



THE LEICESTER CONFERENCE

By J. H. PARKIN

IDEAL weather conditions, so welcome after the long period of cold, greatly contributed to the happiness of the series of meetings connected with the twenty-seventh annual session of the North England Conference, held in the Co-operative Hall, High Street, Leicester, during the Whit week-end, May 17th to the 21st.

The Northern European Division was represented by the president, Pastor L. H. Christian, and the Young People's and Sabbath-school secretary, Pastor G. A. Lindsay, the British Union by the president, Pastor W. H. Meredith, the vice-president, Pastor W. T. Bartlett (just back from East Africa), the secretary-treasurer, Brother A. Carey, and the Departmental secretary, Pastor J. Harker. In addition to the welcome help of these brethren good assistance was given by Professor Lynn H. Wood, the College principal, and by Pastor A. S. Maxwell, the Stanborough Press manager. These brethren were the medium of great blessing from God as they declared His messages from day to day in the devotional exercises. Their counsel in the business sessions was a real asset.

The hall authorities took pains to provide every facility needed to accommodate us satisfactorily, and served us well. Brother and Sister Lennox had all the delegates and friends fixed in their lodgings. The plans of the pastoral committee worked smoothly. The refreshments provided by the Conference on the Sabbath and Sunday fully met the need. Above all, the presence of the Lord by His Spirit, and the fellowship of the delegates and friends attending, were evident throughout the session.

The Conference convened on Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock, when the roll was called and the Conference was organized for business.

In the evening, Brother Meredith delivered the first message in a sermon on Heb. 11:7. We were told that Noah, "a preacher of righteousness,"

made his task his text. His confident belief in God's Word prompted him to build the ark, which constituted a definite witness to that Word and was the medium of "the saving of his house." If we believed our message as Noah did his, we too would work accordingly to warn the world of its impending doom and at the last be "found righteous."

A kindred message to this was delivered at another time by Brother L. H. Wood in his study on "The School of Faith versus the School of Sight," when he urged the cultivation of a firm belief in God's Word, as the truth, however much appearances may seem to deny it. Noah and his mid-land ship building in obedience to God's Word, despite the appearances against the possibilities of a flood, was an apt illustration among others of Professor Wood's address.

The Sabbath was a banquet of good things. It commenced with a workers' prayer meeting at which the key-note of the conference session was given by Pastor Christian in a five-minute talk based on Rom. 1:11, 12. It was suggested that this expression recorded of Paul as he anticipated meeting with the church at Rome should be the sentiment and purpose of every Gospel worker in attending any meeting, and especially a conference session or camp meeting.

The Sabbath-school was attended by some 250 people, and was presided over by Brother J. M. Howard. Pastor E. E. Craven taught the lesson from the desk. A moving missionary appeal was made by Brother L. H. Wood as he related a stirring story of the fidelity of a native Christian in one of the South Sea Islands. The collection was close on £14.

Many more people assembled for the preaching service that followed, at which Pastor Christian's subject was "Thirsting after the Living God." He emphasized the need for a belief in the personality of God, especially in this day when such a belief

is so rare and is even denied by religious leaders "What is the Living God to you?" was a searching question put in the course of the sermon. A number signified their desire for special prayer for themselves and their friends and adjourned to a short after-meeting for that purpose.

In the afternoon two young brethren, Brother G. D. King and Brother C. A. Reeves were ordained to the ministry, after an appropriate address on "Consecration" by Professor L. H. Wood. The ordination prayer was offered by Pastor Spearing. Pastor Christian gave the charge and Pastor W. H. Meredith welcomed these brethren into the ministry. Brethren King and Reeves led out in a bright testimony meeting which followed.

On the Sabbath afternoon a baptism was also held in a local Baptist Church, during which six souls passed through the water to walk with Christ in newness of life.

A timely and inspiring sermon occupied the evening hour at the close of the Sabbath. Pastor A. S. Maxwell sounded a clarion call in behalf of true Protestantism, now almost extinct. The sermon, the title of which was "Is Ridley's Candle Guttering Out?" constituted a reply to the challenging statement of Father Ronald Knox: "She (the Church of Rome) has seen the rise and decadence of Bible Protestantism and Ridley's candle guttering in its socket." Associated with this statement, as the basis of his address, Brother Maxwell read Rev. 14:9, 10. Quoting the memorable Protest framed and declared by the Reformers at the Second Diet of Spires in 1529, the speaker went on to show how we are their successors and God's Protestant people of to-day. After detailing some of the prominent features of the revival of the Papacy, Brother Maxwell concluded with a moving appeal for all to keep Ridley's candle burning, by a whole-hearted adherence and witness to the true Protestant principles for which this movement stands.

The morning and afternoon devotional exercises of the last three days were times of spiritual refreshing and encouragement. Those leading out in these were Pastors Christian, Meredith, Bartlett, Wood, and Prescott. The evening preaching services were also seasons of great blessing.

The Young People's meetings were well provided for, and well attended. Brother Lindsay and other leading brethren rendered very helpful service in these.

Nurse L. Clifford from the Stanborough Park Sanitarium was in attendance. Occupying most of one session, Nurse Clifford outlined plans that had been put on foot for the introduction of home nursing and cooking classes in our churches and in other ways to encourage the practice of health principles in this country. She outlined some

hopeful prospects in this direction as it becomes possible to develop the plans.

Early in the session Brother Spearing presented a report for the previous year. This will appear in another place.

Brother J. M. Howard also reported for the three departments in his care.

The Field Missionary Secretary, Brother G. R. Bell, in his maiden speech in the interests of the book work in the conference, reported some extraordinary records recently made by two of the forty-one colporteurs under his care. The total business done by the North England colporteurs for the year under review amounted to £7,931. The publishing interests of the conference were also set forth and supported by Brethren A. S. Maxwell and A. Warren, of the Stanborough Press.

Towards the end of the Conference every one of the conference workers, with the exception of Pastor R. Whiteside, briefly reported his work. The latter unfortunately was unable to attend on account of a recent illness from which he has happily almost recovered.

The following resolutions were passed in the course of the session:

RESOLUTION 1

WHEREAS the passing of another year has been attended by a measure of progress and prosperity in many lines of activity, both ministerial and lay, as witnessed by an increase of membership and in other ways,

Resolved, That we, in conference assembled, express our heartfelt gratitude to Almighty God for His gracious, willing, and ever-ready assistance which has alone made possible this result, and further, that we here and now pledge ourselves to put forth earnest and continuous endeavour until the task which He has entrusted to us shall be accomplished

RESOLUTION 2

WHEREAS during the past conference year an unusually large number of our members have been laid to rest,

Resolved, That we, in conference assembled, express our deep sympathy with the bereaved

RESOLUTION 3

WHEREAS this is the first Conference session in the British Isles since the headquarters of the European Division were transferred from Berne,

Resolved, That we take this opportunity to express to the officers of the Division a warm and hearty welcome to this country, and pray the blessing of God upon their labours

Speaking to this resolution Pastor Meredith made reference to the following statement of loyalty framed and adopted at the first Winter Council of the Northern European Division held at Skodsborg, Denmark, Nov. 27 to Dec. 4, 1928:

STATEMENT OF LOYALTY TO THE MESSAGE

"In former days, God's people often stopped to review the past, to study the present, and survey the future. Thus their faith, courage, and joy in the Lord were revived and strengthened. In like manner, it seems timely as we begin this first session of the Northern European Division to study briefly the great fundamentals of our faith, order, and work.

"We accept in full the doctrine and organization of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church. We believe

that this advent message and movement, founded as it is on the entire Bible, and upon the Bible only, is a fulfilment of Scripture prophecy. We accept without reserve the precious instruction of the spirit of prophecy in the advent church, not as a new Bible, or an addition to the Bible, but as light from heaven on the Word of God. We desire, under God, to stand loyal to the General Conference and to the advent believers as one Church and one body in all the world.

"The condition of the world, as well as other signs of the times, and especially the rapid advance of the Advent Movement, lead us to believe that the coming of the Lord is very near.

"The work to be done being large, and the time brief, we feel deeply the great and solemn task committed to us, and we desire with all our ministers and workers to lead our people into a deeper spirituality and stronger faith, as well as a genuine preparation for the coming of Christ: to do our utmost to save and train our children and youth, and we pledge ourselves under God to make every effort to carry the advent message to the many millions in the countries of the Northern European Division, including its large mission fields "

This statement of loyalty was accepted by the delegates in behalf of the whole conference, and the resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION 4

IN view of the statement made by the president in his annual report to the effect that the tithe for 1928 showed a decrease of £121 as compared with 1927, and that for the first quarter of 1929 there was a further decrease of £262,

Resolved, That we pledge ourselves to faithfulness in the matter of tithes and offerings, and undertake to encourage all our people to this end.

The following nominations for the ensuing year were presented and accepted:

President Pastor F. A. Spearing
Secretary-Treasurer J. H. Parkin
Sabbath-school, Home Missionary, and Young People's Secretary J. M. Howard
Field Missionary Secretary G. R. Bell
Auditor A. Carey
Executive Committee Pastor F. A. Spearing, J. H. Parkin, J. M. Howard, G. R. Bell, E. E. Craven, F. C. Bailey, G. T. Bryan, J. H. Hanson, L. Brooking

Credentials were recommended and granted to the following:

Ministerial Credentials: F. A. Spearing, A. S. Rodd, A. K. Armstrong, E. E. Craven, J. E. Bell, F. C. Bailey, W. P. Prescott, W. A. Hall, R. Whiteside, G. D. King, C. A. Reeves

Licensed Ministers: J. M. Howard, J. H. Parkin, F. W. Coppock, A. V. Ward, W. Lennox.

Missionary Credentials: S. Morley, G. R. Bell, Miss A. F. Clarke, Miss E. Donaldson, Mrs. D. Casey, Miss M. Basher, Miss J. E. Bastow, Miss I. Himsforth

Colporteurs' Licences: J. Benefield, Miss C. Benefield, P. Binks, Mrs. E. Binks, J. E. C. Davey, J. H. Greenhow, E. G. Gregory, Mrs. S. Hamblin, R. H. Holland, C. L. Kelly, W. E. Laming, P. Mayoh, A. Reeve, W. Rowland, W. C. Smart, H. Smith, Miss Thackaberry, E. G. Wood, W. H. Woodfield.

All other names to be referred to the Conference Committee.

J. H. PARKIN, *Secretary*.

North England Conference

President's Report for the year ended
December 31st, 1928

At the outset we would say that this report has to do very largely with the work conducted under the direction of our predecessor, Pastor A. E. Bacon, as we did not connect with this field until October of last year.

TERRITORY

Various changes have taken place from time to time in the territory of what is now called the North England Conference, the latest of which came into effect last October, when Scotland, formerly a section of the North British Conference, was organized as a mission field directly responsible to the British Union Committee. As Scotland is not now a part of this field, our report will deal exclusively with North England.

Our territory at the present time is situated in the very heart of Britain, being bounded on the north by Scotland, on the west by the Irish Sea, the principality of Wales, and the English counties of Shropshire, and Herefordshire, on the south by Gloucestershire, Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire, and Bedfordshire, and on the east by East Anglia and the North Sea.

POPULATION

There are sixteen counties in the North England Conference with an average population of more than a million. The total population of our field, which is in the neighbourhood of eighteen millions, is considerably more than one-third of that of Great Britain and Ireland. Nearly all the large industrial cities of England are in this conference.

MEMBERSHIP

On December 31, 1927, there were forty-one churches and companies, and 159 scattered believers in this field. Several of the smaller companies are now counted in with the isolated list, so that there were thirty-nine churches and companies and 172 isolated members at the close of last year. The total membership of the conference for 1927 was 1,515, and for 1928 the membership was 1,538, an increase for the year of twenty-three. Fourteen of our churches and companies report a loss in membership, fourteen have neither gained nor lost, and ten report gains.

While we are grateful for this increase in our membership of twenty-three, we feel that the gain should have been very much larger. The total number added to the church by baptism, vote, and letter, was 117, but unfortunately we lost twenty by death, thirty-four by letters of transfer, and forty by apostasy. We trust that this year there will be many more added to the church roll, and fewer dropped.

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SUPPOSE, just suppose Christ stood by your side with an invitation to step into the Royal Line!

Along with Enoch, Noah, Daniel and the martyrs

Would you grasp the opportunity?

Just to learn, how, though in yourself utterly helpless, to stand against the power of the world?

Just to have the honour and the privilege to join the world's true nobility?

Well, that is just what He is doing True, it is not a line where stand the multitude.

It is a line of courage and faith, of fortitude, and trust, of tenacity of purpose and hope—a line in which we seem at times to walk alone

It is a line where God's personal presence guides through flood and shadow, through furnace and desert:

Study the lives, one by one, of those men mentioned in the quotation given from *Education*. See how each chose deliberately the path of complete surrender and obedience. See how God separated him from the multitude and led him many times by a strange path—a lonely one of suffering, deprivation, and want.

The multitudes are quite satisfied with a living. According to the 1928 Educational Report for England and Wales, out of every thousand children coming to the age of school exemption last year 56 took advantage of that exemption and drifted out to find an existence Only 144 caught the vision of a widening horizon and passed on.

Oh, no! you say. They had to go to work to help find bread for the family.

But did they have to give up study? John Gaton had to go to the loom to help feed the many mouths at home, but he took a text book and read it before him as he worked. His thirst for knowledge resulted finally in his answering the call

Tanna of the New Hebrides to meet the onslaughts of spiritualistic cannibalism—all alone.

No, young people!

God has never planted you in an environment in which He has not made full provision. No man can pluck you out of His hand through poverty or necessity of labour or anything else—unless you want to be plucked!

Christ was raised in that sink-hole of iniquity—Nazareth. It was such a slimy pool that Nathaniel cried out, "Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?" Yes, it needed just that "pool" to produce the "Lily of the Valley."

Don't let the devil cheat you into thinking you can't join the Royal Line because you are in the wrong environment, or you haven't any money. Step into line, young people! God will open the way, yes, through trial and hardship and misunderstanding.

THE ROYAL LINE

Kings in the Kingdom

By LYNN W. STOUGH
Principal, Stough School

"A religious experience is attained only through conflict, through disappointment, through severe discipline of self, through earnest prayer."

—Vol. 4, page 444.

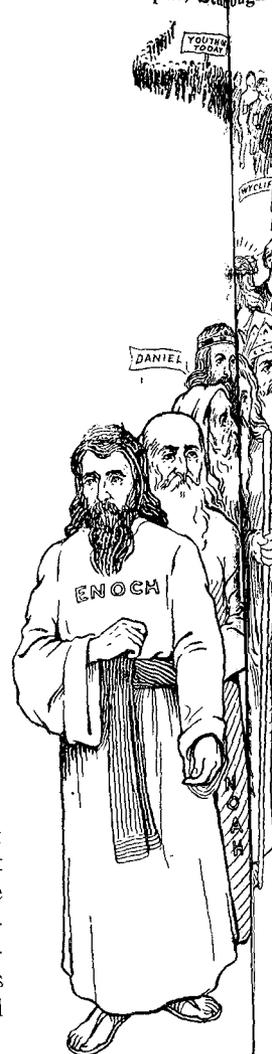
Don't be afraid of it!

It was the way Jesus received it!

"Though He was a son, yet learned He obedience through the things which He suffered." Heb. 5:8

Many of our young people are fighting their way through to a deeper knowledge of God and His ideals by working in the canvassing field—tramping for long, tedious hours, finding scores of homes where there is little desire for higher things—but also reaching delightful oases where it seems as if the Master is close beside them. Listen to one experience this past week!

"One evening, calling on a well-to-do family in the city, the lady invited me in, and having company in the drawing-room, she asked me if I would mind stepping into the room where her husband lay bedridden. Upon entering the room, the man, fixing his eyes on me, exclaimed, 'It is Jesus,' and reaching out he caught hold of my hand, and drawing me close to his side, he kissed it I cannot express how I felt Never before did I realize how important this work is, for surely Jesus is indeed



"How often those who trusted the Word of God, though in themselves utterly helpless, have withstood the power of the whole world—Enoch, pure in heart, holy in life, holding fast his faith in the triumph of righteousness against a corrupt and scoffing generation; Noah and his household against the men of his time, men of the greatest physical and mental strength and the most debased in morals; the children of Israel at the Red Sea, a helpless, terrified multitude of slaves, against the mightiest army of the mightiest nation on the globe; David, a shepherd lad, having God's promise of the throne, against Saul, the established monarch, bent on holding fast his power; Shadrach and his companions in the fire, and Nebuchadnezzar on the throne; Daniel among the lions, his enemies

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calling for us to represent Him rightly to those around us. How glad I was to leave a *Bible Readings* in that home with the message of Jesus' soon coming."

And here is another!

"The more I come into contact with the people in the field, the more I feel the burden for perishing souls, and this year more than ever before I have been impressed with the need for those who will labour for the world that is so much in need of this wonderful message of ours. Together with this, one cannot help but realize the nearness of our Lord's return, and I feel more and more it is nearer than any of us are prepared to believe. Both these facts make me feel that I am prepared to labour night as well as day if only I can somewhat hasten the day when I shall be fitted to enter the Lord's service."

Don't these experiences make you realize the privileges of those who fall into line?

Won't you come, too?

"In this line the youth of to-day are called to take their places"

They are kings in the making

"EDUCATION is not only necessary to the proper fulfilment of the duties of domestic life, but necessary for success in all branches of usefulness."

in the high places of the kingdom; Jesus on the cross, and the Jewish priests and rulers forcing even the Roman governor to work their will; Paul in chains led to a criminal's death, Nero the despot of a world-empire.

"Such examples are not found in the Bible only. They abound in every record of human progress. The Vaudois and the Huguenots, Wycliffe and Huss, Jerome and Luther, Tyndale and Knox, Zinzendorf and Wesley, with multitudes of others, have witnessed to the power of God's Word against human power and policy in support of evil. These are the world's true nobility. This is its royal line. In this line the youth of to-day are called to take their places."—"Education," page 254.

President's Report

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We have twenty-six labourers who devote their whole time to the work of saving souls. Of these twenty-six, eight are ordained evangelists and pastors, six are licensed ministers or male Bible-workers, six are lady Bible-workers, and the remaining six are connected with the administrative and departmental side of the work. While much of the burden of the work must necessarily fall on this small band of conference employees, yet the responsibility must be shared by all. Every brother and every sister connected with each of our churches and companies, and every one of our scattered believers, is called on to have a definite part in the work of God, "for the kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called His own *servants*, and delivered unto *them* His goods. . . . to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took His journey . . . After a long time the Lord of those servants cometh and reckoneth with them."

Whatever hidden meaning there may be to this parable, one thing at least is plain, and that is that every member of the church, the aged and the youthful, the well-to-do and the poor, the strong and the weak, brothers and sisters alike, every one is invited to enlist in the ranks of God's great army of workers who aim to work till Jesus comes, striving to win souls for Him.

In *Gospel Workers*, pages 326 and 327 we read:

"To His servants Christ commits 'His goods'—something to be put to use for Him. He gives 'to every man his work.' Each has his place in the eternal plan of heaven. Each is to work in co-operation with Christ for the salvation of souls. Not more surely is the place prepared for us in the heavenly mansions than is the special place designated on earth where we are to work for God."

And on page 333 of the same volume, we have that well-known statement that "all His biddings are enablings."

If, during the past year every member, without exception, had put forth some special effort for the Master, what would have been the result? There would undoubtedly have been a larger number baptized into the church, and fewer apostasies, because, as a general rule, working members do not leave the message.

While it is true that not all of our people *have* put forth such endeavours to win others, some at least have done so. We greatly appreciate the labours of these dear brethren and sisters. To them the Lord says, "Well done!" But can we not expect a much larger number of our members to labour earnestly for souls during the remainder of the year? Think of the scores of large cities and towns, and the hundreds of smaller ones, in the north of England and the Midlands, as yet un-

entered by us! The people who live in these towns and cities have a right to hear the message. Shall we not all, conference labourers, colporteurs, and lay-members, put forth a supreme effort this year to build up the cause of God?

FINANCES

1. *The tithe*

The tithe for the year 1928 amounted to £7,101 as compared with £7,222 for the previous year. This decrease of £121 meant a serious loss to the cause, coming as it did at a time when every penny was needed for public work. It was with very great regret that we sent out word to our workers to the effect that budget allowances must be cut down. We looked for improvement in conference finances at the turn of the year, but January showed a drop of £112, and February a still larger decrease of £131, as compared with the corresponding month of 1928. During the month of March we took our workers and all of our people into our confidence, and placed before them the facts. By March 31st the situation had changed for the better, and the month of April showed a gain of £74. We are hopeful that every month now will be better than the same period in 1928. The Lord has invited us to prove Him in the matter of faithfulness in tithes and offerings, and has promised great blessings to those who do what is right in this respect.

2 *Mission Offerings.*

The total offerings for missions during 1928 were £4,503. The figure for 1927 was £4,714. There was, therefore, a decrease of £211. The figures for the principal offerings are as follows:

| | 1928 | 1927 | Increase | De'e |
|------------|-----------|-----------|----------|------|
| Sab School | £1454 0 0 | £1445 0 0 | £9 0 0 | — |
| Ann Offer | 135 0 0 | 118 0 0 | 17 0 0 | — |
| Big Week | 144 14 0 | 144 6 2 | 7 10 0 | — |
| Har Ing | 2537 0 0 | 2624 0 0 | — | £87 |

This table shows that the conference has held its own in the first three of these offerings, but has fallen back a little in the last. While the In-gathering Campaign shows this slight drop, it is refreshing to recall that the conference goal was reached.

It is interesting to note that our total mission offerings, plus the ten per cent of our tithe paid to the Division for missions, almost exactly balance that portion of our tithe which is used in this field. The actual figures are as follows:

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| Total Tithe for year | £7101 | Total Mission Offer. | £4503 |
| Less 10% to Union | 710 | Plus 10% Tithe to Div | 710 |
| Less 10% to Div | 710 | | |
| | | | £5213 |
| Less 6% Susten | 426£1846 | Difference | 42 |
| | £5255 | | £5255 |

There is one other important factor in our conference finance which we must not overlook, and

that is the splendid help this field has received for some years from the European Division. The sum appropriated by the Division to the North British Conference for 1928 was no less than £3,080. Of this large sum, £1,532 went to Scotland, and the balance, £1,548, was used in North England. For every pound of our tithe we sent to the European Division, we received more than two pounds by way of appropriation. The appropriation we in North England are to receive this year from the Northern European Division amounts to £2,200.

We are indeed greatly indebted to our brethren of the Division for the help they have been good enough to send in the past, for what they are doing at the present time, and for what we are sure they will continue to do, and we desire to express to them our heartfelt thanks for the gifts received, without which it would have been impossible for us to accomplish what has been done in the work of God. In view of this generosity, and the very kindly interest the Division has always taken in this field, ought we not to do all in our power to increase the income of the conference, so that much more may be accomplished than at any time in the past?

The amount raised in donations for evangelistic work, and the conference trust funds, which include the Good Samaritan Fund, the Endowed Bed Fund, etc., appear in the treasurer's financial Statement (presented during the session).

THE DEPARTMENTS

Details as to departmental activities will be given by Brother J. M. Howard who has charge of the Home Missionary, Missionary Volunteer, and Sabbath-school departments, but we present a few of the facts and figures regarding this important phase of the work. We are glad to report that while our churchmembership has increased from 1515 to 1538, our Sabbath-school membership has grown from 1,483 to 1,592, a gain of 109. The missing members have been reduced from 364 to 295. We hope that all of these 295 will one day be counted as Sabbath-school members, as we believe 100 per cent of our churchmembers should be enrolled as members of the Sabbath-school.

Four Missionary Volunteer societies, two senior and two junior, have been added during the year, and the total enrolment has increased from 407 to 472, a gain of 65.

Reference has already been made to the activities of our members in connection with the various home missionary campaigns.

Our new field missionary secretary, Brother G. Bell, will report for the colporteur work. We appreciate more than we can say the labours of our self-sacrificing colporteurs. God is richly blessing the brethren and sisters who have devoted their lives to this phase of His work, and we believe

there will one day be a harvest of souls as a result of these endeavours.

THE PROSPECTS

What are our prospects for this year? They are as bright as the promises of God! We have just baptized the firstfruits of the efforts begun last autumn by Brethren G. D. King and C. A. Reeves at South Birmingham and Skegness respectively. These two campaigns are very promising. Recently a number of souls were added to our membership as a result of the effort of Pastor W. P. Prescott held last year at Huddersfield. The present interest at Huddersfield is very encouraging. Pastor E. E. Craven, after several years of successful work at Leeds, is conducting a campaign in the neighbouring city of Bradford, with success. Pastor F. C. Bailey reports very favourably of the interest aroused through the effort at Newcastle, the third in that area during the past few years. Pastor A. K. Armstrong has conducted a series of meetings at Kettering from which fruitage is expected. Brother Coppock has been holding public services at Stockton-on-Tees, and Brother A. V. Ward, at Beverley, near Hull. We are looking for new members from these two sections.

Pastor Bailey is being assisted in the work by Sister M. Basher and Brother S. Morley. Sister A. Clarke is associated with Pastor Craven, Sister I. Himsworth with Pastor Prescott, and Sister J. Bastow with Pastor Armstrong, and Sister D. Casey with Brother King. We were unfortunately unable to supply help to Brethren Reeves, Ward, and Coppock.

Excellent pastoral work is being done by Pastor A. S. Rodd in the Liverpool area, by Pastor W. A. Hall in Manchester and district, by Pastor J. Bell in and around Birmingham, by Pastor R. White-side in Sheffield and Rotherham, by Sister E. Donaldson at Lincoln and Bardney, and by Brother W. Lennox in the Worcester district.

I wish to say that I very greatly value the loyalty, support, and co-operation of these workers, of our secretary-treasurer, Brother J. H. Parkin, and the others who are engaged in the administrative and office side of the work, and the members of the executive committee. May the God of heaven bless them all abundantly as they strive to labour for the extension of His kingdom.

In concluding this report, we invite the delegates and friends assembled at this conference to pray for showers of blessing to descend on officers, conference labourers, colporteurs, and lay-members as together they labour to finish the work in this field.

South England Conference

Notes from the President

ON Sunday, May 19th, it was our privilege to baptize five believers at the West London Church. These are the results of the faithful labours of our Bible-worker, Mrs. M. E. Brooks.

ANOTHER baptism was held at Southend on Sunday, June 2nd, when seven were united with the church. These are the firstfruits of the recent effort held by Pastor J. G. Bevan, assisted by Miss I. Seagrave.

As a result of the work of Brother and Sister Bailey, a baptism was held at Bournemouth on Sunday, May 26th, when five were received into church fellowship.

We are arranging for a baptism to be held in the New Holloway Hall on Tuesday, August 6th, the morning following the conference. Should there be any isolated believers desiring this ordinance at that time, will they please write us here at the office.

THE conference is to be held in the New Holloway Hall, Holloway Road, London, N.7, beginning Thursday evening, August 1st, at 7 p.m. All the services will be held in the above hall, with the exception of the Sabbath meetings, August 3rd, which will be held in the Upper Holloway Road Baptist Church, not far from our own place of worship.

WE hope that every member who can possibly attend this annual gathering of God's people, will lay plans now, so as not to miss this opportunity of obtaining grace and blessing. It is not only our privilege, but our DUTY, to come ourselves and encourage others to attend. As stated in the Spirit of Prophecy, "Let all who possibly can, attend these yearly gatherings. All should feel that God requires this of them. If they do not avail themselves of the privileges which He has provided that they may become strong in Him and in the power of His grace, they will grow weaker and weaker, and have less and less desire to consecrate all to God. Come, brethren and sisters, to these sacred convocation meetings, to find Jesus. He will come up to the feast. He will be present, and He will do for you that which you most need to have done."—*"Testimonies," Vol. 2, page 575.*

Consecrate yourself to God before coming to the meeting, and by His grace leave the cares of this life at home.

O. M. DORLAND.

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"As a people we are called individually to be students of prophecy. We must watch with earnestness that we may discern any ray of light which God may present to us"—*"Testimonies," Vol. 5, page 708.*

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not later than Wednesday, June 19th.

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LACK of space has prevented us from including all the reports given at the Leicester conference in this issue. Further reports will appear next time.

IRISH MISSION

Annual Meeting

WE regret to have to call the attention of our people to the serious decrease in the sale of our missionary periodicals, *Present Truth* and *Good Health*. The decline in circulation began about the time of the Birmingham conference last year, and has continued almost without a break ever since. We have disposed of 90,000 papers less from January to May this year than in the same five months of last year. Going over a list of churches, companies, and paper colporteurs, we were startled to discover that over seventy-five per cent are taking fewer papers this year than last. In some cases it is only a few papers fewer, and seemingly of little consequence, but taken altogether the trend is ominous. What does it mean? We would ask all church leaders to give this matter their earnest attention and do their utmost to turn the tide. A church without literature is like an army without munitions.

THE annual meeting of the Irish Mission will be held in Belfast from Friday, June 28th, until Sunday, June 30th. The first meeting will be at 7.30 p.m. on Friday, and will be taken by our Union President, Pastor W. H. Meredith. Pastor J. H. Schilling, Field Secretary for the Northern European Division, will be present and will take some of the meetings. Pastor J. Harker, the Union departmental secretary, and others may be in attendance. This should be a time of real spiritual refreshing, and we are praying that God will so manifest His divine presence that our leaders who meet with us may be used by God to help greatly in the work in Ireland. May we urge all who can to plan to attend.

DURING the past year or so the circulation of the *Universe* (the leading Roman Catholic paper in England) has leapt from 50,000 to 120,000 copies weekly. *Present Truth* has declined from 30,000 to 20,000 copies fortnightly.

If you cannot stay for the whole weekend, try to be with us over the Sabbath day. Already two invitations have been sent to our people in Ireland, but we again earnestly invite your presence with us. Write to Pastor G. Hyde, 26 Sydenham Drive, Strandtown, Belfast, stating your lodging requirements. We hope to send a programme, giving the address of the meeting hall, to all the isolated members with our June letter.

DURING the past year a new health journal has been put on the market, modelled after *Good Health*, but named *Better Health*. In less than one year it has obtained a circulation of 120,000 copies per month. *Good Health* has declined from 25,000 to 20,000.

We pray earnestly that you may be led by God's good Spirit to attend this important gathering. We invite your prayers for the success of our Lord's work on this special occasion. S. G. JOYCE.

DOES anybody care? Is anybody going to do anything? So far as we at the Publishing House are concerned we are endeavouring to make the papers attractive and fill them with the message for the hour, but we must rely upon the field for circulation. The chief need is for more regular workers and members who will give their Sundays, at least, to this work. Are there any in your church?

WANTED.—Situation as general labourer. Lost previous work through keeping the Sabbath. Willing to do anything. In urgent need. Write: Mr. H. Mayers, 15 Straits, Easton, Portland, Dorset.

APARTMENTS—Westcliff-on-Sea, bedroom and sitting-room, with attendance. Write: Mrs. Watson, 16 Westminster Drive, Westcliff-on-Sea.

TO LET.—Furnished bungalow at Walton Bay, Nr Clevedon, Somerset. Close to sea. Accommodation for six persons. Every convenience. Linen and cutlery provided. Terms moderate. Apply: Mrs. Ashbee, 56 Kingsdown Parade, Cotham, Bristol.

WANTED.—Companion or domestic help. Small house. Lady and gentleman. Comfortable home. Good references required. Sabbath-keepers. Ten shillings per week and insurance. Write: J., "Waiholo," Oakdale, Poole, Dorset.

VISITORS to Skegness this summer are cordially invited to attend our services in the Bijou Hall (opposite police station), Roman Bank. Sabbath-school, 10.30 a.m., preaching service, 3 p.m. Sunday evening preaching service, 6.30 p.m.

C. A. REEVES.

SUNSET CALENDAR

| | LONDON | EDIN'G | NOTTING'M | CARDIFF | BELFAST |
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| June 21st | 9.21 | 10.3 | 9.35 | 9.34 | 10.4 |
| June 28th | 9.21 | 10.3 | 9.35 | 9.34 | 10.4 |