

BRITISH ADVENT

MESSENGER

What a Book!

"WHAT a Book!" declared Heinrich Heine. "Vast and wide as the world, rooted in the abysses of creation, and towering up behind the blue secrets of heaven. Sunrise and sunset, promise and fulfillment, birth and death, the whole drama of humanity, all in this Book."

"In the Bible," asserted Samuel Taylor Coleridge, "there is more that finds me than I have experienced in all other books put together; the words of the Bible find me at greater depths of my being; and whatever finds me brings with it an irresistible evidence of its having proceeded from the Holy Spirit."

"The Bible is worth all other books ever printed," wrote Patrick Henry.

John Quincy Adams, the sixth president of the United States and son of the second president, spoke of his practice in the reading of the Bible thus:

"I have for many years made a practice of reading through the Bible once a year. My custom is to read four or five chapters every morning immediately after rising. It employs about an hour of my time, and seems to me the most suitable manner of beginning the day."

Dear fellow-believers in the Advent message, does the Bible mean as much to you as it meant to these men? It ought to mean more. We belong to the remnant church, and those that go through to the kingdom are to be "without fault" before God. And now

By M. E. KERN

we are to give God's message to the world "in all its beauty and glory." We cannot do that unless it is all beautiful and glorious to us.

For three terrible weeks Captain Eddie Rickenbacker and other survivors of a wrecked plane listened to the daily reading of a water-soaked pocket Testament, as they drifted helpless on a raft in the Pacific Ocean, and it influenced their lives. That little book is now a prized possession of the Freehold New Jersey Library. And now every life-raft and lifeboat of the United States navy and merchant marine carries a New Testament in a waterproof packet, along with its life-saving equipment. The Bible is a life-saving Book. Is it to you?

All the resolutions passed at the last Autumn Council are important, we believe, but the resolutions that have to do with spiritual experience, we all admit, are most important, for of what avail is all of our activities if we are not saved from sin and for the kingdom? The recommendation regarding systematic Bible study published in a recent issue of the *Review and Herald*, calling for "a revival of personal Bible study on the part of all our people," should appeal to every Seventh-Day Adventist. Three lines of study are suggested aside from the daily Sabbath-school lesson study.

Would it not be well to resolve, right now, to pursue one of these courses during 1945? And then, by the grace of God, *do it!*

The three suggestions are as follows:

1. The Character Classics promoted by the Missionary Volunteer Department.

2. Personal study of the great fundamentals of the Advent message.

3. Reading the Bible through by means of the Bible Year plan published each year in the *Morning Watch Calendar*.

A half century ago, John Wanamaker, the well-known Christian business man of Philadelphia, said:

"I cannot too greatly emphasize the importance and value of Bible study—more important than ever before in these days of uncertainties, when men and women are apt to decide questions from the standpoint of expediency rather than upon the eternal principles laid down by God Himself."

If we dare say that it is more important to study the Bible at one time above another, it is surely more important now than then: for evil is more rampant, temptation is more subtle, and the end is nearer. How inexpressibly sad would it be should anyone who reads these lines be found among those who soon "shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east—to seek the Word of the Lord, and shall not find it." Amos 8:12.

Notes from the Union President

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

THE church is God's family on earth. The early church seized on this figure and membership in the Lord's family was a very real and precious thing to them. Gathering round "the Lord's table" was to them a joyful family reunion, and to miss this gathering was loss to the individual and sorrow to the church.

To-day absence from the Lord's house and the Lord's table mean less than in any previous generation. It is a haughty, independent age that is going pagan. Non-attendance at church does not always bring regret to the individual and a sense of loss to the body.

When we live according to all the standards of the truth we love God's house and His people. The opposite inference, that habitual non-attendance at church and indifference to the Christian manner of life often go together is, with a few exceptions, also largely true. How often the theatre, the dance hall, sport, marriage with non-Christians or non-members lead to the occasional absence that slowly becomes habitual! How frequently, too, the carelessness, unkindness, and trivial difficulties in the church family lead to wounds which cause absences from the family circle!

All these things doubtless led the General Conference committee to take the following action, which we commend to members and ministers alike at this time:

"WHEREAS, Membership in God's remnant church is a privilege and relationship of the highest importance and ought never to be lost or impaired either by carelessness on the part of the individual or neglect or unwarranted procedure on the part of the church: therefore,

"We recommend, that both members and churches have their attention directed again to the provisions of the *Church Manual* regarding this matter and be admonished to adhere scrupulously to

all these important provisions so that both the welfare and interests of the individual and the church shall be subjected to no injury or injustice. The provisions of the *Church Manual* are as follows:

"It is a serious thing for a churchmember to regard the obligations of church membership so lightly that he can absent himself for indefinite periods, and make no report of his faith and hope to the church. After an absence of two years such a member may be dropped from the rolls of the church by a vote of the church, provided the church officers can certify that they have faithfully endeavoured to locate and encourage the absent member, but without success."

THE NEW HYMNAL

I HEARD someone recently ask why we needed a new hymnal, and it occurred to me that a note here might clarify the situation.

We all agree that our present *Advent Hymnal Revised* is a good book, perhaps as good as there is in the denomination. But you cannot now buy that book because the stock is exhausted, and, what is worse, the plates are so worn that we cannot print new editions of clean and clear hymnbooks from them. From that point other considerations arose.

For instance the book is twenty years old, and that's about the allotted span of a modern hymnal. Certain hymns in every new book never become favourites and are little used. In others tastes change, and a well used tune a quarter of a century ago may be definitely inferior and not used at all to-day.

These and other considerations led us to conclude that, while we cannot print any new book during the war, we might nevertheless put together a really good and up-to-date collection of Adventist hymns.

It is not proposed to scrap the old book. Indeed, it is proposed to retain all that is best in it. But where, for example, certain "jingle" tunes can be eliminated, others of proven refinement may take their place, and there will be a much better classification of subjects. A small number of new hymns may also find a place in what we may expect to be the best—and shall we say the last?—

hymnbook produced in this field.

We are also greatly in need of a new evangelistic song book in this Union and it is hoped this may appear as soon as war conditions permit.

NEWS FROM CYPRUS

ELDER GREAVES, known to many in this country because of his contact years ago with our College, has been in Cyprus during the war and sends this word:

"Thank you for your letter of October 20th in reference to our young friend taking the nurse's course

"We were very pleased to hear from you I have often thought of you, and your interesting experiences in the last war. Time passes quickly, and now we are in the midst of another world war. Thank God it seems nearing its end.

"May our heavenly Father bless and guide you in your heavy responsibilities.

"Now Italy is out of the war things are better in Cyprus, and we are very thankful to our heavenly Father for all His blessings.

"Please give our greetings to old friends at Stanborough Park God be with you all. May the time hasten when we shall meet in His kingdom.

"My wife joins me in kindest greetings."
H. W. LOWE.



Won Through Forgiveness

THE story of the notorious criminal, Harry Orchard, is quite familiar. After taking the life of a prominent official, he was placed in prison and given a life sentence. The widow of the man who was killed was a Christian woman—a Seventh-Day Adventist. The Spirit of Christ so filled her heart that she could forgive the murderer of her husband, and she manifested a personal interest in seeking to save the soul of the one who had committed such an awful crime. She visited him in prison and spoke words of kindness and forgiveness. Her attitude so touched his hard heart that he fully surrendered to God, and for more than a quarter of a century he has been a true Christian and a most loyal Seventh-Day Adventist.

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The Thirteenth Sabbath in Torquay

THERE was an air of expectancy about the members of the Torquay Sabbath-school as they assembled for the last time in 1944. The beautiful strains of "The Lost Chord," played by our young organist as the opening voluntary, awakened many memories. Our thoughts travelled backward over the remarkable year just closing and we remembered an appeal made at the year's beginning by our superintendent, to do more during the year than we had ever done before to help the work of our missions. As we sat there waiting for the opening hymn we asked ourselves if we had worked and given as we should have done, because this was our last chance this year of showing our gratitude to God for His inestimable benefits to us.

An interesting and varied programme had been arranged by the superintendent and officers of the Sabbath-school, and the weather, though cold, was fine, so a good number were "present on time," and from the beginning to the end of the morning there was not a dull moment. The children had been well trained and all took their parts in a most efficient manner. Two members of the junior class sang a duet, "Would'st bring a gift to Jesus?" their youthful voices blending delightfully and reminding us that gifts, great or small, are pleasing to Jesus.

A quartette had arranged several items, all with the same thought, that souls must be sought and won for Christ. The first item was entitled, "Missing," telling the well-known story of the shepherd and the lost sheep. One of the kindergarten class sang a solo entitled, "When Jesus was a little boy," which was much enjoyed.

After these musical items a re-

view of all the previous lessons for the quarter was briefly conducted by one of our teachers. As we thought again of the sins of Israel as recorded in the minor prophets, was there one who did not pray to be kept faithful in these last days?

An item rendered by the quartette on a previous occasion and specially asked for again, "Seeking the lost," was sung, then all the children rendered "Children of Jerusalem sang the praise of Jesus' name." One of the little ones beautifully recited Psalm 121 and the musical items ended with a bass solo, "The Sinner and the song," the quartette forming the unseen choir singing between the verses.

The missions appeal was given by an American visitor, Major Parker of the U.S. Army, who spoke of the great need for native workers, hospitals, and schools in Africa, and a member of the junior class strikingly rounded off this appeal by reciting the beautiful hymn, "Stir me, O stir me, Lord."

At this point the collection for missions was taken, the whole amount including the offering for church expenses being given to the Thirteenth Sabbath offering.

To complete the programme, the week's lesson on the book of Malachi was taken by Pastor J. G. Bevan, and as we listened to the stirring words of the prophet of old, we again thanked God that He had led us to a knowledge of His truth in preparation for the great day of His coming.

Before we sang our last hymn the result of the missions offering was announced. We had hoped for a good offering, but the sum of £20. 11s. 6d. for the Thirteenth Sabbath and £14 Investment Fund was past all expectation. It was with very full hearts that we sang the doxology. During 1944 Torquay Sabbath-school has contributed £160 to missions, with £27 Investment Fund, this latter being £7 in excess of the goal set.

May God bless every member throughout the world who at this time is labouring in His cause, for "the night cometh when no man can work."

C. M. BEDDALL.

A Report of Winslow Dorcas Society

WE of the Winslow company have been much interested in reading of various Dorcas societies in the MESSENGER, and thought we would like to do something similar. So our small group of nine members had a meeting, and our Dorcas society was launched on March 6, 1944. Only three were able to attend but the rest helped in various ways, and contributed to our funds.

We collected oddments of wool and made cot covers. Old clothes we remade into frocks. From the backs of worn overalls we made aprons, which looked quite smart and were soon sold. Some very full ancient underskirts (replete with tucks and lace) were unpicked and made into pillowslips and we also knitted for the forces. Altogether during the ten months to the end of the year we realized from articles made and sold the sum of £2. 2s. 2d., while from personal subscriptions we added another £1. 17s. 0d. This enabled us to send to various missions £3. 15s. 11d. in cash, also forty-three garments, quilts, etc. We hope to get more workers this coming year.

ROSE GIRLING.



Hospitality in Reading

It is just over a year since the members of the Reading church decided that they would like to show their interest in the boys in the forces in some practical way. So preparations were made for a lunch to be served in the school-room each Sabbath, following the morning service. A small committee was formed to plan the menus, and the churchmembers helped in various ways—some with cooking, others with gifts, and still others have given valuable points coupons. The number of meals served has varied from sixteen to twenty-five each week.

On Sabbath, December 23rd, it was planned to give a special Christmas lunch. Various members had undertaken to make Christmas pudding, mince pies, and other little luxuries. When we came to count the number of boys remaining for lunch we found there were thirty-two in-

stead of the usual average of twenty. So there was a hurried opening of extra tins of soup, nutmeat, etc. Soon the two large holly-trimmed tables were surrounded by a happy group of Americans and Canadians, which included one lady nurse. We were glad that we were able to give them a little taste of home cooking though they were so far away from home.

During the year over 900 meals have been served.

May the time soon come when these fine young Adventists will be able to join with their loved ones in worship in their own home churches. We have much appreciated the happy association we have had together and give a hearty invitation to any member of the forces to come to visit the church at Reading.

ONE OF THE COMMITTEE.

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Oldham Activities

ALREADY six special dates appear in the brief history of our new Oldham members.

On Sunday, November 7, 1943, in the Gaumont Cinema, we commenced the first Adventist evangelistic campaign to be conducted in Oldham, assisted by Miss Cleary, Miss Gardner, and, for a few weeks, Mr. John Handysides. Nine hundred were present, a good proportion of whom continued with us for the eight Sunday meetings in the cinema.

On Sunday, January 2, 1944, we transferred to the lovely Co-operative Hall, where for the next twenty-three weeks we held our meetings without further advertising.

Then on Sabbath, June 10th, we moved for all our meetings to the Advent Hall, a shop in the centre of Oldham whose upper storey we transformed into a meeting-place, the ground floor serving as a vestibule and vestry. So far we have been able to meet all our expenses, for our Oldham friends, none of whom is wealthy,

have contributed generously. In our campaign we have received to date in offerings and tithes, £258. 7s. 0d.

The fourth date was Sabbath, December 2nd, when we held our first baptism in a beautiful Baptist church, our president being present for the occasion. Fifteen new members were thereby added to the conference membership. We expected a few more, but unfortunately the baptism of some had to be postponed through sickness. Incidentally Oldham's wintry weather on this Sabbath determined to be as varied as possible; wind and rain, sleet and snow, vied persistently with very brief intervals of sunshine.

The fifth date, Saturday evening, February 3rd, marked the holding of our first church social. Despite war-time restrictions Mrs. Madgwick and her willing helpers served an ample supply of refreshments. Seventy people were present, all of whom enjoyed every moment of the three-hour programme.

The sixth and last special date was Sabbath, February 17th, when, with our president, we organized our new believers into a company of eighteen members, exclusive of conference workers. The eighteen consisted of the fifteen new members won in Oldham, all of whom have proved unfailingly regular in church attendance, two of our new Denton members who now reside in Oldham, and one faithful member from the conference isolated list. These eighteen, we hope and pray, will prove to be, under the blessing of God, but the firm foundation of a strong and active church in Oldham.

W. R. A. MADGWICK.

Irish Mission

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"First-Fruits" in Ireland

LITTLE did I realize that, within six months after graduating from Newbold Missionary College, I should be running my first evangelistic campaign.

Having just left College I possessed a theoretical rather than a practical knowledge of the art of public evangelism. Now it was my golden opportunity to apply the former with the sincere desire of achieving the latter.

After some searching a suitable hall was eventually secured, in which I was to conduct, each Sunday afternoon, my series of meetings.

Handbills were printed and soon distributed, and the opening meeting was looked forward to with an interest not unmixed with a little fear.

At the close of the first meeting a goodly number of people sent in their names requesting literature. We had made a start!

The attendance, however, though not large, was nevertheless constant, and a steady interest was maintained throughout the first ten weeks of the campaign.

After the Sabbath truth had been presented, a noticeable decrease in attendance was seen and the few people who continued coming to all the services could easily be looked upon as constituting a "remnant," for so they were!

The homes of these "faithful few" were constantly visited and during the entire campaign a great number of Bible studies were given.

Step by step the great principles of the Advent message were not only presented but readily accepted by this faithful remnant, and now, twelve months later, we rejoice in witnessing some results for our labours.

We are happy to report that three souls have now linked up with the Advent church here in Belfast and are rejoicing in the truth of this wonderful message.

In your prayers remember Ireland. Pray for the work. Pray for the workers that God may give them not only the strength, but the courage to press on despite all the difficulties. And pray that the year 1945 will go down as a record year in souls won to the truth in this needy field—an apparently unproductive corner of the Lord's vineyard.

A. H. COWLEY.

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Ministry of Literature

"He Shall Give His Angels Charge"

SUNDAY comes round again, but with it rain, rain, incessant rain. It stops for a little while, so we start out with *Present Truth*. Soon the downpour begins again, causing us to abandon the hope of house-to-house selling to-day. But the thought comes into our mind, why not try the tenements, where one is more or less sheltered from the inclement weather. Here there are thousands of families herded together in great masses of steel and concrete towering into the sky. A large notice greets one prohibiting selling within its sacred precincts, but the truth must go everywhere. We can at least try; they can only turn us away.

We start in and are quite successful. A young man purchases a copy, and stands in the gallery outside his flat reading it intently. We had finished the block and were descending the stairs, when we heard manly footsteps coming from the top. Yes, it's he. "Is this Judge Rutherford literature?" he asks. "No, it's Seventh-Day Adventist," we inform him. "Well, it's a very fine paper, and I wish all people intent on peace could read this article on 'The Coming Peace.' It would do them good." He goes on, "How can I get this magazine regularly?" We tell him how, and he takes another copy. God's angels are surely with us to impress hearts.

We carry on and while working the top storey of the adjoining block there is suddenly a flash and a terrifying roar. A V2 has dropped nearby. Instinctively we crouch down expecting the whole place to cave in. Buildings are crashing; glass is all around us; we are shaken but uninjured and thanks to God's help and grace we finish the task.

To-morrow, who knows, who may fall? For this terrible warfare takes toll of the just and the unjust. But one thing is certain that while God has a purpose for

us to fulfil, He will give us life to accomplish it, and no power in earth or hell can prevent it. God certainly sent His angels to protect us and to prosper His truth to-day.

JOHN OLLIVER.

Wedding Bells

WILMOT-COOKE. — On December 24, 1944, in the Stanborough Park church, Mr. Harold Wilmot (formerly of High Wycombe) and Miss Joyce Cooke were united in matrimony. A large company of relatives and friends witnessed the service and enjoyed the reception, which was held in the Stanborough Press Assembly Room. Brother and Sister Wilmot are enjoying fellowship with the Stanborough Park church and their friends will join with us in wishing them every happiness in their united service.

G. D. KING

LOGAN-JORDAN.—The marriage took place in Glasgow of James Logan, eldest son of Brother and Sister Logan of Dykehead Farm, to Miss Muriel Jordan, on Tuesday afternoon, January 30th. Both young people are members of the Glasgow church. The wedding reception was celebrated at the home of Brother and Sister Logan near East Kilbride, where the relatives and a number of friends met to wish the young couple much of God's blessing and grace in their future walk together.

The marriage service was conducted by the writer, Miss Norah Braniff being bridesmaid and Mr. Herbert Logan acting as best man.

J. A. MCMILLAN.



MACKAY.—It is with deep regret that we report the death of Captain J. B. Mackay, of Moady, Caithness. He was eighty-eight years old last October. Captain Mackay accepted the truth back about 1918 when Lionel Barras was labouring in Edinburgh. This stalwart old warrior of the Lord Jesus was our most isolated member. He engaged yearly in the Ingathering up to 1943. His last tithes and offerings have just reached me. Kindly and faithful, he will be sorely missed in the Scottish mission. The last trump will summon him to renewed service in the ranks of the Lord, "Sleep on, beloved, and take thy rest"

J. A. MCMILLAN.

LOOSEMOORE.—In the early hours of January 11, 1945, Sister Emma Loosemore passed to her rest. She had attained to the good age of "three score, and ten years" and for many of these years was an active member of the Hol-

loway church, but lately indifferent health had prevented her attending and at times kept her confined to her bed. Our sympathy is with those who mourn, including her children and grandchildren, whom she endeavoured to bring up in the way of the Lord. We are comforted in that we sorrow not without hope. The services at the church and graveside were conducted by the writer.

D. J. DUNNETT.

SMITH.—Sister Sarah Smith fell asleep on Sunday evening, February 11, 1945, after much suffering. However she was a faithful witness to those in the hospital ward where she had been for two years and eight months and was always repeating psalms which she had memorized. She was a faithful member of the Handsworth church. On February 15th Pastor F. Edwards conducted a short service at the home of Sister Norman-sell, Sister Smith's youngest sister, and afterward we laid our sister to rest in Wood Green Cemetery, Wednesbury, to await the call of Jesus the Life-giver.

CHURCH CLERK

BONKER.—Brother Ronald Bonker, a faithful and loyal member of the Cardiff church, died in the Llandough Hospital, after a very brief illness, at the age of 39, and was laid to rest in the Cathays Cemetery, Cardiff, on Sabbath morning, January 8, 1945. Brother Bonker became a member of the church through the ministry of Pastor S. G. Hyde. He served as an efficient officer of the Sabbath-school and was keenly interested in passing on the light God had given him by personal testimony and by the distribution of literature. It was fitting that Pastor Hyde himself should be able to conduct the funeral services both at the home and the graveside. Brother Bonker's parents, his two brothers, a sister-in-law, friends, and churchmembers, attended these services and appreciated the messages of comfort and assurance that were given. We shall miss our brother very much. But we are happy in the knowledge that he trusted in His Saviour, and that in the grand resurrection morning he will awake from his sleep "in His likeness" and that we shall be able to share with him the glories of the everlasting kingdom.

CHURCH CLERK.

SMITH.—Sister Miss Ellen James Smith, a member of the Hove church, evacuated to Ross-on-Wye, passed to her rest at the ripe old age of eighty-seven years. To the last she trusted fully in her Saviour and died fully believing in the plan of God to reunite her with the people of God in the glad day of resurrection, when all sorrows will have passed. Miss Smith was brought to the knowledge of the truth by her sister, the late Mrs. Thicke (mother of the late Mrs. Spencer Maxwell). She observed her first Sabbath in March, 1911, and in April, 1915, was baptized and received into church fellowship at Brighton by Pastor S. G. Haughey. Sister Smith was ever loyal to the church of God and though, of later years, isolated, maintained her interest and devotion to the cause of God unremittingly. Mrs. Dartford, her sister, was a constant companion and helper until "journey's end" was reached. Pastor F. S. Jackson officiated at the funeral. His message was a comfort to each mourner. Our late sister was laid to rest in the Ross parish churchyard, there to sleep until that, soon-coming day when, the "Lord shall call and she will answer."

S. G. HYDE.

GROVES.—Sister Groves, of the Leeds Advent church, who heard the message in the year 1943 under Pastor W. J. Cannon's ministry, passed quite suddenly to her rest and was buried on January 1, 1945, by Brother M. Roe. She awaits the call of the Life-giver as she sleeps in Jesus.

DENNIS A. CONROY.

Statement of Tithes and Offerings for Quarter Ending December 31, 1944

SOUTH ENGLAND CONFERENCE

NAME OF CHURCH OR COMPANY	Mem-ber-ship	Tithe	Tithe per Capita	Sabbath-School Offering Inc. 13th S.	Young People's Offerings	Annual Offerings	Miscellaneous	Week of Sacrifice	Big Week	Total Offerings	Offerings per Capita
Bath	29	43 0 1	1 9 0	15 1 2		4 8 0		4 5 10		23 15 0	16 5
Bournemouth	93	228 8 1	2 9 1	54 13 5	3 12 11	15 13 3		1 11 6		75 11 1	16 3
Brighton	66	121 9 7	1 16 10	21 5 1		7 14 3		1 15 0		30 14 4	9 4
Bristol	161	308 3 3	1 18 3	65 9 0	2 15 0	16 14 0			6 7	85 4 7	10 7
Cambridge	27	56 15 3	2 2 1	7 2 1		3 2 6				10 4 7	7 7
Chelmsford	26	65 0 2	2 10 0	25 0 0		6 4 6		2 9 2		33 13 8	1 5 11
Cheltenham	39	90 10 7	2 6 5	34 13 5	3 2 3	5 0 0		1 11 6	4 6	44 11 8	1 2 1
Chiswick	70	180 2 5	2 11 6	40 16 6		33 4 3				74 0 9	1 1 2
Clacton	17	31 15 0	1 17 4	3 17 11		2 2 0		1 0 0	10 0	7 9 11	8 10
Clapham	56	81 17 5	1 9 3	16 16 3		6 8 0		3 7 6		26 11 9	9 0
Colchester	26	37 19 8	1 9 3	6 0 3		2 6 3				8 6 6	6 5
Croscombe	24	51 2 10	2 2 7	9 7 7	17 6	3 8 0				13 13 1	11 5
Croydon	54	54 14 9	1 0 3	14 2 8		3 2 4		3 0 0		20 5 0	7 6
Baling	60	159 6 9	2 13 1	32 11 5	1 9 11	8 8 10		1 3 5		43 13 7	14 7
Edmonton	78	121 8 9	1 11 2	19 17 2	2 12 7	6 8 4				28 18 1	7 5
Exeter	32	56 9 9	1 15 4	19 18 9	18 7	3 12 6				24 9 16	15 3
Folkestone	31	52 11 0	1 13 11	9 9 1						9 9 1	6 1
Forest Gate	33	33 6 10	1 0 2	13 1 0		6 0 0				19 1 0	11 6
Gillingham	25	38 12 3	1 10 11	11 18 7		4 0 4		5 7 3		21 6 2	17 1
Hastings	25	60 12 8	2 8 6	11 8 11		5 17 6		5 0		17 11 5	14 1
H. Wycombe	21	21 14 0	1 0 8	6 8 4						6 8 4	6 1
Holloway	153	317 4 4	2 10 6	67 8 7		119 17 2		22 13 9		210 19 3	1 7 7
Ilford	61	137 0 4	2 4 11	20 17 6	2 0 10	10 5 10		1 10 0		34 14 2	11 5
Ipswich	30	41 3 6	1 7 5	23 2 8	9 3	2 1 0		1 10 0		27 2 11	18 1
Lewisham	62	154 7 10	2 9 10	19 5 0		6 13 6	20 0 0			45 18 6	14 10
Lowestoft	40	36 13 5	15 4	7 4 7	12 11	1 19 9				9 17 3	4 11
Luton	24	90 6 0	3 15 3	26 17 0		7 3 6				34 0 6	1 8 4
Norwich	46	97 18 2	2 2 7	23 18 7	1 10 4	7 12 5				33 1 4	14 5
Plymouth	70	362 14 2	5 3 8	34 5 2	1 5 8	27 18 0		1 0 0		64 8 10	18 5
Portsmouth	42	110 18 11	2 12 10	16 8 1	1 1 8	5 14 6		3 5 0		26 9 3	12 7
Reading	61	156 2 7	2 11 2	51 7 2	5 15 0	12 8 2		3 0 0		72 10 4	1 3 9
Richmond	28	71 17 9	2 11 4	14 1 7		2 9 6				16 11 1	8 3
Romford	36	59 1 3	1 12 10	6 1 11		1 4 0				7 5 11	4 1
Slough	23	57 19 2	2 10 5	16 17 10		4 6 1				21 3 11	18 5
Southampton	54	145 1 10	2 13 9	37 3 8	3 13 0	28 16 3		2 7 3		72 0 2	1 6 8
Southend	78	125 10 4	1 12 2	23 0 8	7 6	17 6 6		8 9		41 3 5	10 7
Southstoke	8	17 12 1	2 4 0	6 7 5		5 8 0				11 15 5	1 9 5
Stanbor'h Park	422	1351 1 1	3 4 0	253 4 11	12 7 8	106 9 0		21 4 0	1 5 0	394 10 7	18 8
Taunton	29	36 4 0	1 5 0	12 11 2		7 10 7				20 1 9	13 10
Torquay	56	134 9 4	2 8 0	52 0 6	1 3 10	9 8 0		2 13 9		65 6 1	1 3 4
Walthamstow	53	251 5 3	4 14 10	59 2 3	1 14 0	232 10 6		1 11 0		294 17 9	5 11 3
Watford	65	157 10 5	2 8 6	31 1 2	1 16 3	7 15 0		1 13 3		42 5 8	13 0
Wembley	44	98 9 2	2 2 6	18 0 0		13 14 6			1 0 0	32 14 6	14 10
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Wood Green	82	163 2 6	1 19 9	23 18 6	5 9	3 13 0				27 17 3	6 9
Yarmouth	32	29 18 5	18 8	8 3 4		1 6 0				9 9 4	5 11
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Brentwood	10	56 15 0	5 13 6	6 13 8	4 4	6 7 0		5 0 10		18 5 10	1 16 7
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Gloucester	23	68 15 6	2 19 10	16 16 9	15 10	3 6 0				20 18 7	18 2
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WELSH MISSION

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Hereford	11	56 7 3	5 2 6	20 12 6		3 16 9				24 9 3	2 4 6
Newport Mon.	87	244 19 3	2 16 4	25 14 2	1 10 0	12 16 1		10 0		50 16 3	11 7
Porth	9	20 8 9	2 5 5	3 14 2		1 5 6				5 7 8	12 0
Swansea	33	65 6 0	1 19 7	35 6 11		4 5 6				29 12 5	17 11
Aberdare	10	35 12 4	3 11 3	5 0 8		1 10 0				6 10 8	13 1
Blaenavon	5	18 12 5	3 14 6	2 5 1		1 7 6				2 12 7	10 6
Caerphilly	17	20 19 4	1 4 8	6 15 7		1 6 6				8 17 2	10 5
Gelligaer	12	54 16 3	4 11 4	5 17 1	15 1	3 11 0				9 8 1	15 8
Llanelli	9	3 14 6	8 3	1 8 0						1 8 0	3 1
Rhos	8	17 2 0	2 2 9	5 10 6		1 2 6				6 13 0	16 8
Rhyl	20	44 10 4	2 4 6	6 11 8		5 3 0				11 14 8	11 9
Shrewsb'ry	16	26 2 5	1 12 8	10 12 4		3 1 6		3 17 0		17 10 10	1 1 11
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Totals 1943	443	904 3 2	2 0 10	173 16 9	8 5 0	68 2 6	5 0	4 0 0	1 12 6	253 1 9	11 5
Increase	-3	233 17 1	10 11	28 8 2	18 1	15 5 3	-5 0	2 13 6	3 7 6	50 7 6	2 5

NORTH ENGLAND CONFERENCE

NAME OF CHURCH OR COMPANY	Members	Tithe	Tithe per Capita	Sabbath-School Offerings Inc. 13th S.	Young People's Offering	Annual Offering	Miscellaneous	Week of Sacrifice	Big Week	Total Offerings	Offerings pe Capita
Barnsley	48	52 12 0	1 1 11	10 6 10	2 0 0	12 12 6				22 19 4	9 6
Birmingham C.	59	220 14 10	3 14 10	26 16 11		10 10 0				39 6 11	13 4
Birmingham H.	61	173 7 8	2 16 10	26 1 3		12 13 2				38 14 5	12 8
Birmingham S.	53	148 3 1	2 15 10	25 19 11		6 12 6				32 12 5	12 3
Bradford	47	48 14 0	1 0 8	11 2 6	11 0	2 11 0				14 4 6	6 0
Coventry	67	222 13 9	3 6 5	46 4 8	4 10 0	8 9 6				59 4 2	17 8
Darlington	22	59 3 11	2 13 9	12 8 5	12 3	4 0 6				17 1 2	15 6
Derby	66	192 4 5	2 18 2	27 14 2	1 17 0	9 7 0				38 18 2	11 6
Grimsby	17	46 9 9	2 14 8	7 8 6		3 15 4		7 6		11 11 4	13 7
Hull	99	195 8 4	1 19 3	42 5 8		12 15 0				55 0 8	11 1
Kettering	41	86 7 9	2 2 6	20 9 10		7 18 4				28 8 2	13 10
Leeds	80	187 14 5	2 6 11	24 15 9	19 0	4 19 2		1 0		30 14 11	7 8
Leicester	50	232 8 1	4 12 10	59 19 2	1 4 11	12 0 0		10 10 0		83 14 1	1 13 5
Lincoln	14	46 8 10	3 6 4	6 8 5		3 0 0				9 8 5	13 5
Liverpool	84	176 6 3	2 1 11	26 2 9	15 1	5 2 0				31 19 10	7 7
Manchester	74	142 19 9	1 19 2	45 7 8	4 13 11	7 5 6				57 7 1	15 6
Mid'brough	31	46 3 2	1 9 5	13 0 0		7 5 0				20 5 0	13 0
Newbold	117	274 3 9	2 6 10	46 4 6	1 13 5	5 3 1				53 1 0	9 0
Newcastle	93	147 5 7	1 11 8	31 4 3	2 0 0	7 18 6			10 0	41 12 9	8 11
Nottingham	92	230 14 5	2 10 1	52 18 10	4 9 7	4 16 6				62 4 11	13 6
Nottingham	21	42 17 2	2 0 9	8 19 3		2 8 6				11 7 9	11 3
Rochdale	33	39 13 2	1 0 4	5 18 9		10 6 6				6 3 3	3 11
Rotherham	11	28 16 0	2 12 4	4 0 0	3 0	6 15 6				10 18 6	19 9
Rushden	66	90 6 10	1 7 4	14 18 11		4 18 9				19 17 8	6 0
Sheffield	22	25 5 6	1 1 11	6 9 10		1 2 0		5 0		7 16 10	7 1
Shields	21	54 2 8	2 2 6	7 10 0	13 10	3 1 6		7 6		11 12 10	11 1
Stockport	38	117 16 11	3 11 5	41 6 0	2 3 9	3 18 0				47 7 9	1 9 0
Stoke	41	56 2 9	1 7 4	9 12 7		3 18 6				13 11 1	6 7
Stretford	30	82 4 1	2 14 9	20 0 0	1 4 4	3 5 3				27 9 7	18 3
Wakefield	23	68 19 8	3 0 0	8 2 6		3 6 1				11 8 7	9 11
Wallasey	30	68 7 9	2 4 3	12 14 5	8 1	19 6				14 2 0	9 4
Wellingboro	13	24 1 10	1 17 0	5 2 1		1 16 0				6 18 1	10 7
Wolverha'pton	13	20 16 4	1 12 0	7 11 9		1 10 0				9 1 9	14 0
Worcester	20	81 7 4	4 1 4	29 4 6		14 5 4				43 9 10	2 3 5
York	38	88 8 8	2 6 6	23 10 0	19 0	10 2 6				34 11 6	1 8 2
Beeston	7	24 17 10	3 11 1	7 12 2		1 2 0				8 14 2	1 4 10
Blackburn	10	15 6 7	1 0 7	2 11 11		1 8 6				3 10 5	7 0
Bromsg've	6	13 7 6	2 4 7	1 13 10		1 0 0				2 13 10	8 11
Burnop'ld	9	11 8 6	1 5 4	7 12 0		1 5 9				6 17 9	19 9
Burton	19	35 0 8	1 16 10	4 15 6		1 9 0				5 14 6	6 0
Bury	18	14 19 6	1 6 7	7 5 6		1 10 0				8 15 6	9 2
Denton	18	66 8 4	3 13 9	15 0 0		4 5 10				19 5 10	1 1 5
Fotherby	9	20 15 0	2 6 1	7 7 8		2 8 0				9 15 8	1 1 9
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Killamarsh	8	23 10 10	2 18 10	7 14 0		1 14 6				9 8 6	1 3 6
Lancaster	9	12 6 6	1 7 4	2 15 8		8 3				3 3 11	7 1
Mansfield	9	33 4 6	3 13 10	7 3 2		10 0				7 13 2	17 0
Morecambe	25	23 2 0	18 5	6 16 5		1 2 0				7 18 5	6 4
Northa'ton	21	44 7 1	2 2 2	8 19 7		4 0 6				13 0 1	12 4
Peterb'gh.	6	4 8 0	14 8	2 17 3		6 3 3				3 3 6	10 7
Scarbro'	24	47 18 6	1 19 11	31 8 8	3 7 6	2 3 0				36 19 2	1 10 9
Skegness	8	14 12 3	1 16 6	4 7 6		1 8 6				5 16 0	14 6
Stockton	9	10 16 8	1 4 0	2 12 8		1 18 0				4 10 8	10 1
Sutton	13	39 11 0	3 0 10	9 11 4		7 0			4 0	10 2 4	15 6
Ulverston	11	31 10 6	2 17 2	4 4 3		10 0				4 14 3	8 6
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IRISH MISSION

Belfast	68	126 11 2	1 17 3	21 4 10		11 0 3		2 0 0		34 5 1	10 1
Dublin	22	91 19 11	4 3 7	18 13 3	8 6	5 16 0				24 17 9	1 2 8
Kilmoylie	10	3 6 0	6 7	1 13 8	6 1	18 9				2 18 6	5 10
Larne	6	19 4 0	3 4 0	3 15 6				1 10 0		5 5 6	17 7
Londonderry	7	13 18 1	1 19 9	4 17 8	5 0	2 16 0		2 0 0		9 18 8	1 8 5
Shankill	27	41 16 6	1 11 0	20 0 0		4 0 0		7 0 0		31 0 0	1 3 0
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Increase	-2	-20 2 10	-1 7	1 3 10	-1 19 11	-17 14 10		1 11 8	1 5 0	-15 14 3	-1 5

SCOTTISH MISSION

Aberdeen	40	90 11 0	2 5 3	10 3 5	3 3	4 12 0		2 0		15 0 8	7 6
Edinburgh	71	104 8 1	1 9 5	81 8 0	1 12 1	10 16 6				93 16 7	1 6 5
Glasgow	102	316 1 1	3 2 0	51 0 5	4 7 1	21 10 0				76 17 6	15 1
Kirkcaldy	7	15 3 0	2 3 3	2 12 8		9 6				3 2 2	8 11
Dundee	20	26 7 6	1 6 5	7 12 9		5 6 6				12 19 3	13 0
Stirling	8	37 16 1	4 14 6	6 12 3		1 10 0				8 2 3	1 0 3
Isolated	55	212 1 3	3 17 1	8 0 0		2 15 6		2 2 3		12 17 9	4 8
Totals 1944	303	802 8 0	2 13 0	167 9 6	6 2 5	47 0 0		2 4 3		222 16 2	14 8
Totals 1943	307	509 6 6	1 13 2	116 7 5	7 11 2	49 0 7		4 5 3		177 4 5	11 7
Increase	-4	293 1 6	19 10	51 2 1	-1 8 9	-2 0 7		-2 1 0		45 11 9	3 1

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How a Miner Got the Sabbath

FOR the benefit of others of our young men who have or may soon be called up for the mines, I would like to pass on my experience respecting the Sabbath for their encouragement.

I reported to the training centre on June 5, 1944, with rather mixed feelings, wondering how great would be the mountains of obstruction and opposition that stood between me and Sabbath observance.

On Wednesday I submitted an application in writing to the manager, explaining my position regarding my faith, and requesting Saturday morning free. On Friday afternoon I was called into the office, when the clerk told me that the manager had considered my application respecting my request to be absent from the centre on Saturday morning, and could not see his way clear to grant my request as the month's training was so short and concentrated that to be absent on Saturday I would be missing an essential part of the training.

I thereupon told the clerk that I was not prepared to sacrifice my principles and would consequently take it upon myself to be absent every Saturday morning regardless of the consequences.

Nothing more was said until one day in the third week of my training I was informed that the manager wanted to see me in his office. On entering he wanted to know the whys and wherefores of my absence on the two previous Saturdays. I again stated my position, and after some severe reprimands and warnings, he counselled me to think it over.

I apologized for any inconvenience I had caused and again assured him that I was not prepared to violate my faith and would therefore be absent on Saturday morning.

So far as this centre was concerned they just stopped a day's pay for the few hours I was absent each week, and that was the end of the matter.

It was the first week of July that I started at the colliery to which I was appointed. This time I had a personal interview with the manager, who was very reasonable and told me to call at the

office on the Friday and he would see what he could arrange.

I was assigned to work on the afternoon shift, from 3 p.m. to 10.30 p.m., and as both the afternoon and night shifts only work five days a week, I would in the ordinary way have finished my week on Friday night, having Saturday and Sunday free. I therefore explained that as we observed the Sabbath day from sunset to sunset, on the Friday shift difficulty would arise. When I went into the office on the Friday the manager told me he had arranged for me to work on Sunday instead of Friday. And so has the Lord solved the problem of Sabbath observance for me.

I have found that where there is "unwavering faith" in the Lord, "what He has promised He is able also to perform."

I trust that this little testimony may be a source of encouragement to someone who may be experiencing difficult and perplexing circumstances.

KEN BARRADINE.



I Have Prayed for Thee

How encouraging is the thought of the Redeemer's never-ceasing intercession for us. When we pray, He pleads for us. He is advocating our cause, and by His supplications shielding us from unseen dangers. Notice the word of comfort addressed to Peter—"Simon, Simon, Satan hath desired to have you that he may sift you as wheat; but"—what? "But go and pray for yourself." That would be good advice, but it is not so written. Neither does He say, "But I will keep you watchful, and so you shall be preserved." That were a great blessing. No, it is, "But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not." We little know what we owe to our Saviour's prayers. When we reach the hill-tops of heaven and look back upon all the way whereby the Lord our God hath led us, how we shall praise Him, who, before the eternal throne, undid the mischief which Satan was doing upon earth. How shall we thank Him because He never held His peace, but day and night pointed to the wounds upon His hands, and carried our names upon His breastplate! Even be-

fore Satan had begun to tempt, Jesus had forestalled him and entered a plea in heaven. Mercy outruns malice. Mark, He does not say, "Satan hath sifted you, and therefore I will pray," but, "Satan hath desired to have you." He checks Satan even in his very desire and nips it in the bud. He does not say, "But I have desired to pray for you." No, but "I have prayed for you; I have done it already; I have gone to court and entered a counterplea even before an accusation is made." O Jesus, what a comfort it is that Thou hast pleaded our cause against our unseen enemies; countermined their mines, and unmasked their ambushes. Here is matter for joy, gratitude, hope, and confidence.—*C. H. Spurgeon.*

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