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Plans for 100 New Efforts Great Britain to be Evangelized

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How this announcement stirs the soul of the believer! It opens the eye, quickens the pulse, and begets the thought—"I must know about this; what are the plans; where are the efforts to be held; who will do the work?" Yes, we all long to see the work of God develop in the old country where the cause of truth has gained so many victories in past centuries.

But what about these new efforts? Is this simply a catch title? No, it is something real—work definitely planned for by the British Union Committee, and we believe the plans are in harmony with the divine will.

We have come to the time spoken of by the prophets when deep-seated apostasy has set in. Perilous times have come. "Truth faileth." Men "grope for the wall like the blind." Minds are perplexed, hearts are failing, and God is looking to those who have His Word to help the distressed and needy ones.

We have not yet reached the time, at least as far as this country is concerned, when the decree will go forth as in the days of the Reformation restricting religious liberty and prohibiting the dissemination of true Christian doctrine, but the conditions exist the same as in those days. Men occupying positions of authority in religious matters have turned from God and His Word. The pure light of the Gospel is being shut away from the people and multitudes to-day are sitting in darkness and in the shadow of death. Like the noble army of reformers, we must resolve in the strength of God to "overthrow the decree" and hold high the banner of truth, for truly, as stated by the servant of God, "the banner of truth which these reformers held aloft, God has in this last conflict committed to our hands. Those whom He has blessed with a knowledge of His Word are held responsible for this great gift."

So we, "those whom He has blessed with a knowledge of His Word are held responsible for this

great gift." What a privilege is ours! How it should thrill the heart to be a standard bearer for God in these last days!

We need the spirit of the reformers to carry out our obligations. Their courage, faith, and loyalty must be ours.

"Those reformers, whose protest has given us the name of Protestants, felt that God had called them to give the light of the Gospel to the world, and in doing this they were ready to sacrifice their possessions, their liberty, and their own lives. Are we, in this last conflict of the great controversy, as faithful to our trust as were the early reformers to theirs? In face of persecution and death, the truth was spread far and near. The Word of God was carried to the people; and all classes, high and low, rich and poor, learned and ignorant, eagerly studied it for themselves; and those who received the light became, in their turn, messengers to impart it. In those days the truth was brought home to the people through the press. Luther's pen was a power, and his writings, scattered broadcast, stirred the world.

"The same agencies are at our command, with facilities multiplied a hundredfold. Bibles, publications in many languages, setting forth the truth for this time, are at our hand, and can be swiftly carried to every part of the world. We are to give the last warning of God to men, and what should be our earnestness in studying the Bible, and zeal in spreading the light? Let every soul who has received the divine illumination seek to impart it. Let the workers go from house to house, opening the Bible to the people, circulating the publications, telling others of the light that has blessed their own souls."—*Mrs. E. G. White.*

To help in carrying out this instruction, it has been planned that in every one of the one hundred or

more churches and companies throughout Great Britain, an eight weeks' systematic tract and paper campaign be organized in definitely assigned territory with a view to spreading the knowledge of God's last message and winning souls to Christ. This is a simultaneous effort to evangelize a section of Britain's populous cities and towns with the truth of God. Special financial help has been provided by the Union, conferences and the Stanborough Press, so that church missionary societies might successfully carry out their part of the plan. All it involves on the part of the church-

members is the selling of a few copies of "Present Truth" and giving away a regular quantity of tracts each week as decided upon by the missionary committee.

Church missionary societies have been informed regarding the plan, and supplies are available. Ask your missionary leader for a share in the work. Offer your hands, heart and time for this good cause and God will honour your consecration with fruit for your labour.

B.U.C. HOME MISSIONARY DEPT.

The Coming Colporteurs' Institutes

As members of the WORKER family you will all be interested in some figures which show that the Lord's blessing has been upon the publishing work in the British Isles during 1925.

The total sales amount to £27,257. 15s. 1d. This is made up as follows:

"Good Health,"	£3425 0 0
"Present Truth,"	6529 3 4
Books and Tracts,	17303 11 9

This is a gain on books and tracts of £3,471-11s. 3d. and on periodicals of £683. 11s. 8d., or a total gain over the combined sales of 1924 of £4,155. 2s. 11d. It surpasses the gain for 1923 by £2,515 and that for 1922—"the peak year"—by £1,534.

For this prosperity we earnestly invite you, dear reader, to join with us in returning heartfelt thanks to God for His blessing which, combined with the untiring efforts of faithful brothers and sisters, has brought it about.

We would like to call special attention to the work of many of the regular colporteurs as well as to that of a good number of student colporteurs because of the splendid reports they rendered last year. We shall have room here for only a few facts about some of them. Nevertheless we appreciate the work of every colporteur and student, and pray that this new year may be a banner one in each of their experiences with the silent messengers of truth.

We cannot, however, pass lightly the excellent work Brother J. Benefield has done during 1925. He says it was his best year in the big book work—£655 in thirty-eight weeks. Yes, and he has been used of God to help four young men on to "higher ground" as they launched out last year into the field with "Bible Readings" and "Daniel and the Revelation." Two of them are enjoying their scholarships at College. The other two are prospering with our big books in south-west Wales. Brother Benefield has greatly enjoyed his work with these recruits. No doubt this unselfish service brought down God's blessing in a remarkable manner on our good brother's canvassing. One week he was able to report £45 worth of orders. His deliveries have been 100%. We do praise God for this prosperity.

Brother J. Hardy has stuck to his territory like a hero. He placed £340 worth of "Bible Readings" in a section of Suffolk. Most of that county had been canvassed with "Bible Readings" before Brother Hardy went there last April. He finished it and

was wonderfully blessed while thus engaged. In the middle of October he moved into Salop and set his goal at £150 worth of "Bible Readings" delivered before Christmas. But for the heavy snow he would have more than reached his goal. In spite of the snow he got all his books in but seven. His sales reached over £677 in forty-one weeks. He had a recruit with him in Suffolk and he has another one now in Salop. We greatly appreciate Brother Hardy's services. His reports are large and regular. He delivers 100% of his orders week by week. We heartily praise God for this prosperity also.

Now we will make mention of a few student colporteurs. Brother J. McMillan headed the list last summer with £143 worth of orders in twelve weeks. He took a freshman into territory that had been well canvassed, some of it as late as the autumn of 1924. They both enjoyed good success while selling "Great Controversy."

Brethren J. Howard and L. Haworth asked for territory that had been badly "burned over" in the Irish Free State. By the blessing of God they have watered that section so it yielded well under their skillful work. In twelve weeks (196 hours) Brother Howard took orders for £137 worth of "Bible Readings." Brother Haworth took orders for £125 worth of the same book in seventeen weeks.

Brother F. Edwards, too, like Caleb of old, asked for difficult territory. In eleven weeks (426 hours) he took orders for £106 worth of "Great Controversy." Brother Rodgers went with him into the same territory and in ten weeks sold £127 worth of the same book.

We all want 1926 to be even more prosperous than the year that has just closed. In order that it may be, plans have been laid for three Institutes in February. The first one commences February 5th in Wimbledon, London, S.W. The second one on Feb. 12th in Manchester, and the third one in the College on February 19th. Kindly make a special note of these dates. They are different from the ones we have written about before. Brother Weaks could not work to the first programme; he was too crowded with business, but he can be with us from February 5th to 26th. Those who attended last year's Institutes know, therefore, that a great treat awaits us at these forthcoming meetings. The local and Union conferences will be represented. The Publishing House will send a stronger delegation to this year's Institutes

than it did last year. Brother Warren will attend them all, Brother Rigby will spend several days at each of them, and we feel certain that Brother Maxwell will take time from his many duties to give a good lift to them all.

Of course, the field missionary secretaries will be always on hand for practical service. Brethren Davies and Belton will both be present at all the Institutes. Yes, and our blessed Lord and Master will be always in attendance to bless and use each of His servants as they endeavour to train men and women for more efficient service with our large bound books.

Now the question of paramount importance for you, dear reader, is this: Should I attend one of these Institutes? We are relying on you to seek God's guidance in deciding this question which may mean so much, not only to yourself, for time and for eternity, but which may, by the blessing of God, be a great factor in finishing the work of God on earth, and by making a number of souls ready for the kingdom of heaven. The end is near. Soon it will be for ever too late to offer ourselves in service to God in behalf of our fellow countrymen. Now is the time to decide. Offer your body a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable. It is your reasonable service.

Special provision is being made to assist colporteurs and suitable prospective recruits to attend these meetings. Will all those desirous of obtaining the instruction that these Institutes will provide, please write us immediately.

S. JOYCE.

The Stanboroughs. The total amount of fees they paid was £395 and the benefit received was doubtless beyond computation. And all because you went from door to door with the health magazine.

Treating Toothache

JANUARY "Good Health" has some articles that should make it an easy number to sell. "What to do for Neuralgia, Toothache, and Other Pains" (haven't we often wished we knew?) is a welcome article by G. H. Heald, and "That Youthful Complexion" gives some special hints on retaining the natural beauty of youth.

Even the advertisements are helpful.

The Christmas "Puzzle"

"WHAT might have happened to England if Israel in Solomon's day had evangelized their neighbours on the north-west?"

The neighbours on the north-west were the Phœnicians. They were the traders whose ships came to Cornwall for tin some hundreds of years B.C. Had Israel evangelized them, they in turn would have told the ancient Britons of the true God, and then—what? The possibilities make us wonder what may happen if we evangelize our next door neighbours.

"A Fine Magazine."

"Do you know where I can get 'Good Health' Mrs. A—?" said a Watford lady to one of our sisters. "My mother used to get it regularly and I think it is a fine magazine."

A Remarkable Gift to Seventh-Day Adventists

"HAVE you thought what a wonderful thing God has given us in the gift of prophecy?" asked one of our workers. "It seems as though God's Word shines with ever new radiance as I read the comments of the Spirit of prophecy on obscure portions of the Bible." Read how this divine gift first came to Seventh-Day Adventists in the little book "The Prophetic Gift in the Gospel Church." Price 9d.

Home Missionary Wall Calendar

There has been such a heavy demand for the beautiful Wall Calendar issued by the Home Missionary Department that though we ordered extra large stocks these have all been sold. "The Review and Herald" have written us that they too are sold out so that our hope of supplying those who have been patiently waiting is disappointed.

THOSE who omitted to order lesson pamphlets for this quarter will be glad to hear that they can still obtain supplies from the Press.

FOR SALE—3 volumes Wylie's "History of Protestantism" Good condition. Illustrated 15/- or nearest offer. W J B, 484 Fishponds Road, Bristol

Circulation Department



"Going Like the Wind"

"Good Health" Brought Patients to The Stanboroughs

WHEN you went out selling "Good Health" last time did it strike you that you were doing a three-fold missionary work? You knew you were supplying the people with "the magazine that keeps people well" but did you know that, as a result of your work, many became interested in health foods and began to buy "Granose" and other I.H.A. preparations? Brother Osborne, the manager of the I.H.A., reports that he has received a number of inquiries from people who have read his advertisement in "Good Health" and without doubt a much larger number have purchased these foods from the local grocer.

Then Brother Carey, the manager of The Stanboroughs, told us that through reading the advertisement in "Good Health" last year about twenty-nine persons have applied for further information and that several of these have since been staying at



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A New Year's Message

It is with pleasure that we send these few lines to the WORKER family in this, the first issue of this little paper in 1926. We thank the Lord for all the mercies and blessings of the year that has passed so quickly. Really, it seems that every year is shorter than the former one. There is no question that time is on the wing. It is as we recognize this, that a sense of our great need comes home to us with force, and the call to get ready to meet the King sounds in clarion tones in our ears. As we recount the many blessings of 1925, we find much for which we can thank our heavenly Father.

As far as the work in the North British field is concerned, in spite of much industrial depression and unemployment, the past year has been one of progress. Possibly, in the next issue, we shall be ready to give some figures that will enable you to understand this more fully. We would, however, like to pass on at this time the news of the splendid victory in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign. The total collections for the North British field for 1925 in this campaign amount to £3,156. 10s. 4d ; this is £156. 10s. 4d, beyond our goal.

As we contemplate the New Year, we desire that the Lord shall enable us as His people to forget the mistakes and failings of the past, to lay aside every weight and the sin that so easily besets us, and, looking unto Jesus, run with patience the race set before us. We pray that for all our members it may be a year of great spiritual power and blessing. We have reached a time in the history of the world when, individually, we must keep very close to Jesus. We invite all the members in the North British Conference to commence the New Year with the firm determination that day by day faithfulness in Christian living and in revealing the true characteristics of the Master, shall be the great aim and object of each member. The world needs, more than ever, to see the Christ-life revealed in the lives of His followers. This should be true more especially of God's remnant church than of any other of His professed people in the earth.

The prospects for the work of the Lord were never brighter, and if one and all consecrate all that they have and are to Him, and do everything within their power to make known the glorious message of salvation, this year will be a banner year for the third angel's message in the British Isles. That this may be so is the sincere and earnest wish of the president of this northern field, not only for those in his conference, but for all those in the British Union, yea, and God's people everywhere. We long to see the work finished and Jesus come to take His people home.

In closing, we are reminded of those stirring words of the Saviour in that wonderful prophecy of

His own return, when He admonishes His people not to be getting ready, but to "Be ready," "for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of man cometh."

ALFRED E. BACON.

Liverpool

WITH a population of over a million, of whom three hundred thousand are of the Roman Catholic persuasion, Liverpool ranks as the second city of the Empire, and takes its place proportionately as the greatest Roman Catholic stronghold in the British Isles, next to Dublin.

Finding that our facilities were wholly inadequate for a central effort, we had no alternative but to plan for sectional propaganda. Our initial campaign was launched on October 4, 1925, at the Royal Cinema, Breck Road, Anfield. Five minutes' walk further up the street is a plot of land on which Pastors Andross and Altman conducted a series of tent meetings some twenty-six years ago. A hundred yards or so from the Royal Cinema, in the same street but in the opposite direction, is Breck Hall, where, if we are not mistaken, the late Pastor H. E. Armstrong laboured for a period; and in an adjoining street is another building which was the scene of Pastor McAvoy's labours before his call to Watford. Thus the reader will understand that this is an old battlefield.

For a number of years past the Plymouth Brethren have been very aggressive, and have become very numerous in this city. Their mammoth tent which seats two thousand is pitched every summer in some part of Liverpool. Last year it was lodged on the very site where Brother Andross held his effort. During the winter months their leading speakers hold forth in one of the large city cinemas. The mistaken antipathy of this sect toward our faith and people is proverbial. This has been demonstrated locally at every large meeting, by exposing for sale a book written by Dr. Anderson Berry against Seventh-Day Adventism. As soon as our denominational identity had been publicly disclosed these people made a fierce and concerted attack upon us, denouncing us in their numerous places of worship, and visiting some who had become interested with the view, if possible, of dissuading them from taking the step of the Sabbath. Other sects in the neighbourhood aided and abetted them on this. One reverend gentleman who had advertised in the press that he would expose the unscriptural beliefs of the Seventh-Day Adventists found in Dr. Berry's book a very useful help!

The preponderance in the number of Roman Catholics in some of the streets tested the courage and fidelity of our bill distributors. Happily they escaped, except in one instance, with nothing worse than verbal abuse. Our solitary sandwich board

helper, however, fearing bodily violence, would not venture down some of the streets. It was in this city, the reader may remember, that Mr. Kensit was killed.

But if we have had unusual opposition to encounter, we have also had manifold evidence that the hand of the Lord has been with us. The presence and power of the Holy Spirit was particularly noticeable at four of the lectures when many, convicted by the doctrine, and affected by the appeals voluntarily remained behind, being anxious about their salvation.

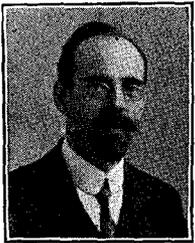
At our opening meeting four hundred were present; at the fourth the attendance had increased to approximately eight hundred, and continued at between six and seven hundred until the Sabbath had been presented. Nearly five hundred names and addresses were handed in. What the final results of the effort will be we cannot yet say, but already we have about thirty persons worshipping regularly with us on the Sabbath.

What measure of success has been achieved thus

far has been rendered possible only by the help received from the Lord, and the active co-operation of the Liverpool Church. We are greatly indebted to the members who have given their voluntary assistance in the distribution of bills, to Brother Gurr for his invaluable services at the organ and piano, to Brother R. Ralston for his able conducting of song service and opening exercises alternately with Brother C. Reeves, to the brethren and friends who have acted as stewards, to Brother T. Belton who came to us when we were hard pressed, and remained for about two months rendering valuable and efficient service, and last, but not least, to our faithful associates, Brother C. Reeves and Miss N. Basher, for their enthusiastic help.

In closing this report we send our hearty greetings to the WORKER family and best wishes for a happy New Year, and the request that as they bear up the workers before the throne of heavenly grace they will remember those who labour in this great seaport

A. S. RODD.



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Notes from the President

WE are greatly cheered at the excellent progress made by our book and paper workers during the past year. The sales of books in South England amounted to £5,501 in 1925 as compared with £3,976 for 1924. The figures for Wales: 1925, £1,926; 1924, £1,584. Ireland shows a decrease: the totals for 1925 are £1,544, and for 1924, £1,690. On the whole this is a very satisfactory report. The sales of "Present Truth" and "Good Health" have increased very materially in South England, but have decreased in the other two sections of our field. Surely there should be a harvest of souls as a result of this faithful seed-sowing on the part of colporteurs and church-members.

OF late there has been a tendency on the part of some workers to devote almost the whole time to the sale of small books and papers. We believe that this is a mistake. With the fine large books we have—books written under the guidance of God without any doubt—we should have a large army of brethren and sisters placing them in the homes of the people. Small books and periodicals fill a very useful place but they should not be permitted to take the place of the larger books.

WE are able to announce definitely the dates for the forthcoming Institute in the South British Conference. They are Feb. 5th to 11th, inclusive. The first meeting will be held at 7.30 p.m. on Friday, February 5th, and the final meeting will doubtless be at the same hour on Thursday, the 11th. We have

been invited to hold this Institute at Wimbledon, and I am glad to say that we were able to accept the hospitality of the Wimbledon Church.

WE are expecting Brother Weaks and Brother S. Joyce to lead out. Other brethren of the Union and the local conference will assist. Not only our colporteurs, but all our people should pray for the success of the Institute. Word will be sent out later to those who should be present. We would make this announcement, however, that if there are young people in any of our churches who are contemplating entering the canvassing work we should be glad to hear from them and arrange for them to attend the Institute if possible. Will all such write to me?

WE are glad to say that the final figures for 1925 show an increase in tithe for the whole of the South British Conference of £547 as compared with the previous year. We hope to be able to send out our tabular report shortly, when final figures for all our finances will be given. We are grateful to the Lord for the success He has given us in every way. We hope when the next issue of the WORKER is ready for publication that we can give figures showing the increase in membership.

WE have word from Pastor Barras to the effect that a number of persons were baptized on the 30th of December. There was also a baptismal service at Halstead, Essex, two dear ones following their Lord in this service. These two accepted the truth through the work of our colporteurs. Sister Sully, who is labouring at Malden and district, reports that two or

more who have become interested through her labours, should be ready for baptism shortly. We are very happy indeed to learn of the excellent work our colporteurs are doing in bringing people into the truth. May the Lord continue to bless them.

F. A. SPEARING.

Baptism at Cambridge

SABBATH, Dec. 19, 1925, was an enjoyable day for the members of the church in Cambridge. In the morning it was the privilege of the writer to baptize four believers in the Baptist Church, kindly loaned for the occasion. In the afternoon the ordinances were celebrated, and the new converts received into the church. Having taken this step, they will be subject to a new trial of faith, but He Who began the work of grace in their hearts, has promised to complete it.

The hall that we rented for our meetings in Eden Street has been purchased for a billiard hall, so that we have been obliged to vacate it. For the benefit of any of our people who might be visiting Cambridge, our Sunday night meeting is held at the Assembly Hall, Liberal Club, Cherryhinton Road, and the Sabbath service in the Liberal Club, Downing Street, Sabbath-school 10-11 a.m., preaching service 11-12 a.m.

With God's help our Harvest Ingathering work was quite a success. It was owing largely to the faithful labours of Sister Quibell, our Bible-worker, that our total was so high. No less than £40 can be credited to her in this town alone.

J. WEST.

An Appeal

QUITE frequently, in the instruction given to us through the Spirit of prophecy, we find emphasis laid on the importance of the colporteur work as a means of bringing to the notice of the world the message of present truth.

Here are a few statements that are arresting:

"The canvassing work, properly conducted, is missionary work of the highest order, and it is as good and successful a method as can be employed for placing before the people the important truths for this time."—*Colporteur Evangelist*, p. 5.

"There are many who, because of prejudice, will never know the truth unless it is brought to their homes. The canvasser may find these souls and minister to them."—*Id.*, p. 6.

"We cannot too highly estimate this work; for were it not for the efforts of the canvasser, many would never hear the warning."—*Id.*, p. 5.

These last two quotations especially are striking, for they at once lift the canvassing work on to a very high plane, and show how solemn and responsible is the work of the colporteur.

And on page 30 of the same work we have these words: "Many times I have been shown that there should be a more general interest in our canvassing work."

Realizing the fact then, that without the efforts of the canvasser the message for this time can never be sounded in all the world, how important it is that there should be a "more general interest" throughout the rank and file of Seventh-Day Adventists, in our literature work.

No doubt many of our churchmembers recognize this, and readily help our colporteurs by their prayers and words of encouragement. But some, for lack of knowledge perhaps, are not so ready in this important matter.

As these words are read by practically the whole of the believers in the third angel's message in the British Isles, it is to them all we appeal for a greater interest to be manifest in this branch of God's work.

The monthly reports in the *MISSIONARY WORKER* show who our canvassers are, and where they are working. The figures opposite the names indicate the success they are winning, and surely each true-hearted Adventist will be glad to read these lists carefully and pray for the labourers in the field. We know of one family which regularly follows this plan and so is never short of a good "prayer list."

And we must not forget that these brave men and women, who are carrying our literature, are out in the forefront of the battle, sometimes meeting difficulties, rebuffs and hardships that workers in other branches of the cause are not called upon to face. They need your prayers. We appeal for the support of every believer in the land.

Do not think, however, from these latter remarks that the life of the canvasser is one of drudgery. Rather it has wonderful joys of which others know not.

"His sacrifices appear small in comparison with those of his blessed Master, and he is glad to follow in His steps. The success of his labour affords him the purest joy, and is the richest recompense for a life of patient toil."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 6, p. 340.

And we need additions to the ranks. The great cities and towns of this land must be worked with our literature. The need is for residential colporteurs who will stand by the work in our great economic centres. The industrial areas of Great Britain cover about 60,000 square miles of land and contain about forty-two million people. IF THE WHOLE POPULATION OF THE WORLD EMIGRATED IN A BODY TO THE UNITED STATES, THAT COUNTRY WOULD NOT BE AS DENSELY POPULATED PER SQUARE MILE AS ARE THESE AREAS. What a great and important work is before us in warning these thickly populated cities! The appeal is for volunteers.

"Who will sacrifice ease and pleasure, and enter the places of error, superstition, and darkness, working earnestly and perseveringly, . . . doing house to house labour? . . . Who will go forth now with our publications? . . . A great work is to be done in our world, and human agencies will surely respond to the demand. The world must hear the warning. When the call comes, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' send back the answer clear and distinct, 'Here am I, send me.'"—*Testimonies*, Vol. 6, pp. 332, 333.

B. BELTON.

Theory and Practice

PRACTICE is the true complement of theory, as work is of plans. One is imperfect without the other. Plans have their place, but they cannot be depended upon to do the work. It is better to work without plans than to plan without work. Much valuable time is wasted in theorizing. Committees meet together to plan and contrive expedients. A beautiful method of procedure is proposed, but, alas! the one

necessary complement to its success—earnest, personal work—is oftentimes lacking. We have naught to say against system and order and definite plans. There should be all of these in the work of God. Concerted and harmonious action on the part of the church is most desirable, and absolutely necessary to a full measure of success. None should move independently, but all should counsel with their brethren.

We have no sympathy with the spirit which would tear down organization and ignore order and system, trusting to the imaginings of the mind for guidance. Organization is of God. The counsel of those whom God has set in authority in His church should be respected, and the regulations governing our work should be faithfully observed.

There is danger in trusting too much to machinery to do the work which can be done only by the Spirit of God through downright, hard, personal, persevering effort on the part of the human agent. While an organized army has its officers, its departments, and its numerous corps, these alone will not win without united, personal work. They serve only as helps. Thus must it be with our plans and our missionary organization. They must be looked upon only as auxiliaries, as helps to accomplish work which must be done by earnest, personal labour.

This is an age of societies and committees. Work is too largely done by proxy. To committees there is danger of delegating the work which should be done by individuals. Is a brother in the church to be laboured for, a committee is sent to visit him; is he in need of food, a committee is sent to inquire into his necessities and to supply the lack. The idea of personal labour is fast losing its hold. As in the mechanical world, labour-saving machinery has come in to supplant the individual labour of the wage-earner, so in spiritual matters the same labour-saving idea is fast gaining ground, and the feeling of responsibility of personal work, is fast being lessened.

INDIVIDUAL ACCOUNTABILITY.

God has given to every man his work, and He requires every man to plan and study how he may best carry that work forward. None are to wait for others to set them to work. Every man is accountable to God for the use of his talents. He is not to spend all his time in planning some wonderful system, some pleasing theory, leaving no opportunity for the performance of work. Only let him begin to labour, trusting to the guidance of God's Spirit, and God will bless his efforts. It is *work* that counts. It requires little planning to carry food to the hungry, to visit the sick, to minister to the needy and suffering. The most that is required is a willing heart and a determination to do something for the Master.

We may spend time in studying how someone else conducts Bible readings, or distributes literature, or sells books. That is all well, but not all the time should be spent in study, leaving no leisure for the doing of the work. If we have time but for one, it is far better to go to work, using the judgment God has given, and depending upon Him for guidance.

Hints are valuable, and we should always give proper weight to all suggestions, and if we have no better plans and methods of our own, it is wise to

follow the system of another, even though it may be imperfect. At the same time we should seek to find the best way for us individually to do the work.

We should not stop planning, but we should realize that no plan can succeed without motive power to carry it forward. If this motive power cannot be exercised in connexion with the plan, better by far let it be exercised without any method, and thus do more work and less resolving. Plans without work and theory without practice, or plans with work and theory with practice—which do we need in our missionary cause to-day? F. M. WILCOX.

At Rest

COX.—On November 26th, after weary months of sickness, Mrs. Cox fell asleep in Jesus. She accepted the truth through the labours of Pastor J. Gillatt and remained faithful to the message. She was laid to rest on December 6, 1925 in the Bullwell Cemetery, Nottingham, to await the voice of Jesus in the glorious morning soon to come. G. WOOD.

YOUNG.—On December 12th, Brother Elias J. Young of Oldbury, Birmingham, after suffering for only a few days with pneumonia, fell asleep in Jesus, at the age of 52. Brother Young accepted the truth 24 years ago, under the labours of Elder Andross. He has served faithfully in the canvassing field for many years, and at the time of his death was the leader of the little company at Langley, Birmingham. He was looked up to and esteemed by all the members, and his services will be greatly missed. He was laid to rest in Roode End Cemetery, to await the call of Jesus at the resurrection morn. The funeral services were conducted by the writer, assisted by Brother G. T. Bryan. Our brother leaves a wife, three sons, four daughters and many friends to mourn their loss. A. K. ARMSTRONG.

BOTTOMLEY.—Sister Bottomley, age 89, passed quietly away at the home of Sister Brown who had cared for her for some years. Sister Bottomley had been in touch with the truth for some years and finally accepted it and was baptized in 1912. She was very bright and enthusiastic, sowing seeds of truth wherever she went. A week before her very sudden death she was bright and full of courage and as well as usual. We laid her to rest in the School-moor Cemetery, to await the call of the Life-giver, feeling sure we shall soon meet her again. E. HORSPOOL.

DEWSBURY.—Sister Booth Dewsbury fell asleep in Jesus, December, 4, 1925, in her 89th year. We laid her to rest on December 8th in Hangingeaton Churchyard, by the side of her husband who died in the message some years ago. Sister Booth embraced the truth and was baptized 19 years ago, uniting with the Leeds Church. Although confined to her bed and isolated for many years she never lost hope and courage. She loved the message and rejoiced to think of the return of her Saviour and the glorious resurrection. She passed quietly away trusting in Jesus. E. HORSPOOL.

ELLIS.—On Tuesday, June 30th, a bright young life was brought to a close. David Ellis, son of Sister Ellis of Cupar, Fife, fell asleep in his twentieth year. He had been ill for three years, yet during that time took a keen interest in all around him and had hope of full recovery. He was at Stanborough College for two years where many knew and loved him. Three weeks before June 30th he was removed to the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, for special treatment which was proving successful, when a sudden and unexpected change ended his life. On July 2nd we laid him to rest in Cupar Fife Cemetery, the funeral service being conducted by Pastor Mussen who spoke comforting words both in the home and at the graveside. Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the mother and father, the sister and younger brother who mourn. May the Lord be their comfort and hope. J. ARCHIBALD.

We are sorry that through a misunderstanding the appearance of the above obituary notice has been delayed. J. A.

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THE Winter Council of the European Division is now in session at Gland, Switzerland. Pastor Jayne and Professor G. M. Price are in attendance from this field.

EARLY in February a series of colporteurs' Institutes will convene, commencing in the South British Conference. Details will be found elsewhere in this issue.

ENGLAND has recently been flooded with water. Early in February it is to be flooded with tracts. An excellent plan has been devised whereby every church in the Union can obtain a large stock of tracts practically without cost. February will see the campaign launched, and we hope every member will do his part to make it a success. Full details will shortly be published by the Home Missionary Department which is promoting the scheme.

IN your new diary, please make note that Sabbath, February 13th, is the day appointed for the collection for the MISSIONARY WORKER. No, it is not the "Editor's Benefit" day. The funds raised help the conferences to continue the plan of providing the WORKER free to every family in the British Union. The average family contribution on this occasion should not be less than half-a-crown. Even that would barely pay half the annual cost of the paper. Only by generous donations on February 13th can the present plan be kept in operation.

WE are glad for the excellent report from Pastor Rodd which appears in this issue. Liverpool is admittedly a most difficult city to work and the results attending the recent series of meetings are surely most gratifying.

MAY we call special attention to the excellent matter now appearing in the "Good Health"? If you have not seen the magazine lately, get a copy and read it through.

HERE'S something that will interest you all. We are most anxious to obtain up-to-date, "all-alive," "Present Truth" experience for use at forthcoming conferences and elsewhere. We want them so much that we are willing to pay for them. For the ten best experiences sent in not later than the last day of February we will pay the sum of 5/-, with a special gift of ten shillings for the best of all. The conditions are as follows:

1. The incident must have occurred since December 1, 1925.

2. The sender must have sold at least one hundred copies of the paper *this* year.

3. The experience must not be longer than 500 words, must be written on one side of the paper only and widely spaced.

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[N.B. We are thinking to ask the Post Office to put on an extra delivery during the next six weeks!]



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PLEASE note the "copy date" which appears above. Quite a number of contributors are sending their copy too late. This issue was delayed a whole day for this very reason. We give due warning that henceforth copy arriving after the Friday before date of publication will be left over until the next issue. Please send your contributions as early as possible.



Married

A VERY happy event took place in Hull on December 28, 1925. Brother Henry Argent of Watford was united in marriage to Sister Ivy Nash of Hull. The ceremony which was witnessed by a large company of relatives and friends was conducted by the writer in the East Park Baptist Church kindly lent for the occasion.

We wish Brother and Sister Argent a very happy future in the Master's service. J. E. BELL.

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January 15th	4 20	4 10	4 32	4 18
January 22nd	4 31	4 24	4 44	4 30