

# The MISSIONARY WORKER

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## Times or Seasons

By Mrs. E. G. White

"He showed Himself alive after His passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God: and, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith He, ye have heard of Me. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence. When they therefore were come together, they asked of Him, saying, Lord, wilt Thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? And He said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in His own power." Acts 1:3-7.

The disciples were anxious to know the exact time for the revelation of the kingdom of God; but Jesus told them they might not know the times and the seasons, for the Father had not revealed them. To understand when the kingdom of God should be restored was not the thing of most importance for them to know. They were to be found following the Master, praying, waiting, watching and working. They were to be representatives to the world of the character of Christ. That which was essential for a successful Christian experience in the days of the disciples is essential in our day. . . .

Instead of exhausting the powers of our mind in speculations in regard to the times and seasons which the Lord has placed in His own power, and withheld from men, we are to yield ourselves to the control of the Holy Spirit, to do present duties, to give the bread of life, unadulterated with human opinions, to souls who are perishing for the truth.

Satan is ever ready to fill the mind with theories and calculations that will divert men from the present truth, and disqualify them for the giving of the third angel's message, to the world. It has ever been thus; for our Saviour often had to speak reprovingly to those who indulged in

speculations and were ever inquiring into those things which the Lord had not revealed. . . .

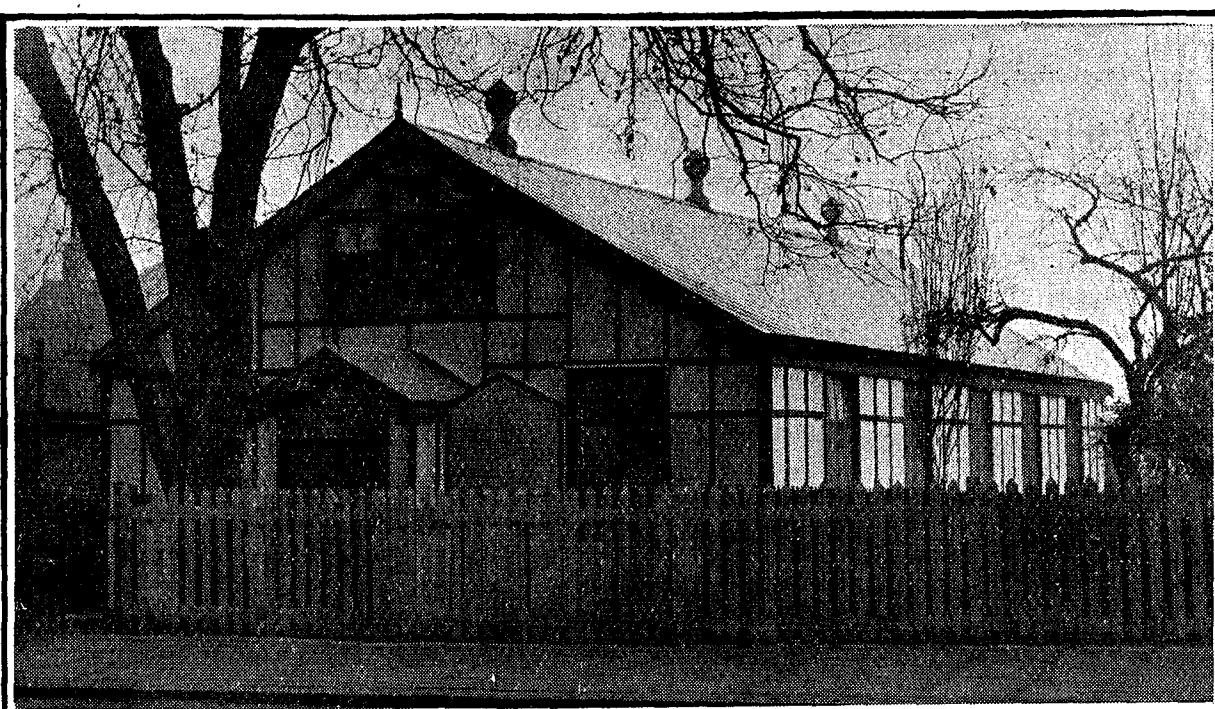
Jesus did not come to astonish men with some great announcement of some special time when some great event would occur, but He came to instruct and save the lost. . . .

We are in continual danger of getting above the simplicity of the Gospel. There is an intense desire on the part of many to startle the world with something original, that shall lift the people into a state of spiritual ecstasy, and change the present order of experience. There is certainly great need of a change in the present order of experience; for the sacredness of present truth is not realized as it should be; but the change we need is a change of heart, and can only be obtained by seeking God individually for His blessing, by pleading with Him for His power, by fervently praying that His grace may come upon us, and that our characters may be transformed. . . .

Should we advance in spiritual knowledge, we would see the truth developing and expanding in lines of which we have little dreamed, but it will never develop in any line that will lead us to imagine that we may know the times and the seasons which the Father hath put in His own power.

Again and again have I been warned in regard to time-setting. There will never again be a message for the people of God that will be based on time. We are not to know the definite time either for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, or for the coming of Christ.

I was searching through my writings before coming to this meeting to see what I should take with me to Australia, and I found an envelope on which was written: "Testimony given in regard to time-setting, June 21, 1851. Preserve carefully." I opened it and this is what I found. It reads:



West London Church, Bath Road, Chiswick. (See page 8.)

"A copy of a vision the Lord gave Sister White June 21, 1851, at Camden, N.Y. The Lord showed me that the message must go, and that it must not be hung on time; for time will never again be a test. I saw that some were getting a false excitement, arising from preaching time, that the third angel's message can stand on its own foundation, and that it needs not time to strengthen it; and that it will go with mighty power, and do its work, and will be cut short in righteousness.

"I saw some were making everything bend to this next fall; that is, making their calculations, and disposing of their property in reference to that time. I saw this was wrong for this reason, instead of going to God daily, and earnestly desiring to know their present duty, they looked ahead, and made their calculations as though they knew that the work would end this fall, without inquiring their duty of God daily."—E. G. White. "Copied at Milton, June 29, 1851. A.A.G."

This was the document I came upon last Monday in searching over my writings, and here is another which was written in regard to a man who was setting time in 1884, and sending broadcast his arguments to prove his theories. The report of what he was doing was brought to me at the Jackson, Mich., camp-meeting, and I told the people they need not take heed to this man's theory; for the event he predicted would not take place.

#### WATCH, WAIT, PRAY AND WORK.

The times and the seasons God has put in His own power, and why has not God given us this knowledge? Because we would not make a right use of it if He did. A condition of things would result from this knowledge among our people that would greatly retard the work of God in preparing a people to stand in the great day that is to come. We are not to live upon time excitement. We are not to be engrossed with speculations in regard to the times and the seasons which God has not revealed.

Jesus has told His disciples to "watch," but not for definite time. His followers are to be in the position of those who are listening for the orders of their Captain; they are to watch, wait, pray and work, as they approach the time for the coming of the Lord; but no one will be able to predict just when that time will come; for "of that day and hour knoweth no man." You will not be able to say that He will come in one, two, or five years, neither are you to put off His coming by stating that it may not be for ten or twenty years. . . .

To-day you are to give yourself to God, that you may be emptied of self, emptied of envy, jealousy, evil surmising, strife, everything that shall be dishonouring to God. To-day you are to have your vessel purified that it may be ready for the heavenly dew, ready for the showers of the latter rain; for the latter rain will come, and the blessing of God will fill every soul that is purified from every defilement. It is our work to-day to yield our souls to Christ, that we may be fitted for the time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord, fitted for the baptism of the Holy Spirit.—*From a sermon at Lansing, Mich., Sept. 5, 1891.*

## Ireland During 1923

We are extremely happy to tell the WORKER family—and our members in Ireland in particular—that the year 1923 witnessed many victories in the various departments of God's work over here.

First we would like to mention our Ingathering success. In spite of peculiar difficulties, our £300 goal was more than attained, though not in the allotted time of six weeks. Indeed, had it not been for the tireless efforts of some in Dublin, Belfast and other parts who nobly came to the help of the Lord and worked on to the end of the year, we should certainly not have reached our goal. We wish to thank our splendid members for their self-denial and continuous, patient effort to make this achievement possible.

The tithe returns for the year amounting to £829, are higher than they have been in any previous year of our history. This, of course, is as it should be, and it signifies a loyal faith-

fulness on the part of God's people in Ireland. The Sabbath-school offerings have kept up well also, realizing over £180 for the year.

Fourteen souls have been baptized and added to our membership. We wish it might have been 140, nevertheless we are glad, and are expecting a larger reaping very soon. We have lost several members by transfer abroad; our total membership stands now at 177.

We regret that Dublin still languishes for want of a stalwart evangelist to carry the advent colours to new and as yet unconquered heights in this Papal stronghold. Our church members there, however, are holding the fort most nobly, and are ready and anxious to hold up the hands of the Moses who will come and take the lead.

We earnestly ask all interested to pray much that we may secure the right leader for the evangelistic work in Dublin.

In the north God has graciously blessed in many ways. We wish to make mention of a case of divine healing. In response to a summons from our sister, Mrs. Whiteside, who had been suffering untold agony for many days, we visited her bedside in company with Brother Shaw and Pastor Whiteside, and there prayed to God in harmony with the instruction found in James 5. Thanks be to God, the answer we sought in humility and contrition of soul was granted and our sister was healed, the pain disappearing almost instantaneously. Truly God is just the same to-day. Sister Brown of Banbridge rejoices also in this same encouraging experience.

In closing we would ask all our members to remember the Relief offering to be taken up on Sabbath, February 9th. Let us help to "rescue the perishing" on the continent.

F. S. JACKSON.

## SOUTH ENGLAND CONFERENCE

President: F.A.Spearing

### "Europe's Last Gasp"\*



ON Sunday, January 27th, a second effort was opened in Wimbledon and started out with a most encouraging attendance, 1,300 persons being present. Our readers may remember that exactly one year ago we opened our first effort in this very same district—the attendance was 850. Then we hired a cinema, but this time we secured a first-class theatre almost opposite the cinema. As a result of last year's effort over forty people joined the church and others are awaiting baptism.

The meeting was timed to begin at 7 p.m., and upon opening the doors at 6.15 it was found that hundreds of people were waiting for seats. The audience listened very appreciatively to the lecture and when the stewards waited upon them for their offering, over £10 was received. 250 persons handed in their names and addresses for literature—hence we feel the prospect is good for another ingathering of precious souls.

The members of the church threw themselves wholeheartedly into the campaign, distributing about 20,000 handbills voluntarily.

The deacons, with other male members of the church, formed an efficient staff of nearly twenty stewards, who handled very successfully this huge gathering of people.

Scenes of the utmost enthusiasm prevailed at question time and references to our belief in all the Word of God were received with applause.

As the people left the theatre there were hundreds of applications for reserved seat tickets for next Sunday's lecture.

We would also state that a few weeks ago we invited our people to assist us in starting a Church Building Fund, and spontaneously in response to our appeal over £350 was raised in cash and pledges. Plans are therefore being prepared to erect a suitable house of worship in this district.

In closing I wish to say how gratified we all are that our heavenly Father has been pleased to bless our feeble endeavours.

Yours in His service,

W. MAUDSLEY.

\*Title of Lecture.

## Notes from the President

THE Wimbledon Evangelistic Campaign is in full swing. No less than 1,300 persons were present at the opening meeting which was held on Sunday, January 27th. Judging by the splendid interest manifested, there should be good results from this effort.

THE workers of the North London district are leaving no stone unturned to ensure success in the Finsbury Park effort. The outlook is surely promising. We are looking for a large attendance at the first meeting which is to be held on Sunday, February 3rd.

WORD has just come from Pastor D. Morrison, who has arrived in Plymouth, to the effect that after disappointment in other directions he has been able to secure a good hall for Sunday night meetings. The first meeting of the Plymouth effort will take place on Sunday, February 10th.

HALLS have also been secured at Bath and Southend and we are expecting word at any time giving us particulars as to the dates of opening the campaigns in these two places.

WE have arranged for each of the evangelists to send in a report to us at the Conference office regularly every week so that we may know how the various efforts are progressing. We shall be happy to pass on this word to our people through the columns of the *MISSIONARY WORKER* as often as possible. Shall we not all pray earnestly that God's rich blessing may rest upon those who are labouring for Him in these various sections of the South England Conference?

WE have heard of some members who have already given quite large donations for the relief of our brethren and sisters in Europe. Let us not forget that the European Relief Fund offering will be taken up on Sabbath, February 9th.

SUNDAY, February 3rd, was a day long to be remembered.



W. H. Meredith

## WELSH CONFERENCE

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J. H. Parkin

### The Outlook for 1924

IT is with feelings of hope and pleasure that we look forward to the work in Wales during 1924. First, because we are hoping to receive a larger amount of help from the British Union, and secondly, because we are able to increase our corps of workers.

As we view the last two years of the work in Wales we regret very much that we have not been able, for the lack of funds, to do very much in an aggressive way. The condition of our field from an industrial standpoint has been exceedingly trying, and our local income has really slipped back rather than made advance. This, we are confident, is because of the decreasing income of our people.

Now that we have been allowed a little more appropriation we are looking forward to some good, vigorous advance moves. The South England Conference has been good enough to release to us Brother Dorland, and the Committee has decided to locate him in our largest city—Cardiff. By the time this is read we are hoping that he will be in his new field. We are locating with him Brother Bevan and also Sister O. C. Davies, and we are confident that these young people will make things move in that big city. On the other hand, while we are glad to have Brother Dorland come into our field, we are extremely sorry to lose Brother Morrison, who has been in this part of the vineyard for some years. He is returning to work in South England, and we wish him every blessing as he enters his new field.

Thirteen hundred persons were present at Pastor Maudsley's meeting at Wimbledon. Pastor L. W. Barras commenced his series with no fewer than two thousand five hundred. This was undoubtedly the largest gathering ever held by Seventh-Day Adventists in the British Isles. What will the harvest be?

FEBRUARY is to be an important month. On the 9th and 10th the South England Conference Executive Committee will be in session. A little later the British Union Conference Committee will meet; and following this the Colporteurs' Institute is to be held. Let us all unite in seeking the blessing of God on all these meetings.

F. A. SPEARING.

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## Circulation Department Notes

IF you have not yet ordered your supply of "Present Truth" No. 4, we may still be able to fill your order, but we cannot guarantee delivery, as the date for ordering that number was February 3rd. "Present Truth" No. 5 should be ordered not later than February 17th.

THE March number of "Good Health" has an attractive cover-picture illustrating an article entitled "Hobbies for Health" which will be an interesting selling feature. Dr. Donaldson gives some sound advice on the subject of "No Short Cuts to Health." In this issue Dr. Ruble has given us much valuable information on "Food and Food Values." It is an article well worthy of preservation. Dr. D. A. R. Aufranc has contributed especially for this number a timely article on "Foot and Mouth Disease." He tells us what it is and how human beings may be affected by it. The March number will be ready for shipment on Monday, the 11th, for those who wish to get the magazine early. There is no guarantee of delivery for orders which reach us after the 20th of February. *Please order early.*

E. H. MARSH.

Circulation Dept. Secretary.

We have just received word also that the North England Conference has generously released to us Brother Tonks, and we are hoping that he will soon be with us here in the principality. We shall endeavour to give these workers the very best help we possibly can, and we desire an earnest interest in the prayers of all God's people for the success of the work in our field during this year.

When the final plans for our new efforts are settled, we will make them known. In the meantime pray that God will direct us, and give us wisdom in all our planning. We would like to suggest that we take as our motto for this year the simple statement: "Pray one for another." If we could only come to that place in our experience where we could drop all unkind criticism, and seek day by day to earnestly pray for one another, the Lord's blessing would rest in abundant measure upon our work.

Here is a quotation from the "Testimonies" that tells us of the spirit that should come to us, when the spirit of revival and reformation takes place:—

"The time has come for a thorough reformation to take place. When this reformation begins, the spirit of prayer will actuate every believer, and will banish from the church the spirit of discord and strife."

May God bless the work in the whole Union this year as never before is the earnest prayer of

Yours sincerely,  
W. H. MEREDITH.

## Port Talbot

ALTHOUGH no public effort has been held in this town and no minister has been stationed here, yet God has gathered out the firstfruits.

In 1922 a "Present Truth" canvasser who had come from the Garw Valley called at a house in Port Talbot. After selling a copy of "Present Truth" and answering some questions as to why he was selling on Sunday, he passed on his way, but took down the name and address, which finally was passed on to the writer in Swansea, thirteen miles away.

Fortnightly visits were paid to this family and their interest was aroused. Shortly after they moved to an out-of-the-way place two and a half miles from a station with no means of riding there, so the task of following up the interest seemed harder, especially in the winter time. However, the assurances, "In due time we shall reap if we faint not" and "Cast thy bread upon the waters, for thou shalt find it after many days" were surely true in this case.

After hard plodding, five souls from one family took their stand, one from the Roman Catholic faith. While the writer had, very reluctantly, to lay down the work, and go to our sanitarium, God watched over these souls and sent others from time to time to visit them, who sought to hold the fort and to bring them to further decisions. Through the careful and skilled attention of Dr. Ruble, Dr. Hayton and the nursing staff at The Stanboroughs, God graciously restored me to a measure of health (thanks also are due to the many prayers offered on my behalf, especially in Wales) and in September I left Watford to take up the work in Port Talbot once more, and to prepare these souls for baptism.

On September 29th Brother Meredith examined the five candidates and then led them through the watery grave. One other sister had to postpone her baptism until a future occasion, so this was really six won to the truth from one family. About a week ago another son came to our prayer meeting, and, weeping in repentance, gave himself to the Lord. This completes the family. Pray that these souls may be kept faithful to the end.

We have a company now of nine adults and four children. Although our little group is small and poor in this world's goods, yet our tithes and offerings for six months have amounted in all to £79. 1s. 6d.

There are others also who are studying our truths, and one sister in another part of Port Talbot has begun to keep the Sabbath, although opposed by her husband, who one day arranged for two others to meet me and point out where we were wrong. I asked them to kindly furnish me with Biblical evidence, which, of course, they could not do, and after giving them a study on the Sabbath, they became interested and are now having studies on the prophecies and reading our tracts. We hope and pray that God will help these dear souls to see the light.

Sister Parry, one of our oldest colporteurs, has been faithfully sowing the seed here for some years, and is still helping in this way as she is able, though owing to ill health she cannot do all that she desires here now. Remember this infant company in Port Talbot in your prayers. We are hoping that in the near future we shall have an evangelistic effort here and see more souls gathered out.

M. E. LENANTON.



## Maintained Against Odds

WHAT about Wales? We have imagined such a question arising in the minds of many of the WORKER family after perusing the good reports for 1923 from the other conferences, appearing in the last issue. Though belated, we would now like to write a brief word for Wales.

Perhaps the brightest feature revealed by the statistical report for the year is the undiminished enthusiasm of this fragment of God's remnant people for the work in regions beyond. Despite the lessened incomes in the majority of cases,

sadly reflected in the unfortunate drop of over £200 in tithes, the ground has been held in the matter of offerings to foreign missions. From our Sabbath-schools alone £464. 11s. od. has been contributed, which registers an increase of £10. 11s. 4d. over 1922. Of this £115. 3s. 3d. was given on the four Thirteenth Sabbaths of the year, making our Thirteenth Sabbath Offerings £1. 7s. 6d. ahead of the previous year's figure under that head. We are steadily maintaining our position of 6d. per capita for our Sabbath-schools and are hopeful of gaining on it this year, keeping in mind the goal of 9d. per member.

Then the young people, through the Missionary Volunteer Societies, in their support of the Nigerian field have exceeded their 1922 offerings by £4. 8s. 6., the gifts for 1923 totalling £13. 4s. 10d. The Annual Offering just managed to eclipse its predecessor by a little less than £1. This was made possible by the noble response on the part of many to the appeal for the sale of literature during December, the proceeds helping to swell the many liberal offerings made by others. The total amount was £92. 0s. 11d.

Mention of literature sales in aid of the work abroad calls attention to our part in the "Big Week" early in the year, when £46. 5s. od. was accumulated in this way by the self-sacrificing labours of the Welsh members. We are convinced that the sale of our publications has not only accounted for the substantial sums recorded for the Annual Offering and the "Big Week," but the good standing reported for the Sabbath-schools and young people's societies may also be traced to that source. Nearly 21,000 more papers ("Present Truth" and "Good Health") sold in Wales last year, as compared with 1922, can certainly be thrown in the scale against the lessened incomes of our members. Leaders and superintendents the Union over, in their desire to keep up and increase offerings, cannot be directed to any better ally than our periodicals, to say nothing of the enlivening effect the activity of selling them has upon their flocks.

That other excellent plan for getting means for our great world-wide work—the Harvest Ingathering—was again well exploited by a goodly number of our people as the season came round. This has been the subject of previous reports, when in keeping with the rest of the Union, we exceeded our goal in about a third of the time of previous years. The total for the year was £723. 7s. 2d., or £2. 0s. 9d. per member, and only £6. 13s. 10d. less than the total accruing from the much longer period of 1922.

The only other main item during the year—the Midsummer Offering—amounted to £18. 16s. 10d., falling a little short of the same thing for 1922, when it was £20. 19s. 3d.

We cannot conclude this review without expressing a real pleasure at being associated with a people so bent on hastening the Lord's kingdom, as manifested by the noble, self-sacrificing spirit behind the good records referred to. May a sense of our great privileges inspire us all to be more faithful than ever during the days of 1924.

J. H. PARKIN.

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Alfred E. Bacon.

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A.K. Armstrong.

## Plans for 1924

KNOWING the keen interest our members take in the plans that are made for aggressive work, we gladly take this opportunity of informing them what we contemplate doing during the opening months of this year. As we set before you the efforts our various workers will be conducting, we most earnestly solicit an interest in your prayers on their behalf. In all your daily devotions remember them by name at the heavenly throne of grace; we are sure the Lord will hear your prayers, and gladden your hearts in the knowledge that many precious souls have been won for the truth of the third angel's message.

At the recent meeting of our Executive Committee the following plans were made: Pastors F. C. Bailey and A. K. Armstrong have been invited to go to Birmingham, a city with a population of nearly one million, and conduct a good effort, with probably the help of Sisters Casey and D. Brown. The interests in the Worcester district, where Brother Bailey has been working, will be followed up by Sister Simms. Then in Leeds Pastor E. E. Craven will be conducting another effort in a new part of the city, with the help of a Bible-worker and a young man, if we are able to secure the latter. By the time you all receive this issue of the WORKER these arrangements will no doubt have all been carried through. Pastor J. E. Bell, with the help of the church, will be conducting aggressive work in Hull.

Our other labourers are located as follows: Pastor H. F. De'Ath will be going to the Isle of Man to care for the interests there, so that Pastor Rodd may be freed for evangelistic work (later on) in some part of our densely populated conference. Brother Coppock is still in Stoke; Sister A. F. Clarke in Derby; Sister Vandenbergh in Stockton-on-Tees; Nurse Handysides in Ulverston; while Sister Cummins is just recovering from a spell of sickness.

On Friday evening, February 1st, we expect eight or nine will be going forward in baptism at Worcester. About the 14th or 15th of the month five or six will be going forward in a similar service at Stockton-on-Tees. Then in Nottingham and Derby we have those who are waiting for this blessed ordinance, which we expect to administer before very long. Brethren and sisters, let us all unite in making 1924, in the North England Conference, a year of mighty soul-winning.

ALFRED E. BACON.

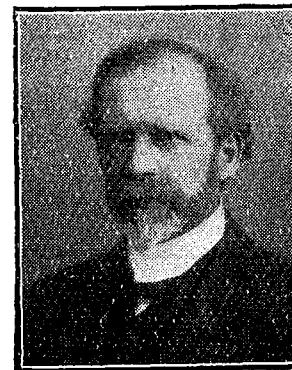
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## Blackburn

DECEMBER 25, 1923, will live long in the memory of the Blackburn Sabbath-school, especially the kindergarten class. On the evening of that day the little ones were entertained by the senior members of the Sabbath-school. Imagine their surprise on entering the mission room (which had been artistically decorated by our Sabbath-school superintendent, Brother Greenhow, and Sister Nicholson) to find a large Christmas tree reaching to the ceiling and heavily laden with toys and gifts for every member of the Sabbath-school.

The proceedings began with the singing of that well-known hymn, "All hail the power of Jesu's name," the reading of Ecclesiastes 3, and prayer by our elder. After that the children entertained us with action songs, recitations, etc. Then the senior class provided us with refreshments and each member was given a present from the Christmas tree.

J. W. BONSALL, Missionary Secretary.



pany and the election of its officers. Eight of the number were new converts, the others were comprised of members of three Sabbath-keeping families, including the writer's, who had come to reside on the island. In addition to these, another eight adult persons have embraced the truth. When these have been further instructed we hope to welcome them into our fellowship. More recently still we have organized a Sabbath-school with a membership of twenty-four.

Although yet in its infancy, the Isle of Man company already has had to mourn the death of one of its members. Brother Ludgate senior had been ailing for a long time, so his end was not altogether unexpected. The writer conducted the funeral service at Coosly where the deceased had resided for more than twenty years. Despite the great prejudice which the Coosly people have toward the message, practically every family in the village was represented at the funeral. Two of Brother Ludgate's sons have accepted the threefold message and are now attending our College at Watford.

But for the peculiar difficulties connected with labour on a diminutive island with a correspondingly diminutive and scattered population, our gain in souls might easily have been twice sixteen. However, we are grateful for what the Lord hath wrought. From the day we delivered our initial lecture until now we have proved by many encouraging experiences that the hand which shapes the affairs of men has also been directing in the interests of His own work here.

Having decided to commence our public work in the capital, we proceeded to look for an unfurnished house and we regarded it as distinctly providential that we were able to secure one in this time of house "famine." When similar good fortune had attended our negotiations for the use of the only available lecture hall in Douglas (which until then the proprietor had consistently refused to let) we felt justified in regarding the circumstances as another token of the leading of Providence.

Assisted by Miss Larminie as Bible-worker, we delivered our first lecture on the second Sunday in March before a company that filled the large café. The attendance declined somewhat at the third, fourth and fifth lectures, but at the sixth it took an upward turn and never looked back. A number of prominent people attended regularly, including the deputy mayor who informed us that he had only missed one lecture. On one occasion the alderman very kindly acted as chairman. During the tenth week the proprietor of the café informed me that he could not let us have the hall any longer as he must prepare for the summer season which was then opening. Thus, after a brief tenure, our public work was abruptly, though not unexpectedly, brought to a conclusion. Nor was it to be resumed again until the following October. This enforced cessation of our propaganda at a psychological moment in the effort—the tenth lecture was our first presentation of the

## Isle of Man

ON December 8, 1923, a meeting was held in the Baptist Church, Broadway, Douglas. The occasion was a baptism and the organization of our little company here. We were glad to have with us our president, Pastor A. E. Bacon, who delivered an appropriate address, concluding with an examination of the candidates. Then followed the baptismal service taken by the writer and the proceedings terminated with the organization of sixteen adult believers into a com-

Sabbath—is not the least obstacle that we have had to encounter in our labours in this island resort.

We now diverted our energies to systematic house-to-house visitation with tracts in the country districts, combined with soliciting donations for the Harvest Ingathering fund. God blessed greatly these efforts. As a result one or two have begun the observance of the Sabbath and several are interested. By our joint efforts, ably seconded by Miss K. Timings (with the assistance of Brother Waite's little daughter, Ruby, and the writer's, who have done splendidly for children) we raised the sum of approximately £260 for Harvest Ingathering and home missions. There is not space to tell how God has co-operated with a feeble folk in the raising of this large sum amongst a population numbering only about 22,000 and for the most part poor. Nor is there space to relate the many unique and interesting experiences which have befallen us in our crusade against the Sunday law. We must reserve these for another article. In the meantime may we ask our readers to remember in their prayers this little island nestling on the bosom of the Irish Sea.

A. S. RODD.

## CHURCH SCHOOL DEPT.

### What Shall We Teach?

(Continued)

*Stanborough Park, Watford.*

3. *Physiology and Hygiene*.—"From the first dawn of reason the human mind should become intelligent in regard to the physical structure. We may behold and admire the work of God in the natural world, but the human habitation is the most wonderful. It is therefore of the highest importance that among the studies selected for children, physiology occupy an important place. All children should study it. And then parents should see to it that practical hygiene is added."—*"Counsels to Teachers,"* p. 125.

"Every mother should see that her children understand their own bodies, and how to care for them. She should explain the construction and use of the muscles given us by our kind heavenly Father."—*"Special Testimonies on Education,"* p. 33.

"Children should be early taught in simple, easy lessons, the rudiments of physiology and hygiene. The work should be begun by the mother in the home."—*"Education,"* p. 196.

4. *Voice Culture and Singing*.—"The very best school for voice culture is the home. Study in every way not to annoy, but to cultivate a soft voice, distinct and plain. Thus mothers may become teachers in the home. Mothers should themselves act like Christ, speaking tender, loving words in the home; then opposite their names in the book of heaven will be written, 'Ye are labourers together with God.' Avoid everything that will be rasping to your children."

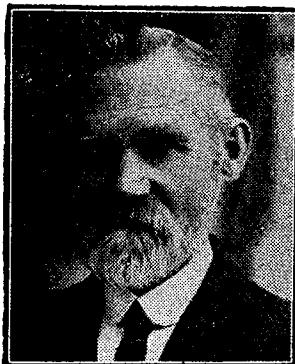
5. *Reading*.—"Parents should endeavour to keep out of the home every influence that is not productive of good. . . . To those who feel free to read story magazines and novels I would say: You are sowing seed the harvest of which you will not care to garner. . . . The susceptible, expanding mind of the child longs for knowledge. Parents should keep themselves well informed, that they may give the minds of their children proper food."—*"Counsels to Teachers,"* pp. 120, 121.

6. *Use of Money and Systematic Giving*.—"Whether supplied by their parents or by their own earnings, let boys and girls learn to select and purchase their own clothing, their books, and other necessities; and by keeping an account of their expenses they will learn, as they could learn in no other way, the value and the use of money.

"This training will help them to distinguish true economy from niggardliness on the one hand and prodigality on the other. Rightly directed, it will encourage habits of benevolence. It will aid the youth in learning to give, not from the mere impulse of the moment, as their feelings are stirred, but regularly and systematically."—*"Education,"* p. 239.

MRS. H. H. HOWARD.

## At Rest



It is with a sad heart that we record the death of our beloved brother, Robert J. Borrowdale, who died at the age of 67, a few days after undergoing an internal operation in the Bristol Hospital. For many months our brother suffered a great deal of pain, and showed signs of growing weakness, but it was not thought his end would come so soon. While we miss him sorely, we are satisfied that he fell asleep in Jesus, and that, with the rest of the sleeping saints, he awaits the call of the One Who said: "I am the resurrection and the life." Brother Borrowdale died in the firm conviction that Jesus would soon come to gather His people to Himself, taking them to the land that is "fairer than day," and from which will be shut out all pain and sorrow, sickness and death.

Brother Borrowdale's connection with the advent movement dates back to the year 1896, when he embraced the truth under the labours of Pastor C. Weslake. He was one of the charter members of the Plymouth Church. For many years he laboured zealously in his home church, first as a layman, and afterwards as a conference worker. Nine years ago he left Plymouth for Bristol, where he remained for several years, going later to Portsmouth, South-West London and Croscombe. In every place in which he laboured the Lord blessed our brother, and as a result of his work a goodly company will one day greet him in the kingdom of God. Throughout his experience he manifested the utmost loyalty and devotion to the cause, and was willing to spend and be spent in the service of the Master. A more unselfish, faithful labourer it would be impossible to find.

Our brother leaves behind, his wife, three sons, and a sister. Sister Borrowdale has manifested the same spirit of self-sacrifice and devotion to the message as her husband. She has been his faithful partner and co-worker, and has shared with him the joy of winning souls for the kingdom. Our hearts go out to her in deepest sympathy for the sad loss she has sustained. The three sons are all in the work of God. The eldest is in the ministry in Venezuela; the second is labouring in India; and the third is a worker in the Melrose Sanitarium. Miss Borrowdale, the sister, is a member of the Plymouth Church.

Owing to the railway strike neither Pastor J. E. Jayne nor the writer was able to attend the funeral, which was conducted by Pastor T. H. Cooper, at Westbury, Bristol.

May the day soon dawn when we shall see our dear brother again!

F. A. SPEARING.

To the dear friends in the South England Conference, who have written me such beautiful letters of comfort in my sad bereavement I wish to send my grateful thanks. It would be impossible for me to reply personally. Especially would I like to thank the members of the Bristol Church for all their kindness and love.

MARY BORROWDALE.

HOWARD.—On Saturday evening, January 26th, at 6.15, Sister Fanny Rebecca Howard, a member of the Bath Church, died instantly as the result of a bus accident. Sister Howard first became acquainted with the advent message in 1891 by reading "Present Truth." Soon afterwards she attended the public meetings which were being held at that time by Pastor J. H. Washburn, and has been a firm believer in the message and an ardent worker in the cause she loved from that time until the day of her death. Her age was 67 years. She leaves a husband, three sons and two daughters, an aged mother and step-father, also several grandchildren, to mourn their loss. But they sorrow not as those who have no hope. Nearly every member of the Bath Church attended the funeral service on January 30th, when our beloved sister was laid to rest in the Locksbrook Cemetery, there to await the voice of her Saviour when He shall come. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints."

E. CLIFFORD.

RAYBOULD.—The Handsworth Church mourns the loss of a faithful member in the person of Sister Mary Raybould, who died suddenly on January 1st from a seizure, at the age of 70. Sister Raybould accepted the truth through the labours of Elder W. A. Shafer, and was baptized by him on October 28, 1911. Since then she has lived a quiet, consistent, Christian life, loving and beloved by those who knew her. Her sorrowing husband

has our sympathy in this trial, but we sorrow not as others which have no hope. She sleeps in Jesus "until the day break, and the shadows flee away."

Wm. A. HALL.

LUMB.—It is with deep regret that we announce the death of our dear Sister E. Lumb of the Bradford Church, who fell asleep in Jesus on January 6th in her seventy-fifth year. Sister Lumb accepted the message during Pastor Bell's effort here about three years ago. For the last two years our dear sister had been in poor health. It was the writer's privilege to visit her from time to time and she often reasserted her confidence in her Maker, and felt quite sure there was nothing between her and her God. All who knew her were impressed with her beautiful Christian character. We laid her to rest on January 9th in the Undercliffe Cemetery, having every confidence that she will answer the call of the Life-giver and come forth in glorious newness of life. Our hearts go out in deep sympathy

to her husband, three sons, two daughters, and grandchildren. By request the service was conducted by the writer.

E. HORSPPOOL.

HARDAKER.—Sister Hardaker, for the past two years a member of the York Church, was laid to rest on Sabbath, December 29, 1923. We miss our sister, but are looking forward to that day in the near future when the Lord shall come for His own.

J. NORMINGTON, *Church Clerk.*

BATER.—Our dear Sister Anne Rouse Bater fell asleep in Jesus on December 28, 1923, in her eighty-second year and was laid to rest in the Exwick Cemetery, Exeter, on January 2, 1924. Sister Bater was baptized at Torquay on September 28, 1922, by Pastor T. H. Cooper and has since been meeting with our little company here at Exeter. Our sister awaits the call of the Life-giver on the resurrection morn.

E. BYRT.

## Statement of Tithes and Offerings for the British Union Conference for Quarter Ending Dec., 31, 1923.

NAME OF CHURCH OR COMP'Y	MEM-BER-SHIP	TITHE	Tithe per Capita	TOTAL OFFERINGS	Offerings per Capita	NAME OF CHURCH OR COMP'Y	MEM-BER-SHIP	TITHE	Tithe per Capita	TOTAL OFFERINGS	Offerings per Capita
<b>North England Conference</b>						<b>S. England Gen. (Continued)</b>					
Birmingham (Handsw'h) " (South).....	56	49 12 3	17 9	60 19 3	1 1 9	Harrow .....	11	3 2 0	5 7	21 2 0	1 18 4
Bradford .....	25	28 19 3	1 3 2	15 6 3	12 3	Hessenford .....	5	9 5 3	1 17 0	12 15 3	2 11 0
Coventry .....	17	12 2 8	14 3	20 17 4	1 4 7	Newport, Isle of W... .....	5	8 0 6	1 12 1	8 17 6	1 15 6
Derby .....	41	42 1 3	1 0 6	51 14 3	1 5 3	Romford .....	11	10 5 0	18 7	37 18 10	3 9 0
Grimsby .....	45	41 9 7	18 5	37 10 10	16 8	St. Mabyn .....	4	8 12 0	2 3 0	26 4 0	6 11 0
Hull.....	16	5 0 4	6 3	9 7 0	11 8	Salisbury .....	3	2 19 9	19 11	5 13 0	1 17 8
Kettering .....	134	160 19 11	1 4 0	124 11 9	18 7	Sandown .....	4	4 4 6	1 1 1	4 2 0	1 0 6
Leeds .....	34	32 16 11	19 4	27 19 3	16 5	Sittingbourne .....	5	11 11 3	2 6 3	15 19 3	3 3 10
Leicester .....	56	78 18 8	1 8 2	66 14 0	1 3 10	Torquay .....	5	6 1 2	1 4 8	18 17 6	3 15 6
Liverpool .....	27	34 6 10	1 5 5	31 17 8	1 3 7	Ventnor .....	7	4 18 0	14 0	3 13 11	10 7
Manchester (North) .....	47	37 14 0	16 1	38 12 2	16 5	Walmer .....	2	10 11 7	5 5 9	6 8 8	3 4 4
" (South).....	39	57 19 0	1 9 9	62 15 8	1 12 2	Isolated .....	117	239 18 0	2 1 0	201 12 10	1 14 5
Newcastle-on-Tyne .....	77	110 18 7	1 8 10	78 1 4	1 0 3	<b>Totals for 4th Quarter, 1923</b>	1690	2803 5 3	1 18 2	3165 10 0	1 17 5
Nottingham .....	57	91 7 8	1 12 1	73 5 4	1 5 8	<b>Totals for 4th Quarter, 1922</b>	1535	2703 6 3	1 15 2	3861 15 7	2 10 4
Rotherham .....	100	141 0 1	1 3 2	123 7 3	1 4 8	<b>Increase.</b>	155	99 19 0	2 0	*696 5 6	*12 10
Rushden .....	18	18 6 11	1 0 5	13 13 10	15 3	<b>Welsh Conference</b>					
Sheffield .....	19	21 18 10	1 4 2	24 10 0	1 5 9	Blaenavon .....	4	13 3 1	3 5 9	5 15 3	1 8 10
Stoke .....	62	59 18 10	19 4	56 8 1	18 2	Cardiff .....	41	73 10 6	1 15 10	77 2 6	1 17 7
Waterloo .....	26	18 7 0	14 1	44 7 9	1 14 2	Ebbw Vale .....	15	16 16 1	1 2 5	12 9 4	16 7
Wellingborough .....	13	27 9 11	2 2 4	32 8 9	2 9 11	Mountain Ash .....	10	13 1 6	1 6 2	31 17 9	3 3 9
Wigan .....	30	18 7 7	12 3	28 5 5	18 10	Newport .....	62	95 19 2	1 10 11	78 11 1	1 5 4
Wolverhampton .....	7	2 5 0	6 5	7 12 6	1 1 9	Pembroke Dock .....	19	28 7 7	1 9 10	32 2 9	1 13 10
Worcester .....	21	25 15 5	1 4 7	16 2 4	15 4	Pontypridd .....	18	17 3 6	1 6 5	21 15 3	1 13 6
York .....	61	59 6 7	19 5	70 7 5	1 3 1	Porth .....	18	13 9 9	15 0	14 19 5	16 7
<b>Conference</b>					Swansea .....	36	46 10 0	1 5 10	62 15 4	1 14 10	
Bearwood .....	38	48 4 5	1 5 5	119 11 9	8 2 11	Aberdare .....	15	17 3 5	1 2 11	23 1 1	1 10 9
Blackburn .....	12	10 18 4	18 2	3 13 1	Bargoed .....	20	24 16 6	1 4 10	20 13 0	1 0 8	
Burnley .....	10	3 10 6	7 1	13 15 8	1 7 6	Barry Dock .....	4	13 17 0	3 9 3	5 6 7	1 6 8
Langley (Birming'm) .....	7	5 4 4	14 11	4 8 10	Caerphilly .....	11	13 12 2	1 4 9	14 17 2	1 7 0	
Lincoln .....	20	30 16 2	1 10 10	7 0 4	Dowlais .....	4	3 19 11	1 0 0	1 10 0	7 6	
Mansfield .....	11	18 15 3	1 14 1	31 10 0	Hereford .....	20	25 4 7	1 5 3	45 12 2	2 5 7	
Melton Mowbray .....	28	30 5 5	1 1 7	27 5 6	Port Talbot .....	8	23 15 5	2 19 5	39 17 7	4 4 8	
Middlesborough .....	5	14 12 11	2 18 7	20 5 11	Rhos .....	11	8 4 4	14 11	20 17 7	1 18 0	
Northampton .....	10	17 2 11	1 14 4	22 5 5	Wattsville .....	8	13 11 7	1 18 11	11 18 4	1 9 9	
Rugby .....	12	4 4 8	7 1	11 1 3	Wellington, Shrews'y .....	10	4 15 6	9 7	16 19 4	1 13 11	
Scarborough .....	6	7 13 8	1 5 7	7 13 10	Isolated .....	29	28 13 6	19 9	54 18 6	1 17 10	
Seacombe .....	8	34 16 4	4 7 1	73 12 4	<b>Totals for 4th Quarter, 1923</b>	358	495 15 1	1 7 10	587 0 0	1 13 1	
Southport .....	10	12 19 11	1 6 0	8 18 6	<b>Totals for 4th Quarter, 1922</b>	381	501 11 5	1 8 3	759 19 9	2 2 10	
Sutton-in-Ashfield .....	12	7 6 0	14 7	4 19 10	<b>Increase.</b>	*23	*5 16 4	*5	*172 19 8	*9 9	
Ulverston .....	14	5 10 5	9 2	19 5 2							
Isolated .....	123	9 16 0	14 0	14 2 2							
		238 14 5	1 18 10	284 3 4							
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<b>South England Conference</b>						<b>Scottish Conference</b>					
Bath .....	39	32 19 6	16 11	64 5 5	1 12 11	Edinburgh .....	68	49 14 8	13 2	94 16 6	1 7 10
Bournemouth .....	51	51 2 0	1 0 1	73 18 1	1 9 0	Glasgow .....	71	71 2 4	1 0 0	106 10 5	1 10 0
Brighton .....	36	57 3 8	1 11 9	95 11 3	2 13 1	Paisley .....	5	8 17 8	1 15 6	37 13 9	7 10 9
Bristol .....	93	132 1 1	1 8 5	171 1 4	1 16 9	Kirkcaldy .....	16	20 16 9	1 6 0	18 13 7	1 3 4
Catford .....	25	43 11 2	1 14 10	46 13 3	1 17 4	Stirling .....	8	22 9 9	2 16 2	31 16 6	3 19 7
Crocombe .....	17	95 0 3	2 1 2	32 1 6	1 17 9	Clydebank .....	8	4 10 6	13 4	16 2 9	2 0 4
Edmonton .....	18	22 1 7	1 4 6	32 1 6	1 15 7	Dundee .....	6	9 1 0	1 10 2	25 1 9	4 8 7
Exeter .....	8	6 9 1	16 1	14 8 5	1 16 0	Isolated .....	44	125 3 3	2 16 10	141 1 11	3 4 1
Forest Gate .....	29	33 8 3	1 3 0	55 9 1	1 18 3	<b>Totals for 4th Quarter, 1923</b>	226	311 15 11	1 7 7	471 17 2	2 1 9
Forest Hill .....	23	64 18 11	2 14 9	65 17 0	2 17 3	<b>Totals for 4th Quarter, 1922</b>	203	223 9 6	1 2 0	549 19 9	2 14 2

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## Farewell!

It was with mingled feelings of joy and sorrow that my last service as pastor of the West London Church was held on the evening of January 19th.

About 150 members and friends were present to witness the baptism and receiving into church fellowship of eight new believers.

Since the beginning of the effort the first Sunday evening in February a year ago, thirty have been added by baptism and vote in this district. Over twenty more are definitely keeping the Sabbath and a like number are deeply interested in the truth. Much credit is due to the Bible-workers and churchmembers. Sister Guntrip has laboured very faithfully in West London and Fulham. Sister Powell, who came to us for half time after the Sabbath had been presented in the Fulham effort, has done excellent work. Sister Brooks has exerted a splendid influence and accomplished much in her four months with the North-West London Church. The writer appreciates very much the consecrated work of "those women which laboured with him in the Gospel."

It is not without feelings of sorrow and many backward looks that one leaves workers and believers with whom he is in perfect harmony and fellowship, a church building free from debt, a church school cared for by a capable teacher, a church whose financial condition is good, and a comfortable flat, to go to a new field of labour and to find a home, you know not where these days, in a strange city. But we look forward to our association with those warm-hearted Welsh brethren and sisters in Cardiff and to labouring under Brother Meredith who taught us how to bait our hook when we first began fishing in a public way.

The church had only received a week's notice of my going when the above meeting was held, at the close of which a gift was presented to the writer with a letter from which the following is taken:

"TO PASTOR DORLAND.

"We, the members of the West London, North-West London and Fulham Churches, do by this little present express to you, Pastor Dorland, our appreciation and love for the way in which you have sacrificed yourself and your means to serve us and the cause of truth in these neighbourhoods. We feel grateful to God for having sent you among us, and we very much regret having for a time at least to part with you. You may always rely upon our affection and Christian love, as well as our prayers, which will always follow you. We feel so thankful to God for having sent you to us; if we had not had your faith, courage and work, we do not think we should now have this humble place in which to worship God.

"Again let us say we are sorry to lose you and yours, and the sentiment of every heart is that God will be with you till we meet again; here or at the throne of God."

There is no calling higher than the Gospel ministry and none that yields such rich rewards in this life as well as in the life to come.

O. M. DORLAND.



## Sending Goods to Missionaries

In view of the great number of friends and acquaintances that desire from time to time to send along a little remembrance to workers in the mission fields, we feel that it will be

well to pass on these suggestions from the director of one of these fields.

"I am glad that you have asked me about the friends who wish to enclose goods for various workers in the shipments. The other day one worker got three Christmas puddings—all mouldy! If the worker wants anything himself he can arrange it with his friends. Never enclose anything in a shipment unless it is sent out on the invoice.

"No one should send goods by parcel post without stating the value as moderately as possible on the Customs declaration form which is supplied at the post office. The other day someone sent a parcel of old garments of small value but the value was declared on the parcel [by the Customs] at £8. As the duty on worn garments is thirty per cent you may guess the consternation of the worker. [The worker had to pay £2. 8s. od. to get the parcel from the Customs!—Ed.]

"Someone sent, lately, some dress material without stating the value. The Customs opened the parcel and assessed the value themselves, probably at three times the English value. I could give you more illustrations of this sort.

"I believe I wrote you lately that an article was enclosed in a box for Brother —, which was not mentioned on the invoice. The Customs found it, assessed a fine as penalty, and opened in suspicion every case in the consignment. If we have a good reputation with the Customs our goods get through quickly. If we get a bad name it will mean much inconvenience and also loss to us as our agents will charge more for their time in getting goods through the Customs.

"No eatables or other presents should be sent without an understanding with the recipients, as the cost may easily outweigh the value. And nothing should be enclosed under any condition that is not fully specified on the invoice."

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## SUNSET CALENDAR.

	LONDON	CARDIFF	EDINBURGH
February 8th	5.1	5.14	4.59
February 15th	5.14	5.26	5.14