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An Investment With Good Returns

By H. W. LOWE

SOME time ago one of our members had a sum of money she wished to use to good advantage in the cause. She was at first undecided how best to employ her gift. Should she send it in as a mission offering, or should she use it in evangelism at home? Finally, she decided on the latter course, but with one stipulation. The money must be spent in an evangelistic campaign in a city where the Advent message had not yet been preached.

The campaign began—it was considered a hard town to work, and from the outset God blessed the venture. A good baptism followed and a second campaign was held.

Eighteen months later the people brought into the faith by this investment had sent in mission offerings which totalled eight per cent more than the sister's gift!

A gift of one hundred pounds used in this way becomes in two years a gift to missions, from new believers, of one hundred and ten to one hundred and twenty pounds. Could there be any more profitable way of making gifts to God's cause? New believers in the homeland to give

more gifts to mission lands!

At present we have a small membership in this Union. It must grow if God's work is to be finished, and if we are to carry a larger missions responsibility.

We are entering about two or three cities each year. There are 1,030 of these unentered cities in these islands, so, humanly speaking, there is not less than three hundred years' work before us. God has ways of working, and power beyond our reckoning, to be true. But He works through His servants, and thus far we have no more profitable and no less expensive methods than those we now use.

Last year we had a good soul-winning year, but it might have

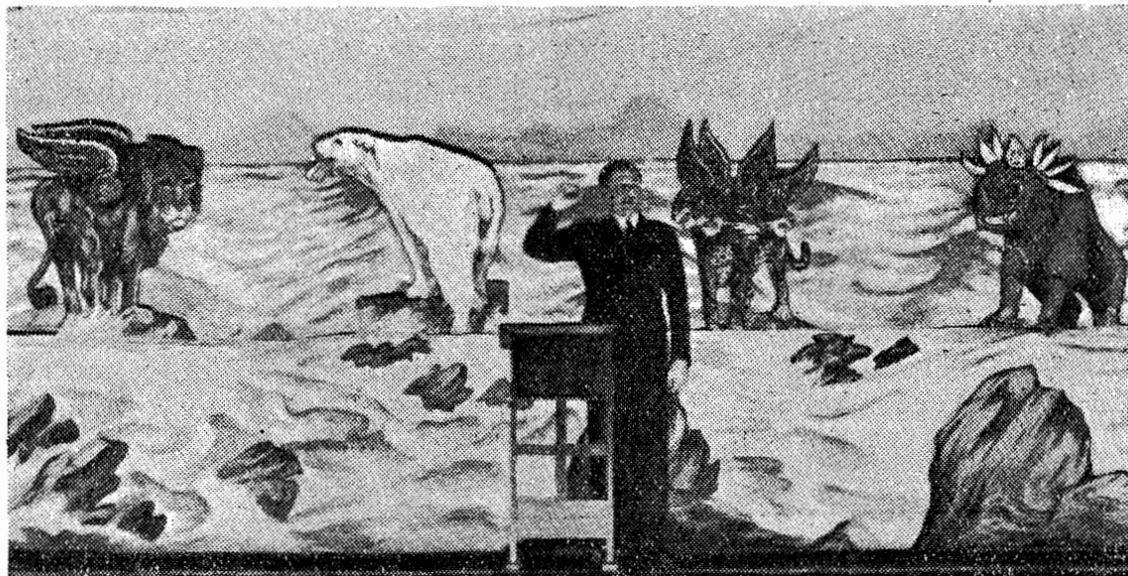
been better if we had had more money for evangelism. We did not have enough to put all our evangelists to work. Some had so little money that it was exhausted in six or eight weeks.

Before me is an appeal from a man who, after ten weeks, has 1,250 people attending. He must move to a smaller hall capable of seating 950 people, but it has only 650 chairs in it. The treasury cannot provide money to hire chairs. Must we turn 600 people away when they are at the point of maximum interest in the truth?

If only we could find ten people willing to give £100 or more each for evangelism in new cities, we should be doing the best thing for the homeland, and the best thing for the cause of missions.

Recently a brother responded in this way: "I will, if you will find someone else to do the same."

Perhaps we could open an "I Will if You Will" Evangelistic Fund! One man, impressed by God's good Spirit, might thus be instrumental in getting ten campaigns going. Ten campaigns should bring 400 to 500 new believers, who, in two years, would be supporting missions to the extent of £750 a year.



Pastor C. A. Reeves preaching on the prophecies of Daniel to a large congregation in Ilford, one of the eastern suburbs of London.

We know of no greater need anywhere in this cause than that of funds and prayers for soul-winning evangelism in these thousand unentered cities in our land.

Our work has been hampered too much by lack of funds in this country. We have taken cheap halls; we have cut things so fine here and there that results have been small and bad impressions of this message have been created. Notice these words:

"The work in England might now be much farther advanced than it is if our brethren, at the beginning of the work there, had not tried to work in so cheap a way. If they had hired good halls, and carried forward the work as though we had great truths, which would surely be victorious, they would have had greater success. God would have the work started in such a way that the first impressions

given shall be, as far as they go, the very best that can be made."—"Gospel Workers," page 462.

Brethren, we must under God change this situation! Every department of our work needs strengthening, but to do it we must add to our membership. To add to our membership we must do more evangelism.

At present we provide funds for all other phases of our work, and last of all, we give what little we can for the public proclamation of the message.

Surely God has in this Union ten people who will give £100 or £200 each for such a work. If you will, make your gift contingent on our getting a similar gift from someone else. If you wish, name your city, or at least, stipulate that it be an unentered city.

and forty-seven others are receiving Bible studies. Hundreds of others have been receiving a course of free literature, following up the sales that have been made. Who can tell what the final harvest will be? Surely many a "glad surprise" is awaiting the faithful colporteur!

Individual progress has been made by many of our colporteurs; Brethren Hardy, Lacey, and Benefield lead the field in sales, these stalwarts reaching amazing figures in individual achievement. We remember also the faithful toil of the less spectacular, for it has been the united effort of a loyal band that has made such progress possible. The spirit of co-operation and consecration found among these workers makes it a joy and a privilege to be associated with them.

When this short article appears the Colporteurs' Conference of 1938, held at Stanborough Park, will have ended. This meeting will undoubtedly mark another forward step in the progress of our publishing work. Plans are being made for even greater things during 1938; this should be one of the best years of our history. You are asked to pray that it may be so. Why not plan yourself to make it so by selling more of our message-filled literature during 1938 than you have ever sold before? The door of opportunity and progress stands wide open!



LIFE is a compound of prayer and work. It is not as though there were two separate agencies; they must ever be united with and in each other. The one does not exclude but requires the other, as the inner and outer man, as soul and body. Prayer requires work, and work requires prayer. Work must be the outward and visible form of prayer; prayer must be the soul of work, the soul of life in general; the ever-present background of every action, that which vitally pervades and supports our every thought and deed.—C. E. Luthardt, D.D.

A Year of Progress

By G. D. KING

THE courage of our colporteurs in the British Union is good. A reported gain of over £1,250 in their sales for 1937 is a tremendous incentive to greater effort during the year ahead. Let no one think that this encouraging gain has been easily won! Selling our literature is no task for weaklings and for the inefficient, it is a task which calls for energy, perseverance, and consecration. To an astonishing degree our colporteurs in this field have revealed these qualities during the past year.

Actually for the first six months of the year no gain was reported, and many of the men in the field were struggling against difficulty and disappointment. However, perseverance prevailed! With the close of the third quarter there came the encouraging light of a £594 gain. Even so it seemed presumptuous optimism to hope for a £1,000 gain by the close of the year. Indeed there were those who said it couldn't and wouldn't be done—but they failed to reckon with the conquering qualities of our colporteurs.

The last quarter of the year revealed tremendous progress and another £660 was added to the gain, closing the year with £17,003 reported sales as compared with £15,749 for 1936.

Our members throughout the field will rejoice with the colporteurs at this manifestation of the blessing of God upon the literature ministry. Such an increase in sales means that hundreds more homes have been visited, and increased quantities of books, papers, and magazines have been distributed. Thousands of souls have been brought into contact with God's message for these stirring times, and many are undoubtedly now reading their way into the truth. Will you not pray that God's convicting Spirit will follow the seed that has been so successfully scattered? The colporteur's lasting reward is not in the sales that are made, but in the souls that are won.

Already we know of twenty persons who are now definitely keeping the Sabbath as a result of the colporteur's call this past year,

Tract Campaign Sabbath, February 5th

Tracts that Clear the Clouds Away

By A. WARREN

GOOD news!

In this 1938 Tract Campaign 900 fine tracts will be given free with every hundred copies of No. 3 *Present Truth* purchased at full price. And all sent carriage free too!

There will be fourteen different tracts. One will have sixteen pages, nine will have eight pages with a fine picture on the front and a good Bible study on the back. The others are two-page leaflets.

The four two-page tracts have been written by the leaders of the Home Missionary and Young People's Departments. These are very cheap and can be enclosed with your correspondence.

The nine eight-page tracts are written by our own ministers and leading workers, and are designed to change people's minds and hearts and win them to the Lord Jesus. Notice how the subjects meet present-day needs.

"I cannot answer you," said a sceptic triumphant no longer, when Alexander Keith demonstrated to him the truth of the Bible, as proved by the evidence of fulfilled prophecy.

You, too, may be able to answer the doubtings of sceptical friends and give them hope for eternity if you hand them a copy of that fine little tract, *What is the Bible's Acid Test?* by a converted infidel.

The ideas of evolution are gaining ground in the public mind as a result of ignorance of the truth. *Creation or Evolution?* by W. L. Emmerson will show how weak are some of these theories.

"My wife has been greatly troubled about the future state," a business man confessed to us. And there are many others like him. "If death is the end of all—what a tragedy!" thought a young Scottish atheist. Both these were deeply impressed by reading of the truth on this subject. Send out the light by distributing *Paradise on Earth, or Is Heaven Real?*

Many young people, though outwardly indifferent, are longing for a knowledge of God. Brother Maxwell's simple tract, *Is Jesus*

Your Friend? will enable you to help them. A tract like this brought to Hudson Taylor a knowledge of the Saviour. Your young friends may be modern Hudson Taylors.

Is God in Control? Will Christ Come Again? and Is Jesus Coming Soon? will bring great light to many a thoughtful man and

Only a Tract

By Stanley Combridge

*Only a tract just thrown aside
On the crest of an ocean wave,
Yet carried with the ebbing tide
To the man 'twas destined to save;
Its tidings clear it onward bore
As it sank to the ocean's bed,
It saved the soul 'twas written for,
A diver its message had read.*

*Only a tract just cast away
With the rest of the household
waste,
Yet meant to win a soul that day
Through the dustbin where 'twas
placed;
The dustman saw its colours bright,
So he bore it homeward to read,
And his heart was filled with saving
light,
His soul, from sin's burden, was
freed.*

*'Twas but a tract he idly tore,
And the fragments he left behind,
'Twould trouble him, he thought, no
more
When carried off before the wind;
But silently, the message read,
His darkened mind began to grasp,
And lo, that night upon his bed
The Saviour's hand, he reached, to
clasp.*

*Will you, dear friend, now heed the
call
To sow the seed in every soil?
Thou knowest not as it doth fall
What harvest ripe will crown thy
toil;
My Word shall not in vain be sown
But fruit abundant it shall bear,
Its work, to thee, may be unknown
But souls will rise both rich and
rare.*

woman. "Rulers and statesmen, thinking men and women of all classes, have their attention fixed upon the events taking place about us. . . . They recognize that something great and decisive is about to take place—that the world is on the verge of a stupendous

crisis."—"Prophets and Kings," page 537.

Imagine the effect on such if by chance you place those three tracts in their hands.

The Sabbath question will shortly be brought before the minds of scores of people in the houses near by yours. Will you be the one to bring this light by handing your neighbours *Has the Sabbath Been Changed?* or *Does Grace Abolish Law?*

And—what a practical idea! The special *Present Truth* with which the tracts are supplied will be a Christian Home Number!

Every normal parent wishes for guidance in helping his children to make a success of life. But children are so different in their make-up. The firmness necessary for Johnny would harden Robert and break the heart of Mary! What discrimination one needs to use!

Some parents do not give enough thought to education. Others make a god of "education." Some husbands "forget the early attentions" to their wives.

So this "Christian Home Number" will be planned so as to give practical help in the home. Urge the members to circulate as many copies as they possibly can.

Notice that for 16/8 you get

100	copies of <i>Present Truth</i> value—	16	8
50	sixteen-page tracts, value—	2	1
450	eight-page tracts, value—	17	11
400	two-page tracts, value—	2	0
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No, there is no catch in it. You, of course, pay an extra 8/4 which is usually allowed as discount. The conferences make a generous grant toward the balance, and the publishing house makes a money gift (last year, £109). This makes sure that once a year the churches have an opportunity to lay in a huge supply of this Gospel seed. Urge the members to seize this opportunity!

A Tract Saves a Prodigal

FOR some considerable time I had been deeply convicted of the Sabbath truth. But for various reasons I was hesitant and even unwilling to step out in faith into a life of obedience. Consequently I had no peace. Life seemed dark and the future forbidding.

If I obeyed, I reasoned, it would mean the breaking up of old associations, possibly the surrender of earthly plans. I was hardly prepared for the step—not yet, at any rate.

I would try and forget about it all.

Besides, I was tempted to think, it was just possible that too much was being made about this change of the Sabbath. Did it really matter so much as the Adventists were telling us?

I was very fond of the countryside from a boy, so to get away from the Advent teachings, I decided to renew my acquaintance with the old familiar walks of childhood. I would revel in the works of nature. This might help me to forget.

But Love was following the prodigal. There came a bright Sunday morning. I remember it so well. I had set off over the fields toward the woods where as boys we had spent many happy hours. An unclouded sky and a freshness in the air made the walk exhilarating. Life was not so bad, after all.

Suddenly I was attracted by something on the path a few yards ahead—something white. Reaching the spot, I picked it up—a tract. It was entitled, *Who Changed It?* with a picture of the pope, mallet and chisel in hand, cutting out certain portions of the Sabbath commandment. The rest of the walk was spent in reading and meditating over the contents. It seemed like the voice of God calling again, and it was not long afterward that I made my decision to be obedient to the commandments of God.

Every time I look back to the incident, I feel with the poet:

"O Love, that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in Thee,
I give Thee back the life I owe,
That in Thine ocean depths, its flow
May richer, fuller be."

I learned in later years that

Brother Binks, the elder of the Rotherham church, dropped that tract. B.B.



A Spare Moment Wins Two Souls

DOWN came the rain! A colporteur fled to a doorway for shelter. "But why be idle while waiting for the sunshine? I'll give the owner of this house a tract," he said to himself. It only took a moment, but the next time he passed by, he called upon the lady in whose porch he had sheltered and found she wanted more papers like the first. Then she wanted Bible studies; then she wanted baptism; then she became a staunch church-member.

She had to live alone in her new-found faith among Catholics, and persecution became very severe. Even her own family turned against her because of her "religion." She preached no sermons, yet her life revealed the lovely doctrines she had learned from the colporteur's tract.

So true was her witness that later her daughter became converted, and was turned out of the home by her father. He turned her away to become a missionary to China's countless millions.

"Some fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit an hundredfold." ANON.



Ten Houses—One Soul

WHEN Brother Spencer Maxwell was working in Leicester many years ago he called for volunteers to take out ten tracts each. I was one of the volunteers and called each week with a different tract at ten houses. At one of the houses at which I called the lady was very interested and often asked questions. One day she inquired where we held our meetings. The next week she wanted to know when we had them, so I told her of our Sabbath services.

"But," she said, "don't you have any meetings on Sunday nights? I went to your church last Sunday night and there was no one there."

That opened the way for me to present the Sabbath truth more

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Experiences which will inspire
the Great 1938

fully to her. I could see that she was interested, so I arranged for Brother Maxwell to give her Bible studies, and she and her four children became members. To-day this sister is still a faithful member in the Leicester church. S.H.



"Brought to My Door"

IN July, 1907, while living in Dublin, I had brought to my door a tract on the second advent which greatly interested both my wife and myself. Two weeks later another tract, this time on the Sabbath

THE 1938 TRACTS

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Special series of Evangelistic Booklets have been specially written and—make a note—the leaflets are specially prepared

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No.	Title
SPECIAL TWO-PAGE TRACTS	
1.	Does Jesus Meet My Need?
2.	Have You Read the Book of the Year?
3.	Will There be a World Dictator?
4.	Are Sunday Games Unchristian?
EIGHT-PAGE "NEW CAMPAIGN" SERIES	
1.	Creation or Evolution? by W.
2.	What is the Bible's Acid Test?
3.	Is Jesus Your Friend?
4.	Paradise on Earth, or Is Heaven Real?
5.	Is God in Control? by W.
6.	Does Grace Abolish Law? by W.
7.	Will Christ Come Again?
8.	Is Jesus Coming Soon?
9.	Has the Sabbath Been Changed? by W.

SIXTEEN-PAGE "EVANGELISTIC SERIES"

TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF

TRACT DID!

all to take an active part in Tract Campaign

question, was handed to us. This caused great consternation in our home for we both became convinced that we should observe the Lord's Sabbath, and yet I could not see how I could do this and retain the good position I held at the time. However, we decided at last to trust the Lord and keep holy the Sabbath day.

Although my employers were professing Christians, holding important positions in their respective churches, they compelled me to resign from my post and sought to defame me from their pulpits. They told me that the course I

was taking would soon bring me to the workhouse. But instead the Lord has kept me to my sixty-sixth year in good health, while both my old employers passed away some twelve years ago.

My son and daughter, then only four and five years old, are now both engaged in spreading this Advent message, one as a Gospel colporteur and the other as a Christian nurse.

E.G.G.



A Holiday Well Spent

IN my early youth my mother had embraced the Seventh-Day Adventist faith, but I declared her beliefs to be foolish fanaticism.

I was working in a bakery at the time and making good progress, but the work was so heavy and the hours so long that I came to the place where I felt I must take a holiday. Choosing an opportunity when my employer could grant my request with very little inconvenience to himself, I asked for a week or so off, intimating that if this could not be granted he would have to accept this request as a notice of my purpose to leave his employ. To my chagrin, he accepted the latter alternative, and I found myself without a job.

While taking the much-needed rest at home, I secretly read some of the tracts my mother used for missionary work. Their perusal persuaded me of the truth they contained, and so I became a Seventh-Day Adventist myself.

P.H.S.



"Thank God for that Tract"

OH, what results. I felt immediately I had been lifted out of the utter darkness of despair into a glorious light! What a wonderful change began to take place in my heart and life! That little tract, simple as it looked, was the means of my giving my heart to Jesus.

How it thrilled my soul to learn from that tract that Jesus was actually coming again to this old earth. And how solemnly the tract put the question to me, Was I ready to receive Him?

I was not, until I received that tract, but since then I have striven by His grace to make myself ready

to share the vision of the psalmist: "My eyes shall see the King in His beauty."

Thank God I read that tract.

M.S.B.



A Tract Sells Two Books

IN 1896 I was canvassing the lonely ranches in the province of Buenos Aires. Seeing some men mending a wire fence I gave them each a tract. A few months later I went up to a Spaniard's house and tried to sell him a copy of *Steps to Christ* in Spanish, but he said that he had no money. I gave him a tract and went on, but after going about a hundred yards I heard him calling me back.

I drove back and he inquired if I was English. On my saying that I was he said that his mother-in-law was English and wished to speak with me in the house.

Going in I met an elderly English woman who surprised me by asking if I was a Seventh-Day Adventist. I replied that I was, whereupon she said that she thought I must be, as her son, who had been helping to mend the fence, had received one of my tracts which she saw was from an Adventist publishing house. She also told me that she had a niece in Salem, Oregon, who had sent her some of our literature.

I sold her a copy of *Steps to Christ* and had prayer with her and her daughter. Then the Spaniard asked for it in Spanish, giving me in payment fifty pesos (about £4). I gave him the change and he remarked that he had not bought before as he thought it was just a money-making concern, but now he knew differently.

L.B.



A Tract Prepares the Way

SOME years ago a lady was having a dress made, and on one of her visits to the dressmaker they began talking on religious subjects. The dressmaker lent her a tract on tithe-paying which she read and immediately determined to pay tithe.

Not long after that she came in contact with the Advent message and, of course, was immediately able to acquiesce when the subject of tithe-paying was presented to her.

G.B.

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and four Two-Page Leaflets. The by our own leading evangelists by our Conference Home Mis- retaries

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Author	For 100 copies	For 200 copies	For 500 copies	For 1,000 copies
W. Goodall	100	200	500	1,000
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T. Johnson	100	200	500	1,000
R. Warland	100	200	500	1,000
Emmerson	50	100	250	500
A. Rowell	50	100	250	500
S. Maxwell	50	100	250	500
A. Warren	50	100	250	500
Madgwick	50	100	250	500
Emmerson	50	100	250	500
G. Hyde	50	100	250	500
C. Bailey	50	100	250	500
Madgwick	50	100	250	500
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NORTH ENGLAND CONFERENCE

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Notes from the President

THE year 1937 was the best the North England Conference has ever experienced. We added 218 new members by baptism and vote. This is eighty-eight more than in 1936. Our membership now stands at 1,865.

As a result of the faithful work of our thirty-two colporteurs, £9,237 worth of literature was sold, a gain of £865. They disposed of 7,809 copies of *Our Wonderful Bible*.

OUR Sabbath-schools gave their largest amount to missions—£1,535, a gain of £75. The Harvest Ingathering goal of £3,400 was raised in eight weeks, and a record total of £3,707 was finally reached.

OUR tithe was the highest in the history of the conference and realized a sum of £8,057.

ANOTHER record was reached in the total offerings which amounted to £5,624.

IN February the following public meetings will be in progress for which we invite on their behalf the prayers of the MESSENGER family:

Chester	Pastor W. Maudsley
Darlington	Pastor S. G. Joyce
Hull	Pastor J. A. McMillan
Kidderminster	J. R. Lewis
Newcastle	Pastor A. F. Bird
Nottingham	Pastor O. M. Dorland
North Shields	F. Edwards
Rotherham	
	Pastor W. R. A. Madgwick
Stockport	W. J. Cannon
York	Pastor W. M. Lennox
	O. M. DORLAND.

week, to hear them testify of the joy and blessings that the Lord has bestowed upon them since they accepted this message. Three of these new members are young people who have given up their positions and are now at Newbold College, training to be workers for the Lord. We watch their progress with great interest and remember them continually before the throne of grace.

There is a remarkable spirit of unity in the church, and the Sabbath-school has almost doubled its attendance during 1937. We give God the glory for this increase and pray that He will continue to guide us.

Time speeds on, another year has rolled away, 1938 is here, and with the new year comes the desire for deeper consecration, and for more active service in the cause of God. We are preparing for fresh conquests. We solicit the earnest and constant prayers of all believers throughout the Union.

MARJORIE MASON, *Bible-worker*.

Welsh Mission

Of Special Interest

PASTOR F. S. JACKSON opened his campaign on January 2nd in Swansea, and, perhaps, for the first time in Wales, advertised it as a Seventh-Day Adventist Campaign. "Come to the SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST GOSPEL SERVICES in the Scala Cinema" is what one reads upon the attractive handbill.

Undoubtedly, seeing that we are subject to so much misrepresentation, the minds of the people being greatly prejudiced, this campaign will be a great venture of faith.

Please pray very earnestly for Brother Jackson and the church in Swansea, as they boldly set out to proclaim the "everlasting Gospel" and the message for these last days.

S. G. HYDE.

[In a recent letter Pastor Jackson says: "We started last night in the Scala Cinema and had a really good crowd and a good, solid response of fifty-five names." A few days ago he again wrote: "We continue to have good meetings. The congregation increased by fifty last week and thirty more names and addresses. The spoilers are at work, but we have taken the wind out of their sails by telling everybody at the start who we are!"—Ed.]

SCOTTISH MISSION

Superintendent: Pastor L. Murdoch

Address: Old Saughton House, Midcalder Road, Corstorphine, Edinburgh

Progress in Edinburgh

NESTLED among the hills of Scotland lies the ancient and famous metropolis of the north, the beautiful and romantic city of Edinburgh. The weather is often raw and boisterous, and last winter we witnessed the heaviest snow-storms for years. Many battles have been fought here through the centuries, but during the past nine months a great battle for souls has been raging, and Christ has given us the victory.

Early in March, 1937, Pastor L. Murdoch engaged "The Tivoli," a large cinema in the Tynecastle district of Edinburgh. Startling bills had been circulated all around this district, all the workers, including our superintendent, billing in the severest weather of snow and

sleet. Large crowds flocked to the cinema, and it was quite evident by the splendid attention given that a deep interest had been aroused.

Although we had to move quite a distance when the time came for us to leave the cinema, our superintendent still held a splendid audience of earnest souls seeking for greater light. As a result of this campaign, which was conducted at the same time as two smaller efforts, over twenty members have been added to the remnant church, and the prospects are that quite a few more will yet take their stand.

Many of these dear souls made great sacrifices to keep the Sabbath. It gives us a real thrill as we visit these people week by

At Rest

BAXTER.—Sister Baxter of the Kirkcaldy church fell asleep on November 2, 1937. Her faith and hope burned clear and unflinching to the end. She had lived eighty years, and it can be truly said that she had "fought a good fight" of faith and "finished her course." The "crown of righteousness" shall surely be hers at that day. Brother L. Murdoch on November 4th conducted the funeral service in the home and at the graveside, speaking words of comfort and hope to relatives and friends gathered there, and words appreciative of her earnest Christian character. Sister Baxter was among the first to take her stand for the truth when in June, 1903, Brother Westworth, then of Edinburgh, opened a tent effort in Kirkcaldy. He was joined by Brother Ritchie, who remained to carry on the work. Sister Baxter was among the first sixteen who were baptized in Edinburgh in December, 1903, from the Kirkcaldy effort. She continued a faithful, loyal member throughout the years, loving the truth and ever earnest for the furtherance of God's cause. She was a successful canvasser for quite a number of years and has filled various offices in the church, recently giving up the office of church treasurer, which she had filled for some years. Our sincere sympathy goes out to her sisters, who are both in the truth, especially to the one with whom she lived for so many years. May the God of all comfort be their strength as they await the day when sorrow and sighing shall flee away. **J. ARCHIBALD.**

THOMAS.—We regret to announce the death of Sister Thomas, of the St. Mabyn company, on December 12, 1937, in her eighty-second year. We understand she has been a member for over twenty-five years. She was a very earnest worker with *Present Truth* and in the Ingathering work which she enjoyed doing. Of late she had been a sufferer, though always trying to be cheerful and bright regardless of her pains. Ever ready to speak a word for her Lord, and pointing souls to His great truth for this time, she had the great joy, a few days before passing, of seeing her latest convert accept the truth. Interment took place at St. Mabyn. Pastor Rodd officiated and spoke words of comfort to the relatives, friends, and members of the church, directing their minds to that eternal life which the Saviour will give to those who sleep in Him. **E. WILTON, Church Clerk.**

TARPLEE.—Sister Ann Tarplee passed peacefully to her rest on December 8, 1937, in her eighty-fourth year. She accepted the truth thirty-four years ago, and ever since has been a faithful member of the Handsworth (Birmingham) church. A short time before her death she expressed her desire, if it was the Lord's will, to live until the coming of Jesus. Although her wish has not been granted, we are sure she will be among those who will be raised to enter into the promised reward. She was laid to rest in the Rood End Cemetery, Oldbury, there to await the coming of the Life-giver. We deeply sympathize with her dear ones in their loss. **R. A. FREETH.**

HARRIS.—The Worcester church has sustained yet another loss in its membership by the death of Brother Harris, who passed away at the age of seventy-three on December 15, 1937. Brother Harris accepted the message fourteen years ago under the ministry of Pastor F. C. Bailey. He has been a faithful member ever since his baptism, and only great physical weakness prevented him from attending the meetings during the latter part of his life. He was laid to rest in St. John's Cemetery on December 20, 1937. The writer, assisted by Brother J. R. Lewis, conducted the funeral service and spoke words of comfort and hope to the assembled relatives and friends. He leaves behind to mourn his loss his wife, three sons, and a daughter. To them we extend our heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement. **R. A. FREETH.**

BROWN.—We regret to record the passing

of Sister E. Brown of the Walthamstow church who died on November 20, 1937, at the age of seventy-one years. Sister Brown received the light of truth through the ministry of Pastor J. Howard in 1933. Our dear sister, though afflicted with blindness, perceived clearly the footsteps of Jesus, by whom she patterned her life and became a source of blessing to all who knew her. We laid her to rest amid many floral tributes, and in the presence of sorrowing relatives and friends, confident that we shall meet her again on the resurrection morn. **CHURCH CLERK.**

LOWE.—On Monday, December 27, 1937, Sister Rose Lowe, of the Derby church, aged seventy-four years, passed peacefully to rest. She had patiently borne an illness for several months, but the end came suddenly as the result of a stroke. She was brought into the truth eighteen years ago by Pastor J. D. Gillatt. She had always a cheerful, kindly way with her and was endeared to all who knew her. We extend our deepest sympathy to her five sons who are left to mourn their loss, but we mourn not as those who have no hope, for we know we shall see her again, when Jesus comes to claim His own. **VIOLET BULL, Church Clerk.**

CROUCH.—It is with deep regret that we report the death of our dear Brother William Crouch, who accepted the message under the labours of Pastor F. C. Bailey, and united with the old Kennington church seventeen years ago, later becoming a member at Wimbledon. Though unable in recent years to attend the services, owing to old age and infirmity, Brother Crouch was always faithful. He died at the age of eighty-six, fully trusting in God. Two sons and two daughters, other relatives, and a large number of friends are left to mourn. The deceased lies in the Streatham Cemetery awaiting the call of the Life-giver at the first resurrection. **F. A. SPEARING.**

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Stanborough Park Church School Christmas Programme

ABOUT forty parents and friends of children attending Stanborough Park Church School gathered in the large classroom on December 21, 1937, for the closing exercises of the term.

In his opening remarks, the headmaster, Mr. A. Keough, explained that the programme arranged was not a concert, because in a concert only the stars would be permitted to shine, whereas in the items that were to follow all the children were to take part in showing some of the things they do in their everyday life at school.

Then the piano seemed to take charge. The door from an adjoining classroom opened to a chord and the children marched in to trip through the next ninety minutes or so to the rhythm of its music.

Just twice the whole school came together; at the beginning, to welcome the visitors with carols, and at the end, to say good-bye.

In between these two items school was turned into the Land of Stories and we, who knew some of the children, marvelled at the orderliness of it all. We older people were introduced to "Miss Muffet" and the "Big Spider" and some other little folk from nursery rhymes.

It is impossible to mention all the items but, looking back a few days, some things seem to stand out. There was the drill by the older girls and boys, rendered in perfect time with dumb-bells which were no longer dumb—tinkling bells having been attached to them.

Then there was the band of eight or nine tinies conducted by a little girl. Tambourines, triangles, and drums kept in time with the conductor's baton, which, in turn, kept time with the piano.

Another happy little item, "I See You, Tra-la-la-la-la-la-la-la," sung and acted by a number of little girls, lingers pleasantly in the memory.

And two incidents which I am sure were unrehearsed: "Little Tim," in a sketch from *Christmas*

Carol, got so excited that he forgot his crutch, and ran from the room with his "brothers and sisters"; while a little gentleman of eight or nine or thereabouts, who stepped back after one piece to allow a small lady of similar age to pass through the door first, gave a good impression of school training in courtesy.

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Such a group of bright-eyed, happy-faced children made us thankful for the church school. The teachers are doing well, the school is doing well, and we wish them much blessing as they enter on a new term. H. ARGENT.

South England Conference

"Praise Ye the Lord"

WE are truly thankful to God for the wonderful success which attended the Harvest Ingathering Campaign during 1937. The full total for the South England Conference is the highest ever reached—well over the £5,000 mark. The amounts raised by the various churches and companies will be given in a later issue of the MESSENGER.

As we raise our hearts in thankfulness to God for this splendid success, let us renew our consecration, praying and working for even greater blessings in the 1938 campaign. E. R. WARLAND.

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