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## THE DARMSTADT COUNCIL

By THE EDITOR

THE Summer Council of the European Division was held at Darmstadt, Germany, from August 15th to 22nd. It proved to be one of the most important meetings in the history of our denomination.

Not only were all members of the Division Committee present, but a large number of the General Conference Committee were in attendance, including Pastors W. A. Spicer, O. Montgomery, I. H. Evans, Carlyle B. Haynes, A. W. Cormack, B. E. Beddoe, J. L. Shaw, E. E. Andross, and W. H. Branson. In addition, a large number of Union and local conference presidents had been invited. Brother Löbsack and two Union presidents from Russia were present—the first delegates to come from that “great closed land” for many years.

With so many men of wide experience gathered together, every one expected that some important happenings might take place—and they were not disappointed.

In many ways the meeting was the most remarkable that we have ever attended. The reports from

the leaders of the great Divisions revealed how God is finishing His work in all parts of the earth. From the most unexpected quarters came stories of amazing developments. Everywhere barriers have been broken down, and even within the past few months great strides have been made in the advancement of the message.

Brethren Haynes, Branson, Andross, and Cormack all told of the working of the Spirit of God upon the hearts of natives, leading them into the truth without the aid of any human teacher. We even heard stories of dead being raised, and of remarkable cases of healing in answer to prayer. Listening to these reports day after day one could not but be convinced that the hour has indeed come when God is setting His hand to gather the remnant of His people.

On all sides one witnessed growth and development, and this was made manifest in a very definite way by the special proposals for the future of the work in the European Division. Since the war the membership of this Division has doubled, being



Delegates present at the Darmstadt Council

now 90,000. The work has been commenced in 32 additional languages, the total now being 107. The Division has eleven publishing houses, nine training schools, and two large sanitariums, while scores of chapels and other institutions have been established. Reviewing these amazing developments it was generally agreed that the work in Europe had reached the place where it was too large for the present system of guidance and control, and accordingly it was decided that from January 1, 1929, Europe should be divided into four Divisions, as follows: the North European Division, comprising the British Union, the Scandinavian Union, the Baltic Union, and the Polish Union; the Central European Division, made up of the three German Unions, Bulgaria, Greece, and Czechoslovakia; the Southern European Division comprising the Latin Union, the Iberian Union, and the Rumanian Union; and lastly, the Russian Division.

The missions of the old European Division were divided amicably between the four new Divisions. The Northern Division received portions of East and West Africa, the Central Division was given the Arabic Union Mission with some smaller territories, and the Southern European Division was given Madagascar and Mauritius and certain territories in North Africa.

Pastor L. H. Christian, who has so ably guided the work of the European Division through the difficult times succeeding the Great War, was asked to act as president of the Northern Division. Brother Schubert was elected president of the Central Division, and Brother A. V. Olsen of the Southern Division.

Thus the Darmstadt Council has left its impress upon the pages of our denominational history. From it will date, we believe, a new period of rapid growth in all parts of the European field. But far transcending the importance of these changes in organization was the spiritual power of the messages delivered by the leaders at the various meetings of the Council. No one could have attended those meetings without receiving a new baptism of the Spirit, or without catching a new and larger vision of the place which this movement occupies in the world to-day. We believe that every one who attended must have gone back to his field of labour with a stronger determination to lift up the standard of truth and proclaim the message for this time with renewed confidence and zeal.

#### SIGNS OF HIS COMING

At the opening of the Council Pastor Spicer spoke on "The Finishing of the Work," taking for his text Joel 2:28. "As in Nehemiah's day," he said, "every family is to build its part of the wall." And while we are building, we are to be watching—watching for the High Priest com-

ing out of the sanctuary. We are not to be discouraged by the greatness of the task; the work *can* be finished; the Holy Spirit can be poured out; an angel can be sent to every soul to prepare the way.

We have a wonderful organization—and organization is very necessary—but there is something "a thousand miles ahead of organization," and that is the preaching of the simple truth. To illustrate this thought, Pastor Spicer told of a legend concerning a flute which was once kept in the temple at Jerusalem. The story ran that Moses once played it, so it was highly valued. The priests put so great a price upon it that they gilded it to make it appear more beautiful, and then they could not play it any more—it had lost its tone. So there are some people to-day who start preaching the truth in a simple way, and then forget its meaning; they get "big," and they lose their tone.

"Fifteen years ago," said Pastor Spicer, "Mrs. White said, 'great changes are about to take place in the world.'" Then he read from the latest edition of the *Encyclopædia Britannica*: "The past fifteen years have been a period of universal revolution in human affairs."

So also in our own work there has been an amazing revolution. In Fiji, where, after twenty-five years' work, we could only show 300 souls, we recently gained 500 in six weeks. In 1915 it seemed as though the work could never be finished in South Africa, but now thousands are flocking to our missionaries for instruction and help.

"There is a great danger," said Pastor Spicer, "that we shall put off the coming of the Lord. Some people will say, 'I will wait until Turkey comes to her end,' or, 'I will wait until Armageddon.' But both of these events take place during the seven last plagues. To wait until we see them will be to put off salvation until it is too late. Some say, 'I will wait until I see the Sunday Laws in operation, then I will begin to work for God'—but Sister White says that the crisis of the Sunday Laws will come after the close of probation."

"How many years will it be," asked Pastor Spicer, "before the Lord comes? Will it be five years, ten years, fifteen years?—I don't know! But," he added with all solemnity, "let us be careful that we do not in any way suggest that 'My Lord delayeth His coming.' Our message must always be, 'Be ready, for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.'"

One of the last signs of the soon coming of our Lord will be the presence in the Church of that evil servant who says, 'My Lord delayeth.' Pastor Spicer told the story of a camp meeting where a man stood up and told the congregation not to worry about the coming of the Lord. The speaker thanked him for his remarks and stated that he

himself was one of the strongest evidences that the Lord was coming soon.

Pastor Spicer concluded by showing maps of China, Yugoslavia, Korea, and other places, all marked with large numbers of mission stations scattered in all parts. It was indeed a revelation to see how, even in China, where we sometimes feel that so little has been accomplished, we have scattered our mission stations over almost the whole of that vast land. The same is true of all the countries mentioned, and it was borne home to every listener that God is indeed working in the earth and that He is swiftly preparing the way for the return of His Son.

#### A VISIT TO MADAGASCAR

On Thursday morning Brother Raft told some of his experiences while visiting Madagascar recently.

This is a most interesting field and there are almost unlimited possibilities for the development of our work there. The people are very intelligent and religious. There is no State church, but other missionary societies have had great success there and have divided the island amongst themselves. The only way for any other society to get in is to persuade sufficient people to call for them. No one is allowed to preach unless he has a church, and here again came evidence that the Lord has been preparing the way for the entrance of His message. When Brother Raspal arrived two years ago he found a group of people without a pastor, and they asked him to take charge. When Brother Raft arrived recently he talked to 400 people on the Sabbath day. The new Sabbath-keepers have built their own chapels without asking a penny from denominational funds. During his address to these people, Brother Raft showed them a map of the world. The people were amazed, as it is against the law to teach geography. When Brother Raft pointed out their country, they said, "Is that all Madagascar is?" Then he asked them if they had a message to send back to their friends in Europe, and one of them rose and said, "Tell them that we are Seventh-Day Adventists." Then the man turned to the people and asked, "Who stands with me?" The hands of all those 400 people went up, and the Sunday following 89 men and 9 women were baptized.

Curiously enough, these people were deeply interested in church schools. One group has 100 children and another 180 children. The State schools have no room for them, and they have been turned out of the other mission schools now that their parents have accepted the Sabbath. They are in great need of funds to establish their own schools.

Passing from Madagascar to Mauritius, Brother Raft told of the growth of the work there. We now have 800 persons attending Sabbath-school

every Sabbath on that island, which has a population of only 400,000 persons.

#### OUR UNPAID DEBT

On Thursday afternoon Pastor Bartlett took for the text of his Bible study Rom. 1:14: "I am debtor both to the Greeks and to the Barbarians," He spoke of two kinds of debt—first that caused by lack of money, and secondly the debt of duty.

Just as a physician who knows how to cure a disease is debtor to those suffering from it, so Paul felt that he was a debtor to those who did not understand the privileges of the Gospel.

Our Saviour shares in the debt. "It behoved Him to be made like unto His brethren." Heb. 2:17. He is in heaven and we are upon earth. He looks down upon us; He sees us lost; He is in a better position than we are; He is safe, and we are in danger. By so much as He is better off than we are, by so much He is compelled to come to our assistance. It is part of His nature to help those who are in poorer circumstances than Himself.

So He is our co-debtor. If we do our little part to pay the debt, He must do His. He must supply our lack. It is His debt also, and He will be with us as we attempt to discharge it. It is our duty, perhaps, to go somewhere for Him; it is His duty to make that mission a success. As we put ourselves at His disposal, He must put Himself at our disposal.

To the extent that we are superior to the heathen races, we are in duty bound to go to their help. It is not open to the Church to question whether or not it will interest itself in missions. The Gentiles are fellow-heirs. (Eph. 3:6.) It would be downright mean of us to enjoy our heritage and not tell our fellow-heirs about it. Sometimes it happens in real life that one heir will conceal the fact from his fellow-heirs that the property has been divided; but it must not be so with us. So it would be mean for us, as Christians, to enjoy our heritage and not tell the heathen of all the glorious privileges that are available for them in Jesus Christ.

Sometimes we talk of the "duty" of paying offerings and tithe, but when we realize our position as debtors they appear as privileges. We are not only to look at our task, but at the strength available for the task. We are to look not only at the debt, but also at the inexhaustible riches which make it possible for us to discharge it.

In the mission field one is confronted continually by a wall of heathenism. Satan is very present, especially in Africa, by superstition, by polygamy, by witch-craft, which seem to have tied up the people so tightly that it is almost impossible for them to escape. The missionary discovers the reality of his task and is driven to discover the reality of the help available in His Lord. He rejoices to find that there are resources equal to his task.

He is driven also to the conclusion that if the task were ten times harder it could be accomplished in Him.

So, said Brother Bartlett, let us face our debt honestly, and draw freely from the bank to pay it. The power of Christ is unlimited, and not hindered by differences of temperament. (Gal. 2:8.) Ministers may differ but the power is the same. Countries may differ, but Jesus can work as effectually in Africa as in England. In every place He is available, He is near. It is one of the privileges of the mission field that a man is driven back on his heavenly Helper. He cannot persuade himself that he is even partly able to pay the debt.

The Saviour delights to come to our assistance. As Christ was sent into the world, so He sends us. (John 17:18.) Even as He was a missionary, so may we be. We can imagine the deep personal interest that the Father took in the work of His Son. Every angel in heaven would have died rather than have seen His work fail. God indeed would rather have ceased to exist than that Jesus should have suffered defeat. Heaven was all astir with enthusiastic interest—and so it is concerning us. "Even so have I also sent them into the world." Christ throws every energy of His infinite being into making our work a success. Sometimes we may feel that the Saviour is indifferent to us, that He does not care about our little task. We wrong Him when we think that. Our Saviour takes tremendous interest in everything that we are doing. He will go to all lengths to ensure our success; there is nothing that He will not do to bring it about.

So we need no longer be afraid of our task. When we throw ourselves into it, He throws all there is of Him into it as well. We may get luke-warm, but He does not. His soul burns with an unquenchable flame. John saw Him as He is: "His eyes were as a flame of fire; . . . and His countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength." Rev. 1:14,16. He is incandescent with enthusiasm for His cause; the "zeal of His house hath eaten Him up." So if we call upon Him for help, will He turn a languid gaze in our direction? Will He not rather rush to our assistance?

Both Father and Son would draw us individually into their holy and happy fellowship. (John 14:23.) We are not selfishly to enjoy this fellowship alone, we are to make known the meaning of the invitation to others. As Paul says, we are "to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery." Eph. 3:9. And this work is for every one, even those who may be less than the least of the saints. It is not a *task* but a *grace* that is given unto us. To be less than the least might prevent us from doing a task, but it does not prevent any one from enjoying a grace. Because it is a grace, it is altogether simple.

And, furthermore, our work is to give every nation a wonderful demonstration of the power of God in human lives. The lesson is even to reach to the angels "to the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the Church the manifold wisdom of God." Eph. 3:10. Thus God is even teaching angels through His victories in our lives.

So in defraying our debt to the heathen, we are to make known the fellowship into which we are called. "The fellowship of the mystery" is a fellowship of perfect love between Father and Son. Into that fellowship we are called; we are invited to enjoy its riches and to tell others what it means in our own lives. And when its blessings are revealed in us there will be a wonderful power with us to draw men into it. The poor, degraded, discouraged ones will ask, "Is it possible that I may join in?" This invitation must be taken to every soul; we must tell them, every one, of the wealth of spiritual blessing that is awaiting them in Him.

(To be continued.)



## Arise and Shine

THROUGH the Harvest Ingathering campaign the light of present truth has been brought to thousands of benighted souls in many parts of the world. With the campaign returning year after year, new opportunities are afforded every believer to assist in the further spreading of this glorious message. The admonition of the prophet to us, therefore, comes with new and added force again this year, "Arise and shine," and we might add, "Arise and work."

The Harvest Ingathering campaign has become one of the most effective means of raising funds for our foreign mission work. The following figures will indicate the extent of the fruitfulness of this work in the European Division since the campaign was started here.

1921	.....	£18507
1922	.....	14342
1923	.....	16204
1924	.....	25627
1925	.....	31187
1926	.....	31737
1927	.....	35698
	Total	£173302

It will be noticed that the amount has increased from year to year, with the exception of the years of inflation (1922--23) in Germany, and it is an interesting fact that during 1927, for instance, one-third of all the mission offerings received in the Division came through the Ingathering work.

The needs in the mission fields are constantly growing; at the same time the fruits reaped by those labouring in mission lands are multiplying

as the years roll by. This is especially true of the missions belonging to the European Division, where the membership has been increasing very rapidly the last two or three years, so that our total mission membership has grown to 4,000.

From a little statement recently sent out by Elder W. A. Spicer, we quote the following interesting statement: "The Lord is breaking down barriers everywhere and calling us to go forward. We hear wonderful words of progress in the winning of souls from Catholicism. Interesting reports have also been given of Mohammedan hearts turning toward the light. From one Union Mission field around the Zambesi river in Africa, the superintendent reports that they expect to have 10,000 Sabbath-keepers by the end of 1928. There is no reason, brethren and sisters, why thousands in all the dark lands of the earth should not turn our way and accept what God had given to us—the message of salvation for the last days. God is pouring out His Spirit, and thousands are literally begging us to teach them the way of life. Help send new missionaries forth and keep in the field those who have already been sent! May this year's Ingathering effort be a signal from heaven to our missionaries to go forward!"

Elder C. K. Meyers, Secretary of the General Conference, states in a letter: "The urgent needs of the present hour should appeal to every Seventh-Day Adventist. We must have the co-operation of

every member in every effort calculated to provide us with missionary funds for the finishing of the work." Brother Meyers also refers to our believers on Pitcairn Island, and says: "The 125 believers on Pitcairn Island are finding a way to do Harvest Ingathering work, even though they are the only inhabitants on the island. Last year they set as their Harvest Ingathering goal, £62 10s. Their only hope to collect this amount was that God should send ships to the island. They prayed the Lord to send along more ships than ever. Their prayers were heard and they have realized their goal. If Pitcairn can find the way in its loneliness and isolation, surely we all can."

It is with earnest prayer for God's blessing that we again prepare for another Harvest Ingathering campaign. May the Spirit of God teach us all how to go forth unitedly, zealously, and wholeheartedly, in this year's Ingathering work, and may we all be conscious of the presence of heavenly beings in our endeavours. The first and principal business of every follower of Jesus Christ is to give the Gospel to those who know it not; so may God bless His Church and each individual, as well as the means that will flow into the missions treasury through the faithful efforts of our dear people throughout the Division in the coming Harvest Ingathering work.

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## *Stanborough College Re-Opens*

FOR three months the halls and classrooms of Stanborough College had been silent and deserted save for a few decorators and cleaners. The students had scattered to the four corners of the kingdom, some to their homes and others to the canvassing field.

As the close of August drew on, preparations for the new school year were re-doubled. The old students began to stream back and the new ones arrived to begin their studies. It was good to see the happy faces, hear the shouts of greeting, and to see the bags, and cases, and trunks piled up in the entrance halls.

By Tuesday, August 28th, most of the young men and women had arrived and were comfortably housed in the College home. In the evening the opening exercises were conducted in the new Stanborough Park Church.

It was a unique privilege to have present four past principals of the College, Pastor Bartlett, Pastor Spearing, Brother Baird, and Professor Price.

The new principal, Professor L. H. Wood, was not able to be present for the opening of school, so Professor C. W. Irwin, Associate Educational Sec-

retary of the General Conference was there to take temporary charge.

Pastor Meredith, president of the British Union and chairman of the College Board, extended a hearty welcome to all, both those who were returning to continue their work and those who were there for the first time. He spoke of the great need of consecrated workers. "We want," he said, "men and women who have one purpose, and that is to give their lives to God and to the work God has given us to do." And so he urged that whilst they were in school obtaining an education, they would also seek the spiritual preparation needed to fit them for a place in the great harvest field.

Professor Price spoke of the future of the College. He said that God had a great purpose for the school. It was the one institution in the British Isles to prepare workers for the advancement of the message, and he looked to the future when a still greater educational work would be done than at present. "This institution," he said, "exists for no other purpose than to prepare workers for the cause of God, and I like to think of it as a centre from which workers will go out to all the world to

carry the message of salvation." He bade the students go forward to their task with determination and hope. "God asks the best of us," he concluded, "but He has promised to give us the help we need, and without which we can accomplish nothing worth while."

Dr. Ruble was specially interested in the health of the students. He said that it was his responsibility to pass young people for service in the mission fields, and he had no sadder task than to be compelled to declare a keen and consecrated young man or woman medically unfit. "I am telling you this now," he said, "because you have it largely in your hands as to whether you will pass the doctor when the time comes." He desired that the students would learn and put into practice the principles of healthful living, that they would combine their studies with suitable exercise, in order that when their school course was finished, they would be strong and well to enter the Master's service.

The purpose for which the educational work of the denomination was conducted, and the vital connection between the schools and the message, was emphasized by Professor Irwin. Over ninety per cent of our workers, he said, were trained in our educational institutions, and without our schools the work would certainly languish.

The pioneers of the message had not the privileges and opportunities of young people to-day. Forty-one years ago, when he first associated as a student with Battle Creek College, there were but three educational institutions belonging to the denomination in the whole world, and none of them outside the United States. There were then but 1,000 students. Now there were 70,000 students in denominational schools scattered all over the world, and more money was invested in them than in any other department of institutional work.

"Why did we establish schools?" he asked. "We have certainly no hope of competing with the great institutions of the world." There were two outstanding reasons:

1. The stabilizing of the Christian experience of the students.
2. The preparation of workers.

The schools were a soul-saving agency. Some of our present leaders went to college without any aim or desire for the work. At school they recognized their calling, became inspired for the task, and went out to take responsible positions in the work of God. "It is not so much how long we attend, or what scholarship we attain," he declared, "but what efficiency we get for the service of God. The outstanding aim of the College is the advancement of the message."

He spoke of the critical era in which we were living and of the widespread lowering of standards. It was very necessary, he said, to prevent these worldly evils creeping in, and in order to do this,

the foundation principles of our educational system must be fostered and maintained.

He referred to the methods of study in our schools, and showed that whilst many of the subjects were the same as those taught in outside institutions, the spirit was absolutely different. Every subject was a sacred subject. Mathematics taught the eternal constancy of God. Science was studied as the handmaid of religion, and in the principles of nature divine lessons were learned. History was taught in such a way as to reveal the stately step-pings of God in the affairs of men, and language as the vehicle for conveying to humanity the precious truth of salvation.

The manual training, too, had a spiritual influence. All the leaders in the work of God to-day were men who knew how to work with their hands.

The Bible was the most important study in the curriculum, but every class should teach Bible truth, and contribute to the one great end.

Greatest of all the aims of the school, he said, was the preparation of souls for the great school of the hereafter. Worldly education does not prepare for the entrance examination to that school, but our work does. How foolish it would be to obtain the little knowledge available to human wisdom, and neglect the preparation for entrance to a school where, under the great Teacher, we may learn infinitely more than is possible in this short life.

"I would desire," he said in closing, "that students would have no other aim than this, to get an education which will fit them to enter the great school of the hereafter."

On Wednesday evening, August 29th, a reception was held in the College dining-room at which the students were able to become better acquainted with each other and with the Faculty. Good cheer was manifest on every hand, and we may well hope that the splendid spirit with which the school year has begun may continue to its close.

W. L. EMMERSON.

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# UNION CONFERENCE REPORTS

(Held over from previous issue)

## Seventh-Day Adventist Union Ltd.

W. R. Raitt

It may be necessary at the outset to state that this Company was formed just twenty-two years ago to care for funds or property either given, loaned, or placed in trust with us by our members in British Union territory. It is important that you, as members, should know that the investments you make in this denomination are safeguarded.

At this time we would also state that we are glad to assist in the purchase of suitable premises, or sites for the erection of church buildings. We are at the service of all our churches.

The following comparative statement contains information which should be noted by all. Our property and investments on the 31st December, 1923, amounted to £60,948. At the close of the four-year period this figure had been increased to £65,799. This, of course, is independent of the equipment of our Publishing House, Food Factory, Sanitarium, and College, which is carried on the books of each respective institution. If the equipment of these institutions were included, the amount would be very much larger. Quite a large investment is necessary to carry on our work in its various branches.

At the close of the year 1923 we owed our churchmembers £13,101, but by December 31, 1927, this sum had been reduced to £3,755. This reduction has, by the way, enabled us to make a corresponding reduction in the amount of interest paid. Four years ago the interest on loans cost us £242. Last year this expense was reduced to £64, and we may add that the cost of loans is now less than £30 per annum.

At the commencement of the period already mentioned we also had on our books accounts payable to the extent of £11,171. This figure was reduced to £959 by the end of 1927.

The cash we had in hand at the end of 1923 was £3,738. This, however, was reduced to £2,238 by the end of 1927 by the repayment of loans.

Our net liabilities, which at the end of the year 1923 amounted to £21,039, were reduced to £9,985 at the close of 1927.

The 1923 balance sheet showed that our capital account stood at £39,908. The balance sheet for the year 1927 revealed that we were worth £55,364, an increase of £15,456.

Another important item is that all our trust funds are covered by investments, or cash represented by separate banking accounts.

The rents which we receive from the institutions and cottages on the Stanborough Park and Kingswood Estates are now adjusted annually to prevent loss on operating. After providing for rates, taxes, depreciation, water, and sundry other expenses there is little left, however, for reducing our liabilities. You will therefore inquire as to how our liabilities have been decreased. This has been done principally by the sale of portions of our Kingswood Estate, for which we had no particular need, and by gifts received.

In addition to the foregoing, we hold properties in trust to the estimated value of upwards of £32,000. These properties represent two conference office buildings and eighteen church buildings, including the new North London Church building. At the time of our last report the estimated value of our trust properties was about £11,000.

It is with deep gratitude to God that we are able to report that during the present year a church building has been erected on the Stanborough Park Estate. This building was greatly needed. Many times people have been turned away from our services for lack of room. We will refrain from saying more than that we are justly proud of our new church, and we pray that it may mark a new epoch in our spiritual life and work for others.

It is with great satisfaction that we are able to report progress in the purchase of church buildings. For many years we have encouraged our people to raise funds for this purpose, and the British Union Conference Committee feel that the time has now come when strenuous efforts should be made by our churchmembers to provide church buildings of their own in which to worship. This will give stability to our work. In order to encourage the erection or purchase of such buildings the Committee are prepared to assist in a very practical way. Commencing with next year, a substantial sum of money will be set aside for this purpose, and distributed on a percentage basis to duly approved church building schemes, as far as the money will go. This means that the more money the churches raise for this purpose, the greater sum the British Union Conference will give, up to the limit of its resources.

We are glad to report that the desire to purchase

church buildings is gaining ground. Some of our churches are already making vigorous efforts to secure the necessary cash. We understand that Nottingham has raised £500, Brighton £250, Cardiff £220, Swansea £220, Dublin £202, and Liverpool £166. These sums may have been augmented since word reached us, and there may be other churches which have also started a building fund.

This report ought not to close without reference to the generous gifts received from both the General Conference and the European Division. These gifts have enabled us to erect the North London Church. We are more than thankful for this help.

In conclusion we wish to express our gratitude to our heavenly Father for His care and guidance in the labours of our hands. The work of this Company is but one link in the great chain of the Advent Movement. It is necessary that each link be perfect. With this object in view we press forward until the great day of triumph.



## Home Missionary Dept.

Pastor J. Harker

THIS report is supposed to give as complete a representation as possible of all the work done by all the churchmembers and young people of the Union for the past four years. We are convinced, however, that the picture presented here will be a very imperfect duplicate of that which the heavenly records contain. The angels have done their work faithfully; not even the giving of a cup of cold water in the name of a disciple has been left unrecorded.

The object of all missionary endeavour is the winning of souls. We ask, What has been accomplished by the churchmembers in adding to their numbers? What is the net result of the past four years' effort? To these questions, there is only one answer—we do not know

But there are some things we do know. Our churchmembers have not been idle and we know their work has not been in vain. First, we can report a total of 14,818 Bible readings. This works out at a little over ten for each day of the past four years. We must remember, however, that less than 40 per cent of the members are reporting. Had all reported the total would have been much larger. These Bible studies have been supplemented by 78,600 missionary visits, 11,292 tracts, 208,552 hours of Christian help work, 1,282,359 copies of *Present Truth* and *Good Health*, and 51,999 books, sold, loaned, or given away. All will agree that these figures represent a tremendous amount of energy. They also represent much self-sacrifice, many prayers, together with the trials, disappointments, and happy experiences which go along with the work of seed-sowing. Perhaps that which brings the greatest joy to our hearts is the

fact that 313 new believers have been added to our numbers as a direct result of these activities. This is the fruitage as we see it to-day. Eternity alone will reveal all that has been accomplished.

Aside from the various lines of work which we have mentioned, there are two or three special efforts put forth each year chiefly in the interests of our work in heathen lands. We will mention first the Missions Extension campaign which has as its object the providing of publishing, educational, and medical facilities in needy fields the world over. During each of the four years covered by this report we have linked up with the rest of our brethren and sisters throughout the world in selling literature and making gifts for this fund. The amount raised each year is as follows:

1924	. . . . .	£433
1925	. . . . .	488
1926	. . . . .	384
1927	. . . . .	453
		Total      £1758

There has also been another literature plan put into operation since 1926, particularly for the benefit of our own home territory. This is known as the *Present Truth* and Tract campaign. The effort has had the effect of placing large quantities of our two pioneer missionary papers and shilling books in the homes of the people, besides hundreds of thousands of tracts on all phases of the message. The actual figures are as follows: Tracts, 540,000; *Present Truth*, 54,000.

Another line of literature work which the Home Missionary Department is promoting is the circulation of tracts and pamphlets in Braille. Nearly 2,000 pieces of Braille literature have been placed in the hands of the unfortunate blind. These have gone forth to those with us in the faith and others who are interested in the good reading. We would urge the importance of this line of work. There are thousands of persons in Great Britain who are able to read in Braille. They with the rest of mankind must have the message. Our present equipment consists of a monthly pamphlet called the *Christian Record*, monthly issues of the Sabbath-school lessons, tracts on various topics, and the books *Steps to Christ*, *Mount of Blessing*, and *Friendly Talks*.

By far the largest and in some respects the most important yearly effort is the Missions Appeal campaign or Harvest Ingathering. For twelve years we have engaged in this work, appealing to the public for support in our great missions undertaking. Donations have come in as small as a farthing and as large as £750. Altogether there has been raised £72,000. Millions of leaflets and booklets have been circulated. The churchmembers have been inspired, quickened in their experience, and

best of all, souls have been won to the Lord both at home and in foreign fields. During the past four years the following sums have been raised :

1924 .. .. .	£6577
1925 .. .. .	7692
1926 .. .. .	6679
1927 .. .. .	7399
Total	£28347

It might be of interest at this point to call attention to the various funds which have been promoted by the Home Missionary, Sabbath-school, and Missionary Volunteer Departments for the advance of the work in mission lands. A grand total of £52,320 has come into the treasury as follows :

Ingathering .. .. .	£28347
Sabbath-school .. .. .	19102
Week of Sacrifice .. .. .	2410
Missions Extension .. .. .	1758
Missionary Volunteer .. .. .	703

With these amounts there goes a self-sacrifice and consecration which we believe the Lord approves. We are also persuaded that the cause of God in Great Britain has been advanced not a little by the loyalty and response of both old and young in our ranks. We pray that lay activity, especially in those lines of work which bring our churchmembers into close and constant contact with their neighbours and friends with the purpose of bringing the message to them, may become more and more pronounced, until every church becomes a live missionary unit, winning large numbers of souls to Christ and the message we love.



### Sabbath School Dept.

Pastor J. Harker

The Sabbath-school is generally recognized as holding a very important position in our church organization. As an agency for building up the spiritual life of the church and helping on the finishing of God's work both at home and in foreign lands, it certainly takes first place.

#### MEMBERSHIP

To-day in the British Union we have 117 schools meeting regularly each Sabbath, with an enrolment of 4,705 members. Compared with the previous quadrennial period, there is a decrease of five in the number of schools and an increase of about 600 in the membership. Our membership goal, which is set by the Division at 120 per cent of the church-membership, is 5,553. We fall short of this objective by 848. This last figure practically represents the number of churchmembers who are not attending Sabbath-school. Four years ago the missing list represented 23 per cent of the churchmembership. To-day we are able to report 18 per cent only

of the churchmembers missing. This shows good progress for which we are thankful, but shall we not keep up the work of recruiting these missing ones until every churchmember is enjoying the benefits and blessings which the Sabbath-school affords.

Generally speaking it is in the large churches where we find the greatest leakage. Personal interest is the only remedy. The pastoral work of the church should include personal effort to bring every missing member into the full enjoyment of Sabbath-school privileges. In this work the Sabbath-school officers and teachers should co-operate to the fullest possible extent.

#### LESSON STUDIES

During the period covered by this report we have followed a course of study which must have added materially to our general knowledge of the Word of God besides building us up in the most holy faith. We started with a series of lessons on the mission of the Church in all ages, concluding with the work of our own time. This was followed by a series of beautiful studies on the victorious life. Then for one year and nine months all divisions studied the life of Christ. Next came the Acts of the Apostles taking nine months, followed by six months' lessons on doctrinal topics. During 1928 thus far we have studied the Epistle to the Ephesians, the Life of David, and now the prophecy of Isaiah. What a wonderful opportunity such an outline of lessons presents. Truly, the Sabbath-school is the university of the church.

During the past four years 5,921 received Quarterly Credit cards for daily study. This, we feel, is a good record. Six hundred and fourteen bookmarks have also been distributed to those who studied the lessons without a break for one year. Some have received bookmarks for five, six, and seven years consecutively. For the sake of the benefits which daily lesson study brings to the students, this system of credits should be encouraged.

The Stanborough Press are supplying Quarterlies to the Sabbath-schools as follows :

Senior, 4,000 per quarter; Junior, 500 per quarter.

These lesson pamphlets are supplemented by lessons for the blind in Braille. Nearly a thousand copies of these Braille lessons have been supplied to both those of our own faith and others during the past four years.

#### OFFERINGS

Turning to mission offerings in the Sabbath-school, we find much that brings encouragement. The sum of £19,102 7s. 4d. passed through the Sabbath-school envelopes during the quadrennial period. This shows an increase of £700 on the previous four years. The average per year is £4,775.

and gives us £90 for each Sabbath of the four-year period. It also represents 31 per cent of our total offerings to missions. The per capita averages 6d. per week and stands highest but one amongst the Unions of the European Division. Our Sabbath-school Offerings goal still stands at 9d. About 20 per cent of the schools manage to reach this goal each quarter.

Another phase of our mission gifts is the Birthday offering. In past years there has been an increasing interest manifested along this line due to the fact that the General Conference have decided that all Birthday offerings should go towards the opening up of new work. We would strongly recommend that this method of recognizing the goodness of God in extending His mercies toward us from year to year should be encouraged. During the four-year period Birthday offerings amounting to £134 16s 5d. have passed through our books into the missions treasury. This sum does not by any means represent the number of birthdays celebrated amongst us for the same period, but we take it as an indication that some at least find pleasure in acknowledging the goodness of God in this way. In this connection it might be opportune to quote a statement made by Sister White back in 1890. She says:

"Under the Jewish economy, on the birth of children an offering was made to God, by His own appointment. Now we see parents taking special pains to present gifts to their children upon their birthdays; they make this an occasion of honouring the child as though honour were due to the human being. Satan has had his own way in these things; he has diverted the minds and the gifts to human beings; thus the thoughts of the children are turned to themselves, as if they were to be made the objects of special favour. That which should flow back to God in offerings to bless the needy and carry the light of truth to the world, is turned from the right channel, and frequently does more harm than good, encouraging vanity, pride, and self-importance. On birthday occasions the children should be taught that they have reason for gratitude to God for His loving kindness in preserving their lives for another year. Precious lessons might thus be given. For life, health, food, and clothing, no less than for the hope of eternal life, we are indebted to the Giver of all mercies; and it is due to God to recognize His gifts, and to present our offerings of gratitude to our greatest benefactor. These birthday gifts are recognized of Heaven."

Concluding this report, we would say that definite progress has been made in Sabbath-school work since the last Union session. Our percentage of missing members has been reduced from 23 to 18 per cent, and the membership has increased by 600. Our missions offerings are steadily advancing, although regarding the latter, we feel we have not yet reached the point where the sacrifices made are in proportion to the blessings received.

Let us pledge ourselves anew to the Sabbath-

school by a regular and prompt attendance, by systematic study of the Word of God, and an ever-increasing burden for the winning of souls both at home and in heathen lands.



## Reading

EARLY in July the Reading company had their summer outing to Stanborough Park. By the kindness of Dr. Ruble, the members and interested friends were allowed to see over the Stanboroughs. Later they were conducted to the Granose Foods Factory where the company was entertained in the new assembly hall. Brother Humphries rendered two pianoforte solos, and Brother Benwell set forth the principles for which the institution stands. Brother Osborne conducted the party around the factory.

A visit was then paid to the factory of the Stanborough Press. Brother Warren showed them over the various departments and they rejoiced to see the message actually being printed.

Tea was provided at the College. Brother Carey and Sister Howard did all in their power to make the company happy and comfortable. About sixty sat down to enjoy the excellent repast.

A fitting close to the happy day was the baptismal service, held in the Watford Town Church through the kindness of Pastor McAvoy and the church officers. The candidates were examined by Pastor McAvoy, after which Pastor Tonks immersed twelve souls who had signified their intention to follow their Lord and to unite with us in our work for this time. This makes a total of twenty-four souls who have joined us from Pastor Tonks' work in Reading. A good foundation has been laid and future prospects are very bright for another twelve to join us in the near future.

EVELYN STONE.

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WANTED.—A reliable, trustworthy person for domestic work. No cooking; no children. Three in family. Comfortable home. Good outings. State wages. Write: Mrs. C. Daniels, 37 Ellerker Gardens, Richmond, Surrey.

CHARTS.—Image, 6ft. by 3 ft.: Lion, Bear, Léopard, and Nondescript, with adjustable Papal horn, 3ft. by 3ft 6 ins. Painted by G. B. Haining, 1928. This set 40/-. Write: V. S., c/o MISSIONARY WORKER.

# North British Conference Reports

(Held over from previous issue)

## Home Missionary Dept.

J. M. Howard

"IN the past we have been inclined to look upon Home Missionary work as only a department of the church, but the time has now come when we must realize that it comprises our entire membership. Everyone must be engaged in the grand work of winning souls for the Master; there can be no exceptions; we must work or we must die; there can be no spiritual progress without labour for others."

"Where there is no *active labour* for others love wanes, and faith grows dim."—"*Desire of Ages*," page 99.

We are abundantly thankful that our North British membership appreciates the truth of this statement, and all are united in a strong endeavour to seek and to save the lost.

The past year has been a year of victory. In all, 366,735 copies of *Present Truth* have been scattered broadcast in this conference and 163,401 copies of *Good Health*. Think of it! Thirty thousand past the half-million mark—well done! God will reward such faithfulness as this. The magnificent total of 64,845 tracts distributed has been reached. Our faithful members have paid over 5,500 missionary visits; 1,218 Bible readings have been given; 4,114 books distributed, and 729 treatments administered. This missionary work for others was the means by which 37 souls joined the remnant church, 5 were won by our Volunteers. This church of 37 souls—scattered around the conference, raised up without means or advertisement, is a harbinger of what will happen when we reach the ideal of every member an evangelist.

### CAMPAIGNS

The Missions Extension campaign for 1928 resulted in a grand total of £165 11s. 0d. This is £6 5s. in advance of 1927, and £20 in advance of 1926. We are thankful for this gradual improvement and trust that our goal of £200 will be reached next year. Forty-three of our forty-seven churches and companies took part in this campaign.

It is interesting to note what can be accomplished when leaders and members are united in organized service. Liverpool—reaching a double goal—is an outstanding example. This church alone raised £20 for Big Week.

## TRACT CAMPAIGN

For the encouragement of our Nottingham members who are present this afternoon let me emphasize the fact that Nottingham led the whole Union in the last tract campaign. Altogether 80,000 tracts came to this conference, 10,000 to the Nottingham Church. The young people did magnificently and many of the older members rallied to the call. We thank all throughout the conference who did their bit to help fulfil the Master's commission.

## HARVEST INGATHERING

But the crowning triumph of the year was the Harvest Ingathering campaign. North British members will be delighted to learn that we led the Union throughout the campaign—as far as per capita is concerned. True, once it was only a lead of 1d.—but it *was* a 1d.! The grand total collected was £3,040. This was £40 over the goal set, and £712 in excess of the previous year's total. This amount works out at a per capita of £1 13s. 6d.

It was a glorious response; 18 churches and companies reached the £2 per member goal. Some doubled, trebled, quadrupled, and even reached six times that goal. All our conference workers and 1,132 of our members participated in this labour of love, and we believe that the remaining 700 of our membership, though unable to collect through sickness or other infirmity, were with us in praying for this triumphant victory. We feel that we must mention also the faithfulness of our dear isolated members. I recall an instance of courageous loyalty. One sister, suffering acutely yet struggling along against terrific odds, was rewarded with over £50—a quarter of the total collected by isolated members.

We thank one and all for the enthusiasm with which they threw their energies into the glad work. One thing we must not forget, we cannot live on past successes; God's work is for ever onward; today we stand on the eve of another campaign—God is counting on you.

"Christ has no hands but our hands to do His work to-day;  
He has no feet but our feet to lead men in His way.

He has no tongue but our tongue to tell men how He died;

He has no help but our help to bring them to His side

"We are the only Bible the careless world will read; We are the sinner's Gospel, we are the scoffer's creed. We are the Lord's last message, given in deed and word:

What if the type is crooked? what if the print is blurred?

"What if our hands are busy with other work than His?

What if our feet are walking where sin's allurements are?

What if our tongues are speaking of things His lips would spurn?

How can we hope to help Him and hasten His return."



## Sabbath School Dept.

J. M. Howard

If you would come with me one Sabbath morning to visit a Sabbath-school in the Midlands I am sure that you would be thrilled as you listened to one of the teachers explaining that her class of twelve youngsters is almost entirely made up of children not of our faith. Originally they attended a kind of Home Department of the Missionary Volunteer society of that place. Meetings were held on Tuesday evenings until they became so interested that they readily accepted an invitation to Sabbath-school. This, I take it, is an illustration of that statement found in *Testimonies on Sabbath-school Work*, page 18, "The Sabbath-school, if rightly conducted, is one of God's great instrumentalities to bring souls to a knowledge of the truth." In this connection we are happy to report that 103 Sabbath-school scholars were baptized and became members of the church during the year ended June 30, 1928.

Our Sabbath-school membership of 1,861 is 100 in advance of the highest point reached for the preceding year. We in the North British conference have as our rally cry the old slogan, "Every churchmember a Sabbath-school member, and every Sabbath-school member an attending member." We are glad to report that the June quarter shows 80 members more attending than during the first quarter of the period under review.

In spite of an increased churchmembership of sixty-two, with the help of God the missing Sabbath-school members have been reduced within the present year from 425 to 363—a total reduction of sixty-two.

We are deeply grateful for this improvement, but there is yet much to be done. The missing membership of 363 is on my heart and I do not wish to leave this Union meeting without transferring the

burden to the hearts of all our Sabbath-school officers in charge of schools where there are missing members. The spirit of prophecy tells us that "we should not let slip even one opportunity of qualifying ourselves intellectually to work for God." —"*Christ's Object Lessons*," page 334. Surely these 363 brethren and sisters are missing a wonderful opportunity by abstaining from Sabbath-school every week.

### OFFERINGS

With the increased membership there is naturally an increased offering. A comparison with the previous year would be helpful to an easy understanding of the situation.

Total for year ended June, 1928 . . .	£1754	11	1
Total for year ended June, 1927 . . .	1731	0	9
Increase this year . . . . .	23	10	4
Thirteenth Sabbath offerings for present year . . . . .	442	0	0
Thirteenth Sabbath offerings for year ended June, 1927 . . . . .	397	5	3
Increase this year . . . . .	44	14	9

The increase in the Thirteenth Sabbath offerings for the year ended June 30, 1928, is practically double the total increase for the same period. Herein lies a lesson for us all; make the most of your Thirteenth Sabbath programmes.

The Birthday offerings, too, show an increase; let us not forget that this offering is devoted entirely to new work in new fields.

### CREDITS

Five hundred and fifty Record cards of honour with two seals attached, have been distributed during the year, and sixty ribbons for perfect daily study and attendance. Both are an advance on the previous year, the former of sixty and the latter of seventeen. This undoubtedly represents a growth in Christian experience among our Sabbath-school members. This year also we have issued seven ribbons to members who have studied and attended regularly for two years, one for three years, one for four years, two for five years, and one for nine years. A special ribbon is now being sent out to those who have been faithful for five consecutive years.

### A NEW SCHOOL

This report would be lacking if we failed to mention the baby. Skegness is a healthy, happy Sabbath-school. We recommend all who spend their holidays at Skegness to visit this school; a hearty welcome awaits them.

Our Sabbath-schools for the North British conference number 56; before the end of the year we intend organizing at least two others and very possibly three. We invite the prayers of all in behalf of this most important phase of the Lord's work in North Britain.

## Missionary Volunteer Dept.

J. M. Howard

"How shall I go up to my father, and the lad be not with me?"

This passionate outburst of Judah suggests the responsibility we each one have toward our young people. How can we face Almighty God and they—our young people—be not with us?

Feeling the weight of this burden the Missionary Volunteer Department organized this year for the first time a "Week of Prayer" specifically for young people. Although some of our North British societies were unable to enjoy this privilege, yet generally speaking this Volunteer Week was a source of inspiration to the whole field and a means of reclaiming many who were slipping away from the fold. Between fifty and sixty young people have been converted and baptized during 1927.

### ENCOURAGING ADVANCEMENTS

In July last year our membership stood at 443; to-day we register 528. Thus, our goal of 500 society members for the North British conference in 1928 has been more than realized already, and before the year closes a further 100 young people will be added to our already grand total. We thank God for this indication of His guidance.

Not only has our membership grown, but also the number of our societies. In July last year we had on our books 18 Senior societies, 7 Junior societies, and 4 groups; to-day we have 19 Senior societies, 10 Junior societies, and 7 groups—an increase of 4 societies and 3 groups. Immediately following this Conference two other strong Junior societies are to be organized.

### TRAINING FOR SERVICE

We support whole-heartedly the denominational plan of educating the young people in the church.

This year 140 of our young people registered their names as members of Standard of Attainment classes. Already almost 50 examination papers have been sent out to 5 societies. As some classes commenced later in the year the remainder will be sent out within the next week or so.

That the Volunteers of North Britain are desirous of improving themselves is overwhelmingly demonstrated by the fact that already 36 sets of Reading Course books (12 Senior, 12 Junior, 12 Primary) have been purchased by societies throughout our conference. In addition to this several single copies have been sold to smaller groups and individuals.

### SERVICE

With only one exception, in the following activities our young people have leapt ahead in a most remarkable manner. Almost 20,000 hours have been given in Christian help work within the last year, and the last month reached the pinnacle of

achievement in this respect. Over 2,760 missionary visits were paid. Whereas in 1926, 573 Bible readings were given, this year our records show almost double—the figure being 1,082. The number of tracts distributed amounts to 34,549, and that of papers sold or given, the enormous figure of 38,350. Books to the number of 2,111 have been disseminated by the young people, and 1,508 missionary letters have been written. Over 45 per cent of our Volunteers report.

Special thanks are due to our young people for their excellent work in the various campaigns. The tract campaign was more than a success—it was a triumph. The same is true of the Harvest Ingathering. In this campaign £525 was collected by our youth. When we think of the £75 collected by them only four years ago we are led to thank God for this evidence of consecrated endeavour. I would like to shake hands with each one of our young people and thank them personally for their wonderful response in the hour of need. Truly "the Lord has appointed the youth to be His helping hand."

### A GLIMPSE INTO THE FUTURE

Chemnitz is now history; it is a never-to-be-forgotten chapter in Missionary Volunteer endeavour; it is a forecast of similar congresses in our own land amongst our own Volunteers; it is a foundation stone from which we hope will spring an edifice of glorious inspiration for a more earnest youth, a more powerful youth, a more prayerful youth, a more studious youth, a more spiritual youth, a more victorious youth.



## Thank You!

BROTHER BRYAN wishes to thank all who assisted him in the capacity of stewards at the Birmingham Conference for their loyal co-operation and willing service.

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WANTED—For distribution among the British residents of Cairo, back numbers of *Present Truth*, *Good Health*, and *Signs of the Times*. Please send to E. G. Essery, Advent Villa, Mataria, Cairo, Egypt

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## The Ministry of the Literature

### Colporteur Delivers 319 Books in One Day

ACCOMPANIED by Brother Leslie, the field missionary secretary for Chile, Brother A. Marin delivered the above in Chuquecamata in one day. There were 104 sets of the three books *Bedtime Stories*, *What is Coming*, and *Contagious Diseases*. In addition to these the colporteur delivered five copies of *The Great Controversy* and two copies of *The Home Physician*. Congratulations to our friends in Chile! Who will be the first to sell shilling books in sets here in the home country?

### Does It Take Brains to Write a Novel Nowadays?

Mr. H. Casson has some strong things to say about the reading of novels.

He declares that "no one is too silly to write a successful novel," and goes even so far as to say, "It seems to be a difficult matter to be silly enough in order to supply the insatiable demand for trash."

### "Of the Making of Books"

Between ten and twelve thousand books are published every year in Great Britain and about ten thousand in the United States of America. One catalogue in our possession shows about 40,000 books.

So settle it in your mind that you cannot read a one-hundredth part of the books published. Choose your reading as carefully as you would choose your future.

### Can You Give an Answer?

Your success in Harvest Ingathering may depend on your own knowledge of our mission work in all lands. It is a good plan to choose for your private reading such books as will warm your own soul with interest and enable you to give an answer to those who ask further details.

*Miracles of Modern Missions* (6/-), *Our Story of Missions* (7/-), *In the Land of the Incas* (4/-), and *Travel Talks on China* (6/-), are exceptionally good. Add to these *Jungle Stories* (5/-), *Pioneering in the Neglected Continent* (5/-), and the *Year Book* (2/3), and you have a library of missionary literature which will thrill you.

### "Is There an English Paper that Treats of the Prophecies?"

Pastor G. W. Pettit, who is engaged in English evangelistic work in Burma, sends the following letter. He will be remembered as the one who, with his wife, had such a terrifying experience with

brigands near Jerusalem when on his way back to the East.

"In our English missionary work here in Rangoon, Burma, we could use to advantage from 25 to 50 copies of each issue of *Present Truth*, and from time to time we are asked the question, 'Do you not have an English paper that treats on the prophecies?'

"Mrs. Pettit and myself, who came through England, stopping over one day at Watford in April 1927, are located in this city in English evangelistic work. Our few believers are very poor, often so poor that we are called upon to help them to get the necessities of life. They are a loyal people; they love the message and are seeking to live it in the fear of God, and they are good in using literature among their neighbours. We are getting 250 copies of the American *Signs of the Times* from our own people in the States; one man or one family will furnish five copies for a year, another will furnish ten, still another one, and in this way we get the *Signs*. We have wondered if we could not get a club of *Present Truth* in the same way. We would be glad to write personal letters to the givers or to any missionary society, school, or sanitarium that would send these to us to be used in our house-to-house work. We would be glad to get fifty, but if this is impossible, could you not furnish us with at least twenty-five regularly for our work over here in needy Burma. I think after the people become acquainted with the *Present Truth* and learn to love it as they do our other denominational papers, you would get some subscriptions from different ones.

"I shall be glad to hear from you dear people regarding your paper *The Present Truth*. Assuring you of our appreciation for your co-operation in the above, I am, Yours sincerely, G. W. Pettit."

Here is an opportunity for some Young People's Society or a group of churchmembers. We have already sent parcels containing three issues and shall be glad to receive further donations for this work. Address: Free Literature Department, Stanborough Press Ltd., Watford, Herts.

### "Bedtime Stories" Testimonial

"They are quite up to what one has learned to expect from this book's predecessors. The story 'Three Wonderful Songs' is beautifully told, and would inspire any child to long to hear the angels' song.

"In our home there are three little folks, two of them with insatiable appetites for stories, and these books have been a blessing to my wife, and they have furnished the very kind of stories that are a blessing to the children. The little ones were charmed with the beautiful front picture, and who would not be?"

E. W. TURNER.  
*North New Zealand Conference.*

### Appreciation

A NUMBER of our friends have sent in letters of appreciation of the special Conference number of the MISSIONARY WORKER. One member was thoughtful enough to write as follows:

"I am delighted with the forty-eight page MISSIONARY WORKER, not only for myself, but still more for those who could not get to the Conference. The extra work must have been great. Might it not be well, in the next issue, to invite all readers to add an extra 6d. to the next payments they send in, specially ear-marked for the MISSIONARY WORKER."

We certainly appreciate this thoughtful suggestion. It may interest our friends to learn that to print 1,500 copies of a forty-eight page MISSIONARY WORKER means a cost of about 1/- per copy. So far the conferences and the institutions have borne the cost, but we feel sure that our people will be glad to do something in a practical way to show their appreciation. Those who feel led to assist, please send your contributions to your local conference office.



### Wedding Bells

LEWIS-OWEN.—On Wednesday, August 1, 1928, Thomas Henry Lewis and Rachel Gwen Owen were married at Churchdown, Glos. The bridegroom became a Seventh-Day Adventist as a result of the labours of Brother J. Benefield in the colporteur work. The bride came from Wales to Cheltenham not quite twelve months ago, having accepted the message in Wales. The happy couple decided to spend their honeymoon at the conference in Birmingham.

S. J. BURROW.

PILKINGTON-MOSS.—Brother Arthur Pilkington and Sister Dorothy Moss were united in marriage in the Regent Street Baptist Church, Rugby, on July 9th. Both are members of the Coventry Church, and have our heartiest good wishes.

COVENTRY YOUNG PEOPLE.

### At Rest

BURBRIDGE.—On Friday, May 4th, Sister Caroline Burbridge of the North London Church passed away peacefully at the home of her daughter in Muswell Hill. Our late sister came to a knowledge of the message through an effort conducted by Pastors Andross and Haughey in Birmingham about twenty-five years ago. Although confined to her bed for a number of years, she never lost hope and courage. She looked forward to the return of Jesus and the glorious resurrection. She is safe in His keeping "until the day dawns and the shadows flee away," when we hope to meet our sister again. The funeral service was conducted by Pastor H. J. Edmed and the writer.

D. MORRISON

SCALES.—Mrs. M. A. Scales, a member of the Luton Church, fell asleep in Jesus on May 25th, and was buried in Luton General Cemetery on Whit-Monday. She was 81 years of age, and was the oldest member in the

Luton Church. She was received into fellowship on 10th May, 1919. In recent years she resided about twelve miles from the church, and although not often present at the services, was always greatly interested in the progress of the Lord's work in the earth. She awaits the call of the Life-giver.

R. WHITESIDE.

GOLDING.—On Wednesday, June 27th, Sister Alice Elizabeth Golding, of the Wimbledon Church, passed away peacefully at the age of sixty-seven, after a very prolonged illness, a patient sufferer to the end. Our sister had been in the message thirty-four years, having accepted the truth through the labours of Brother Fairchild, a canvasser, and Pastor W. Hall in whose Wimbledon home she received studies. Her family of seven were brought up in the truth. Three died at an early age, leaving three daughters and a son to mourn their loss. Of these, three daughters are holding on in the blessed hope. In earlier years, Sister Golding was an ardent worker in the cause, distributing literature, visiting homes, giving Bible studies, and taking an active part in church work. Her home was always open to all who came that way. Being a great believer in prayer, she had been instrumental in winning others to the truth. A short but very impressive service was held at the Wimbledon Church, Stanley Hall, on Sabbath morning June 30th, Pastors W. H. Meredith and H. W. Armstrong officiating. Pastor Meredith spoke words of hope and encouragement to all, having known our sister for nearly thirty years. The last burial rites were conducted by Pastor Armstrong, who accompanied the mourners to Battersea Cemetery, Morden, where Sister Golding now lies asleep in Jesus.

E. S. ROSE

JESSOP.—We regret to announce the death of William Henry Jessop, a member of twenty-six years standing in the Kettering Church, under tragic circumstances on July 9th. Our brother was taken ill in a tube train whilst crossing London, and on arrival at Moorgate Street, life was extinct, as a result of heart disease. He leaves behind, his widow, four sons, and two daughters. Pastor A. K. Armstrong performed the last rites at the Kettering Cemetery on Friday, July 13th, members of the church acting as bearers.

L. M. PORCH

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### SUNSET CALENDAR

	LONDON	NOTTINGHAM	EDINBURGH	CARDIFF
Sept. 14th.	7.18	7.24	7.34	7.31
Sept. 21st.	7.2	7.7	7.16	7.15

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## An Appeal from the General Conference



*To our Dear Co-Labourers and Fellow-Believers  
in the European Division.*

As representatives of our world-wide movement assembled in European Council, composed of the General Conference officers, the Division committee, conference presidents, school principals, missionaries, and a large number of visitors, we extend most cordial greetings to all "of like precious faith" in this large Division.

It has been an unusual privilege, after seventeen long years of separation, to have had with us three of our brethren from the Union of Socialistic Soviet Republics. As we have listened to stories of the miraculous workings of God in the great Russian fields, and heard of the hand of Providence revealed in other parts of the world through the brethren from the Far East, Africa, South America, Inter-America, India, and other parts of the great vineyard, our hearts have indeed been cheered and stirred. The world is simply breaking open to a fuller proclamation of the message. The latter rain is falling. We have felt God's hand beckoning us onward to areas where hundreds and thousands are being led by the Holy Spirit to search for us, expecting us to teach them the right way.

We have again at this Council rejoiced in the surety of the triumphs of the Advent Movement. The message of Revelation fourteen is the bread of life to God's people, as well as to all mankind. It is the greatest, gladdest message that mortal men were ever given to carry to the world. The almighty power of God is behind this movement, and that power will cause it to triumph gloriously.

Now, in view of what our ears have heard and our eyes of faith have seen, an added weight of responsibility has been rolled upon the people of God throughout the European Division. The advancement that is being made not only in old occupied mission territory, but the opening of new lands and provinces, calls for a larger portion of consecrated treasure. Through the generosity and self-sacrifice of our dear believers, wonderful things have been accomplished, yet the needs are rapidly increasing, and they suggest that this year's

Harvest Ingathering campaign offers to the church an unusual opportunity to increase our mission funds, by which it shall be possible to make even greater advancement.

It has seemed to us that the means gathered in this year's Ingathering should considerably exceed those of any previous year in our history. May each individual member consider well the question, "Lord, what wouldst Thou have me to do?" and, determining this in prayer, let us measure up fully to our solemn obligations, as disciples and co-labourers of Christ Jesus!

During this Council our thoughts have turned to our missionaries who are so nobly upholding the banner of truth in darkened lands. We have also remembered the fathers and mothers throughout our Division who have given their children for service in mission lands. Demands will constantly be coming for further sacrifices, and while all are not asked to give up sons and daughters, yet all are called upon to uphold the hands of those who go and preach Christ to benighted souls.

Events transpiring in the world and the open doors of God urge us to hasten on with the message while the day lasts. Therefore, be of good cheer, brethren and sisters. Your constant remembrance of the missionary needs, and your sacrifices in the giving and ingathering of gifts are not in vain. Thus let us labour on in one united band until the work is done.

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