

The Colporteurs' Conference

WHAT a feast of good things was shared by the colporteur family as we met together at Stanborough Park for our annual conference!

Originally planned for Newbold over the new year, it had to be postponed because of an outbreak of measles. Pastor G. D. King, recently our Union Field Missionary Secretary, rather amusingly remarked that he felt grateful to the measles for causing the colporteurs to meet at Watford, where he, in consequence, was able to drop into the meetings more frequently. On our part we felt grateful to the officers and members of the Stanborough Park church for so kindly inviting us to make full use of their church building.

January 31st to February 6th
By W. McLEOD

THE OPENING MEETING

Some sixty colporteurs from all parts of the Union were present at the opening service on the Friday evening. We were heartily welcomed by the Missionary Volunteer leader, Brother H. Pearce, by Pastor J. M. Howard, Union Field Missionary Secretary, and by Pastor W. E. Read, our speaker for the evening. It seemed appropriate that we should be welcomed at a young people's meeting, because the colporteur's active, open-air life keeps him young in body as well as in spirit.

Pastor Read's discourse on the story of the importunate widow and the question, "When the Son of man cometh shall He find such a faith as hers upon the earth?" formed an appropriate foundation for a profitable week.

It was at this opening meeting also that we were introduced to a particularly delightful feature of the conference, the first of a series of vocal items sympathetically rendered by the mixed choir, the male choir, and the male quartette, all conducted by Brother W. Idris Owen. The items rendered during the week included, "Holy Ghost with Light Divine," "Abide with Me," and "All Men, All Things." On Tuesday



Colporteurs of the British Union gathered at their recent conference in Watford.

evening a violin solo consisting of part of a Mendelssohn concerto was beautifully played to us by Mr. C. Heel.

A CROWDED SABBATH

On Sabbath morning an interesting programme included a good review by Brother C. L. Kelly and the lesson conducted before an open school by Pastor W. T. Bartlett. He showed that the prosperity of the early church under persecution is having its counterpart in the experience of God's people in many lands to-day. Relative to Peter's miraculous escape from prison, he suggested that God still opens great iron doors for colporteurs to walk through, for none can stay God's hand; we can put all our trust in Him.

Pastor Read was our speaker in the service that followed. He based his remarks on Psalm 126:5, 6. "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth—bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again—bringing his sheaves with him." He suggested this was a description of the colporteur at work. At a time when war is shattering the political hopes and social ideals of so many, the Bible speaks of a judgment-hour message being sent to all the world. This is our God-given task and nothing can stop it.

On Sabbath afternoon eight men and women from the colporteur ranks related their best experience of 1940. All spoke of being conscious of God's direct guidance in their labours and the incidents related were most varied in character.

Colporteurs are frequently mistaken for the new curate, the doctor, the public assistance officer, etc., but one brother was asked if he were the undertaker! The relation of these experiences made it clear to all that the colporteur's life is full of interest. He meets people and does things.

Perhaps this was the feeling that promoted one remark overheard that afternoon, "Poor dears! They do have to work hard!"

On Saturday evening Pastor Read spoke of God's special providences during 1940, and showed how God still rules in the kingdoms of men and has a particular regard for His faithful people, reminding us that we are all of one blood and must not allow national or racial barriers to

restrict our vision of a world-wide commission.

In Rumania, the sudden death of an official, and also acute political unrest, were used of God to bring more favourable conditions to His people.

The wonderful results of the Harvest Ingathering work in war-torn Europe so enthused the people of North America that they went out again and collected a further sum in addition to their already fine effort. Over a thousand baptized members in America can trace their deepened interest to the programmes over the radio. In the light of all that God is doing for us this is no time to be nervous, but a time to have courage and faith.

Commencing with Sunday when the ordinances were celebrated, Pastor W. T. Bartlett was with us each morning for the devotional hour, at which he presented inspiring Bible studies. His subjects included "The Life of Faith," "The Value of a Consecrated Tongue," and "Let God do the Canvassing, To-day and Every Day." These highly spiritual studies made an ideal beginning to each day, constraining all to a fuller surrender of self. The last morning hour was devoted to the answering of questions submitted by the colporteurs, and under Pastor Bartlett's inspired handling they were dealt with to the complete satisfaction of all present.

MOVEMENT OF DESTINY

On Sunday evening Pastor G. D. King spoke to his old friends, the colporteur family. He said that while many regarded various political systems to be movements of destiny, the Movement of Destiny was the Advent Movement. Outlining briefly the origin of the printing work when Elder James White put the first edition of *Present Truth* into a carpet-bag in 1860, he told us that to-day we would have to pay £514 for one copy of all our publications. Remembering that the Spirit of prophecy tells us that the time will come when thousands will be converted in a day largely through the influence of our literature, we realized afresh what a grand calling is the colporteur's.

Similarly when on Wednesday Pastor R. S. Joyce came from the north to address us on the subject

of lay evangelism, one statement was specially impressive.

For years we have been saying that a rich harvest of souls will be reaped from the literature work; that they are just round the corner waiting to be gathered in. Pastor Joyce believes that time is *now* and that consequently there is need for fuller co-operation between ministers and laity to help finish the work.

On Tuesday evening, Pastor H. W. Lowe spoke on Psalm 89:15. "They shall walk, O Lord, in the light of Thy countenance," showing that the blessed life is a life of rejoicing which depends not so much on what we know or what we do, as upon what we are. Although at times we may tremble, we stand upon a Rock that never trembles.

Later in the week Pastor Lowe spent one of the most interesting hours of the conference with us, discussing the question of the colporteur's relation to military service. His wide experience of this subject under present-day conditions enabled him to give us many helpful suggestions.

A very interesting diversion was provided by Pastor W. L. Emmerson in the form of a description of a recent trip across America. Quebec, Montreal, Oshawa, Niagara Falls, Battle Creek, Lincoln Nebraska, Salt Lake City and San Francisco were among the places shown on the screen. We were interested to learn that Red Indians originally came from Asia and that many of their older religious beliefs are akin to the Bible records, while later ones show the introduction of sun and moon worship, thus providing clear evidence of the idolatrous trend of humanity with the passing centuries.

Dr. A. H. Williams spent a busy hour with us one afternoon discussing habits of work, rest, and food, and the many questions asked showed the deep interest that the colporteur takes in healthful living.

Brethren A. Warren and J. C. Craven, the colporteurs' friends from The Stanborough Press, also spoke to us on subjects of vital interest to our work, while Pastor J. M. Howard and Brethren A. W. Cook and B. Belton gave us valuable instruction in the art of successful Gospel salesmanship, going through the different stages of the process with an insight born of long experience and deep study.

Every afternoon was begun with five minutes community singing led by Brother R. Redhouse, after which, in small bands, we prayed for the recovery of the sick, the spiritual restoration of those who have fallen out by the way, the success of the conference, the speedy finishing of God's work in the earth.

"ROUND TABLES"

Another prominent and very profitable feature of this conference was one provided by the colporteurs themselves. Some twenty papers were presented dealing with many phases of the literature work. These took the form of round-table discussions, and the amount of beneficial conferring that resulted, accounts largely for colporteurs' institutes being now known as "conferences."

An inspiring week, in which gloom was conspicuous by its absence, ended with a testimony meeting when many gladly but humbly acknowledged God's goodness during the past year and expressed confidence in His readiness to guide, protect, and lead them on

to still greater accomplishments.

In times like these it was surprising how our good Brother, A. W. Cook, managed to find such excellent accommodation for us in the neighbourhood. This factor contributed much to the success of "Colporteur Week."

Our hearts were encouraged as we saw a number of new recruits to the colporteur ministry. That they might have success was a constant subject of prayer, and we would earnestly invite our brethren and sisters everywhere to pray for them, too.

The year 1940 proved to be the very best in the history of the literature work in this country. The average amount sold per colporteur was higher in our land than in any other part of the world. That is what total war is doing for the cause of God. So we would ask you to pray that we may be enabled to reach the new goals that have been set and also that under the blessing of God, Pastor Howard and his two associates may see in 1941, more souls won for the kingdom through the literature work than ever before.

Rudge a letter in the native language to be posted to the writer. One is written in beautiful hand-writing, and the translation is as follows:

"I, the writer, am Timoci C. Nawara, one of the ministers of our church in Fiji. I am at present stationed in a district in the hill country, and I am writing this to all the brethren over there to tell you that we, in Fiji, are earnestly praying for you daily on behalf of the great calamity that has overtaken you in this war. We also pray earnestly to God to bless our King, and to protect him from the enemy.

"We are very thankful indeed to God that He continues to bless the preaching of His word and is fulfilling the predictions made by His prophets and protecting those who are constantly putting their trust in Him.

"This is my brief message to you over there. May God bless and keep you each day and always. Amen."

The other was also written in bold, clear hand-writing and the translation runs:

"My mind has been stirred to write you this letter as I have heard from the lips of our Australasian President (Pastor Rudge) of the growth of the Lord's work in England. When I heard, I was like a dog with his tail, body, and ears shaking as he greets his master coming to him. My joy and praise to God makes me feel that way.

"When the war broke out last year it led us all earnestly to pray the Lord that He would remember in mercy the preaching of the third angel's message and those of you who are called upon to lead out in the work in a time when Europe is engaged in war. When we hear that the work is growing, notwithstanding the terrible war, it inspires great gratitude in our hearts and our confidence in the power of God, assuring us that He is a God that does hear our prayers.

"During the month of September we had a week of prayer and fasting throughout Fiji that the Lord might hear us on behalf of His church and people throughout Great Britain. In our seasons of prayer we remembered, very sincerely, the King of our Empire and His Queen, also our loving Government.

"It is a thing of great pleasure to
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Notes from the Union President

WORKERS' MEETING IN WALES

ALL the workers in the Welsh Mission spent a few days together in Cardiff recently, Pastors Read, Harker, and the writer being also present. It was a blessed time spent in study, prayer, discussion, and planning in the light of the present situation in our work. We invite the prayerful consideration of our members as our workers press on with various forms of evangelistic service under difficulties that no previous generation of Adventist workers faced. God has a reason for these things and a way whereby the truth will reach the people. Divine blessing rather than human energy is the way by which we need particularly to seek, in order that the two may blend in a victory for God's truth.

FURTHER AIR RAID CASUALTIES

ONE of our church treasurers, who has faithfully stood by the cause for many years, has had the misfortune to have her home completely destroyed. Several rather similar

cases among our members have recently come to our attention. These grievous personal losses do not rob our people of their faith in God, but they do appeal to us for increased and continued prayer that God may be gracious to those who are taking joyfully the despoiling of their goods.

FROM FAR-AWAY FIJI

PASTOR RUDGE, president of the Australasian Union Conference, sends a rather unusual communication. He was visiting the believers in the Fiji group of islands, where he has previously laboured for nearly twelve years.

On the island of Viti Levu he found the native membership greatly exercised over conditions in England, and the native minister and another veteran minister approached him indicating that they were having regular special prayer meetings for the blessing of God upon the believers and His work in England. Each of these good men handed to Brother

Statement of Tithes and Offerings for British Union

SOUTH ENGLAND CONFERENCE

NAME OF CHURCH OR COMPANY	Mem-ber-ship	Tithe	Tithe per Capita	Sabbath-School Offerings Inc. 13.h S.	Young People's Offering	Harvest Ingathering	Annual Offerings	Miscellaneous	Week of Sacrifice	Big Week	Total Offerings	Offerings per Capita
Bath	20	26 7 6	1 6 4	5 7 5	1 0		4 9 6				9 17 11	9 10
Bournemouth..	86	116 6 0	1 7 0	21 8 8	10 10	3 19 6	8 6 4		10 0		34 15 4	8 1
Brighton	56	138 18 9	2 9 7	23 12 9			7 18 6				31 11 3	11 63
Bristol	110	181 15 8	1 13 1	20 17 3	5 9	1 7 11	8 8 2				30 19 1	5 8
Cambridge	30	39 14 4	1 6 6	6 13 9			7 4 6				13 18 3	9 3
Chiswick	85	138 17 7	1 12 8	21 1 9	9 9		8 2 2				29 13 8	7 0
Clacton	24	5 17 6	4 10	10 0			3 10				13 10	7
Clapham	66	80 18 4	1 4 6	21 11 6			4 11 1				26 2 7	7 11
Colchester	28	14 6 9	10 3	2 10 11			14 10				3 5 9	2 4
Croscombe	28	33 17 9	1 4 3	6 3 3	12 0		3 5 6				10 0 9	7 2
Croydon	42	46 2 3	1 1 11	14 10 4		2 0	4 14 9			4 6	19 11 7	9 4
Ealing	54	84 16 2	1 11 4	10 13 1	5 7		6 8 5				17 7 1	6 5
Edmonton	48	39 17 10	16 7	6 15 11	1 3 4		2 7 2				10 6 5	4 4
Enfield Wash...	24	21 15 2	18 2	3 18 1			1 15 6				5 13 7	4 9
Exeter	33	45 11 3	1 7 8	7 10 1		2 6	2 10 6				10 3 1	6 2
Folkestone	35	23 18 3	13 8	3 1 6			1 6 2		17 3	6	5 5 5	3 0
Forest Gate	35	29 13 5	16 11	5 17 9			2 11 0				8 8 9	4 10
Gillingham	11	42 7 2	3 17 0	12 10 9			2 4 0			2 1	14 16 10	1 7 0
Harlesden	29	31 4 5	1 1 6	5 9 2			2 13 6				8 2 8	5 7
Hastings	29	33 5 2	1 9 10	6 2 4			2 18 0				9 0 4	6 3
H. Wycombe	18	21 19 7	1 4 5	1 18 3			1 18 3				1 18 3	2 1
Holloway	193	263 8 7	1 7 3	23 10 3	1 17 5	2 0 0	9 7 11				36 15 7	3 9
Ilford	64	94 6 11	1 9 5	15 11 0	7 5		7 6 3				23 4 8	7 3
Ipswich	35	22 3 1	12 8	4 2 0	1 3		10 9				4 14 0	2 8
Lewisham	59	122 19 8	2 1 8	10 0 0			5 10 7				15 10 7	5 3
Lowestoft	48	19 1 3	7 11	2 11 2	2 0		2 4 1				4 17 3	2 0
Luton	28	76 18 3	2 14 11	6 2 4			5 11 0				11 13 4	8 4
Norwich	49	46 0 1	18 10	7 0 9	17 6		1 6 10				9 5 1	3 9
Plymouth	87	170 15 10	1 19 3	27 4 1	17 3	8 6	26 17 8				55 7 6	12 9
Portsmouth	52	103 8 5	1 19 9	12 16 3	17 9		6 17 2				20 11 2	7 11
Reading	55	84 8 2	1 10 8	21 0 11	2 14 1	3 15 4	4 7 0				31 17 4	11 7
Romford	32	42 13 3	1 6 8	5 11 8			15 10			10 0	6 17 6	4 3
Southampton	57	75 19 6	1 6 8	14 19 5	16 10		6 2 0		7 6	10 0	22 15 9	8 0
Southend	45	48 16 6	1 1 8	9 3 11		9 6	8 6 0				17 19 5	8 0
Southstoke	9	11 6 0	1 5 1	7 9 5			4 6 6				11 15 11	1 6 2
Stanbor'h Park	374	850 0 7	2 5 6	121 8 5	13 2 9	20 8 0	73 11 6		9 10 0		232 0 8	15 5
Torquay	35	36 14 11	1 1 0	9 7 3			3 8 6				12 15 9	7 4
Walthamstow	59	156 10 8	2 13 1	55 3 0	10 10		116 6 0				171 19 10	2 18 3
Watford	69	126 6 10	1 16 7	20 19 3	1 7 4	2 12 10	7 9 0		1 1 9		33 10 2	9 8
Wimbledon	101	142 1 9	1 8 2	24 11 10	1 6 2	1 9 9	9 19 6				37 7 3	7 5
Wood Green	85	134 7 11	1 11 7	9 17 5	18 11	4 5	4 2 5				15 3 2	3 7
Yarmouth	47	22 16 0	9 9	4 5 11			9 10				4 15 9	2 0
Bedford	12	20 2 6	1 13 7	4 11 11			2 15 0				7 6 11	12 3
Bromley	11	5 4 6	9 6	2 8 11			1 0 6				3 9 5	6 4
Carlton Col.		10 0										
Chelmsford	17	27 19 3	1 12 11	3 10 4			3 5 0				6 15 4	7 11
Chesterh'm	25	42 0 0	1 13 7	6 18 11	9 1		3 15 9				11 3 9	8 11
Dereham	6	10 15 0	1 15 10	1 13 0			5 6				1 18 6	6 5
Eastbourne	11	4 16 0	8 9									
Ferndown	7	7 9 3	1 1 4	1 3 0			1 2 0				2 5 0	6 5
Gloucester	13	13 18 0	1 1 4	2 6 3			10 3				2 16 6	4 4
Harrow	12	18 1 5	1 10 2	7 1 0			3 3 6		1 10 0		11 15 4	19 8
I. of Wight		8 5 0		10 0			1 0 0				1 10 0	
Medstead	11	25 13 6	2 6 8	6 18 5			2 4 6				9 2 11	16 7
Poole	13	10 9 6	16 2	2 4 6			12 0				2 16 6	4 4
Salisbury	14	14 11 0	1 0 9	3 2 9		2 6	2 5 0				5 10 3	7 10
Slough	14	23 6 9	1 13 4	6 10 9			1 13 3				8 4 0	11 9
St. Austell	7	22 9 5	3 4 2	6 3 10			2 2 6				8 6 4	1 3 9
Swindon	11	13 14 7	1 4 11	4 13 2			1 0 0				5 13 2	10 2
Taunton	13	8 7 11	12 11	2 3 5							2 3 5	3 4
Wes'n Br'n	9	20 0 3	2 4 6	13 0 2		5 0	3 19 6			6 8	17 11 4	1 19 1
Wembley	7	7 17 6	1 2 6	2 14 7			3 16 6				6 11 1	18 9
Weymouth	17	17 5 10	1 0 4	2 0 8	13 9		12 6				3 6 11	3 11
Isolated	434	848 3 11	1 19 1	165 14 1		8 14 7	108 6 5	6 10 0	2 10 6		291 15 7	13 5
Totals 1940	3138	5019 16 10	1 11 11	866 11 3	30 8 7	46 2 4	530 19 5	6 10 0	16 7 0	1 13 9	1498 12 4	9 6
Totals 1939	3130	4524 9 0	1 8 8	765 1 11	23 9 10	2064 14 11	324 17 1		25 17 3	9 8 8	3213 9 8	1 0 6
Increase	8	495 7 10	3 3	101 9 4	6 18 9	-2018 12 7	206 2 4	6 10 0	-9 10 3	-7 14 11	-1714 17 4	-11 0

SCOTTISH MISSION

NAME OF CHURCH OR COMPANY	Mem-ber-ship	Tithe	Tithe per Capita	Sabbath-School Offerings Inc. 13.h S.	Young People's Offering	Harvest Ingathering	Annual Offerings	Miscellaneous	Week of Sacrifice	Big Week	Total Offerings	Offerings per Capita
Aberdeen	34	56 16 11	1 13 5	7 13 6	4 4		2 5 0				10 2 10	6 0
Edinburgh	70	85 6 9	1 4 5	25 11 4		3 14 8	6 13 0				35 19 0	10 3
Glasgow	94	280 0 11	2 19 7	31 0 3	1 0 0		5 7 0				37 7 3	7 11
Kirkcaldy	10	14 19 0	1 9 11	4 5 11			19 0				5 4 11	10 6
Com. (Dundee)	20	19 10 2	19 6	16 15 6		53 8 0	1 3 9				71 7 3	3 11 4
Com. (Stirling)	8	23 10 8	2 18 10	5 1 5			9 6				5 10 11	13 10
Com. (Uddingston)	7			1 3 0							1 3 0	3 3
Isolated	60	101 13 2	1 13 11	7 16 7		19 19 2	1 12 6		2 0 0		31 8 3	10 6
Totals 1940	303	581 17 7	1 18 5	99 7 6	1 4 4	77 1 10	18 9 9		2 0 0		198 8 5	13 1
Totals 1939	304	387 14 5	1 5 6	77 18 3	1 11 1	336 12 11	18 0 9		5 10 0		439 13 0	1 8 11
Increase	-1	194 3 2	12 11	21 9 3	-6 9	-259 11 1	9 0		-3 10 0		-241 9 7	-15 10

IRISH MISSION

NAME OF CHURCH OR COMPANY	Mem-ber-ship	Tithe	Tithe per Capita	Sabbath-School Offerings Inc. 13.h S.	Young People's Offering	Harvest Ingathering	Annual Offerings	Miscellaneous	Week of Sacrifice	Big Week	Total Offerings	Offerings per Capita
Belfast	54	48 6 6	17 11	11 5 5	2 15 10	62 0 0	35 0 0		27 10 0	9 14 6	149 5 9	2 15 4
Dublin	36	53 18 2	1 9 11	13 1 9	10 8	12 15 2	3 11 0				29 18 7	16 8
Kilmoyle	13	11 14 6	18 0	1 15 4	7 6	13 6	17 0				3 13 4	5 8
Larne	7	7 18 8	1 2 8	4 8 0		8 0 0	10 0				12 18 0	1 16 10
Lisburn	6	6 15 5	1 2 7	3 13 5		13 13 5	10 8				17 17 6	2 19 7
Londonderry	5	5 14 6	1 2 11	2 19 0	1 3	3 0 0	1 4 6				7 4 9	1 8 11
Shankill	35	27 13 11	15 10	9 11 7		2 14 4	3 0 0			5 16 7	21 2 6	12 1
Isolated	50	66 14 8	1 6 8	3 5 8			2 5 0		6 10 0		12 0 8	4 10
Totals 1940	206	228 16 4	1 2 3	50 0 2	3 15 3	102 16 5	47 18 2		34 0 0	15 11 1	254 1 1	1 4 8
Totals 1939	224	209 7 4	18 8	53 18 0	3 17 2	179 2 9	38 13 11	5 0	36 13 6	22 0 0	334 10 4	1 9 10
Increase	-18	19 9 0	3 7	-3 17 10	-1 11	-76 6 4	9 4 3	-5 0	-2 13 6	-6 8 11	-80 9 3	-5 2

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WELSH MISSION

NAME OF CHURCH OR COMPANY	Mem-ship	Tithe	Tithe per Capita	Sabbath School Offerings Inc. 13th S.	Young People's Offering	Harvest Ingathering	Annual Offerings	Miscellaneous	Week of Sacrifice	Big Week	Total Offerings	Offerings per Capita
Barry Dock	26	46 14 11	1 16 0	8 12 5	10 6		1 10 0				10 12 11	8 2
Blaenavon	7	6 1 6	17 4	3 9 5			1 2 3				4 11 8	13 1
Cardiff	68	61 2 5	18 0	24 19 6	2 2 3	1 0 0	9 3 6				37 5 3	11 0
Hereford	13	23 9 6	1 16 1	5 16 3			1 0 6				6 16 9	10 6
Milford Haven	5	13 3 6	2 12 8	3 12 9			1 15 0				5 7 9	1 1 7
Newport Mon.	100	124 2 3	1 4 9	16 14 9	14 8	4 17 4	7 9 6				29 16 3	6 0
Porth	9	7 5 0	16 1	1 5 4			3 6				1 8 10	3 2
Swansea	36	53 4 8	1 9 7	12 6 4	10 0		1 7 6				14 3 10	7 11
Aberdare	10	19 5 2	1 18 6	5 6 0		3 6	1 15 0				7 4 6	14 5
Abertillery	7	2 17 0	8 2	7 8							7 8	1 1
Caerphilly	22	25 14 11	1 3 5	3 13 6			1 7 0				5 0 6	4 7
Dowlais	5	2 7 3	9 5	10 3			2 6				12 9	2 7
Henllan	5	6 12 3	1 6 5	1 17 7			10 0				2 7 7	9 6
Llanelli	8											
Rhos	9	9 12 6	1 1 5	1 4 1			1 2 6			18 6	3 5 1	7 3
Rhyl	25	25 17 0	1 0 8	4 16 4			2 0 0				6 16 4	5 5
Risca	4	9 10 11	2 7 9	5 14 3			5 6				5 19 9	1 9 11
Shotton	6	3 3 3	10 7	1 9 11			1 1 3			3 5	2 14 7	9 1
Shrewsbury	11	29 5 7	2 13 3			20 0 0	13 6				20 13 6	1 17 7
Isolated	96	178 15 5	1 17 3	12 1 9		15 8 0	12 9 4		4 0	5 0	40 8 1	8 5
Totals 1940	472	648 5 0	1 7 6	113 18 1	3 17 5	41 8 10	44 18 4		4 0	1 6 11	205 13 7	8 9
Totals 1939	464	527 8 4	1 2 9	104 3 11	2 1 11	527 15 7	32 1 8		6 19 1		673 2 2	1 9 0
Increase	8	120 16 8	4 9	9 14 2	1 15 6	-486 6 9	12 16 8		-6 15 1	1 6 11	-467 8 7	-1 0 3

NORTH ENGLAND CONFERENCE

Birmingham S	48	67 2 1	1 7 11	9 19 11			7 15 0				17 14 11	7 5
Bradford	33	42 6 1	1 5 7	7 13 7	6 6		1 2 5				9 2 6	5 6
Coventry	57	77 3 2	1 7 0	12 8 9	4 0		17 6			5 0	13 15 3	4 10
Darlington	37	31 9 3	17 0	4 10 3	18 5	4 10 0	1 16 0				11 14 8	6 4
Derby	51	102 12 10	2 0 3	11 11 3	1 17 6		3 18 0				17 6 9	6 9
Grimsby	12	12 9 10	1 0 9	3 4 1			7 0				3 11 1	5 11
Handsworth	67	192 13 3	2 17 6	13 1 6	16 4	1 2 6	15 18 6				30 18 10	9 3
Hull	125	179 9 7	1 8 8	46 1 0			11 9 0				57 10 0	9 2
Kettering	39	56 0 9	1 8 9	14 4 3			6 7 3				20 11 6	10 6
Leeds	68	107 4 8	1 11 6	14 11 1		8 10 10	3 19 6				27 1 5	7 11
Leicester	37	60 19 2	1 12 11	10 9 7			1 16 3				12 5 10	6 7
Lincoln	14	27 2 4	1 18 9	6 2 1			6 3 3				12 5 4	17 6
Liverpool	86	109 18 4	1 5 6	14 13 9	18 1	18 7	6 15 9				23 6 2	5 5
Manchester	86	99 11 6	1 3 2	22 1 3	1 6 4		4 13 4				28 0 11	6 11
Mid'brough	42	27 10 8	13 1	10 10 10	3 5		1 11 9				12 6 0	5 10
Newbold	119	137 3 6	1 3 0	35 12 10	1 13 8	255 3 9	11 17 7				304 7 10	2 12 0
Newcastle	72	94 5 3	1 6 2	14 1 3	1 12 8		2 19 9				18 13 8	5 2
N. Shields	19	23 5 0	1 4 6	2 1 4			4 0				2 5 4	2 4
Nottingham	67	104 14 5	1 11 3	27 12 5	16 3		37 12 6				66 1 2	19 8
Rotherham	30	28 3 5	18 9	5 2 6			10 0				5 12 6	3 9
Rushden	13	15 6 0	1 3 6	2 4 6	4 0		3 0 6				5 9 0	8 4
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us to know we live in a kingdom which excels all others, especially at this time when so many nations are at war.

"Here in this Colony of Fiji, we work and pray the time may soon come when we will have the great joy of meeting you who live and work in England.

"My letter is a short one as I am but revealing to you our thanks to God for this wonderful message of the Third Angel of Revelation, and our prayer that God's mercy will protect our British nation.

"May the Lord of Heaven bring to you much peace and comfort, and also to all the churchmembers in the City of London especially as the terrors of war are forced upon them by the enemy.

"I send much love to you and to all the churchmembers.

MITIELI NAKASAMAI."

How beautiful to note the simple, trustful spirit of these dear believers in the far Fiji Islands. We shall reply in the name of our British believers, assuring them of our appreciation and of our confidence in God.

MISSIONARIES ON THE HIGH SEAS

WORD has already been given in these columns indicating the departure of Brother A. G. Rodgers and his family to take up work in the Near East. Brother Gilbert Lewis and his family are also en route to their field in East Africa, and we wish them all travelling mercies and the blessing of God on arrival.

H. W. LOWE.

"BRING YE ALL THE TITHE —"

Questions on Christian Benevolence Answered

Question: "Do you suggest that tithe paying and almsgiving are passports to wealth?"

No. We do, however, know that they are, other things being equal, passports to God's blessing, and that may bring money as well as many other things. Money, however, is only a small part of the blessing.

There may be reasons why great wealth is not permitted to come to many of us. Even we Christians talk much about placing ourselves on the altar, but we do not always place our money there. Someone has said, "If you do not keep your money on the altar, how can you be of any use to the kingdom?"

Ralph Cushman wrote: "It is a sad fact that few passions are stronger than the love of money; and only when this passion is mastered by the love of the Crucified are men ready to be fit stewards of the kingdom of God. This fact hinges on the truth that money is liquid personality, and when one withholds his possessions from God he is withholding himself."

A great preacher once said he knew of only one family which had not suffered spiritually by the possession of riches. Twenty years later

he withdrew even that one exception.

When money comes, obviously one of two things must happen, and they are both succinctly expressed in this quotation: "When a Christian begins to make money, God gains a fortune or loses a man."

Question: "What is the difference between 'tithing,' 'benevolence,' and 'stewardship'?"

In Mrs White's writings, "Christian benevolence" is used in two ways. (a) It is often used of gifts to the poor and to God's work in general. (b) It is quite often used to include tithes, mission offerings, charity, and all forms of financial faithfulness to God.

Tithe-paying, of course, refers specifically to giving God one-tenth of all our possessions and income.

"Stewardship" is a much larger term and indicates (a) God's ownership of our lives, our possessions, our talents, our service, etc. (b) Our responsibility before God to respond to this "Sovereign ownership."

Sixteen at least of Christ's parables deal with this subject. It is so comprehensive that it included tithes, offerings, benevolence, God's revelation of truth, and, in fact, our whole service to Him. It might not

be too much to say that the whole of our message could be presented under this term "Stewardship."

We are more than God's "trustees," "agents," "representatives," we are His stewards, and of us He will require a strict account of all He has entrusted to our care.

Read: Luke 12:42-46, 48; *Testimonies*, Vol. 9, pages 245-251.

H. W. LOWE.

MINISTRY OF LITERATURE

"After Many Days"

As a child, when I was instructed or probably mis-instructed in the verse, from which the above phrase is taken, the idea that entered my mind was that if I threw some pieces of bread into a pond or a pool, some soul would be glad at a later date to recover it.

It may even be to-day that there are those who take the word "bread" in the sense of material bread and think that the reference is to the sowing of seed in loam which the waters of a river may leave behind after each inundation.

But the passage surely means, besides laying ourselves out to bestow the necessities of life upon the poor, the planting of the great message of the third angel in all parts of the world and, in the hearts of all creatures, which is indeed the best of all undertakings.

The work of the colporteur-evangelist is to sow beside all waters, from city to city, from country to country, and as the Preacher says, "Give a portion to seven, and also to eight." Eccles. 11:2.

On one occasion I was invited to call on a strict observer of Sunday. Indeed, he exhibited each Sunday in a very prominent position in the front of his house part of the fourth commandment referring to the Sabbath.

As a result of our interview with him we were able, by the grace of God, to leave one of our volumes with him. This was some years ago.

The sequel came a few weeks ago when I met one of our members from another church. "You remember Mr. — on whom you once called?" she said, "well he has taken

his stand for the truth. And Mr —, to whom one of your books was given after you had sold it to another person, has also joined with him for the same purpose. They are coming to our church."

So, let the colporteur-evangelist labour incessantly and leave the results to God. These results, which we shall discover in the earth made new, will be truly amazing.

F. J. KINMAN.

At Rest

EASTERBROOK.—On December 18, 1940, at the age of seventy-three, Sister Easterbrook of the Bristol church passed away. She was laid to rest on December 21st in the Arnos Vale Cemetery, in sure and certain hope of the resurrection. Sister Easterbrook accepted the message about twelve years ago, during the ministry of Pastor R. S. Joyce. Ever a very faithful member, especially in the Harvest Ingathering campaigns, she will be greatly missed by the church.

O. M. DORLAND.

BOOTH.—Mrs. Emma Booth, the mother of Mrs. J. Rigby of Watford, passed away on January 31, 1941, in a London hospital after a sudden and brief illness. She would have been seventy-three years of age had she lived one day longer, and of this period she had been a faithful member of the Advent faith for thirty-six years. She was baptized by Elder E. E. Andross at Sheffield. Sister Booth was a cheerful member of our community here, and up to within a few days of her death she was about among us. Of her three children only Mrs. Rigby remains to mourn her loss. We shall miss her cheerful presence, but her life was the Lord's and we shall meet her in the Great Reunion. We laid her to rest in Watford North Cemetery.

H. W. LOWE.

BULLOCK.—On Sunday, January 18, 1941, Brother George Bullock fell asleep in Jesus at the age of sixty-eight. He accepted the message under the ministry of the late Pastor J. D. Gillatt, who baptized him in the company of many others on July 31, 1918. Since that date he continued a faithful member, first of the then South Manchester church and later of the Stretford church from its inception. Quiet of manner and kindly of disposition it was always a joy to be in his company. His faithful service as a deacon of the church was much appreciated. To Mrs. Bullock and family we tender our very real sympathy, and, with them, look forward to the time of glad reunion at the coming of Jesus Christ. To await this event our brother was laid to rest in the Stretford Cemetery on January 24th, Pastor W. R. A. Madgwick officiating.

C. E. DONLEY, *Church Clerk.*

HOWARTH.—We regret to record the sudden death of Sister Mrs. Howarth, for some years a faithful member of the Stretford church, who passed away on Friday, October 25, 1940. Though of a quiet, retiring nature, she was a very happy Christian. The previous afternoon she had spent busily knitting at the recently organized Dorcas society. She was laid to rest, on October 30th, in the Phillip Park Cemetery, Pastor W. R. A. Madgwick conducting the service. We tender our sympathy to her family in their loss and great sorrow.

C. E. DONLEY, *Church Clerk.*

BARTLETT.—It is with sorrow that we record the death of Sister G. H. Bartlett on January 24, 1941, after a short illness. She was one of our faithful members at Brean, Somerset. Through the labours of Pastor A. F. Bird in 1925 at Newport, Mon., Sister Bartlett accepted the message, which she held steadfast unto the end. She gave her services for a time as Matron at Newbold Missionary College. She will be greatly missed by her husband, Brother G. H. Bartlett, and her friend, Sister Drummond. A brother and three sisters also mourn. We laid her to rest, in certain hope of a resurrection, on January 28th in the Brean churchyard.

O. M. DORLAND.

BURCHILL.—Sister Miss A. Burchill of Bruton, Somerset, one of our faithful isolated members, passed suddenly away on January 16, 1941, at the age of seventy-four. Brethren Warland and Herrington brought our sister into the truth many years ago while they lived in her home, doing colporteur work. Our sister's faithfulness all these years in isolation bears witness to the fact of the Lord's guidance to those colporteurs who witnessed for Him in presenting the Sabbath to their landlady.

O. M. DORLAND.

SHARP.—Sister Sharp passed to her rest on Sabbath morning, January 18, 1941, having been a sufferer for about twelve years. She accepted the truth in 1934 through the instrumentality of her daughter, Sister Burbage, and under the ministrations of Brother and Sister L. A. Watson, who were then labouring in Salisbury. She always bore a bright testimony for the truth, and almost with her dying breath repeated the verse, "Just as I am, Thou wilt receive." She was interred at Bemberton churchyard, the burial service being conducted by Pastor G. R. Bell, who also held a short service at the home for members and friends. She leaves to mourn Sister Burbage, two other daughters, and two sons, while she awaits the call of the Life-giver to the "great reunion."

H. G. BUCKLE.

MATTHEW.—Sister Jeanie Hunter Matthew, who was a member of the Newcastle church, passed away on January 14, 1941, at her home in Glasgow. She was an Adventist for over thirty years, and first heard of the message through Pastors McLay and Parsons, and finally became a member under Brother Elias. Sister Matthew was sixty-nine years of age, and was laid to rest in Cardonald Cemetery, where a very impressive funeral service was held in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends. She leaves a husband, two sons, and two daughters to mourn their loss; but we look forward to the day when Jesus, the Life-giver, will claim those who are His.

CHURCH ELDER.

DAND.—On Sabbath, January 11, 1941, our greatly beloved Sister Elizabeth Jane Schooling Dand fell asleep in Jesus at a ripe old age. An earnest Christian from her youth, she accepted the Sabbath truth and joined our South London church at Balham in 1912 largely as a result of reading a copy of *Early Days* brought to her door by Sister Arnold—then Sister Barnett. She was further instructed by Pastor S. G. Haughey. Her life was a very active one in the service of the Lord. She constantly bore witness of her faith by both the spoken and printed word; cared for the poor and needy; and showed practical sympathy for many worthy causes for the alleviation of suffering. She possessed a conscience that was most sensitive to duty; an inflexible will rightfully to carry out her responsibilities; and she loved the Word of God which was the object of her constant study and meditation. She will be missed by the many she has befriended, and by those left behind at home—two sons and two daughters with three nephews who were brought up in her home—who mourn their loss. A large representation of the membership of the Croydon church, of which she was latterly a member, were present at the funeral ceremony which was conducted jointly by Pastor R. T. Bolton and the writer. We laid her to rest in the Sutton Cemetery, especially beautiful in its mantle of snow, to await the call at the coming of the One in whom she trusted from her youth.

F. C. BAILEY.

CLAYDON.—Sister Mary Jane Claydon passed away on January 2, 1941, at the age of seventy-eight. She had been ailing for some years, so that her end was not altogether unexpected. Formerly a member of the Bearwood company, her membership along with others was transferred to Hands-worth when that company was disbanded some years ago. Failing health had compelled her absence from church for some years, but she remained faithful to the end. She was laid to rest on January 6th, at the Uplands Cemetery, Smethwick, to await the call of Jesus on the resurrection morning.

HAROLD W. McCROW.

GOODING-WILLIAMS.—Sister Mary Gooding-Williams passed peacefully away on January 8, 1941, at the age of seventy-one at her home in Ilfracombe. She had been a faithful member for thirty-eight years, doing her part in the work of the church and patiently carrying a heavy burden in her home life, due to the long illness of our late Brother Williams. She was baptized by Brother Olsen, Brethren Farnsworth and Andross being present at the service. Sister Williams leaves a son and daughter to mourn the loss of a devoted mother. We laid her to rest in the Nile-house Cemetery, Devonport, on January 14th in the sure and certain hope of a joyful resurrection to eternal life. The service was conducted by Pastor A. K. Armstrong and the writer.

O. M. DORLAND.

CLARK.—Sister Esther Clark, aged seventy-eight years, peacefully passed away in Jesus on January 13, 1941. Sister Clark studied the truth under Pastor J. E. Bell, Brother Marcus, and Sister Statham, nearly thirty years ago, and was baptized by Pastor H. E. Armstrong at Burnley in 1913. During the intervening years she met with several churches and her sweet influence was appreciated by all. Although latterly she suffered, her faith never dimmed and she was unswervingly loyal to the truth in every respect. We laid her to rest at Nelson Cemetery where she awaits the call of her Saviour at the last trump. The services at the house and graveside were conducted by the writer. Her relatives, members, and friends will greatly miss her.

W. J. CANNON.

HOWELL.—Brother Henry John Howell passed away, after two or three days' illness, on January 3, 1941, aged fifty-nine. Reared in the truth, from about five years of age, he was one of the oldest Sabbath-keepers in the British Isles. He greatly missed his partner in life, who passed away a few months ago, and his only interest in those last few months was the spreading of the truth through the printed page. In his earlier years he was for some time employed by our health food factory at Stanborough Park, and later spent some years in the colporteur work. At the time of his death he was a deacon of the South Birmingham church, which office he had held for a number of years. He will be missed from his place in the church. Interment took place at Handsworth New Cemetery, where his wife also sleeps in Jesus.

HAROLD W. McCROW.

SHAW.—Sister W. Shaw passed away on January 30, 1941, after a very brief illness. Six hours before her death our sister said to the writer, "I am ready." Sister Shaw retained her confidence in God to the end. We laid her to rest on the crest of the hill at Knockbreda. Florenceville has lost another tried soldier. Pastors Nicholson, Bevan, and Craven officiated.

E. E. CRAVEN.

BOYD.—Our dear Sister Margaret Boyd (Keough) of Portadown, passed away in Lurgan Hospital on January 26, 1941, at the age of seventy-eight after a short illness. I would not hesitate to describe our sister as the most faithful Adventist I ever met during a period of nearly forty years of association with the church. She loved the Advent faith. She lived for the Advent faith. The Irish Mission has lost a valuable member. We laid her to rest in Portadown in sure and certain hope of the resurrection morning. Two sons, William and Pastor George Keough, and two daughters, Mrs. S. G. Hyde, and Mrs. Lowrie, mourn the loss of a mother. Words of comfort were spoken by Pastors Craven and Bevan.

E. E. CRAVEN.

The Church and Youth

The Challenge of Missionary Volunteer Week

BY J. HARKER

IN times of upheaval and crisis such as the world is now passing through, God looks to the church to do all that can be done to protect its youth and little ones. To-day the nations are grappling with evil forces bent on destruction. This applies to things spiritual as well as material. Youth stands in the forefront of the struggle. This, we know, is true from the standpoint of combatant service. Youth bears the brunt of the battle.

But it is also true in a spiritual sense. The enemy of all souls is putting forth his highest efforts to engulf the rising generation in the present flood-tide of unbelief. It could hardly be expected that our own young people should be totally immune. They will have their part to play in this spiritual conflict, and we should thank God for the years of preparation and training both in church and home, which have gone before. We can have faith in our youth, and most of all, in the Captain of their salvation. But we must remember that they are enduring tests. These will multiply and increase in severity as the days go by. A solemn charge rests upon parents and the church to hold the young people in holy bonds of love and protecting care.

In ancient days, when Moses sought to deliver Israel, and the judgments of God were falling upon an unrepentant Pharaoh and his people, every Jewish home became a divinely-protected shelter. The youth and children were gathered out from amongst the Egyptians, and brought together under the parental roof. God gave Moses specific instructions, which if faithfully carried out, would ensure the safety of young and old. A lamb without blemish was to be chosen and slain, then the father of the home had to sprinkle its blood on the door-post with a bunch of hyssop. Inside, after nightfall, the family were to eat the roasted flesh of the lamb with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. This was to be done

with loins girded, shoes on the feet, and staff in hand, ready for a quick departure. At midnight, the destroying angel passed through the whole land of Egypt and slew the firstborn in every household, but none was smitten in the homes protected by the sprinkled blood.

Would any one dare say that protection for ourselves and our families is less urgent to-day than when Pharaoh sought to resist God's will? Are not the judgments of God upon a guilty world even now falling? We must seek to bring our children and youth under divine protection. God expects this.

They cannot be spared all the hardships and inconveniences incident to present war conditions. These may have some place in their character-building, but there are some experiences from which God is anxious to protect the Advent youth. It is not His will that they should lose their way amidst the dark shadows of unbelief that have been cast over the world. He desires that their hold upon God and eternal things may grow stronger as the tests of the last days become more severe.

Calvary is God's deep shelter. May we never rest until our children have dipped in that fountain for sin and uncleanness. We must teach the young that in forgiveness there is security of the kind which is of first importance. A settled confidence in the saving power of the blood of Jesus will hold the soul of youth steady under all circumstances. "There is power in the blood."

We shall soon reach the Young People's Prayer and Consecration Week. The two Sabbaths, March 1st and 8th, and the intervening days have been set apart for the benefit of our young people and children. It would be a tragedy indeed, and a victory for Satan, if the time should pass without our having contributed a full quota of prayer and consecrated effort to those whom God has placed under our care. May we not fail.

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