with the drudgery of the "home." So they grow up in the narrowest of spheres and in the grossest ignorance.

A man may stock himself with wives according to his desire, the desire being regulated only by his ability to pay over some six cows, two bulls and odd goats to the father of each girl. Tins of honey for making beer are thrown in. The men folk consider work far beneath their dignity but very proper for their wives. While the men lie about sleeping, drinking, taking snuff or playing native games the women are expected to do all the work. The prospect of a lion hunt, however, will arouse the men, for they love hunting. This particular village is continually being troubled with lions. There are rhinoceroses, buffaloes, leopards and hyenas as well. I saw a fearful buffalo wound in a man's arm recently of which they appeared to think very little.

Their chief weapon in warfare is a sharp, two-edged, hollow ground sword. Several of the men dressed up as for war to demonstrate to me how they fight. I was glad they were not in earnest!

These people are some of Africa's "men benighted" and how to work for them is a great problem, seeing that at the end of every two years or less the whole village moves to a new place.

One's heart aches when one thinks of the contrast between the original purity of the human race and such degradation as this. So we pray "Thy kingdom come," and work for the harvest.

A. F. BULL.



Sabbath-School and Young People's Dept.

Secretary: W. J. Young

Our Old Picture Rolls in Mission Fields

Dear Friends,

IN response to repeated and most pitiful requests, the Sabbath-school department has started the plan of asking our Sabbath-schools to send their rolls when used to mission fields. During the last year streams of picture rolls have found their way from the local schools into the heart of the darkest portions of the earth. That these rolls are greatly appreciated may be discerned from the testimonies given. We quote two or three of a great number.

USED UNTIL WORN TO SHREDS.

A letter from India says:—

"Thank you very much for the picture rolls promise that you make for this field for I can assure you that what Brother Spicer has said with regard to the use the workers can make of them is true. While we were at the North India meeting for the United Provinces at Najibabad recently, our Indian workers besieged Mrs. Wellman for picture rolls to use in their village work, especially begging for the rolls on 'The Life of Christ.' They use these in their village preaching until they are worn out and in shreds."

One of our missionaries in Africa writes:—

"After that institute I visited our missions and out-schools and I will tell you briefly what I found. I noticed that in our Sabbath-schools they used the picture rolls in instructing those who came, old and young. They will come in great crowds to see what the picture has to say and they listen with their eyes, ears and mouths wide open; and just as soon as the Sabbath-school is over, they start out to find somebody else to tell the story to, and as soon as that man hears it, he hurries out to find somebody else to tell it to."

A CANNIBAL CHIEF SEES A PICTURE OF THE SAVIOUR.

"One of our missionaries in the New Hebrides went among the cannibals of a tribe and began to teach them about the Saviour. He had a Sabbath-school picture roll and the cannibals were seated about him. He was there alone. As he told the story of Christ he unfolded the roll and showed the picture of Christ. The old cannibal chief who was sitting in the group with his weapons of war about him began to give evidences of being affected by the story of the Saviour. Finally he set aside those arms and got on his feet, went over to that picture, stretched out his hand—that hand stained by the guilt of a thousand horrors—and stroked the picture of the Saviour in a tender and heartfelt way; then he went back and sat down. That old cannibal chief, living among cannibals, ruler over cannibals, the child of a cannibal, later threw his arms round the neck of one of our missionaries and pleaded that a missionary be sent to his people."

The above are a few out of the many testimonies that we have. Picture rolls speak in all languages. Those churches which have old picture rolls can make good use of them by sending them to our mission stations where they can be used to proclaim the message for these days. To prevent any confusion or overlapping, write to me and I will give you the name and address of a station where you can send the rolls.

W. J. YOUNG.



The Teacher's Training Course

THE "Teacher's Training Course" for 1924 begins in February. GET YOUR BOOKS NOW! Order through your Church Missionary Secretary who will pass your order on to the Stanborough Press.

"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed." "Apt to teach." What a volume of meaning attaches itself to these three words. 2 Tim. 2:15, 24.

"The Lord would have teachers in the Sabbath-school work who can give whole-hearted service, who will increase their talent by exercise and make improvement on what has already been attained. Teachers should feel their responsibility, and make use of every opportunity to improve, that they may render the best kind of service in a manner that will result in the salvation of souls."—"Testimonies on Sabbath-School Work," pp. 53, 55.

The following books constitute the Training Course for 1924.

"Testimonies on Sabbath-School Work," 2/-; "A Little Kit of Teacher's Tools," 3/6. Ordered separately, 2/3 and 4/-. The two books, post paid, 6/-. This figure of 6/- works out at less than 1½d. per week for training to be a better teacher.

The Stanborough Press has on hand a number of copies of "Testimonies on Sabbath-School Work." To help the teachers they have kindly consented to reduce the price of these by fifty per cent. The limp binding, 4/-; reduced price, 2/- plus postage; and the cloth binding, 2/- reduced price, 1/-, plus postage. While these books last the price of the two books will be, with the limp binding 6/- and with cloth binding 5/-. Order early. First come, first served.



M.V's and Standard of Attainment

"NONE but those who have fortified the mind with the truths of the Bible will stand through the last great conflict. To every soul will come the searching test, Shall I obey God rather than men? The decisive hour is even now at hand."—"Great Controversy," pp. 593, 594.

The Standard of Attainment is a splendid means whereby we can fortify our minds. We are living in the age of mighty delusions. Satan is ever doing all he can to divert our minds from Jesus and His Word. Young people, would you defeat Satan's great objective? Then fortify your minds with the living Word.

The following, unless further announcements are made, are the studies for 1924.

SENIOR COURSE: BIBLE DOCTRINES. Text Book: "Standard of Attainment Manual."

For June examination: Lessons Nos. 1, 2, 8, 17, 19, 20, 21, 37, 38, 43.

For December examination: Lessons Nos. 12, 13, 14, 24, 27, 28, 29, 30, 40, 42.

DENOMINATIONAL HISTORY: Text Book: "Great Second Advent Movement."

For June examination: Chaps. 1 to 14, pages 21 to 234.

For December examination: Chaps. 15 to 28, pages 235 to 473.

JUNIOR COURSE: BIBLE DOCTRINES: Text Book: "Junior Standard of Attainment Manual."

For June examination: Studies "How God Reveals Himself to Man" up to and including Tithes and Offerings. Pages 5 to 9.

For December examination: "The Gift of Prophecy" and remaining studies.

DENOMINATIONAL HISTORY: Text Book: "Great Second Advent Movement."

For June examination: Question 1 to 49, "Junior Manual," pages 16 to 19.

For December examination: Questions 50 to 100, "Junior Manual," pages 19 to 21.

The Junior examination will be based upon these questions as found in the "Junior Manual."

Dear young people, "It matters not how great you are, you have not yet attained your greatest possibilities. The crudest material can be converted into delicate hair springs fifty times as valuable as their weight in gold." The Standard of Attainment will make you more valuable to the Lord, to your fellow-men, and to yourself.

The various Missionary Volunteer goals for 1924 will, unless further announcements are made, remain the same as for 1923.



Books for Young People

MISSIONARY Volunteers! Increase the books in your libraries. The Press has reduced the prices of books that are valuable to our young people. Read the following list. There are only a few of each kind left. If you do not desire to be disappointed, send your order in as soon as you read this.

"The Bible Year" 3/6, now 2/- plus postage. This book is a valuable help to all who are reading the Bible through. It will help you to understand the books as you read them.

"Social Plans" 3/-, now 2/- plus postage. No Missionary Volunteer Society ought to be without this book. Missionary Volunteer leaders, do you want a really live society? If so, get this book. Social to save, what does it mean? It would take too long to explain. Get the book; it is replete with helpful information for all Young People's leaders.

"The Hand of God in History" by W. A. Spicer, 3/6 now 2/- plus postage. A splendid help to all who love the Bible. It will confirm their faith. It certainly is a forceful setting forth of the response of history to the voice of prophecy.



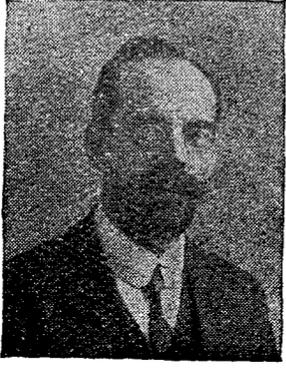
Stanborough Park Junior M.V. Society

It was the writer's happy privilege to attend by invitation the missionary meeting of the Junior Society of the Watford church school. It was a very pleasant surprise to see the way in which those in charge of our church schools are training our young people to do service in the vineyard of the King of kings. Martha Reese, leader, and Doreen Swinford were in charge of the meeting. A suitably arranged programme was very ably carried through by these two young people. The way in which reports of work done were gathered was inspiring. The splendid attention given by all to the address would do credit to any adult meeting. Our young people are setting older members a splendid example worthy of imitation. Our church schools are certainly missionary training centres and we feel sure that many young people have been and will be saved to the message we all love so much as a result of the labours put forth by our church school leaders and teachers.

Our church schools, in the providence of God, have been raised up to save our young people and they are certainly directing the "restless energy" of our young into "channels that will flow out in streams of blessing." One writer, in speaking of the Young People's Society, says that "The society is a long-sought missing link between the Sabbath-school and the church." It has come to help hold young people during the years of storm and stress, when so many break away and drift into the world.

Parents, sacrifice all that you can in order to give your children the benefits of an education in one of our own church schools. It will mean the salvation of your children now, their training for service, and eventually when the gathering day comes you will have the satisfaction of seeing them in the kingdom.

W. I. YOUNG.



F. A. Spearing.

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J. S. Newman.

West London Church

ON Sabbath, December 22nd, the West London Church held a praise service in gratitude to God for His blessing in enabling us to clear off our church debt.

Three years ago we set our minds seriously to raising funds for a church building. The Lord helped us to secure land and erect, during the last quarter of 1921, a building with a seating capacity of about 200, and provision for a church school, in one of the best neighbourhoods and centrally located for our people. This building, although not a brick structure, cost with its furnishings about £1,250. The dedication service was held on January 15, 1922. We then had £684. 15s. od. to raise and under the Lord's blessing we have been able to obtain it.

During the year 1923 we have had a church school, which cost us £85 above the conference allowance for such purposes. Not counting the allowance, the church has raised £7 per week for the last three years for its school and building funds.

We have had our comforters and Sanballats. Some have said, "Why this great waste?" Others, "What do these feeble people, will they build themselves a church?"

We, like many of our churches, were often disheartened by the untoward circumstances for Sabbath worship and continual changing of halls. We thank God those days are over.

"Nevertheless we made our prayer unto our God" and said, "Let us arise and build. So we strengthened our hands unto this good work. For the people had a mind to work." "All perceived that this work was wrought of our God."

The largest single gift to our building fund was £20. Many denied themselves and even the children gave of their pleasure money. We are indeed thankful to God for this place of worship free from debt.

On December 15th a baptism was held which makes twenty new believers added this year. Another baptism is planned for the near future as we have fully as many more keeping the Sabbath. We ask an interest in the prayers of the WORKER family for the cause in this part of the great city of London.

Two young people from North London were baptized in the West London Church on Thursday evening, December 27th.

O. M. DORLAND.

The Work of the Colporteur

It is with real pleasure that I send in news of how the work is going along in this conference. Figures are recorded each month, showing hours worked and books sold, but the thing that counts is the number of souls won for the kingdom.

Recently it has been the joyful experience of one of our colporteurs to reap the fruit of seed sown in the county of Gloucester by one of our student colporteurs some four years ago. This student is now working in the wilds of East Africa. It will be remembered that he received an order from a farmer for eleven copies of "Bible Readings," ten of which the farmer distributed to his staff. On my recent visit to Cirencester Brother Benefield informed me that he had the joy of meeting this very man and found that he had become interested in the Sabbath. He is now having Bible studies from Brother Benefield.

There is a cry from the Channel Islands, "Come over and help us!" Many will have noticed of late the wonderful sales made by Brother Hardy in Jersey and Guernsey. In about four months he has totalled over 400 books and the question has been asked, "How does he do it?" Says Brother Hardy, "I work hard." Out early in the morning and in all weathers brings its due reward.

One gentleman in Jersey on being informed of the number of books Brother Hardy had placed in the homes exclaimed, "Why, there must be more of your books in the island than Bibles!" Let us pray that much fruit will be gathered in at the great harvest. Not a single book has been refused on delivery, and naturally our brother is happy in his work.

Now good news comes from Guernsey, and more joyful is our colporteur on finding people keeping the Sabbath there through reading our books which were sold ten years ago. They had no knowledge of our denomination and were glad to get more light on this message for the last days, for they, too, believe the Lord's coming is very near. There is quite an interest out there which will be followed up. The enemy is getting busy; now that our brother is planting so many books the local preachers are becoming nervous, and are preaching against our truths. But "if God be for us, who can be against us?" Take courage and carry on!

Woking is yielding of her fruit, through the untiring work of Sister Butler, the soul-seeking canvasser. Whilst this sister does not report big sales, she is able to tell of souls won for the Lord. During her canvassing she was several times referred to an address of a family of good Christian workers. She visited them but instead of at first paying attention to what our sister had to say, they thought they had some enlightenment for her. However, in the end the truth prevailed and soon they were both rejoicing in a full knowledge of the Sabbath.

Within a few days they have accepted the teaching of health reform, have paid tithe and given liberally to the cause. They are in good hands with Sister Butler, who seldom leaves her territory without some souls won for the truth.

May I ask your united prayers that God will abundantly bless our band of colporteurs, especially at this time of the year when the weather is cold and trying. Not only do they need stout boots, but stout hearts.

There are other workers worthy of mention; their experiences will be recorded in my next.

J. S. NEWMAN.

Portsmouth, Southampton, and Isle of Wight

AFTER the close of the first quarter of 1923 we settled in Portsmouth as a centre for our work among the believers in the third angel's message in the above localities. Our association with these dear people has been very enjoyable indeed and we are grateful to God for His continued blessing during the past year.

November 10th it was our privilege to baptize two believers at Bournemouth in the Lansdown Baptist Church and on December 22nd five more in the Elm Grove Baptist Church, Portsmouth. One of these brethren had come from the Catholic Church. One of the sisters had bought a book from Mrs. Bailey some years ago in Devonshire and the two had met again on a previous stay at Portsmouth and for the third time in 1923. Three of these five were young people from our Sabbath-school.

The present Home Missionary leader at Southampton has had splendid success in selling our small books and it is gratifying to see the young people in that place doing active work along Home Missionary lines. They also more than reached their goal for offerings to foreign missions. The Home Missionary secretary at Portsmouth reports about one thousand copies of "Present Truth" sold during December. Southampton raised in tithes and offerings during 1923, £379. 19s. 3½d., and Portsmouth £397. 19s. 5d. The exact figures for the Isle of Wight are not yet to hand, but the little companies

there are maintaining their meetings, sowing the seed and keeping the light shining in four different localities.

There are at present about 120 Sabbath-keepers in our "parish," but as there are others deeply interested in the truth we anticipate that this number will be augmented during the present year. With best wishes and Christian greetings to the readers of the WORKER we remain

G. W. AND E. A. BAILEY.



Exeter

ON November 14th it was the writer's privilege to meet with the little church at Exeter and am glad to say I found them all of good courage. We met, as usual, at the home of Sister Byrt, who for some years has faithfully laboured to keep the little church together. For a long time only a very few met there, but just recently two fresh brethren have taken their stand and when I visited there on the above date we had quite a nice little company. There were several there not of our faith but deeply interested as I opened up to their view the wondrous truth about the millennium. They all promised to come again on my next visit which will be in about a month's time.

Before the meeting the writer, with Mrs. Byrt, visited a gentleman who is connected with the Salvation Army, and has been with them for fifteen years. We had a nice talk with him upon various points of our message to which both he, his wife, and another elderly lady living in the same house listened very attentively, and although he could not come to the meeting that night he has promised to attend on my next visit.

We do hope and pray that he and the other interested ones there will take their stand for the truth. We ask for the prayers of the WORKER family for a rich harvest from that very conservative city, Exeter.

A. C. JOHNSON.



Walthamstow Church School

ON December 18, 1923, a concert was given by the pupils of the Walthamstow church school in the Girls' Club, East Avenue. Parents and friends filled the hall and were kept interested and amused for two hours.

There were action songs, recitations and dialogues. One

of the most interesting items of the evening was a missionary play entitled, "Glad Tidings," given by Standards IV to VII, and one of the prettiest of the action songs was the "Japanese Fan" sung by eight of the girls. Seven boys gave us the biggest laugh of the evening with their song, "We're Merry Little Fellows"—no one could doubt the truth of that! An excellent dialogue was given by H. Patterson and J. Shone entitled, "Alexander the Great." The small children did their parts very sweetly. Perhaps one of their most appreciated pieces was the Christmas hymn, "Away in a Manger," but it was almost impossible to pick out the best from such a good programme.

At the end of the evening a vote of appreciation was accorded to Miss Tapping and Miss Willis for their good work with the children and a presentation was made by two of the tiny children to their teachers.

We all went home feeling that our church school was a success, and determined that we must get more children into it so that they may be trained and fitted to take their part in the preaching of this message to all the world.

K. HARGREAVES, Church Clerk.



"And the Snow Lay on the Ground"

EVEN the weather harmonized with the spirit of the occasion when, on December 19, 1923, the Watford Town Church Junior Missionary Volunteer Society rendered a very entertaining programme. Dr. C. H. Hayton very ably performed the duties of chairman.

The Society is quite young, having been organized in October under the leadership of Miss Ivy Nash. In spite of this fact the children, even the tiny tots, had memorized their pieces and they rendered them in a way which reflected great credit on their leaders.

During the "Christmas Quest," a dialogue in which several took part, the lights went out! Only a star could be seen shining over the rostrum, when the sweet strains of a harp played by Miss Esther Hamelin to the accompaniment of a solo entitled, "The Star of Bethlehem," echoed from the vestry. This item was much enjoyed.

After the singing of a carol the benediction was pronounced and a very profitable hour was thus brought to a close.

ELSIE M. ARGENT.



Alfred E. Bacon.

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E. E. Craven.

The President's New Year Message

A HAPPY and prosperous new year to all. We are writing this just at the close of the mid-winter Council of the European Division Conference, which has been in session at Watford from December 26, 1923 to January 2, 1924. The members of the British Union Conference Committee have had the privilege of attending this Council, and all we can say at this time is that it has been a most enlightening and profitable occasion. We have greatly appreciated the opportunity of meeting with our brethren from all the different parts of Europe, and planning with them for the advancement of the work in this great Division.

With the close of the old year, and the opening of the new, we have all, no doubt, made many good resolutions. This is surely as it should be. As we review the year that has just passed, we must confess that in spite of our many mistakes and shortcomings, God has greatly blessed us. But *this* year must surely witness a much greater advance in every branch of God's work and a fuller, deeper, richer experience for us

all in the things of God. The serious times in which we are living, and the nearness of our Lord's glorious return, demand that we should individually experience that revival of our spiritual life which will fit us for a home in His soon-coming kingdom. Now, brethren and sisters, is the time to make sure work for eternity; soon it will be for ever too late.

As a Conference we are looking for the year 1924 to be our banner year in the winning of souls, and the building up of every department of the cause. In order that every member may co-operate with us to that end, we would make the following suggestions:—

Take time every day for the study of the Bible, and for seeking God in your secret chamber. Pray that every worker in the Conference may be blessed with a rich harvest of souls. Faithfully attend the Sabbath-school, prayer meetings, and other church services. Be honest with God by returning to Him His own in tithes and offerings. Take hold of every line of missionary endeavour, and see to it that by God's help you win at least one soul for Him this year.

ALFRED E. BACON.

Blessings at Burnley

PROBABLY from many churches and companies scattered throughout the world there has gone up to heaven a fervent "Thank God for the Week of Prayer!" But not more fervent anywhere than that which has gone up to God from the little flock in Burnley. We number but seven members all told but it has been our joyful experience to receive many precious "showers of blessings" during the year that is past.

It was at the close of 1922 that the writer and another, feeling the need of a revival of God's work in this place, decided to make the prayer meeting a regular feature of our worship. Furthermore, we determined that even if no others joined us we two would meet weekly to seek (1) A closer walk with God; (2) The Holy Spirit for service; (3) The blessing of the Lord upon His work in this town. From the very commencement God made His presence felt, for the riches of heaven were poured at our feet; and we began to look eagerly forward to this meeting as the most precious experience of the week. Nor did we long worship alone, for soon a growing band of other seekers joined us. And it was no great while either before the prayer meeting found its reflection in our Sabbath services.

Thank God for the prayer meeting! S. J. WOLFE.

Coventry

As we look upon the year that is past, there are many things for which we thank God. In spite of many difficulties, it has been a year of progress for our church. There has been a marked increase in tithes and offerings, and a spirit of faithfulness has been shown amongst the members.

Three more new members were added to the church in December. The Baptist churches were closed to us in Coventry, so we had to go to our church in Birmingham. Pastor Hall administered the rite of baptism after Pastor Tonks had spoken appropriate words based on John 3:7.

We are of good courage, and hope for even greater success during the present year.

With Christian greetings to all our people,
A. K. ARMSTRONG.

Handsworth Y.P.S.

I EXPECT that the WORKER family has concluded, from our long silence, that the young people's society at Handsworth has really "closed down." But no! We still hold our meeting every Sabbath afternoon, and very happy times we have, even though our attendance is sometimes only four. However, the average number attending is eight and sometimes we have as many as seventeen.

Early last year we decided, with the sanction of our elder and the approval of the officers and members of the Young People's Society, to devote our offerings to the Students' Aid Fund with a view to helping one of our young men through College during the present College year. The time for the opening of College was getting very near and we had still only £7 in hand for this purpose, so one Sabbath at the close of the service our leader, Sister Brealey, presented the needs to the church and the same day someone handed to her £10 with the request that the name of the giver should not be divulged. We

were indeed grateful for this generous gift, without which our member could not have entered College last term. We pray that his experience as a student will be an enjoyable one and that he may eventually find a place in the work and bring many souls to the Master.

Besides our Students' Aid Fund we have also the Sunshine Fund with which we buy fruit and flowers, etc., for any who are sick and which we also use to help any in need.

We pray that the Lord may abundantly bless our little society here and that every member may be used in the winning of souls.

EMILY TAYLOR, *Secretary.*

SCOTTISH CONFERENCE

IT was my privilege last week to sit in council with brethren from nearly all parts of Europe. It was most inspiring to hear the various reports of the advancement of the work in the different countries. About twenty of the brethren present had a language foreign to us. Yet each spoke to us in our own tongue. Much of the work accomplished in Europe recently has been done under the most trying and difficult circumstances. Depreciated currencies have made the situation most perplexing. Then, too, in many places, every movement of our people is watched with prying eyes, and a jealous priesthood opposes our every action. Yet we find under these trying conditions more advancement is made than in places where all is "plain sailing," fulfilling the Scripture that where judgments are abroad in the land the people will learn righteousness.

At the beginning of a new year I would be glad to see all our people in Scotland, in fact everywhere, rise to the occasion, put on the beautiful garments provided for them, and contend more earnestly than we have ever done before for the faith once delivered to the saints.

We are told in the book of Hosea that the Lord has a harvest for His people. What kind of a harvest are we going to reap this year? God has a plan for every life, a harvest for everyone to reap, a definite work for everyone to do. He set a harvest for Samson, but how sad the record, how humiliating the experience he went through in accomplishing God's plan. It was not the Lord's purpose that he should go through this. It was his own waywardness which brought him to the place where, with his eyes put out, he had to grind corn for the Philistines. However, the Lord used this humiliating experience to bring Samson to his senses. Repentance came to him, his strength returned, and he finally accomplished his purpose. But how distressing the circumstances! While he killed thousands yet he himself fell in the conflict. He came to an inglorious end, which did no credit to himself and brought no glory to God.

So during this year 1924 let us fully dedicate ourselves to God, and let Him have full control of our lives. Let us stop grinding corn for the Philistines, but endeavour by the grace of God to bring at least one sheaf of the golden grain into the heavenly garner.

R. MUSSEN.

IRISH MISSION

WE heartily wish all our members and friends in the Irish Mission a very happy and prosperous new year.

It brings gratification to our hearts to report that two baptisms were conducted during December. Pastor Whiteside baptized one believer in Dublin during the Week of Prayer. Sister Bryan, the sister in question, accepted the truth under the ministry of Pastor Joyce and was warmly welcomed into church fellowship in Dublin. While speaking of the work in the capital we are glad to say that we are planning for strong evangelism in Dublin during 1924. Will our people please pray to God at this time for the cause in our important capital. The other two additions to our membership were made in Belfast. On the last Sabbath in the old year a solemn and impressive service was held in the Belfast Church in the afternoon following the ordinance service in the forenoon when two splendid young men were led through the waters of baptism in the presence of a large attendance of our churchmembers. We were all made truly happy by these additions but we are

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To assist our young people in the systematic study of the Bible, we are offering the book entitled, "The Bible Year," at the reduced price of 2/-, usual price 3/6. Every Seventh-Day Adventist boy and girl should possess a copy of this splendid little book, prepared especially for the members of the Young People's Society. Grown-ups, too, will be greatly assisted in their regular reading of the Bible. Makes a most attractive present. Send at once for a copy—only a few left—we will pay the postage. Order direct

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confident that these are only the firstfruits of a great harvest of souls who will accept the truth in Ireland in the near future.

F. S. JACKSON.

CIRCULATION DEPT. NOTES

WE have received a copy of a new book just published entitled, "Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers." This book contains many special testimonies that have not hitherto been printed in permanent form. It is believed that our ministers and workers generally will be glad to possess a copy. The price of the book in limp leather is 14/3, in cloth 9/6. Orders may be sent to us direct.

THE entire edition of 5,000 copies of the "Morning Watch" has been sold already. We regret that we are therefore unable to fill any more orders.

IF any of our Tract Society secretaries or periodical workers have not yet received a copy of the new list of dates for ordering the "Present Truth" and "Good Health" we shall be glad to hear from them. It is most important to send your orders on time. A number of orders for "Present Truth" No. 1 arrived too late—we were so sorry to disappoint those who sent them—the paper was such a good one that it is a great pity.

"PRESENT TRUTH," No. 2 is, if possible, even better than No. 1. The cover illustration is a reproduction from a masterpiece entitled, "The Good Shepherd." It is one of the very few pictorial gems that it is our good fortune to secure. Make the most of this number, brethren and sisters, and order a good supply. The principal articles in this number are: "The Age of Worry"—contains a message of sympathy for every weary worker. "Who is the God of the Old Testament?"—deals with live issues that all Christians meet. "Do Prayers Reach Heaven?" Here is a most remarkable article suggesting possibilities, in view of the development of radio, hitherto undreamed of. Displayed in the centre of the paper with a picture illustrating the use of a wireless, it will grip all who see it. Really, friends, we have rarely had such an excellent number as this. Show the editor that you appreciate his efforts and he will know what kind of a paper you like. Order at once, please, to avoid disappointment.

ONCE again we ask our Tract Society secretaries, colporteurs, and all who order goods, to please use the regular order forms freely provided by the Publishing House. We particularly request you to stop the practice of including orders in your letters. Let us have the letters by all means, but kindly write your orders neatly one under the other—in column fashion—on the separate order form. New order forms have been sent to our Tract Society secretaries; if anyone has been missed, please let us know. The old order forms should be destroyed. Our colporteurs, too, have now been supplied with order forms for the new year. So now we hope to receive all orders on our regular order form, and we thank you in anticipation for your co-operation in this matter.

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At Rest

MALONEY.—On Tuesday, November 29th, Sister J. Maloney passed peacefully away at the home of her sister, who lives in Kent. For many years she had suffered with chest trouble. Although an isolated member of the South England Conference, she frequently attended the North West London Church. She was a sweet Christian and we believe we shall see her in the coming kingdom.
O. M. DORLAND.

WALLER.—After years of suffering, bravely and patiently borne, Sister Waller fell asleep in Jesus at the age of 44. We laid her to rest in the Northern Cemetery, Hull, on November 9th. Our sister accepted the truth for these last days under the labours of the writer in about 1916. Through ill health she remained unbaptized until some years later, when she united with the church during Brother Andrew's ministry. Before her death Sister Waller was comforted by the knowledge that her two boys were striving to walk in the footsteps of the Master. Our hearts go out in sympathy to the husband and other relatives who, although they mourn, do not sorrow as those who have no hope.
J. E. BELL.

McVICKER.—Sister Nancy McVicker of the Kilmoyle Church was laid to rest in the Dervock Churchyard on Sabbath, November 10th. Although she had had trouble with her heart some time previously, she was in her usual health and able to do her household duties up till going to bed the previous Wednesday night. Next morning she was found dead in bed with her arms folded on her breast, having peacefully slept away during the night. Sister McVicker accepted the third angel's message seventeen years ago when Pastor R. Mussen and the writer held an effort in the district. She was ever an ardent supporter of the work and a constant advocate of the truth. It was always a great pleasure to her to entertain any of the brethren or sisters who visited the church at Kilmoyle. Brother W. Shaw and the writer conducted the services at the home and in the churchyard, when words of admonition and comfort were spoken.
R. WHITESIDE.

SISTER CHARLES GOODALL desires to express her heartfelt thanks to all of the WORKER family who have so kindly written letters of sympathy, thus sharing with her in the great loss which has been sustained. It has not been possible to reply to all personally.

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THE European Division Committee held its winter session at Stanborough Park, December 26th—Jan. 2nd. All members of the British Union Committee were invited to attend and greatly enjoyed the occasion.

ALL the unions in the Division, except those in Russia, were represented by their presidents and the leaders of the various departments were also there. As to nationalities there were present eight Germans, six Americans, one Scandinavian, one Rumanian and one Englishman. It was a veritable "League of Nations" council with perfect harmony prevailing.

WE were very glad indeed that it was possible for the brethren from the continent to visit at least this section of the British field. Many of them went away with a new idea of the possibilities before the work in this country. There was at least one from an "ex-enemy" country who decided at the Council to put the work in Great Britain on his daily prayer list.

MATTERS of considerable importance came up for discussion and the actions of general interest will, we trust, be published in an early issue of the WORKER. We await the official communication from the Division Secretary.

EACH day during the Council there were Bible studies at 8.30 a.m. in the College chapel and general meetings at 7.30 p.m. These gave opportunity to our people on the Park and in Watford to hear reports of the work in Europe. A special consecration service was held on Sunday morning for the employees of the various Park institutions. On the Sabbath some of the Division leaders visited the London churches and their ministry was greatly enjoyed.

AMONG the many interesting facts brought out during the Council was that, now the central European currencies have depreciated to such an extent, Great Britain and Scandinavia have become the two great financial supporters of the Division. Indeed, during the past three years Great Britain has contributed to Division funds *far more than all the other unions combined*, excepting Scandinavia. Truly a remarkable achievement for a union having only 3,500 members! The point was not lost on the brethren and the wish was expressed more than once that more had been invested in evangelism for the British people in times past.

THE supreme event of the Council was, without question, the magnificent appeal made by Pastor J. E. Jayne on behalf of the work in Great Britain. This is no idle flattery. It would be an injustice not to acknowledge such a service to our field. His speech was such that it drew applause even in that august assembly! We all felt that we had found a redoubtable champion for British needs, and were thankful. Pastor Jayne, asked why the growth of our membership had been so slow compared with other fields, replied with invincible evidence and unassailable facts. When he had finished there was none to question the advisability of improving and extending evangelism in the British Isles. Our "budget" went through without a murmur.

So much for the Division Council. A great deal more might be said but we will have to let it come out gradually in later issues. Certain resolutions particularly affecting our ministers will shortly be despatched to them direct from the local conference offices.

SOMEHOW the impression is strengthening in our mind that the British Union is entering upon what will prove to be the

most successful year in its history. We believe we are going to see this year the largest harvest of souls ever gathered in Great Britain. Shall we not all unite in prayer to this end? In a few weeks all our evangelists will be entering on their new efforts. Let us all pray continually throughout the year that God will give every minister and Bible-worker wisdom, courage and power, and reward them abundantly with souls.

FOLLOWING the Division Council the British Union Committee continued in session and among the most interesting decisions reached was the re-election to the office of Field Missionary Secretary of Pastor S. Joyce. It is nearly six years since he laid down this work—which he had previously held for seventeen years—to labour in Ireland but we feel sure that every canvasser in the Union who remembers "the old days" will extend to him the very heartiest welcome to his old job. Why not write and tell him so?

PASTOR A. L. BAKER, the associate editor of the "Signs of the Times," is here on the Park for a few days, the Pacific Press having given him a year off duty and a European tour to enable him to gather matter for a new book. Naturally we were tremendously glad to welcome a fellow-editor but the welcome has spread until it seems that everybody in Watford has fallen in love with him. We sincerely hope he will greatly enjoy his brief stay in the British Isles and—give our field a few inches of propaganda in the "Signs" when he gets home!

THE force of mission workers is gradually increasing in Kenya Colony, and incidentally, without any reference to the Mission Board! On November 30th a baby boy arrived at the home of Brother and Sister Lane and both mother and son are progressing well. Hearty congratulations.

It is fortunate that congratulations do not cost us anything for we have to give so many of them away. Some of the best must certainly go to Brother and Sister Vick (née Anderson) who were united in marriage on December 26th at Market Harborough. The happy couple are now living at 90 Semilong Road, Northampton.

WE learn that in recent examinations at Livingstone College, London, Sister Middleton carried off first prize, with Brother E. Essery second. Splendid!

ATTENTION is called to the advertisement on page 7 regarding special books to assist in the study of the Sabbath-school lessons for this quarter. Turn and read it now.

Southampton

THE Southampton Young People's Society is glad to report £5. 8s. 6d. raised for Nigeria during 1923—3/6 over the goal set for the year.

Apart from this the Young People's Friday Evening Band has collected £1. This branch comprises a membership of eight, each of whom brings one penny per week. The total amount was distributed among the needy of our church and was much appreciated. We thank the Lord for His manifold blessings to us.
C. SMITH.

SUNSET CALENDAR.

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January 11th	4.14	4.26	4.2
January 18th	4.24	4.36	4.14