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## Greetings from Australia

To the vast majority of Australasian people England is "home." With British blood flowing through our veins, with the flag of Britain waving from our buildings, with British firms manufacturing many of our products in their branches established here, and with English printed Bibles in the homes of the people, together with those sentiments distinctively British shaping our destinies, we are naturally keenly interested in anything that touches the "homeland."

We are not forgetful that some of our evangelists, trained in our schools and field in Australia, now take their place in your cities, winning souls in old England with the proclamation of the selfsame message that won us and which these men once preached to Australian congregations.

Asked to convey a brief message to your field, we are happy indeed to be so privileged. Thanks to modern methods of travel, we are now but seven days' distant from your metropolis. Indeed men have flown it in considerably less than seven days. How space is being annihilated! We, whose fathers occupied something approaching seven months to travel here from their own homeland, now seem so close.

We are fifty years old so far as this message is concerned, for 1935 marked our golden jubilee in Australia. As we look back and see

Pastor W. G. Turner, President of the Australasian Division of Seventh-Day Adventists, responds to our recent message of congratulation on the celebration of their golden jubilee.

what God has accomplished in this field during the fifty years of our history we are deeply thankful. To-day there are more Seventh-Day Adventists per thousand of the population in the Australasian Division than in any other world division. In temporal things God has richly blessed us, and the prospects for the current year are excellent. Extensive as our mission work is, covering approximately one-seventh of the globe from the standpoint of mere distance from one extreme to the other, we are happy to report excellent things. A new group recently entered in New Guinea promises to be the best yet. After but a few months of contact reports tell of hundreds leaving heathenism and turning to God. The transformations that are being wrought are astonishing to British officers who from time to time make contact with these primitive folk.

Our book work is moving along well. Quite recently we asked one of our colporteurs to work a portion of our island field, and after about four months' effort among the white officials and residents of

Papua and New Guinea, he returned to Australia reporting upwards of £1,100 worth of actual sales. The books sold were *Home Physician* and that book so well known to you, *This Mighty Hour*.

We function here in almost every department of world service, evangelical, educational, medical, and publishing, our health food and medical work being somewhat outstanding in its magnitude.

For all we see and all we tell we praise God, but greatly long for the hour to strike when the people of every land will be united under the one eternal King, speak the one pure tongue and enjoy that clearness of vision that will enable them to behold "the land of far distances."

To our dear brethren and sisters, fellow-believers in England, we in Australasia extend our sincere Christian greetings for the new year now dawning, and pray that God will continue to bless you in your glad service for Him, giving each through this new year the happy experience of daily victory in Christ Jesus.

# The Quadrennial Session

July 30th to August 9th

By W. E. READ

IN a recent issue of the MESSENGER we made a preliminary announcement concerning the Quadrennial Session of the British Union to be held at Stanborough Park in August. We wish at this time to give a few further particulars with reference to this important gathering of the people of God.

Notice has already been given concerning the arrangement made with the Publishing House for a special bonus to be given to those who, wishing to attend the meeting, sell certain quantities of our periodicals between now and the time of the Quadrennial Session. We sincerely hope that a large number of our churchmembers will avail themselves of this help. Really by the sale of periodicals, it is possible for us not only to earn what it will cost to take us to and from the meeting, but also to get books of tickets which will care for us at the dining tent during the entire session. Let young and old join in this plan, so that a large number of our churchmembers may have the privilege of the Conference.

The main auditorium will be a large tent seating about 1,600 people. We are all hoping and praying that the weather may be fine, so that, should a large number come, we shall be able to tie up the walls of the tent and arrange for a few hundred extra chairs to be placed around. There will be no difficulty about hearing the speaker, for we shall arrange for loud-speakers to be fitted at suitable places so that all may hear.

We have it in mind to arrange for some special seats in the front for our brethren and sisters who are hard of hearing. We expect to have special appliances so that they may have the full benefit of the messages that are given.

The dining tent will seat about 500 people, so that it is probable we shall have to have two sittings for each meal. We hope that, in

addition, there may be some kind of buffet arrangement for those who wish to sit on the ground and partake of their refreshment.

It is expected that suitable lodgings will be provided in the neighbourhood. Hundreds of houses have been erected on the old Kingswood estate, and in other parts in close proximity to Stanborough Park, so that we are hoping that all who come will be able to find suitable accommodation near at hand.

Let mothers with children not hesitate to come, for we are planning to have a playground for the little boys and girls where they

will be cared for, at certain times at least, during the meetings. We expect, also, to have a small tent where babies will be cared for so that mothers may go to the meeting. This will be in charge of one of our workers.

The Exhibit Tent should prove an item of special interest. It is planned to have from twelve to fourteen booths, which will have displays featuring the various interests of our work in the Union.

Brethren and sisters, it is none too early for us to lay our plans to come to this important Quadrennial Session. Let us determine that we will be present; and then seek the Lord for the wherewithal to enable us to make the journey. Come expecting a blessing from the Lord and you will not be disappointed.

## "It Was Voted . . ."

Actions taken at the recent British Union Committee  
(Concluded)

### IRISH FREE STATE—"PRESENT TRUTH" PLAN

Recognizing the great value of the literature in bringing the truth to the people, and especially sensing the need of a greater effort to spread this literature in the Irish Free State,

*Voted*, (a) That a plan be inaugurated to encourage our people to supply six issues of *Present Truth* free of charge to 1,000 addresses in the Irish Free State, a note to be included in the first issue intimating that the papers have been sent by friends.

(b) That the cost of these subscriptions—one shilling—be borne as follows: Sixpence by the individual donor and sixpence by the British Union Conference.

(c) That the scheme be promoted by the British Union Home Missionary Department through the MESSENGER and by circular letter.

(d) That the addresses, provided by J. Harker, be sent to the British Union Home Missionary Secretary, who will place all orders for dispatch of papers with The Stanborough Press.

(e) That monies from members be sent on through home missionary secretaries in the usual way

(f) That this plan operate for six issues in the spring of 1936.

(g) That the contents of these six issues be edited with special consideration of the needs of Ireland.

### "PRESENT TRUTH" CAMPAIGN 1936

In view of the great possibilities of bringing the Gospel message to the masses through the circulation of *Present Truth*, it was

*Voted*, That we organize a special campaign for evangelization with *Present Truth*, requesting each conference and mission to take a goal equivalent to five copies per member for 1936.

The figures for the respective fields would be as follows:

	Members	Goal
South England	2,725	13,625
North England	1,730	8,650
Wales	432	2,160
Scotland	276	1,380
Northern Ireland	160	600
Irish Free State		

### "GOOD HEALTH"—HOME WELFARE CAMPAIGN

In view of the great possibilities for bringing physical blessing and well-being to the people through the circulation of our magazine *Good Health*; and because this magazine is destined to exercise a powerful influence for good in our welfare work, it was

Voted, 1. That we set a Union goal of 23,000 copies monthly during 1936, asking each conference and mission to set a goal equivalent to 4.5 per member.

The figures for the respective fields would be as follows:

	Members	Goal
South England	2,725	12,262
North England	1,730	7,785
Wales	432	1,944
Scotland	276	1,242
North Ireland	160	540
Irish Free State		

2. That this campaign be promoted in the same way as the *Present Truth* Evangelization Campaign, excluding the period of the Tract Campaign.



### "The Abiding Gift of Prophecy"

DURING the many years of his ministry Pastor A. G. Daniells gave special study to the gift of prophecy in the church. At meetings of ministerial groups and General Conference Councils he often presented this subject. The General Conference Committee asked him to prepare these studies so they would be available to all our people. This he has done, and *The Abiding Gift of Prophecy* is his last contribution to the cause he loved.

The scope of this interesting and instructive work is clearly set forth by the author in these words:

"This volume deals with but one theme—the *Continuing Gift of Prophecy*. That prophetic gift has been God's chosen method of revealing Himself to the human race after man had been ruined through sin.

"This prophetic gift bestowed was to abide with the church from Adam to the second advent of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, when He comes to take His redeemed people to Paradise. It did not cease with the apostles, but is traceable through the centuries to the last days of human history, just before the return of our Lord."

Pastor L. E. Froom makes this clear statement:

"The fundamental premise of the writer is incontrovertible—that when sin had broken direct communion between heaven and earth, God gave the prophetic gift to men, vouchsafing it to His church, and that gift has never been permanently withdrawn since its bestowal. There have, of course, been intervals when no prophetic voice was heard. But this, as well as the other spiritual

gifts, have reappeared periodically through the centuries, to direct in crises, to instruct and to warn, and at times to predict, as God might elect and as the church might need, thus to carry out the undeviating and abiding provision of God."

Pastor C. H. Watson recently wrote about this new book as follows:

"One cannot read page after page, and chapter after chapter of this stirring book without sensing a distinct building of confidence in the purpose

and work of the prophetic gift all through the history of God's people in a sinful world. It greatly aids in understanding and appreciating the remarkable ministry of the gift in the remnant church."

You will surely want a copy of this new book. Why not order it at once? It contains 379 pages, and comes in two bindings:

- Blue, washable cloth ..... 7/6
  - Black, limp ..... 11/6
- THE STANBOROUGH PRESS LTD.

## Notes from the Union President

THE membership figures at the close of the year 1935 have just been made up. The reports from the various fields have been very encouraging, and we are glad to pass on the good word to all our believers throughout the field that the year 1935 has been a banner year in the history of our work in the British Union in the work of winning souls to Christ. The total number received into the church by baptism and by vote was 490. The largest number ever reported in one year before this was in 1934, when 457 were received. The next largest was in 1933, when 456 accessions to the faith were recorded. Let us pray that those who have recently identified themselves with the people of God may prove loyal and faithful to the truth and continue unto the end. Let us pray, also, that the new year upon which we have just entered may be even better still. Ought we not to go well over the 500 mark this year? Let us work and pray to that end.

A COMPARISON between the two quadrenniums is also very encouraging. During the quadrennium just closed there were received into the church, by baptism and vote, 1,794 souls, whereas during the previous four years our report showed 1,278. The net gain of the last quadrennium was 615, whereas the net gain of the previous quadrennium was 197.

PASTOR H. W. ARMSTRONG passed to us, at the time of our British Union Council a few weeks ago, a very interesting note con-

cerning our work in the British Union fifty years ago. He mentioned:

"It is now just fifty years ago this month that the first institute for prospective workers in the British Union was held at Grimsby. The instructors at that time were some of the pioneers of the message, like M. C. Wilcox, S. H. Lane, J. H. Durland, and R. F. Andrews. In addition, there were about twelve prospects present. At the close of the institute six young lady colporteurs, the first organized band, went up to Leeds and started canvassing for *Present Truth*.

Would that we could have similar bands to-day go from city to city, building up the circulation of our missionary paper!

ACCORDING to a recent report given concerning the activities of the British and Foreign Bible Society during 1935, some remarkable advances have been made. The difficult times are leading people to seek after the things of God, and this earnest desire is expressed in a larger circulation of the Bible in different parts of the world. The following is taken from a recent report:

"The most striking advance appears to be in countries where there is the greatest unrest. In Germany, for instance, the sales of our society alone" show "an increase of 20,000 on the previous year. In Spain the sales have risen since the revolution, the increase . . . being about 20,000. We have been supplying Abyssinian and Italian soldiers with Bibles. Five thousand Bibles in five different

languages were distributed in Abyssinia. . . . The biggest advance has been in China, where sales have risen by 400,000 to 4,296,495."

May this good work go on until the knowledge of the Lord shall cover the earth as the waters cover the seas.

THE date set for the annual meetings of our limited companies is Wednesday, March 25th, and the times of the various meetings are as follows:

British Advent Missions	10.00 a.m.
Granose Foods Limited	11.30 a.m.
Stanborough Press Ltd	2.30 p.m.
Good Health Asso'n, Ltd	4.00 p.m.

GOOD word is being received concerning the meetings held throughout the field on Sabbath, January 25th. It is evident that there was a good response to the special appeal on behalf of our work in Ethiopia. Ere long we hope to have the figures gathered together, so that we can make a definite announcement. May the Lord bless this special offering, and may it be

used in His good providence to build up the work of God in that land which is torn and rent with the horrors of war.

ON Sabbath, February 15th, we are to remember the sick among us. This is the date for our Medical Aid Offering, and all that is contributed in response to this appeal will be used by our conferences and missions in assisting those of our brethren and sisters who need special medical help, to have care and attention at our own Sanitarium and Hospital. We have been very glad for the liberal response made in previous appeals, and on making inquiries at the conference offices, we find that their funds for this purpose have now been used up. We are very desirous that a larger number of our believers should have the benefit of the facilities which are now being provided. May the Lord bless us as we give consideration to the sick and afflicted among us.

W. E. READ.

for the Young People's Society.

In the chair, as president of the new Guild, was Pastor F. W. Goodall, whose active and ingenious mind had prepared a most interesting programme. By a series of tableaux the plans for the Guild were set before the crowded and enthusiastic audience. As an earnest of the good things to come, displays were given of such activities as cooking, basket-making, first aid, drill, gymnastics, and photography. Carpentry, and other industries, it was explained, would also be taught, and there would be time and space provided for healthy games.

Altogether it was a first rate "send-off," and everybody went home extraordinarily happy and hopeful. Not for a long time have the young people of Stanborough Park felt so appreciative. May the Guild prove to be all that its promoters anticipate in weaving new bonds of interest and social service to bind the young people at head-quarters more closely together and to God.

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## South England Conference

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### Stanborough Park M.V. Guild

ANCIENT and venerable as are many of the guildhalls in our historic land, surely in none of them has so happy a festival been celebrated as that which took place at the opening ceremony of the new Missionary Volunteer "Guild Hall" on Stanborough Park.

True, the building is only an old wooden hut, long since left vacant and derelict, but thanks to the heroic efforts of the charter members of the Guild, it presents to-day a most trim and inviting appearance.

Symbolic of the removal of institutional barriers—which had been thought sometimes to divide the young people at head-quarters, and which it is one of the purposes of the Guild to demolish—several "walls of partition" in the hut itself have been broken down

to form a fine hall, seating from 150 to 200 people. Other rooms, tastefully renovated, provide accommodation for a library, gentleman's lounge, ladies' rest room, and an arts and crafts section.

Almost all the executive committee of the B.U.C. were pressed into service for the official opening on Saturday evening, January 11th. Pastor W. E. Read welcomed the young people, Brother A. Carey, Secretary of British Advent Missions, accepted the year's rent—forty-eight farthings—and graciously returned it. Pastor R. S. Joyce "opened" the Guild. Dr. Nelson expressed thanks for the gifts which had already been made, and the writer, characteristically, asked for more. Pastor W. H. Meredith spoke on behalf of the Stanborough Park Church and Brother R. Spooner

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### Mighty Moments During Christmas, 1935

IT is Christmas morning, and round by the side door of the Stanborough Park church can be seen some young people with a car. What are they doing?

Why, they are loading the car to the roof with parcels of clothing, toys, and groceries—the result of the work of the Helpers' Band of the Stanborough Park Young People's Society—to be given to twenty-eight families, whose hopes have been blighted by unemployment and sickness.

We are on our way. "Hallo," we say to a shabbily-dressed little girl. "Does Mrs. — live here?"

"Mum, 'ere's a man ter see yer," she calls.

We smile, but tragedy lies behind the door. Quite recently death had taken the breadwinner, leaving a widow with three children, the youngest being six months old. It is a mighty moment to see that poor soul's face as she eagerly takes the Christmas parcel, and as the child literally grabs the doll we have for her.

What a mighty moment it is as we leave Mrs. —, a widow, and a follower of the "Brethren," a parcel of clothes for her four young children. "It is a gift from God," she says. Then there is poor old Mr. —, with a wife and five children, out of work for twenty months, and no unemployment allowance. "Just what my children were needing—a Godsend. My heartfelt thanks."

Mrs. — has an invalid husband and two children dependent upon poor relief. "Each Christmas we have received from some source or other a parcel of Christmas cheer," she says, "but none was forthcoming this year until you came."

But we must not forget this distressing case. Mr. — is in a state of advanced tuberculosis through serving his country during the War. The treatment at the sanatorium has not made him better. "I am forbidden to work," he tells us. "If I do the doctors will have nothing more to do with me." He has a wife and four children, and soon there will be five. His capabilities are those of a brilliant electrical engineer. His income is 28/- a week, of which 16/- goes for rent. "Gentlemen," he says, "please accept my heartfelt thanks. Your parcel will be a blessing to my children, if only to convey to them the meaning of Christ's birthday."

Where did we enjoy these "mighty moments" in the service of God? Within a stone's throw of our own church. And to all who read these lines we would suggest that perhaps there may be needy hearts now waiting for the help which you can give in your locality. Much joy will be yours in finding them.

R. SPOONER.

Leader, Stanborough Park Y.P.S.



### A Wonderful Answer to Prayer

A SHORT time ago I had the pleasure of taking a friend to the Zoological Gardens. After lunch I

discovered that I had lost my purse. Practically all we had between us was in it—our return tickets home, a £1 note, and three keys for the house. We went to the Lost Property Office and reported our loss, giving our name and address, and then decided to go home, my friend having two or three shillings in her pocket.

Arriving home, we remembered that we could not get in until my friend's husband came home. All the time I was praying quietly that God would send my purse back. When it was suggested that new keys should be made for the lock, I said, "No, I feel my purse will be returned."

The next day, I promised that if the purse came back with the

note still intact, I would give it to the Lord as a thank offering. Just as I made this decision, there was a knock on the door. A strange gentleman stood there. He had come all the way from Barnet to Watford, his sister having found the purse in the Zoo. He had phoned up the Lost Property Office, found my name and address, and brought the purse along.

I was delighted with his honesty, and made him accept his bus fare. More than that he would not take. I spoke to him of the Lord's wonderful love in answering my prayer, and gave him copies of *Present Truth* and *Good Health*, which I am now sending regularly. I pray God will use these silent messengers. G. F. THOMPSON.

## The Tract Campaign

### The New Tract: "An Hour With Your Bible"

ON the northern reaches of the mighty Mississippi River lived an old man, who, though poor and feeble, desired to have a part in the spreading of the Gospel message. He used to give away small cards on which were printed Bible texts on the coming of the Lord.

One of our sisters purchased from him a packet of these cards, using them among friends and acquaintances. She then had a new supply printed, adding a study on the Sabbath question.

When the time came to order fresh supplies the studies were issued as a neat little eight-page folder. This went swiftly and the following issue came out as *An Hour With Your Bible*—sixteen pages. Almost two hundred thousand have been sold and the little tract has been translated into other tongues beside the original English.

Already people are rejoicing in the truth as a result of reading these selections from the Scriptures and many others have been encouraged to a closer study of the Word of God.

Make sure of a good supply of *An Hour With Your Bible*.

A.W



### Suggested Canvass for Tract Work

Good morning! The campaign for spending pleasant evenings with the Bible is just starting and we are glad to call upon you today.

Everywhere people are recognizing the value of following the late King's worthy example of reading the Bible daily, for surely this is to-day's national need. Don't you think so?

Yes, perhaps you are right.

In order to secure the fullest pleasure and profit from such study, we are leaving this beautifully prepared folder with the people around here, free of charge, of course.

(Now produce Bible Lesson No 1.)

We feel sure you will enjoy this specially prepared outline, and that it will bring much blessing into your home.

(Hand folder to individual.)

Thank you! Good morning.

B. BELTON.

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# Statement of Tithes and Offerings for British Union

## SOUTH ENGLAND CONFERENCE

NAME OF CHURCH OR COMPANY	Mem-ber-ship	Tithe	Tithe per Capita	Sabbath-School Offerings Inc 13 h S	Young People's Offering	Harvest Ingathering	Annual Offerings	Miscellaneous	Week of Sacrifice	Big Week	Total Offerings	Offerings per Capita
Bath	27	21 0 5	15 6	4 4 0		14 17 11	1 5 6				20 7 5	15 1
Bournemouth	81	167 10 1	2 1 4	8 19 3		98 11 2	5 10 0		12 6		113 12 11	1 8 1
Brighton	66	98 18 7	1 9 9	22 4 8	7 9	37 18 4	7 6 8				67 7 5	1 0 7
Bristol	94	81 4 9	17 1	16 0 8	10 6	58 6 9	3 10 1				78 7 7	1 6 8
Cambridge	28	22 1 7	19 2	5 6 0		14 11 2	3 17 8				29 14 10	1 0 6
Croscombe	27	18 14 8	13 10	5 15 6	15 1	20 3 2	2 14 5				29 8 2	1 1 9
Croydon	39	14 15 0	10 2	5 15 10	3 0 0	22 15 0					31 10 10	1 1 9
Exeter	9	34 13 0	3 17 0	10 2 4		15 14 8	18 0				26 15 0	2 19 5
Gillingham	12	26 12 10	2 4 4	5 0 9	11 4	2 13 8	2 6 0				10 14 9	17 10
Hastings	28	33 6 4	1 8 11	8 8 6		22 11 0	2 17 0				33 16 6	1 3 5
H. Wycombe	22	22 11 3	1 0 6	3 18 0	2 6	12 13 4	18 6				17 12 4	16 0
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Edmonton	59	57 11 11	19 6	19 7 10		6 0 0	4 0 0				29 7 10	9 11
Forest Gate	25	20 5 4	16 2	8 5 4		13 7 8	3 17 0				25 11 0	1 0 5
Holloway	193	258 2 8	1 5 1	48 18 9	1 3 6	125 14 2	26 11 2				202 6 7	1 0 3
London N.W.	93	41 19 11	1 6 2	10 0 7		50 11 9	7 4 6				67 16 10	2 3 4
London W	139	140 15 9	1 3 0	29 2 3	17 5	27 15 2	8 13 0				66 7 10	9 7
London S	84	99 11 1	1 3 8	23 9 9	14 0	4 0 0	7 8 9				35 12 6	8 6
Tottenham	37	24 15 2	13 4	5 11 1	10 6	24 5 2	2 17 6				33 4 3	17 8
Walthamstow	94	293 17 6	3 2 6	33 10 1	14 4	59 15 3	138 11 9		13 0		233 7 5	2 9 7
Wood Green	74	45 10 6	12 3	7 10 9	13 4	45 10 10	10 1 1				62 16 0	17 3
Wimbledon	114	255 5 4	2 5 5	21 13 4	1 6 2	68 17 1	5 13 0				97 14 7	17 1
Lowestoft	70	48 6 6	10 10	14 11 5	1 11 3	1 11 3	1 10 6		2 4 6		19 17 8	5 8
Luton	25	19 5 4	15 5	3 7 3		17 18 8	1 18 0				23 3 11	18 7
Norwich	50	49 16 6	19 11	6 4 0	11 1	11 10 10	1 0 0				19 5 11	7 8
Plymouth	119	155 14 4	1 6 1	26 15 11	1 5 1	81 7 4	12 13 2				122 1 6	1 0 6
Portsmouth	51	53 9 1	1 0 11	10 16 2	2 11	37 18 0	1 10 9				50 7 10	19 9
Reading	29	33 15 8	7 3 3	10 1 8		19 15 6	1 7 2				31 4 4	1 1 6
Southend	62	133 3 7	2 2 11	14 15 1		32 7 8	10 3 8				57 6 5	18 5
Southampton	53	30 19 4	1 10 6	15 8 5	18 9	37 18 9	6 2 0				60 7 11	1 2 9
Southstoke	11	25 1 3	2 5 6	11 11 10		7 13 6	13 15 6				99 10 10	9 0 1
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Watford	71	114 13 3	1 12 3	18 16 2		40 7 3	3 4 0				63 7 0	17 10
Yarmouth	60	85 8 10	10 3	8 19 2	48 7	151 2 0	2 5 4				163 5 1	2 14 5
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Cheltenham	28	9 0 2	7 9	2 11 7	1 4	1 5 2	14 3				4 12 4	4 0
Clapham	67	64 17 11	19 4	9 11 11		31 14 2	4 19 10				46 5 11	13 9
Dereham	10	9 12 8	19 3	2 6 4		2 13 6	1 12 6				6 12 4	13 3
Gloucester	20	11 12 0	11 6	3 15 11		2 14 2	7 8 1				6 17 9	6 10
Medstead	9	21 19 9	2 15 6	5 19 4		4 1 3	2 14 10				12 15 5	1 8 5
Romford	7	7 14 0	1 2 0	10 0		16 10 2	1 0 0		1 0 0		19 0 2	2 14 3
Salisbury	9	9 13 2	1 1 5	1 18 10		1 1 1	6 0				3 5 11	7 4
Torquay	9	20 4 4	2 4 11	4 3 3		6 9 0	1 13 6				12 5 9	1 7 4
W-S-Mare	10	10 5 1	1 0 6	6 15 5		9 16 4	3 16 6				20 8 3	2 0 9
Isolated	332	650 4 11	1 19 2	72 13 2		59 2 7	66 18 1		21 12 6	5 3 2	225 9 6	13 7
Totals	2713	4071 17 5	1 13 0	655 3 7	25 15 4	1764 1 1	433 18 9		26 2 6	5 3 2	2930 4 5	1 1 7
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## NORTH ENGLAND CONFERENCE

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Blackburn	17	5 10 3	6 6	1 7 3		13 19 10	1 3 6				19 10 7	19 5
Bolton	9	12 11 4	1 7 11	2 8 3		2 6 1	9 2				5 3 6	11 6
Bradford	21	12 0 1	11 5	3 6 6	1 10	47 13 7	1 3 3				52 5 2	2 9 9
Coventry	22	31 0 5	1 8 3	5 15 7		36 6 5	15 4				42 17 4	1 18 11
Derby	45	63 6 5	1 8 1	8 7 11	6 6	49 11 11	3 8 3				61 14 7	1 7 5
Grimsby	25	21 10 3	17 3	6 17 2	1 10	8 7 0	18 5				15 19 5	12 9
Handsworth	50	90 4 3	1 16 1	11 9 5	10 0	53 13 3	4 2 6				69 15 2	1 7 10
Hull	74	106 9 3	1 8 9	22 5 0	1 8	75 0 3	3 13 0				100 18 6	1 7 3
Kettering	48	52 8 3	1 1 10	10 4 5		77 11 0	3 1 3				90 16 9	1 17 10
Leeds	75	70 16 6	18 11	17 14 5	12 3	65 19 6	5 15 6				90 1 8	1 4 0
Leicester	33	32 5 3	19 3	7 0 3	7 11	19 11 7	19 10				27 19 7	16 11
Lincoln	19	7 0 2	7 4	3 8 10		15 18 4					19 7 2	1 0 4
Liverpool	103	97 1 6	18 10	15 1 3	9 6	55 10 1	5 1 1				74 1 11	14 9
Manchester	89	117 5 1	1 6 4	17 13 7		58 17 3	2 15 4				79 6 2	17 10
Newbold	123	94 3 2	15 4	21 10 0	1 14 2	13 19 1	6 5 8				48 8 11	7 10
Newcastle	74	50 7 0	13 7	10 14 7	11 1	91 3 4	2 4 2				104 13 2	1 8 3
N. Shields	23	15 17 3	13 9	2 2 7		16 6 8	7 3				18 16 6	16 4
Nottingham	73	83 12 5	1 2 6	13 12 6	16 5	82 7 2	12 2 8				103 18 9	1 9 10
Rotherham	80	20 5 4	13 6	2 15 6	5 7	12 10 1	15 3				16 6 5	10 9
Rushden	14	15 2 6	1 1 7	2 16 3	5 6	14 4 3	2 9 1				19 6 9	1 7 7
Sheffield	33	50 14 4	1 10 8	7 16 0		38 15 8	2 7 1				48 18 9	1 9 8
S. Shields	30	2 0 9	1 4	1 6 5		37 5 3					38 11 8	1 5 8
Stoke	15	24 18 8	1 13 3	5 11 11	6 0	35 12 4	1 19 7				42 19 10	2 17 3
Stretford	58	63 0 5	1 1 8	9 11 2		76 4 4	4 3 8				89 19 2	1 11 0
Wellingboro	22	14 2 3	12 9	8 3 11		9 17 2					18 1 1	16 5
Worcester	31	47 2 1	1 10 4	9 0 2		44 8 11	5 12 3				59 1 4	1 18 1
Wolverhampton	18	21 11 1	1 3 11	2 0 1		11 8 4	13 0				11 7 5	15 11
York	22	40 3 3	1 16 6	12 5 5	5 0	85 3 0	15 0				98 8 5	4 9 5
Companies												
Bromsgrove	8	9 17 8	1 4 8	2 7 0	4 0	12 12 2	6 6				15 9 8	1 18 8
Chestfield	6	2 14 4	9 1	18 4		3 5 0					4 3 4	13 10
Doncaster	9	8 8 5	18 8	1 11 4			4 0				1 15 4	3 11
Darlington	9	10 3 9	1 3 9	1 19 9		11 1 7	7 3				18 8 7	1 9 10
Kidminster	11	2 9 6	4 6	13 8		8 4 9					8 18 6	16 2
Killamarsh	12	14 14 5	1 4 6	2 1 7	1 6	18 10 6	9 8				16 3 3	1 6 11
Mansfield	12	11 16 9	19 8	3 10 0		6 19 8	8 9				10 13 5	17 9
Midbrough	12	25 15 3	2 2 11	7 1 5		25 8 0					32 9 5	2 14 1
Scarbro'	11	19 16 6	1 16 0	7 9 8		31 10 11	2 11 6				41 12 1	3 15 8
Skegness	11	15 18 4	1 8 5	3 12 2		26 10 5	15 0				30 17 7	2 16 1
Southport	8	1 16 0	4 6	7 7		2 1 0					2 8 7	6 1
Sutton	13	11 2 6	17 1	2 1 9		14 4 11	5 3				16 11 11	1 5 6
Ulverston	7	7 6 0	1 0 10	1 14 5		5 4 8	4 0				7 3 1	1 0 5
Wallsend	11			2 12 2		4 8 6					7 0 8	12 9
Wakefield	30	20 0 2	13 4	3 4 5		62 7 0					65 11 5	2 3 8
W. Hartlepool	7	5 0 1	14 3	9 1		1 17 2	2 0				2 8 3	6 10
Barnsley	28	11 14 3	10 2	2 14 4		63 14 0	1 0 0				67 8 4	2 18 7
Isolated	271	290 14 4	1 1 5	54 2 2		128 5 10	13 8 6		8 14 10		204 11 4	11 5
Totals	1755	1774 6 4	1 0 6	350 3 10	9 1 11	1624 8 1	92 10 2		8 14 10		2084 18 10	1 4 1
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Increase	46	-173 7 4	-2 3	85 17 3	-2 18 4	251 14 10	-31 3 9		-29 14 8	-15 8	222 19 5	2 2

# Conference for the Quarter ended Dec. 31, 1935

## WELSH MISSION

NAME OF CHURCH OR COMPANY	Mem. ship	Tithe	Tithe per Capita	Sabbath-School Offerings Inc. 13th S		Young People's Offering	Harvest Ingathering	Annual Offerings	Miscellaneous	Week of Sacrifice	Big Week	Total Offerings	Offerings per Capita		
Barry Dock	18	90 6 3	1 13 8	4 7 6			30 17 5	1 11 3				36 16 2	2 0 11		
Blaenavon	11	13 9 7	1 4 6	2 13 7			4 5 9	7 11				7 7 3	13 5		
Cardiff	62	53 6 9	17 2	17 0 4	1 8 6		72 9 4	3 12 0				94 10 2	1 10 6		
Hereford	16	3 5 8	4 1	2 9 7			23 8 0	3 13 3				29 10 10	1 16 11		
Milford Haven	6	8 0 0	1 6 8	4 1 0			15 0	3 10 0				8 6 0	1 7 8		
Newport Mon	96	97 15 3	1 0 4	11 2 2		9 5	30 3 3	2 17 4				41 12 2	1 9 4		
Porth	10	9 13 9	19 4	3 6 10			6 5 11	7 0		11 0		10 10 9	1 1 1		
Swansea	31	24 14 7	15 11	5 16 5			22 7 0	1 15 2				29 18 7	19 4		
Companies	Aberdare	9	28 13 0	3 3 3	3 6 3		3 3 0	1 16 0				8 5 3	18 4		
	Abertillery	7	3 1 11	3 10	9 2		5 4 5	3 6				7 7 10	16 3		
	Dowlais	9	5 9 6	12 2	1 8 10		5 15 6	3 6				7 9 9	17 5		
	Henllan	4	1 6 6	6 7	1 14 4		1 8 11	6 6				3 9 9	10 1		
	Llanelli	9	1 0 0	2 3			4 11 0					4 11 0	1 0 4		
	Rhos	9	8 5 3	18 4	2 5 3		5 36 7	19 6		2 0		9 3 4	11 1		
	Rhyl	20	38 12 3	1 18 8	6 15 2		81 19 10	2 7 0				91 2 0	4 11 1		
	Risca	5	10 2 7	2 0 6	2 18 4		10 10 0	4 6				10 12 10	2 2 7		
	Shrewsbury	13	16 13 11	1 5 8	2 12 9		3 15 2	1 10 0				7 17 11	12 2		
	Shotton	10	5 5 11	10 7	2 6 2		5 15 7	10 0				8 11 9	17 2		
Isolated	108	104 19 6	19 5	10 8 10			225 19 9	2 18 9			2 0	3 15 0	23 4 4	2 5 0	
Totals	473	464 2 6	1 0 6	85 2 6	1 17 11		511 11 5	28 9 8	13 0			3 17 0	681 11 6	1 9 2	
Totals 1934	446	453 14 3	1 1 5	96 11 3	4 5 7		514 1 9	39 9 1	1 16 0		1 0	5 0	656 9 8	1 9 5	
Increase	7	10 8 3	-11	-11 8 9	-2 7 8		27 9 8	-10 13 5	-1 3 0			3 12 0	-1 0	5 1 10	-3

## SCOTTISH MISSION

Aberdeen	37	19 6 9	10 5	3 17 10			70 17 7	1 0 0				75 15 5	2 1 0	
Edinburgh	63	33 4 0	10 9	11 13 6			44 19 6	1 19 0				58 12 0	19 11	
Glasgow	88	62 18 9	14 4	15 1 4	19 6		126 9 4	3 16 8				145 17 10	1 18 2	
Kirkcaldy	11	13 10 10	1 4 7	4 2 7			8 8 0	1 6 6				13 17 1	1 5 2	
Com. Dundee	21	8 12 3	8 1	2 11 5			64 7 6	1 10 6				68 9 5	3 5 3	
	14	49 18 0	9 11 9	24 11 0			9 12 1	2 17 9				37 0 10	2 12 11	
	11	6 5 0	11 4				14 13 10					14 13 10	1 6 9	
Uddingston	11	6 5 0	11 4				14 13 10					14 13 10	1 6 9	
Isolated	95	109 8 1	3 2 6	12 15 0			185 7 11	7 7 0			5 18 9	311 8 8	6 0 10	
Totals	370	303 3 8	1 1 9	74 12 8	19 6		524 6 9	19 17 5				5 18 9	625 15 1	2 4 10
Totals 1934	282	317 16 0	1 2 11	66 18 0	1 1 9		437 16 9	35 18 4				4 18 9	546 13 7	1 18 9
Increase	-3	-14 12 4	-1 2	7 14 8	-2 3		86 10 0	16 0 11				1 0 0	-79 1 6	6 1

## NORTH IRELAND MISSION

Belfast	59	99 16 2	1 13 10	33 18 6	3 6		43 1 7	7 13 1				84 16 8	1 8 9
Com. Kilmoyle	5	1 3 6	2 7	1 5 8	7 4		7 6 0	8 0				2 7 0	5 3
	9						7 0 0					7 0 0	1 8 1
Larne	5						7 0 0					7 0 0	1 8 1
Isolated	48	45 0 8	18 9	7 1 5			60 12 3	2 18 0	1 0 0			72 11 8	1 10 3
Totals	121	146 0 4	1 4 2	42 5 7	10 10		110 19 10	11 13 1	1 0 0			166 15 4	1 7 7
Totals 1934	122	161 8 9	1 7 4	46 4 4	1 3 5		224 9 11	20 16 9	2 0			293 5 5	2 8 1
Increase	-1	-15 8 5	-3 2	-3 18 3	-12 7		-113 9 1	-8 17 8	18 0			-126 10 1	-1 0 6

## IRISH FREE STATE MISSION

Dublin	31	47 11 3	1 10 8	16 6 7	1 2 10		40 3 4	4 15 0				62 7 9	2 0 3
Isolated	6	23 14 3	3 19 0	1 14 0			7 6 1	2 5 6				11 6 7	1 17 9
Totals	37	71 5 6	1 18 6	18 0 7	1 2 10		47 9 5	7 1 6				73 14 4	1 19 10
Totals 1934	40	61 16 11	1 10 2	12 18 11			55 8 6	60 9 0				128 16 5	8 4 5
Increase	-3	9 8 7	8 4	5 1 8	1 2 10		-7 19 1	-53 7 6				-55 2 1	-1 4 7

## UNION TOTALS

B.U.C.		20 10 6													
Stan Press															
Gran. Foods															
Stanborough's															
Grand Totals	5354	6851 6 3	1 5 7	1225 8 9	39 8 4		4632 16 7	593 16 7	1 13 0			44 13 1	5 3 2	6542 19 6	1 4 5
Grand Tot 1934	5195	6982 13 10	1 7 5	1164 10 2	43 8 0		4545 4 1	683 2 5	102 7 0			79 10 1	1 6 8	6822 8 5	1 6 0
Increase	163	-131 7 7	-1 10	60 18 7	-2 19 8		87 12 6	-94 5 10	-100 14 0			33 17 0	3 16 6	-79 8 11	-1 7

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# Training the Colporteurs

Report of the Colporteurs' Institute at Stanborough Park, January 15th-24th

It has become customary after each annual convention of God's people to hear the exclamation, "It has been the best yet."

We feel this will always be so, especially of workers' meetings, each council transcending its fore-runner in point of blessing and importance.

Colporteurs' gatherings are certainly no exception, and the meeting of our workers in the literature ministry which convened in the head-quarters' church at Stanborough Park from January 15th to 24th surely passes into history as the best on record.

Beginning with Pastor Read's excellent opening address a high level of interest was maintained throughout the ten days spent together, until, on the closing night, following Brother Maxwell's inspiring "Farewell," the colporteurs clustered around Brother Halstead at the organ, fervently singing the old moving hymns and choruses, loathe to separate.

Perhaps this warmth of friendship was the outstanding feature of the Institute. We were like one happy family. The Saviour's promise to be "in the midst" of His servants was abundantly verified and heart beat in unison with heart. One common purpose possessed all—to train more thoroughly for the critical days of service just before us.

Pastor E. E. Franklin, Associate Secretary of the General Conference Publishing Department, taught the maxims of Gospel salesmanship. By practical demonstration of his point, and by well-told story and experience, Brother Franklin held our interest through intensive sessions that seemed all too short.

"I am glad we do not have to go to the world for sales principles," he said. "They are in the Bible and the volumes of the Spirit of prophecy. These have made for success hitherto and will do so in 1936." His claims were ably substantiated, engendering in our hearts an unshakeable confidence in the tested principles and policies that have been discovered and soundly developed down the years of our Advent colportage.

By B. BELTON

The syllabus covered a wide range of practical subjects such as:

High Calling of the Literature Ministry

Gospel Sales Procedure Theory and Practice.

- (a) Preparing to Meet the Prospect.
- (b) Approach, Demonstration, Close.
- (c) Creating Confidence.
- (d) Establishing Value to Forestall Objections.

How to Work Territory:

- (a) Classifying Territory.
- (b) The Recommendations Plan.
- (c) Door-to-Door Work

The Standardized Canvass.

Dress, Appearance, and Bearing.

Importance of Enthusiasm.

Delivering.

Having a Goal.

Use of Time.

Prayer, Bible Study, the Spirit of Prophecy.

Follow-up Work and Soul-Winning  
What Books shall the Colporteur Study?

Reporting.

Selling Our Magazines

Colporteurs' Relationships:

- (a) To Conference.
- (b) To Publishing House.
- (c) To Church Responsibilities.

Most of the colporteur-evangelists were trained to handle *Our Wonderful Bible* and, being well coached by the local field missionary secretaries, Brethren D. Davies and C. L. Kelly, their 1936 sales goal of 10,000 copies for this book should be reached some time before the year closes.

Noticeable in many of the closing testimonies from the colporteurs were appreciative references to the "prayer bands" which had been inaugurated. First thing each afternoon specific subjects for prayer were introduced and the little groups of praying colporteurs entered into these seasons with refreshing fervency. Some who were sick were restored and gladly once more surrendered their lives for better service in the field.

Other fresh features in this year's council were the Round Table Discussions and the Question Box, both of which afforded scope for the pooling of ideas to the general advantage of all.

In training and establishing recruits we endeavour as far as possible to work according to the following inspired plan:

"Canvassers should be sent out two and two. Inexperienced workers should be sent out with those of more experience, who can give them help. They can converse together and study the word of life together, praying with and for each other. Thus both the younger and the elder Christian will receive the blessing of God."—*Colporteur Evangelist*, page 89

Sometimes circumstances prevent the attaining of this ideal, and both before and during this Institute we were burdened with the thought, How can we care for the recruits? Can we carry out the Lord's purpose in every case?

Perhaps the strongest evidence that the Spirit of God had free course in this wonderful convention was the ready response by the more experienced colporteurs when the appeal for such co-operation was made. May the blessing of God, which maketh rich, attend the steps of those dear workers who so willingly fell into line with the Lord's plan.

If the spirit of this splendid Institute is maintained in the house-to-house visitation of the colporteurs who are now back at their posts, many upon whom they call should be brought into the Advent hope in the near future.

ALL who attended Stanborough College from 1908-1916 will remember Miss Stafford (now Mrs. A. Pocock), who was then chief cook. In a letter to the Editor she writes:

"I would like to send, through the MESSENGER, greetings to all with whom I was associated in Stanborough College. I often pray for them all. We are isolated in the mountains, forty miles from town, in New South Wales."

Mrs. Pocock would be glad to hear from any old friends who may have time to write. Her address is: c/o Brown Bros., "Wonga Hill," Martinville, New South Wales.