

The MISSIONARY WORKER

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OF
SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

THE WEEK OF SACRIFICE

By W. H. MEREDITH

"Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." Matt. 6:19-21.

There is a way to lose that which we have by trying to keep it. There is a way to keep that which we have by laying it where thieves cannot steal and where moth cannot corrupt. These words of the Master in our text make clear that we, His children, can lay up for ourselves treasure in heaven, that will remain ours through the countless ages of eternity. On the other hand, they indicate that it is possible to hoard up treasure on earth that will be lost to us for ever. We may provide for ourselves bags which rot and lose that which we put into them, or we may provide bags which wax not old, but retain that which is placed in them. This principle underlies the whole plan of the Gospel. God gave His only begotten Son; Jesus sacrificed Himself for us; yet He ever liveth, and will continue to be the Son of God through eternity.

We, the children of God, are exhorted to carry out this same principle in our experience. The cause of God demands all that we can put into it—our talents, our

strength, our means—and the giving of our means to the cause of God with "a willing mind" is laying up treasure in heaven. The way to give in order to receive the blessing must be to give "not grudgingly, or of necessity," for "he that soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly," but "he that soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully, for God loveth a cheerful giver."

The General Conference once more calls to us for our offerings in the form of a "Week of Sacrifice." The week, July 6th to 13th, has been set

apart as a self-denial week, with the object of supplying the needs of the mission fields and the work that demands immediate help. Those of us who by experience have entered into the spirit of sacrifice in the past know that we have not missed that which we have given, but the blessing of the Lord has been abundant and more than repaid us for any sacrifice made. We believe that the work will soon be finished and God's people gathered to Himself in eternity. Why should we for a moment think that the little sacrifices we make now will hurt us, or bring burdens upon us that we are not able to bear, when in a little while from now we shall enter into everlasting bliss, when all the sacrifice or self-denial made will be forgotten, and the joys of eternity be ours.

We ask the workers through the whole field to

How Much Shall I Give This Week of Sacrifice to Missions?

A Little Argument with Myself

1. If I refuse to give anything to missions this year, I practically cast a ballot in favour of the recall of every missionary from the field.

2. If I give less than heretofore, I favour a reduction of the missionary forces proportionate to my reduced contribution.

3. If I give the same as formerly, I favour holding the ground already won, but I disregard any forward movement. My song is, "Hold the Fort!" forgetting that the Lord never intended that His army should take refuge in a fort. All His soldiers are under marching orders always. They are commanded to "Go!"

4. If I advance my offering beyond former years, then I favour an advance movement in the conquest of new territory for Christ. Shall I not join in this class?

Resolved: I do believe in greatly increasing the present number of missionaries; therefore I will increase my former offerings to missionary work.

enter into this Week of Sacrifice willingly, wholeheartedly, knowing that God's blessing is upon it. We are asked to give to the cause of missions one week's wages, or its equivalent. We also invite our churchmembers throughout the whole Union to take part with the workers in this good work of self-denial, not forgetting that this is laying up for ourselves treasure in heaven, and that "where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

Here is another text for our encouragement: "Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord thy God which He hath given thee." Deut. 16:17. There is not one of us who could not say with the psalmist David, "Thy mercies are more than can be numbered." Truly the blessings of the Lord are many, and in this Week of Sacrifice we are asked to return to the Lord "every man as he is able," according to the blessing God has given. We know that the needs of God's cause are many; we know, too, that God wants our co-operation with Him in the task of saving the world. Let us give

our strength and our talents, but let us not withhold our gifts. God will not expect from us more than we are able to do, but He does expect willingness to do as we are able, and that measured by the blessing of God to us.

We trust that this Week of Sacrifice may be a time of real blessing to all, and that none may feel the sacrifice made only as the multiplied blessings of God may be showered upon us. God sacrificed His Son. Can we not make some sacrifice in return, not because God is in need of anything that we can give, but because He wants our willing service and sacrifice to prove our loyalty and love for Him. "For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that we through His poverty might be rich. . . . for if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not." "For God is able to make all gifts abound towards you that ye always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work."

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Notes from the President

REFERENCE has been made from time to time in these notes to the financial situation in the North England Conference. The month of January showed a decrease in tithe of £112 as compared with the same month of 1928. In February there was a decrease of £131. During the month of March, we placed the situation before our members and it immediately began to improve, the decrease for that month being only £18. The month of April showed a gain of £74, but May reveals a drop again of £47. On the whole, there has been a slight gain in the tithe during the three months since our letter was sent. We appreciate more than we can say the faithfulness of our dear brethren and sisters in this field. Not only the members of our churches and companies, but the isolated members as well—those who do not have the privileges of church fellowship—feel that it is a joy to give to the Lord that part of their means which He claims as His own.

WE are looking forward with eagerness to the tithe returns for the month of June. What a blessed thing it would be if all our members were to show their allegiance to God in this matter. The

tithing principle was not inaugurated by man, but by God Himself. We return to the Lord one-tenth of our increase as a recognition of the fact that all we have in reality comes from Him, and belongs to Him. The Lord says: "For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not." Shall we not all remember our obligation to God in this matter, and bring all the tithes into the storehouse by the end of this month.

WE shall be very glad if church treasurers will send in their reports and monies to the conference office not later than July 2nd, as we are anxious to close our books as early as possible. Will other officers who are called on to send in reports, kindly send in by the same date? Many thanks.

LET us remember to pray earnestly for the student colporteurs, who are at present in the field spending their time and their energies in placing our literature into the homes of the people. Some of these young brethren and sisters are doing quite well, but others we learn are having rather a "hard time." Shall we not seek God, that His blessing may rest upon them all; and while we remember

the students, let us not forget the regular colporteurs.

WE should also pray for the blessing of God to rest upon the plans that are now being made for the forthcoming Workers' Institute. The Institute is to be held at Watford, commencing Monday, July 22nd. Shall we not pray that the blessing of Heaven may rest upon all who gather at Watford at this time. The burden of our prayers should be that all our workers may be filled with the Spirit of God as they labour to win souls for the Master.

WORD has just reached us from Pastor E. E. Craven of Bradford to the effect that "Bradford is going along nicely." We have also had word from Pastor A. K. Armstrong, informing us that there is to be a baptismal service at Kettering on June 29th.

LET us not forget that the programme for the Week of Sacrifice is to be presented in all our churches and companies on Sabbath, July 6th, that is the first Sabbath of the month, and that the Week of Sacrifice offering is to be taken up the following Sabbath, July 13th. All of our conference workers are asked to contribute one week's pay at this time, and we invite our members to do the same as far as possible. We hope for a very liberal offering on the 13th. Should that date be inconvenient for some who desire to make gifts to the Lord's treasury, pledges may be placed in the envelopes that are to be handed out. These pledges may be redeemed during the next few weeks.

F. A. SPEARING.

Finding God's Jewels

WE are glad to say that success is attending our efforts here in this quiet sea-side resort. The Master oftentimes has His jewels hidden away in the more remote and smaller places. It has been our high privilege during the past seven months to co-operate with Him in seeking out some of these precious ones. Mrs. Reeves has given valuable assistance in the Bible work.

May 13th was a day of rejoicing for the faithful members at Skegness when eleven new believers joined them in the blessings of church fellowship. We were pleased that Pastor Spearing could be with us on this occasion to examine and baptize the candidates. The service was conducted at the local Baptist chapel.

A number of the new members have encountered intense opposition in their homes and some in their business. But God still lives to achieve the impossible! We have had many marked evidences of God's providence in our work. The obstacles have been great but the joy has been greater, for there is no joy outside of heaven comparable to that of soul-winning. As we look back over the past eleven months' work in the county of Lin-

colnshire, we thank God for the forty-three souls who have been baptized.

Over the whole earth the Spirit is brooding with mighty eagerness, waiting for those whom He can possess and use, and through whom He can pour Himself in sacrificial service. May God help us to grow into greater fitness for the task which is ours. May His Spirit have all that there is of us. It is only on the tide of the Spirit that the people of God will ride to victory.

C. A. REEVES.



N. E. C. Sabbath-School Report

For Year Ended Dec. 31, 1928

IT is with much gratitude to God and appreciation of our loyal Sabbath-school officers and enthusiastic membership that we present to you our report for 1928. Throughout this report a slight though appreciable gain is maintained.

Our Sabbath-schools in the North England Conference numbered, in December last, 50. This is an increase of one over the previous year. Our Sabbath-school membership also shows a gratifying gain. Whereas in December 1927, 1,482 members were on our books, the following year showed an increase of 109 and a total of 1,591. Encouraging as this figure is, the fact which brings most joy to our hearts is the good increase of members attending the Sabbath-school. The average attendance in 1928 was 1,206, a gain of fifty-six over the preceding year. Surely we can look forward with confidence to a realization of our ideal—'Every churchmember a Sabbath-school member, and every Sabbath-school member an attending member.' In this connection we would mention that during the past year an average of twenty-six schools reached the membership goal of 120 per cent of the church membership. This is an increase of six over the preceding year.

It was illuminating to us when we discovered from the study of the reports that over 820 pupils were brought to Sabbath-school by faithful members during 1928. Doubtless many of this number are of other faiths. We take a special interest in the progress of this and other work for those without our fold. It gives us pleasure to report that during 1928 about eighty Sabbath-school pupils were baptized. A similar number were baptized during 1927.

With great satisfaction and heartfelt praise to God we announce a substantial decrease in the number of missing members. The average for 1927 was 365. The average for 1928 was 295, a decrease of seventy. Let us go on unto perfection "pressing toward the mark." We thank all who have contributed to make our Sabbath-school the success it should be.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

	1927			1928						
12 Sabbaths	£1104	0	4	£1061	4	1	Loss	42	16	3
13th Sabb'hs	341	3	10	393	11	4	Gain	52	7	6
Total	1445	4	2	1454	15	5	Total	9	11	3
Birthday Offer.	12	13	11	17	2	3	Gain	4	8	4

Nine of our Sabbath-schools reached the financial goal of 9d. per week per member during 1928; this is an increase of two over the preceding year.

I am reminded of a little story. A devout Christian came in touch with a Quaker one day and expressed his sorrow for a certain man who was experiencing severe privations. The Christian gentleman was profuse in his regrets. "I feel in my very heart for him," said he. The old Quaker keenly looking him in the eye exclaimed: "Friend, how far hast thou felt in thy pocket for him?" The old gentleman touched the vital spot. In face of the tremendous need to-day, with millions sitting in darkness and in the shadow of death, misery, want, and sin on every hand, the need is not so much for sorrow or regrets, but for some tangible, practical help. Two paths lie before the Church, one leads to the mission fields and the other to the cemetery. There is no life without giving. Queen Alexandra, commenting upon that popular American slogan, "Give till it hurts," declared, "it is nonsense—giving never hurts."

CREDITS

Concluding we would draw attention to the splendid array of credits earned by Sabbath-school members during the year 1928. Perfect record cards of honour for attendance and daily study numbered 447, a gain of 111 on the previous year. Silk bookmarks were issued to fifty-six scholars, an increase of twenty-two over 1927. Three of these represented five consecutive years and one nine consecutive years of faithfulness in attendance and daily study.

We look beyond the present advances and approach the future with unabated zeal.

**N. E. C. Home Missionary Report**

For Year Ended Dec. 31, 1928

"THE Church will yet rise to the level of her aster's teaching. She will rise to the height of empathy with His incomparable love. Filled with the inspiration of plans that embrace the world, she will bow her head to the task, until, refigured by the Spirit of the Lord, she will become again what she was at first, what she was always meant to be—mission and church in one."

Mrs. E. G. White.

It is such statements as the above which give us the necessary impetus to forge ahead against seemingly insuperable odds.

Throughout the year 'mid rain and snow, sun and storm, our faithful members carried forward their labour of love. Seven thousand eight hun-

dred and seventy-seven hearts were cheered by personal visitation. In imagination we glimpse into 2,220 homes where Bible studies were held. One thousand two hundred and fifty-five sufferers were treated by our lay members. Even though 2,000 fewer tracts were disposed of than in 1927, yet the enormous total of 27,537 was reached. Apart from this our members were especially active in distributing bills where efforts were in progress. This doubtless accounts for the comparatively slight decrease in tract distribution. The number of books disposed of amounted to the splendid total of 5,889, or 1,065 in advance of the previous year. Our reports show that 84,312 periodicals were scattered as compared with 74,373 the previous year, a gain of 9,939. However, we are by no means satisfied with this number. We are confident that not only could much more be done, but that much more was done. We invite you to co-operate with your local home missionary secretary, that next year's figure may be even more gratifying.

The key-note of our activities last year was "Evangelize!" We verily believe that this Spirit-born word has burned its way into the hearts of many of our people. We shall not cease to urge until every life is fired with such enthusiasm to save that all, with Duncan Matheson, will exclaim, "We cannot rest while souls are being lost. There is all eternity to rest when life is done." Many have already caught the vision and because of this another church of thirty odd members has been raised during 1928, not in one place, but scattered throughout our conference. How many such churches might we not see if every member aimed this year to save one soul! Let us ever remember that hand-picked fruit is the best; likewise souls won by personal contact always make the strongest and best believers. "Yesterday is gone; to-morrow may never come; to-day is short; Get Busy!"

CAMPAIGNS

The Tract Campaign for 1928 was an outstanding victory. Six thousand eight hundred special copies of *Present Truth* were taken and with them came an enormous parcel of 68,000 tracts. We shall not know until the dawning of that day how great will be the harvest from this seed. We know all will be pleased to hear that the campaign this year has far outstripped the one last year. Instead of 68,000 tracts coming to the conference, the extraordinary total of 107,525 was received. This figure represents 9,775 copies of *Present Truth*, an increase on this special issue of *Present Truth* of 3,000.

BIG WEEK

Our president has already mentioned that we can record a small gain in the Big Week campaign. The figures actually are: 1927, £144 6s.-

2d.; 1928, £144 14s. od. This increase of 7/10 is negligible, but I am reminded of a statement seen upon some of the Wayside Pulpits, "The clock that never strikes *one* can never strike *twelve*." From this we take heart and trust that the response to the 1929 appeal will indeed be such that our increased goal of £200 will be reached. We appeal to you all, those particularly who have not yet been privileged to partake in this year's campaign, to do so now. It is not too late. Help us to raise the glad cry of victory.

INGATHERING CAMPAIGN

This hardy annual, regardless of weather conditions, and in the face of industrial upheavals and hope-blasting unemployment, thrived in 1928. We do not need to tell you that our goal was reached and passed—you have heard that already. As we recall the experiences of the last campaign

we feel again the thrill of the advance. The tonic did us good.

The sum of £2,537 was collected by our North England members. Twenty-nine churches and companies reached the £2 per member goal; this is an increase of eleven over the previous year. The number of members collecting totalled 1,008. The per capita reached was £1 12s. 10d. This is an excellent per capita when one considers that 546 members did not participate. We must not forget, however, that many were unable to take part because of sickness. We take this opportunity of thanking all the isolated churchmembers, and young people for the valiant service rendered. We remind you that autumn is fast approaching; needs are greater, goals are higher than ever before, but we rest assured that you, with us, will enter again into the fray and come through triumphantly.
J. M. HOWARD.

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Notes from the President

ARE you planning to attend the South England conference session, August 1st to 5th? Why not decide to come? We hope to see you. The conference will convene on Thursday, August 1st, at 7 p.m.

It is now time for the churches to select their delegates—one for the church and one for every ten members. The companies are represented by the delegates at large, which consist of the ordained ministers and the conference committee. The names of the delegates should be sent in to the conference secretary, Brother H. D. Clarke. Please do not fail in this important matter.

THOSE desiring apartments, please write to Brother Clarke, stating your requirements. He will see that your letters are placed in the hands of the one in charge of this work.

THOSE desiring baptism at the time of the conference session should send in their names to us.

WE are anxious that all tithes and offerings be gathered in by the church treasurers and sent to the conference office as soon after the close of the quarter as possible.

WE are grateful for your response to our appeal for the Endowed Bed Fund, Jesus says: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me."

O. M. DORLAND.

Bournemouth

ON Sabbath, May 25th, five precious souls took their stand for the truths of our message. Four of these were baptized and one other was accepted by virtue of a previous baptism. One of the five was from the young people of our congregation; the other four were friends who have newly come into this faith. The service took place at the Apostolic Faith church which had been secured for the purpose.

We are happy to note that there are others of whom we have good hopes as we see their convictions deepening as they continue to investigate the truth. We find the literature going out is having effect on the minds of the people.

During 1928 our tithe was almost exactly £1 a day and the total tithe and offerings for 1927 and 1928 were over £1,100, beside funds for church expenses.
G. W. BAILEY.

Missionary Volunteers' Rally at Portsmouth

A UNITED meeting of senior and junior young people was held on Sabbath, June 15th. Pastor Young was in the chair. Nearly twenty different items were rendered by both old and young.

A Scripture reading entitled "Seven Looks" was recited by Miss Welch. The juniors sang "I will

try," and the tiny tots rendered their little item, "The Birdies' Song." Other special recitations and songs were nicely given, also a surprise item in the form of a violin solo.

The senior division presented a most interesting missionary dialogue.

In connection with the secretary's report it was noted that nearly £4 had been given by the Missionary Volunteers for foreign missions during the past year.

The closing hymn, "The Love of Christ Constraineth Us," was heartily sung and brought to a close a service long to be remembered by all who were present.

R. STUBBS.

WELSH MISSION

ON Wednesday, June 5th, a goodly company assembled in our Newport church to witness the baptism of three persons by Brother Bird. Previous to the actual baptism we took occasion to re-state our understanding of the fundamentals of the Advent faith, and to reaffirm our allegiance to the entirety of the threefold message, and our determination to uphold its principles loyally in everyday life. These souls represent a small part of the fruitage of Brother Bird's much-blessed labours in Newport.

FORWARD!

BEFORE this is in print, Brother Bird and the writer will be in the north, D.V., studying the field to which Brother and Sister Bird will shortly go. Will you join us in earnest, prayerful effort to establish the work along our north coast of Wales? Welshmen! You who have long hoped to see the cause advancing among your own countrymen! On your knees and help us as never before! Pray that Brother Bird may be bountifully blessed in his pioneer efforts among the inhabitants of the north country.

BROTHER DE'ATH is now located in Swansea, relieving Brother Cooper for the Newport district. Put these brethren, and their flocks, and the unentered territory around them on your prayer lists, and then keep them in mind before God night and day.

BROTHER MATTHEW MURDOCH is the latest recruit to our forces. He comes straight from College, full of faith and enthusiasm, and finds a warm welcome to Wales. He relieves Brother Watson, who has returned to England to assume other responsibility, and we watch and pray for his success as a seeker after souls.

OUR senior Bible-worker, Sister Guntrip, is on the sick list at present, much to our regret. The

other two workers, Sisters Brown and Brooks, are in Newport and Cardiff respectively at the moment, though changes in location will follow shortly. Remember these good workers also in your petitions.

H. W. LOWE.

Ministry of the Literature

The Men With the Torch of Truth

A HUNDRED colporteurs are now carrying the message of truth from door to door in the towns and villages of Great Britain.

Every one is recommended by the Conference President, the Conference Field Missionary Secretary, and the local Church Leader. As a class they are self-denying, consecrated, and stout-hearted.

The colporteur's work brings him into connection with all classes of people, both religious and profane. He comes in touch with all sects, and with all shades of unbelief. If you want a quick answer for the hope within you—ask the colporteur.

Pray for the Colporteur Work.

Join the Colporteur Work.

Bristol Furniture Maker's House-to-House Work



ABOUT ten years ago, Brother L. B. Conroy, of Bristol, began to give his Sundays for the sale of *Present Truth*.

He started in a modest way by taking twenty-five copies of the paper and very shortly had the encouraging result of obtaining twenty-six regular readers.

This work was continued Sunday after Sunday, until he now has a list of 530 regular readers. Some of these are the original twenty-six of ten years ago.

When *Bedtime Stories* was issued, Brother Conroy showed copies to these regular readers. They purchased 250 as a result. The next year they purchased 350, the following year 400, and in the past two years 500 and 600 respectively. Total about 2,100.

A few months ago Brother Conroy tried his regular readers with *Bible Readings*. They purchased two in the marble-edged edition and eighteen in the leather and the gilt.

Several people, (seven names given), have been brought into the truth, chiefly as a result of this work with *Present Truth*.

"More could be done with the large books," concludes Brother Conroy, "as the people take them with very little canvassing."

This Bristol member is engaged as a furniture

maker during the week, and uses Sundays for his literature work.

Why not secure regular readers of *Present Truth* and have the same harvest as Brother Conroy?

**"The Pope A King Again"—New Book by
Alonzo T. Baker**

WE have just received supplies of the remarkable new book by the editor of the American *Signs of The Times*. The cover bears a striking picture of the Pope—it is printed in full colour—and the book bears out one's first impressions that "here is something unusually good."

Chapter IV alone, "The Papacy and Modern Principles of Freedom," is worth the price of the whole book. Send for your copy to-day. Price 1/-, post free.

"Light in the Valley"

is another gift booklet which will bring comfort and gladness to many hearts. Very appropriate for a birthday remembrance. By LeRoy E. Froom. Price 1/-.

A Fine "Help" for Next Quarter's Lessons

SISTER FANNIE DICKERSON CHASE, the author of the fascinating book, *In Starland*, has written another little volume as a help for next quarter's lessons. *God Revealed in the Natural World* is its title. You will find it a most valuable help in your study. Price 1/-, post free.

Nurse Chappell's Work at Newcastle

ENTHUSIASTIC interest is reported from Nurse Chappell's health lectures in Newcastle. At the last gathering there was an increase of twenty-one people—mostly strangers who had heard glowing reports of the previous meetings.

It was very gratifying to see stranger after stranger come climbing those flights of stairs to listen to our message of health. They were most responsive, and after a lecture of two hours it was difficult to get them away. Numbers asked for copies of the handbills to give to their friends and neighbours.

London's Doors Opening

THE following letter has been received at the Stanborough Press from Nurse Hull who is doing a splendid work with our literature in London:

"I feel I must tell you of the work the Lord is doing for me in the business houses in the city Banks, offices, Government offices, estate agents, hardened lawyers, and even the shrewd Jew, help me in my work for God.

"I am invited to four first-class firms to come and address the staff once every fortnight—a direct answer to prayer for which I humbly thank my heavenly Father. Many of the people are interested, and desire to attend our Health Lectures when we have the programme organized for them at the North London Church.

"I can see now why the Lord healed me when I

prayed for death last year. I do thank him for using even me in a corner of His vineyard.

"I was greatly impressed when I was allowed access into a Government firm, as every one knows such places are absolutely closed to strangers.

"One of the officials, who expressed his astonishment at my success in crossing the threshold, said he had worked there for twenty-five years and never before had a representative of the most worthy cause been allowed to come in and collect or sell anything under any circumstances. Yet, in one department, I was allowed to go round with *Good Health* and *Present Truth*, and in another the head of the department took fifty copies of *Present Truth* from me and sold them all, and this in a building belonging to the Bank of England.

"Several heads of departments in large firms have said to me, 'Nurse, you are just the kind of person we need here to talk to the girls'

"One lady said to me only to-day, 'Nurse, I am delighted to meet you in such a capacity, and only wish there were more women like you in the world.' She also said, 'Do please come to our firm as often as possible, and address the staff, and God bless you,' and she shook hands so heartily. Surely the doors are opening for God's work at last in dear, good old England." A. W.

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.

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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.

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ROOM or rooms to let at reasonable rent Sister interested in "Sunbeams" preferred Write: Nurse E. F. Lamb, Wells-on-Sea, Norfolk

MRS. THICKE of Teresina, Manor House Road, New Thundersley, Essex, would be glad to receive any old copies of *Little Friend* and *Youth's Instructor*, for distribution

WANTED—Second-hand copies of any of Mrs. White's books for cash Please state lowest possible price on postcard to J. H. Downes, c/o Alfred E. Cooke Esq., 10 Throgmorton Avenue, London E C 2

WANTED—House-parlourmaid for strict Jewish family Every advantage given to Sabbath-keeper. Housemaid willing to be trained as house-parlourmaid not objected to Apply: 52 Compagne Gardens, Hampstead, London

FOR SALE—Pretty organ in walnut case; Sames, Birmingham, makers Ten stops. Rich, mellow tone Condition as new. Suitable for home or small hall. £12. Write: Girling, Shipston-on-Stour

SUNSET CALENDAR

	LONDON	EDIN'H	NOTTING'M	CARDIFF	BELFAST
July 5th	9.18	10.0	9.32	9.31	10.1
" 12th	9.14	9.53	9.27	9.27	9.55

EDITORIAL NOTES

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THE Financial Statement of the Seventh-Day Adventist Conferences and Institutions for 1927, published by the General Conference, has just come to hand. It is a massive document of ninety-six pages, covering every phase of denominational endeavour. The total denominational investment is now £9,800,000. Twenty years ago, at the close of 1907, it was £1,450,000 so that the increase in two decades has been over £8,000,000.

No one can look over this almost bewildering mass of figures, representing the activities of 766 organizations connected with the movement, without being profoundly impressed with the immensity of this undertaking for God. The whole world is embraced in the report. From east and west, north and south, the reports flow in to swell the grand total. Strong organizations in Europe and America combine with far-flung mission stations in the four corners of the earth to present to the world the story of a strong, progressive, financially stable Gospel enterprise.

At the close of 1927 the total membership of the denomination was 274,064, of which number 112,276 belonged to North America and 161,788 to countries outside North America. The former accounted for an income of £5,000,000, and the latter, £3,200,000.

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS are being mentioned with increasing frequency in the press. We find that such papers as the *Church of England Newspaper* and *The Guardian* are referring to us every few weeks. Here is a quotation from a sermon by the Bishop of Salisbury, published in *The Guardian* for June 14th:

"Who reads the Bible in these days? Who is earnestly studying it? Not our ordinary Church-people, but the votaries of those new reconstructions of religious belief which have grown with increasing, indeed with alarming, rapidity in the past few years—the followers of the British Israel Movement, the Russellites, the Seventh-Day Adventists, the Christian Scientists. These people really do study the Bible; they know the text of it far better than most Churchmen: but they apply to it a false exegesis. And in so far as their doctrines prevail, they prevail for lack of a sound exegesis to counteract them."

We thank the Bishop of Salisbury for his reference to us, and only wish we were more worthy of this high compliment.

MANY of our readers have written to us in re-

sponse to our statement concerning the falling sales of our missionary periodicals *Present Truth* and *Good Health*. We plan to publish the substance of these replies in the next issue. In the meantime we trust that all our people will do their best to "turn the tide" and give these periodicals the circulation they ought to have.

GOD is greatly blessing the labours of Pastor R. S. Joyce at Norwich. On a recent Sabbath afternoon we found a fine gathering of over sixty persons, and on Sunday night nearly three hundred. Within a few weeks the first baptism will take place. Let us remember the work in this ancient city in our prayers.

Nurses' Convention

IN thinking of our medical work in the near future, and in view of the fact that Nurse Jensen of the General Conference is planning to spend a few days in England before her return to America, the British Union Committee have felt free to call a Nurses' Convention, to be held at Stanborough Park beginning on the evening of July 17th, and continuing until Sunday, the 21st.

We know that there are a number of nurses throughout the field who might be glad to avail themselves of this opportunity, and we therefore invite them to this convention. We are sorry that we cannot bear their expenses, but we invite them to share with the nurses here at Stanborough Park in this convention and will make the expense as small as possible. The College have kindly offered to entertain all visiting nurses for the small sum of 5/- per day for board and room.

It is hoped that this convention will be a means of helping our work throughout the field, and we are hoping that we may be able to use some of our nurses, not in our employ, to help us in this work from time to time. Will all nurses, therefore, who can attend this convention, please write to Mr. Carey at the earliest possible moment, telling him when they are planning to be present, and the days they hope to remain with us, so that the necessary arrangements can be made for their comfort. Anyone wishing further particulars is invited to write us here at the office. All communications should be sent to Mr. Carey. We sincerely hope that this will prove a really profitable time for our nurses

W. H. MEREDITH.