



North England Conference Session

By J. H. PARKIN

"I HAVE regained my old-time confidence in the message during these meetings." In some such words an old-standing member, whose faith in the heaven-appointed task of this people had of late been badly shaken, ardently expressed herself as she said good-bye, after the closing meeting of the North England Conference session, held in the Lees Temperance Hall, Vicar Lane, Leeds, from July 31st to August 5th—the twenty-eighth annual session. This is an example of the soul-reviving effect that this conference has witnessed in spite of what appeared to be likely at the beginning, because of seemingly adverse circumstances. Disappointed as were some because of the lack of representation from the General Conference and the Division, the help afforded from other quarters was greatly blessed of God.

In addition to the welcome support of Pastors W. H. Meredith, J. Harker, A. S. Maxwell, and S. Joyce, from the Union, we were favoured by the assistance of Pastor S. G. Maxwell, Superintendent of the East African Union Mission, Pastor A. H. Williams, Superintendent of the North-West Indian Union Mission, and Pastor R. T. E. Colthurst, of the Mauritius Mission. All of these were mediums of inspiration and timely counsel as they led out in the various meetings for devotion and study, or as they related something of the work in their respective fields. Their talks in the Missions Rally, at the close of the Sabbath, were particularly stirring.

The college was represented by the new principal, Brother W. Murdoch, Pastor G. Keough, and Brother A. Carey. Opportunity was given to them to set forth the aims and claims of the school. In response to a plea by Brother Carey, cash and pledges amounting to nearly £90 were subscribed on behalf of the Conference Students'

Aid Fund. Pledge forms were taken by some of the leaders to enable the members in their churches, who were unable to attend the conference, to take part in this worthy plan. Further forms are available at the conference office.

Most of the time the weather was quite favourable. The Sabbath day gatherings were perhaps the best in point of numbers, though the attendances, except for the opening session, were good almost to the last.

Thanks are due to Pastor E. E. Craven, who with his assistants had provided for the comfort of the delegates and friends, and had made suitable arrangements for the smooth working of the facilities provided in the hall.

The Sabbath-school was cared for by Brother J. M. Howard. He was ably supported in the matter of the principal items. Pastor G. D. King conducted the review, Pastor G. Keough, the lesson study; and the missions appeal was made by Pastor S. G. Maxwell, and resulted in more than double the amount of last year's Conference Sabbath-school offering, namely, over £28.

Pastor W. H. Meredith preached an impressive sermon on Sabbath morning. His theme was concerning the operation of the Holy Spirit, and the urgent need for every member to be willing to let Him do His work in our hearts and lives.

In the afternoon, following a stirring report from delegates to the recent General Conference session, Brother W. R. A. Madgwick was ordained to the Gospel ministry.

Pastor F. W. Johnston preached on the Friday evening, and Pastor A. S. Maxwell on Sunday evening. Other evening preaching services were conducted by Brethren W. T. Bartlett and A. H. Williams.

Nurse J. Handysides was the principal speaker on Sunday afternoon, when the meeting was

given over to the health interests of the cause. On this occasion the lady president of the Leeds Temperance Society, whose hall we occupied, gave us an official welcome. Nurse Handysides also spoke later in support of resolution No. 8 appended, and outlined the aims and plans of the Good Health League. Pastor J. McAvoy represented the Stanboroughs, and Pastor S. G. Maxwell related some experiences of medical work in the East African field.

Seven persons were baptized at a special service held on Monday afternoon.

The Young People's interests were splendidly served in the meetings that were held daily at 9 a.m. and 2.30 p.m., except on Sabbath. Brethren J. Harker, J. M. Howard, G. Keough, G. D. King, S. G. Maxwell, A. Warren, E. E. Craven, W. Murdoch, A. S. Maxwell, and others gave timely addresses.

Three of the four corners of the main floor of the hall were brightened by the displays set out by the Granose Foods Limited, The Stanborough Press Limited, and the Good Health League.

The business sessions were seasons filled with great interest and purpose. Following the roll-call of delegates and the appointment of the standing committees in the first session, Pastor W. T. Bartlett rendered his report for the year 1929. The treasurer's report was also given. At other sessions, Brother J. M. Howard reported for each of his three departments, and Brother G. R. Bell also reported the exploits of his colporteur band for the same period. All these reports will appear elsewhere in the WORKER.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION 1

THAT we of the North England Conference, although at present passing through times of difficulty and trial, stay our souls on God and His all-sufficient grace; that we acknowledge with gratitude His loving care over us and over His sacred cause entrusted to our hands; that we each set ourselves in His strength to win souls for the kingdom of our Lord, endeavouring to carry the message into unentered regions; and that as churches and as individuals, we dedicate ourselves afresh for a year of progress in all departments, relying on the faithful promises of our dear Redeemer

RESOLUTION 2

WHEREAS many of our members through sickness or financial stringency are unable to meet with us in this conference,

Resolved, That we send to them all, especially the isolated members and colporteurs, a message of fellowship and goodwill, assuring them of our sympathy and prayers

RESOLUTION 3

THAT we express our heartfelt thanks to our brethren of the General Conference and of the Northern European Division for securing the valuable service of Pastor F. W. Johnston for evangelistic work in this field

RESOLUTION 4

WHEREAS the spirit of prophecy makes it very plain that all our young people should have the privilege of

attending our schools, and whereas there are in the British Union over seven hundred who are of college age,

Resolved, That as workers and lay members we do all in our power to turn their faces toward obtaining a Christian education that will fit them to take a more active part in the finishing of the work

RESOLUTION 5

WHEREAS it is very desirable that we close up our Ingathering work within the six weeks allotted, and at a time when weather conditions are most favourable, therefore,

Resolved, That collecting work be started at once throughout the conference, and that we endeavour to raise £1,000 of our £2-per-member goal by the end of August.

RESOLUTION 6

WHEREAS the canvassing work is ordained of God as a most effective way of saving souls, without which many would never hear the warning message, therefore,

Resolved, That we request our conference workers and church officers to encourage consecrated, strong, well-educated men and women to become colporteurs with our books and magazines

RESOLUTION 7

WHEREAS there is abundant evidence that the simple ministry of our churchmembers in visiting the homes of the people, giving Bible readings, distributing literature, and caring for the sick, is blessed by God and fruitful in souls won to the truth,

We recommend, That in every church and company still greater efforts be put forth to enlist every believer in our ranks in such ministry, encouraging them in every possible way to spend some time each week in systematic missionary endeavour

RESOLUTION 8

WHEREAS we believe the health message to be a vital part of our movement, and whereas there exists in the world to-day a unique opportunity for spreading our health principles,

Resolved, (a) That we recommend the formation of branches of the Good Health League in all our churches, and (b) that we work to the end of combining definite health propaganda with our evangelistic campaigns, and (c) we suggest to the British Union Conference that they give consideration to furnishing special help for the carrying out of this policy

Some of these resolutions were passed in similar form at the South England Conference session, but we are repeating them here in the hope that every friend in the North will cut out these resolutions and paste them where they can be frequently read.

The nominations for the ensuing year were presented and unanimously accepted, as follows:

President—Pastor W. T. Bartlett
Secretary-Treasurer—J. H. Parkin
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Secretary—J. M. Howard
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Ministerial Credentials—W. T. Bartlett, F. C. Bailey, J. E. Bell, E. E. Craven, W. A. Hall, F. W. Johnston, G. D. King, C. A. Reeves, A. S. Rodd, R. Whiteside, W. R. A. Madgwick
Ministerial Licences—F. W. Coppock, R. A. Freeth, J. M. Howard, W. M. Lennox, J. H. Parkin, A. V. Ward, B. F. Hardy
Missionary Credentials—G. R. Bell, Miss M. Basher, Miss J. E. Bastow, Mrs. D. Casey, Miss A. F. Clarke, Miss E. Donaldson, Miss I. Himsforth, Miss M. Hold-

ing, Miss C E Wood, Nurse J Handsides, Miss K. E Felton, Miss M A Brown

Colporteur Missionary Licences—T G Belton, J Benefield, P. Binks, Mrs E Binks, J E C Davey, E G Gregory, Mrs C H Gregory, R H Holland, C L Kelly, W E Laming, E J Parry, W Rowland, Miss W. Thackaberry, Miss Thirkell, A Walker, Mrs M Watson, W. H Woodfield, E G Wood

All other names to be referred to the Conference Committee.

Before the conference session closed the president with Brother Meredith appealed to the members to co-operate in a studied plan to set free the conference workers for more aggressive work among the unreached masses in our territory. By a show of hands the assembly gave its consent to this idea.



Special Conference Services on Behalf of Our Youth

If attendance speaks for anything at all the Missionary Volunteer meetings during the Leeds Conference were unquestionably a success.

It was an inspiration in itself to hear the whole-hearted singing of our young people. We understand that even some of the passers-by paused and listened to the music as it was wafted to the street.

It was our desire to make this conference session stand out as a landmark in the character-building of our youth, and we believe that it did.

Following the devotional services which were conducted each morning special Bible studies were presented dealing with co-related themes. Brother Keough opened the series with an intensely interesting study on "Problems of Character-Building." We regret that space will not permit details. Brother King followed in the afternoon with the topic, "Christ the Ideal Youth." The third study on "How can I Overcome my Sin?" was dealt with in a very helpful manner by Brother S. G. Maxwell, while Brother Warren in his usual attractive style took up the theme, "The Life of Victory."

Uncle Arthur conducted an inspiring study on Monday and created in all an intense enthusiasm for the work. The new college principal, Brother W. Murdoch, dwelt upon the subject of "Further Development for Service," and the whole series fittingly culminated with the topic, "My Everyday Responsibilities as a Volunteer." This theme was understandingly handled by Brother E. E. Craven.

We thank all who helped to make this Young People's session for both senior and junior work the tremendous success that it was.

J. M. HOWARD.

ACCOMPLISHED German lady seeks position in English home. Fond of children, domesticated, (no cooking) Write: Miss E Friebe, Zagreb, Pantovcak 92f, Yugo-Slavia

President's Report

It is matter for regret that Brother Spearing, who served as our president for the year 1929, is not here to render this report. Ill-health compelled him to resign his office in November, and on the suggestion of the British Union Conference Committee, the members of your Executive Committee invited me to take over the duties. The Conference in session now has opportunity to review this move.

You will learn from the treasurer's report that 1929 was not a prosperous year financially. Efforts were held in eight places during 1929, and the total number of baptisms recorded was seventy-two. However, there are some further baptisms resulting from these efforts which will appear in 1930. The year 1929 witnessed a drop in membership of twenty-six, reducing our total to 1,512. The tithe fell £264 2s. 8d., largely owing to a per capita fall of 4s. 10d. There was also a fall in the Sabbath-school offerings of £48 14s., but as against these items the Harvest Ingathering showed a gain of £122 8s. 9d., while Big Week went up £6 3s. 5d. The call to unite in the Week of Sacrifice further helped the offerings, so that they showed a total increase of £178 6s. 11d. This was a most encouraging feature in a year of financial depression.

In September, 1929, we were called to mourn the loss of Stephen Morley, a new recruit but a promising worker. We record our sense of loss and sympathy with the wife and little ones that he left behind.

It becomes more and more apparent that the financial depression from which North England is suffering, is no passing crisis. The figure of unemployment mounts steadily. So far, every effort to reduce it seems futile. Some at least of the great industries that made North England prosperous in the past are apparently doomed. The problem is baffling the best efforts of statesmen, and we are warranted in regarding it as one of the perplexities foretold by the Saviour, which were to cause men's hearts to faint as they should see the hopelessness of the entanglements that would threaten civilization. We in this conference are facing the local symptoms of a world-wide trouble. There is nothing in it to discourage us, but there is a stirring challenge to our faith in God and our zeal for the setting up of His kingdom. Notwithstanding the hardness of the times, there seems no lack of money for pleasure and display. It is being thrown away more recklessly than ever, and until it is finally cast to the moles and to the bats, we may be confident that He Who reigns above, will see to it that His work has the money that it actually needs.

The growing scarcity of employment adds to the difficulty of keeping the Sabbath, and we

need more than ever the help of the Spirit of God in all evangelistic and soul-winning efforts. The truth must come home to hearts with an intense realization of its sacredness, if men are to be moved in these difficult times to risk their slender hold on a livelihood for the sake of obeying the commandments of God. Yet, out of this heavier pressure from the world should result a deeper faith and stronger hold on God. Our great need is personal fellowship with the Lord, Who has never failed His people and never will.

In the first half of the present year, we have a little more than held our own so far as tithes are concerned, but the Sabbath-school offerings show a further decline. Efforts have been conducted in South Birmingham, Bradford, Grimsby, Blackburn, and Derby. Workers will report concerning these. The year 1930 will, we hope, be marked by success in the revival of tent work. The North European Division granted us £136 for the purchase of a tent and chairs. This money was not sufficient to equip one tent, but it was supplemented by personal gifts to the amount of another £40. A generous friend who had faith in the efficacy of tent efforts gave us money sufficient to purchase and equip two more. The three tents are now in use, at South Birmingham, Louth, and Wallsend. The workers who are using these tents will be able to tell us something of their experiences. We are grateful that, in times of special difficulty, the Lord provides special means whereby His work can be carried forward. As we consecrate our powers and means to His service, we may rely on Him to make advance moves possible.

There is every reason why we should be zealous in proclaiming the message committed to us. Rome is making astonishing gains in the land, and more and more we shall find her studying to hinder by her characteristic methods the spread of truth. Spiritualism also is making tremendous advancement, and winning for itself a host of earnest adherents. There are other counterfeits being urged upon seekers after truth, and we should be without excuse if we did not give ourselves faithfully to the task of letting the light of present truth shine forth into the mists and darkness around us.

At such a time as this, we are thankful for the strong reinforcement that has come to us from the General Conference in the person of Brother F. W. Johnston, whose effort in Bolton is now drawing to a successful conclusion. We all welcome Brother Johnston to our conference.

W. T. BARTLETT.

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Home Missionary Department

"DADDY, you know almost everybody, don't you? Do you know the Lord?" This was the disarming question of Mark Twain's little daughter, and it brought to our minds the well-known way-side sermon—"Do you know God or have you only heard of Him?" And then there follow the assuring words, "The people who *do know* their God shall be strong and *do exploits*."

As we compiled the reports of Home Missionary work done in this field last year and surveyed the veritable exploits in all lines of endeavour we could not refrain from exclaiming. "Surely this people know the Lord" They have met Him in the crowded slum, beside the fevered bed. They have walked with Him by the pathway of mercy and found His footprints in the death-palled home. Impressive is the thought as illumined by Henry Van Dyke—

"He that careth for the sick and wounded,
Watcheth not alone:
There are three in the darkness together,
And the third is the Lord."

It is hard to find words which will describe the amazing progress of Home Missionary achievement throughout 1929.

Over 11,000 missionary visits were paid by our faithful people. This is almost 2,000 more than the figure reported for 1928. The 2,399 Bible studies given show an increase of 200 and the 1,355 treatments an increase of 100. But the most astounding advance is that seen in the distribution of our periodicals and tracts. In 1929 our faithful, energetic members disseminated 116,242 papers. This splendid total is 32,000 ahead of 1928 and 42,000 ahead of 1927. During this same period 49,463 tracts were distributed, an increase of 22,000.

We are loath to pass over this wonderful advance without thanking our members and giving praise to God. This abundant sowing of the Word will not return unto Him void.

We are grateful, too, for the faithful home workers who, by their daily influence and neighbourly sympathy have brought within the fold thirty-six souls during the past year. This total also is a gain on the previous year—a gain of six

LOVE'S HARVEST

"I sowed a little seed one day, and thought of it no more,
Till I found a lovely flower was blooming by my door.
I spoke, one day, a word of cheer, to help a down-cast one,
And as the word of love went out, I found my sorrow gone.
To help a poorer brother, I gave a gift one day,
And found myself the richer for what I gave away

I let a weak one lean on me; and as we passed along, I learned that helping others would make my own life strong."

CAMPAIGNS

The tract campaign for 1929 far outstripped 1928. The 9,775 special copies of *Present Truth* taken by the North England members represented 3,000 increase on the previous year. The tracts resulting therefrom totalled 107,525, a 40,000 increase over 1928. This campaign shows still further advances for the present year.

BIG WEEK

Missions Extension Week Campaign, too, shows progress: £144 14s. was the total reached for 1928, this amount was exceeded by over £6 in 1929. True—we have not yet reached the £200 goal, but we are steadily climbing to that figure. Again you will be gratified to learn that the 1930 Big Week Campaign, although not reaching the amount we had hoped, already shows an advance.

During the year five Home Missionary Conventions were conducted in the following cities—Manchester, Hull, Nottingham, Rotherham, and Liverpool. We gathered much inspiration at these times from the ministration of Brethren Hackman, Meredith, Harker, and Spearing, and shall long remember the very profitable week-ends we spent in counsel together.

THE C.M.S. AND H.B.S.L.

The year 1929 was an extra busy year in Home Missionary endeavour. The Church Missionary Service was introduced during the period which is covered by this report. Several churches in the conference are successfully running this between-service and we are convinced that it has much to do with the excellent increases reported for last year. Nevertheless, as with all new schemes, abuses may creep in. Should any be experiencing difficulty along this line we shall be only too pleased to render first aid.

It is a delight for us to be able to tell you that during last year we were able to organize the Home Bible Study League. Already we are in touch with eighty families, twenty-seven of which have responded favourably. Even though the literature is sent out free, one gentleman persists in sending payment. Recently he wrote saying that because of the good work being done by this society he desired to subscribe at least 10s. annually to the cause. We believe that God has many scattered throughout this land who will embrace, in His own good time, the cause we love.

THE GOOD HEALTH LEAGUE

This present year has seen the re-establishment in our midst of the Good Health League. Already two societies—one at Leeds and the other at Not-

tingham—have been formed. We are greatly handicapped in North England by the lack of professional aid for our Good Health League. Look where we will we cannot find one Adventist doctor in the conference. True, our friends in the South England Conference would gladly help us, but the travelling expenses involved would be more than our churches could meet during the present industrial crisis. However, we must not forget that during the past few weeks Nurse Handysides has taken up her work among us. We know that she has taken upon her heart the burden of the work and desires, with us, to see every church a centre of health in our conference.

THE INGATHERING

It is impossible to record all the many activities of Home Missionary work for a year in such small space, but we cannot forget the Gibraltar of Home Missionary endeavour—the Ingathering Campaign. Last year saw us climbing beyond any other available records. We searched the time-stained archives of the past in the dread hope of finding a year that compared with last, but found none. The total collected last year was £2,660, an increase of £122 on the previous year. Well-nigh half of our churches and companies reached, and the majority of cases far exceeded, the £2 per member goal.

We cannot but feel that if the 560 members who had no part in last year's campaign had done their part, we should have had a still more wonderful victory to record. As it is, the per capita works out at £1 15s. 2d., an increase of 2s. 4d. per member.

We take this as the only opportunity we have of thanking you for your part in last year's campaign. We are mindful of the fact that the district plan in operation during 1929 greatly facilitated the work. We thank you, district superintendents, workers, lay leaders, churchmembers, isolated and all friends, for your loyal support.

As we launch into this year's campaign, let us set our £2 per member goal before us and keep it ever in view. Difficulties may threaten to obscure your vision. Strikes, lock-outs, political uncertainties, unparalleled unemployment may loom as a mountain in the way, but never lose sight of the goal. There is a story told of Napoleon which pictures him, with his eyes on the conquest of Italy, conversing with his chiefs of staff. He outlines his plan of attack and from the assembled veterans there comes the protesting cry, "But sire, the Alps!" Calmly, with his gaze upon the horizon, the great general thunders, "I see no Alps."

Let us, with a purpose set, and a heart of faith, scale our Alps and gain our Italy.

J. M. HOWARD.

Sabbath-School Report

It was an unforgettable experience. The impassioned pleadings of Sister Flora Plummer will live for ever in the memory of all the Sabbath-school members who attended the comprehensive district rally held at Nottingham during the autumn of 1929. Impressive indeed was her solemn message, and the fire of her enthusiasm found response in many hearts.

This same ardent love of the Sabbath-school has been reflected in our midst even this week-end. Only yesterday I overheard one of our elderly sisters remark, with a whimsical, half-sad smile, "I do hope that I shan't live long when I can't get to Sabbath-school." The only dread which the feebleness of advancing old age held for her was the prospect of the Sabbath-school, her one pleasure, being beyond her reach. We have no fear for the future of our Sabbath-school work while there is such faithfulness among us.

The Sabbath-schools in North England numbered fifty at the end of 1928. Last year we added Fotherby to our list; but Blackpool Sabbath-school was disbanded, leaving our total still at fifty. However, you will be encouraged to know that we have recently organized another school at Longthorpe, near Peterborough, and contemplate organizing three others before the close of the year.

During last year with a fall in church membership there was a corresponding decrease in the Sabbath-school membership. Nevertheless we are glad to be able to tell you that the Sabbath-school membership of 1,559, although thirty-one below the previous year's figure, was forty-seven higher than the church membership. Further improvement along this line is noticeable during the first half of the present year.

During the year covered by this report an average of twenty-one schools reached the membership goal of 120 per cent of the church membership. Eleven of our schools reached the financial goal of ninepence per week per member and four reached the Thirteenth Sabbath goal of four shillings per member.

A careful study of the reports showed that seventy-three pupils were brought to the Sabbath-school by faithful members who realized that "the Sabbath-school is a soul-saving agency." We thank all who have led out in this very noble work and pray that the Lord will bless all such efforts.

Our hearts have rejoiced to see thirty-three of our missing members brought back into the Sabbath-school during 1929. It is most reassuring as we look over the reports for the past three and a half years to find that during that time our missing members have dropped from 420 to 260. We are approaching, though not as quickly as we

would wish, the day when our ideal will have been reached and every member of the church is within the Sabbath-school fold. If every member here to-day would go home with a determination to rekindle in the heart of at least one missing member a love for the Sabbath-school our aim would be reached in one day! If every teacher would shoulder the responsibility of having a personal care for every individual member of his class there would be no one wanting when the Saviour comes:

"All my class, if one be missing
In the glorious gathering day,
How shall I account to Jesus?
What shall I with weeping say?"

"Every one, blessed thought,
Not a single name forgot,
One left out, His joy would dim,
Every one is dear to Him"

CREDITS

We would draw attention to the splendid array of credits earned by Sabbath-school members during 1929. Perfect record cards of honour for attendance or daily study numbered 325. Silk book-marks were issued to fifty-one scholars. Three of these represented two years' consecutive faithfulness in attendance and daily study; one represented three years', two four years', one five years', and three six years'.

FINANCIAL

Already in his report Brother Bartlett has mentioned that during last year the Sabbath-school offerings decreased by £48. More than two-thirds of this loss is due to a fall in the Thirteenth Sabbath offerings.

Our offerings last year totalled £1,406 1s. 5d., £360 3s. 10d. of which was given in Thirteenth Sabbath offerings. This, however, shows a slight increase in percentage of offerings to tithe and is conclusive proof that our people in North England have not lost their vision of the need in far-off fields, nor do they lack the desire to give, but through decreased income many temporarily lack the *means* to give. For the past seven years our percentage of offerings to tithe has been gradually increasing from 18.6 per cent until in 1929 it reached 20.6 per cent. This increase of two per cent indicates that at the end of last year our members were giving to the Sabbath-school one-fiftieth more of their income than they were seven years ago.

The following subsidiaries to the total offering showed encouraging increases:

Home Division £132 4s 9d. Increase £7 5s 9d
Birth-day Offering £19 18s 3d Increase £2 16s. 0d.

During the last quarter of 1929 we commenced the Investment Plan; £1 17s 9d. was forthcoming

from this source. Rochdale, one of our smaller Sabbath-schools, has been most energetic in operating this scheme and certainly deserves mention. The offerings of this school have been raised to the extent of 8d. per week per member during the first half of this year. This astounding increase is due entirely to the activities of one Missionary Volunteer who devotes the money from the sale of eggs laid on Sabbath to the Investment Fund. Members of four other schools have enthusiastically taken hold of this scheme. Nottingham, Sheffield, Worcester, and Longthorpe are busy investing for the Lord. We wish that every school this year would catch a vision of the tremendous possibilities that lie in the Investment Plan. We believe that it is such enterprises as this which will help to keep up our Sabbath-school offerings during this time of economic depression. We must not fall behind in our gifts to missions. We must not beat a retreat.

“Napoleon’s troops at Marengo were weary and discouraged with their long march. The enemy outnumbered them with fresh troops. The day

seemed hopeless. Turning to his favourite drummer-boy he said: “Beat a retreat.” The brave boy replied, “Sire, I do not know how to beat a retreat. My master never taught me how; but O, Sire, I can beat a charge that will wake the dead. I beat it at Lodi, I beat it at the Pyramids, shall I beat it now?” Napoleon, inspired by his courage, said, “Then beat it now.” He did so and in such soul-stirring strains that the worn-out soldiers fell into line; the disheartened were emboldened; the fire came back into the eyes of all, their wild shouts rent the air, and Marengo was added to Napoleon’s victories.” J. M. HOWARD.



Please Note!

WILL the conference workers, church treasurers, and isolated members in the North England Conference kindly note that the conference treasurer will be absent from the office on holiday from August 15th to 29th. He will be back to deal with contributions and monthly reports on September 1st, and will greatly esteem it if reports are sent in as early as possible following that date.

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Notes from the President

WHEN this issue reaches your hands the college will have commenced another year’s work. We invite you to pray for the school that the year 1930-1931 may be the brightest and best in its history. We are receiving many requests for financial aid for the students unable to meet their way. Any help you can render will be much appreciated.

THE returns of the Big Week Campaign amount to £332, which is £12 above our goal and a gain of £56 over last year. The returns in tithe for the month of July maintain the splendid gain of £578 reported at the close of the April quarter.

WE are now beginning the greatest Ingathering Campaign in our history, when we hope to raise over £4,000 for missions. Let everyone begin at once and I feel sure that the end of September will see our ambitions realized, and the mission treasury replenished. This will mean many souls won in Africa, and some in our own land through coming in contact with collectors. Let us remember always that the goal of all goals is the saving of souls and the soon return of our Lord and Mas-

ter to speak the “Well done, good and faithful servant.”

THREE church buildings which have been secured in recent months will soon be dedicated. These services will be held at Brighton, Reading, and Plymouth. Portsmouth will also be the owners of the hall in which for years they have had their Sabbath services.

It has been our happy privilege to unite in marriage the following:

Brother Henry Poulton and Sister Ada Brooks at the Stanborough Park Church, on Thursday morning, August 7th.

Brother Andre Guenin and Sister Suzanne Companyne at the North London Church on Sunday morning, August 10th.

Brother George Tapping and Sister Muriel Redhouse at the Baptist Church, Cambridge, on Monday afternoon, August 18th.

We wish these young people every happiness and much of the blessing of Heaven as they unitedly meet the problems of this life.

O. M. DORLAND.

EDITORIAL NOTES

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IN company with a small group of press representatives we had the privilege last week of spending some time in Lambeth Palace with the Archbishop of Canterbury. He was most friendly and cordial, and explained at length the results of the Lambeth Conference.

THERE is no doubt but that the bishops have prepared a most valuable statement and one that Christians of all denominations would do well to read. Various phases of the report will be taken up in forthcoming issues of the *Present Truth*.

WE took the opportunity to ask the Archbishop personally about the Romeward tendency in the church, but he replied that it was not discussed at the Conference!

THIS issue of the WORKER is devoted largely to the North England Conference session. In the next we hope to be able to print reports of the Scottish annual meetings, which also proved to be most helpful and inspiring. We greatly enjoyed the privilege of meeting with the brethren and sisters over the border once again. Everyone was especially happy at meeting in our new church building in Glasgow. This is certainly a splendid building, and with all its movable partitions—and its kitchen!—it is by far the most convenient we have in this field.

TALKING of that kitchen reminds us that our Scottish sisters of the Glasgow Church have us all beaten in hospitality. They actually prepared food enough to supply all members who came in from other churches in the field, both Sabbath and Sunday.

We have just returned from a week-end spent at the Wheatcroft Camp. Sixty-four young people are camping out there and enjoying a glorious time. The tents are pitched in a most delightful spot, three miles south of Scarborough and about ten minutes' walk from the sea. Sabbath-school, followed by a brief service, was held in the marquee and in the afternoon a praise service was held on the beach. Sunday was spent in games, with a public service in the evening, when a number of villagers were present. Every day has been carefully planned for, and the whole week will certainly live long in the memory of all. The camp is undoubtedly a splendid success, and great credit

is due to Brother J. M. Howard for its organization.

THE telegraphic and cable address of the British Union Conference from now on is: ADVENTIST, WATFORD.

THE old telegraphic and cable address, "Hygiene, Watford," will continue to be used for Stanborough Press communications

IF there is a consecrated young lady teacher, having the Government teacher's certificate, who would be interested in a call to our East African Training School, will she write at once to Pastor S. G. Maxwell at this address. The matter is very urgent, and it is hoped that some suitable person will be led to respond without delay.

STANBOROUGH COLLEGE re-opened for another year's work on August 19th. A full report of the special services will appear in the next issue.



Irish Mission Annual Meeting

Change of Date

THE Irish Annual Meeting announced to convene September 26th to 29th will be held *one week earlier*—September 19th to 21st. This new arrangement is to accommodate Elder C. K. Meyers whom we expect to be with us in Belfast at that time. The meetings will probably be held in the Ulster Minor Hall and we expect Elder W. H. Meredith and others to meet with us. A programme giving all particulars will soon be issued. Plan to attend! We expect all the Adventists in Ireland who can do so to rally to this yearly spiritual feast. Take time to be holy—soon our Lord will be here.

S. G. JOYCE.

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