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The Call of the Mission Fields

“The world has broken open before us.”—W. A. Spicer.

WHAT would happen to Seventh-Day Adventists if there should be a sudden drop of all reference to the needs of the mission fields—no more calls, no more appeals? Would our feelings not be somewhat akin to those of a mother bereaved of her child? The daily needs of the little one bring to the mother that which becomes part of her very life. So with the Christian. To the degree that the Spirit of Christ is in him, his life is bound up with the needs of those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.

At the recent Autumn Council of the General Conference Committee the needs of the mission fields have been the chief theme. The president, Elder W. A. Spicer, tells in an article found in the “Review” dated November 13th, of the wonderful inspiration which came to the brethren as they heard the reports and counselled together. He says:

“Never did believers in any meeting listen to more soul-stirring messages from the great world field than those which came to us at the Council. The Spirit of God attended the presentation as division by division the fields were reviewed. We saw how mightily God is at work in all the four quarters of the earth. We saw anew that Providence is signalling to us from every dark land to come on with the message God has given us for all nations and tongues. Repeatedly the audience seemed fairly forced to its feet to sing, ‘Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!’

“As the cry of the fields came in, the home base responded to God’s evident summons. Nothing was counted too precious to yield. The detailed reports will show that the appointments to the fields through the Committee on Distribution of Labour total well on toward a record of a General Conference session. Union and local conference brethren held nothing back. The only limit was the limit of means with which to send the workers.”

Such statements must bring hope and courage into the heart of everyone looking for the coming of the Lord. As Brother Spicer further states, “The whole world has simply broken open before us.” Here in the British Union God has certainly blessed our ef-

forts in behalf of missions during the past year. The Sabbath-school offerings total £3,434 for the past three quarters. The Big Week effort brought in £420, the Jubilee Offering £278, and the Missionary Volunteer Societies have contributed £136. Then there is the Harvest Ingathering which may possibly reach £6,300. These amounts bring our total offerings well on for the year. It should be stated, however, that we are down on the two main mission funds—Sabbath-school offerings and Harvest Ingathering. The latter may show a decrease of £500. This figure might easily be doubled when we consider the drop in Sabbath-school offerings and the fact of cutting out the Week of Sacrifice for 1924. Because of this we are appealing for the help of every member in connection with the annual offering and the Thirteenth Sabbath offering to be taken up December 13th and 27th respectively. These two offerings will close up our efforts for the year.

Many, we are glad to say, are already busily engaged selling the new book “Bedtime Stories” and the Christmas number of “Good Health” with a view to supplementing their offerings to these two funds. The Christmas number of “Present Truth” is now available and should be added to the literature mentioned as a means of earning money. If each member will secure 5/- extra to their personal gifts and put it in either to the annual or the Thirteenth Sabbath offering we shall not come behind in our total offerings for the year.

May the Lord continue to bestow on each one of us a willing spirit that Jesus may soon see of the travail of His soul and be satisfied. J. HARKER.

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Badges Please!

WE have received only a very partial response to our request for the return of Harvest Ingathering badges. Will treasurers, isolated families and others who are responsible for even a single badge, please return the same to the Home Missionary Department, Stanborough Park, Watford. J. HARKER.

A Word of Appreciation

WE were very glad to receive the good news a week or so ago that the Harvest Ingathering goal in the British Union had not only been reached but passed. It brings a good deal of satisfaction and joy when one achieves the object of one's endeavour. The process may be difficult and doubtless this year many difficulties have been experienced in gathering in the funds in this campaign. We appreciate very much indeed the faithful labours that have been put forth by all our leaders, church officers and by our brethren and sisters, and we wish to assure them that the good word when passed on to our mission stations will bring joy and courage to the hearts of those who are toiling under a tropical sun.

You will be glad to know, also, that the \$10,000 for the erection of the hospital in Kenya is well in sight. At the time of writing the sum of about \$9,300 has been passed in to the treasury. We know of some amounts that have not yet reached us and so we know that the goal has been reached. This money will enable us to meet a long-felt need in Kavirondo, and the erection of the hospital there will, under the blessing of God, mean much for the advancement of our work among those native people. All the fields in the European Division had part in this special jubilee offering. The largest per capita offering, however, was reached by our believers in Great Britain. The building of the hospital is well under way at the present time and we are now negotiating for nurses to co-operate with Dr. Madgwick in carrying forward this important branch of our work.

On the 27th of November I leave again for Africa. This time I shall visit particularly the missions on the West Coast of the Dark Continent. In addition to calling at Nigeria, Sierra Leone and the Gold Coast, I expect to go to Liberia. We must lay our plans for entering other territories in Africa. We want soon to enter Uganda and the Anglo-Sudan and give this message to the inhabitants of those lands that a people may be prepared to welcome Jesus at His coming.

We solicit an interest in your prayers and pray that the rich blessing of God may rest upon the work in the homeland.

W. E. READ.

Ingathering Under Difficulties

AMONGST the many staunch supporters of missions in our ranks is Brother E. C. Elliott, of Newport. Unfortunately Brother Elliott is suffering from paralysis and can only get about with the help of an attendant. This affliction, however, does not hinder our good brother from engaging in missionary work. For several years he has taken a very active part in the Harvest Ingathering and the results are well worth considering. His work is done wholly by correspondence.

The plan adopted by Brother Elliott is to secure names of tradesmen and professional men from the directory and send to them a letter in his own writing with a copy of the Ingathering booklet or leaflet. If there is no response in a reasonable time, a second letter is sent and sometimes a third, calling attention to the appeal in a tactful way. This "follow up" work is responsible for a fair proportion of the donations received. The sums collected range from 20/- down to 1/-. A letter just received states: "You

will be glad to know that my total at the moment is £19. 1s., with ten letters out." In the letter referred to four amounts are given as follows: 20/-, 10/-, 10/6, and 10/6, to which is appended a reference to Psa. 118:23.

We rejoice with Brother Elliott in the success which God has given him from year to year. From what we can glean from his reports there are three contributing elements—prayer, perseverance and penmanship. We are sure that much more can be accomplished in this line of endeavour. J. HARKER.



Week of Prayer in Pare

LOOK with me for a moment across to East Africa and see how greatly our native brethren and sisters appreciate the annual meeting at the close of the Week of Prayer. Not one member, save the infirm, is absent.

Daily services for local members have been held in each out-station, but the great gathering for the Sabbath day is held in Mamba's big church with its 300 seats. Not only is it tastefully decorated with stately palm and feathery yew branches, but the seats allotted to each village are distinguished by a large card bearing the name.

Through the intense heat mingled with heavy thunderstorms, these faithful souls, men, women and children, have tramped for five, seven or even ten hours, bearing their few necessary burdens on their heads, along stony tracks, over rugged mountains, down steep water courses, through forests, and across rivers whose only bridge is often a fallen tree-trunk which does not reach the farther bank. But a warm welcome awaits their arrival at the huts of their friends.

The church at Mamba possesses the largest bell in use in the Pare district, and great excitement prevailed when at 5 p.m. its deep tones began to roll up the hillsides calling the united churchmembers to the opening Sabbath service.

Like a stream bearing bright blossoms on its surface, the people soon began pouring down the hillside paths, their garments spotless, their faces full of joy, singing hymns of praise in happy harmony as they came.

The next day, from the early morning service soon after sunrise, they followed each portion with deep interest—teachers' meeting, Sabbath-school, after meeting, every word was precious. The children were gathered in the old school house. One of the native teachers had prepared a choir to render an anthem which was well done. Every seat was filled.

The greatest interest was manifested in the afternoon, when the ordinances of the Lord's house were celebrated in a manner so reverent and hearty as to compare very favourably with any of our home churches. Truly God has made us all of one blood, and these coloured brethren and sisters will respond if we who know more will show them the Gospel in our lives. Their testimonies were full of courage and praise for victories gained both in the home and outside. Their offerings for missions increase continually as the love for Jesus Christ is growing in their hearts. Truly the power of the Lord was present at those Sabbath meetings and we could say with Peter, "Lord, it is good for us to be here."

A. B. CROWDER.



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Rotherham

WE gladly avail ourselves of another opportunity of acquainting the readers of the *MISSIONARY WORKER* with the way in which the Lord is graciously blessing the effort here in Rotherham. So far, Brother Rodd has delivered seven lectures, all of which have been well attended—indeed the thousand mark has been exceeded twice. All the workers find that the interest is deepening and that the people, including a large percentage of men, are coming to the meetings as regularly as possible. Public evidence of this interest is seen in the following extracts from another editorial in the "Rotherham Express": "People who are not attached to any particular church or religious denomination are rather puzzled to account for the fact that large audiences, reaching up to a thousand, assemble to listen to the Sunday evening lectures delivered by Mr. A. S. Rodd, at the Empire Super-Cinema, Rotherham. . . . Probably one effect of these lectures will be to send many persons back to the Bible as a Book for private reading and study. After all, the Bible is the fount of inspiration that most of us need."

Before this report appears in print, Brother Rodd will have presented the first phase of the Sabbath truth, a most testing message for the general public. And we have evidence that the ever-active enemy is preparing a gigantic counter attack. Ministers, realizing that our work is of a more permanent nature than they at first realized, are assiduously visiting the people, discouraging many from attending the lectures and even causing prejudiced ones to place obstacles in the way of those members of their families whose custom it has been to attend. We are therefore moved to ask all our people to present earnest supplications to God that the seed may not have been sown in vain and that there may be a rich harvest of souls. "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of."

W. R. A. MADGWICK, B.A. (Lond.)



Necessary Preparation for Equipment

THERE is always a call for men and women who are prepared to give their lives to the Lord for soul-winning service. But no work can ever be done thoroughly unless we prepare ourselves for it and put our whole lives into it. The men and women who succeed in the world are those who love their work most.

"We must engage in the work with heart and soul and voice."

"Both mental and physical powers must be aroused."

"All heaven is interested in our work, and angels of God are ashamed of our weak efforts."

Our work is aggressive; something must be done

to warn the masses in the cities and towns of the North British Conference. Brother A. S. Maxwell's new production, "Christ's Glorious Return," is an excellent book to arouse the interest of the people in these thickly-populated areas. Hitherto we have allowed the Russellites, etc., to get on the ground before us. One sister writes that they are canvassing the town where she lives, and she feels that now "Christ's Glorious Return" should be circulated to give the people the truth about our Lord's second coming.

We shall be pleased to hear from those who desire to help in this line of work. While the doubting ones talk of impossibilities, we expect the faithful to respond to the call of the hour. There are magnificent opportunities to-day which, if neglected, will be forever lost. Millions of people in our large cities and towns have never heard this truth. Do not delay, but join our faithful band of regular colporteurs, and so hasten Christ's glorious return. D. DAVIES.



The Best is Yet to Be

THE achievements of the past foreshadow the possibilities of the future. As we consider the progress of our work in previous years we can truly exclaim, "What hath God wrought!" But what shall we say as we look into the future? We have the promise that the Lord will do great things and that the whole earth will be lit up with the glory of God. For this we are looking, to this end we will strive and pray and work, for our task can never be laid down until "every nation, kindred, tongue and people" has heard the good news.

Already we hear a sound "of abundance of rain." The message to us to-day is, "Get thee up, hasten, let not anything hinder you. Press on, victory is sure, it is near; yea, it is already in sight!"

The fields are white to harvest. Lift up your eyes and see. The harvest truly is great, and the labourers are few; but "pray ye the Lord of the harvest" for more labourers. Yes! and go ye into the harvest field, for

"The work that centuries might have done,
Must crowd the hours of setting sun.
And through all lands the saving Name,
We must in fervent haste proclaim."

The departmental work in North Britain has gone steadily ahead. It is not many years ago—1917—when the whole of the Sabbath-schools in the British field contributed less than that of the North British Conference alone for the year 1923. We are anticipating that the report for 1924 will break this record, for "the best is yet to be."

The past is gone, we cannot recall it. The future with all its prospects and possibilities still lies before us. But the present is here with us to-day. NOW is the time to act. Future successes depend, to a

large extent, upon the use we make of to-day. In our Home Missionary and Young People's departments, we are having some wonderful experiences. We wish that all these good things might be reported to encourage others.

Our members in most places have responded loyally to the calls for personal service. Within a few days of the announcement of Brother Maxwell's new book, orders were received for over 4,000 copies from this conference alone. We expect that thousands of little folk are now listening to "Uncle Arthur's Bedtime Stories."

There are yet thousands more waiting to receive a copy, and waiting for you to bring it. Won't you help to pass along these inspiring books to the people? Why not order one dozen and see what you can do? One of our members in a few hours obtained orders from his regular readers of "Present Truth" for fifty-three of these little books.

Wonderful achievements are still waiting your endeavours. Take hold of the splendid opportunities to spread the message by means of the printed page. "Bedtime Stories," the Christmas number of "Present Truth," and the New Year "Good Health" are waiting for your orders.

Do not delay—order TO-DAY. NOW, all get busy and share in "the best that is yet to be."

Yours for success,
F. W. GOODALL.

Sabbath-School Dept.

Teachers' Training Course for 1925

NEVER has a year of our Training Course given greater promise of helpfulness than this. The book to be studied is "Education," by Mrs. E. G. White. This book is a treasure-house of principles, as needful to the Sabbath-school teacher as to the day school teacher. While excellent material may be obtained from the writings of men, we take extreme pleasure this year in presenting a course from this book, the authority of which cannot be questioned, as it is inspired by the great Teacher Himself.

A helpful article on the topic for each month will be given in the "Sabbath-School Worker," in addition to the outline of study. These will aid materially in adapting the instructions to the Sabbath-school teachers.

The course begins with the February number of the "Sabbath-School Worker" and the date for the first study is the first week of the month.

Remember that this Training Course is first of all a home study. It is planned for that. Not being able to attend teachers' meetings is no barrier. Anyone, anywhere, can follow the studies. The lessons are short. The expense is small. Each one should not merely read, but *study* the pages assigned for the month's work. The question to be considered is not how much we can read, but how thoroughly do we make what we do read our very own?

While the Training Course is pre-eminently a home study, it would bring new life and power into the teachers' meetings if the programme of those meetings were so changed as to embrace the teacher-training idea. If one half the time were spent in the study of principles and methods of teachers and the

other half used in making an application of those principles to the lesson, it would be much more helpful than the plan now followed in many places. Young men and young women who desire to prepare themselves for this work should be invited to join in the study.

GENERAL CONFERENCE SABBATH-SCHOOL DEPT.

A special edition of "Education" has been published by the Pacific Press, U.S.A., copies of which can be obtained through the Stanborough Press at 4/6 carriage paid. Order your book now and avoid delay.

J. H.

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Daily Study of the Sabbath-School Lesson

WITH the beginning of 1925 we start a new series of Sabbath-school lessons, this time on the life of Christ. The lessons for the adults and for the children will now be on the same subjects for a time. Let us profit by this circumstance to begin the New Year aright, in daily study of the Sabbath-school lesson in the family circle. The Spirit of prophecy definitely exhorts us to do this. "Parents, set apart a little time each day for the study of the Sabbath-school lesson with your children. Give up the social visit if need be, rather than sacrifice the hour devoted to the precious lessons of sacred history. Parents, as well as children, will receive benefit from this study. Let the more important passages of Scripture connected with the lesson be committed to memory, not as a task, but as a privilege. Though at first the memory may be defective, it will gain strength by exercise, so that after a time you will delight thus to treasure up the precious words of truth, and the habit will prove a most valuable aid to religious growth."—*Testimonies on Sabbath-School Work*, p. 11.

We would suggest the following plan, which, of course, can be modified according to the needs and the conditions of each home:

Sabbath: Read in the Bible the texts bearing on the lesson, as well as the lesson story as given in the children's lesson. Have the children learn the memory verse.

Sunday: Let each member of the family tell a part of the lesson story. Reread the more difficult passages and notice any details that may have been overlooked.

Monday: Study the notes in the adults' lessons, and as far as possible the ancient customs referred to in the lesson. Use some standard Bible dictionary.

Tuesday: Name the persons in the lesson and tell what each did and said.

Wednesday: Study the geography of the lesson, using a Bible atlas. Explain the difficult words. Compare the accounts of the different gospels and the parallel texts. Ask the questions in the children's lesson.

Thursday: Review the lesson.

Friday: Outline the principal points. Ask the questions in the children's lesson. Repeat the most important texts. Bring out the practical teachings of the lesson, adapting these to the age and understanding of the children.

L. L. CAVINESS.

Circulation Department

NOTICE is hereby given that owing to the Christmas holidays no goods will leave the office of The Stanborough Press, Ltd., after Wednesday noon, the 24th, until Monday, December the 29th. To ensure delivery before Christmas we advise you to send your orders to us the previous week and certainly not later than Sunday, 21st.

By the time this issue of the MISSIONARY WORKER reaches you the January number of "Good Health" will be published. We are happy to tell you that the circulation of the magazine reached the highest figure for three years this month. A total

of 38,000 copies was sent out and we could have used more. This is very encouraging indeed and we thank all who have assisted. Let us hope that it is but the beginning of our old-time editions.

"PRESENT TRUTH" No. 1 will be ready for delivery on Wednesday next, the 17th. To assist us in our work and to ensure receiving the papers before Christmas, kindly let us have your orders not later than the 18th. Orders for the January "Good Health" may be included with "Present Truth" No. 1, seeing that the magazine will be ready as noted in the previous paragraph.

JUST to remind you we are mentioning the Sabbath-school pamphlets again. Every quarter someone is disappointed because of lateness in ordering.

Final Harvest Ingathering Report 1924

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Newcastle	126 2 8	2 11 5	Forest Gate	46 9 8	1 12 9	Wellingborough	23 0 0	15 4
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Coventry	86 8 2	2 2 2	Swansea	82 14 8	1 8 8	Derby	26 3 1	11 11
Brighton	84 5 0	2 2 1	Bargoed	27 16 3	1 7 10	Kettering	20 0 0	11 9
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Salisbury	15 13 6	5 4 6	Romford	20 12 6	1 17 6	Wattsville	6 10 0	16 3
Clydebank	50 17 1	5 1 9	Ulceby	9 6 0	1 17 2	Northampton	10 19 9	15 9
Mountain Ash	41 10 4	3 15 5	Wellin' & Shrew.	16 8 11	1 16 7	Rotherham	13 11 5	15 1
Killamarsh	18 6 0	3 13 3	Ropley	16 10 5	1 16 7	Exeter	5 5 1	15 0
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Middlesborough	31 10 6	3 3 0	Port Talbot	14 7 3	1 15 2	Caerphilly	7 11 9	12 7
Stirling	27 15 3	3 1 8	Burnley	13 2 8	1 12 10	Blaenavon	3 11 11	12 0
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Dundee	15 10 0	2 11 8	Perth	5 2 0	1 5 6	Kilmoyle	3 12 6	7 3
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Ely	11 16 0	2 7 2	Isle of Wight	17 17 6	1 3 7	Merthyr	10 6	5 3
Pontypridd	26 8 0	2 4 0	Isle of Man	20 18 3	1 3 3	Harrow	2 0 10	3 8
Stockton	30 5 5	2 3 3	Lincoln	12 17 5	1 1 6	Rugby		
Paisley	10 15 0	2 3 0	Ebbw Vale	9 6 0	1 0 8			

We still have a good supply of both senior and junior lesson books, but if you have not yet ordered you should do so at once.

THE Morning Watch Calendar is going very well indeed. Only a limited number have been printed and it is not possible to print more so be sure that you secure all that you need at once.

So great has been the demand for the Home Missionary Wall Calendar published by the Review and Herald Publishing Association that we have ordered further supplies. Orders received will be executed in turn and should we be unable to get all we have ordered the last "comers" will be unfortunate.

At Rest

BUNKER.—It is with profound regret that we report the sad death of our beloved brother, J. H. Bunker, of Marsh Mills, Plymouth, who passed away at the age of 55 years. On November 12th he met with an accident while cycling; the following day he seemed to be progressing favourably but that evening became unconscious, in which state he remained until the time of his death on November 20th. Brother Bunker accepted the message about twenty-three years ago and was baptized, along with several others, by the late Pastor O. A. Olsen. During all these years he was a faithful member of the Plymouth Church, in which he filled various offices with unflinching devotion. He had been elder of the church several times, which office he held at the time of his decease. In everything he put the work of the church first; we deeply mourn the loss of so faithful a brother. Besides his work in his home church Brother Bunker served on the local conference committee and was well known by a large number of our people. His home was ever open for the workers

who visited the town. Not only was he loved by the church members but he was greatly respected by a large number of the townspeople. Our church was well filled when Pastor W. H. Meredith, in conducting the funeral service, spoke words of comfort and hope to the sorrowing relatives and friends. Our brother was laid to rest in St. Mary's Churchyard, Plympton, Rev. C. E. Seacombe officiating at the graveside. He rests for a little while from his labours in the sure and certain hope of a glorious resurrection. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord." Brother Bunker leaves behind a wife, who is devoted to the cause, also four sons. We extend to them our deep, heartfelt sympathy.

Sister Bunker desires to thank the kind friends who have written such comforting and helpful letters to her in her sad bereavement.

D. MORRISON.

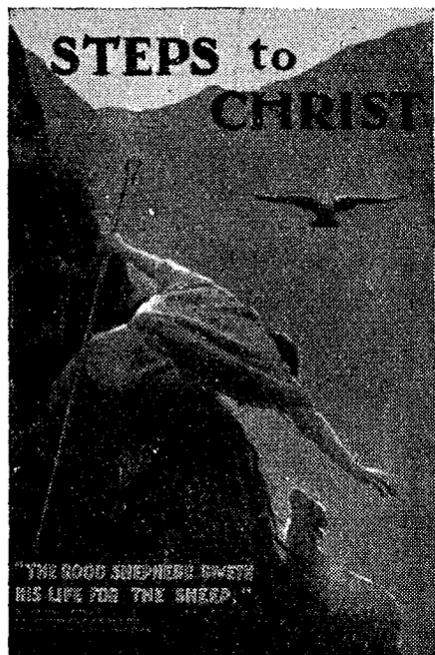
STOCK.—It is with sorrow of heart that we record the death of our dear Brother Stock who died very suddenly on November 19th. He accepted the message under the labours of Brother Spencer Maxwell in the year 1918 and remained faithful to the day of his death. Brother Stock was a humble man of God, and was greatly beloved by all who knew him. He acted as treasurer of the Northampton Church and also as Sabbath-school superintendent. We shall miss him greatly, but we sorrow not as those without hope, for we are sure that when Jesus comes our brother will come from his dusty bed clothed with immortality. We look forward to that blessed day. We extend to his sorrowing family our heartfelt sympathy. Brother Andrews, elder of the Kettering Church, officiated at the funeral service.

T. BUCKMAN.

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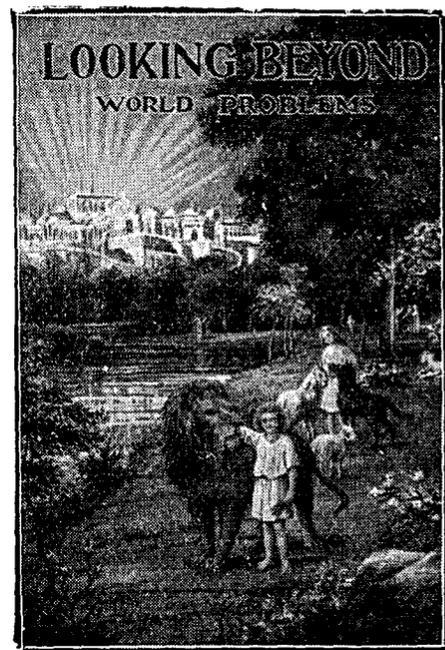


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Ask your Tract Society Secretary for a supply of these books with details of special discount to churchmembers.

"Bedtime Stories"

is the new children's book written by Uncle Arthur in his very best style. It is bound to please the little ones. "It is irresistible."



"Looking Beyond" is also much appreciated. Nearly 75,000 copies have already been sold and we are continually receiving testimonials which show how much this little book is valued. It contains much of the truth that we all esteem, and affords an opportunity of making our Christmas presents a missionary medium. Send one to all your relatives.

Seize the Opportunity

This is the easiest selling book we have ever published. Thousands will be sold this Christmas—don't miss this splendid chance.

British Union Conference Colporteurs' Report

Month of November, 1924

SOUTH BRITISH CONFERENCE

SOUTH ENGLAND

NAME	TERRITORY	BOOK	Hours	Orders	Value	Helps	Papers	Totals	Delivered
Benefield, J.	Stroud	D&R	119	32	24 17 6	.....	.....	24 17 6	13 17 6
Benefield, Miss	Dover	CGR	96	24	8 1 0	13 0	1 6 0	10 0 0	3 19 0
Buckle, H. G.	Yeovil	STC	181	5	1 14 3	4 11 0	5 8 7	11 13 10	6 0 6
Burrow, S. J.	Tunbridge Wells	D&R	107	27	13 17 0	6 0	.....	14 3 0	4 16 6
Butler, Miss	Aldershot	D&R	116	10	5 11 0	1 18 0	.....	7 9 0	11 11 7
Cameron, Miss	Gillingham	PGH	84	6	7 10 0	2 1 0	7 7	9 18 7	2 15 3
Chappell, W. G.	Bristol	LB	119	...	.....	10 18 0	6 15 1	17 13 1	10 18 0
Chappell, Mrs. Sen.	"	LB	131	...	.....	14 3 0	8 13 5	22 16 5	14 3 0
Combridge, S.	Bicester	D&R	178	98	36 6 6	18 0	.....	37 4 6	28 5 0
Dean, J.	Brighton	CGR	65	1	6 6	13 0	3 11 2	4 10 8	19 6
Hardy, J.	Bicester	D&R	156	80	42 18 9	1 7 0	.....	44 5 9	36 2 0
Johnson, A. C.	Torquay	OD	52	...	.....	1 19 0	2 14 6	4 13 6	2 16 0
Lacey, A.	Wrotham	LB	117	...	.....	16 4 9	4 14 3	20 19 0	16 4 9
Newman, J. S.	Sandown	D&R	119	27	15 19 6	6 11 0	.....	22 10 6	6 11 0
Smith, A.	London	.....	56	...	.....	.....	5 9 2	5 9 2	.....
Sully, Mrs.	Great Totham	D&R	111	17	8 11 0	3 7 0	5 9	12 3 9	17 3 9
Talley, Miss	St. Ives	D&R	80	22	9 12 0	1 19 0	14 7	12 5 7	7 7 0
Watts, Miss	Bristol	D&R	55	6	3 7 6	1 10 0	.....	4 17 6	2 5 0
Whiting, E. J.	Jersey	PGH	71	52	69 2 6	.....	.....	69 2 6	.....
Totals			2013	407	247 15 0	68 18 9	40 0 1	356 13 10	185 15 4

WALES

Franklin, Miss	Cardigan	LB	141	...	.....	19 9 0	4 12 9	24 1 9	19 9 0
Owen, J.	Caerau	D&R	158	62	27 11 6	2 15 10	5 6	30 12 10	12 10 0
Parry, Mrs.	Port Talbot	STC	28	...	.....	3 8 6	11 0	3 19 6	2 18 0
Woodfield, W. H.	Brecon	D&R	144	13	8 12 6	3 10 0	3 15 11	15 18 5	9 2 6
Totals			471	75	36 4 0	29 3 4	9 5 2	74 12 6	43 19 6

IRELAND

Adams, T. J.	Belfast	CGR	32	5	1 15 6	2 0	.....	1 17 6	9 6
Bowman, Miss	"	CGR	88	62	22 4 0	.....	.....	22 4 0	3 0 6
Hamblin, G. W.	"	CGR	76	40	14 9 0	12 0	3 0	15 4 0	19 6
Hewie, J.	"	CGR	148	84	27 8 0	.....	.....	27 8 0	2 10 0
Nicholson, W. G.	"	CGR	63	13	4 7 6	6 0	2 0	4 15 6	3 0 0
Nutt, Miss	"	CGR	82	20	7 5 0	1 6 0	.....	8 11 0	5 14 0
Yeates, W. H.	"	CGR	87	4	1 6 0	1 18 0	2 16 6	6 0 6	2 19 6
Dean, J. W.	Killucan	PGH	146	14	17 17 6	.....	.....	17 17 6	8 15 0
Nickels, G.	Sligo	D&R	154	52	39 0 0	.....	.....	39 0 0	39 0 0
Totals			876	294	135 12 6	4 4 0	3 1 6	142 18 0	66 8 0
Conference Totals			3360	776	419 11 6	102 6 1	52 6 9	574 4 4	296 2 10

NORTH BRITISH CONFERENCE

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Beckett, Miss D.	Manchester	CGR	37	6	1 19 0	1 6 0	3 5 0
Belton, B.	Mirfield	OD	112	55	31 7 0	14 0	32 1 0	31 10 0
Binks, P.	Mansfield	.....	61	...	.....	.....	3 10 2	3 10 2	.....
Bolam, J. R. W.	Leeds	STC	107	...	.....	5 19 0	6 15 3	12 14 3	5 19 0
Bolam, P. W.	Hull	CGR	130	50	16 17 0	1 9 0	11 0	18 17 0	15 5 6
Davies, D.	"	CGR	32	6	2 2 0	.....	15 6	2 17 6	6 6 0
Gallaher, J. C.	"	PGH	44	1	1 5 0	3 12 0	18 6	5 15 6	4 17 0
Greenhow, J. H.	Kidderminster	D&R	151	30	19 16 0	.....	.....	19 16 0	6 9 0
Gregory, W. E.	Lincolnshire	LB	127	...	.....	17 11 0	4 9 7	22 0 7	17 11 0
Halstead, E.	Oldham	D&R	41	6	4 4 6	3 12 0	.....	7 16 6	6 5 6
Hamblin, Mrs.	Leicester	SOH	40	5	2 8 0	3 7 0	3 1 6	8 16 6	4 9 0
Holland, R. H.	Bolton	LB	224	...	.....	1 5 0	14 12 5	15 17 5	1 5 0
Horspool, E.	Bradford	.....	83	...	.....	.....	10 8 8	10 8 8	.....
Hulbert, A. E.	Alnwick	D&R	57	24	15 6 0	1 10 0	1 15 10	18 11 10	8 12 6
Hull Company	"	CGR	497	77	27 18 0	3 11 0	12 3 7	43 12 7	12 15 5
James, W.	Bradford	CGR	86	43	15 1 6	8 0	2 0 0	17 9 6	21 4 0
Laming, W. E.	Rotherham	.....	206	...	.....	4 0	25 0 11	25 4 11	4 0
Leck, Miss	Scotswood	BS	70	...	.....	2 18 0	1 3 6	4 1 6	2 18 0
Mayoh, P.	Manchester	OD	36	3	1 15 6	1 0	3 7 6	5 4 0	14 1 0
Pollard, J. H.	Nottingham	CGR	22	4	1 8 0	1 19 0	19 0	4 6 0	1 19 0
Reeve, A.	Alnwick	D&R	89	15	9 0 0	2 2 0	2 19 4	14 1 4	5 8 0
Rowland, W.	Rotherham	D&R	140	19	13 1 6	1 17 0	2 1 2	16 19 8	29 3 6
Walkden, V.	Great Yarmouth	BS	3	...	.....	1 6 0	.....	1 6 0	1 6 0
Young, E. J.	Cradley	STC	141	...	.....	10 10 0	1 7 8	11 17 8	10 5 0
Totals			2536	344	163 9 0	65 1 0	98 1 1	326 11 1	207 13 5

SCOTLAND

Clement, A.	Alexandria	LB	156	...	.....	14 11 0	2 15 0	17 6 0	14 11 0
Howard, H. D.	Shetlands	D&R	109	72	41 3 0	11 0	1 13 4	43 7 4	11 0
Spence, D.	Stirling	.....	139	...	.....	.....	20 11 1	20 11 1	.....
Totals			404	72	41 3 0	15 2 0	24 19 5	81 4 5	15 2 0
Conference Totals			2940	416	204 12 0	80 3 0	123 0 6	407 15 6	222 15 5
Union Totals			6300	1192	624 3 6	182 9 1	175 7 3	981 19 10	518 18 3

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PASTOR SPEARING wishes to thank all the friends of the South British Conference for their sympathetic interest toward him during his illness and for the many prayers that have been offered for his recovery. He is now convalescing splendidly and is desirous of making it known that he is in hopes of taking up his work again by January 1, 1925.

The friends must remember, however, that he may not be able to do full work at that time, but we are sure that all will be glad to have him back at his post for counsel and direction. Let us continue to pray that God may abundantly bless His servant and richly endow him with health and wisdom for his arduous duties.

W. H. MEREDITH.

A Visit to Pitcairn Island

BROTHER J. SPENCER has sent us the following interesting cutting from the "Bideford Gazette" dated November 11th.

"It was just past noon on Saturday when we approached the island of Pitcairn. A boat put off and came alongside bringing curios and a good supply of fruit of which they gave us freely. It was surprising to find them speaking such good English and possessed of such good manners. Since they are all very religious and are Seventh-Day Adventists, and the day being their Sunday, they did not wish to barter their fruit, but distributed it around. They seemed quite contented and happy, strong and well-built. They have good bye-laws. They are white and have very little illness. When they departed they cheered and sang two hymns one of which was 'In the Sweet By-and-By,' and another, one of their own composing, entitled 'Good-Bye.'"

A Brand Plucked from Islam

ASMANI lives in a little village called Mkomasi close by the Pangani River which is fed by the eternal snows of Kilimanjaro. Although even now he is probably under twenty years of age, several years ago he was married, against his will, to two of his grandfather's old wives! On the death of his father he would have become chief of the village. He had already been given charge of several boxes of native valuables and many head of cattle, all of which, with much more besides, he would inherit on the day of his father's decease. He had been brought up a Moslem but the religious teaching that he received never satisfied the longings of his soul. Often he sought out the Christians and inquired diligently from them the way of life. On one occasion he talked with a Christian about this vital theme until far into the night, and when his informant signified his intention to retire Asmani begged him to answer some

more questions saying, "I will buy your night's rest from you for whatever you ask—even two shillings." (Two shillings are equivalent to an average week's wage here.)

It was not long before Asmani was convinced of the superiority of Christianity over Islam as he knew it. The difficulty now lay, not in the way of belief but rather in the way of courage to suffer for his convictions. Furthermore, there was the problem of the two old wives.

At this juncture the mission sent a teacher to his village and a school was built, but for some time it looked as though the enterprise would be crushed by local opposition. Satan evidently did not want us there. Asmani, however, became friendly with the teacher and soon learned many new things about the faith of Jesus. Faith increased with knowledge until finally, fired with zeal to suffer for Christ rather than deny Him, he went to tell his father that at all costs he had determined to become a Christian. The father was, of course, very angry and at once disinherited him, informing him that by a certain date he must return all the property of which he had been given charge. So Asmani was driven from his father's home. But the new relationship that he had found through Christ with the heavenly Father was dearer to him than all earthly ties. Soon after he received word from his father that he was to return his two wives to their relatives as by becoming a Christian he had forfeited all claims to connection with the family. Thus the wrath of man was turned to the praise of God, and Asmani was relieved of the company and support of two old wives whom he had never wanted nor loved.

He was now free to become a candidate for baptism. After he had studied with the teacher for nearly a year and had won for himself an enviable reputation for preaching the Word, we felt that he was ready for baptism. The half hour during which we questioned him on the doctrines of the message and listened to his most earnest confession of faith was such a joyous one that we felt amply repaid for all the labour which the operation of the school in the village had involved.

Asmani was baptized last month with twenty-five other candidates. He is now called Justin, and whenever we think of his name we cannot help associating it with his great namesake of the second century and mentally we call him Justin Martyr.

A. F. BULL.

South Pare, Tanganyika Territory.

SUNSET CALENDAR.

	LONDON	NOTTINGHAM	CARDIFF	EDINBURGH
December 12th	3.51	3.50	4.3	3.38
December 19th	3.51	3.50	4.3	3.38