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“If ———”

By H. W. LOWE

A WORLD in two letters! A world of excuses, shams, regrets, conditions, and possibilities.

“If,” say the sluggardly, “if only I had the time I would love to help in our missions’ Ingathering plans!” “When you believe that you excuse yourself, you are accusing yourself,” someone has said. Yes, this world of excuses is a high stockade behind which shelter the slothful.

“If I had his chances, I would —!” “If I get the opportunity, I’ll call on widow So-and-So!” “If I’m well enough I’ll do it next week!” Oh, yes, there’s a great world of excuses (but not many

excused!) behind this strange little word.

“If I had not lost my temper so often with my son,” says a hot-blooded father, “my son might not have drifted from home into crime!” “If only I had not killed my brother!” Cain must have wailed a thousand times. There is surely a sorry world of regrets in this tiny word.

We have sometimes heard it said that the word “if” should not be in the Christian’s vocabulary, but that is far from the truth. The

most valuable things in the Christian life are conditional on faith and obedience. Everlasting life is ours “if” we believe in the everlasting Son. The ministry of angels is promised to the saints “if” they shall fulfil the conditions which make them “heirs of salvation.”

Furthermore, among the privileges of the Christian life are those blessings pertaining to temporal necessities and to the spiritual needs of man’s earthly life; and these are all conditional on obedience to certain well-defined principles. Let us notice this thought in three Scripture passages.



Group of delegates to the Northern European Division Presidents’ Council at Watford.

There was a time when the earth's vegetation was sustained by heavy mist and not by rain. Later, when purging by deluge took place, and "the fountains of the great deep" were "broken up" (Gen. 7:11), we read that "the windows [floodgates, margin] were opened." Let us bear that in mind—when God opens "the windows of heaven" there is a flood. Only twice more do we come across this, or a similar expression, in Scripture.

In the great Samarian famine, when food was unobtainable, Elisha prophesied that on the morrow it would be possible to buy two and a half gallons of fine flour for about three shillings. Which thing seemed such an absurd impossibility that people said, "Behold, if the Lord should make windows in heaven, might such a thing be?" 2 Kings 7:2, 19. But there were windows in heaven, and when God opens them, the people are blessed.

There was another time of crisis among God's people. His house of worship languished. The people were spiritually poverty-stricken. So mean-spirited were they that they brought torn and inferior offerings before the Lord, and altogether they were in sore, pitiable straits. The message the Lord wanted them to heed was, "I have loved you." "I will return unto you, if ye will return unto Me." Mal. 1:2; 3:7. Then in a great forensic passage the prophet set forth God's way to prosperity and blessing.

And our little word "if" is certainly one of the key words of the divine message.

"Prove Me now," the Lord challengingly said. "You bring all the tithes into the storehouse, and see if I will not open the flood-gates of heaven and bring a flood of blessing upon you!"

They were not to spend the tithes themselves, but to deposit them in God's treasury. Even in their adversity, the road to blessing was through faithfulness in tithing.

To-day the position is much the same. Christian benevolence is on

the wane. True tithe-paying is not as universal as it should be, yet the opportunities to press on with the Advent message were never so many.

Open doors of opportunity; open windows in heaven should be the order of the day. If every Adventist in this Union would this day determine, by divine grace, to render henceforth a regular and true tithe of his income to God's work, thousands more souls would be won for the truth, and floods of blessing would flow into the hearts of our believers.

"The poor and the rich, the young men and the young women who earn wages—all are to lay by a portion; for God claims it. The spiritual prosperity of every member of the church depends on personal effort and strict fidelity to God. . . ."

"All should feel that they are not proprietors, but stewards, and that the time is coming when they must give an account for the use they have made of their Lord's money." —*Testimonies*, Vol. 5, page 382.

You may be bathed in a heavenly flood of blessing, "If ———!"

Message from the Presidents' Council

THE presidents of the Northern European Division gathered in council at Watford, England, to all our churches, companies, and isolated believers in the Division—*Greetings*.

We thank God continually for the grace of God bestowed on you in Christ Jesus, for your loyalty to the faith, and for your co-operation in spreading the Gospel. Our hearts are also filled with gratitude to God for your faithfulness in tithes and offerings, and it has been a great encouragement to us to see how willingly, earnestly, and ably you have worked for God in the Harvest Ingathering and in other missionary endeavours. We also are cheered by our assurance that He who has begun a good work within you all will go on to perfect it in preparation for the day of Jesus Christ. It is our prayer "That your love may be more and more accompanied by clear knowledge and keen perception, so that you may be blameless, being filled with those fruits of righteousness which come through Jesus Christ."

It has been deeply impressed upon us that we have reached the days so vividly portrayed by the apostle as the "perilous times" when "men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, . . .

lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof." 2 Tim. 3:2-5. Indeed, a time of national and international perplexity and unrest has come, but we remember that our God does not change nor does His Gospel in these changing times. When these things begin to come to pass, then we look up and lift up our heads, for our redemption draweth nigh.

We appeal to our members in these times of evil and worldliness to hold closely to the Gospel principles of modesty, dignity, simplicity, and spirituality as followers of Jesus.

As we have met in Council, listened to the stirring messages of advance and need in the mission fields, and studied the needs and problems of the work at large, conviction has settled upon us that the time has arrived for our whole membership to join us in a great united forward movement for the completion of the task laid upon us by our Lord and Saviour.

To this end we do hereby issue a solemn call to all our ministers, workers, and churchmembers sincerely to humble their hearts before God, and to forsake all worldliness as being snares of the evil one that cause us to fall, praying continually for that vital godliness

Tithe Sabbath, September 11th

of life that alone can meet the challenge of the times and prepare us for the coming of our Lord.

We further urge all our members to show even greater zeal in personal witnessing, and in work for Christ in all departments of church endeavour, and by a revival of

prayer and study of the Bible and the Spirit of prophecy, to seek such an empowering of the life through the Holy Spirit as God has promised His people in this time of the latter rain, which will enable us quickly to finish the work of the Gospel in all the world.

Pointers to Success in Soliciting for Missions

By F. W. GOODALL

1. *Be Persevering in Hard Work.* "I have no secret but hard work," replied an outstanding scholar when interviewed regarding his success in life. Hard work, burdensome toil, and steady perseverance, when done in the spirit of the Master, will win many a valiant battle for advancing the kingdom of God.

2. *Be Enthusiastic.* A very definite factor of success in soliciting for missions is enthusiasm. In order to build up a good supply of this essential qualification, one must think enthusiastic thoughts. Don't say to yourself, "I suppose I must go Ingathering, but I do hate to meet people. I wish it were over." Rather maintain the following attitude: "I am doing a glorious and honourable work. I am glad to have a part in it. I know the people will be glad to receive the papers and glad to help such a good work. I shall watch for interested persons, and to each will give a tract or a paper, and endeavour tactfully to arrange for Bible studies or other future contact."

3. *Be Optimistic.* It takes all kinds of people to make a world, and in Harvest Ingathering, as in anything else, some will be pleasant and friendly and some may appear gruff and unapproachable. Suppose someone flatly refuses to give, or someone is unkind? Be sure to have a smile for such a person, also a tract or a paper to present courteously to him. Tell him truthfully that you are glad to meet him, and thank him just as sincerely as though he were a friendly contributor. Then hurry on to the next house, undaunted, undisturbed,

and courageous. On every street there are people who are willing and glad to have you call, glad to receive the Annual Ingathering Report, and glad for the opportunity to give. Optimism is a constant necessity.

4. *Be in Earnest.* Are you "sold" on the missionary idea? Is your heart aflame with the certainty of the triumph of God's work in all the world and the joy of salvation? If so, you possess the first essential to success. No person is likely to make a financial contribution toward any project unless he is interested in it; and in order to interest a person in a project, the solicitor must be genuinely interested and in earnest.

5. *Be Prepared.* Study the magazine until you are thoroughly familiar with its contents and can briefly call attention to that which seems most likely to be of interest to your particular prospect. It is well to be fortified by reliable up-to-date statistics as to the extent and nature of the great work carried on by Seventh-Day Adventists, and to use tact in making use of this information. Questions will be asked, false statements made, and unreasonable objections raised. Never resort to argument. Simply state facts with a positiveness which will be convincing.

6. *Be Thorough.* If working in business districts, or from house to house, do not pass by any door. Remember that you are on the King's business, and that He has jewels hidden away in most unexpected places. Not only jewels of wealth, but jewels in souls waiting for light.

7. *Be Systematic.* You have volunteered to stand as surety for the success of one unit of Harvest Ingathering endeavour. Your part may seem very small compared with the goal of your church or conference, but the ultimate success of the whole depends upon your success as an individual.

Analyse your task: "I have promised to stand good for £—— of the Harvest Ingathering Goal, and to devote at least —— hours exclusively to the solicitation work. The time of the campaign is eight weeks. That means that I must spend at least —— hours each week, and collect at least £—— each week, in order to meet my full obligation on time."

Then stick to your blue print. If you are able to reach your full goal in less time than allotted, so much the better. You will then be able to speak from experience in telling others how the goal is reached, and you will be willing to "go the second mile" along the Harvest Ingathering road, doing more than you expected to do or were asked to do, just for the love of the One who gave Heaven's all to make man's redemption possible.

8. *Be Winsome—in Manner and Appearance.* Dress neatly and appropriately. Look over your assortment of smiles and put on your best one for all day. Clamp it on tight so that it cannot fall off, no matter what the test to be met.

9. *Be a Christian Psychologist.* The power of suggestion serves to good advantage in Harvest Ingathering solicitation. A ten-shilling note or a number of half-crowns held conspicuously in the hand while making the appeal will help to turn the mind of the prospect to the amount of donation which is desired. A casual statement that "every half-crown helps" will often forestall donations of shillings, sixpences, or even pennies.

Of course, no amount is too small to be accepted and appreciated, but as a usual thing people are influenced by what others are giving. Always carry some small change, and thus be prepared to counteract the excuses of those who say they have nothing smaller than a pound or ten-shilling note.

Miles of Service

By "One who lives to work for lepers"

WE are "listening in" to one of our collectors who signs herself, "One who lives to work for the lepers." We see her as she travels miles and miles up and down streets, going from home to home. Way out in the country going from village to village on behalf of the needy mission fields. Listen as she tells her experiences.

"Oh! the joy of God's sunshine from above and all around. It is the glory of Nature's silent witness of His love. Thoughts such as these entered our minds as we travelled through the countryside.

"Our destination reached, we stepped forward with willing hearts, hands, and feet, and with a prayer on our lips to God for His blessing on our work. We think of the great cause of God and the needs of the lepers and others to whom our doctors are ministering. What a revelation it is to us as we meet face to face with—yes! nice people, some not so nice, some kind, others really cruel, happy people and sad ones. We are praying hard that God will open their hearts and their pockets.

"One house especially attracts our attention. It is surrounded by patches of marvellous colour, and as we tread on the path leading up to the door of the house, we gaze for a moment at the beauties of nature. We listen in to the humming of the bees who are busy going in and out of the different flowers. The perfume that arises somehow enters our very hearts and souls, and we are lost in wonder. Here and there a butterfly flits from plant to plant, lending a moving picture to the scene. Our eyes have been busy taking it all in. The blue of the sky, the various greens of nature add the finishing touch to the picture. Above it all, the song of the birds, the rustling of the leaves in the gentle breeze; but listen! what is it we hear? Footsteps? Someone is coming out of the house and down the garden path to meet us.

"It is with fear and trembling that we look toward them. Before we come face to face we quickly wonder, Are you kind? Are you

generous? Are you human? But before we can realize it we are speaking to them of the great cause of God. We picture before them the surroundings in which our missionaries are working. We tell of the doctors and nurses who are ministering to the needs of the suffering ones. We make our appeal. That is answered, 'What, begging again? I can't be bothered. I am too busy.' But as we explain our mission, somehow in spite of themselves, they bring out a coin. Immediately we feel impressed to say, 'Don't you feel blessed, with such a lovely house, and such a wonderful garden surrounding you?' What is the answer? 'Blessed indeed, one must have somewhere to live.' How true. Somewhere to live is all it amounts to. They are enjoying God's wonderful beauties of nature, they are drinking in glorious air, but they are self-centred and satisfied in their own little corner with no thought for others, others for whom we are pleading. Do they care whether they sleep or eat or live, or are they just figures of stone as those in the garden?

"We pass on ever with a prayer for those people who, while they live, somehow do not think of others whom they might help. How many times a little discouraged, sometimes sad, but never tiring as we press on our way inviting the people to help the great cause of truth that is speeding on through all the world."



Yiddish and Yiddish-English Ingathering for 1937

In the book, *Acts of the Apostles*, we read concerning the work to be accomplished among the Jewish people in these last days:

"In the closing proclamation of the Gospel, when special work is to be done for classes of people hitherto neglected, God expects His messengers to take particular interest in the Jewish people whom they find in all parts of the earth." —Page 381.

We believe God's servants desire to meet the Lord's expectations;

and we trust that in the cities and towns where the Jewish people are located in the British Union Conference, the brethren and sisters will interest themselves in visiting our Jewish friends and neighbours during the 1937 Harvest Ingathering with the Yiddish and Yiddish-English issues.

The Ingathering magazine for this year is one of special interest to that people. The two centre pages of the paper give a report of the first World Jewish Congress ever convened by the literal seed of Abraham, in Geneva, Switzerland, in August, 1936. Many of them will be glad for this report.

We have also been told by the Spirit of prophecy that

"Among the Jews are some who, like Saul of Tarsus, are mighty in the Scriptures, and these will proclaim with wonderful power the immutability of the law of God. The God of Israel will bring this to pass in our day."—*Ibid.*

Shall we not do all we can to bring to them the light of this truth in this year's Ingathering magazine?

The Jewish New Year is Monday and Tuesday, September 6th and 7th, and the Day of Atonement is Wednesday, September 15th. Please do not solicit on these days, for the devout son of Abraham does no business on such occasions. He carries no money on his person.

If you desire further copies of the solicitor's outline for the Ingathering magazine, or if you want information in regard to making contacts with these people, write to the Jewish Department, General Conference, Takoma Park, Washington, D.C., U.S.A.

May God greatly bless His people as they take up the Ingathering work this year.

For the Jewish Department
F. C. GILBERT.



Notice

THE Weston-super-Mare church which meets at 10 New Church Road, Uphill, now holds its Sabbath-school at 2.30 p.m., and the preaching service follows at 3.30 p.m.

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Annual Meetings

THERE was one thing lacking and one thing only in the South England Conference Session this year—chairs! Of everything else that goes to make up a successful conference there was an abundance—inspired preachers, fervent prayers, complete organization, generous hearts, glowing faces, warm handshakes, and a refreshing group of little children. This was the best attended conference in the history of South England. We could not help feeling that our people had been drawn together in such large numbers by the guidance of the Lord.

THE SABBATH-SCHOOL

It was a thrilling sight to see the Baptist Church packed for Sabbath-school. The junior room also was filled to capacity and the kindergarten had a happy time with their model lighthouse and individual sand-trays. Space forbids a detailed report of any one item, but all thoroughly enjoyed every part of the programme, and demonstrated their devotion to the cause by the splendid offering.

THE PREACHING SERVICE

PASTOR C. L. BOND, the General Conference representative, inspired this vast audience with his heartfelt message of reform. He appealed most earnestly to every Adventist to establish and cherish the family altar in the home. Only so, said he, can we save our families.

THE ORDINATION

PERHAPS the most awe-inspiring meeting of the whole week-end was the service of ordination and consecration on Sabbath afternoon, when Brother L. D. Vince was set apart for the ministry. Pastor H. W. Lowe solemnly admonished both people and the ministry, setting before us the ideal of personal righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, and meekness, that we might be able to fight the good fight of faith. He exhorted the

ministry to study and act upon the advice of Paul in 2 Timothy 4:1-5.

THE BAPTISM

IN this most joyous service, Pastor A. K. Armstrong appropriately chose for his text, "Who are these arrayed in white robes?" A large number of precious souls witnessed publicly to their faith in the Lord Jesus. Brethren A. E. Bacon, C. A. Reeves, and F. A. Spearing conducted the baptism. Pastor Bond concluded the service and presented a copy of *Steps to Christ* and the baptismal certificate to each candidate. Truly an inspiring conclusion to a week-end of blessedness.

J.M.H.

EVENING SERVICES

"BRING more chairs! Bring more chairs!" What a thrilling whisper to pass around the porch! The crowded church at the opening service, Thursday evening, was an inspiring sight. Through the president's God-given message we heard the shout of the King among us. It was re-echoed in Brother Bartlett's voice on Friday as he adjured the remnant to remain faithful even unto the fiery furnace. The Sabbath evening scene in

the Baptist Church resounded with a different note as the cry "Evangelism! Evangelism! Evangelism!" rang seven times through the packed church. The large offering was concrete proof of the congregation's practical interest.

Authentic Holloway Hall history fails to produce record of a larger audience than that which listened to Pastor Bond on Sunday evening, and to our Union president as he preached the closing sermon on Monday night. But preaching was not the only blessing enjoyed by the great concourse. Heaven itself seemed housed in the long choir seats when the Male Voice Choir sang softly of its Saviour.

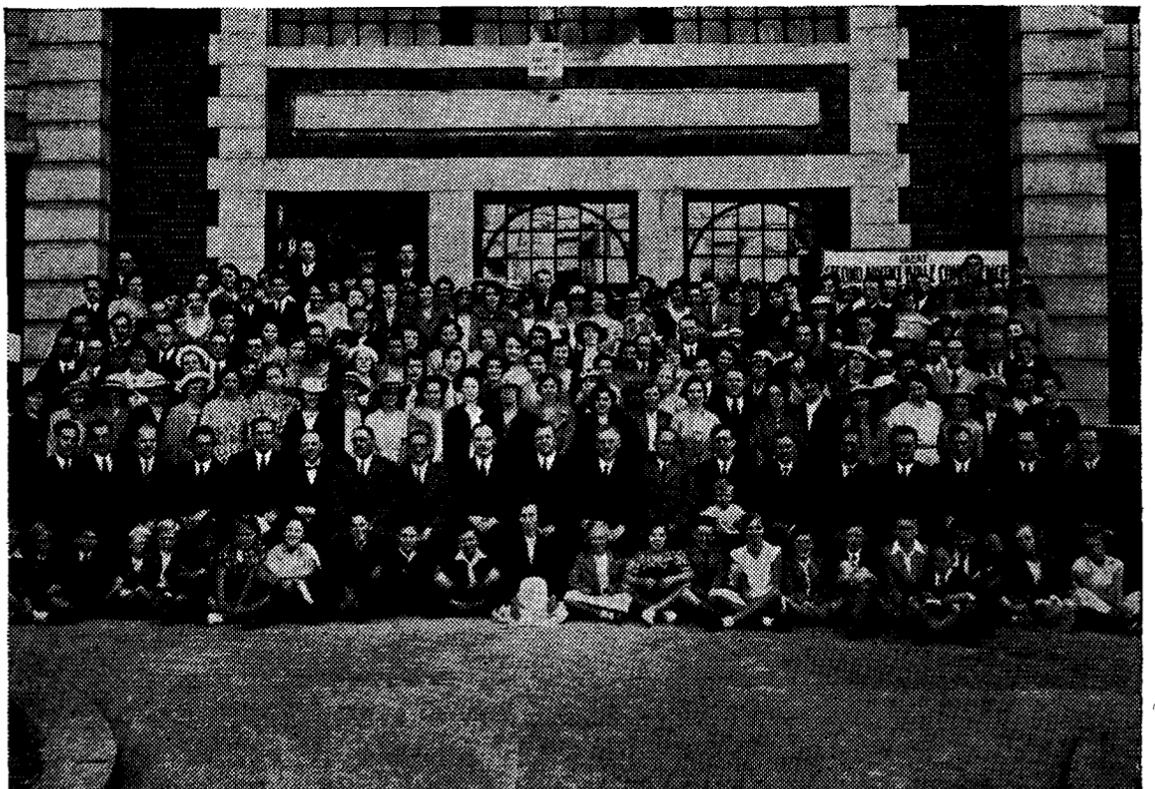
The MESSENGER would need enlargement if we were to recount the totality of joys that flooded the best of all South England annual gatherings.

B.E.S.

EARLY MORNING PRAYER MEETINGS

As we all met at this great annual feast for power and blessing, we took the early morning hour each day for family worship. These meetings were well attended, and conducted by four of our evangelists.

They led us to consider, from the Word, God's terms of blessing and conditions of Spirit-filling. God is longing to bestow His blessings, but on our part must be humility of mind, a seeking of His face, and a turning from evil. If all were willing to receive the Spirit, all would be filled. But this willing-



A company of those who attended the Young People's Rally.

ness means yielded bodies, emptied hearts, a thirsting and asking for it, and an unconditional surrender of the will.

Careful consideration was given to our high privileges of being labourers together with God. As we came to our closing prayer session, we realized that we had, during this conference feast, received an abundance of good things, and we searched the Word to find how we could make all these realities in our lives. We found this to depend on our attitude to the will of God—obedience; our attitude of heart toward Him—humility; our attitude toward others—a forgiving spirit, full of love and sympathy; toward ourselves—not selfish but breathing “Thy will not mine be done”; and a true understanding of the science of prayer.

Throughout the whole conference, much emphasis was put on prayer. Earnest hearts pleaded that we might seek His face as never before. Petitions were raised for forgiveness of sin and a renewal of spiritual life. Special prayer was made for sick loved ones and those still in spiritual darkness.

On Sabbath morning we were divided into prayer bands, led by the workers, when every one in a large audience had the privilege of lifting his heart in prayer to God. The power of God was manifest and great blessing received.

THE CHILDREN'S MEETINGS

EVERY consideration was given to the lambs of the flock. A special tent was erected at the rear of the church for the babies, and another for the juniors. Ministers, Bible-workers, church school teachers and friends catered for the spiritual needs of these lambs as they talked to them on the wonders of the Book and its Author, the havoc of the enemy, the restoration of all things, and their personal relationship to God and the equipment He supplies for the warfare with sin.

Organized walks and games were enjoyed by a happy group of junior soldiers of the cross of Christ.

A special room was occupied by the primary members of the Advent family who must have enjoyed the Annual Conference as they would have enjoyed a seaside holiday. One youngster wept on Monday night when he was told the

conference was ended. They were employed in expression-work illustrating the meaning of loving our neighbours.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S RALLY

THERE was a very large gathering for the Young People's Rally when representatives of nearly every society in the South England Conference read a message of courage and hope based on the mottoes of the society they represented.

Pastor Bond, the speaker for the hour, had the young people repeat together the pledge which binds them into one society. He was happy to be a leader of such a body of young people as the Advent youth with such a high standard of living—the best young people in all the world, with not one smoking or using alcoholic liquors. They are known and admired wherever they travel. He told of the trials and hardships that young people are enduring in other lands to uphold the standard of truth, and what young people are accomplishing in soul-winning. One young girl of sixteen prepared forty-one souls for baptism in an isolated village. The burden for souls was laid upon her after she had been almost burned to death with a hot iron by her father, who after seeing her patient endurance gave his heart to God.

In response to an appeal, the young people stood to vow that come what may, God should have all there is of them. Prayer was made on their behalf that God would help them to serve loyally with willing hand and heart.

THE COMMUNION SERVICE

THE ordinances of the Lord's house were held for the isolated members.

The minds of these believers were again directed to the crisis hour in the life of our Saviour when it was to be determined who should rule the world, Christ or Satan; what should happen to the people, salvation or extermination. Thanks be to God that it resulted in salvation and strength. Christ by His death sought to bring a unity between man and his Maker, and between man and man.

A blessed time was spent in commemorating the service of Christ to mankind. L.J.C.

DEVOTIONAL SERVICES AND BIBLE STUDIES

J. I. Robison “It is finished.”

John 19:30

Keynote: VICTORY.

THE death of Christ, to all appearances the failure of His cause, was the greatest triumph the world has ever seen. Satan, rebel and accuser, was defeated for ever after a 4,000-year-old controversy. God's law was vindicated, His justice satisfied, with no diminishing of His mercy. Type met antitype. The way into the Holiest was made open that Christ's victory might be ours.

L. A. Vixie “Hold fast.”

Rev. 3:11

Keynote: TENACITY.

THE world tempts us to hold fast to pleasure, money, our means of livelihood. God urges us to hold fast to the things of eternal value; our confidence in God as Creator; in Jesus as the only Saviour from sin; in the Holy Spirit; in the Gospel; in the blessed hope. That confidence must be based on a deep experience in the things of God. No amount of mental knowledge alone will suffice.

As a reward, God holds out to us a crown, not merely of gold, but of rejoicing, of righteousness, of glory and honour; above all, a crown of life. Our eternal life depends on our holding fast with both hands.

W. T. Bartlett

“Keeping Covenant.”

Neh. 9:32.

Keynote: COVENANT.

IN our frailty, the fact of God's immutability is a source of comfort and strength. God made covenants with His people to reassure them of His constancy. Of old, a covenant was made or “cut” by dividing an animal and passing between the two parts. Our sins have “cut” through Christ, the mediator of the new covenant. Shall we not let God “cut” through our hearts by His Word and Spirit that our covenant with Him may be complete, and that we may be numbered among those who have made a covenant with Him by sacrifice?

G. W. Baird

"He endured, as seeing Him who is invisible." Heb. 11:27.

Keynote: ENDURANCE.

THE race of life is won by endurance, not by swiftness, strength, or cleverness. Some fail to endure because of *others*, but our salvation depends on our relation to *God*, and on our enduring to the end. It means standing alone as did Moses, Abraham, and many others, when there is no one to share the overwhelming burden, no one to care. As Jesus steadfastly set His face toward death, so we may also endure by keeping our eyes fixed on "Him who is invisible."

C. L. Bond

"Sanctify them through Thy truth." John 17:17

Keynote: SANCTIFICATION.

SANCTIFICATION follows conversion, and is the will of God for us all without exception. It is a life-long, progressive work, wrought in the heart and life by the Spirit of God. Jesus sanctified Himself that He might reveal the glory of God and save souls. We are to follow in His steps by allowing Him to dwell in us.

Admit Christ.

Submit to His will.

Commit your life to Him.

Transmit His love and will to others.

Let us suppose that everyone could be persuaded to accept Christ. If there were only one Christian and he gained another the first year, they two gained other two the following year, and so on, the world would be won in thirty-three years. Where do we stand?

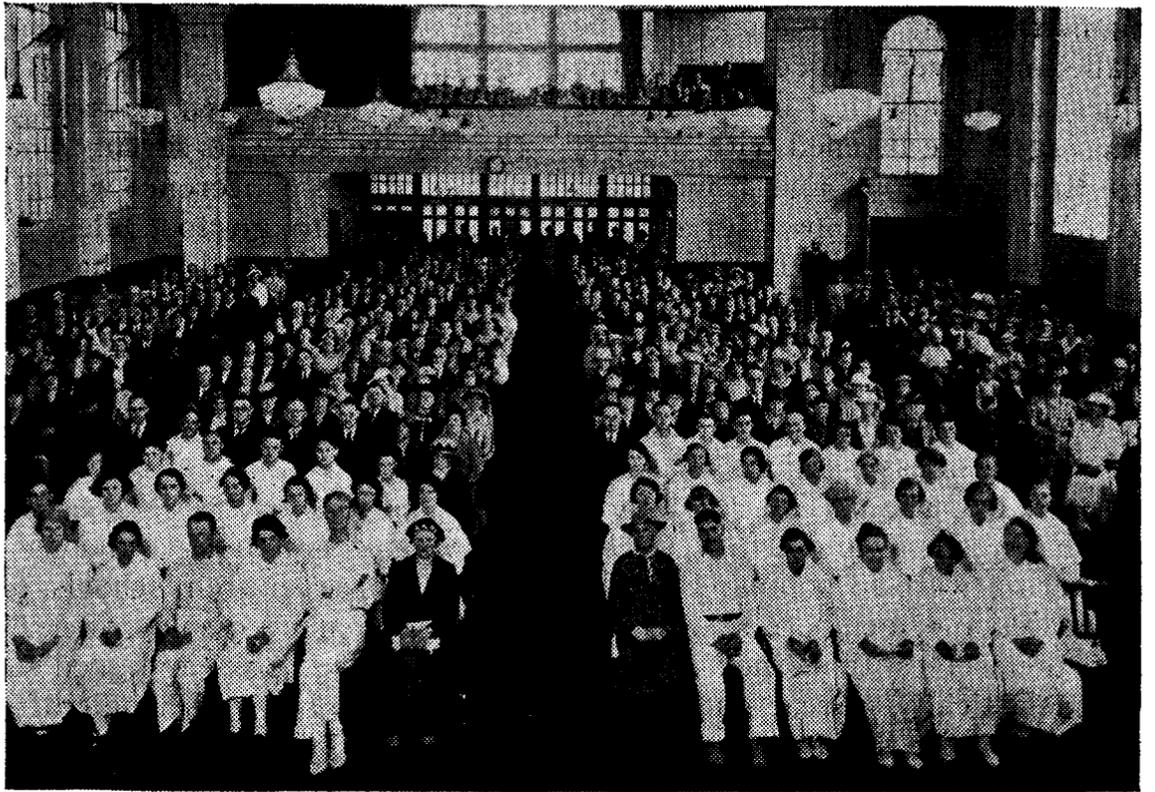
H. W. Lowe

"God our sufficiency." 2 Cor. 3:5, 6

Keynote: REVIVAL.

OUR message is the same as that of John the Baptist, "The kingdom of heaven is at hand." Our work, too, is the same as his, to make men "alive unto God."

The most potent argument against infidelity is fruitful evangelism—souls saved for God. The church is as a valley of dry bones. "Can these bones live?" Only by the outpouring of the Spirit of God. God is with us. He has all



Baptismal candidates and congregation.

power. We must let Him quicken us by His Spirit and revolutionize us into the fullness of service.

L. A. Vixie

"The Lord hath need of him."

Mark 11:3

Keynote: GIVING.

ALL we have belongs to God. Are we willing to give back to Him what He has entrusted to our care as stewards? When God's servant comes to us and says, "The Lord wants your son, your daughter, your money, your property, your talent," how do we respond?

To all He says, "Give Me thine heart." As the humble ass upheld Jesus as He rode into Jerusalem that all might see and praise Him, so may we uplift Him in our lives and service that men may be drawn to Him.

C. L. Bond

"They forsook all, and followed Him." Luke 5:11

Keynote: ABANDONMENT AND ACCEPTANCE.

GOD requires complete and unqualified surrender of the whole being. Only as we give *our* all can we receive *His* all and be His disciples.

When we receive Christ we "lay hold on eternal life" and become sons and daughters of God. Then He can use us. There can be no half measures with God.

W.B.

BUSINESS SESSIONS

It was a glorious sight to see so many present at the opening of the business session on Thursday night, July 29th. After the roll call of the delegates, we received two requests from the newly-organized churches at Ealing and Clapham for admittance into the sisterhood of churches in the South England Conference. These were both granted by a unanimous vote in each case.

On Friday morning encouraging reports were heard from the president, treasurer, and the departmental leaders. These excellent reports called from our hearts an expression of deep gratitude to God, and a thanksgiving resolution was passed by the whole of the assembly rising to their feet while Brother H. W. Lowe offered prayer.

In the afternoon resolutions concerning the Medical Aid Plan and Colporteur Evangelism were supported by Dr. B. A. Williamson, and Brethren G. D. King, A. Warren, W. L. Emmerson, and A. W. Cook. Brother J. Rigby gave an interesting talk on the work of Granose Foods Limited.

As the hospital has been of inestimable blessing to many of our needy sick, we were admonished to render our utmost financial support.

The brethren from the Press very ably presented the literature work. Its value was strikingly de-

monstrated by the manager as he called on several to respond to the question of how they first heard the message. We listened with interest to Brethren Cook and Emmerson. A new training course for colporteurs was detailed by Brother King and any who felt led to this blessed ministry were invited to communicate with him.

One very commendable feature of the business sessions was the interest displayed. The resolutions on Evangelism and Harvest Ingathering were so popular that the delegates and members so far forgot themselves that they clapped enthusiastically. Great enthusiasm was shown for the progressive plan to open the unentered cities of this conference with the message. The members were invited to pray earnestly on behalf of the evangelists that God will open up ways and provide means for greatly strengthening and extending the work. Furthermore that we aim to place an Evangelistic Box in every home. A special offering for evangelism was taken. The response was gratifying.

The £2 per member Harvest Ingathering goal was again suggested as our conference aim. It was also resolved that by careful organization we plan to complete the campaign by October 31st. This was voted by all standing to their feet while Brother H. W. Lowe prayed that God's Spirit might ratify the resolution in every member's experience.

The Sabbath-school and Youth resolutions were timely and to the point. We were again admonished by the secretaries to put forth earnest efforts by personal visitation to enrol every churchmember into the Sabbath-school and also encourage the daily study habit.

Brethren C. L. Bond, F. W. Goodall, G. W. Baird, and E. R. Warland spoke to the resolution to save our youth. We were shocked and alarmed to learn that fifty-seven per cent of our youth never become churchmembers. In this conference we have 400 juniors and 500 seniors, and parental cooperation was urged that these young people might be saved for the Lord. The Missionary Volunteer organization was continually developing plans to help in this most sacred task. The Progressive

Courses were strongly advocated by Brother Bond. Brother Baird encouraged us when he said that there were sixty to seventy young people of this conference who were clamouring to go to College this year. He informed us that since 1914 the College had graduated 200 workers. Is it any wonder that after an appeal, a large sum was contributed to the Students' Aid Fund?

DISPLAYS—CHURCH SCHOOLS

OUR three church schools provided a pleasing display of neatly-kept exercise books and good samples of drawing and handicrafts—woodwork, knitting, sewing, etc. A number of intriguing kaleidoscopes made by the children were soon sold and orders taken for more.

NEWBOLD COLLEGE

The goods on the Newbold stall were a credit to the faithful work put into them by the students. Members showed their appreciation of value by buying socks at the special conference price and many others were attracted by the various members of the famous "Zipp Family" of bags.

GRANOSE FOODS

As usual, the Granose Foods exhibit was a constant centre of interest, proving the continued popularity of our health foods that look and taste even better than ever.

STANBOROUGH PRESS

PERHAPS the most gratifying feature of all was the wonderful reception given to our denominational books. Young people's books seemed to be particularly favoured.

The demand for the two new books, *Messiah and His Sanctuary* by F. C. Gilbert, and *The Spirit of Prophecy and the Advent Movement* by W. A. Spicer, far exceeded the supply, showing that there is a deep interest in these two important subjects. Sales in all departments broke previous records.

W.B.

WORKERS' MEETINGS

THERE were seventy of us. Ministers with and without their portfolios; Bible-workers plus notebooks, church school teachers minus scholars; office workers forgetful of routine; missionaries re-

breathing home air; institutional workers relieved of their labours; wives and children of those who possessed them. Such was the mixed multitude gathered together for one unmixed purpose—the better to know their Lord. This knowledge was gained through seven workers' meetings skilfully crowded into less than twenty-four hours by the energetic spirit and admirable organization of Pastor R. S. Joyce. It was given by men from the local, Union, Division, and General Conferences. Our president showed the need of zeal to make organization live. Words from Pastor C. L. Bond aroused our possibly latent love for the boys and girls for whom Christ died; vivacious fire from Brother Babienco consumed all spiritual mummies lying around; Biblical wisdom from Pastor W. T. Bartlett inspired, comforted, and enlightened each worker.

The next morning we hurried back to be fed by Pastor Nord. Although he fully satisfied our hunger, he gave our appetites such a keen edge that we were more than ready to receive the specialized food supplied by our World Young People's Leader, Pastor C. L. Bond, and the final ministerial message from Pastor H. W. Lowe. So mysterious was the collective unity of the speakers' thoughts that it evoked one reverent, unanimous explanation—the brooding presence of the Holy Ghost.

B.E.S.



First-Fruits from Ipswich

"OH, the Seventh-Day Adventists are breaking up! It won't be long before they leave Ipswich."

So said an unfriendly local minister recently to someone who mentioned Pastor J. M. Howard's work to him.

The minister concerned would have been uncomfortably shocked and adequately silenced had he witnessed a large double-decker bus, full of baptismal candidates, leave Ipswich early on Sunday morning, July 18th, and had later in the day peeped inside the Lowestoft Advent Church. He would have been surprised to learn that half of that large congregation of despised Adventists were from Ipswich, and

that most of that large body of baptismal candidates were the first-fruits of the much-abused work of Brother J. M. Howard and his co-workers. But the minister was not there so he could not know!

But why travel to Lowestoft for a baptism, you will wonder? Naturally, it had been the desire of our hearts to have an Adventist baptism in Ipswich, but the Lord ruled otherwise. The much-advertised and scurrilous opposition early in the campaign resulted in all churches with baptisteries closing their doors to us, and we were forced to seek the haven of the nearest Adventist church. And so July 18th found us in Lowestoft.

To those who had been through the long battle of the past nine months, the occasion was one for much personal rejoicing. Every one of the thirty-eight precious souls welcomed into the church that day represented a battle and a victory for Prince Emmanuel. "Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

On six occasions we saw two or three together in the water, and four more couples were added by baptism and vote. Husbands and wives, mothers and daughters, aunts and nieces, covenanted together to walk in the steps of the Master, encouraging each other as they go. Three of the young people baptized plan to enter Newbold in September—one is already there. So the work of God hastens on. The souls won in Ipswich in 1937 will, if the Lord tarries, be sowing the same seed and reaping similar harvests in other fields. Praise God that this is so!

Almost every stage in life was represented. Sainly old silvery-haired ladies followed their Lord with trembling steps; one elderly brother, the father of our Carlton Colville church elder, trod the path his son had taken some years before; husbands and wives, fathers and mothers, walked together, praying that their children would one day follow; and young men and women, earnest, enthusiastic, obeyed the call of Christ with youthful directness and energy.

The service was simple and beautiful, and blessed with the Spirit's presence. Pastor R. S. Joyce

addressed both candidates and congregation on the necessity for and significance of baptism. In later years his message will bring encouragement and assurance to those to whom it was particularly addressed. Pastor Howard conducted the baptism very ably, telling some high points in the experience of each candidate in accepting the message. The whole meeting was plentifully sprinkled with bursts of well-chosen and fervently-sung hymns and choruses, conducted by Pastor L. A. Watson.

After the baptism came the happy duty of welcoming the candidates into the fellowship of the remnant church. Three are to unite with the Carlton Colville church, one with Lowestoft, one with Yarmouth, and thirty-three with the conference church, to be organized later as the Ipswich church.

The workers of both Ipswich and Lowestoft wish to express their gratitude to God for His unfailing grace revealed in these hard-won souls, and their thanks to our faithful believers everywhere for upholding their hands in prayer during the long months of conflict.

There are yet about ten more Sabbath-keepers in Ipswich preparing for a later baptism, and a number more interested ones for whom we beseech your prayers. "Brethren, pray for us."

A. J. MUSTARD.

Baptism at Cambridge

THE evening of June 30th was a time of rejoicing for the Advent band at Cambridge, where a number of precious souls were added to it by baptism.

This sacred rite was administered in the Arbury Road Baptist church, kindly lent to us by the Christian courtesy of its minister.

Sixty or more Adventists and their friends (including the Baptist minister) were present to witness the baptism.

The conference president, Pastor R. S. Joyce, having satisfied himself that the candidates understood their duty in view of the steps they were taking, handed them the baptismal cards to sign, after which he delivered a soul-stirring address on baptism, followed by

the singing of "Praise, my soul, the King of heaven" by Sister Porter, the congregation joining in the chorus.

The seven candidates were then led to the baptistery, where Pastor S. Joyce Sen. buried them with our Lord in baptism, whilst the congregation sang, "Just as I am, without one plea." Mr. Allen (brother of our esteemed local leader) ably presided at the church organ.

Sabbath, July 3rd, was another very happy occasion, when six of the newly-baptized believers (one being away on holiday) received the right hand of fellowship and were welcomed into the church by Pastor Joyce Sen., who also addressed a suitable message to each one and handed them a copy of that helpful book, *Steps to Christ*, after which he prayed earnestly that they might be filled with the Holy Spirit. We pray that this good work may continue to grow and that more souls may be won to the truth of God.

MRS. W. FLOATE,
Church Clerk.



Baptism at Clapham

SABBATH, July 10th, was a high day for Clapham. Eight souls were added to the church, five by baptism, two by virtue of previous baptism and one was received in, subject to baptism at a future date should the physical condition of this dear sister improve. Not having a building of our own, the service was conducted by Pastor F. A. Spearing at the Wimbledon church. We feel this opportunity should be taken of thanking the deaconesses for the help rendered on this occasion.

We ask the prayers of the Advent family for these dear people, that grace may be given them to remain faithful until the great day of Christ's appearing.

D.C.



Baptism at Southampton

THE promise of Jesus to meet with those who gather together in His name was fulfilled to those who met with us on Sunday, July 18th, to witness the baptism of nine precious souls. The service

was conducted by Pastor A. K. Armstrong who very earnestly exhorted the candidates to place their full trust in Jesus and by faith accept and claim His precious promises. Memories of the beautiful service will remain long in the minds of the candidates and friends present. Southampton has been a hard field, but even here God's children heed His voice and take their stand for His truth.

Faithful work has been done by our members; we appreciate the

help they have so freely given. We have others who are deeply interested in the message and we trust they will take their stand soon. Another member has been added, by vote, to the church.

We solicit your prayers for this corner of the Lord's vineyard. That our dear Saviour may see the travail of His soul and be satisfied with the precious souls won to Him is the earnest prayer and aim of Pastor A. K. Armstrong and the writer.
M. CLEMENTS.

are showing a further gain in literature sales of £252.

Again let me enlist the prayers of our people for these faithful self-sacrificing door-to-door book workers, who sow the seed of truth from which in due time there will be an abundant harvest, when watered by the Holy Spirit in the latter rain.

During the redistribution of workers at the Union session, although we lost Brethren S. G. Hyde and E. E. Craven from the evangelistic force, they were replaced by younger workers, and we received the strong help of Brother B. Belton in the Field Missionary Department, and Brother H. T. Johnson in the Sabbath-School, Young People's, and Home Missionary Departments. We appreciated the work of our previous secretaries in these departments, but we feel that the Lord has given to us here in the north special blessings, and we are a happy office family.

We have in addition to the workers at headquarters, seven ordained ministers, three licentiates, eleven lady Bible-workers, six young men workers, and twenty-three colporteurs. There is a total of thirty-three on the conference pay roll.

During 1936 the workers preached 3,000 sermons and held 1,433 other meetings. They gave 3,000 Bible studies and paid 21,000 missionary visits.

We trust that from this conference session the workers and members will return to their churches and fields of labour with renewed courage in the Lord, and with a determination born of heaven to finish the work in the power of the Holy Spirit. O. M. DORLAND.



Report of Departments for 1936

(1) *The Sabbath-School Department.*

LET us first consider the Sabbath-school. As we have visited the sixty schools, we have received much inspiration both from the study and from the wonderful interest you have shown in the missions programme, demonstrated by your liberal offerings.

It is also very gratifying to know that our workers are encour-

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President's Report for 1937

THIS is the fourth year that it has been our privilege to report for the North England Conference. These have been years of happy service in the cause, although they have brought problems and perplexity in conference administration and finance.

We are pleased to be able to report that our workers are of good courage although they find it difficult to do adequate advertising and meet the rents for needed halls to carry on their work with the restricted budgets we are able to allow for evangelism. The indifference among the people toward spiritual things makes it difficult to obtain an interest.

Last year we added by baptism 105, by vote 25, a total of 130; we received by letter from other fields 50. We lost by letter 58; by death 22; by apostasy 60, leaving us with a net gain of 40, so that our membership at the close of 1936 stood at 1,795. By the close of June this year we had baptized and added by vote a further ninety-two members. We are hoping that the "Win One" Campaign will result in a number of souls being won to the truth by our lay members. Many cards have been returned to the conference office by those who have determined, with the Lord's help, to labour and pray for the salvation of certain individuals, the

burden having been put upon their hearts by the Holy Spirit.

We are pleased to report good increases in our finances for the last year. Our total income in tithe amounted to £8,041. 16s. 10d.; this is a gain of £427. 17s. 7d. for the year. Sabbath-school offerings reached the total of £1,458, a gain of £71 over 1935. Harvest In-gathering was a record, reaching by December £3,705—a gain for the year of £232. Our total offerings reached a record sum of £5,581—a gain of £321.

We are grateful to God and our people for these good increases in funds, and feel as a conference that we are doing something to sustain our missionaries, and carry the message that we all love to those who sit in heathen darkness.

We also desire the prayers of our people that these consecrated moneys may be used with wisdom and discretion in maintaining and forwarding the cause of truth among the nineteen million in our own conference.

Our literature work during the year had a struggle to maintain its position, but we are thankful to say that by the close of the year we were showing a gain of £90. Altogether £8,372. 1s. 9d. worth of literature was disposed of in the territory of the conference for the twelve months.

We are happy to report that up to the close of June this year we

aging the new as well as the older believers, both by precept and example, to attend Sabbath-school. Thus the new believers are receiving that grounding in the truth which will make them loyal Seventh-Day Adventists. And those who have been longer in the way are being instructed and built up in the blessed truth. This *must* have a reflex influence on all the other activities of the church.

With an increased Sabbath-school membership of twenty-nine, the total now stands at 1,846.

The reports show an average attendance of 1,321, while for perfect attendance and daily study, 959 credit cards were issued and 154 ribbons.

There is, however, one item on our report which shows an increase which we deplore, and one which gives us grave concern, that is, the number of missing members. There are 338, or nineteen per cent of our total church membership, who fail to link up with us in these studies.

The financial standing of our schools is excellent and we thank God for a generous people.

The gifts during the twelve Sabbaths of 1936 amounted to £1,086, and for the Thirteenth Sabbath to £371, making a grand total of £1,458, or an increase of £71 over 1935.

This figure includes £26 in Birthday Offerings. This is an increase of £12. 11s. 9d. The Investment Fund amounted to just over £4 and the Home Division sent in £128.

The young people at Nottingham were responsible for six shillings of the Investment Fund, having made and sold twenty covers for Sabbath-school pamphlets.

Our Sabbath-school work is most important and we must strive for a yet higher standard in study and sacrifice, that we may be better equipped for the finishing of the task that our heavenly Father has assigned to us.

(2) *Home Missionary Department.*

From the membership of 1,773, approximately 600 are reporting regularly, or thirty-four per cent of the full membership. This is a slight increase over 1935.

The report shows that 892 cot-

tage meetings were held and 1,209 Bible readings were given during the year under review. Yet we are confident that had all reported, a much larger figure would be seen. 7,767 missionary visits were made and nearly 700 friends were brought to the meetings.

We are glad to report a substantial advance in welfare work of 535 items.

While the literature work shows evidence of activity, yet we regret to see a decrease by our laymen in this most important branch of the evangelistic work.

We are glad to tell you that souls are being won to the truth as a result of the work done by our brethren and sisters.

(3) *Harvest Ingathering.*

Great was our rejoicing when we issued our first Harvest Ingathering bulletin for 1936, which showed a per capita of 9/6—representing an increase of £77 on the first bulletin of 1935. Then the figures began to creep up steadily week by week. Twenty-five per cent of the full goal in the first week, thirty-two per cent in the second, forty-five per cent in the third, fifty-eight per cent in the fourth, and in the fifth week, sixty-seven per cent. Then Newbold came in with £456 in three days. What an amazing feat! This brought us up to seventy-six per cent of the final. I well remember one of the young lady students who could hardly speak half a dozen words of English, asking on the second day that she might be permitted to accompany a party. She went forth armed with the usual collector's equipment, less a good flow of language, but plus a very happy, winning smile. We wish you could have seen her when she returned after a wet day—tired but still smiling—with twenty-eight shillings.

It is interesting to note that out of a total membership of 1,755, 1,040 took part in this campaign and the average amount per working member was £3. 10s. 0d. Our earnest desire is that the remaining 700 members who did not do anything in the 1936 campaign may take heart and by the help of God come to the assistance of their faithful brethren and sisters in this forthcoming campaign.

Our young people threw in the strength of their youth and did valiant service in the cause of missions.

We thank God for a willing people and ascribe all praise to Him who giveth the increase.

(4) *Young People's Department.*

Our children and youth are a blessed heritage from the Lord and we are happy to tell of an increase of three in the number of societies, bringing the total to twenty-eight; an increase of thirty-two in the total membership of young people in the churches, while there are now 160 more in the M.V. Societies than in 1935. The average attendance has also increased by forty-seven.

We are glad to report that sixteen young people followed their Lord through the waters of baptism. May our heavenly Father grant wisdom, patience, and sympathetic understanding to our parents and leaders as they endeavour to guide our youth into a full Christian experience.

They were responsible for conducting 168 cottage meetings and gave ninety-three more Bible studies than in 1935—a total of 339. In their visitations they also show an increase of 102.

The medical side of their work shows increased activity, a total of 1,240 treatments being given, which is an advance of 659.

They have also been very busy selling our truth-filled literature and giving away tracts. This item alone shows an increase of nearly 10,000 over the previous year.

We are glad to see by the financial statement that the M.V. offering for foreign mission work has increased by £6. 11s. 0d., bringing the total figure to £39. 2s. 6d.

This is excellent when we consider that many of our young folk earn little or no money and also have many activities in societies which call for their financial support.

Praise God for such a noble band of young men and women, for we need fearless, courageous, strong young lives to help finish the Gospel work in the earth.

Another activity of our Young People's Department is the annual

camp. This was held in conjunction with our Union Conference Session and we believe that more of our youth should plan to take their holidays in these camps, for there, under ideal conditions, in ideal company, they will become better acquainted with their heavenly Father as Creator and sustainer of the universe.

They will also be strengthened to meet the battle of life by these periods of "coming apart" from the world and spending time with those whose life interest is the welfare of our youth.

All the activities connected with the various departments of the work bring happiness and we are of good courage and face the future confident that Jesus will guide, lead, and sustain.

Evangelism in our Sabbath-school work, evangelism in our Home Missionary activities, and evangelism in our Young People's work, is our aim.

H. T. JOHNSON.



Report of Colporteur Work

IN taking over the leadership of the colporteurs in North England last September, I was conscious that my predecessor, our dear Brother Davies, had done a good work before me. We are glad that he and his family like our northern people and climate so well that they are remaining with us as members of this conference.

Evidence of the unfailing blessing of God on the faithful work of His servants is again clearly seen, for the sales of all classes of literature reached an excellent total—slightly above that of the previous year. The actual figures are:

1935—£8,281	1936—£8,372
Gain—£91	

While the rise or fall of the pounds, shillings, and pence constitutes the thermometer by which we can readily judge the progress of our literature distribution, and we must of necessity recognize this in presenting a report, it is the spiritual aspect we are to keep ever prominently before us.

With this thought in mind it is gratifying to record that last year our colporteur-evangelists placed in the homes of North England 6,075 bound books, 4,145 of these

being that excellent publication, *Our Wonderful Bible*.

Under the blessing of God the results so far this year are even better, for in the first six months 3,387 copies of our various subscription books have been sold, an increase of 632 over the corresponding period of 1935.

Think for a moment what is involved in this line of work. To sell those 6,075 books last year about 40,000 exhibitions would be made by the colporteurs.

The canvass they are taught to use as they exhibit the book is so arranged that even where an order is not forthcoming, a sermonette calculated to stir the soul and implant some seeds of eternal truth is given to bless by its influence. This happened in 40,000 homes last year.

40,000 sermons a year by the colporteurs! How immeasurable are the possibilities of a work like this!

We would that more of God's people were entering into the privileges of such a blessed ministry.

During 1936 the average number of regular colporteurs at work was twenty-one, of whom fifteen were engaged in canvassing with the bound books. In the summer, fourteen students from Newbold College entered the work, a fair number of scholarships resulting.

The later months of the year saw our ranks augmented by Brethren D. Davies and C. L. Kelly, and the stamp of experience which they give to our work is much appreciated.

Some features of outstanding interest deserve special mention in this report.

So far this year Brother Kelly has secured orders for *Our Wonderful Bible* at an average of thirty-seven per week.

Brother Halstead is still working the same territory that he first entered seventeen years ago, and in which he has placed thousands of our standard subscription volumes.

The later work of the ministering brethren in the Manchester area will surely reap the harvest from this faithful sowing of the Gospel seed.

Similarly do we value the many years of faithful service of Brother Woodfield in Liverpool, and

Brother and Sister Binks in the Sheffield district.

"I love the canvassing work," says Miss M. Lees, who has been a regular colporteur three years and more. As evidence that this expression is no mere flight of feeling, her average weekly canvassing hours is thirty-three. We commend her on setting such a worthy example.

Among the part-time workers are two most interesting cases. Sister L. Jones is so adjusting her domestic duties as to allow her to be free to spend fifteen or more hours each week in the work she now enjoys immensely. Her recent testimony should inspire others who may be hesitating to enter the canvassing work. "I was never so happy or healthy in my life," she states.

Then there is the case of Brother A. J. Clarke of Stoke-on-Trent. With the acceptance of the truth was born within him a strong desire to take it to his fellow-men. But a business of his own allowed him little or no time for any outside responsibilities. However, so keen was he to obey the inward monitor that, after prayerful study, he rearranged his affairs, which enabled him to devote some time every week to definite missionary work. The large book, *Bible Readings*, appealed to him as a well-proved soul-winner, and we are glad for the fifty-two orders he has already taken in his home town.

One of this year's recruits is G. F. Schultz, a German brother. His abounding earnestness and zeal more than make up for any language handicap, and he is reaching many prominent citizens in Leicester with *Our Wonderful Bible*. We pray that God will continue to bless his work there.

The supreme objective of the literature ministry is, of course, the winning of men and women "from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified." This lifts the colporteur work high above all other lines of business.

Our literature evangelists close their ears to any voice which would tend to minimize the importance of

their work, or that would rob them of this glorious incentive.

"Is it books?" snapped a person one day as we made the introduction at her door. "Mrs. Scott, our purpose reaches far beyond anything like that and is much more important." "Well, then, you may come in," she replied. An order resulted, and the lady, recently bereaved, readily agreed to kneel at the close of the interview while we prayed God's blessing on her and her later study of the truth.

Her thanks were again heartfelt on delivery day and we feel sure that the copy of *Our Wonderful Bible* she bought will be carefully read. Possibly another soul will thereby accept the Advent light. We trust so.

Our hearts are cheered as we learn of four more persons being added to the church through the colporteur work. Brethren Benefield and Holloway were instrumental in bringing the truth to these dear souls, and at recent baptismal services they joined the churches in Newbold and Ilkeston respectively.

It must be that in all parts of the field others will come "over the line" in due course. Our part is to take courage from such evidences and to press on with fresh vigour in the work allotted to us.

Surely now is the time to cut loose from all interests of less importance and to enter the sacred calling of literature evangelism! The appalling needs all about us should make an earnest appeal to our hearts. We therefore urge every able-bodied and consecrated member of the church to enter for training under the new scheme.

In closing we wish to state that visiting and helping our colporteurs in their house-to-house ministry affords us much joy and we plan to do all within our powers to continue this practical assistance.

Eagerly pursuing this course we have, during the current year, travelled upward of 3,000 miles and slept in twenty-six different beds!

Thank you all for your prayers on behalf of the colporteurs.

B. BELTON.

Darlington

WE are indebted to our heavenly Father for His continued blessing and help in Darlington. To give some indication of how the meetings are still being attended we can report that last Sunday, July 25th, our hall was well filled. There were 125 chairs down and they were nearly all taken. The local membership is seven, so most of those attending the services are non-members. Many of the interested ones are away on holiday. Apart from the notice outside the hall we have not done any advertising for months now. Just a few weeks ago we commenced a Sabbath-school for the new people and already have an enrolment of just on fifty.

A very happy relationship has always existed between all the members in this northern district and ourselves. From West Hartlepool, Stockton, Middlesbrough, and Darlington the members will attend any special meeting in the district and enjoy real Christian fellowship together. When the effort first commenced in Darlington the Middlesbrough church frequently hired a bus to bring along all who wanted to come to Darlington. Some will even cycle the thirty-five miles to meet with us here. A splendid spirit exists in the new Middlesbrough church.

Because of our strong stand for truth and the drawing away of some of their members, we met with much opposition from local theologians. But without exception these all apologized when we talked with them. In some cases we made the apology as public as their untruths had been, and this effectively prevented any too harmful results. We always, without exception, had the most friendly dealings in all our business and other contacts. So much so that when we moved to Darlington the business men sent their representatives along asking that we continue to do business with them.

Our assistants in the Bible work are particularly good. The good Christian spirit they always manifest, their careful conscientious attention to the business of soul-saving, and their constant loyal attitude is very helpful and encour-

aging. We are indeed well blessed in this respect.

And now we come to our real objective in writing this to you. In Darlington we have eight men with families sorely perplexed over the difficulty with the Sabbath and their work. We earnestly ask that you will pray for these good men. Do not pray in a general way, but please, if you will, make special mention of this matter.

May God richly bless all His people as they go forward in His name to win souls for His kingdom.

S. G. JOYCE.



Publicity

READERS of the MESSENGER will be interested to have word from us in our North England Camp. We are enjoying splendid weather and the young people are all enjoying the experience of camp life.

We are also having quite a good deal of publicity and we pass on an extract from a local paper which we know will interest our readers.

"During the week-end and all next week there will be a vegetarian colony at a popular little seaside resort known as Silecroft, favoured by many Kendal people. They will be able to see for themselves what tasty dishes can be prepared from a couple of coconuts and a scarlet runner."

At our open-air meeting on Sabbath evening we obtained the names of quite a number of people who were interested in the talks and also had a visit from many of them in our service on Sunday evening.

H. T. JOHNSON.



Erratum

WE are asked by the treasurer of the South England Conference to announce that the figure reported in the BRITISH ADVENT MESSENGER dated August 6th for tithe increase during the 2nd quarter of 1937 over the corresponding quarter of 1936 should not have been £85. 2s. 9d., but £185. 2s. 9d.

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Barry, Caerphilly, and Porth

JULY 21st was a date we had looked forward to for several weeks as the date of our baptismal service in our church at Newport. We were sorry that Pastor S. G. Hyde, the superintendent of the Welsh Mission, could not be with us, as he was attending the Conference Presidents' Council at Stanborough Park. However, we were very happy to have the presence and help of Pastor H. K. Munson. The writer examined the candidates on our points of faith in the vestry. Then Pastor Munson addressed the congregation in the church, basing his remarks on 1 Corinthians 10:1-11. He emphasized the fact that the Exodus of Israel was a type of the Advent movement, and that God would be our helper in every time of need.

After the address the writer led eight precious souls through the sacred waters of baptism and closed the meeting with a prayer that those who had been baptized with water might be baptized with the Holy Spirit and kept faithful until Jesus comes.

On the following Sabbath and Sunday, those who had been baptized, with three others who had already been baptized, were received into church fellowship—six at Caerphilly, four at Barry, and one at Porth. At the close of the meeting at Caerphilly, another brother, who had been baptized previously, expressed a desire to unite with us in fellowship.

We take this opportunity to say goodbye to all the good friends we have met in South Wales, as we leave for the north of the Principality. It does not seem long since February, 1935, when we came to take charge of the churches at Cardiff and Barry. Immediately we arrived we commenced a small effort at Cardiff, using the church-members in place of a Bible worker. As a result of our united labours, together with God, at the

latter end of December, 1935, nine souls united with us in church fellowship—eight at Cardiff and one at Barry.

Before we finished the effort at Cardiff, we commenced an effort in Caerphilly in the month of November, 1935. We were not able to give this effort all the attention it called for, but in July, 1936, nine souls were added to the church—four at Cardiff, three at Caerphilly, and two at Barry.

July, 1937, eleven more have been added to the churches where

I have been labouring during recent months, and one more will be added shortly.

I would like to thank all the church officers and members who have assisted in the work; especially the lay-preachers who have taken meetings, not forgetting the valuable services of Miss Taylor for three months at Caerphilly, of Miss Anderson at Barry for a few months before she left Wales for the metropolis, and those of Sister Cooper in her spare time.

We invite the MESSENGER family to pray that the members new and old, with us, may grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, so that when Jesus comes we all may meet in God's eternal kingdom of bliss.

T. H. COOPER.

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Learning and Earning

As anticipated, considerable interest has been aroused by the announcement of the special Training Course for colporteurs. At the recent annual meetings the plan was outlined and as a result a good number of inquiries have been received. It would appear that there will be little difficulty in securing the twelve candidates for the commencement of the course on September 12th. However, in view of the fact that many of our members throughout the field were not in attendance at the meetings, we are taking this opportunity of bringing to their notice some particulars of the plan.

One great need in the British Union is not only for more colporteurs, but for better trained soul-winning colporteurs who will carry the banner of truth into the unentered towns and cities of our land, acting as a great advance guard in the forward move of evangelism. For that reason this plan has been devised, offering an opportunity to all suitable men and women who should enter this soul-winning ministry.

As the first session of the course begins on September 12th, prospective candidates should write immediately either to the local conference office or to the Union office, Stanborough Park.

G. D. KING.



Training Course for Colporteurs

REALIZING that Gospel Salesmanship is a specialized form of service, calling for a technique which in most cases can only be acquired after considerable instruction from an experienced tutor, and from practical work in the field, the following special training course has been endorsed by the British Union Conference Committee:

1. Specially selected candidates for the literature ministry will be enrolled for a three months' course under the direction of the Field Missionary Department.

2. Trainees enrolled will receive a Learner's Allowance during training at the following rates:

Single men 30/- weekly.

Married men 40/- weekly, plus 10/- room allowance when away from home.

Unemployment Insurance and Health Insurance will also be paid.

3. Proceeds from all sales made during training will be turned over to The Stanborough Press Ltd.

4. The Stanborough Press will reserve for the trainee all earnings in excess of his weekly allowance and insurances as capital with which to purchase supplies of literature when the course is completed and regular colporteur work is entered.

5. Regular working hours totaling forty per week will be arranged by the local Field Missionary Secretary in charge. Weekly allowance will be paid only on condition that the weekly programme of hours is rigidly adhered to by the trainee.

6. Territory for the course will be assigned by the Field Missionary Secretary in the vicinity of Nottingham or London.

7. Candidates should memorize the printed canvass and become thoroughly acquainted with the book advised by the Field Missionary Secretary before travelling to the training centre.

8. Attendance at Weekly Salesmanship Class will be required each

Thursday evening at which allowance cheques will be paid.

9. Each Monday the following must be sent regularly to The Stanborough Press Ltd. (1) Report of orders taken and books delivered. (2) Stock report. (3) Cash for literature delivered. (4) New order.

10. Permanent territory will be assigned at the completion of the training and trainees will enter the regular colporteur work on the usual fifty per cent basis.

11. Where the trainee fails to comply with the regulations governing the plan, or does not show reasonable promise, the course may be terminated on a week's notice.

12. Candidates should fill in the colporteur's application form and sign the following :

I,,
am desirous of availing myself of the privileges of the Special Training course for Colporteurs and agree to the conditions and regulations governing the Course.

Signed

Address

Date

At Rest

CLEWS.—Sister Clews passed peacefully to her rest on June 29th, after a long illness, patiently borne, at the age of seventy-nine years. She accepted the truth through the influence of her sister, Mrs. Bell, twenty-one years ago, and was baptized by Pastor Gillatt at Worcester. After six years, when Pastor F. C. Bailey held an effort in Bromsgrove, a company was formed, of which she became a member. She was a lovely character, and loved by all who knew her. She was always faithful in both the greatest and smallest affairs of the company. Our sister was laid to rest in Bromsgrove Cemetery on July 3rd, there to await the coming of the Life-giver. We shall miss her sorely, but her memory will be always cherished. We extend to her husband and relatives our sincere sympathy. M. E. BROOMFIELD.

VINTON.—We deeply regret to announce the death of Sister A. Vinton of the Hull church, who passed away on July 15th, at the age of seventy-nine. Sister Vinton was baptized at Ulceby some forty-eight years ago and had been associated with the Hull church twenty-five years. During all this time she has been most zealous in her work for God. Her whole desire and joy in life was in speaking a word whenever and wherever she could and seeking to win souls for the Master. We know she sleeps in Jesus and believe that when He appears in the clouds of heaven she will be among those who will be able to say, "Lo, this is our God, we have waited for

Him, and He will save us." She was laid to rest in the Western Cemetery, the service being conducted by Pastor W. Lennox. She leaves behind a faithful husband to mourn his loss.

E. TAYLOR, Church Clerk.

WARD.—In the early hours of Thursday morning, July 29th, Sister S. L. Ward of the Holloway church went quietly to sleep. For some time she had been suffering from heart trouble. Had she lived a few more days she would have reached the ripe age of seventy-five. Tuesday morning, August 3rd, in the presence of relatives, friends, and churchmembers, she was laid to rest in the Finchley Cemetery, to await the call of the Life-giver. She will be missed by the members of the church, but they look for that day, so soon to dawn, when all partings will be over. Hasten on, glad day!
ALFRED E. BACON.

DOWN.—On June 5, 1937, Sister Down passed peacefully to rest, after a very trying illness, patiently and courageously borne. A very energetic Christian, full of good works, she will be missed in all the church activities. She leaves a husband and daughter who wait with patience and joy for the day when they will be united to their loved one. She was baptized on October 12, 1912, by Pastor S. G. Haughey, and in her quiet way has been used to bring many to her Saviour. Brother Leslie Hardinge conducted the funeral service at Efford Cemetery. M. E. BUNKER.

WILLIAMS.—Sister Williams fell asleep at the age of sixty, on July 11, 1937. She first became interested through the writer preaching from a Methodist pulpit. She was baptized by Pastor T. H. Cooper. Many in her district will miss her earnest spirit. She leaves a husband and son to mourn their loss. The funeral service was held in her house by the local Methodist minister. She was laid to rest in the Parish Churchyard at Earlsland, where the vicar of the parish performed the last rites.
A. WOOD.

SMITH.—With much regret we report the death of Sister E. Smith, which occurred on August 5, 1937. She was one of our oldest members in Norwich. Our dear sister was laid to rest on August 12th in the Rosary Cemetery, there to await the Life-giver on the resurrection morning.
G. ELLIS, Church Clerk.

WHITE.—It is with deep sorrow and regret that we announce the death of Sister Mary Jane White, who passed peacefully away on June 29, 1937, aged eighty-one years. She was a member of the Salvation Army prior to accepting the Sabbath truth under the ministry of Pastor Douglas Armstrong in 1916. The funeral service was conducted at the Romford Evangelical Free Church, Brentwood Road, by Pastor C. A. Reeves, assisted by the Rev. E. J. Fidge. Our pastor paid a high tribute to the noble and consistent character of Sister White, which had won for her much respect from the members of other denominations. She was laid to rest in Romford Cemetery on July 3rd, there to await the resurrection morn. Two sons and two daughters are left to mourn their loss.
ALFRED JEFFERISS, Leader.

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South England Conference Field Missionary Secretary's Report for 1936

ONE day one of our colporteurs was selling *Our Day in the Light of Prophecy* in Essex. He met a young man who was inquiring and wondering if there was an answer to the perplexing problems of this age. The colporteur-evangelist sold him the book and went on his way. Daily the young man prayed for light and God heard his prayer. He read the book through, sent to the publishers for a copy of *Daniel and the Revelation* and *The Lord's Day, the Test of the Ages*, as advertised in *Our Day*. Through these books he took his stand for God's Sabbath. He thought he was the only one who was keeping the Sabbath. Later on, through the publishers, he came in contact with God's Sabbath-keeping people. That young man is with you to-day at this conference.

We thank God for His providential care and blessing that has been over the colporteurs and their work during the past year. He has led us through many blessed experiences. The work has gone steadily forward under His direction. Our sales for 1936 reached the splendid total of £10,500. This was accomplished by a noble and faithful band of thirty-two colporteur-evangelists. Our colporteurs are concentrating on selling more of our large subscription books in the large cities and towns in our conference. During 1936 they sold 7,416 bound books, this being an increase of 1,978 copies over the previous year. *Bible Readings, Desire of Ages, Great Controversy, This Mighty Hour, Our Wonderful Bible*, and *Christ Our Saviour* were the books sold. Our pioneering missionary magazine, *Present Truth*, of which nearly 300,000 copies were sold, shows an increased circulation of 7,000 copies. This means that thousands of homes have been visited by our workers and churchmembers.

There have been remarkable achievements by some of our colporteur-evangelists during the past year. One colporteur has averaged forty orders each week for one of our subscription books. Another

good brother has put in an average of forty-three hours per week. Right here in the city of London the highest sales were made, and this was done in territory which the colporteur has been working for the past eleven years. We rejoice with them in these most wonderful achievements in the history of our work.

We must say a word of appreciation of the splendid work done by our faithful lady colporteurs. One writes in to say, "After twelve years of service my love for the colporteur work is stronger than ever. My experiences are so many, varied, and delightful." Another sister says, "After twenty years in the literature ministry, my confidence grows stronger each year. The longer I am in the work, the more I love it." Canvassing from house to house in one city, one of our lady colporteurs met the matron of a sailor's rest home. As the colporteur in her canvass reached the chapter on "Comfort" the matron said, "It's just the thing I have been looking for. I believe God has led you here." Each week, as the wives of these sailors meet under her supervision, this book is studied chapter by chapter.

Another colporteur called at a large house and canvassed the man. At the close of the interview he said, "All that has passed between you and me this afternoon passed before me in a dream last night."

On being invited into a greenhouse one colporteur presented *Our Wonderful Bible* as a specially prepared plan to help in the study of God's Word. As he read from his prospectus the man said, "Read more, that is what I need. I want to tell you God has sent you to me this morning."

Yes, our work is a soul-saving one of the highest order. Getting no response from the first ring at a home, a colporteur felt impressed to ring again. A lady answered the door. It was evident she was in a much-distressed condition. As the colporteur told her of the nature of his work, she began to weep,

and invited him in. She said, "I was just about to put my head in the gas oven when the doorbell rang. Another moment and it would have been too late!" From his book the colporteur was able to bring new hope to this troubled soul. She became an Adventist.

Let me close this brief report with the words of one of our young colporteurs, who had won his first soul through the literature ministry. "How wonderful to see some results. . . . My gratitude to God knows no bounds, for no greater reward could be given . . . than the knowledge of one soul in the truth." We know of souls who have been definitely won through the literature ministry during the past year. Listen to this testimony by one who is going forward in baptism at this conference, "I thank God for the day you called on me with that beautiful book, *Bible Readings for the Home*, which has changed my life as nothing else would have done. Surely God's call has come through that book to me."

The prospects are bright for this year. Our colporteur-evangelists are of good courage. New recruits have joined the ranks and are meeting with good success. The 20,000,000 people found within the borders of this conference present the greatest challenge of the hour. More men and women from our churches and companies should take a more active part in circulating our truth-filled literature.

May many of our young people catch the inspiration of this hour and dedicate themselves to the unselfish ministry of scattering the printed page far and near, and thus bring the work to a triumphant finish.

A. W. COOK.

DUNHAM-WOODS.—On Sunday, July 25th, in the Holloway Church, Brother Percy James Dunham and Sister Rose Woods were united in matrimony, the writer conducting the service. We join their large circle of friends in wishing them Heaven's richest blessings as they travel life's journey together.

C. A. REEVES.