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The New Church at Wimbledon

By Pastor W. Maudsley

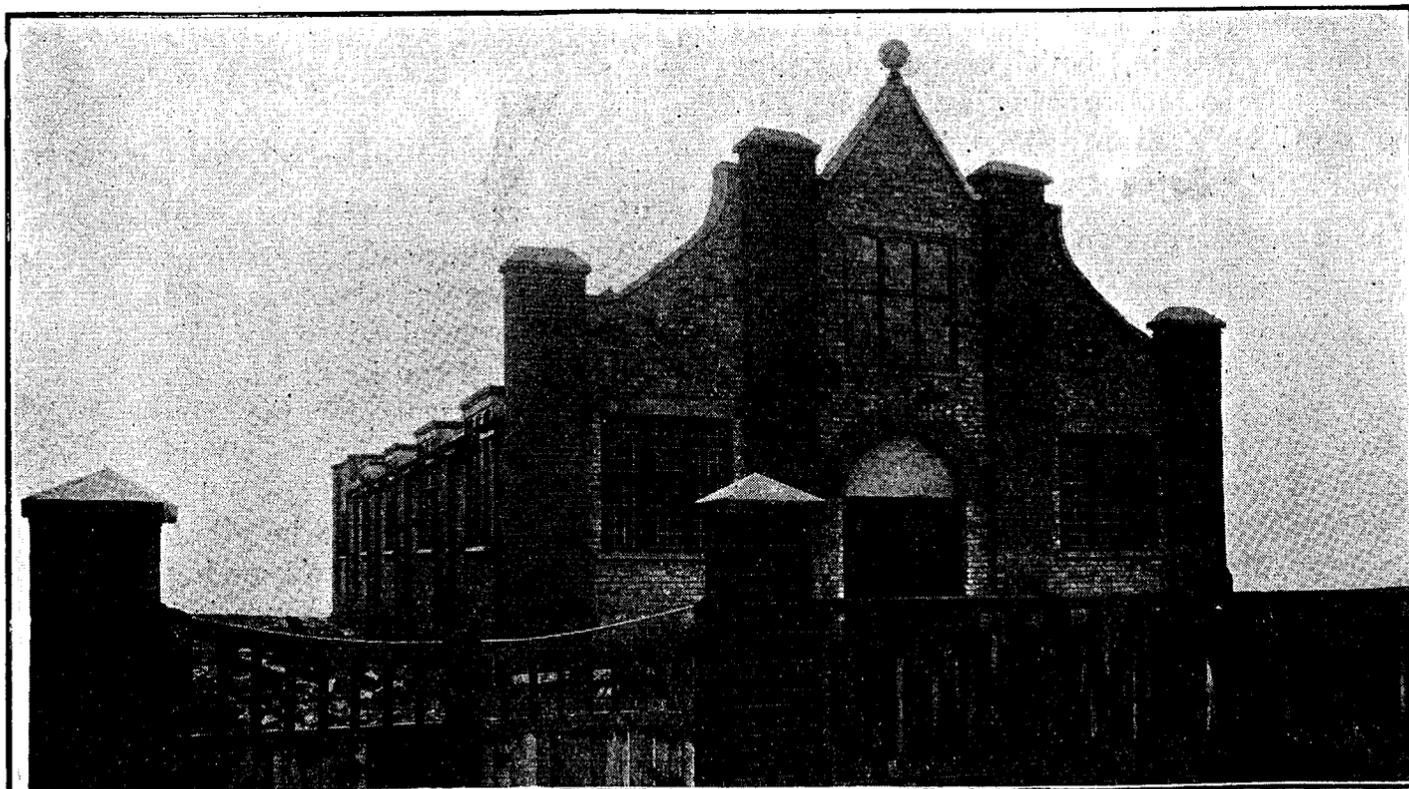
OUR readers will be glad to see a picture of the church building just completed in South West London. It is comfortably seated with 300 chairs upholstered in good quality Bedford cord. The windows are made of hammered cathedral glass and tinted. The artificial lighting is electric with fullolite bulbs and shaded with neat supastone shades. The baptistery is lined with white glazed tiles. The building has an outside measurement of 35 feet by 75 feet and stands on a select and central plot measuring 60 feet by 150 feet, which plot is now receiving the attention of our landscape gardener.

The opening services were held on Sabbath, December 20, 1924. The morning service, which was well attended, was conducted by



Pastor J. E. Jayne. The address was deeply spiritual and greatly appreciated by the congregation. Pastor W. H. Meredith offered up the dedicatory prayer. The latter also presided at the afternoon service and delivered a message of hope and comfort to the people.

On Friday evening there was a consecration service and Saturday evening a musical service when many suitable sacred anthems, quartettes and solos were rendered under the direction of Brother L. Edmonds, our musical director. Sunday evening witnessed a splendid audience to hear Pastor L. W. Barras give a Bible lecture on "The Life to Come." Madame Trace of Walthamstow rendered a beautiful solo and the choir sang two anthems.



Pastor W. Maudsley and the new church building at Wimbledon.

Members and friends have given handsomely towards this building. On Sabbath afternoon the writer appealed for further help and received pledges amounting to £125, making the total contribution in gifts and pledges during 1924 almost £1,000. The exact figures are as follows: £600 in cash and £250 in pledges and more to follow. The balance between this and the purchase price has been met by loans at small or no rate of interest. We feel deeply grateful for the magnificent response of our Wimbledon members and friends.

Two years ago we had no members meeting in Wimbledon. Since that time we have held two short series of public lectures, one in a select cinema and the other in a theatre—reputed to be the second largest in London. Under the bless-

ing of God we have baptized and received into church fellowship one hundred souls—fifty in 1923 and fifty in 1924. Pastor H. W. Armstrong, Brother Robert Joyce and Miss W. Clifford have greatly assisted in this large ingathering, the latter being associated with us in both campaigns. Other Bible-workers have also contributed, among them being Miss Clarke and Mrs. Brooks. Several other workers have given valuable assistance from time to time.

In closing we would express our appreciation for the efficient help of the members of our church committee who, indeed, made possible this good work in Wimbledon. With the addition of the members of adjoining companies, our membership now stands at 175 and before this month is out we plan to have another baptism.

Missionary Volunteer Department

Missionary Volunteer Offerings for 1925

FOR several years the Missionary Volunteer societies of the British Union have had set before them a definite objective for their offerings. Last year the offerings were devoted to Kenya Hospital. For 1925 it has been decided that we take upon our hearts the raising of £250 for the Kisii girls' school. What could be more appropriate? To this school we have just recently sent Miss Bertha Milne to act as teacher. Sister Milne has had several years of experience in this line of work and we are quite sure the girl students at Kisii are well provided for.

Speaking of the accommodation provided for the new teacher, Pastor W. E. Read writes the following:

"I received a letter from Brother Beavon two days ago and he sent me a picture of the little native hut he has had built to accommodate Miss Milne until the main house is built on his mission station. We are hoping that within a year this will be ready and at that time she would naturally change her quarters from this native house to a more substantial building. However, he has made this very nice and comfortable and anyone who has been inside these native huts knows just how comfortable they can be made when attention is given to a number of details at the time they are erected."

Miss Milne will have arrived by now so we can imagine her occupying the hut mentioned by Brother Beavon, a picture of which is given on page 8. Some time will be spent in learning the language but it will not be long before the days will be crowded to the full, teaching both general knowledge and Bible, as there is a large and growing work going forward in connection with the Kisii Mission. From another communication from Brother Read, we take the following:

"Brother Beavon of Kisii, Kavirono, writes as follows:

"We have 1,040 students enrolled in Kisii alone and regularly attending school. Upwards of 500 of these students are attending Bible classes, which are intended to prepare them for entry into baptismal classes. Practically every one of the 1,040 students is an ardent evangelist, knowing the fundamentals of our truth, and keen on bringing others to school. Twenty flourishing Sabbath-schools exist in Kisii, each having a weekly attendance exceeding the enrolment itself. The membership of our out-school Sabbath-schools is 1,022, and this figure represents men and women and boys reaching out eagerly for Bible truth. This does not include the figures for our Kisii central Sabbath-school, attendance at which varies between 400 and 450."

From this it will be seen that Sister Milne has stepped into a busy centre. Let us then remember the work at Kisii throughout the year both by our prayers and offerings. Let us also continually pray for all the missionaries who have left their homes and churches for work in other parts of the great world field.

J. HARKER.



The New Badge

FOR a long time it has been felt that we should have a suitable badge for Missionary Volunteers at a price within the reach of our young people. We are glad to say that such a badge is now available. It is slightly smaller in size than the one used in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign, being only five-eighths of an inch in diameter. It is made of metal, finished in gilt, with blue enamel background. A circle of white encloses the letters M.V. in monogram style.

Both brooches and studs are available. When ordering be sure to specify which of the two kinds is required.

Badges can be had only from The Stanborough Press Ltd.

We recommend that the Missionary Volunteer Society secretaries ascertain the number required and order through the church missionary secretary. If ordered in this way, to be sent with other goods, the cost will be 6d. each net. If ordered singly not with other goods, the price will be 8d. each net. In such cases cash should accompany the order.

We feel sure every volunteer will want to secure a badge and wear it regularly. This may provide many opportunities of witnessing to others.

J. HARKER.



Sabbath-School Department

AGAIN we call attention to the Teachers' Training Course for 1925. Both active and prospective teachers should enrol at once. The text book is "Education," by Mrs. E. G. White. A special edition of this book has been prepared, copies of which can be had for 4/6.

The assignments for the Course, together with helpful articles, will appear in the "Sabbath-School Worker" each month commencing with the February issue. At the close of the year a certificate will be granted to all who pass a simple examination on the year's work.

Remember that the Course is intended primarily for home study. This, however, should be supplemented whenever possible by helpful suggestions and review work at the weekly teachers' meeting.

TEACHERS! ENROL NOW. J. HARKER.

The Kenya Hospital: A Word of Appreciation

It is with much pleasure that I take this opportunity of expressing, on behalf of the Medical Department of the Kenya Union Mission, my sincere thanks to our fellow-members of the British Isles for the wonderful way in which they have rallied to the call for funds for the hospital in Kenya Colony. It is an achievement of which to be proud.

Recently I heard from Berne that the sum of \$10,000 had nearly been reached and some reports are not yet in. Splendid!

We in the mission field have much for which to thank God and on this occasion especially we are grateful that He has put into the hearts of our people the impulse to give liberally to His cause in the mission field. By this liberal gift the medical missionary work in Kenya Colony receives the means of beginning a new era in its history. All the givers to the Hospital Fund can regard their gifts as having been given to Jesus Christ, the great medical missionary.

The prospects of our medical work in Kenya are bright.



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Notes from the President

My first note must be a personal one. I would ask all the members in the South British Conference to accept my thanks for the many kind messages I have received during my recent illness. I appreciate very highly the fact that God's people have been praying for my recovery. I am grateful to God that He has heard these prayers, and that I am now back at work once more. But I would ask you still to pray—indeed to pray without ceasing—that I may receive from the Lord the help I need to carry on successfully the work entrusted to me.

I am sure we all feel indebted to the Lord for the great blessings received during the year 1924. It has been a year of progress in our conference. Let us not forget that this progress is due to a large extent to the generosity of the European Division of the General Conference in granting to this field a large appropriation for evangelistic work, and to the president of the British Union for the helpful counsel he has always been ready to give, particularly in connection with our large city efforts.

At the close of 1923 we recorded a gain in membership of 155, the best in our history up to that time. The gain for 1924 is 174, so we have done better than our previous best. We trust and pray that 1925 will surpass last year in this matter.

Our tithe receipts show an increase of £505 for the year. Mission offerings have also kept up well. The increase in offerings to missions is £151. We are glad to see that the interest in the work at home and abroad continues.

The figures given above refer to South England. The other divisions of the South British Conference have not done so well, but we are looking for much better returns from them for the present year. Details of the year's working in all sections of the conference will appear in the report to be sent to all the churches.

My wife and I are looking forward to our return in the early Spring and are expecting much of God's blessing and prosperity on His medical work among the natives of East Africa.

The latest news from Kenya as regards the progress of the hospital building operations is that all foundations are up to four feet above ground level and that a large number of bricks have been made and burnt. All building materials are to hand.

I would like to point out the wonderful work Brother Salway, our builder, is doing, single-handed save for the help of untrained natives. The work is extremely trying but by the sustaining help of God he is carrying it out. Unfortunately, the last mail brought news that he had been laid up in hospital in Kisumu with an abscess on his face for nearly a fortnight. I am glad to say, however, that the same mail also brought news of his recovery. May we all pray that God will preserve the health of our workers in the foreign mission field and prosper their efforts.

GEO. A. S. MADGWICK, M.D. (Lond.)

It is too early to speak of our forthcoming efforts with any degree of assurance. The question as to what efforts can be held depends on the amount of appropriations received from the European Division. Word regarding these appropriations should reach us shortly. We trust that within a month from now several campaigns will be in full swing.

F. A. SPEARING.

Shut that Door!

THE following lament was recently heard in one of our churches: "We used to have a fine set of young people in our church, but to-day they have all gone!"

On our return from Africa we inquired after young friends we had left in the churches. "Where's Charles — these days?" "He's gone!" "And what is Susie — doing now?" "Oh, she married an unbeliever, and—"

Thus the story goes on. They've gone! Between the ages of fourteen and twenty many young people are disappearing from our churches. The percentage of losses is positively appalling. This lamentable loss is the effect, for which there must be a cause. What is it?

One worker thinks much is due to insufficient home training, especially lack of family worship. (We daren't mention the percentage of homes in which he estimates there is no family worship!)

Where mother has no help from father, what is the church doing? We know of many churches and companies where there are anywhere from four to twelve children. The regular adult meetings are held, but

NEVER A MEETING FOR CHILDREN!

It often happens that even in quite large churches insufficient care and attention are bestowed on the children and young people. The result is that while evangelism brings in new children and young people, we, as churchmembers, let the old ones out. Every church, every isolated group, could do much to save the young by adopting the following suggestions.

YOUTH CAN BE SAVED.

Each day begun with God might change the course of many a life. Suppose we began on January 1, 1925, to make our first thought each morning a heavenly thought and to build each day's thought and conduct on that foundation. The mind of God would be impressed vividly, indelibly each day on the human mind.

OUR THOUGHT LIFE

largely determines our conduct throughout our earthly sojourn. The Spirit of God works through this channel. Our actions are an index to our thought habits. How important, therefore, that the Word should become

OUR DAILY BREAD.

We believe this could be accomplished if the practice of the Morning Watch became universal in our ranks. Adults, youth and children could do this. Think what is therein offered for threepence plus a little persistence:

1. One text memorized daily.
2. Each month's Bible reading systematized.
3. The whole Bible read in one year.
4. Selected readings from good books for meditation.
5. Special prayer subjects for each month, making our interests world-wide.
6. Devotional poems for each month.
7. Sunset calendar.
8. Calendar for 1925.
9. Special children's Bible reading daily assignments.

It is absolutely the finest thing of its kind. Try it for yourself.

WHY NOT TRY THIS FOR 1925?

Morning—Morning Watch text and reading.
Evening—Sabbath-school lesson.

MORNING WATCH.

M ental growth. Eph. 4 :23 ; 2 Peter 3 :18.
O pened heart. Rev. 3 :20.
R ight desires. 2 Cor. 10 :5.
N eeds revealed. John 15 :5.
I ncreased faith. Luke 17 :5, 6.
N othing withheld. Psa. 84 :11.
G od understood. John 14 :7.
W akened fervour. John 2 :17.
A nswered prayer. John 14 :14.
T riumphant always. 2 Cor. 2 :14 ; 1 John 5 :5.
C hrist victorious. 1 Cor. 15 :57.
H eaven at last. 2 Tim. 4 :8.

H. W. LOWE.

How Much is Your Bible Worth?

THE following experiences befell a young man on the Continent during the dark days of war, and were recorded by him shortly after the events took place:

"Sentenced to weary months of imprisonment for trying to be loyal to God! I had never left my home until the war came, and the prospects of prison life appalled me. My Bible was ruthlessly taken from me and I was thrust unkindly into a dingy cell barely big enough to lie in. After hours of pacing round and round I knew every mark, every shadow, every nook in that horrid place. They stared at me, mocked me! I felt greatly depressed. The enemy assailed. I prayed. I recited text after text. But how soon I came to the end of my memorized stock of Scriptures of comfort! Had I been able to continue this recitation of the precious Word I should have been spared much of the mental anguish I endured during those awful hours.

"One day, on being rushed with others into a courtyard

for inspection, a fellow-prisoner surreptitiously passed four pages of a small pocket Testament to me. Back in my solitary cell, the next problem was how to read the pages whilst in chains. I dropped the pages on the floor, then (my hands being chained behind my back) I rolled on to my stomach and began to read: 'For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for My sake and the Gospel's, the same shall save it.' On and on I read, till it became necessary to turn the leaf. This was accomplished by perseveringly blowing till it turned. I think I memorized every page. What joy and comfort they brought! To hide the pages from my gaoler I rolled on my back and thus took them in my hands.

"If only I had had my Bible in my heart and mind, the written Word could have been burned without loss. I would have risked anything to read those four small pages. I registered the determination that, should deliverance and freedom come again, I would be a more diligent student of the life-giving Word which brings comfort in distress."

Reader, how soon such an experience may befall you, you know not. Are you ready? Are you studying and daily storing the Word in memory's chambers?

H. W. LOWE.

"For the People Had a Mind to Work"

EXCEPT the Lord had been with us we should have laboured in vain, for nine months ago the task of clearing off our Southend Church debt of £270 seemed impossible. But the Lord has done great things for us, whereof we are glad, and we invite the WORKER family to rejoice with us.

The work began in earnest when our president made known the generous offer of the conference, that if we raised £170 before December 31st of the year that is past, the conference would make us a gift of the remaining £100. Every man set his hand to do the work that was nearest, and by December 5th the task was finished! Nor were the other parts of the work neglected; in spite of a bad letting season the amount raised and given, including the £170 Building Fund and £331 tithe, reached the grand total of £796 for 1924.

Surely as we look back we have abundant proof of God's great goodness, and as we look forward through this year it is with absolute confidence in the Lord, for in Jehovah is everlasting strength.

A. F. BIRD.

Bournemouth

THE Bournemouth Church choir recently gave two special musical programmes in aid of their Church Building Fund.

The first was on Sunday, December 28th, when Christmas carols, solos and "Elocution Cycles" were rendered by the choir. Mr. G. W. Baird (principal of the College) came to Bournemouth purposely to preside, and greatly added to the evening's success.

Then on Sunday, January 4th, the choir rendered the sacred cantata, "Ruth" (Gaul), in a well-filled church, and although there was disappointment owing to the illness of Pastor Barras (who had planned to be present) there was a gratifying compensation in the chairmanship of Pastor H. W. Armstrong.

The choir worked well and with energy that was refreshing. Collections amounted to about £5. The fund is increasing.

CHOIR-LEADER.

Wedding Bells

ON December 21st Mr. William Ernest Gale, deacon of the Southend Church, and Miss Lily Winder Edmunds, were united in marriage at Hawkwell Parish Church, Hockley.

Happy Days in Erin's Isle

More Good News from the Belfast Brigade

"THAT was the best meeting I have ever attended!"

"I did not think colporteurs' meetings could be so interesting."

"When are you going to have another?"

These are only a few of the remarks expressed after a special colporteurs' meeting held in the Florenceville Church on Monday, December 29, 1924.

It has been a regular practice of the Belfast Colporteurs' Brigade to hold a meeting of this kind almost every week since its organization six months ago, but on this occasion a special meeting was called and an invitation given to all churchmembers and friends to attend. The members of the Belfast Church have loyally stood by their faithful colporteurs and it was not surprising to see a good attendance in spite of the stormy weather.

Our leader, Brother Howie, and two of his colporteurs, as representatives of the band, took their seats on the platform shortly after 7 o'clock and the meeting commenced by the singing of the hymn :

"Christ, our mighty Captain, leads against the foe :
We will never falter when He bids us go ;
Though His righteous purpose we may never know,
Yet we'll follow all the way."

Sister Nutt read the Scripture lesson in Jeremiah 16, laying special emphasis on verses 16, 17 and 21. After prayer by Brother Adams, we sang our battle song, "Onward, Christian colporteurs, marching as to war." ("Advent Hymnal," No. 264.)

In his remarks the chairman, Brother Howie, expressed his appreciation of the work accomplished during the last six months. It was encouraging to note that the band had grown from three to fifteen colporteurs. Three of that number had gone to College but the remainder were either part-time or fully engaged in the book work at the present time. These workers were true missionaries seeking to win souls, and he was pleased to say that never had a complaint been raised by a single one of them, although they had faced hardships and discouragements almost daily.

At this point Sister Thompson sang a portion of the "Messiah," "He shall feed His flock like a shepherd." This appropriate selection was greatly enjoyed by all present.

The most interesting item on the programme, "Experiences of the Colporteurs," came next. Each colporteur was allowed three minutes, but who could relate experiences in so short a time? Not the Belfast Brigade! Brother Yeates came first, bubbling over with enthusiasm, and then came news from the rest until all assembled began to feel that they were colporteurs, too.

Sister Smyth told how the Lord goes before the worker and impresses the people to purchase the books. Speaking of the great blessings the Lord had given her, Sister Nutt emphasized the need of going to the Lord in prayer and thanksgiving as soon as the colporteur arrives home after the day's work. Brother Adams, at present a part-time worker, read Luke 16:10 and Gal. 6:9 saying how he desired to reach that standard in the book work. Brother Stewart, though blind and unable to get out except with a guide, has a warm enthusiasm and did not hesitate to tell us of his blessings. He has done good work and hopes to do even more.

Many other experiences were related telling of blessings in discouragement, of success amid opposition and of blessings the people were receiving by reading the books. Especially was this true in Sister Bowman's experience. She gave

some splendid illustrations where people had expressed their appreciation of the book, "Christ's Glorious Return."

The concluding item of the first part of the programme was a duet by Brethren Hamblin and Nicholson, entitled, "Come and Join the Bookmen's Army." Everybody, old and young, joined in the chorus, singing so heartily that one would have thought the entire congregation had really accepted the invitation.

Pastor Jackson, as chairman during the remainder of the meeting, introduced his remarks by stating that the work of the colporteurs in the city had opened up a greater work for the Gospel minister and his associates. Those people who had purchased books and were interested could be visited and invited to our public meetings where they could learn more of the truth for these last days. Pastor Jackson produced a long list of names and addresses of people interested by one colporteur alone. This is what is wanted in the colporteur work—a close co-operation with the Gospel minister so that souls can be further enlightened. He admonished us to be of good courage and to be zealous, hoping that 1925 would be a year of wonderful experiences for the evangelistic colporteur.

As a token of appreciation for his excellent service, Brother Jackson presented Brother Howie with a beautiful Bible from the members of the Belfast Church. The colporteurs presented a suit-case with the following note inside :

"From the Belfast colporteurs, as a token of our love and esteem, and as a reminder of the happy days you spent in endeavouring to make of us true evangelistic colporteurs. . . . May prosperity and success attend your future labours until the day of 'Christ's Glorious Return.'"

Brother Howie, responding, stated that it had been a pleasure to work with the Brigade and hoped that it would accomplish even more for the Lord's cause than heretofore.

A pleasant and profitable meeting of nearly three hours' duration was closed by singing, "Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love." Pastor Whiteside dismissed us with prayer.

Some of the Belfast colporteurs will soon be scattered over the north of Ireland. Two of the young ladies are going to Co. Antrim and three young men to Co. Tyrone. We invite our MISSIONARY WORKER friends to pray for those who are just beginning in the book work, that many souls may be led to look more earnestly for "Christ's Glorious Return."

G. W. HAMBLIN.

At Rest

WAGSTAFFE.—The Worcester Church has sustained a very great loss in the death of Sister Margaret Wagstaffe, who was the victim of a street accident while on an errand of mercy on October 27th. She fell asleep in Jesus on the day following, after a few hours of consciousness and severe pain. Her remarkable fortitude in the midst of most terrible injuries and her complete resignation to the will of her heavenly Father, revealed that hers was the victory that endured to the end. We remember her by the sweet fragrance of her life. Her cheerfulness, contentment and implicit trust in God made her an example to all and won the love of all. Sister Wagstaffe accepted the truth under the labours of Brother McAvoy seven years ago. Since then she has faithfully followed the light of the third angel's message and was ripe in Christian experience. Our sister was 79 years of age. She leaves a sister and other relatives to mourn their loss. The last rites were performed by the writer who also spoke words of comfort to the bereaved.

F. C. BAILEY.



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Retrospect and Prospect

WE take this another opportunity of wishing all our members a very happy and prosperous New Year. We trust that 1925 will be one of real Christian growth and development for every member who is connected with this great movement. We thank God for the mercies and blessings of the past, but we all recognize that if we are to be ready to meet the King in His beauty, a much greater work of grace must be accomplished in all our lives. Shall we not make 1925 the banner year in our Christian experience? Let us faithfully study our Sabbath-school lesson day by day, and in addition to this, search the Scriptures and take time for communion with God. Our greatest need is a closer walk with God and more of the Spirit's power. This can only come as we individually relate ourselves in the right way to the source of all power and blessing. Surely it is time that we all made sure work for eternity.

We are now able to say that 1924 has been for the North British Conference a year of progress. In the English section of the conference our membership has passed the 1,400 mark, and in the Scottish section a good increase of membership has been made. We sincerely trust that this is only the beginning of much greater achievements during 1925.

We will not take time to report the individual efforts, but ask our evangelists to do this from time to time for the benefit of the readers of the WORKER.

Not only can we report an increase in membership, but we are glad also to say that our tithe shows a fairly healthy growth. In the matter of offerings, while many of them are larger than in 1923, through the Harvest Ingathering not reaching the same figure as the previous year our total offerings show a slight decrease. However, if all the offerings that we raised in our field were credited to us we should show a fairly substantial increase.

We ask all our members to co-operate with us during 1925 in every department of the work and in every way to make it, firstly, a year of real Christian experience and development; secondly, a year when every department of the cause shall be found flourishing because everyone is doing his or her best; and thirdly, that it shall be a year not only when our tithes and offerings are faithfully returned to the Lord, but a year of real soul-winning.

"Forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

ALFRED E. BACON.

Progress in Scotland

WE are glad to be able to report progress in Scotland. In November it was the writer's privilege to receive into church fellowship seventeen new members. Twelve of these joined with us through the efforts put forward by Brother Elias and Sister Donaldson at Clydebank. The other five were taken in through the united effort of Brother Chapman and Sister Isa Hogg at Dundee. Since then the writer has had the pleasure of baptizing six more and receiving one other

by vote as a further result of Brother Elias' effort in Clydebank.

On Sabbath, December 20th, the writer baptized four in Edinburgh. This was made possible by the faithful labours of Sister Archibald. A few others are expected to take their stand in that city shortly.

As a result of the faithful work done by Brother and Sister Thomson, one soul has been baptized and has united with the Stirling Church.

The writer has had the pleasure of conducting an effort in Crosshill, Glasgow. In this work Sister Robertson and Brother Andrew Barr have laboured faithfully and as a result eight new members—six by baptism and two by vote—have been added to our church there. One of the persons won during this effort, immediately after her acceptance into church fellowship, handed us £300 tithe as an expression of her deep gratitude to God for bringing to her a knowledge of the message for our day. Surely there is power in a message which leads people to give of their means so freely.

Thus as a result of the efforts held in Scotland thirty-seven souls have been taken into church fellowship recently.

We would not close without telling a little of our work in Glasgow. When we received the boxes from head-quarters with a request that we use them to help in the thirteenth Sabbath offering, we wondered how best we could use them. So a little band of carol-singers was formed under the leadership of Sister Robertson and as a result, at the end of four nights (about eight hours), nearly £8 had been collected. This helped us considerably in our offering.

At Edinburgh, under the leadership of Sister Archibald, the same kind of work has been done. The members at Clydebank have also done some carol-singing for missions but the totals from these two places have not yet reached us.

We ask an interest in your prayers that the work in Scotland may prosper during 1925.

Wishing you all a happy and prosperous New Year,

R. MUSSEN.

The Standard of Attainment

WE recognize that in every line of work there must be a standard. In proportion to the aim set before us, so will the desire be aroused, the endeavour strengthened, and the effort put forth to reach that ideal.

A standard in study is always a stimulus to the mind.

The Standard of Attainment plan develops this idea, applying it definitely to the wonderful message that God has entrusted to us. There is, therefore, set before our young people to-day a standard of knowledge in both Bible doctrines and in the history of this denomination. All who reach this standard become Members of Attainment.

Bible study is essential to the building up of both the mental and spiritual powers. It also influences the physical forces, thus developing the whole man.

The study of the history of this denomination is also of supreme importance to our members. We are told, "We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and His teaching in our past history."

Already quite a large number of our young people have taken up this course of study and passed successfully all the examinations.

WHO MAY ENROL?

The Standard of Attainment course of study is open to all our members irrespective of age. We have the names of several under the age of 10, who have received certificates, having completed their course. There are also others, getting on towards three score years and ten, and even the 100 year mark who are studying these valuable lessons, preparing for the examination. There is, therefore, no age limit in the Standard of Attainment. No one is too old at 40, or too young at 5.

THE EXAMINATION.

The Standard of Attainment is a two year course with four examinations. These examinations take place generally during the last weeks in June and December each year. The first junior examination questions cover the lessons found in the Junior Manual, pages 5-9.

The second set of questions cover lessons found on pages 10-15.

For denominational history, the first examination covers questions 1-49 on pages 16-19 of the Junior Manual, and the last examination of the course, questions 50-100 on pages 19-21.

For the senior course, the first examination questions cover lessons No. 1, 2, 8, 17, 19, 20, 21, 37, 38 and 43; for the second examination lessons No. 12, 13, 14, 24, 27, 28, 29, 30, 40 and 42.

For denominational history, the first examination questions are based on chapters 1-14, pages 21-234 of "The Great Second Advent Movement," and for the last examination of the course chapters 15-28, pages 235-473 of the same book.

The full marks given for the two year course, covering the four examinations, are 400 or 100 for each examination.

Those who obtain 360 marks receive an honours certificate and those who obtain 300 marks a pass certificate.

HOW TO PREPARE.

NOW is the time to begin this excellent course of study for 1925.

For the children and young people, the instruction given in Deut. 11:19 should be followed: "Teach *them* your children, speaking of *them*, . . . thou shalt write them."

It is advisable that study circles or classes be formed, where those who are taking the course will receive the necessary guidance and help.

For the older members, the home study with an occasional question hour is all that is necessary.

To the young people who cannot go to College yet we say—Study at home now!

To *all*, we say—Take up the Standard of Attainment course and equip yourself for more efficient service!

Do it now.

FRED W. GOODALL.



It Can Be Done—Inspiration for 1925

It is not often that we have the privilege of passing on to the WORKER family such an excellent report of "Present Truth" and "Good Health" sold in one week as the following, sent in by Brother W. E. Laming, of Rotherham, for the week ended December 27th:

	Hrs.	B.S.	P.T.	G.H.	To. Pa's	Tot.	Va'e
Sunday	8	...	114	88	202	2	1 0
Monday	10	1	108	96	204	2	3 0
Tuesday	6	4	80	35	115	1	7 1
Wednesday	11	1	266	60	326	3	0 4
Thursday	9½	...	156	148	304	3	3 0
Friday	3	...	84	...	84		14 0
Sat. night	½	...	6	3	9		1 9
	48	6	814	430	1244	12	10 2

This brother's totals for the corresponding week of two previous years are:

1915 42 hrs. 1025 P.T. 1922 42 hrs. 1033 P.T.&G.H.

Referring to this year's accomplishment, he writes: "In accomplishing this task I felt, throughout the week, an irresistible power urging me forward. . . . The Lord wondrously wrought, and there are yet greater things to be done."

Here is another wonderful testimony from a faithful colporteur: "God has wonderfully blessed me. It is really remarkable how our books 'go.' Surely the Holy Spirit is working mightily on human hearts. This is a blessed work, and given plenty of grace, strength and territory, I feel I can stick to it while life lasts."

Brother Halstead reported this week the case of a lady who was searching for satisfaction in some church but so far had not found it. She is at present attending the Roman Catholic Church out of deference to her husband who is a member, but she says it all seems to her to be "a hollow mockery."

With no prompting on the part of Brother Halstead the lady said that she had a conviction that Christians ought to keep the commandments according to the Bible. She said that she felt we ought to keep the seventh-day Sabbath, which is Saturday, and that people would be punished for not keeping the Sabbath according to the Scriptures! She was delighted when she learned that Brother Halstead was a Sabbath-keeper, and immediately bought "Steps to Christ" and "Looking Beyond," and ordered a cloth bound, gilt-edged copy of "Daniel and the Revelation."

We solicit your continued prayers for our faithful colporteurs.
D. DAVIES.

Circulation Department Notes

THERE is a good stock of the Morning Watch Calendar still on hand. Secretaries are requested to bring this information to the notice of their churchmembers at their earliest convenience.

WE fear that we cannot accept more orders for the Home Missionary Wall Calendar. There is some doubt whether or not we shall receive all we require to fill orders already in hand.

WANTED.—By girl, age 15, situation as housemaid or nursemaid with Sabbath-keepers. Write: Mrs. McKeever, 9 Coleman Street, Southampton.

WANTED.—A second-hand copy of "Bible Readings for the Home Circle." Write: B. Goldsmith, 52 Cobden Road, S. Norwood, S.E.25.

Stop Press News!

THIS is a piece of genuine stop press news for if we had not stopped the press and inserted it after the sheet was passed by the Editor it would not have appeared. Last Wednesday was Uncle Arthur's birthday. On the previous day his wife presented him with two bouncing boys—a birthday gift of lasting value! The WORKER family will join us we are sure in wishing Uncle Arthur many happy returns.

SUNSET CALENDAR.

	LONDON	EDINBURGH	CARDIFF	NOTTINGHAM
January 23rd	4.32	4.26	4.46	4.32
January 30th	4.46	4.41	4.58	4.45

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THE statistical report of the European Division for the third quarter of 1924 has just come to hand. It is very gratifying to note that for the period covered by the report the South British Conference has by far the largest net gain in membership of all the conferences in the European Division. This net gain of 143 members is more than double the highest net gain for any of the German conferences. The nearest figure to that of South England is shown by the Moldavian Conference, part of the Rumanian Union, which made a net gain of 125.

COMPARING union conferences, we notice that the Rumanian Conference leads with a net increase in membership of 305, followed in order by the Scandinavian Union (196), the East German Union (160) and the British Union (124).

ACCORDING to this report, the membership in the British Union has increased from 3,879 to 4,003 during the quarter.

A CLOSER scrutiny of the report brings to light some other facts of vital importance. The Rumanian Union leads the Division in the average number of souls won per conference worker. They have sixty-one conference workers and their average net gain per worker is five. The British Union takes second place with eighty-three workers and an average net gain per worker of three. The Scandinavian Union, with seventy-eight conference workers, has an average net gain per worker of two. Then follow the German Unions, the Latin Union and others with an average of one or less per worker. It is very encouraging to find the work in this field comparing so favourably with other lands.

OUR colporteurs will be interested in the following figures. While in the British Union we have only fifty-nine colporteurs, in the Baltic Union there are ninety, in the Central European Union 149, in the East German Union 291, and in the West German Union, out of a total labouring force of 397, 301 are colporteurs.

IN financial matters the British Union stands easily at

the head of all the unions of the European Division. When all the various currencies are reduced to dollars the fact is revealed that the tithe per capita in the British Union is \$6.31. The nearest approach to this is the Latin Union with \$4.33. Then follow the Central European Union, \$3.70, the West German Union, \$3.55; the Scandinavian Union, \$3.42, and the remainder considerably below.

IN mission offerings per capita, the British Union stands first with \$4.86, the East German Union taking second place with \$3.20.

ON Wednesday, January 7th, Brother Langford sailed for West Africa in company with Pastor J. J. Hyde and Brother and Sister F. F. Oster from Denmark.

BROTHER W. W. ARMSTRONG, having completed his furlough, sailed for East Africa on Sabbath, January 24th.



Notice of Annual Meetings

THE annual meetings of the undermentioned limited companies will be held at Stanborough Park on Wednesday, the 4th day of February, at the times named:

Seventh-Day Adventist Union, Ltd.10 a.m.
International Health Assoc'n, Ltd. ...11.30 a.m.
The Stanborough Press Ltd.3 p.m.
Good Health Association, Ltd.7.30 p.m.



Miss Bertha Milne and her new home at Kisii, Kenya Colony.
See article on page 2.

Still Missing!

AT the beginning of the Harvest In-gathering Campaign we sent out badges to all the churches and isolated members. In answer to our appeals, we have had returned only about 60%. We trust that those who have badges in their possession will regard it as a duty to return them at once to the Home Missionary Department, Stanborough Park, Watford.