

President's Report of the South British Conference

For the Year Ended December 31, 1924

(NOTE.—As the combination known as the South British Conference, and made up of the union of Wales and Ireland with South England, only came into existence on October 31st of last year, this report deals exclusively with South England. The vice-presidents for Wales and Ireland will deal separately with their respective fields.)

WE are glad to be able once more, through the blessing of God, to sound the note of progress. We humbly ascribe heartfelt praise to our Master to Whom victory belongs and without Whom it would be impossible.

“Forward” has been our watchword, and serving under the glorious banner of the Prince of peace, we have gone forward ever striving, though often failing, to keep step with our leader.

MEMBERSHIP.

Seeing that as a conference we exist for the sole purpose of proclaiming the everlasting Gospel, thus preparing a people for the coming of our Lord, the question of membership, or rather the winning of souls, is of paramount importance. It is when we see signs of steady growth that we feel the efforts that have been put forth, the money expended, and the sacrifices made, have not been in vain.

The year 1924 shows an increase in membership of 174 as compared with 1923. Since Jan. 1, 1921, our membership has increased approximately 25%, the figures being 1,488 in 1921 (January 1st) and 1,864 last year. The gain from year to year during this period has been: 35, 12, 155 and 174. As far as our records go, 1923 was the most successful year in our history as regards membership. Last year showed even better returns. We trust that it will not be long before we can report a gain of at least 25% in a single year.

The actual number of persons who united with us last year was 304, and the number dropped 130. Of the latter, exactly one-half of the names have been removed from our books on account of apostasy, or adjustment of church records. This means that for every five members we receive one is lost to the cause. This fact makes us sad. While we must

expect to lose members—in the days of Christ and of the apostles some were lost—we must study how to conserve our membership, and how best to win back those who have gone from us. The number of members dismissed by letter about equals the number received in the same way. We have lost nineteen by death; but while their names have had to be erased from our church roll, we believe they are written in heaven, and that these dear ones are resting till the resurrection morning.

One of the most encouraging features of the year's work was the largely attended meetings in the city of London. At the Finsbury Park Cinema, some of the largest meetings ever held have been conducted, the attendance ranging from 1,500 to 2,600, while at Wimbledon the attendance has been about two-thirds as many. Almost one-half of our gross gain in membership was due to these two efforts. The work conducted by our labourers in other vicinities, and by our lay members, makes up the balance.

Sixteen of our forty-one churches and companies show an increase in membership; twelve have remained stationary; and thirteen show a decrease. We recognize that here and there the loss is due entirely to the transfer of members. But we believe that in most cases the loss should be more than made up by gains resulting from the activities of the men and women who comprise the church. The time will come when every worker will get the maximum of results, and every member will be a soul-winner; *then* the gain in membership in one year will far exceed our most sanguine expectations. In the very nature of things this time must come soon. Let us pray and work to that end. To the delegates assembled at the General Conference of 1913, the servant of the Lord said: “There seemed to be a great movement—a work of revival—going forward in many places. Our people were moving into line, responding to God's call. . . . Shall we not trim our lamps, and act like men who look for their Lord to come?” The “great movement” is due in this con-

ference. Let us heed the counsel that comes to us. Let us prepare to receive the mighty manifestation of power promised.

We desire publicly to thank our brethren of the European Division of the General Conference for the very generous response that has been made to our appeals for their help in the work of evangelizing our section of the world-field. In spite of the fact that many pressing calls come to the Division continually, financial help came from them to this conference. The number of souls won would undoubtedly have been small had no help been available.

We are particularly indebted, too, to Pastor J. E. Jayne, the president of the British Union Conference, for the help so freely given, which has contributed largely to the success obtained.

OUR FINANCES.

Our increase in tithe has kept pace with our growth in membership. The figure for 1921 was £10,216. The next year there was a drop of over £200 to £10,005. 1923 more than made up for this loss, the amount that year being £10,778. Last year's total was £11,283. We have therefore made a gain of over £1,000 in two years. The per capita has also increased from £6. 14s. 2d. in 1921 to £7. 7s. in 1924.

These figures are very encouraging as they show that our members are loyal to the message and the movement with which we are connected. They show, too, a spirit of confidence in God as the leader of this people, as the One Who will guide us till the journey is done, and all are safely gathered home.

Seventh-Day Adventists are essentially a missionary people, and it is to be expected that they would give liberally to world-wide missions. The total mission offerings for 1924 were £6,419, an increase of £151 over the previous year. The per capita has also risen from £4. 2s. to £4. 3s. 8d.

Of the total offerings to missions, our people contributed £3,429 in 1923, and £3,501 in 1924. The Sabbath-school was responsible for £2,208 in 1923, and £2,314 last year. The amount obtained from those not of our faith through the Harvest Ingathering Campaign was £2,839 a year ago, and £2,918 last year. The Young People's offerings to missions and Big Week both show an increase for 1924 over the previous year.

A comparison between the tithe available for work in this conference and the mission offerings, reveals the fact that for every pound of tithe we raise and use in this field, rather more than fifteen shillings is contributed for work in the regions beyond. This is as it should be. It is when we take our eyes off self and look on the needs of others that the blessing comes.

OUR DEPARTMENTS.

We regret that for three-fourths of the year we had no one to take charge of the Home Missionary, Missionary Volunteer, and Sabbath-School Departments. The European Division very kindly came to our aid in this matter and loaned to us Pastor H. W. Lowe, a returned missionary. Brother Lowe's services were available for the fourth quarter. During those three months he helped very materially in building up the work which had unfortunately suffered through lack of attention. We have already seen that the Sabbath-School and Home Missionary Departments have each prospered in one particular. Let us briefly consider each department as a whole.

The Sabbath-School.

The membership in the Sabbath-school has grown from 1,522 in 1921 to 1,970 in 1924. The increase for the period was 448. Last year's increase over 1923, in spite of the absence of leadership for most of the time, was 149, or 25

less than the increase in churchmembership. With care the Sabbath-school should catch up this year.

Missionary Volunteer Department.

619 young people were members of our Young People's societies during the year 1924. This number is slightly less than the previous year. The Young People's offerings to missions increased from £88 in 1923 to £95 last year, while the number of souls won by the young people was thirteen in 1924 and twenty-eight in 1923.

Home Missionary Department.

Details as to the volume of work done by our lay members will be presented by the secretary of this department. One item only calls for attention here. The number of souls won by our lay members during 1924 was thirty-four, as compared with forty-eight the previous year. The record is good considering the handicap under which the department was labouring. It is encouraging to think what may be done this year. There is no limit to what our people can do when controlled by the spirit of the Master. We should surely pray for more and more of His Spirit to be manifest in our lives.

Our Colporteur Work.

We cannot begin to tell the results of the work done by those whom we love to call "our faithful colporteurs." Never can that story be fully told. A book is sold, and the canvasser passes on with a prayer that the volume will be read; but he doesn't see the purchaser again. The colporteur's prayer is answered, the book is read, and the reader accepts its message. One day the two who have met once will meet again. The colporteur's canvassing days are over; but the results of those efforts to place the message-filled books in the homes, he is now beginning to see. Would that more of our young people could realize the sacredness of the colporteur work!

The book sales for the two years were £3,775 and £3,295 respectively, and the total sales £7,259 and £6,970. In each case there is a decrease. The periodical sales show an increase of nearly £200. Judging from the records of the past three months, this year will show a decided gain in total sales.

The Educational Department.

Church school work in this conference is still in its infancy. If this line of work does not seem to be making as much headway as some other branches of the work it is because of the many difficulties with which it is faced. When last we reported at a conference session, there were five church schools in our field. Now we have but four. With patience and sympathy on our part we shall yet see this line of work keep up with other lines.

The Medical Department.

We have very little to report under this heading as the sanitarium is a Union institution and its activities are reported at Union sessions. We are glad to say that plans are being considered by the secretary of this department, which should prove of immense value to our churches. Details as to these plans will be made known later.

PROSPECTS FOR 1925.

Without being prophets we can say that the omens for this year's work are favourable. Our evangelists are holding large meetings in various parts of the field. For the second year in succession, Pastor L. W. Barras has held his people at the Finsbury Park Cinema, while Pastor W. Maudsley has laboured in the Wimbledon district for three years. In each of these campaigns the attendance has been about the same

each year. In Brighton Pastor G. Hyde has addressed from 800 to 1,000 people every Sunday night since his effort began, and Pastor T. H. Cooper is conducting well-attended meetings at Bath.

The funds are coming in as well as can be expected. The departments never appeared more promising than to-day. There is no reason why this year should not prove a record year in the history of the work in Wales and Ireland as well

as in South England. Everything depends on how we relate ourselves to the work. Our Father in heaven is waiting to bless us abundantly. As He commanded the Israelites in the days of Moses to "Go Forward," so He commands us. True, we shall be faced with difficulties trials and hardships, but "if God be for us, who can be against us?" Let us go forward thanking God for the mighty victory He is going to give us this year.

TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

of the

SOUTH BRITISH CONFERENCE

Held in the Allison Hall, Harringay, London, N. April 9-13, 1925.

MINUTES OF THE FIRST MEETING AT 9 P.M., THURSDAY, APRIL 9 1925, HELD FOLLOWING THE OPENING SESSION BY PASTOR J. E. JAYNE.

Chairman: Pastor F. A. Spearing.

A good proportion of the delegates from each section of the field—Wales, Ireland, Northern, Western and Southern districts and the provinces—signified their presence at this meeting by rising to their feet at the invitation of the chair.

By consent of the delegates the following committees were appointed by the chair:

On Nominations: J. E. Jayne (chair), L. Edmunds, D. Morrison, J. W. Ford (Wales), W. Reid (Ireland), or Dr. Aufranc.

On Credentials and Licences: L. H. Christian, J. E. Jayne, W. H. Meredith, L. R. Conradi, S. Joyce.

On Plans: J. Harker (chairman).

(a) *Education:* G. Baird, W. J. Young, H. H. Howard.

(b) *H.M., Y.P., S.S.:* H. W. Lowe, S. F. Tonks, O. M. Dorland, H. Yeates, F. S. Jackson.

(c) *Medical:* Dr. W. A. Ruble, Dr. Reith, Dr. F. C. Shone.

(d) *Publishing:* S. Joyce, E. J. Whiting, E. H. Marsh.

(e) *Finance:* G. L. Gulbrandson, H. D. Clarke, J. H. Parkin.

(f) *Ministry:* J. McAvoy, L. W. Barras, W. Maudsley, G. Hyde, W. P. Prescott.

SECOND MEETING AT 10.15 A.M., FRIDAY, APRIL 10TH.

Chairman: Pastor F. A. Spearing.

The minutes of the opening session were read and adopted.

The Committee on Plans presented the following resolutions:

Resolution No. 1.—For the evidences of God's manifold blessings during the past conference year as revealed in the loyalty and devotion of His people, and the success attending the efforts of the workers, and churchmembers, resulting in the growth of the membership, the increase of tithes and offerings in spite of the increasingly difficult times, we here in conference assembled do heartily express our deep gratitude to our heavenly Father, and solemnly dedicate ourselves anew to the completion of the task before us.

Resolution No. 2.—We, the members of the South British Conference assembled in the Allison Hall, London, do hereby express our hearty appreciation to our brethren of the European Division of the General Conference for their generous appropriation to our field by which means we have been enabled to carry forward stronger evangelistic work, which has resulted in the winning of many precious souls to the truth.

Fitting support was given to these resolutions by reports from the conference president, the vice-presidents for Wales and Ireland, the superintendents of districts and other labourers.

Pastor Spearing's report (published in full on pages 1 and 2 of this issue).

Pastor W. H. Meredith, vice-president for Wales, said that the outlook was brighter for Wales than when he reported at Battersea a year ago, although it was a fact that there were in South Wales more unemployed than existed six months ago. The present policy was to concentrate in the largest towns. He would leave the labourers who were working in Cardiff and Swansea to report their work for those places.

Pastor W. J. Young, the recently appointed vice-president for Ireland, illustrated his report by a black map. The situation in Ireland, however, was not quite as black as it looked. It was relieved by the lights of the two fair-sized churches and three companies. There were twenty counties, however, containing well over four millions in which this cause was not represented. Nearly 100% of that population in most of the counties was Catholic. There was one Seventh-Day Adventist to every 18,000 of the population. The membership had increased by five during 1924.

The tithes and offerings revealed decreases with the exception of the Harvest Ingathering and Big Week. These showed increases of £16 and £2 respectively. Some substantial work was reported for the Home Missionary Department in Ireland.

Pastor W. Maudsley, the superintendent of the Western District, said that was the third year of his work in Wimbledon. That fact, however, made no difference to the extraordinary interest that had been shown in his recent campaign. One indication of the confidence of the people in the work there was the frequent request sent up by complete strangers for prayer on behalf of their sick.

Some opposition was being encountered from Roman Catholic priests and a prominent Wesleyan minister.

A notable feature of the campaign was the help afforded by the churchmembers who had accounted for the distribution of some 230,000 handbills.

A very substantial gain had been made in the tithe for the district.

Tribute was paid to the helpers in the campaign.

Pastor L. W. Barras, the superintendent of the Northern District, stated that with 11% of the conference membership at work they were turning over 17% of the contributions to the cause. Of the £3,500 offerings made in the conference, just under £1,000 came from the Northern District.

Eighty-five souls were received into fellowship during 1924.

Pastor Barras spoke at some length of the great meetings and associated work in the Finsbury Park Cinema. £250 had been contributed in nine weeks' collections and gifts by the public.

Credit was given to the assistants in the North London work, especially to Brother S. G. Joyce, who was responsible for some very encouraging week-night meetings.

Pastor F. S. Jackson, just recently given charge of the Southern District, reported briefly on the present work and prospects for that district.

Pastor O. M. Dorland spoke of the brightening of the dark outlook in Wales. He started his effort amid the adverse circumstances of a general election, drawing a crowd of two or three hundred people to his first meeting. This, however, increased later to 750 and 800. Despite the presentation of the Sabbath on three occasions, and without advertising, he was now having an attendance of 300 people each Sunday night. Sixty-five to seventy were attending week-night meetings. There were forty-five observing the Sabbath and awaiting baptism.

Pastor S. F. Tonks reported his work in Swansea. He had

encountered much opposition from the press, and other sects. In spite of these and other difficulties he was able to report some trophies of grace. He and his associates had been able to add fifteen to the Swansea Church, and there were prospects of ten more in a few weeks' time.

Pastor T. H. Cooper, speaking of his work in Bath and Bristol, reported the addition of eleven new members to these churches, seven for Bath and four for Bristol. Seven or eight more were keeping the Sabbath, who, it was hoped, would soon be ready for baptism.

He had recently commenced a fresh effort, with an attendance ranging from 200 to 600. He had obtained over 300 names for literature.

Pastor W. P. Prescott, reporting his work at Cambridge, said that during his labours for the past twelve months twenty-seven members had been added to that church, more than doubling the membership there. Unlike other labourers' reports, his was that the press had been favourable to the work in Cambridge.

Pastor J. B. West had recently been associated with him in Cambridge, preparing to relieve him so that he may move to Plymouth, where he had been appointed for his future labours.

A hearty singing of the doxology by the standing delegates carried the resolutions previously presented, and the meeting was adjourned until 4 p.m.

THIRD MEETING, 4 P.M., FRIDAY, APRIL 10.

Chairman : *Pastor F. A. Spearing*.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and passed, subject to one slight correction.

Pastor G. Hyde gave some very interesting facts concerning the effort he was conducting in the Hove Town Hall. They had had attendances ranging from 800 to 1,000 at the Sunday night meetings, and some proportionately good week-night meetings had been held. Donations from the public amounted to £120 for the eight weeks the effort had been running. The interest there was indeed good. Special mention was made of the good work done by Miss M. Murdoch right from the commencement of the effort. The press had reported freely and favourably on the meetings. Churchmembers had helped well with the billing.

Brother G. W. Bailey reported concerning the conditions obtaining in the Southampton and Portsmouth churches and the companies in the Isle of Wight for which he had been caring. Evidences of an all-round interest were given. Special mention was made of the flourishing state of the Portsmouth Sabbath-school, which possessed sixty-seven members, or nearly a score in excess of the churchmembership. His flock in the Southern District had accounted for the circulation of 16,579 pieces of literature and had contributed £860 in tithes and offerings during 1924. Baptisms, totalling fifteen, had taken place just before the beginning and after the ending of that period.

Brother A. F. Bird spoke of his work in Southend. About twelve months ago he had been sent there to begin a small effort. He experienced considerable difficulty in getting a hall, finally being compelled to launch out in a very unpopular building. The campaign, however, resulted in the baptism of nine and the reception of two others by vote. £270 had been raised during the year in clearing off the church building debt, and a further £40 was in hand toward the renovation of the building.

The Treasurer presented his report for the South England, Welsh and Irish sections, which provoked a few questions. These were satisfactorily answered and the report was passed.

Pastor S. Joyce reported for the book work in the absence of *Brother E. J. Whiting*. A prominent feature of his remarks was the reminder that although the chairman in his report had given the total book and periodical sales made by the South England colporteurs as £6,970, the figures were actually £11,513, if the work done by South England men in Ireland and Wales was included. Of the total number of copies of "Daniel and the Revelation" sold during 1924 more than half had been accounted for by the South British Conference, viz., 4,732. Special reference was made to the concentrated work

in one area over lengthy periods by Brethren Benefield, Burrow, Owen and Whiting, rendering good results.

Pastor H. W. Lowe, the secretary for the Home Missionary, Sabbath-School and Young People's Departments, rendered a partial report, and dealt in brief with the Home Missionary section. Some very illuminating facts were brought to light concerning the missionary activities of the churchmembers, which, considering the absence of a departmental secretary for three parts of the year, compared favourably with 1923. In a number of phases substantial increases were shown.

It was possible to report a good increase for the Harvest Ingathering for the conference as a whole. He had taken pains to show a few of the larger churches their relation to the circulation of our missionary paper. The most active of them showed a circulation of four per 1,000 of the population surrounding the church, whilst the least of those spoken of showed but one, or less than one per thousand—an arresting fact. The meeting was adjourned until 10.15 on Sunday morning, April 12th.

FOURTH MEETING, 10.15 A.M., SUNDAY, APRIL 12TH.

Chairman : *Pastor F. A. Spearing*.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and passed, the rest of the time was given to the following resolutions, introduced on behalf of the publishing and home missionary work :

Resolution No. 3.—*Recognizing* in the printed page one of the most effective and economical means of quickly giving the message to the millions of this conference, and a work that God has placed on equality with that of the Gospel ministry,

We Recommend, That in all parts of our field consecrated men and women of ability be encouraged to enter the field as evangelistic colporteurs and that our goal be the placing of such workers in every county, town and city within the territory of the South British Conference.

Resolution No. 4.—*Whereas*, The literature ministry of our lay members has proved itself, under the blessing of God, to be one of the most successful of our soul-saving mediums, therefore

Resolved, That we encourage our churchmembers to devote at least one hour each week to the distribution or sale of "Present Truth," "Good Health," and the shilling book series, and

Further Resolved, That this work be systematically followed up with a view to leading souls into the light and blessing of the closing message.

Resolution No. 5.—*Whereas*, The Missions Extension plan has been signally blessed of God in establishing our publishing interests in many lands, and

Whereas, The plan as now enlarged provides for advanced work on medical and educational lines, and calls for still greater support on the part of all believers, therefore

Resolved, That as conference workers, colporteurs, and churchmembers we engage in the 1925 Big Week with whole-hearted determination, setting as a goal for the field the equivalent of 2/6 per member.

Ask your Tract Society Secretary for

BIG WEEK

2 "Children's Diseases"	2 0	2 "Children's Diseases"	2 3
9 "Present Truth"	1 6	2 "Bedtime Stories"	2 3
6 "Good Health"	1 6	18 "Present Truth"	3 24
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meted out to poor sufferers and the good results accruing to body and soul of the patrons of the sanitarium.

The meeting was adjourned until 10.45 a.m. on Monday, April 13th.

SIXTH MEETING, 10.45 A.M., MONDAY, APRIL 13TH, IN THE ALLISON HALL, HARRINGAY.

Chairman : Pastor F. A. Spearing.

The minutes were read, and with slight corrections, passed.

The Committee on Nominations presented their report as follows :

President: F. A. Spearing.

Vice-Presidents of Language Divisions: Wales, W. H. Meredith; Ireland, W. J. Young.

Superintendents of Districts: London North, L. W. Barras; London West, W. Maudsley; Southampton, F. S. Jackson.

Secretaries of Departments: Educational, G. W. Baird; Home Missionary, H. W. Lowe; Medical, W. A. Ruble, M.D.; Missionary Volunteer, H. W. Lowe; Sabbath-School, H. W. Lowe; Secretary-Treasurer, J. H. Parkin.

Executive Committee: F. A. Spearing, W. H. Meredith, W. J. Young, L. W. Barras, W. Maudsley, F. S. Jackson, H. Yeates, F. C. Shone, N. H. Knight, H. W. Lowe, J. H. Parkin.

We recommend that the selection of the field missionary secretary be referred to the Executive Committee.

These were duly passed.

The Committee on Credentials and Licences presented their report as follows :

Ministerial Credentials: J. J. Gillatt (Hon), F. A. Spearing, W. H. Meredith, W. J. Young, L. W. Barras, W. Maudsley, F. S. Jackson, G. Hyde, H. W. Lowe, W. P. Prescott, D. Morrison, T. H. Cooper, J. B. West, H. W. Armstrong, J. McAvoy, R. Whiteside, O. M. Dorland, S. F. Tonks.

Ministerial Licence: S. G. Joyce, A. F. Bird.

Missionary Credentials: R. S. Joyce, J. G. Bevan, R. Freeth, J. H. Parkin, E. J. Whiting, G. W. Bailey, T. Timpany, Miss E. M. Lenanton, (Hon), Miss M. Cooper (Hon), Miss M. Ballard (Hon), Mrs. M. Borrowdale (Hon), Miss M. Anderson, Miss W. D. Clifford, Mrs. M. E. Brooks, Miss M. Living, Miss E. M. Powell, Miss W. Quibell, Miss G. Wallace, Miss B. Clarke, Miss I. M. Baldwin, Miss M. Murdoch, Miss M. Wright, Miss F. Barratt, Miss O. C. Davies, Miss E. Guntrip, Miss A. Larminie, Miss J. E. Bastow, Miss A. F. Clarke.

All church school teachers' names referred to the Executive Committee to obtain from the General Conference the regular educational department authorization.

Colporteur's Missionary Credentials: Mrs. L. W. Bailey (Hon), A. C. Johnson (Hon), J. Benefield, H. G. Buckle, S. J. Burrow, Miss E. N. Butler, Miss H. A. Cameron, W. G. Chappell, Mrs. Chappell (Sen), S. Combridge, J. Dean, J. Hardy, A. Lacey, J. S. Newman, Mrs. C. Sully, Miss F. Talley, V. Walkden, G. W. Hamblin, Miss M. L. Smyth, W. H. Yeates, J. Rees, J. Owen.

Colporteur's Missionary Licence: Miss C. Benefield, A. Dunn, A. Smith, Miss A. M. Franklin, T. J. Adams, J. F. Bodell, J. W. Dean, Miss M. McFadden, Miss R. Menary, W. G. Nicholson, Miss S. Nutt.

All other names referred to Conference Committee.

These were duly passed.

The following further partial report was presented by the Committee on Plans :

Resolution No. 8.—*Whereas*, The salvation of our young people and their training for service call for constant and sympathetic care on the part of church leaders

Resolved, That evangelists, pastors, teachers and church officers do all in their power to help young people to a decision for Christ, and that personal interest and definite help be rendered in society meetings and the various features of Missionary Volunteer work.

Resolution No. 9.—*Whereas*, These are times of grave peril to our youth and whereas there is need that our young people have access to suitable Christian literature

Resolved, That where possible our young people be urged—

1. To purchase the Missionary Volunteer Reading Course.
2. That arrangements be made for the inclusion of these books in our church libraries.
3. That we encourage our young people to read and study these and other approved books.

Resolution No. 10.—*Whereas*, Many persons throughout the South British Conference are not sharing in the privileges and blessings of the Sabbath-school

Resolved, That we recommend all our churches to put forth earnest effort to establish the Sabbath-school work on a still stronger basis with the object of gathering every churchmember into the Sabbath-School Department, and that we endeavour to realize the aims of the department in attendance and daily study, soul-winning and mission offerings.

Pastor H. W. Lowe followed with his report of the Young People's Missionary Volunteer Department. A marked increase was recorded in the distribution of periodicals by the young people though their membership was less, comparing the year 1924 with 1923. The tract work, however, was down, perhaps due to the extra interest in the paper work.

Brother Lowe appealed for the assistance of the delegates to enable the young people to reach the offerings suggested by the European Division—a goal of 2d. per member per week, or 5/- per member per year—and to help them secure the Reading Course Books.

The South British societies had enrolled 120 Standard of Attainment members and 291 were following the "Morning Watch" plan. The question appearing on one of his charts: "Are you leading our young people Christward, or driving them backward?" summed up his appeal to the delegates.

Pastors J. McAvoy and H. W. McCrow spoke in the interests of the Young People's Reading Course.

Brother J. Harker said there were more than eight hundred young people and children between the ages of seven and twenty-five in the South British Conference, and reminded our delegates that young people are our greatest asset.

Pastor Rasmussen also spoke in support of the Young People's resolutions, emphasizing the obligations of parents as regards the home example and influence in relation to the youth.

After Brother Marsh had exhibited the Reading Course Books, resolutions 8 and 9 were passed.

Resolution No. 10 was read the second time, prompting Pastor Lowe's report on the Sabbath-School Department. A prominent and sad feature of this report was that of the missing members, to counteract which the resolution was framed. He appealed for the support of the delegates towards filling up the broken ranks in our Sabbath-schools. There was an increase in offerings for 1925. Compared with the normal percentage of the 13th Sabbath offerings in their relation to the regular Sabbath-school offerings, which stands at from 25% to 33%, most of the sections of the conference showed up well.

Pastor Rasmussen supported the resolution on behalf of the European Division Sabbath-School Department. Others having spoken in favour, it was unanimously carried, and the meeting was adjourned until the afternoon session.

SEVENTH MEETING, 3.30 P.M., MONDAY, APRIL 13TH.

Chairman : Pastor F. A. Spearing.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and passed. The following final resolutions were presented and duly passed :

Resolution No. 11.—*Whereas*, There are many calls for the benefits afforded by the Endowed Bed Fund, and

Whereas, In each of the divisions of the South British Conference the fund has been overdrawn, therefore

Resolved, That we take up an offering for the Endowed Bed Fund throughout the conference on Sabbath, April 25th, and that we do our utmost to make it a record offering.

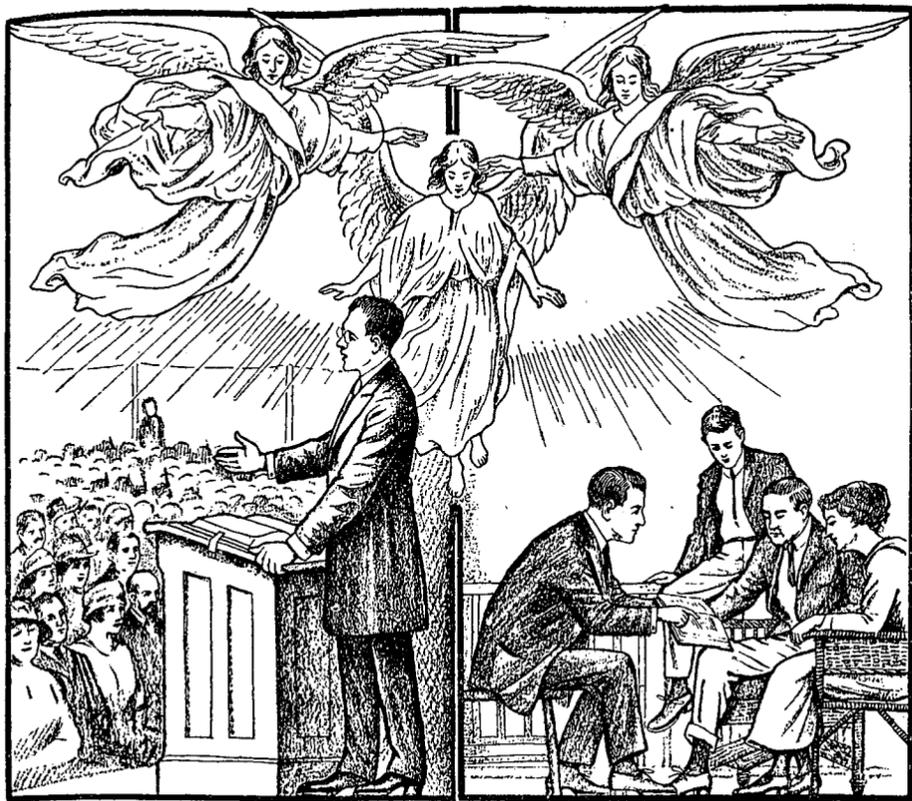
Resolution No. 12.—*Resolved*, That we as delegates and members of the South British Conference, assembled in the Allison Hall, Haringay, do hereby express our heartfelt sympathy with Sister Bunker and her family in the sad loss they have recently sustained in Brother Bunker's death.

For many years as an elder of the Plymouth Church and also as a member of the Conference Committee, our beloved brother rendered faithful and efficient service. We are confident that his sleep is the sleep of the righteous and that for him a glorious resurrection is sure.

Resolution No. 13.—*Whereas*, We have been signally favoured in having such commodious and comfortable accommodation for our various conference meetings, therefore

Resolved, That we express to the pastor and membership of

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Our Colporteurs' Corner

By E. H. Marsh

"THE intelligent, God-fearing, truth-loving canvasser should be respected, for he occupies a position equal to that of the Gospel minister."—*Colporteur Evangelist*, p. 15.

"All who desire an opportunity for true ministry, and who will give themselves unreservedly to God, will find in the canvassing work opportunities to speak upon many things pertaining to the future, immortal life."—*Ibid*, p. 16.

Our correspondence is just full of incidents that testify to the truthfulness of the above statements. We are sure that our churchmembers will enjoy reading extracts from such letters. Our colporteurs are invited to send us brief experiences for this purpose.

For instance, we can all rejoice with Brother Rowland in an experience like the following. Through a courtesy shown to him during a rain storm, while canvassing shilling books, Brother Rowland decided to make the man his first subscriber to "Bible Readings" if possible. While canvassing him a friend came in and then another. Three presentations were made for "Bible Readings," and, having a "Daniel and the Revelation" prospectus with him, Brother Rowland gave an exhibition of this book also, with the result that he came away with orders for three copies of "Bible Readings" and one copy of "Daniel and the Revelation" in the gilt binding. This was just the start our brother needed. Brother Rowland's total sales for that week amounted to £21. 5s. On Wednesday afternoon of that week he booked seven orders, value £7. 12s.-6d. ! Truly the Lord is good to all who put their trust in Him.

The Lord helps our colporteurs on delivery day also. A few days ago Brother Hulbert called at a lady's home to deliver a copy of "Daniel and the Revelation." She did not want to take the book and made a number of excuses. With good judgment Brother Hulbert did what all good canvassers do. He immediately gave another canvass to create the interest that was lacking. Finally the lady became interested and calling her son remonstrated with him for not ordering a leather copy instead of the cloth binding. Brother Hulbert came away with 6/3 additional profit on the transaction. He said that he regarded the incident as providential for he had previously entered a wood and prayed that God would assist him in his delivery. It was apparently by chance that he had the leather copy with him.

Over and over again our brethren and sisters in the literature ministry prove that God, Who has promised to go before them, is faithful. Through the Spirit of prophecy He has said

that "those who are born again, who are willing to be guided by the Holy Spirit . . . will be accompanied and instructed by holy angels, who will go before them to the dwellings of the people, preparing the way for them."—*Ibid*, p. 13.

Never was there a greater need for more labourers than at the present time. We are sure that there are many others who could unite with the field department of the publishing work. Now is the time to begin. There are six solid months of summer time before us. Who will volunteer for this period?

"If you have neglected the sowing time, if you have allowed God-given opportunities to pass unimproved, . . . will you not repent, before it is for ever too late, and strive to redeem the time?"—*Ibid*, p. 40.

If it is *service* you are willing to *give* the Master, and not *position* you wish to *get*, apply to your field missionary secretary. He will give you full particulars of the greatest service that lay members can render to the cause of truth. North British members should apply to Mr. D. Davies, 22 Zulla Road, Nottingham. Those belonging to the South British Conference should write to Mr. B. Belton, Lindrick House, Seven Sisters Road, Finsbury Park, London, N.4.

South British Conference Annual Session

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the Harringay Congregational Church our very hearty thanks for their kindly hospitality in affording us the use of their church and hall.

Resolution No. 14.—*Whereas*, There are many who have rendered invaluable help behind the scenes in our conference meetings

Resolved, That we tender a very hearty vote of thanks to the musical department including the choir and organists, to those responsible for the catering, to the hall keeper and the ushers, to Nurse Noakes and her staff who have so efficiently cared for the kindergarten department, to Mrs. Howard and Miss Brewer for their capable direction of the juniors, and to all others who have assisted in the work of the conference session.

This business concluded a very happy and profitable conference session.

F. A. SPEARING, *Chairman*.

J. H. PARKIN, *Secretary*.

NOTES

IN case any of our people missed giving their contribution to the Endowed Bed Fund on the day appointed i.e., April 25th, they are invited to make good their omission. We should do our very best to build up this fund so that our many sick brethren and sisters may receive the attention they require.

HAVE you yet made your plans for a vigorous "BIG WEEK"? Let us not fall below our goal of £300 for the South British Conference. We call particular attention to the last issue of the *MISSIONARY WORKER*, which gives full particulars of the "Big Week" campaign. Let all our members be ready to start on May 2nd so that the campaign can close on the 9th.

F. A. SPEARING.

GREEN.—It is with deep regret that we report the death of our dear Sister Green, aged 46, of Hook Norton, Oxon. She passed away at Oxford Infirmary on the 18th of March after much suffering caused by a growth which could not be removed. Sister Green accepted the truth as the result of studies given by Brother Gurling, her brother, and the writer. She took her stand with us in December, 1924. She was a very conscientious Christian and her one desire was to be useful in the Lord's vineyard. On Monday, March 23rd, the internment took place at the Baptist burial grounds. Pastor Armstrong spoke words of comfort to the sorrowing husband, children and relatives who are left to mourn their loss "Till the day dawns and the shadows flee away."

A. E. WINKWORTH.

WANTED.—Girls for packing room—age 16--21 years—give references. Write: Manager, International Health Association, Ltd., Stanborough Park, Watford.

THE EDITOR'S PAGE

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As we write, a most profitable colporteurs' institute is in session at the College. Over forty students are planning to go out into the colporteur work this summer and they are receiving intensive training at the hands of Pastors Weaks and Joyce and the field missionary secretaries. Report in next issue.

PROF. GEORGE MCCREADY PRICE, M.A., has won the Langhorne Orchard Prize, offered by the Victoria Institute, with his essay entitled "Revelation and Evolution: Can They be Harmonized?" This essay was read at the Institute on Monday, April 20th, in the presence of a distinguished company, Sir George King, M.A. being in the chair.

Big Week

ANOTHER opportunity for excellent service for the Master is provided to each of us in the arrangements for missionary work during the period designated as "Big Week."

We believe that helpfulness in spiritual life is one of the natural results of the work accomplished during that period. Among our reasons for so thinking are the following:

1. Truths contained in the papers and in the four small books especially suggested for our use, are so uplifting in character that they must be a blessing to those who read them.
2. While we are distributing this literature there will occur many opportunities for helpful conversations upon Gospel subjects. Doubtless we shall have opportunity to hold Bible readings and engage in prayer.
3. In some cases these experiences will be the beginning of deepening interest in spiritual life leading up to the conversion of the individual.
4. While engaging in this work for others and in the larger work to which it should lead, our own lives will be brightened by the Spirit of God, and we shall realize the fulfilment of the promise, "I will bless thee and make thee a blessing."
5. Those persons who are thus led to God will become active in teaching the truth to others thus multiplying the results of our efforts.
6. The financial results will be most gratifying. The value of those institutions already established will increase, likewise their missionary activities. It is doubtful if the most sanguine among us fully appreciate the amount of good they will accomplish.

Nevertheless, the plan for "Big Week" is not self-operating. We each have a responsibility to bear. As living witnesses it is ours to place the literature in the hands of the people, to direct Gospel conversation, to hold Bible readings and faithfully to follow wherever the Lord shall lead us.

The plans for this work have been very carefully prepared. These have been fully explained in the programmes and literature previously placed in our hands. We shall succeed best if we all follow these plans as directed by our leaders, working as opportunity may afford and doing all within our power to encourage the timid and faint-hearted among us to join in this work for the Lord.

J. E. JAYNE.

ADVERTISEMENTS

SABBATH-KEEPERS and friends desiring a pleasant and restful holiday should write to Misses Baxter and Hannon, Ash Cottage, Elm Road, Pound Lane, Pitsea, Essex. Terms moderate. Highly recommended.

ALL kinds of printing work undertaken by Adventists. Moderate charges. Let us estimate for your next job. Rashleigh & Co., 59 New Oxford Street, London.

EXPERIENCED cook-general required for modern non-basement house. House-parlourmaid kept. Good home. Jewish family. Liberal wages. Apply: G., 48 Chatsworth Road, Brondesbury, London, N.W.2.

WANTED.—A good Seventh-Day Adventist vegetarian cook. References required. Apply: The Matron, Forest Hydro, Forest Road, Walthamstow, London, E.17.

WANTED.—Private secretary of good qualifications; a working knowledge of Latin desirable. Good salary to the right person. Apply: Dr. F. C. Shone, 17 Orford Road, Walthamstow, London, E.17.

WANTED.—About the middle of May, general servant (age about 23), able to do good, plain cooking. Sabbath-keeper required. Two in family. Wages £36. Apply in first instance to S. Bruce, End House, Hatch End, Middlesex.

FURNISHED APARTMENTS.—N. Johnson, 3 Princes Road East, Torquay.

WANTED.—By young man (age 23), work of any description where Sabbath can be observed. Apply: P.B., c/o 3 Richard's Terrace, Campbell Street, Anlaby Road, Hull.

FOR SALE.—Motor-cycle combination, 4½h.p., 1923 model. New condition. Driving suit; lighting set; tools, etc. Owner going abroad. Bargain for quick sale. 73 Park Avenue, Mitcham, Surrey.

WANTED.—By single young man (age 22), situation as farm worker where Sabbath can be observed. Willing to do any kind of farm work. Nine years' experience. Apply: A. N. Marshall, Westbourne House, Londonderry Road, Stockton-on-Tees, Durham.

WANTED URGENTLY.—By single man (age 27), situation as clerk, book-keeper or traveller. Royal Society of Arts certificate for book-keeping. Willing to accept any light, unskilled, manual labour. Write: Arthur R. Archer, 90 Isledon Road, Holloway, London, N.7.

YOUNG man (17 in July), seeks situation where Sabbath can be kept. Reference for engineering, of which he has some knowledge. Excellent character. Apply: Pastor F. C. Bailey, 11 Northwick Avenue, Worcester.

WANTED.—Help or general, age 24-30 years, for small seaside bungalow; Sussex coast. Two in family—all duties. Must be Sabbath-keeper. Apply: Pastor F. C. Bailey, 11 Northwick Avenue, Worcester.

BROTHER H. ROBSON'S address is now: c/o Messrs. G. A. Abdrasue & Co., P.O. Box No. 10, Mwanza, Tanganyika Territory, East Africa.

SUNSET CALENDAR.

	LONDON	EDINBURGH	CARDIFF	NOTTINGHAM
May 1st	8.22	8.50	8.35	8.32
May 8th	8.34	9.4	8.47	8.44