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Some Thoughts for the New Year

By *W. H. MEREDITH*

AT the close of the old year and the beginning of the new, we are all more or less inclined to thoughts of reflection and hopes for the future. Once again we make new year resolutions, and perhaps just as soon break them. Nevertheless, the habit is not altogether a bad one. Better by far to make a resolution of rightdoing, even though after a little while it is broken. The very fact that we recognize that there is some change needed in our lives, proves that we are looking in the right direction.

If we could, however, turn our thoughts at this time away from ourselves and think of God, Who is able to do things for us, it would surely be profitable to all. Our text for this new year is "All things are of God Who hath reconciled us to Himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation."

Let us stop and think a moment. We are part of the "all things" that are of God. Our work in seeking to help others around us to a better experience is surely of God, for God is good and all good belongs to Him. Our message, the truth we love so much, we boast of as coming from God, and the temporal blessings that are ours, new every day to us, are surely of God. Oftentimes we may disturb ourselves with the things that seem to be against us and think that they cannot be of God, and yet how often we are led to the conclusion that the very trials through which we pass have turned out to be blessings to us, for God Himself turned them into an experience for our good, and we have been led to say that even our afflictions are of God.

But perhaps we ought to think more highly of this wonderful fact that God has called us to a knowledge of Himself and His truth and His Son Jesus Christ, that we might be reconciled to Him, and this reconciliation to God is God's own doing and not our own. We were against Him, but He reconciled us to Himself by Jesus Christ. Nothing that we can ever do can repay for this wonderful reconciliation, and yet in this great plan of God, for our reconciliation, He also gives to us the ministry of recon-

ciliation. Before God sends a man out to help others He first helps the man whom He intends to send. Before we can be a means of reconciling others, we must have a knowledge of our own reconciliation to God. This thought in itself should awaken within us an earnest desire that that ministry of reconciliation shall continually possess our souls.

There are very many things in this old world that tend to set us at variance with each other and bring about division among us, that oftentimes even sow the seeds of enmity in men's hearts, but if we recognize the ministry of reconciliation, whatever may be the variance, or whatever may be the division, or the enmity, it is our duty to use this ministry. We must never forget the fact that we were reconciled to God by Christ Jesus, not because we ourselves wanted it, or deserved it, but because of the great love of God toward us, His Son revealed Himself to us and made choice of us that we might be reconciled to God. We did not choose this way ourselves, but Jesus made choice of us. This thought should help us as we think of others.

Who is there of our friends and neighbours, or of our church brethren and sisters that we think is not worthy or does not want reconciliation? Should we not endeavour to change this kind of experience, and because we ourselves have been reconciled to God, see to it that in the work of this ministry of reconciliation we seek to be reconciled to that one who is at variance with us, or who may even show enmity toward us?

If it is God's will and purpose that we should be reconciled to Him, is it not a truth that He wants us to be reconciled to each other? How can we expect to keep reconciled to God while we refrain from being reconciled to others? This ministry of reconciliation that has become such a blessing to ourselves, may be a means through our instrumentality of reaching other dear souls around us.

Shall we not, then, begin the new year with this thought and seek day by day to use this ministry of reconciliation in such a way that soon there will

be no variance between us as brethren and sisters in the church, no division among us, no enmity in our hearts, but the great and wonderful truth made manifest in our experience one towards another that we are reconciled to God and to men. "God was in Christ reconciling this world unto Himself." Christ has promised to be in us as we seek to reconcile others.

God did not impute our trespasses unto us; why should we impute trespasses to anyone else? God hath committed us the word of reconciliation; let us take that which He gives to us. "We are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God"—and to your neighbour. Do your part to break down that middle wall of partition between you; let this wonderful ministry of reconciliation do the work in your own heart and life and make you a means of reconciling others. This work will fill this new year with joy and happiness to all who find it.

W. H. MEREDITH.



A Recent Visit to Syria

Just a few days ago I returned from a nine-weeks visit to Persia and the Near East. I must write about the work in Persia in a later article but I thought I would pass on a few words at this time concerning the work a little nearer home. During the past year or so we have sent out several young men from the homeland and also from Germany to train for work in the Arabic speaking fields. Most of these have gone to Egypt but a couple of them went to Syria. Brother Stanley Bull is still in Syria but Brother Andrew Barr has been transferred to Mesopotamia. I saw them both on this trip and was very pleased indeed to observe the way they were developing and growing up into the work. I spent a very pleasant time in Mosul. Four days were spent there with our believers and I felt very much encouraged to see the development of the work. New believers have been added and they are full of courage and hope for the future. Brother Barr is making splendid progress with the language, and gives promise of growing up into a good strong worker in the cause. Mosul is just a stone's throw from the ruins of ancient Nineveh. All one can see, now, is a great heap; nothing but mounds of earth with large hills here and there where quite a good deal of excavating was done some years ago.

After the visit to Syria I made my way across the desert to Aleppo in Northern Syria. Here I met Brother Zerne who has charge of the field and also Brother Stanley Bull. The journey across the desert was anything but a joy ride. It had to be made by motor. We had no puncture and were able to make that long trip in two days. At one point it was rather dangerous for there were robbers on both sides of the road. We were accompanied, however, by Arab policemen, and the Lord brought us through safely.

At the end of the first day we came to Dar-es-Zor. In order to do this we had to cross the river Euphrates. As it was dark, the ferry boat service had ceased, so it was only after shouting until we were hoarse that we attracted the attention of the soldiers on the other side. After waiting some time they came across and conveyed us to the other side

in a small boat. The motors, however, had to remain until the morning. On reaching the city I went to the Chef-de-Poste and handed in my card. He was only able to understand French and so evidently misread my credentials. When I visited him he was in the company of several officers and they greeted me as a delegate to the League of Nations and wanted to do me honour by arranging a special dinner for me. This I courteously declined as I had only a little time at my disposal. The remainder of the journey was made in peace but anything but comfort.

I spent five days in Aleppo with our brethren and felt much encouraged at the progress the work had made since I was in Aleppo before. Three and a half years ago when I visited the field we had but two sisters there. They were Armenians who had come through from Asia Minor, robbed of everything they had. Their husbands had been massacred and their children slain before their eyes. They were in great need. Now in that same place we have fourteen to sixteen members and a number of others awaiting baptism. We had some splendid meetings, forty to sixty people coming out to the Bible studies.

Brother Bull is making good progress. He does well with the language and is adapting himself splendidly to the conditions in the field. These young men we send out are learning many valuable lessons and we need to pray earnestly for them that God will bless them and make them a blessing in these needy fields.

One of the greatest problems that face us in the Near Eastern fields is the Moslem problem. We need to take this as a burden on our hearts. We do not know the solution but God does. Let us pray that we may find it and thus carry the message to these people that they also may be won to Christ.

W. E. READ.

Secretary for Foreign Missions, European Division.



Christmas at The Stanboroughs

THE past holiday season has been a very pleasant and happy one at the Stanboroughs. In addition to the list of patients and guests in residence quite a large number of old friends and patients spent the week or ten day with us. We are always glad to have our old friends return, if but for a few days, and we are always greatly pleased to find so many of them much improved in health over what they were the first time they came to the institution.

An effort is made each year to provide a profitable and pleasant week of entertainment for the patients and staff. The programme was especially good this year. The entertainment began on Thursday preceding Christmas. A party of our Watford entertainers, with their excellent musical and elocutionary talent, gave us a most enjoyable evening. As far as possible, invitations were extended to our people living on the Park. The gymnasium, which had been beautifully and appropriately decorated under the artistic hand of Mr. Charles Meredith, was crowded each night of the week.

Early Sabbath (Christmas) morning, many of us were awakened about seven o'clock by carols sung by a chorus of young ladies of the Stanboroughs staff. The young men were conspicuous by their absence. Too early for them, probably!

Saturday was the great night of the week. A beautiful Christmas tree, reaching to the high ceiling of the gymnasium, was loaded with presents, while stacks of parcels lay on the floor beneath. All of the children from the Park were invited, and none were forgotten by Santa, who, in the person of Mr. R. H. Munro, distributed gifts to all.

The Sanitarium chorus of forty voices gave the beautiful cantata, "Star of Light", on Sunday night. This choir was under the able leadership of Mr. Llewellyn Meredith. The chorus was certainly a credit both to the singers and their leader, for the music was indeed beautiful. Our thanks are due to these young people, who for months gave their time to preparation for this evening.

Everybody was holding his breath for what was to come on Monday. For months rumours had been floating about of the marvellous feats being secretly planned behind closed and locked doors in the gymnasium where Mr. Nolan was training twenty-four young people for the gymnasium drill. It was certainly fine. The marches, wand drills, dumb-bell exercises, and pyramid building were all most excellent. Well done, David and your squad! You must repeat it at an early date.

On Tuesday night Mrs. Denne, and Miss Binns gave a musical evening of vocal, piano, and violin selections which were greatly enjoyed.

Wednesday was reserved for the staff. At five o'clock a special tea was arranged for them by the Sanitarium, a large, lovely cake being presented to them by Mr. and Mrs. Tydeman, patients of the Stanboroughs. At 7.30 they took possession of the gymnasium and there enjoyed themselves to the full as they chose, while Dr. Ruble occupied the attention of the guests of the house by means of a medical lecture.

On Thursday night the Christmas tree was again brought into requisition. About fifty poor children from the adjacent country became acquainted with Santa Claus that night. Mr. Munro played the part admirably. He gave them a jolly time and many useful presents. Previous to the tree they had all enjoyed themselves thoroughly at a bountiful supper furnished by the patients and staff in the dining-room. It was a happy time for all.

On Saturday night Miss Buckley, an elocutionist from Manchester, with her cousin, Miss May Buckley, who is her pupil, assisted by Mrs. Trace, entertained us most pleasantly. Our sincere thanks are due to all who have so kindly assisted in giving the Stanboroughs' family such a pleasant Christmas season.

"The Stanboroughs" wishes all a Happy New Year.

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Notes from the President

I AM sure our colporteurs are looking forward with keen anticipation to the institute which is to be held at Wimbledon, commencing Friday, January 28th. The programme for this institute has already been completed, and we can promise our colporteurs a feast of good things. It is not too soon to prepare to receive a blessing at that time.

CONFERENCE workers will be glad to learn that a short workers' meeting is to be held in the Wimbledon church on Wednesday and Thursday, January 26th and 27th. As the first meeting is to be at 7 a.m. on Wednesday morning it will be necessary for all workers to arrive at Wimbledon not later than Tuesday evening, the 25th. We invite every worker to pray for God's blessing during this meeting. We are asking Brother B. Belton, who is attending to the accommodation for the colporteurs, to arrange accommodation for conference workers as well. Any communication concerning this matter should be addressed to him at 45 Finsbury Park Road, London, N.4.

WE have received a number of articles of jewellery since the last issue of the MISSIONARY WORKER, in response to our appeal. These articles will be sold and the proceeds devoted to mission offerings.

If there are others who have jewellery or other articles which they would care to dispose of for the same good cause, they may be addressed to the president, 45 Finsbury Park Road, London, N.4.

OUR brethren and sisters throughout the field will be glad to learn that negotiations for the purchase of the leasehold property on which we expect to put up the North London Church Building, are almost completed. Within a few weeks now we should start the actual building. As we are anxious to put up a building representative of the character of our work, we must prepare for a large outlay of funds. The General Conference have been generous towards us in this matter, and the British Union have come to our help as well. We, in this conference, however, must raise as large a sum as possible in addition to what we receive from other sources. We believe this proposed church building in the world's metropolis will appeal to all our people. If any feel free to make any gift towards this important project it will be gratefully received by the president. All contributions should be addressed to 45 Finsbury Park Road, London, N.4.

WE are glad to get word from Brother Bird to the effect that the interest at Newport is continuing. Five hundred persons were present at the service last Sunday evening, while seventy were present at the

previous Sabbath meeting. Pastor Morrison is preparing for his campaign at Walthamstow, and Pastor Cooper is laying his plans for the forthcoming effort at Llanelly. Let us pray for these brethren, also for Pastors Hyde and Prescott and others who are launching out this season.

WE are glad to pass on to our members the good news of a substantial gain in the membership of the South British Conference for the year just passed. Moreover, each section of the field reports progress. The figures are as follows:

Ireland shows an increase of two; Wales an increase of two; and South England an increase of 144, so that the total increase for the conference—after allowing for the transfers to other parts, for deaths, and apostasies—is 148. The gain for the previous year was ninety-nine. We believe this good word will greatly encourage our people who have been so faithful in sending in their tithe from month to month, for the carrying on of the work in our field.

LET us all pray for the work and workers during the present year.

F. A. SPEARING.



Portsmouth and Bournemouth Districts

RESPONDING to conference arrangements we moved from Portsmouth to Bournemouth on October 20, 1926. We had spent a very happy three years and a half, with Portsmouth as a centre. During the first year and a half regular visits to the Southampton church were made during the week-ends and frequent visits to the Isle of Wight.

While we were at Portsmouth Dr. and Mrs. Druitt were busy at Fareham a few miles distant. We greatly enjoyed helping in the Friday evening meetings, and occasionally at other times. At the present writing a lively Sabbath-school is being conducted in Fareham and other services are being held. New people are continually coming along. We enjoyed working with the Portsmouth Church and were sorry to leave the members there. There were a number of interested ones who had attended our meetings and needed further development. One sister who began to keep the Sabbath before we left was deeply involved in Spiritism, but through the truth is finding new freedom and happiness both physically and spiritually.

The Week of Prayer was a busy one, going first to Ropley visiting, studying, and praying with the scattered believers there. We were glad to see this little company again. On Monday evening, December 6th, a meeting with Pastor Mussen and members of Southampton Church was much enjoyed. On Sunday a meeting was held at the home of Brother and Sister Newman of Ryde, Isle of Wight. Wednesday was spent visiting "Present Truth" readers at Newport and going on to Sandown where we had a specially interesting meeting at the home of Mrs. Forrest and her daughters, a local preacher of the United Methodist Church being present, with whom we had a long study on the various points of our message. Another item adding to our pleasure was the company of our old friend Brother Green who is working on the Island.

At Salisbury we were happy to greet Brother

and Sister Buckle and visit some people we had previously met and studied with at Portsmouth, also to spend the night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mills, some distance out of the town, with whom we were associated in the work many years ago. Of the last week-end Friday to Sunday evening was spent in Portsmouth, meeting with the church and visiting interested ones.

By invitation from Mrs. Druitt, Monday and part of Tuesday were spent about Fareham, where we had the privilege of studying the 2,300 days with some new believers in a well-attended cottage meeting. At Bournemouth we are in the midst of our wartime friends again. We can see others already interested and we pray that 1927 will prove to be a year of advancement in this town.

G. W. BAILEY.



An Opportunity at Southampton

BROTHER TUCKER of Southampton has written to tell us of an exceptional opportunity that has come to him of spreading the truth amongst the sailors and passengers on the ships that lie in Southampton water. His work takes him to many of these vessels, and he makes it a practice to distribute back numbers of the papers as he goes round. He says that he can use almost any quantity of back numbers, and if any reader of the WORKER should have a pile of back numbers of "Present Truth" or "Review and Herald" which they are unable to dispose of, Brother Tucker will be glad to get them. Address him at the Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 157 Shirley Road, Southampton.



Wedding Bells

ON Monday, December 27, 1926, Brother Leonard Edmunds and Sister Mabel Newman were united in marriage in Ryde, I. O. Wight. After the ceremony a small reception was held at the home of the bride, and later they left for Bournemouth, where they spent their honeymoon. Shortly they will leave England for West Africa, to which mission field they have been appointed. Both Brother and Sister Edmunds are well known to the WORKER family, and the South British Conference is certainly losing two earnest workers. Before they leave England, however, they are to welcome home Sister Arthur Matthews, née Queenie Newman, who is returning from East Africa on furlough.

J. S. NEWMAN.



To South British Missionary Volunteers

WE desire all our young people to study with us during the first half of 1927 "The Story of the Advent Message", as told in the excellent book by Mrs. Andross (Stanborough Press 6/-).

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Scotland 1926

It is with pleasure that we report the progress of the work in Scotland during 1926. We have had two efforts, one in Edinburgh and one in Glasgow. The Edinburgh effort was conducted by Brother W. R. A. Madgwick, B.A. He held his lectures in the King's Cinema, Toll Cross, Edinburgh. The attendances ranged up to three hundred and fifty, and he received during the campaign about three hundred and fifty names. The interest as a result of these lectures appears to be quite good, and twelve or fifteen people are showing definite inclinations to accept the Sabbath truth. This is Brother Madgwick's first public campaign and we trust that the results will be encouraging to him and his helper. Sister Dorothy Brown is associated with him as Bible-worker. The Edinburgh churchmembers have loyally supported this campaign both in their regular attendance at the Sunday meetings, and in the distribution of the handbills.

In Glasgow, as our readers will remember, we have had a most providential opening. We have now run for twelve Sunday nights with an attendance that is nothing short of overwhelming, and still they come. The request for literature has been likewise stupendous, and over 1,000 names and addresses have come to us during the campaign. The Bible-workers are working to their utmost, and the organizing secretary and pastor have their hands full, but all are perfectly happy because of the evident blessing of God on the campaign. The twelfth night being January 2nd, and a special holiday in Scotland, we looked for a diminished attendance, but we are happy to say that our fears were not justified. The theatre was full again. A splendid interest was manifested in the lecture, which was entitled "The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse." The leading trade agent for this film came specially to hear the lecture. His idea was to see how such a lecture on such a subject would take with the people in Glasgow, and he was more than pleased with what he saw and heard. He expressed surprise that this great mass meeting should be held without anyone rising up to leave during the lecture. He also said that he did not think there was much more to add to the subject than what the film had portrayed, and he is now sending a report to London headquarters for their consideration. At present there seems to be no abating of the interest in the presentation of the truth. The Sabbath meetings are splendidly attended, and the Bible-workers report over one hundred people attending the Sabbath services. It is yet too early to predict what results we may expect, but we are confident that as the Lord has gone before us thus far His presence will continue with His work. The collections at these services have been most remarkable. In twelve weeks we have received £200, and most of this has come in

pennies, threepenny bits and sixpences. It is rarely that we have anything above sixpence on the collection plates, but as we have so many smaller coins we are perfectly satisfied.

The workers associated with this effort are: G. D. King (Organizing Secretary), Miss Archibald, Miss Robertson, Miss Clark, Miss Himsworth, Miss Fleming and Mr. F. D. Buckle. To add to this is a list of stewards, twenty-seven in number, and a loyal band of churchmembers, who greatly assist us in the distribution of the handbills.

Besides this campaign it has been my privilege to visit some of our outlying companies, and during 1926 I paid occasional visits to Edinburgh, Clydebank, Stirling, Kircaldy and Dundee, besides making special trips to isolated members.

We desire that all our members shall pray that the work will continue in the manner in which it has begun, and thus the people of God in this country be greatly multiplied.

W. MAUDSLEY.



A New Year's Appeal

"HE that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." Psa. 126:6.

That time of rejoicing is hastening on apace. Shall we not in contemplation of this joy, press on with greater confidence and seek more earnestly to win souls to the message?

The work of scattering our truth-filled books is "missionary work of the highest order." Those who engage in it are to be persons of "the best talent and ability," and it is of the greatest importance that those who desire to become evangelistic colporteurs be educated in the principles of Christian Salesmanship.

"He who would reach the ideal in selling books containing the truth for this time, will lean more and more upon the power of the Eternal, and will labour to see results in the kingdom, rather than material results here. His principles and methods will bear the scrutiny of heaven. They will be such as the Spirit of truth can endorse. The colporteur is Christ's representative to a lost and fallen world. He must be in such close sympathy with Him that he feels keenly his responsibility to represent Him aright at all times." "The Lord Jesus standing by the side of the colporteurs, walking with them, is the chief worker. If we recognize Christ as the One Who is with us to prepare the way, the Holy Spirit by our side will make impressions on just the lines needed."

It is the work of the enemy to get us to look at the difficulties in the work, and reason about possible failures. He knows that this deprives us of the help of the Lord, for it places us on human strength with its frailties. Faith in God, however, urges an ad-

vance, hoping all things, believing all things.

We are glad to be able to report that the lives of all our faithful colporteurs have been spared, and although they have passed through a time of great distress and numerous difficulties in their work, yet we are all of good courage and look with confidence for greater success in 1927 than we have had during the past year.

We are very pleased for the invitation given by the York members to hold our colporteurs' institute in their church this year. This will convene from February 4th to 10th inclusive.

We are very anxious if there are any of our brethren and sisters in the North British Conference who feel they would like to join us at this institute and receive the instruction that will enable them to become successful colporteurs, that they will kindly communicate with us immediately, so that we can send them the particulars.

In closing I desire on behalf of all the colporteurs in the North British Conference, to thank all our brethren and sisters who have constantly remembered the colporteur and his work at the throne of grace, and we still appeal for your prayers during this year and until Jesus comes. D. DAVIES.

Another Baptism at Newcastle

ON Sunday, December 19, 1926, the writer had the privilege of baptizing ten more souls into fellowship with the Lord and His remnant people. The ordinance was administered in the Snow Street Baths, following an address on the fundamentals of the Gospel message for to-day, and a public examination of the candidates.

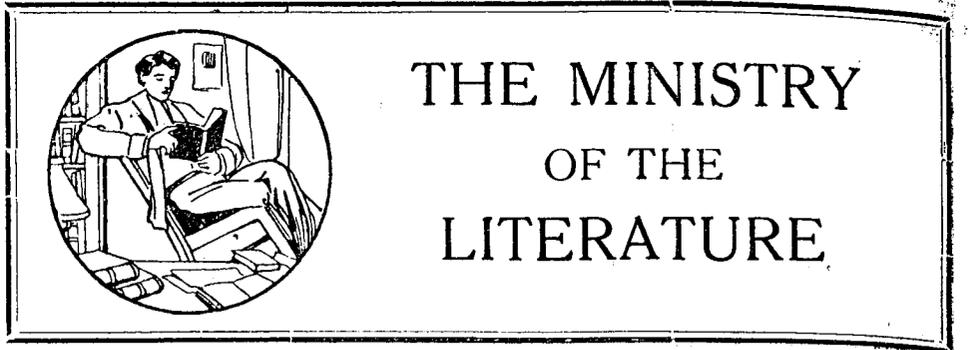
One sister was in her eighty-fourth year and has only recently found peace through Jesus Christ. The message was first brought to her by a lay sister who visited her while on the sick bed, and since then she has acquired an intelligent hold of the truth, with a strong desire to be faithful in all points. Her inward peace and joy are marked by the outward radiance of her countenance as she passed through the watery grave.

We thank the Lord for this second harvest in Newcastle, and expect a third in a few months' time. The number added to the Newcastle church during 1926 was forty-seven, forty-three by baptism and four by vote.

A small company of Sabbath-keepers has also been raised up at Amble, the interest having been awakened by Sister Howard and fostered by the workers at Newcastle.

We have greatly missed Sister Brown who was transferred to Edinburgh in October, but are grateful for the assistance of Brother Simms who, with Sister Casey and the writer, are about to launch out at Gateshead, on the southern bank of the Tyne, in a well-appointed cinema.

We earnestly solicit the prayers of all our brethren and sisters for the outpouring of God's Spirit on workers and people, through which we may anticipate another joyous harvest of souls. F. C. BAILEY.



Be the First to Read New Books

IF you can be the first in your company to read new books, your friends will find a freshness of outlook and a "newsiness" in your talks and illustrations which will do them good. You will be able to do better service for the Master in the Sabbath-school, in the Young People's Society and in public efforts. It pays to be the first to read new books.

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OUR stock of Sabbath-school Lesson Pamphlets for the first quarter of 1927 is now sold out. Should you have a few surplus copies we may be able to sell these for you if you will let us have a card saying how many are available.

When to Order Periodicals

A HANDY card showing the dates for ordering periodicals during 1927 will be furnished free by the Press on request. It will save you the delay experienced when the paper is not yet printed. It will also save you the disappointment which comes if the paper is "sold out," and it will show you how to order so that your parcel comes before Sabbath. Ask for an "Ordering Date Card." Now Ready.

Two Hundred and Ten Thousand Books

THE annual records of the British field, just to hand, show that in 1926 almost 30,000 more books have been sold than in the previous year—a grand total of over two hundred and ten thousand! Isn't this cause for gratitude to God? The amount earned by colporteurs and churchmembers through the sale of literature was about £13,000. The souls won and blessings conveyed through these efforts cannot be known until the dear Lord takes away the veil from the records of heaven.

Well Done, Mauritius!

SOMETHING remarkable is taking place in Mauritius. A cable came in a few days ago ordering another 800 copies of "Good Health" in addition to

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the 800 at present being supplied. 1,600 copies monthly are now being used! As you will remember, Brother Colthurst showed the "Baby Week Special" to some influential people who were promoting the Baby Welfare movement, and the acting president was so interested that she gave an order for 200 copies regularly. Since that time three messages have come to us, every one asking that the previous number sent should be doubled. Evidently the Lord is using the "entering wedge" in Mauritius.

A Great Awakening in Madagascar

ON Sabbath Pastor Read told the Stanborough Park church of the wonderful opening providences of God in Madagascar. It seems that some colporteur in France sold a copy of our French paper in his district and the purchaser used it for packing or stuffing a parcel for Madagascar—a most ignoble end, one would have thought. It was eagerly read, however, by a native minister on the arrival of the package and an interest in the present truth began to develop. The latest news from Madagascar brings an urgent call for workers to cope with a great awakening. Our evangelist in the Island writes that there are now between 1,500 and 2,000 people calling for teachers. And the beginning of this interest was ONE PAPER. As Brother Binks puts it:

"The devil trembles when he sees
Truth-laden papers sold like these."



Warning or Winning

"LET us stop talking about warning, and talk more about winning" said the pastor as he spoke to the little flock gathered at the mid-week prayer meeting. For fifty years we have been talking about *giving* the *warning* and it surely is time we changed our view point, and got the vision of *winning*.

It is a noticeable fact that the missionaries coming in from heathen fields do not talk much about *warning*, but they do tell us a good deal about *winning* souls to the Master. Coming down to the last days of probation this Gospel message is to go to all nations, kindred, tongues, and people, and it is to be a *winning* message, for Christ is soon coming for His people.

"He that *winne*th souls is wise", the Word tells us. Is it because we have not that "wisdom" that we feel more free to warn than to *win*? If so, would it not be well to see where the real trouble lies and find a remedy? The Gospel seed has been sown, and now the harvest time is here. Where are the labourers who really can bring in the fruits and gather in the sheaves? Let us catch the vision of *winning* and prepare for it. Perhaps the "Fireside" can help you. Let us hear from those who want to study how to *win* souls for the Master.

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Wedding Bells

ON December 20, 1926, Sister M. E. Wood was united in marriage with Brother G. McNaughton at the house of the bride in Edinburgh. The ceremony was conducted in real Scotch style, being performed

in the house and not in the church. The writer officiated and the documents were signed before the sheriff on the following day. Sister Wood represented Granose Foods Ltd., in Scotland, and will now join her husband who sails during January for East Africa as a missionary.

Both were members of the Edinburgh church. The honeymoon was spent in Aberdeen. We trust that God's blessing will go with Brother and Sister McNaughton as they unitedly labour for souls in Africa.

W. MAUDSLEY.



THE Editor acknowledges with thanks the receipt of 16/- towards the Free Literature Fund. Anon.

At Rest

MADGWICK.—Mrs. Frances Madgwick met with a fatal motor accident a few days before Christmas of last year. She never returned to consciousness and died a few hours after the accident. Sister Madgwick was baptized by Pastor Ball in the year 1889, in Antigua, British West Indies. She came to this country with Sister Roskrige and the young Madgwick family in the year 1907. The writer was present in the Leytonstone church when the family made its appearance in their first Sabbath meeting in this country. Since that time our departed sister proved herself to be a valuable addition to the church in that neighbourhood; faithful in all its services and ever ready and willing to do what she could. For years she taught Sabbath-school classes and acted as church clerk, and her frequent visits to the aged and sick members of the church will be missed by the membership more than can be expressed. The last act she did before leaving her house on that fatal Tuesday morning was to write a letter of Christmas cheer and best wishes to an aged sister who was confined to her bed. Also she had written a letter to her nephew, Dr. George Madgwick, of Africa, and it was while out posting these letters and planning to do a little shopping, that she so suddenly met with the accident that caused her death. Sister Roskrige, her sister-in-law, has lost the dear companionship of thirty-eight years, and the whole Madgwick family has suffered an irreparable loss. We feel, however, that God, in His own providence, called this sister to rest to save her from the more distressing trials of the future, and we pray that we may be kept faithful to the end and in that glad gathering day meet her again. The writer officiated at the funeral on Tuesday, December 28, 1926, and we all left the graveside in the sure hope of our dear sister taking part in the first resurrection.

W. H. MEREDITH.

FERGUSON.—On November 14th Sister Sarah Ferguson, a faithful member of the North Manchester Church, fell asleep in Jesus at the advanced age of eighty-five years. She accepted the truths of the third angel's message through the labours of Pastors J. D. Gillatt and H. F. De'Ath, after a long life spent in fellowship with the Wesleyan church, and she died as she had lived, "looking unto Jesus". One son, and a daughter and son-in-law, remain to mourn their loss. We laid her to rest in sure and certain hope of a glorious resurrection. Words of comfort being spoken by the writer.

W. A. HALL.

ROSEBOTTOM.—Brother Francis Rosebottom, age sixty years, of the North Manchester church, fell asleep on December 18th, and was interred at Lancaster Cemetery. We sorrow not as those who have no hope.

W. A. HALL.

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Notice of Annual Meetings

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The Moslem Menace

ONE of the most perplexing problems faced by the missionary to-day is that of the Moslem advance. This is particularly true in Africa. Every year large numbers of young men leave the university at Cairo and scatter to the south and to the west of Africa as missionaries of the Moslem faith. Every Moslem trader is also a missionary and feels it is his solemn duty to gather converts to the worship of Mohammed. They press in to the most isolated places, and in many parts seem to be running a race with the missionary forces as to who can get first into the different villages.

Not only must more missionaries be sent out to the dark Continent to stem the Moslem advance, but more native teachers must be trained and placed at strategic points so that the natives may be instructed in the principles of the Gospel, and so be prepared for this rising tide sweeping over the country from the north.

The policy adopted by the Moslem missionaries to-day is one of peaceful penetration: they do not enforce their religion by the sword: their tactics have changed. Dr. Zwemer, in his book, "The Unoccupied Mission Fields of Asia and Africa" writes:

"Formerly, Islam followed in the track of the Moslem conquerors. Later, the slave routes became the highways of Moslem propagandism. To-day the movement is more general, more widespread, more insidious, without display or advertisement, but strong and certain and wide-sweeping as the rising tide. From northern Nigeria, the Hausa merchants carry the Koran and the Moslem catechism wherever they carry their merchandise. No sooner do they open a wayside shop in some pagan district, than the mosque is built by its side. The laity are, in a sense, all preachers. Shop-keeper and camel driver are proud of their Prophet and of his book. If they cannot read it, they at least kiss it, and wear it as an amulet and carry it everywhere. All ranks of society are propagandists."

Unless greater efforts are made by the church at home, then it is certain that Islam will claim many

of the natives of Africa as its devotees. It has already gained in many places. In an article on "Islam" written by Dr. Littman a few years ago concerning Abyssinia, we find this remark:

"Whole tribes of Abyssinians which were once Christian and still bear Christian names have become Mohammedan within the past twenty years. The situation is alarming."

Surely it is time that we addressed ourselves more seriously to this tremendous problem. Mohammedanism followed Christianity into Africa and yet to-day almost half of its population are professedly Mohammedan. In the north of Africa where Christianity once flourished, Islam now holds sway. The fruitful garden of God has been changed into the dry desert of Allah. Thus prosperous churches, so accustomed to hearing the preaching of Cyprian, Tertullian and Augustine, have been completely wiped out. The Moslem mosque, with its crescent, has taken the place of the church of Christ with its sign of the cross. From Lagos to Cairo, from Dakar to Jibouti, and as far south as Mombasa and the River Congo, the call for prayer is sent out in the name of Mohammed five times every day.

In the last ten years the crescent has appeared where it was never known before, and in places where missionaries have laboured for years Mohammedanism is making its converts. Followers of the false prophet can be found in places where Livingstone and others preached and died.

The missionary who is labouring in these fields has a most difficult task and needs all the encouragement of sympathy and prayer that our people in the homeland can give. This difficult work must be carried forward. Living, however, as we are, in the last days of earth's history we may expect to see the barriers broken down on every hand. They are already giving way in many places, but surely the situation as we see it in Africa to-day calls for more than ordinary prayer; it means calling incessantly upon God and praying our way through to victory.

Here is the great problem, but our great Leader in heaven has the solution in His hand. Let us unite with Him in all our endeavours and ever seek to win these people from the terrible thralldom of superstition, of darkness, and of sin. W. E. READ.

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