

# The MISSIONARY WORKER

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## “Through Fire and Through Water”

*The stirring story of the advance of the Advent message in Jugoslavia amid terrible persecution.*

WHEN in 1908 the writer, together with other labourers, took up the work in the territory of present Jugoslavia, we had but a few members in the original section of the country, while for a distance of almost one thousand miles not a trace of Adventists could be found. At that time a large portion of our kingdom was still under Turkish rule. Systematic Romanizing of Bosnia and its annexation in 1908, together with the political aspirations of the Serbs aiming at a union of all southern Slavs, and the enmity against their Turkish oppressors, had filled the air of this beautiful country with implacable hatred and unbounded suspicion against all foreign influences. Every religious teacher or missionary was considered and treated as a secret agent of their enemies. Montenegro, the Abyssinia of the Balkans, was unapproachable even for the messengers of the Bible Society, because these also were looked upon with suspicion. Such was the condition when the seed of present truth was planted.

It goes without saying that in those years of humility and weakness our few labourers had to use every conceivable precaution to carry on their work, travelling usually in the large farm wagons hidden beneath the straw as they visited interested souls in the Serbian villages. We had no literature, no Sabbath-school lessons, no hymn books, in some languages not even Bibles, not to speak of funds.

Only gradually, after hard labour, the way led upward. Without much ado churches were organized and our canvassing work developed. Baptismal rites could be performed only in the dark of the night, but the foundation was laid for the work of God. Our workers have learned to adapt themselves to every situation. Mourning followed joy, and joy mourning; disappointments upon victories. Our membership grew, and our means increased, and our literature work began to prosper.

This, however, aroused the wrath of the adversary. During the time of war he tried to lay low our work by political and military machinations, then by the spirit of apostasy that arose as the smoke from

the bottomless pit, thereby calling public attention to the work of God and incensing public opinion against us. Then, in 1921, one church after another was closed, until, in the summer of 1925, our last place of worship, together with the publishing house, was closed down and sealed by the authorities.

Many of our people were in course of time imprisoned and maltreated, the year 1925 marking the climax of this persecution. An old brother in Serbia together with his wife and son-in-law were held by four men from 7 p.m. to midnight and beaten by them with leather straps, having a heavy iron buckle attached to the end, on their naked bodies, and finally hit in the chest with the butt of their guns. In the case of a young colporteur, the ends of his fingers were tied together while the police-soldier bored a sharp-edged pencil between his fingers thus causing dreadful pain. Another canvasser was imprisoned and beaten all night with the butt-end of a rifle. In the city of Prilep, Macedonia, all church members were imprisoned, while the leader and the deacon were so mercilessly beaten that they broke down covered with blood. These brethren were prepared to be starved to death and to have their bodies disfigured rather than to give up their Advent hope. Our first voluntary Serbian lady missionary at Skoplje laid down her life as a result of such treatment. When she was buried a great multitude gathered at the grave and deposited wreaths while several speakers emphasized that this Adventist woman had lived the best Christian life. Our only ordained minister in Bosnia was delivered by enemies into the hands of the authorities and was finally, together with his wife, a native Serbian, expelled from Belgrade and taken from one prison to another until they finally reached the border and were thus driven from their country. All papers denounced Adventists as elements hostile to the State with whom short shrift should be made in the interest and safety of this new country. This was especially the case in Montenegro where they were simply delivered up to the mob and outlawed.

These troubles and the general prohibition of our meetings caused us to divide our churches into small groups that could gather at hidden places in dwellings, attics, cellars and the like. Our brethren abandoned their cherished meeting halls and retired into little confines difficult of approach, to the woods and quarries. Our fiftieth anniversary was also celebrated in the mountains under cover of a forest near Belgrade.

During these hard times the Spirit of God, however, was at work and by fervent prayer and quiet evangelistic and literary work throughout the country faithful ones were gradually gathered into the fold. In 1924 some two hundred new members were added and also our tithe increased from 470,000 to 647,000 Dinar. In 1925 when all our churches were closed with our publishing house sealed temporarily, it being almost impossible to visit our people, 150 souls were received in church fellowship and with several hundred candidates on trial our membership reached over 1,000. Ten new books have been published and our monthly sales have increased to 130,000 Dinar as against 25,000 Dinar in the first months of 1924. Trusting in the dawn of liberty young men have been sent to some of our schools abroad

while others sought training as medical helpers and nurses in institutions in our own country. Times and conditions have taught us new and varied ways to reach the same goal.

In one Serbian village, where Adventists had been particularly decried, a number of families are about to accept the message, eleven of whom have already taken a definite stand. In Montenegro persecution has led the interested ones to make haste in their decision and has stimulated further inquiry; at Kattaro the first baptismal class is preparing. At another place in the southern section a nice church has grown up in a short time. Their last tithe and offerings amounted to 12,000 Dinar. Zagreb is developing most encouragingly, and in Catholic Slovenia a promising beginning has been made. From Macedonia brethren report new converts and a good, hopeful spirit prevails. Good reports come also from other parts of the country. The Advent-spring seems to be approaching and the Lord is leading out in this wonderful work, meanwhile we are in touch with the Ministry of Cult endeavouring to secure religious liberty. Many agencies are trying to oppose us, but the Lord is our helper in Whom we trust.

ALBINO MOČNIK.

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## EVANGELISM IN EAST AFRICA

*By Pastor Worsley Armstrong*

Just a year ago evangelical work proper was started among the Luo people of East Africa. Ten selected teachers were given special instruction for a month and then sent out as evangelists. Last month they returned after a year's labour for further instruction, and to report upon their work. You will be interested to hear how God has blessed them.

One evangelist went to the Masai people. They are a warlike, nomadic tribe, haughty in the extreme. Their food is milk and blood. There are no schools there and so our evangelist travelled around preaching the Word. He found them at first obstinate and unbelieving. They asked him, "Did the white man send you?" He replied, "No, I myself asked permission to come to you." Then they said, "Heaven is for the white man and the Luo, but not for the Masai." This they said because they disbelieved his teaching about the resurrection. They affirmed stoutly that the Masai would never be resurrected. How could they? Their dead were eaten up by wild beasts. (They have a practice of throwing out their dead, unburied, into the bush.) But they were silenced when our evangelist read to them Rev. 20: 13, and explained that buried bodies turned to dust. The result of his stay among them is that they are petitioning the Government to grant us permission to start a school among these people who for so long have seemed to be inaccessible. I believe this evangelist is the first Luo missionary. Others have volunteered to go to Uganda as soon as we are ready. So the missionary spirit is taking hold of the African church.

Another evangelist went to visit a chief and his people who are dwelling in a wild part of the Gwass mountains. He found one of the chief's children very

ill, at the point of death, and the mother called for the evangelist in the middle of the night to help her child. He did what the Word instructed him to do—he prayed. The next morning when the chief heard of what had happened in the night, he became angry, accusing the evangelist of being possessed of an evil spirit which had brought the sickness upon his child. The chief sent out for all his counsellors to come in to decide what should be done with this "evil man". The evangelist felt that God must triumph in this matter, so he withdrew and spent the intervening time in prayer. When the counsellors arrived he went out to the battle. However, when they were gathered together and the child was brought out it was seen that there was a decided change for the better. So apparent was the change that the chief was left speechless. Realizing that his prayers had been answered the evangelist took advantage of the opportunity. He spoke cautiously and wisely, and finally asked if he could teach them. Immediate assent was given by all; and that Sabbath day, the chief and his counsellors who had gathered together to prevent the Gospel being preached in their country, listened to the words of life from the mouth of our evangelist. To-day that chief and all the people of his village are attending our school in that district.

At another place the number of people who come to worship on Sabbath has been increased three-fold. This is due entirely to the evangelist's labours. The school work attracts the young people and the children but the old people have no interest in reading. It is the Word that is sweet in their ears. They become friends of the mission and readily send their children to school. Seldom do we find the native elders opposing our work anywhere. The evan-

gelical work is proving a strong, vitalizing factor in this country, and a key to many closed and indifferent doors. It bids well to become the backbone of our work.

The method these evangelists follow in winning souls will be of interest. There are no towns or halls here as at home—just an expansive country dotted with villages here and there, containing three to six huts. There is no bill distributing and no advertising. Absence of lamps and roads and the presence of wild animals necessitate most of the work being done in the day time. Another difficulty is that the many duties of the native keep him pretty busy while the sun shines. He must grow all his food, build his hut, find his tax money, etc., for he is not so lazy as is generally thought where his own work is concerned. So the evangelist must choose his time and make good use of all his opportunities. The evening hour before sunset is a good time. Then he will gather the natives of several villages together, perhaps under a tree and preach the Word, and perhaps he will do this for two weeks and then move to a new district. However, in the working hours of the day he is not resting. He will go to the gardens when it is hot and wait until the toilers take a little rest and food. This is his opportunity for "sowing the seed"; drawing lessons as Christ did from Nature which they all see before their eyes. The lessons of the kingdom are thus made very plain. The evangelist will find a man herding, and to him the lessons of Jesus the Shepherd are applicable and arresting. He will find women at the water holes or by the riversides fetching water. To them the Giver of the water of life is revealed even as Christ revealed Himself to the woman of Samaria. Children playing in a field are brought together and instructed about the Friend of children. Christ "went about" to help people and He won them often by being interested in the work that He found them doing. This is the method our native evangelists follow. Their aim is to be "all things to all men" so as to save some.

Originally the different mission societies were allotted definite spheres of labour. But to-day the work has grown so much that there is considerable overlapping. In their travels our evangelists find many natives of other persuasions, and with these they have prolonged discussions. Our evangelists are asked pertinent questions, which cause them to examine more closely their faith. They find, however, that our teachings bear the closest possible scrutiny and their faith is thereby strengthened. They find, too, that there is quite a general desire for the truth. Among some societies the teachings of Modernism are being introduced, so that many are perplexed to know what to believe. They ask, "How is it that a few years ago we were taught to believe that the story of the Creation was true, but that now it is only a fable for children? Why is it that we used to be told that it was wrong to work, play, and buy on Sunday, but now we can do these things without doing any wrong?" Thus opportunities are given to our evangelists to teach the great fundamental truths of the Creation and the Sabbath, and to show these questioners that there is a people who teach and observe the truths of the Bible as they are written.

I am greatly encouraged by the recent evangelical

institute we have just had. It makes me realize that God has set in motion a means by which this message will be spread very rapidly. These people are being warned as never before. Our object is to give the truth to every man and woman in every village in Luoland.



### A Year's Work in Persia

It is just over a year ago that I left London for south-west Asia, and it has occurred to me that readers of the *MISSIONARY WORKER* may be interested to know what progress has been made in this Persian field during the months that have intervened. Firstly, we would place what should be termed the stabilizing of the Seventh-Day Adventist Mission in this country and in this city. Since Elder Oster came to this field in 1911, we have had no permanent headquarters. Now, through the generosity of our brethren and sisters at home, the mission has secured a property second to none other in this city at a very reasonable price. There is ample room here for our training school, office and headquarters, dispensary, and European homes. For this we are very thankful. Then our first church building has been built and dedicated. This means more in a land where there are no public halls to be rented than it may in other countries. We believe that in the providence of God, this building will be used by the "foolishness of preaching" to win many men and women from darkness. With the record of our church building we would place the addition of thirteen members by baptism, built up "as lively stones, a spiritual house".

Secondly, our school work has been thoroughly overhauled and placed upon a stable and satisfactory basis. This has been greatly strengthened by the arrival of Brother Oscar Olson, an experienced school man, qualified in industrial as well as academic work. He, with Sister Olson and family, has been at work in Scandinavia, and brings news of success there in the publishing and canvassing work. Brother Olson looms large in our plans for Persia. May his shadow never grow less.

Thirdly, our medical work has been started. The learning of the Azerbaijan Turkish with a native teacher in Tabriz, has kept me occupied during eight and a half months. He tells me that about six months more are necessary. I am glad to function now as a regular Sabbath-school teacher and take some small part in other services. During the mornings of this time patients have attended regularly for advice and treatment, and calls have been answered all over this city. The other two and a half months have been occupied in travelling and doing medical work in the very needy fields to the north and west of Lake Urumiah. Now the dispensary is nearly ready to be opened, and we look forward to increased usefulness during 1927.

Lastly, the work and workers have been heartened and strengthened by the visit of our able and energetic European Division Secretary, Brother W. E. Read. Considering that Persia has never been visited since the work started in 1911 Brother Read's visit was long overdue.

It is a little early to talk about details of plans for the future but I may say that our aim is first to consolidate the work in Azerbaijan and to begin a small training school at Tabriz for promising native

workers, at the same time starting the canvassing work if possible. Secondly, we are planning to look over the field as a whole and to locate the workers at our disposal in strategic points in Persia proper. This includes a permanent site for our medical work. At present it does not seem wise to expend much money in this city for institutions or similar schemes.

We believe that the third angel's message will appeal to Islam in as strong and powerful a way as it appeals to the cannibal and the Christian, and we pray that God will bless these plans as they are put into execution in this ancient land.

H. E. HARGREAVES.



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WE take this opportunity of wishing the members of the WORKER family a very happy and prosperous New Year. The majority of our dear people will receive this copy of the WORKER on New Year's day. For many the past year has been a very trying one. Unemployment has been rife, and the industrial conditions have added materially to the financial embarrassment of a large proportion of our membership. This is reflected not only in the large amount that has been paid out from the Good Samaritan Fund in our various churches and companies, but in the conference funds as well, which are very materially reduced. We shall be able to give more definite figures at a later date. However, our hearts have been made glad that the churches and the conference have been able to do what they have for the less fortunate among our membership. After all, it is a blessing to be able to minister to the needs of others, as it enables us to draw closer together and realize, after all, that we are members of one great family.

THERE is much for which we can thank God as we look over 1926, and now, as we stand on the threshold of the New Year, may it indeed be not only one of great prosperity to all of God's people in temporal matters, but a year of rich experience in the things of God. As a New Year's message, we would commend to you those words of the prophet Isaiah: "Arise, shine, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people, but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and His glory shall be seen upon thee, and the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising."

On Wednesday, December 15th, ten souls were baptized in Liverpool, two others being kept back on account of sickness. On Sabbath, the 18th, a similar service was held in Newcastle-on-Tyne, but we do not have the figures of how many went forward. Then, besides this, one or two other baptisms have taken place in other parts of the conference. We shall hope to see similar services in the New Year, and thus, the membership in this northern field gradually strengthened.

We would remind our church officers that January 3rd is the appointed date for sending in all the various reports for the closing quarter of 1926. Our treasurers should remember to send in all the funds not later

than that day, and we invite all our members to cooperate with them in this, and see that all tithes and offerings are in the hands of the treasurers not later than Sunday night, January 2nd. If our isolated members have not sent in when they receive this copy of the WORKER, we would ask them to do so, and thus help us to get our reports closed up promptly for another year.

"Now unto Him Who is able keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God and our Saviour be glory and majesty, dominion and power both now and for ever, Amen."

ALFRED E. BACON.

### Winners for God!

FOR the past few months the writer has conducted a series of mid-week meetings at Aintree, a suburb of Liverpool. Our services have been held in a hall almost within a stone's throw of the celebrated race-course.

Wednesday evening, December 15th, witnessed the consummation of our recent labours and the answer to our prayers. Pastor Bacon officiated at the Balliol Road Baptist chapel when ten candidates confessed their faith in Christ in His own appointed way. We regret that two other persons who desire baptism were hindered by sickness. They will be baptized at the earliest opportunity.

Sister M. Basher was our co-worker until called to Sheffield in August, since then Nurse Handysides has given of her good service in the Bible work. We thank the friends who, by their kind assistance with the hand bills, have made this result possible. Especially are we indebted to Pastor Rodd and Brother Hatton for their much-appreciated support. Words, however, are inadequate to express our deep thankfulness and overflowing gratitude to the Master Worker for thus blessing and owning this initial venture for Him.

It is said that Mrs. E. G. White, when leaving Liverpool on one occasion, gazed intently over the city as her ship steamed up the Mersey, and, turning to a fellow-passenger she cried, "Ah, there will be a great work in Liverpool, this great city, before the end!"

We face the coming days with hope and cheerfulness in the assurance of this thought.

CLIFFORD A. REEVES.



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## Notes from the President

"PRAISE God from Whom all blessings flow!" We have reached our Harvest Ingathering goal of £4,200 for the South British Conference. This is truly a remarkable achievement and one for which we thank God from the depths of our hearts. We trust that other mission funds will compare favourably with the Ingathering, when the year's figures are in.

SPEAKING of funds, we are anxiously awaiting the final reports of tithe receipts. We hope that December will prove a record month, and so make up to some degree for the deficit during the past eleven months.

DURING the Week of Prayer a sister handed us some jewellery with a request that it be sold and the proceeds be added to our mission offerings. With the gift came the suggestion that possibly others would be in a position to part with their trinkets for the cause of God. We gladly pass on this suggestion. The jewellery can either be sold and the amount received sent to our treasurer, or it can be sent to us, in which case we would get the best prices possible.

It has been decided that the forthcoming colporteurs' Institute will be held in the Wimbledon church building instead of at West London as previously announced. Invitations will be sent out in due course.

THE following changes in the location of conference workers will be of interest to our members :

Pastor D. Morrison and Sister M. E. Brooks from Bristol to London; Brother R. S. Joyce from London to Bristol; Pastor S. F. Tonks from Belfast, Ireland, to Reading, Berks; Pastor J. B. West from the South-British Conference to Leeds, North England; Pastor H. Whiteside from Dublin, Ireland, to the northern section of that country; Brother J. McMillan from Watford to Dublin, Ireland; Brother T. M. Timpany from London to Luton and Cambridge. These changes, and others which may be contemplated, mean expense, but we believe they will prove to be in the best interests of the work. Let us pray for all these workers, and all the rest, as they plan for their work in 1927.

WE are glad to get word that some of the workers who have been ill for a long time, are now on the mend. Shall we not pray for all those who are sick amongst us that God will restore them to health again in His own way and time?

WE wish all our churches and companies, and every isolated member, and every conference worker and colporteur, and every institutional worker, a happy New Year. May 1927 be a year of spiritual growth; and may it be a year of advance throughout our ranks, and in every department of the work.

F. A. SPEARING.

## Brighton

JUST a word from Brighton and Hove. Our 1926 campaign was adversely affected by our being unable to secure the Hove Town Hall until Easter Sunday. At a sea-side resort, such as this, one should be closing, rather than opening, a campaign at Easter. Not wishing to "stand by" too long, we ventured on, encouraged by two good week-night meetings in the Dome, Brighton, and we are happy to report that, in spite of our severe handicap, in the third quarter of this year, 1926, our membership roll was increased by twenty-three new names. The writer conducted two baptisms in the Gloucester Place Baptist Church, Brighton. Thus in just over a year fifty new members were added to the church in this conservative sea-side town.

Besides a loyal band of churchmembers, sharers in the fruits of 1926 included Sisters Lenanton, Bastow and Murdoch with Brother L. A. Watson as assistant.

At a social gathering the three last-named workers, who were "called" to labour elsewhere, were not only given a good send-off but each presented with a handsome week-end case in appreciation of faithful service.

Misses Davies and Stone along with Brother and Sister Ronald Freeth have been appointed to connect with our 1927 campaign. Please pray for this company of workers that we may faithfully discharge our duties and be used of the Lord to do "great things".

At the time of writing we have just completed the Week of Prayer. The last Sabbath was a real feast-day. We had our ordinance service on the Friday evening and a prayer and praise service on the Sabbath. The Lord met with us in a marked manner and we are sure that more fruitful days are in store for this church.

This report would be incomplete if mention was not made of the willing and patient service of our people in the Ingathering campaign, when we were enabled to raise our £150 in the allotted time.

GEORGE HYDE.

## Health Rally at Plymouth

ONE of the best health meetings of the year was held at Plymouth on Monday night, December 13th. At the instigation of Brother Whiting the Corn Exchange, an assembly hall seating five hundred people, was secured for the occasion. Pastor Prescott carried out the arrangements and these were certainly gratifying in every way. The seats were all occupied by a very attentive audience, and many were standing in the rear.

Dr. Ruble spoke for over an hour on the subject, "Doubling Life's Span and Its Joys". The lecture had been well announced in the newspapers previ-

ously. Following the lecture a review of the salient points was given by means of a set of lantern slides, and for nearly an hour afterwards there was a volley of questions which were answered by the speaker.

Sister Harold Leigh gave a very profitable demonstration of the use of the fomentation. The audience was most attentive throughout and evinced a deep interest in knowing how to keep well. A more appreciative body of people could hardly be found. Even after more than two hours of sitting, dozens of people crowded around the speaker and demonstrator, asking personal questions on health subjects.

There are two thriving health stores in Plymouth—one owned by Brother Whiting, and one by Brother and Sister Leigh. The two latter are nurses from the Stanboroughs and are doing some treatment in addition to the health food business.

At the close of the meeting cards were distributed to those attending, inviting them to monthly Good Health meetings, to be conducted by Brother and Sister Leigh. Plymouth is evidently a very promising field for a health campaign. There ought to be a health food cafeteria and treatment rooms there, and we sincerely hope, and even dare to believe, that this will mature in a short time.

From whom shall we hear next as starting a health campaign? It is high time that *all of our churches* became busy in this important activity.

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**Cambridge**

ON Sabbath, December 18th, we were privileged to receive a visit from our president, Pastor Spear- ing, and on this occasion he examined three new Sabbath-keepers, who were afterwards baptized by the writer in the Baptist church, kindly loaned for this ordinance.

Another sister is keeping the Sabbath, but did not feel quite prepared to take this step, and still another lady, who has been in the Roman Catholic church twenty-seven years, has acknowledged the Sabbath truth, and is on the point of decision.

The amount collected during the Harvest Ingathering Campaign was approximately £85.

J. WEST.

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**A Grand Week-end**

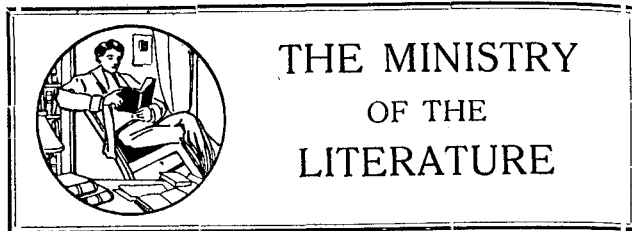
DECEMBER 3rd to 6th, I went to Hastings to open the Week of Prayer. The Hastings Church meets in one of the finest little halls I have yet seen rented by our people.

Friday evening brought an excellent attendance and on Sabbath morning only one member was absent, and that because of paralysis. Stealing in fifteen minutes before time in the afternoon I found the hall already nearly full and the waiting people heartily singing hymn after hymn. Those who came just on time seemed late and had to hunt for a seat. Sunday I visited the sick one and found him of excellent courage and faith, in spite of his distressing infirmity. Sunday evening the attendance was even better than previously, members and their friends filling the hall. All seemed of one spirit, thanking God for His continued goodness and praying for new power to do more for Him. Their reverence in the house of God, their preservation of order and solemnity, their wholehearted fellowship and good

feeling, were indeed an inspiration and I felt something was being accomplished for the Master. Maybe the knowledge of the faithfulness and unity of our Hastings Church will help others; hence I feel it my duty to pass on this little story of what they are doing in their corner of the great vineyard.

I pray that the help and inspiration personally received will long live in my memory as I venture further in the spreading of the last great message. It was indeed a grand week-end and never before have we so appreciated the wisdom of the plan of interchanging Gospel workers during the Week of Prayer. We renewed old friendships, made new friends and got a new picture of the glories of the Advent message.

S. G. JOYCE.



**The Hotel-Keeper's Letter**

FROM an hotel on the south coast comes this interesting letter: "Your representative has for the third year come to my door with 'Bedtime Stories' and I have bought a copy. We like it so very much that I shall be glad if you will send seven more copies."

Eighteen thousand copies of "Bedtime Stories", Series III, have been sent out in the last five weeks.

**Have You a Sunset Calendar?**

THE "Morning Watch Calendar" contains a good, handy sunset calendar. It gives the times of sunset in four different parts of Great Britain—London, Edinburgh, Cardiff and Nottingham. There is sometimes a difference of twenty-four minutes between the times of sunset at some of these places, and the calendar will be of much value to you in giving you the time for your own town.

**"Greetings" Will Sell in January**

YES, and probably right to the end of January, too!

As you look at the cover, you will see that the magazine looks even more a "New Year's" number than a Christmas number. The bells are "ringing the Old Year out and the New Year in", and old Father Time with his sickle marks the passage of another year. Almost 40,000 copies of this number have been sent out. "It sells like hot cakes," one worker reports.

**Coloured Plates in "Bible Readings"**

Two coloured plates are now being inserted in "Bible Readings for the Home Circle". The first one is entitled "Christ the Sower", and the second is "Come unto Me". They greatly enhance the beauty of the book.

The cloth now being used for the covers of "Bible Readings" is of an improved quality, being waterproof and washable. This means that finger-marks or stains can be wiped off with a damp cloth.

## At Rest

If you do not possess a copy of this book, you should order one from your missionary secretary. The price is 20/- but there is a specially good discount to churchmembers.

### Watch the Goods Train Go By

FIVE hundred thousand shilling books have been sent out from the Press, since first we published this class of literature. The combined sales of our publishing houses are more than ten million copies.

Just think of it! Over a thousand tons! Next time you watch a long goods train puffing along the line, remember that a train of a hundred ten-ton trucks would be needed to transport the shilling books already sold.

They are still selling as fast as ever. If you have never tried to sell these books ask your church missionary secretary to give you a start. The Lord is blessing in a wonderful way the efforts of our churchmembers in this branch of His work and your efforts may culminate in a glorious victory.

### "The Milkman, the Baker, the —"

"WE have thirty-four regular readers of 'Present Truth'," writes Brother Woodhouse of Edmonton, after telling of the interest shown by the landlady of an hotel where he cleans windows. He continues: "My wife also is doing well with the tradesmen at the door—three milkmen, the baker and two other agents are taking 'Present Truth' and she is trying to get the coalman." What a fine testimony of real home missionary work for our sister. Bravo! If you cannot go to other people's doors, you may do good work at your own.

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GALLEY.—Sister Catherine Galley, age 68, fell asleep in Jesus on November 24th. She accepted the truth many years ago in Bombay, India, and for the past eleven years has been a faithful member of the Bradford Church. She was laid to rest in Scholemore Cemetery on November 26th W JAMES

CROOK.—Sister Crook of Wadebridge passed away on Monday, November 22nd, after a long and trying illness. She accepted the truth in 1922 through the efforts of the writer, and now sleeps in the blessed hope of a part in the first resurrection at the soon coming of Christ F. TALLEY.

GREENLEY.—Sister Greenley, age 65 years, a member of the York church, passed away with painful suddenness on December 2nd, and was laid to rest at Malton (her native town) on December 6th She accepted the truth under the labours of Pastor Rodd six years ago Owing to failing health she has been unable to attend the meetings regularly but she always took a deep interest in the affairs of the church, and she was most faithful in returning to the Lord His own She did her small part in the Harvest Ingathering by having a box in her home all the year round G HANSON.

STROUD.—The Hull Church has lost a most faithful and deeply respected member in Sister Louisa Stroud, who fell asleep in Jesus on Wednesday, December 15th, at the age of 63 years and 11 months, following a week's illness from pleuro-pneumonia As recently as the Monday evening of the Week of Prayer, Sister Stroud worshipped with us, and we shall never forget her earnest prayer at that time Our late sister accepted the truth between thirty-five and thirty-six years ago in Hull, under the labours of Elder John, and has witnessed a good confession since that time. She was much loved for her kindly disposition and solicitude for others. We laid her to rest in the Western Cemetery, to await the Life-giver, just as sunset was approaching on the following Sabbath Words of comfort from Fsa. 116:15 and Mark 14:8 were spoken by the writer to her loved ones—husband, two sons, and four daughters, together with many friends. A V. WARD

BRIGGS.—On Friday, December 10th, Sister Briggs, age 31, passed peacefully away at her home in Weymouth She was almost a life-long Seventh-Day Adventist, her father and mother having united with this movement some twenty-seven years ago Many will remember her bright, cheerful disposition and quiet confidence in her Saviour, which remained with her to the last Her sister Gladys, also an uncle and aunt remain to mourn their loss In the absence of our own minister, the Rev. A W. Coulson kindly conducted the funeral service F W. GOODALL

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### A Correction

In the description given in the last issue of a health demonstration at Walthamstow, the name of the demonstrator was given as Mrs Hargreaves It should have been Mrs. Kirkwood.



### Wedding at Watford Town

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 22nd, Brother Alan Brett and Sister Z. Pendered were united in marriage at the Watford Town Church, Pastor A. S. Maxwell conducting the service. Good wishes were showered upon them from all quarters, particularly from fellow-workers at the Stanborough Press. May the coming years unfold for them ever-increasing joys.

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A HAPPY New Year to everybody!

THE article on Jugoslavia which occupies the first page of this issue is reprinted from the Quarterly Review of the European Division. We felt sure that all our people in this field would be glad to read this amazing story of the progress of our work under severe persecution.

ANOTHER item of interest from the same Review is the fact that the net gain in membership for the British Union Conference for the third quarter of the year was 209, which figure was only exceeded by the Rumanian Union's total of 314. The net increase in the Scandinavian Union was 138, in the Latin Union, 101, and in the East German Union, 58.

AFTER two years of patient labour and prayer our brethren in Russia have obtained permission to print 5,000 hymn books and 5,000 pocket Bibles; also to import a further supply of Bibles and hymn books in German, Esthonian, and Lithuanian. This news has brought great joy to our people in that land.

A CUTTING from an Australian newspaper, just to hand, tells the story of a remarkable deliverance of some of our workers in China. Finding themselves, with many others, surrounded by bandits, they went up to the leader of the gang and explained that they were missionaries; whereupon they were told that they might stand apart from the others and retain their baggage. In a short time they were allowed to proceed unharmed, and with all their equipment.

THE service on the last Sabbath afternoon of the Week of Prayer at the College was one never to be forgotten. Over one hundred and thirty took part in the testimony meeting, which lasted till 5 o'clock. It was impossible to close it before, for all were so eager to express their gratitude to God for blessings received during the week. Afterwards the message reached us from some of the students that they wished the Week of Prayer could have been carried on for another week!

BROTHER HULBERT, who, we regret to say, is very unwell, has sent us the following testimony: "God began to bless us the very first day of the Week of Prayer. On Sabbath, the 4th of December, a young man with whom I have enjoyed several Bible studies, paid us an unexpected visit. . . . Weak though I was, while the young man sat at my bedside, I gave him in God's strength the seventh of Daniel, showing who changed God's holy day and introduced the first day as a rest. Mr. H— seemed to enjoy the study heartily, and expressed pleasure that some of

the rather puzzling things in his mind had been cleared up. So while we are incapable of getting out to others, God sends them to us. We praise God for this young gentleman and earnestly ask the brethren and sisters who may read these lines to pray that he will accept the truth as we enjoy it. I have felt the sustaining goodness and presence of our precious Saviour this week under my affliction, and have felt heartily encouraged because so many of the dear brethren and sisters were praying for me."

THREE years ago when in Palestine, a young Jew, Hannaux by name, acted as our guide. We have just received a Christmas card and a letter from him, in which he says: "Mr. and Mrs. T— have sent me very beautiful and enjoyable books, which I cannot miss a minute. They are very interesting. One is 'Daniel and the Revelation', and I am reading a couple of hours every day from 'Desire of Ages'." It is of no little interest to know that these two books now have such an enthusiastic reader in Jerusalem.

## Baptism at Watford

NEARLY three hundred persons packed into the Watford Town Church to witness the baptismal service on December 18th. Of the seventeen who were baptized, twelve will unite with the Stanborough Park church, and five with the Watford Town church. We were particularly pleased to see so many young people from the two churches taking this advance step in the Christian life. After a brief examination by the writer, the candidates were baptized by Pastor McAvoy.

A. S. M.

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January 14th	4.19	4.8	4.31	4.17