



THE WEEK OF PRAYER

BY PASTOR W. H. MEREDITH

ANOTHER year is fast passing away and we are once more approaching our annual Week of Prayer. It behoves us to consider what this present year has brought to us. Many have been the signs which indicate that the end is near at hand, especially in the wonderful work that God is doing in the newly-entered countries. Hundreds of people are coming to a knowledge of the truth, even in places where little has been done to teach them, and our workers say again and again that we are in the time of the latter rain.

When we read of these wonderful things happening among the heathen, we regret that the work moves so slowly in this so-called Christian land of ours, and it should stir us to make this coming Week of Prayer *a time of real heart-searching, a time for the putting away of every sin, and a time for earnest supplication that God may give to His people in all our churches an out-pouring of His Holy Spirit.*

We must not neglect this, for the nearer we get to the end of our journey the closer should be our walk with God. If we look at ourselves and the things that happen around us, we may find much to discourage us, but seeing the Lord is working so mightily in other hearts, shall we not let Him have His way with us, to lift us above all discouragement, to help us forget the things that are behind, and to press forward to the goal that is set before us in Christ Jesus.

Jesus is soon coming and His people must be ready to meet Him, and at that time we will not want any of our sins with us. This Week of Prayer will be a good opportunity for us to put everything away that defileth and to seek a thorough cleansing and an out-pouring of the Spirit of the Lord that will enable us to overcome every sin and go forward with the work given us to do.

We appeal to the workers and leaders of our churches and companies to place before the churchmembers the real object of this Week of

Prayer, and so to plan that every member of the church may get the very best possible out of it. If we, as leaders, plan well for our churches and companies, then we may expect good results. Be sure that every meeting is properly planned for, with some good leader to conduct the service. Give each leader of the meeting plenty of time to prepare. Let your plans be laid well for the best results possible, and the Lord will surely answer the prayers of His people.

During the recent Autumn Council of the General Conference Committee the urgent calls that came from mission fields to the General Conference stirred the hearts of those who were present, and actions were taken to plead with our people the world over to make the offerings to missions, the Annual Offering especially, the largest ever made. We, here in Great Britain, will certainly want to fall into line with the rest of our brethren, so let us plan to encourage our people to make the Annual Offering the largest yet. We ought not to fall behind any year of the past, but should make some advance. If we really believed the Lord were coming very soon, we would want to put our all into His treasury. Let us see to it that at this opportunity we withhold nothing.

That the Week of Prayer may be a time of sweet refreshing to every member of the church in Great Britain, and that a mighty out-pouring of God's Spirit may come upon us, is our earnest prayer.



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On December 29th—the day of the last mission offering of the year.

To which particular offering does this have reference?

To the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering, of course.

We are always having surprises on the Thirteenth Sabbath, you know.

And where does this "double offering" go to?

To the Inter-American Division, in charge of Elder E. E. Andross.

Have we any information regarding the specific needs of this field? Brother Andross says:

"We need schools, dispensaries, and hospitals where our native workers can be trained for efficient service, and where relief may be dispensed to the waiting people. It is within the power of our Sabbath-schools to give so liberally on the Thirteenth Sabbath that we will be enabled to provide physical and spiritual help for thousands of weary sufferers."

Is there more that can be learned regarding the needs of Inter-America?

Yes, Elder Andross and other workers of the Inter-American Division have written special articles appearing in the current issue of the *MISSIONARY WORKER*. No Thirteenth Sabbath contributor should fail to read what these brethren say.

But can the Sabbath-schools really do this? Can they raise £600 in a single Thirteenth Sabbath Offering?

Yes, they have done it once before with a much

smaller membership. This happened in the fourth quarter of 1924, when the total Thirteenth Sabbath Offering was £601 8s. 11d.

How do you plan to get the extra £300?

First let everybody take up the slogan "*Double the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering for Inter-America.*"

Let each Sabbath-school find out how much was raised last quarter, double that amount, and make it the goal for December 29th. Then let each person double the amount he or she gave last quarter and add a little if possible, in case someone should fail to accept the challenge of our slogan.

Lastly, and this is a very practical item in the list of suggestions—sell some copies of *Uncle Arthur's Bedtime Stories* No. 5. It is the book everybody wants. You only need to ask your friends and neighbours to buy a copy as a gift for their children, telling them you are doing this to increase your mission gifts, and your "*double offering*" is secure. If you need 1/- above what you can give yourself, sell two books. If you need 2/-, sell four books, and so on.

Think it over prayerfully. This "double offering" is not a passing departmental whim; it represents a very urgent need. There are a thousand reasons why we should do it.

Then let us do it and do it cheerfully, for the Lord loveth a cheerful giver. J. HARKER.
British Union Conference Sabbath-School Dept.

INTER-AMERICA

Valuable matter for your next 13th Sabbath Programme

Opening Providences Urge Us Forward

THE day of opportunity in Colombia has come at last! Centuries have come and gone while the doors barring the way of the messenger of the cross have been securely closed. It is true that in parts of the field Protestant missions have been established for some years; but the results from all these efforts have been sadly disappointing. The greater part of the territory, however, has never been entered, save in recent years by colporteurs carrying the Bible and our message-filled literature. Not only was there no call from those who were perishing, but the Catholic priesthood were in undisputed possession of the entire territory, and stood ready to challenge the right of any other denomination to present the Gospel to the people.

Suddenly a great change has come. Now, from all parts of that vast republic, urgent and appealing calls for help are constantly sounding in the ears of the little band of faithful missionaries we have recently stationed in different parts of Colombia. While on a recent trip through central Colombia,

Pastor H. E. Baasch, superintendent of the Colombia Union Mission, wrote as follows, after relating some thrilling experiences in addressing eager throngs in various cities and villages.

"I am afraid that my letter will not convey to you the burning character of the situation as we have found it in the province of Huila, which, by the way, is counted among the most fanatical in Colombia. In practically every place we touch, the doors are wide open for us to step in and gather the harvest that is ripening. If we had sufficient workers, we could have a church in every one of these places within a very short time. The Lord is pouring His Spirit upon these people in a remarkable way; and the burden lies upon our hearts! How are we to cope with this situation? Where shall we get the men to send into the field to gather the harvest and to instruct souls who are depending upon us to deliver them from the age-long darkness in which they have been enshrouded?"

"People, somehow, feel instinctively that they are going to have light from the Advent Message;

and they are flocking to it literally by the thousands. No Protestant work has ever been established in these parts of the republic. The Roman Catholic church is fast losing her hold upon the people; and they are looking for a shepherd to lead them into the ways of safety and peace. The field is ours for the working of it.

"In the majority of townships there is not a doctor or nurse to be found, to say nothing of a hospital or even a receiving station. There is a wonderful field open for any consecrated missionary."

"It is the very essence of all right faith to do the right thing at the right time. God is the great Master Worker, and by His providence He prepares the way for His work to be accomplished. He provides opportunities, opens up lines of influence, and channels of working. If His people are watching the indications of His providence, and stand ready to co-operate with Him, they will see a great work accomplished. Their efforts, rightly directed, will produce a hundred-fold greater results than can be accomplished with the same means and facilities in another channel where God is not so manifestly working."—"*Testimonies*," Vol. 6, page 24.

Truly God is very manifestly working in Inter-America just now. The hour of opportunity has struck! The experience related in this article is by no means an isolated case. From all parts of the division comes the same wonderful story of God's providential workings preparing the hearts of the people for this message. With our present force of workers, and with the facilities at our command, we are absolutely unable to cope with the present situation. It is entirely beyond us. Help must come; and it must come soon; or the precious golden grain that is now ripening for the sickle must soon fall to the earth with no reapers to gather it for the heavenly garner.

We are doing our utmost! A number of our missionaries have recently fallen out of our ranks, because of failing health. Others are continuing to work to the breaking point. Our facilities are very meagre. Hence, in this hour of opportunity, we come in our helplessness to you. Our daily prayer is that our dear fellow-believers in the homeland will come to our help upon the thirteenth Sabbath and make it possible for us, by the grace of God, to press into these opening providences.

E. E. ANDROSS.



Jamaica

MAY I send a word from this lovely island to our Sabbath-schools in the dear old home-land? The overflow of your thirteenth Sabbath donations this quarter is assigned to the Inter-American Division, with its huge Spanish population for whom very little has yet been done, and the chain of islands whose peoples have responded so long and so liberally to the calls for other fields.

Workers and churches and educational facilities are needed sadly, and besides the waste of the recent hurricanes, there are urgent demands for church buildings to accommodate the ever-increasing number of companies that are taking their stand for the truth. May I plead with you to do your very best? We are looking anxiously to our dear brethren to help us. Do not forget that the thirteenth Sabbath opens the door of opportunity to you all. Please step in with a big bag, FULL.

HERBERT J. EDMED.



Thirteenth Sabbath Offering

THE coming thirteenth Sabbath offering is of greater interest and significance to me than any previous one ever made by our Sabbath-schools, because the "overflow" goes to the great and needy work in the Inter-American Division Conference, of which the Antillian Union Mission is a part.

Having now visited the fields of Cuba, Jamaica, Haiti, Santa Domingo, and Porto Rico, I can speak from personal observation and write concerning the needs of this field which will benefit by the overflow from the offering on the last Sabbath of 1928. The special objects to be helped and benefited by this overflow are many and varied, but primarily it will assist in fostering and developing the medical, educational, and extension interests of the work in the Division Conference. I wish especially to call attention to a few of our needs in the islands of the Greater Antilles. These needs are so many and varied that it just seems that the providence of God has gone before us in every direction, opening doors and making the way ready for a quick work among the 10,000,000 people of these wonderful islands. It matters not whether it is in the English Bahamas and Jamaica, or Spanish Cuba, Porto Rico, Santa Domingo, or the French-speaking Haiti, the calls are numerous; and the openings on every hand are calling for entrance with the message of truth.

As a result of the work of humble, uneducated laymen in rural districts, scores in places are accepting the light of the message, all prepared for development by our workers, who are all too few to begin to answer the calls and fill the needs on every hand that are awaiting entrance.

A large overflow offering this coming thirteenth Sabbath will mean so much in giving assistance in but a few of the many openings awaiting help. We therefore appeal to our people to make a supreme effort. Begin now planning definitely on a large offering for Inter-America. Let it be the largest thirteenth Sabbath offering ever made. God will bless and souls will be saved.

A. R. OGDEN.

Superintendent Antillian Union Mission, Havana.

OUR COLPORTEURS' CORNER

How To Increase Sales

MR. F. W. GOODENOUGH, the chairman of the Incorporated Sales Managers' Association, at a dinner of the association given recently, made some important statements in discussing the qualities needed by salesmen in order to be successful.

As I read the statements over in my morning paper I thought that they fitly represent our own needs as Christian colporteurs. "First and foremost," said this sales manager, "salesmen need character."

So then, in order to compete successfully as a commercial salesman it is essential that a man be perfectly honest and upright in all his transactions.

If experienced men of business in worldly enterprises feel that way about it, how important it is that men who are handling sacred truths should observe the principles of strictest integrity in their work.

The Gospel colporteur is often faced with peculiar temptations to depart from the straight path, and we do well to be ever on our guard.

The world abounds with deceitful practices for obtaining money, and because competition in selling increases, men will go to almost any length in order to make sales. It is good, then, to find that integrity and honesty are held out by a commercial salesman of experience as the first requisites to efficiency in salesmanship. We who are working for God ought to keep this in mind. It will help us in time of temptation.

But character was only one of a list of qualities mentioned by Mr. Goodenough. Continuing his talk on salesmen, he added: "They need initiative, courage, industry, determination, perseverance, courtesy, sympathy, patience, and, above all, enthusiasm."

This is a strong array of selling qualifications, and we ought to give them earnest consideration, noticing our personal relation to them.

As you read them over you will agree that to be 100 per cent successful, the Gospel colporteur needs to show all these qualities in his work. To be weak on only one of these points may mean failure instead of victory. Mr. Goodenough emphasized the last element, "enthusiasm." He said: "The man who cannot get excited and enthusiastic about his business has no business to be in it."

How applicable this is to our own line of service. But in order to be really enthusiastic about his work a man must love it. And to love the colporteur work we must have a strong love for the truth.

We must know what it has done for us. It is impossible to bring our prospect up to a climax of enthusiasm unless we ourselves are aglow with the message. Cherishing the thought that the third angel's message is everything to us, we cannot but enthuse in its proclamation. But lacking enthusiasm we fail. "Men are nothing," said Montaigne, "until they are excited."

It would be a good thing for our colporteurs if they would look back over their experiences and see where their strong points and their weaknesses lie.

To encourage this self-examination among the South England colporteurs, I invite all to think of their best experiences that resulted in sales, and to write out what they consider the most remarkable one, stating at the head of the article which of the qualities mentioned was the chief reason for the order being taken. A half-guinea book will be posted to the colporteur who sends in the best article. Address your contribution: "Experience," The Stanborough Press Ltd., Watford, Herts., and post it so as to reach me not later than Monday, December 17th. I hope that every worker will send along his or her experience.

May we all study to show ourselves approved unto God, becoming more efficient in service, workmen that need not be ashamed when the Master comes with His rewards. B. BELTON.



The City Problem

THE problem before the colporteur necessitates his being ever on the alert, seeking opportunities to place truth-filled books in the homes of the people. To do this he must go where the people live, and as the major portion of the population dwell in the cities, these must be the sowing ground of the colporteur.

The question is how to approach and favourably impress the city-dweller, harassed by a continuous stream of callers. Pedlars have devised ingenious methods of presenting their wares, and their success has given great courage to the writer to face the situation.

At first sight, there would seem to be many obstacles to city colporteur work. Unemployment is rife, especially in the industrial areas. "Short time" is an excuse met with from morning to night. The labour exchanges are busy paying out doles, and almost every day someone goes bankrupt. The cry "everything is so dear" is incessant. "No money! No money!" Things are

tight!" This is what the colporteur hears.

Yet, at the same time, more chocolates and sweets are being bought, breweries continue to flourish, and tobacco profits are increasing to unheard-of proportions. Every shade of colour in attire can be seen on the streets. Motor-cycles are becoming quite common, and motor-cars are being made and sold by the million. Furthermore, about one and a half million Savings Certificates are being purchased every week.

To me, all this has been a proof that our outlook is at fault. Some time ago I was invited to a gathering of people in a working-class district to listen to about a hundred and fifty little children render some sacred music. The small hall was packed with upwards of 1,000 people and a collection was taken up amounting to £102. I was amazed that, in spite of the poorness of the district, the unemployment, half time, etc., such an offering should be forthcoming, and that the children should all be dressed in elaborate new frocks.

In making calls in the cities, I find some houses where everyone goes to work, girls earning £3 a week or more, and so on.

No money! Hard times! Things tight! Can it be true? Why did the writer ever think so? I have come to the conclusion that the "bad times" cry has been repeated so often that people have come to believe that it is true, and colporteurs have come to believe it too.

The colporteur who will take courage from the need he sees before him, leaving the financial side of his calling in the Lord's hands, will catch a new vision. Never was there such a time as the present. Men, courageous, fully consecrated, and well versed in the message for this time, are needed for city evangelistic colporteur work.

It can be done! One Sunday, in the street where I lived, nearly every family purchased a book from the I. B. S. A. Shortly before, the district schools were visited by canvassers for encyclopædias, many orders for £8 sets being taken. Have not you and I had a false vision? Why should not we have £20 weeks in the cities?

Take heart, dear friend. Attempt the apparently impossible. Locate wisely, work discreetly, and with a burning passion for the truth you will surmount every obstacle.

J. BENEFIELD.

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BROTHER BILLARD writes:

"Talking about advertising, our books certainly do advertise themselves. One day last week I was canvassing a gentleman in his home and he drew my attention to a certain book in his bookcase. It was *Bible Readings* (old edition). Upon asking him his views of the book, he said, 'the best in the case.' Then I told him the one I had was the new edition. Result—one order."



A Promising Young Colporteur

(This is the first of a series of colporteur character sketches by Brother B. Belton. Look out for the next.)

WALTER J. NEWMAN was born in December 1910, and commenced canvassing with our large bound books a few weeks before reaching

the age of sixteen. He has done good work since then, selling about £250 worth of *Bible Readings* in Ipswich, Wrexham, North Shropshire, and the Cheltenham district.

For one so young this is excellent. It is no light task for a boy to take orders for books that are priced at 32/6, 25/-, and 20/-, and the steady success he has had so far augurs well for his development in the future. His faith in God and the message is an inspiration to those who are older in years and experience.

Asked for his opinion of the canvassing work and his outlook on the future, Brother Newman said:

"My opinion of the colporteur work is that it is the best means of strengthening one's faith in Christ, and has been and will be the means of bringing many souls into the truth, who perhaps would never have heard of it in any other way.

"My desire for the future is to put in faithful service until the end, that in the great and glorious day I may hear the words, 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant: . . . enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.' "

We ask the prayers of God's people in behalf of this promising young soldier of the cross, that his noble aims may be realized, and that many who are now in error may be enlightened through his ministry.

B. BELTON.

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Wedding Bells

ELLIOTT--JOHNSTONE.—On October 16th, Brother Edward C. Elliott, late of the Newport Church, and Sister Isabel H. Johnstone, S.R.N., C.M.B., were united in marriage at Nottingham. Nurse Johnstone, formerly a member of the Newport Church, has for several years been practising in Nottingham, where her husband now joins her. We are sure the WORKER family will unite with us in wishing them much of God's presence and blessing as they continue their service for the Master in this corner of His vineyard.

F. A. SPEARING.

BACK TO BEREA

A Further Instalment of the Darmstadt Report—By *THE EDITOR*

Greece

ANOTHER heart-thrilling report was that given by Brother Hennecke, who told of the growth of the work in Greece. This is the smallest field in all Europe. In that country everything is forbidden, the Greek Catholic Church being supreme everywhere. The whole nation is in very much the same condition as Russia was before the revolution.

Not long ago Brother Hennecke held a series of meetings in Salonica. They were held at no little risk, but after twelve meetings he baptized seven persons from the Greek Orthodox faith. The papers were full of it. The priests said that they would close down these Protestant meetings. But the meetings continued. Over 120 people were crowded in one room, and on one occasion forty others were turned away.

A journalist came down to investigate, with orders to obtain information so that he could write against the Seventh-Day Adventists. Brother Hennecke gave him a Harvest Ingathering paper. The next day the newspaper came out with three full columns describing the wonderful work of the Seventh-Day Adventists. The Metropolitan of the the Greek Church was infuriated, and replied in the newspaper with great vigour. However, letters came in from all parts of Greece, and on one Sabbath a man came to the meeting and said that he had been keeping Sabbath for thirty years, and rejoiced to meet some fellow Sabbath-keepers. It turned out that he had come from Berea. He had heard of the Sabbath from a man who came from Persia, and in Berea he began to study the Scriptures and observe the Sabbath. So Brother Hennecke went to Berea, and began preaching from Acts 17, and they "studied the Scriptures daily, whether those things were so." They studied from morning till night. Between thirty and forty people were interested. It was not long before the priests got to hear about it. The police came and, amid great excitement, two of the brethren were taken to prison. But to-day we have a fine Sabbath-school in Berea.

At Corinth also there are five persons keeping Sabbath. They appealed to Brother Hennecke to come to see them and said that they wanted to be baptized and to unite with the church. From other parts of Greece letters have come in and there are at least thirty people waiting to hear the truth. So even in this smallest field, which was the centre of

so much of the religious life of the early church, God has begun to work for the recovery of the remnant of His people.

BULGARIA

Brother Thomas from Bulgaria told some interesting experiences concerning the work in his country. On one occasion recently two colporteurs were taken to prison. They were most anxious to get back to their work, and, at a loss to know what to do while waiting for judgment to be passed on them, they sang hymns. As the farmers went by the court house, they said, "Who is that singing in the prison?" They were told, "Oh, those are the Adventists who have been selling bad literature." The farmers replied, "If they are bad men they could not sing such songs as those." And the men were released. Since that time a new law has been passed, allowing people to sell literature on the street.

In one village in Bulgaria the mayor is a Seventh-Day Adventist. Notwithstanding "party" controversy he has the never-failing confidence of the people. He has resigned on several occasions, but has been compelled to go back into office at least four times.

Brother Thomas then told of some of the trouble that happened during the earthquake early this year. He was in the midst of it, and felt the fearful earth tremors. No fewer than 219 villages were destroyed, and 265,000 people rendered homeless. Over one hundred persons were killed and 672 wounded. In places the earth opened up and closed again and men were engulfed in the pit. At another place the earth dropped as much as three feet. Brother Thomas made a strong appeal for funds to relieve the distress caused by this awful disaster. *(To be continued.)*

DARBY.—Sister Darby of the Handsworth Church entered into rest on Sunday, September 2nd, in her eighty-second year. Our sister accepted the message about eleven years ago through the ministry of her daughter, Sister Rosier. In 1920 she was baptized and received into the church by Pastor W. Hall. She had been following her Lord and Master for nearly seventy years and will be greatly missed by her relatives and friends. One son, and two daughters, with their children, are left to mourn their loss, but not as those who have no hope. The funeral service was conducted by the writer.

J. E. BELL.



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THE Week of Prayer commences at sunset next Friday, December 7th.

AT Skodsborg, Denmark, the last meeting of the old European Division Committee is taking place this week. Final plans will be laid for the organization of the four new divisions which come into operation on January 1, 1929.

ONCE more The Stanborough Press has been asked to give of its best to other fields. During December Brother Jack Craven will leave to take up his new work as factory superintendent of our publishing house at Poona, India, and Sister Fielding will transfer to Berlin to assist in the new office of the Central European Division.

WE would call special attention to the articles published in this issue describing various phases of the work in Inter-America. Sabbath-school officers will find them particularly valuable.

IN this issue also some extra-special items are included for our colporteurs. Do not fail to read the articles by Brethren Belton and Benefield.

"GREETINGS," the holiday number of *Present Truth*, is now ready. This year we have kept the price at twopence, despite the fact that it is printed in two colours. We must sell 50,000 copies to cover the extra investment. Please do your best to give this number a wide circulation.

Sowing Beside All Waters

IT was Harvest Ingathering time in Cape Town, and Mohammedans abounded everywhere. So I asked the wife of a Salvation Army captain what kind of a response she received from these people when asking for money.

"Oh," she said, "you don't dare to approach those Mohammedans. Why! they would kill a Christian if they thought they could do it without being found out."

Somehow, I could not believe she was right, so I made a start. (You can know them by the fez, of which they seem very proud.) I showed a great many of them a picture of our workers attending to sick Indians; that seemed to appeal to them more than anything I said.

One old priest looked at me in a doubtful way, but without saying a word he placed his thumb and

first finger into his breast-pocket, tweezer fashion, and brought up a threepenny piece for me. I smiled, and passed on, thinking of the Salvationist, and wishing she had been near to see it.

A high-class Mohammedan came to the sanitarium for an operation; he had a noble face, and his expression was extremely kind. The coloured ward was joined on to our rooms, and I often stepped in to talk a little while to the patients. I told this man some of the things the Bible teaches, and he said, "My book teaches that too." One Sunday a number of his friends came to see him, and on their way back they had to pass my door. As they came along single file I handed them some papers, and some of them put some silver coins into my box. A few days later their friend was well enough to leave the sanitarium, but I had not seen him for some days and did not know that he was to go so soon. However, about nine o'clock in the morning, we heard a gentle tap on the door, and one of my boys went to see who was there. It was the Mohammedan patient, and he said, placing a two-shilling piece in my boy's hand, "I am going away to-day, give this to your mother."

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