



THE GOOD OLD "REVIEW"

By J. H. SCHILLING

THESE words, "The good old *Review*," constitute an expression often used by brethren who have regularly read the *Review* for many years. It has become to them "the good old *Review*." Another phrase is this, "I couldn't get along without the weekly visit of the *Review*." Still another, "I don't know how anyone can keep abreast with the message without the regular reading of the *Review*." All these and similar words convey the appreciation of those who have learned to regard our denominational organ as indispensable to a true Seventh-Day Adventist. If the reading of the *Review* is, according to the general experience of so many, absolutely indispensable to the spiritual growth and solidifying of our dear people in the truth, why should we not then do our utmost to introduce this heavenly messenger into every family of believers in the message who can read English? We read: "Our people should make greater efforts to extend the circulation of the *Review*. If our brethren and sisters would only manifest greater earnestness and put forth more persevering efforts to accomplish this, it would be done." Let us do it, brethren!

Again, "Every family (who can read the language) should have this paper, and if they would deny themselves their darling luxuries . . . many who do not now have its weekly visit might pay for the messenger of light to come into their household. Those who consent to do without the *Review* and *Herald* lose much. Through its pages Christ may speak to them in warnings, in reproofs and counsel, which would change the current of their thoughts, and be to them as the breath of life." (*Testimonies*, Vol. 4, page 599.) This statement is in itself plain enough, so that we need to add nothing more to its emphasis.

"It is a sad condition where some of our people are too poor to subscribe for this blessed paper, and so are deprived of the weekly visit of this messenger of light. Should these dear people be

constantly deprived of the light the *Review* would bring to them if they could subscribe for it? Surely not!"

"The *Review* is a valuable paper. It contains matter of great interest to the church and should be placed in every family of believers. If any are too poor to take it, the church should by subscription raise the amount of the full price of the paper and supply the destitute families."

Our ministers and other evangelical workers should always strive to introduce the people whom they bring into the truth to our denominational paper. Before they are baptized, they should have become earnest readers of it.

Inasmuch as the General Conference will convene next year, and daily reports of it will appear in the pages of the *Review* throughout the world, a special *Review* and *Herald* campaign should be launched, whereby all old subscriptions should be renewed without exception, and as many more new readers secured as possible, so that all who can read English may take advantage of the opportunities the *Review* will afford next year. Through the reports of the conference, which our people will read in the pages of the *Review*, many will be strengthened in the message. They will be encouraged to stand firm unto the end. May God indeed add His blessing to such a campaign.

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The Missions are Grateful

WE are just receiving the last reports of the Harvest Ingathering for 1929. We are greatly cheered as they come in. The results are, in fact, larger than we had dared to hope for. It is a splendid achievement. Each one of the four unions in the homelands has done well. And there has been such joy in the work. We get letters from our missionaries expressing very deep gratitude for the

interest our people in the homelands take in foreign missions. We wish to join them in thanking all who have taken part in this Harvest Ingathering work, and all the many friends who have helped. Many have done so under great difficulties. It has not been easy, but it has been a blessed task. On behalf of the Advent cause, we thank you most heartily. To-day Brother Read and the writer are leaving for a four months' trip to West Africa. We shall be glad to tell all our missionaries of the deep interest here at home in their work.

L. H. CHRISTIAN.



A Library of Books Sold to One Reader

PERHAPS the following might be a little encouragement to others to take up the good work of securing regular readers.

I have between seventy and eighty *Present Truth* readers and sixty *Good Health* readers. Some I got myself, and others were given to me.

One Sunday I was canvassing about four miles away and sold two copies of *Present Truth* and two of *Good Health* in one house. A few doors farther on I canvassed a gentleman who asked me in and wanted to know who I was and what work I was doing. I told him, and he seemed interested and desired to have the *Present Truth* brought regularly. Going there a fortnight afterward, I thought I would try the other house again, where four had been bought. They began to take them regularly from that time on. One of the *Bedtime Stories* interested them, and they bought it. Some time afterward, in conversation, the woman said she would like to get a small library together for her children. She has bought the following books:

<i>Home Physician</i> (for herself)	
<i>Protestantism Imperilled!</i>	
<i>Mr. Ingle Comes Through</i>	
<i>Patriarchs and Prophets</i>	
<i>Our Day in the Light of Prophecy</i>	
<i>Uncle Ben's Cobblestones</i>	
<i>Christ's Glorious Return</i>	<i>Stories Mother Told</i>
<i>Bible Readings</i>	<i>Steps to Christ</i>
<i>The Mystery Unfolded</i>	<i>Marked Bible</i>
<i>Uncle Ben's Cloverfield</i>	<i>Children's Diseases</i>
<i>Uncle Jim's Visitors</i>	<i>Great Issues</i>
<i>Home Nursing</i>	<i>Looking Beyond</i>
<i>Making Home Happy</i>	<i>After Many Days</i>
<i>Manana Land</i>	<i>Six Bedtime Stories</i>

She has also two *Home Missionary Calendars*, one of which is sent away.

Other readers have had books of all kinds, and I usually sell between thirty and forty *Home Missionary Calendars* among them.

I feel sure that there are other people in the British field, who, if approached with *Present Truth* and *Good Health*, would become regular

readers, and thus openings would be made for the truth.

W. E. BARBER.

Bournemouth.



Never Take "No" for An Answer

I VISITED a house and a lady came to the door, but upon learning that my chief object was placing reading matter (*Present Truth*) in her hands, she exclaimed that she had already far too much in the way of papers. (I myself was struck with the number.)

I suggested she should give up one of these and take *Present Truth* in its place, and after some persuasion she said, "Well, I will take this one anyway, but don't call again."

"Pardon, me, madam, but will you favour me by reading it?" I persisted.

"Yes, I will promise you that," she replied.

"Thank you," I said. "Now pardon me again, madam. Favour me by letting me call upon you in two weeks' time when I am calling upon your neighbours. They think the paper a splendid magazine."

"Oh, yes, but I know I shan't take it," she declared.

On my second call she was out, but I placed one through the letter-box and remembered her in prayer.

To-day I visited her with the third number. She received me with smiles and a good shake of the hand, exclaiming how pleased she was that I persuaded her to take it. She said, "As you say, it's full of spiritual food and I simply feast upon it. Thanks so much for your kindness in calling again, also for your patience with me."

You can just imagine my feelings when I left that house. How light my heart was!

I have several who have been reading *Present Truth* these past five, three, and two years. They all said "No" at first. To-day they are intensely interested.

V. WALKDEN.

A Correction

IN the Sunset Table of the *Morning Watch Calendar* for 1930 the names of the towns Edinburgh and Nottingham have unfortunately been transposed. The times in the Nottingham column refer to Edinburgh and those in the Edinburgh column refer to Nottingham.

WANTED.—Lad to learn boot-repairing. Board, lodge, and pocket-money given. Good S. D. A. home. Write: S. Wilmshurst, 87 James Street, Gillingham, Kent

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Notes

WE are glad to report a baptism of seven in Belfast on December 8th. Pastor G. Hyde anticipates more will be ready for baptism before the end of 1929. Ten were added to the Dublin Church by baptism on November 17th, all of them being the result of our work in Dublin this year. Not one of these was in attendance at our meetings before our campaign commenced in February. Another baptism is planned in Dublin for December 29th.

THE tithe for the Irish Mission shows an increase of £61 for November, compared with the figure for November, 1928. This is the largest increase for any month this year, and we feel it is good for so small a constituency as that in the Irish Mission. Our gain for October was £52. For the two months, October and November, we already have a gain of £51 over the total for the fourth quarter of 1928. To indicate our progress this year we record a gain of £20 for the two months of this quarter, as against the total for the first quarter of this year.

OUR mission offerings are also showing a good increase. Ireland is the *only* field in the British Union to attain its Harvest Ingathering goal and to show a gain of about £50 ahead of the goal. Some have inquired how we can possibly collect in Southern Ireland. Needless to say no door-to-door work is possible or advisable. However, we tackle all the shops. Sister Raper is the champion collector in Dublin and is responsible for approaching all the shops in this large city. The other members collect from friends where possible. Brother J. McMillan has worked up a list of subscribers who contribute a total of something over £20. Sister W. Buckle collected another £20 from the shops in near-by towns. The new literature, headed "Advent Missions," is of little use in the Catholic parts of Ireland. One of the Catholic papers counsels its readers to give a "warm welcome" to any Protestant carol singers who dare venture into the streets. This will illustrate the feeling against us. Dublin, however, has collected £90 to date, this being over £4 per member. Sister Logan and Sister Adair have each collected large sums in the towns in Ulster. Some weeks ago their figures stood at £62 and £50 respectively. Their final totals must be away ahead of these figures that so magnificently contributed to the



excellent total reached by Belfast. Belfast hopes to close the year with £200—almost £4 per member.

IN addition to the Harvest Ingathering, Dublin has raised £100 towards the purchase of our church and adjoining cottage. We feel this is good for such a small number of members. Two of our new members this year are responsible for a large portion of this £100, the older members having exhausted their resources when they nobly gave £100 a few years ago. The Dublin members greatly appreciate the help received from the Northern European Division and the British Union in the raising of the £850 required to buy the Dublin property.

IRELAND has had her share of the heavy floods, crops and stock having been washed away and terrible losses sustained. Our members in Kilmoyle state that the potato crop was not worth digging. But the people in Ireland are accustomed to hardships and danger. One sister tells us that her home is the *only* house that has *not* been raided in her district. Some of her neighbours' houses have been raided repeatedly and yet the raiders do not touch the home of this aged Seventh-Day Adventist. Surely this is an evidence of God's care for His own, and proof that He blesses and helps the faithful.

THE courage, loyalty, and faithfulness of the believers in Ireland make us feel it is an honour to be accounted worthy to labour with them. The winning of souls is our one aim, and we are thankful for the success so far attained.

PLEASE pray for our future endeavours; we mean to push on with even greater vigour for His name's sake.

S. G. JOYCE.

Belfast

THE waters of the Belfast Church baptistery have again been "troubled." It is three years since a similar event took place. As a result of the work begun in the spring two small baptisms were conducted during the Week of Prayer, adding ten new members to the church. We are very grateful to God for this advancement. We believe that the tide has turned for the work in Belfast which after twenty odd years of constant ministry, possesses

but a few more than fifty professing members.

We now have a flourishing young people's society, with some twenty-five young people. Our Sabbath-school, under the superintendency of Brother Barker, is flourishing, the members having experienced the blessing that comes from that department. Whereas formerly it was the exception, now it is the rule to study the lesson daily. Tithes and offerings, too, are registering a healthier spiritual state, and we enter the year 1930 with

profound thankfulness to God for His mercies and blessings and with glad anticipations of larger and more fruitful developments. Others who at the moment follow "afar off," we confidently expect, under the ministry of the Spirit, soon to be "made nigh by the blood of Christ," and, in the new year, agree to share with His remnant church her joys and privileges. Please pray for the workers in this difficult field.

E. ADAIR (Bible-Worker),
G. HYDE.

South England Conference

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Notes from the President

PASTOR F. A. SPEARING, who has resigned the presidency of the North England Conference because of his health, will locate in Southampton. We wish him a speedy recovery and ask your prayers on his behalf.

PASTOR MUSSEN is now located in Bournemouth and is carrying forward the work of the local church.

PASTOR W. J. YOUNG has located in Southend to care for the work in that district. He plans to begin an effort in Leigh-on-Sea early in the new year.

PASTOR J. B. WEST has taken over the care of the church in Portsmouth. A baptism has been held there as a result of the work of Brother Young.

PASTOR G. W. BAILEY, who has done good work for so many years on the South coast, has moved to Cambridge, where he will care for the church there, as well as give assistance to the Luton believers.

PASTOR A. K. ARMSTRONG, late of the North England Conference, has moved to London, where he will take up pastoral duties with the beginning of the new year.

THE efforts that are now in progress are prospering. The workers are kept busy visiting interested people. We ask your continued prayers on their behalf.

PASTOR S. F. TONKS brought the people he has been preparing during the year to the North London Church, where they were baptized on Wed-

nesday, December 18th. This gathering of fruit brought joy to the hearts of the Reading members.

WITH other baptisms that have taken place in the conference there is every prospect that we shall show a net increase in membership, on December 31st, of well over a hundred.

IT gave the writer great pleasure to meet with the new believers in Norwich. The blessing of God has rested upon the work in this city. It will be a happy prospect to look forward to our next conference session when this company will be received into the sisterhood of churches.

THE reports from the field show that much blessing was received by our people during the recent Week of Prayer. We trust that this close fellowship with our Maker will be maintained throughout the coming year.

ALL our funds continue to show an increase. As a result of £150 increase in November we show almost £600 more tithe for the first eleven months of this year than for the same period of 1928.

PLYMOUTH Church has purchased a new property in which to hold their services. The necessary alterations should be completed by the close of the first quarter of 1930. We wish this church every blessing as they go forward under the care of Pastor L. E. A. Lane.

EARLY in the new year we hope to dedicate a new brick building in Walthamstow. We are sure that all who will see this building will be pleased that we have such a memorial to the truth of God in this populous part of London.

O. M. DORLAND.

10. The Outlook for 1930

ALREADY we are anticipating the good reports that will be coming in as the old year passes away.

From our visits among the churches and from letters received we expect that this quarter will be the best of the year.

If our hopes are realized then this year will show advancement in every department of our work.

The Sabbath-school is steadily increasing in membership, daily study of the lesson, and in offerings. Do not forget that special Christmas gift for China on Sabbath, December 28th. We must do our very best to help this needy field.

The young people's work has made rapid strides. Several new societies have been organized, and our goal of 100 new Missionary Volunteers enrolled. The activities of our members continue to increase.

The Harvest Ingathering has been a tremendous success, and it looks as though we shall have an increase of £400 over last year. Best of all is the good news received of souls won through this campaign. Here is what one enthusiastic collector writes: "I've got six new *Present Truth* readers and one to keep Sabbath." Our members have been out for goals and souls, and we are sure they will not be disappointed.

Last of all is the enthusiastic reception given to the Good Health League work. In addition to the seven Home Nursing classes already in progress, we have held a number of public lectures which have been well attended.

We appreciate the splendid co-operation of the doctors and nurses as well as conference workers and local officers who have so willingly and nobly helped in the promotion of our departmental activities.

The outlook is most encouraging and the prospects for the coming year are as bright as the promises of God.

Let us each and all dedicate our lives and service to the extension of God's cause in every corner of the vineyard.

"Filled with the inspiration of plans that embrace the world," let us endeavour so to relate ourselves to the task, that a great forward movement may be seen in our ranks.

With best wishes to all our members for a healthy and happy holiday season and success for the year 1930.

F. W. GOODALL.

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West London's Sabbath-School Appeal

THERE was a goodly number of churchmembers and friends present on Sabbath morning, December 14th, when a special programme was contributed by the pupils of the West London Church School.

The greatest and most important need of that

vast, heathen land of China was admirably portrayed by some thirty or forty children, whose songs and recitations were much enjoyed by all.

A dialogue, introducing Chinese life and customs, helped us to realize, as perhaps never before, the magnitude of the task of Christianizing the teeming millions of that spiritually-blinded and morally-decadent land.

Sincerity and simplicity were features which were sustained throughout the whole of the programme, and after the collection had been taken up by several of the juniors attired in native costume, a prayer ascended to God on behalf of our priceless heritage—the children.

All hearts were touched as a result of this stirring appeal, and Pastor Bevan extended to Misses Lewis and Essery a word of appreciation of their continued efforts in stimulating the missionary spirit in the hearts and lives of those entrusted to their care.

A. G. RODGERS.

North England Conference

President: Pastor W. T. Bartlett

Dedication of South Manchester Church

THIS church was organized on April 28, 1906, with a membership of twenty-six, by Pastors MacLay and Haughey. Since that time 126 persons have been baptized into the truth here, and nearly £11,000 has been contributed to the cause in tithes and offerings.

Our present membership stands at 74.

For some years we met in a little wooden tabernacle, but in 1917 we moved into our present brick building, which we purchased in 1919.

Numerous improvements and repairs have been made. The interior has been redecorated, electric light installed, and a baptistery put in. This has entailed heavy expense, which would have been much greater but for the kindness of local brethren in giving of their time and labour.

We have been waiting to dedicate our church until we could present it to the Lord free from all debt, which we found to be our happy condition at the end of last quarter.

Our Union president and vice-president came to visit us from November 29th to December 1st. We were also pleased to have the company of our brethren and sisters from the North Manchester Church.

On Friday evening Pastor Bartlett addressed us, and the Spirit of the Lord came very near as our brother exhorted us to reconsecrate our lives to God. He asked the solemn question, "Will the people who worship in this building be a dedicated people? If not, then it is useless to dedicate the building."

On Sabbath morning Pastor Meredith preached, basing his remarks on Solomon's prayer at the dedication of the temple, and again our hearts were solemnized by the presence of the Holy Spirit. It was a very serious congregation which bowed before God while Pastor Bartlett offered the dedicatory prayer.

In the afternoon Pastor Bartlett delighted our hearts with missions experiences and told of the wonderful way in which the heathen are responding to the message which is so dear to us.

On Sunday evening Pastor Meredith spoke to a large congregation of believers and friends, taking as a basic thought 1 Chronicles 14:15—the "going in the tops of the mulberry trees," and likened it to the fast fulfilling of Matthew 24:14.

He made a stirring appeal to every church-member to "go forth to battle" and do the work which God has entrusted to us, and emphasized the fact that the work will never be finished by the ministers alone, but that the lay members must do their part.

The collections at all the services were handed over to our Harvest Ingathering and resulted in a gain to that fund of £4 10s. 10d.

N. M. DERBYSHIRE.

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Handsworth, 1929

ALTHOUGH "Forward" is our city motto, and looking back has often proved disastrous, yet as a church we believe that, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us."

During the year which has now almost gone, we have had cause to rejoice. Our church-membership has increased, and tithes and free-will offerings have been well maintained in spite of industrial distress.

The Harvest Ingathering goal was reached and surpassed by a considerable sum. On October 20th we held for the first time a Harvest Thanksgiving service. The church was fittingly decorated, and the choice gifts of fruit, flowers, etc., reminded all who beheld them of our Father's bountiful provision for His creatures. "Thou openest Thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing." Psa. 145:16. The service was conducted by our pastor, assisted by church-members, and a number of young children. All the items were appropriately chosen, and the whole service was greatly enjoyed. The gifts of fruit and flowers were afterwards distributed among the sick and those whom the world calls poor.

While we take this opportunity of expressing our gratitude to God for all His blessings during the past year, we would remember that our work

is not finished. God is calling us yet to still greater achievements for Him.

MARIE MERCHANT, *Church Clerk.*

Ministry of the Literature

Renew Your Permit

ALL those who wish to sell literature during 1930 should apply at once for the official permit supplied by the Press. Regular colporteurs will be supplied direct; churchmembers should apply through their Home Missionary Secretary.

Colporteur Work 'Mid Thames Floods

THE flooding of the Thames has brought some strange scenes. The river has overflowed its banks between Windsor and Egham and the place where the Press picnic was held last summer is all under water. The town of Reading, where Brother Combridge has been working has been practically an island.

"Maidenhead is badly flooded," writes Brother Combridge, "much distress—Relief Fund is to be started.

"The Mayor, Mr. Norris, hardly knows how to turn round for work. I prayed earnestly—called at the Town Hall, and have just left there bringing a cash paid order for *Bible Readings*. As I left his parlour he called out, 'The best of luck to you, young man!'"

A Wonderful Book that every Adventist Will Want

FOR years Elder Spicer has been preaching on the parallels of the Exodus movement and the Advent movement, and his studies on this subject have been especially appreciated by our people everywhere. Now, after repeated requests, he has written a book on this subject that will be prized by all. It is perhaps the best that he has ever written, and there is bound to be a great demand everywhere. The Ministerial Committee have placed it in the Ministerial Reading Course for 1930.

Here are the subject headings:

Divine Certainty

The Witness to the Living God

The Witness to the Living God in Ancient Times

The Exodus Movement and the Advent Movement

Called Out to Keep God's Law

The Sabbath a Test of Loyalty

Where the Pathway Turned Into Egypt

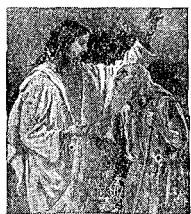
Opposition to the Sabbath and the Two Movements

A Prophetic Picture of Organized Opposition to the Law of God

Each Movement Rose at the Time Foretold

The Certainty of the Date 457 B.C.
 The Heavens Confirm Prophecy and History
 The Rise of the Advent Movement at the Ap-
 pointed Hour
 Preparation for the Advent Movement
 Providential Provision for a Quick Work
 The Spirit of the Two Movements
 The Place of the Gift in the Movement
 Counsels that Build Up
 Not by Human Foresight and Devising
 Perils on the Way
 An Organized Movement
 The Movement Marked Through to the City of
 God

There are 288 pages in this interesting book. The price is 6/- post free from The Stanborough Press Ltd., Watford, Herts. A.W.



HEALING and TEACHING

What is Your 1930 Programme?

Do you want 1930 to be a rousing success in Good Health League work?

Of course you do!

Then why not begin to plan right now? If you can make out your programme at once for the whole twelve months you will be able to get your pick of the lecturers and demonstrators. You will be able to advertise well ahead.

Here is a suggestive programme which you will find useful as a guide. It can easily be modified or changed to suit local conditions:

January 8th.—Demonstration: Home Emergencies, How to Treat Minor Accidents.

February 12th.—Lecture: Good Teeth and Good Health, How to have Both.

March 12th.—Lecture: Your Priceless Eyes, How to take care of them.

April 9th.—Demonstration: Spring and Summer Cookery, Some New Foods.

May 14th.—Lecture: Improving your Health by Outdoor Exercise.

June 11th.—Ramble: Curiosities of Trees and Flowers.

July 9th.—Photographic Ramble: Beautiful Spots in our own District.

August 13th.—Charabanc Drive: ToTea and Games.

September 10th.—Ramble: How Nature Prepares for 1931.

October 15th.—Demonstration: Home Exercises for all Ages.

November 12th.—Lecture: Does Tobacco Give Energy?

December 3rd.—Lecture: How to Strengthen Your Nerves.

This suggested programme gives something for adults and children, for sick and for well.

And here are a few other topics: "Does Alcohol Strengthen?" "Care of the Baby"; "Slimming Foods"; "Simple Beauty Recipes"; etc.

When you have arranged the programme, send up to headquarters particulars for February and March for free insertion in the next number of *Good Health*.

How the People Will Remember Your Lectures

WHEN you give a public lecture on some health subject, do you find the people remember all that you have striven to make clear?

Or do they forget?

Wouldn't you be glad if there were some way of impressing your words so deeply that they would remember nine-tenths instead of one-tenth?

Well, the printed page will do this for you.

Our evangelists offer their "lectures in printed form" to those who hand in their names. Why shouldn't the health lecturer press home his valuable matter by elaborating on some topic in the current number of *Good Health* or in one of our health books?

For instance, when giving a demonstration on "Treatment of Home Emergencies," the lecturer could actually use the first chapter of *Mother's Guide* as he showed how to bind up a cut, how to treat a burn, and how to extract foreign bodies from the ear. Seeing the demonstration and having the book for reference would press home the information in a most powerful way.

Then the chairman could announce at the close: "The substance of this lecture may be obtained in printed form at the literature table in the entrance hall."

In this way the talk would be "A Lecture Long to Be Remembered." The people could read it over and over again, and also pass it on to many others who were not present. A.W.

Please Note

Will all our friends please note that our ledgers will remain open for remittances up to and including Monday, Dec. 30th. We invite the co-operation of all having current accounts with us in getting as many items as possible settled by that date.

JOHN RIGBY, Treasurer,
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WE wish all our readers a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

ONE day last week we were privileged to address the Stock Exchange Christian Association. It was a revelation to discover such deep interest in spiritual things right in the heart of the City of London. And to hear these keen business men pray that their garments might be kept clean amid the temptations around them, and that they might always witness faithfully for the Master, created an impression which will not soon be effaced. Under the shadow of the Bank of England, with the City's busy life swirling around us, we felt we had discovered yet another company of honest souls who have not yet bowed the knee to Baal.

DURING the Week of Prayer we visited quite a number of churches and companies in the North and South England Conferences. It was a real joy to meet our people in the field and renew old acquaintances. But there was one thing we noticed which caused us some misgivings. In only *one* of the churches and companies visited did we find the new hymn book in use. Now this book, admitted by all to be the most beautiful and the most full of harmony that the denomination possesses, has been in circulation for over eighteen months. Its production cost the Publishing House many hundreds of pounds, to say nothing of the immense labour of love bestowed upon it by Pastor J. Harker and his committee. Our people in Australia, on receiving the book twelve months ago, fell in love with it at first sight. The publishing house there has sold five thousand copies already and is about to print a second edition of the same size, although there are but eight thousand members in that field. Judging by these figures almost every member must have a copy of the music edition. But here—

WELL, here, while it is true that a number of our churches have adopted the new book, yet a large proportion are still hobbling along with the old one, despite the fact that pages are missing, covers are torn, and leaves are grimy and dog-eared. We do not hesitate to say that it is a disgrace that so many of these dirty, defaced books should be retained by our churches for the worship of God.

SURELY the time has come when definite action should be taken by all our churches to abolish the old book and introduce the new. What better time

than now, as the New Year is dawning? Let it be the first duty of the newly-elected church officers. Vote it at your next church meeting and put it into action without delay. You will miss a great spiritual blessing by neglecting to do so. Let every church in the British Union Conference greet the New Year with a new song from the *Advent Hymnal Revised*.

To churches that hesitate for financial reasons to take this advance step we would say that if they will place their orders during Jan., 1930, they may have until March 31st to complete payment.

NOR many days ago we had the pleasure of meeting Brethren Benefield, Reeve, and Smith at Coventry. They are doing a most thorough and systematic work in this city. Brother Benefield showed us a piece of territory eight minutes' walk long by six minutes' walk wide in which he and his co-workers have taken a thousand pounds' worth of orders this year. Brother Benefield has delivered books here to the value of £532 himself. He has analysed the problems of city canvassing with the zeal of a scientist searching for a new vitamin. He can tell you which are the best canvassing hours with the precision of an old fisherman who knows when fish are caught. With him the hour from 9.30 to 10.30 is the golden hour of the day and he concentrates his energies on making the most of it. He can tell you—but, there, we must not tell it all. We shall look forward to hearing more of his interesting discoveries from his own lips at the forthcoming Institute.

By the way, colporteurs, one month from now the Institute will commence. Don't forget the date—Jan 24-31st, at Stanborough Park. Invitations will be sent out to all regular workers in the course of the next week or two. It is going to be a great meeting and the signal, we believe, for another great forward move for the publishing work in this country.

WANTED.—Situation as general in S D A home London district preferred Write: R. W., 21 Downsell Road, Stratford, London, E. 15.

WANTED.—Situation by a widow as housekeeper or companion-help. Apply: A. Barcham, 4 Randall Road, Romford, Essex.

SUNSET CALENDAR

	London	Nott'ham	Edin.	Cardiff	Belfast
Jan 3rd	4.3	4.0	3.50	4.16	4.11
" 10th	4.11	4.9	4.0	4.24	4.21