



“ The Best Conference I Ever Attended ”

THIS was the expression of nearly all who were privileged to attend the annual meetings this year. Some perhaps will mention that such a remark is always made by those who attend the conferences year by year. In any case, that is how it should be. The last conference should always be the best, and especially is this true as we near the end of all things. We should expect the blessing of the Lord to come upon His people in larger measure as they assemble in these yearly convocations.

All the meetings this summer were characterized by the presence of the Spirit of God, and as we entered into fellowship with Him, our hearts were made tender, and we were led to a deeper consecration of our lives to His service. There is no doubt but that the rich blessings received by our believers were due, to a large degree, to the spirit of intercession which preceded and which also continued throughout the days of the conferences. The writer received many letters before the meetings began, in which workers and churchmembers emphasized the thought that they were praying very earnestly for the annual gatherings this year. This attitude of earnest devotion persisted during the meetings, as was evident in all the devotional services, and especially in the early morning prayer seasons. It was encouraging to see such a large number present at these meetings for prayer and testimony at the early morning hours.

The Sabbaths of the conference were indeed blessed days and will long be remembered for the joy and blessing which came to so many hearts. To many it was a day of emancipation, of victory over doubts and fears. For others it was a day of deliverance from bondage and sin. A noticeable feature also was the burden so many carried for their loved ones, for their friends, and for their neighbours. We sincerely trust that the experience gained at these important gatherings of the people of God may be deepened, and that we shall all go

from strength to strength in our Christian experience.

At the meetings for our ministers and Bible-workers, and also in the conference meetings, we were all deeply impressed by the fact that if the work is ever to be finished in these islands, we must address ourselves to the question of a more speedy, a more effective, and a more economical evangelism. The large cities of this field must be warned, they must hear the message for this time, and God looks to us; this is our responsibility. May God show us the way and teach us how to accomplish the work, and enable us to bring hundreds and even thousands into the ranks of the Advent message. We believe that the conferences will mean a new era in the history of our work from the standpoint of evangelism and the winning of souls to Christ.

We were glad for the excellent help Brethren L. H. Christian and C. V. Anderson gave us, and also for the splendid assistance rendered by other brethren who were present. We appreciate also the untiring efforts of Dr. C. E. Nelson, whose time was well occupied in examining and giving counsel to so many who sought his advice.

As we think of the meetings, we feel grateful to God for the evidences of a deeper spirit of intercession seen in the hearts of our dear believers, also for the revival of the old-time testimony meetings, and for the emphasis on the certain triumph of the Advent message. May God grant that the spirit of confidence and fellowship may deepen and grow, so that the prayer of Jesus may truly be fulfilled: “That they may be one, even as we are one.”

As we descend the mount of blessing, let us take care lest we lose the good things God has given to His people. If we continue in prayer, if we are diligent in our service for God, if we do as the members of the early church did so faithfully, *witness for Jesus*, we shall grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

W. E. READ.

“ Please to Remember—£2 per Member ”

RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions Adopted at This Year's Annual Meetings

WE are very glad to be able to pass on in this issue of the WORKER the resolutions which were adopted at the annual meetings this year. They were not incorporated in the published reports of the various conferences and mission fields, in view of the fact that they were similar at all the meetings. Now that the annual gatherings are over, we thought we would publish them so that our believers can have access to them. The resolutions are as follows:

Resolution No. 1—Thanksgiving

WHEREAS the blessing of the Lord has rested upon His work and His people, having been seen particularly in the increase in our membership and in the faithfulness of our believers in tithes and offerings, therefore

Resolved, That we express our deep gratitude to our heavenly Father for His many tender mercies, and reconsecrate our lives to His service for the finishing of the work in this generation.

Resolution No. 2—Home Missionary Department

Recognizing the important part that our lay members can take in extending the work in the homeland,

Resolved, That we encourage our members to greater and more earnest activity.

(a) In conducting cottage meetings and giving Bible readings.

(b) In the sale of our missionary papers, *Present Truth* and *Good Health*

(c) In the sale of 1/- and 6d books.

(d) In the reporting of activities; and further,

Resolved, (a) We request the Union to give consideration to preparing a short course of lessons on "How to Hold Cottage Meetings," and "How to Give Bible Readings," to commence in November, 1933

(b) That we enlist our Sabbath-school teachers in the encouraging of our members in service and obtaining of reports in their classes during the brief period between the Sabbath-school and the morning service

Resolution No. 3—Harvest Ingathering

WHEREAS God has abundantly blessed our Harvest Ingathering Campaign during 1932, in spite of the depression, and

WHEREAS it is essential that we seek to complete our campaign successfully this year in a shorter period, therefore

Resolved, (a) That as workers, church officers, and members, we apply ourselves at once to the 1933 campaign, organizing for a prompt start.

(b) That we carry forward this work in a way that will bring definite results in soul-winning

(c) That in every church and company suitable instruction be given, that members may learn the best methods of approach and how to obtain larger gifts.

(d) That we encourage churchmembers to devote at least ten hours to the work of collecting, endeavouring to obtain at least £2 per member

(e) That evangelists, conference workers, and church leaders arrange for a special public missionary meeting one night during the campaign, enlisting the co-operation of the young people in a suitable programme, and that a special appeal be made for an offering for Harvest Ingathering.

(f) That conference workers be invited to accept a personal goal of not less than £25 each.

Resolution No. 4—Testimonies

WHEREAS God in His mercy has committed the gift of the Spirit of prophecy to His remnant people, and

WHEREAS the *Testimonies* have been such a blessing to the church in giving administrative and spiritual counsel, and

WHEREAS the General Conference and the White Estate Trustees have granted permission to us to print a volume of the *Testimonies* for our own field, therefore

Resolved, (a) That we give careful study to the counsel which God has given to this people in the Spirit of prophecy

(b) That we express our appreciation of the action of the General Conference and the White Estate Trustees in granting us permission to publish a special volume of the *Testimonies*.

(c) That we avail ourselves of the unique offer made to us at this time in being able to purchase this volume for 3/6 rather than 5/- which is the actual price.

(d) That we thank the British Union Committee for the sponsoring of this selection from the *Testimonies* and for granting the subsidy that brings it within the reach of every one of our churchmembers

Resolution No. 5—Education

WHEREAS our schools have been founded under the guidance of God for the purpose of sheltering our youth from the dangers of the world, and

WHEREAS they are recruiting centres where our young people are trained for service in the cause, therefore

Resolved, That all our churchmembers support our schools in every possible way

(a) By encouraging all young people to attend Newbold College where they can receive a Christian education.

(b) That churches work to the plan of having a Students' Aid Fund to help worthy students who do not have the means to attend College

(c) That we remember in our prayers the teachers and those who have the leadership of our youth

Resolution No. 6—Evangelistic Boxes

WHEREAS the great objective in all missionary endeavour is the winning of souls to Christ, and

WHEREAS God's great plan in the promulgation of the Gospel message is by preaching, as emphasized by the words of the Saviour when He said: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature," and

WHEREAS the appropriations from the General Conference are diminishing year by year, owing to the monetary and economic situation, and

WHEREAS it is desirable that we do everything possible to raise funds in our own field for public evangelism, therefore

Resolved, (a) That we pledge ourselves to renewed and determined effort to take our part in the finishing of the work by entering whole-heartedly into working for the salvation of our neighbours and friends, and

(b) That we favour the plan of evangelistic boxes and pledge our support in a practical way to make possible by this means a larger sum for public evangelism

Resolution No. 7—Colporteur Work

WHEREAS the colporteur work has been signally blessed by God in leading people into the truth, in providing a means of livelihood, and in helping our students to secure a college education,

Resolved, That we do all in our power to foster this branch of God's work.

Resolution No. 8—Periodicals

WHEREAS the circulation of *Present Truth* has been

the means of leading large numbers of people into a fuller knowledge of the saving truths for our time,
Resolved, That we pledge ourselves to renewed efforts for the circulation of this magazine.

Resolution No. 9—Prayer Meeting

WHEREAS a constant flow of spiritual life in the church of God is of the utmost importance if its witness for the truth is to be maintained, and

WHEREAS this spiritual vigour can be secured only as the believers come together at regular intervals for fellowship and prayer, therefore

Resolved, In all our churches and companies, the weekly prayer meeting be so "planned and managed" as to secure the fullest co-operation of all the believers, and further,

Resolved, That these weekly seasons be regarded as

providing the best opportunity for united intercession on behalf of specific objects connected with our ever-advancing work.

Note—In the conference sessions of both North and South England the resolution on evangelism was worded as follows:

WHEREAS God has spoken to us at this conference, calling us to renewed consecration to His service, and to the task of carrying this message to the millions in the great cities and towns of this densely populated field,

Resolved, that we pledge ourselves whole-heartedly to support our evangelistic forces.

1 By making an immediate gift to the evangelistic fund

2 By placing regular contributions in the evangelistic boxes.

North England Conference

President: Pastor O. M. Dorland.

Office Address: 22 Zulla Road, Mapperley Park, Nottingham.

The Manchester Conference

THE thirty-first session of the North England Conference was held in Ivy Chapel, Manchester, from August 3 to 7, 1933.

A series of workers' meetings was conducted prior to the conference and the excellent spirit which prevailed then was maintained until the end of the session.

The conference was favoured by the presence of Pastors L. H. Christian and C. V. Anderson from the Northern European Division, and W. E. Read and A. S. Maxwell from the British Union Conference, who delivered inspiring addresses mingled with excellent counsel greatly needed in our field at this time.

The president, Pastor O. M. Dorland, spoke at the opening meeting, and the Spirit of the Lord was present in our midst. We felt from the beginning that a feast of good things was in store for us. From the early morning prayer-meeting at 7 o'clock, and through the devotional meetings until the close of the preaching service in the evening, one was lifted up to the mountain top to gaze on things of beauty, holiness, truth, and eternity. Determination seemed to be registered in the hearts and minds of all to use their faculties and talents more than ever to spread the message for our time.

The climax was reached at the Sunday evening meeting when Pastor L. H. Christian's message, "The Tragedy of Russia and Europe," deeply moved his hearers. He related incidents gathered from his contact with the people living under the terrible conditions which exist in many parts at this time. We could not help but feel thankful for the freedom with which we in England are permitted to worship our Creator.

Reports were rendered by the president, the treasurer, and the departmental secretaries.

The Young People's meetings were under the leadership of J. H. Parkin, who also supervised the Sabbath-school. The appeal on behalf of missions

was made by Brother C. V. Anderson, and the offering amounted to £14. 10s. 10d.

The literature work was presented by Brethren A. Warren, A. S. Maxwell, W. L. Emmerson, B. Belton, and D. Davies, and each speaker used to full advantage the precious minutes allotted to him.

Principal W. G. C. Murdoch, in telling of the work of the college, pleaded for help for the Students' Aid Fund. Pledges were received amounting to £40 approximately. Several past and present students of the college gave their testimony to the value of the manual and mental training they had received at the school.

Dr. C. E. Nelson from The Stanboroughs gave valuable advice to our members, and his services were greatly appreciated.

Anthems were rendered by the Manchester choir under their capable leader, Brother E. Halstead, A.R.C.O., and solos were sung acceptably by Miss C. Douglas and B. Walton.

The Stanborough Press reported that they had done good business, and the Granose exhibit gave our members an opportunity to examine and purchase the new products.

Once again old acquaintances were renewed; new believers joined hands with those longer in the faith, and all dispersed full of zeal and courage for the task that lies ahead.

The following officers were re-elected:

President—O. M. Dorland.

Secretary-Treasurer—A. H. Thompson.

Departmental Secretary—J. H. Parkin.

Colporteur Leader—D. Davies.

The Executive Committee is as follows.—O. M. Dorland, A. H. Thompson, J. H. Parkin, W. Maudsley, W. R. A. Madgwick, E. Merchant, J. H. Hanson, H. Rhodes, E. E. Craven

Credentials and licences were granted to the following:

Ministerial Credentials.—O. M. Dorland, J. E. Bell, E. E. Craven, W. Maudsley, D. Morrison, W. R. A. Madgwick, A. F. Bird, S. G. Hyde.

Referred to British Union Committee for Honorary Credentials—W. A. Hall, A. S. Rodd, R. Whiteside.

Ministerial Licences—F W Coppock, R. A. Freeth, W. M. Lennox, H. K. Munson, J. H. Parkin.

Missionary Credentials—A. H. Thompson, D. Davies, Miss J. Handysides, Miss A. F. Clarke, Miss M. Basher, Miss I. Himsforth, Miss F. Preston, Miss H. E. Bull, Miss L. Clarke, B. Walton

Colporteur Credentials—T. G. Belton, J. Benefield, P. Binks, W. E. Gregory, C. W. Poole, A. Reeve, B. Richardson, A. Smith, E. Halstead, W. H. Woodfield, B. H. C. Davies, Mrs. S. Hamblin

Colporteur Licences—J. Hamilton, W. C. McLeod, E. J. Parry, Mrs. H. E. Reynolds, Mrs. Poole, Mrs. E. Binks
A. H. THOMPSON.

President's Report for the Year 1932

THE North England Conference had the unhappy experience of two changes in administration in the year 1932. Brother W. T. Bartlett was released from his office to join the Division force of workers at the close of March, and Brother F. A. Spearing had to relinquish his office as president near the close of the year, due to ill-health. The frequent changes in the field leadership has not led to a settled policy, and has reflected itself in many ways in the field. An unsettled state in the administration leads to lack of confidence and continuity of effort among the churches and workers.

We are pleased to report that through the labours of Pastor F. C. Bailey a new church of eighteen members has been organized at North Shields on the Tyneside.

The membership of the conference has grown very slowly in past years and 1932 registers a loss of ten, leaving our membership at the close of last year at 1,660.

The depression in trade and the increase in unemployment and decrease in wages seem to continue, in spite of what some of the daily newspapers say to the contrary. Nevertheless, the conference held its ground financially. We received in tithe from our faithful churchmembers £6,937, a gain of £27 over the previous twelve months. Our total offerings of £5,172 also show a gain of £102 for the year. This is due to special gifts to missions which came in as miscellaneous offerings. The faithfulness of our people shows that their hearts are in the message and those who have the handling of these funds should realize that they are using sacred money and see that it is used to the honour and glory of God.

Brother Parkin will report what has been accomplished in the three departments for which he is responsible. Brother D. Davies will tell you of the exploits of our faithful colporteurs in these trying times, and Brother A. H. Thompson will give you the details of the year's finances. It is a pleasure to be linked up with such faithful fellow-workers at the conference office.

I appreciate the confidence you have placed in me in calling me, through your executive committee, to head up this field. It has now been my privilege to associate with the workers and churches for seven months.

I have visited every church and company in the conference and have seen all but about fifteen of the isolated members. Our force of workers now

numbers twenty-seven, the lowest it has been for some years. They are of good courage, and I am pleased to say that for the first seven months we have an increase in membership of about thirty, with prospects of several more baptisms by the close of the year.

The following will give you some idea of the task before us in carrying on the work in this field with depleted finances. Our total appropriation for the work in 1930 was £4,507; for 1931, £4,069; for 1932, the year for which we have reported, £4,007; and for 1933, £1,925, a decrease of over fifty per cent.

We ask for a sympathetic interest in your prayers and constructive criticism only as we strive with less workers and decreasing funds to care for the churches and advance the work.

We beseech you to pray for the latter rain, for it is not by might, nor by power, but by the Spirit of God that the work will be finished and cut short in righteousness.

O. M. DORLAND.

Departmental Report for Year Ended December 31, 1932

For the sake of brevity and because of the lack of a direct connection with the work of the departments prior to the beginning of this year, we are presenting merely the high lights of the departmental activities for the twelve months ended December 31, 1932.

Taking the Sabbath-school Department first, the number of Sabbath-schools during 1932 was the same as for 1931 (57). At the end of 1932 the number of Sabbath-school members stood at 1,690. The missing members, that is, the churchmembers not enrolled in the Sabbath-school, were brought down to 176 from the 281 reported at the close of 1931. We would like to take this opportunity of appealing to everyone present to help in the effort towards attaining the desirable goal of "every churchmember a member of the Sabbath-school." Brother Bartlett has recently written some weighty words on this important subject. "When the Sabbath-school has solved the full problem of getting every churchmember into the school, it will have grappled with a host of difficult personal problems, but in doing so will have rendered a most valuable service in building up a united, Bible-loving, considerate band of brothers and sisters in Christ." Referring to apostates, he also says, "When we look through our ranks to find who among us are preparing to take their departure, we see that at the end of the third quarter of 1931 there were about 2,000 members of our churches in the Division who had ceased to be members of the Sabbath-school. Here surely is a warning signal indicating where we must face some portion of our task."

Turning to the offerings, the total amount for the year was £1,387, which was a decrease of £36 compared with 1931. It was, however, £58 more than 1930. The Thirteenth Sabbath offerings were chiefly responsible for the decrease. It is interesting to reflect upon the fact that the total offerings represent an average of £26 for each sabbath of the year,

whilst the Thirteenth Sabbath offering averaged £80 for each of the four Sabbaths. We must look to our faithful Sabbath-school members for a continuation of their loyal, self-sacrificing support. In this connection it is noteworthy that £88. 9s 6d. was the contribution of the home division members during 1932.

The birthday offerings of the year realized £12 17s. 11d., and the "Investment Fund" £18. 15s 0d. An interesting article appears in the current number of the *Sabbath-School Worker* under the title, "The Giant that Nobody Knows" The inference is that if only the potentialities of this plan could be fully exploited in every school throughout the world, the result would be truly gigantic. We would take this opportunity of entering a special plea to Sabbath-school superintendents to foster a greater use of both the investment and birthday offerings plans through which gratitude to God on the part of the members might be manifested.

When considering another prominent feature of the Sabbath-school, viz., the matter of credit cards, it is encouraging to know that the number of quarterly credits issued during the year shows an increase of 117 compared with 1931. The number of ribbons issued for those having made a perfect record for the year was 106. Who can estimate the value of these records in terms of increased Bible knowledge due to the regular study of the Word, or of cultivated habits of punctuality and regularity of attendance at the most important session of our church life? As a valuable aid to the development of such desirable results in one's experience, may we commend the perfect record plan to all.

HOME MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT

We are pleased to record good progress in connection with the activities of our lay members. The total number of reporting members for the year, that is, the highest number reporting, was 521, compared with 457 in 1931. The number of cottage meetings or Bible readings held also showed a large increase—5,840 for 1932, compared with 3,595 in 1931. The number of missionary visits during the year totalled nearly 9,000. Persons taken to meetings numbered over 800; persons helped, 5,000; treatments given, 800. Literature sold totalled 115,000 pieces; and letters written, 2,700. All this was, of course, according to reports. What would it have been if, instead of 521, the whole of the church membership numbering 1,660 had recorded their missionary work? We plead for greater attention to be given to this important matter by the missionary leaders and secretaries, and for every member willingly to co-operate.

In connection with the various campaigns of the year, the Tract Campaign resulted not only in furnishing the churches with a large quantity of tracts, but in the sale and distribution of much literature bearing on some phases of the message.

The Big Week suffered a set-back as compared with previous years, no doubt due to the changes in the administration which took place right in the midst of the Campaign. A decrease of £43 occurred

compared with the previous year. We were thankful, however, for the loyal co-operation of all who took part in this campaign.

The Harvest Ingathering total collected for the year was £3,017, a decrease of £49 compared with the previous year. This splendid sum gained by the efforts of seventy-six per cent of the membership is, however, an encouraging figure when we consider the condition of the depressed areas in this field. Among the thirty-six churches and companies who reached the £2 per member goal (three more than the previous year), York led the way with the magnificent per capita of £5. 4s. 4d. Long Marston led the companies with £21. 16s. 0d. per capita. Newbold broke its record by gathering £334. South Shields and Chesterfield are worthy of special mention. These two places were only organized during the year and came in whole-heartedly with a full goal. Stoke gallantly strove for its goal and just missed a place in the special honours list by 1d. per member. Doubtless they are among the churches and companies who have started early this year with the intention of making sure of the goal for 1933.

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER DEPARTMENT

At the end of 1932 thirty-one societies were reported for this conference—twenty-two senior and nine junior, with a total membership of 560. Twenty-six of these societies reported during the year, representing a total reporting membership of 279.

The outstanding feature of the young people's activities is 56,332 pieces of literature sold or distributed. This seed sown will yet bring forth good fruitage. The rest of the items recorded are: Bible readings, 1,964; missionary visits, 4,217; persons given needed help, 3,678; treatments, 509; clothing given, 538; letters written, 1,627. Several societies enrolled for the Missionary Volunteer Reading Course.

Statistics are not available showing the precise results of the young people's part in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign last year, but from our personal observation we can testify that a good share of the £3,017 shown to the credit of this conference was obtained by their labours, and again we invite the full and hearty co-operation of our youth. We would appeal to them to be an example to the believers in a special way.

J. H. PARKIN.

Advertisements

WANTED.—A few copies of *Liberty* (No 2) Usual price and postage will be paid. Write before sending to Editor, MISSIONARY WORKER, Stanborough Park, Watford, Herts

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SCOTTISH MISSION

Superintendent, Pastor L. Murdoch
Office Address, Broomage House, Larbert, Stirlingshire

Annual Meeting

Our annual meeting was held in the city of Edinburgh from July 14th to 16th. This was the first time for a great many years that we attempted to begin our conference at 4.30 p.m. on Friday afternoon.

Never before have we had such a large number of delegates present, every church and company being fully represented at our opening meeting. This gave us cause for rejoicing and seemed to give promise that the Lord was going to bless us beyond our expectations.

The services will long be remembered by our people in Scotland, because of the many blessings received.

We all felt that the early morning prayer-meeting was responsible for the new spirit that has taken possession of our people. Many had to leave their homes at a very early hour and travel long distances in order to get to the prayer-meeting in time.

As workers we spent much time in prayer together, before our people assembled, asking the Lord to make the meetings a success, which He did in a marked manner.

The Sabbath-school was under the care of Brother F. W. Johnston. Brother W. R. A. Madgwick, who was on a short holiday in Scotland at the time of our annual meeting, very kindly consented to teach the lesson for the entire school. Every feature of the Sabbath-school was greatly enjoyed, which was made very evident after Brother C. V. Anderson's mission talk when the offering was taken, the response being almost three times as much as last year.

The services rendered by our visiting brethren, C. V. Anderson, W. E. Read, and W. G. C. Murdoch were greatly appreciated by all.

On Saturday evening the evangelists gave their reports which were very encouraging, and the prospects are bright for a large ingathering of souls before the end of the year.

The committee on nominations submitted the following report:

That we endorse the recommendation of the Union concerning the following appointments:

Superintendent—L. Murdoch
Treasurer—F. D. Buckle
Departmental Secretary—F. W. Goodall
Colporteur Leader—D. Davies
Ministerial Credentials—L. Murdoch, F. W. Johnston, S. G. Joyce
Ministerial Licence—A. G. Tapping
Missionary Credentials—Miss J. Archibald, Miss J. Fleming, Miss A. McRorie, S. Standen, J. C. French
Advisory Committee—L. Murdoch, F. W. Johnston, R. Kennedy, A. Hogg, J. Wolfe

These recommendations were all adopted unanimously.

The question of the colporteurs' licences to be

referred to the Advisory Committee in counsel with the Union Field Missionary Secretary.

Our conference was brought to a close on Sunday evening, when all were invited to attend the public service conducted by F. W. Johnston in the Synod Hall. There we saw a great many people intensely interested in the message, and we believe that a large number of them will be with us at our annual meeting next year. L. MURDOCH.



"This Also is the Colporteur Work"

"How wonderful it all is," one may have remarked, reasoning out the old man's ability to find sufficient money with which to purchase the volume.

Indeed his order was taken with certain misgivings, for he was poorly, though neatly, dressed.

We discovered him sitting on a public seat on a main highway, studying the Bible. What an opportunity! we thought (Gal. 6:10.) We remembered having read of an incident in which a man was studying the Scriptures according to the light that he possessed, when another man left a most important job in order to render assistance. It resulted in an immediate baptism practically on the spot. (Acts 8)

Our case did not entirely equal that, but the Spirit of prophecy says: "We are to sow the seeds of truth beside all waters"

And so for a moment we left our job to talk to the old man, and together we studied the Scriptures. Indeed we learned a little more than we had previously known. "And if any man think that he knoweth anything, he knoweth nothing yet as he ought to know." 1 Cor. 8:2.

"I do not hope to explain to you all that this chapter contains. I have, however, something here that will help you in your meditations."

How beautifully simple the old chap was!

"My word," he said, "that is a fine book. Should I get all that which you have told me if I buy it?"

"You would get all that and more."

"But I am going away to my sister-in-law for a few weeks' rest. Will you send it there? You see, I had an accident and have been laid up for seventeen weeks, and after my holiday I return to my job in the ——— hostel at Whitechapel."

We need have had no qualms concerning our order. Sister White says: "Golden opportunities occur almost daily." F. J. KINMAN.

SUNSET CALENDAR

	London	Nott'm	Cardiff	Edin	Belfast
September 1st	7.47	7.55	8.00	8.9	8.17
September 8th	7.31	7.38	7.44	7.50	8.00

Using the Libraries

SOME weeks ago Brother Casson of Sheffield interviewed the Chief Librarian of the Sheffield Public Libraries and left with him a copy of *This Mighty Hour*. He has just received a letter from the Chief Librarian expressing much pleasure in accepting the book for addition to the Central Library's stock.

Brother Casson suggests that other churches might follow a similar procedure and place the book in as many public libraries as possible.



Bring Out Your Tracts!

THERE are probably hidden in the dusty archives of our libraries and lumber rooms at least 50,000 tracts and booklets that would do good service in as many homes. A little "spring-cleaning" in this direction would yield surprising results.

"Bring out your tracts," would make a good slogan during this Harvest Ingathering Campaign; for we can slip one into the hand of a prospective donor without being asked a lot of questions.

A week or so ago I took an inventory of my own little stock of old papers and magazines, tracts, etc., with the purpose of giving others an opportunity of sharing, and acquainting themselves with the truth they contain. I have been blessed with good success, and the results have gone beyond my expectations.

Who knows what the harvest will be? Who can fully estimate the power and the influence of one of these silent messengers? Perhaps we could put it in the words of Scott,

"O many a shaft, at random sent,
Finds work the archer little meant."

W. DOWSON



Wedding Bells

RODGERS-ESSERY—On Tuesday, August 8th, at the Stanborough Park Church, Brother A G Rodgers, treasurer of The Stanborough Press Ltd., was united in matrimony to Miss Rosa M Essery, L R A M, M.R.S.T., Head Teacher of the Stanborough Park Church School. The knot was tied by Pastor W. E. Read, assisted by Pastor A K Armstrong, in the presence of a large company of friends, many of whom gathered afterwards in The Stanborough Press Assembly Hall for the "wedding breakfast." We know all our readers will wish the happy couple every blessing as they continue life's journey together.

At Rest

DOWNES.—We are sorry to have to announce the death of Brother Downes, who for some years was associated with the Forest Gate Church. He passed away at the age of seventy-four in Brentwood Hospital on August 7th, where he had been ill for some time, and was laid to rest in Barking Cemetery on August 10th to await the call of the Life-giver

A. NOAKES,
Church Clerk

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There's Always a Bridge

THERE is something very pleasing about the bridge with its combination of strength and beauty and wealth, of usefulness. The bridge over the lazily-flowing river, with its bank of trees whose branches sweep down on the water, is small compared with its brethren the colossal steel structures, yet how intimate. We, in our moments of relaxation, have always delighted to laze away pleasant hours on bridges, watching the water-fowl busy in the reeds, and the trout and other fresh-water life sporting in the crystal depths.

Recently, as we were leaning on the rail of a wooden bridge under which the water gurgled down a small, sloping fall, and the sun was beginning to cast its bedtime shadows, a kingfisher darted past with a displeased cry at being disturbed. A flash of brilliant blue and the bird was gone, but the bridge will ever bring a treasured memory of the first kingfisher we had seen in this district of Watford.

The big bridges with their overpowering sense of massive strength turn our thoughts to the wonderful feats of engineering that could erect such structures; the towering pillars, mighty spans, steel girders, all playing their part to enable thousands of people and vehicles to cross an expanse of water. Or it may be a bridge built to accommodate roaring, tearing express trains so often laden with a happy cargo of people off to see their friends.

We use the bridges so regularly that we rarely consider their presence. We just journey along with the idea, "There's always a bridge."

It is very much the same with life. There are distresses, difficulties, and hard places awaiting us, but there is, sooner or later, a bridge by means of which we can escape from our worries. The trouble with most people is that they get into a panic, run about without plan or purpose, and therefore do not bridge the gulf of their difficulties. Yet in the end, with even a little calm thought, they find that there's always a bridge to help them.

We are continually applying this principle in our battle against ill-health. We fall sick, and have to find a way to bridge the gulf that separates us from good health. To take but one example, the stress of modern life, with its high nervous tension and multiplying sedentary occupations, has caused digestive illnesses to increase. A large proportion of the trouble is caused by the poisonous by-products of digestion which remain in the digestive tract, and set up the painful complaints of indigestion, flatulence, acidity, auto-intoxication, and that very distressing condition known as a "feeling of fullness."

Modern medical science has found that the best way of treating these complaints is to recourse to natural instead of chemical remedies. The natural remedy that has been widely used is charcoal.

Charcoal has a natural affinity for impurities and when taken into the system absorbs certain impurities in the body and renders them harmless.

Many people who should take charcoal every day refuse to do so because its nature and very earthy taste make it a very disagreeable remedy. To such people we say, "Try 'Health and Strength' Charcoal Biscuits." There will be no more excitement needed to take charcoal, as these biscuits really have an enjoyable flavour. The colour of the biscuit is not slightly, but the taste is above reproach.

It will be a happy day for those who suffer from indigestion or other gastric complaints when they use the "charcoal" bridge to health. Charcoal cannot be assimilated and simply passes through the system, carrying with it the substances that are the root cause of many digestive troubles. Eat two to four after each meal. You can smile as you eat them.

A Harley Street specialist has said, "I have never tasted any charcoal biscuits so pleasant as those you manufacture, and I will have great pleasure in recommending them to my patients when occasions arise."

G.F.L.

NOTES from the UNION PRESIDENT

OUR believers throughout the field will be glad to know that, notwithstanding the many difficulties and the serious problems which our brethren in Russia are facing at this time, they are remaining loyal to the truth of God. Not very much information comes to hand, but the little that does filter through from time to time tells of their courage and their confidence in the great God of heaven in the midst of hardship, danger, and starvation on every hand. A little while ago there appeared in *Public Opinion*, under date of April 14, 1933, the following testimony of their willingness to suffer persecution rather than surrender the principles of their faith:

"The thorns in the side of Moscow are the secretaries, as they are called, the Adventists, and a host of others, whose evangelistic principles constrain them to adopt an attitude of passive resistance that no persecution or blandishment can overcome. The strength of the Red Army is utterly ineffective against these unnamed martyrs. The Kremlin may hurl its thunderbolts of denunciation and ridicule, it may even banish these men and women to far-off reaches of arctic Siberia, yet they remain loyal to their convictions and are prepared to suffer imprisonment and the possibility of death rather than yield their cherished faith."

Let us remember our brethren and sisters in Russia in our prayers continually, that speedy relief may soon come to them, and that in the meantime the Lord Whom we serve may give them all comfort and grace.

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ENCOURAGING word came to hand a month or so ago from Brother Nelson, the treasurer of the Southern African Division. He writes:

"At the present time our native camp meetings are in progress and reports that have come to us indicate that the attendance is larger this year than it has ever been. This is particularly true in Nyassaland where at one camp meeting we had over 6,000 believers in attendance. Our baptisms have come up to our expectations and we hope to baptize at least as many this year as last and probably more."

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THE benefit of holding Bible readings in the homes of the people is being realized by others not of our faith. Quite recently in *The Christian Herald*, in the issue of July 13th of this year, there appeared the following statement:

"America is quite well covered with what may be called parlour or home Bible-classes, having individual attendances ranging from twenty to sixty-five. These classes are usually held in the homes of the wealthy. Scores of classes are taught by men and women who have found Christ, or, having found Him before, have consecrated their lives in a new sense to Him."

"Those who have had the opportunity of listening to Dr. Evans, on both sides of the water, know that he has repeatedly said that the study of the Bible in classes in the homes would be found more interesting than contract bridge if only people would try it. Scores of people have taken up the challenge, resulting in numerous classes such as those referred to above. 'If only your country would get hold of someone,' said Dr. Evans, 'who would inaugurate these classes in the

homes, it would do more to further interest in Bible study, and consequently devotion to Christ, than any other single cause.'"

This should certainly stimulate us to enter more whole-heartedly into the work of preparing to give Bible readings, and then actually going out visiting our friends and neighbours, making known to them the truth which God has given to His people. Let us remember that remarkable statement we find in the Spirit of prophecy. In *Testimonies*, Vol. 9, page 126, and also in *Selections from the Testimonies*, page 100, we read:

"In visions of the night representations passed before me of a great reformatory movement among God's people. Many were praising God. The sick were healed, and other miracles were wrought. A spirit of intercession was seen, even as was manifested before the great day of Pentecost. Hundreds and thousands were seen visiting families, and opening before them the Word of God. Hearts were convicted by the power of the Holy Spirit, and a spirit of genuine conversion was manifest. On every side doors were thrown open to the proclamation of the truth."

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WE have been very glad of the good reports which have been reaching us from all parts of the field concerning the early start which has been made in the Ingathering Campaign. It seems as though several churches will have reached their goal before the date of the official opening of the campaign. There is nothing like getting at this work early. The task after all is not so large; the average of £2 per member is relatively low. Some go out on a Sunday and reach their goal in one day. Others accomplish it in two days, and some, of course, take longer. If every churchmember, however, were to take the matter seriously and get right down to the task with a determination to finish his quota in the shortest possible time, we could get our goal in a very few weeks. Someone has stated that it could be very easily accomplished in one month, and this is no doubt true. Let us keep at the task, brethren and sisters, until we have reached our goal. Let us press in with renewed vigour and determine to accomplish the task this year in record time.

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MIGHT we call attention again to the little brown boxes which make their mute appeal for gifts for evangelistic work. In the annual meetings this year there was manifested a very keen interest in the public proclamation of this message. Some excellent gifts were made at two of the conferences to enable the brethren to plan on some special evangelistic efforts in the autumn of this year. Let us ever keep before us the large number of unentered cities with their millions who have never yet heard God's message for this time. Remember the little blessing boxes week by week and see to it that at the end of the quarter their contents are passed over to the treasurer of the church.

W.E.R.