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The Cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ

IN the humble cell once occupied by Savonarola, the great reforming monk and martyr of Florence, is a picture of Christ and a motto engraved in Latin in the stone wall, "We Preach Christ Crucified." This message was the answer to the need of the Florentine people of Savonarola's day.

The messenger of the Lord to the Advent people has written: "It would be well for us to spend a thoughtful hour each day in contemplation of the life of Christ. We should take it point by point, and let the imagination grasp each scene, especially the closing ones. As we thus dwell upon His great sacrifice for us, our confidence in Him will be more constant, our love will be quickened, and we shall be more deeply imbued with His Spirit. If we would be saved at last, we must learn the lesson of penitence and humiliation at the foot of the cross."—*"Desire of Ages,"* page 83.

The cross of Calvary is to be the theme both for our contemplation and our preaching in earth's last days. We are to present the crucified Lamb of God to the people of our time and invite them to consider Him who invites; "Look unto Me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth." Isa. 45:22.

Paul the apostle had many advantages over his fellowmen of which he might have boasted, but he counted them all to be loss since they had stood between Christ and himself. (See

An Easter Message By A. J. Mustard

Phil. 3:4-8). He gloried only in the "cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world." Gal. 6:14. When in Athens he preached in a style which he hoped would appeal to the sceptical and philosophical Athenians. It is not recorded that he said anything about the cross of Christ, and his success seems to have been small. From Athens he journeyed to Corinth, where it seems he put into practice the lessons of his disappointment in Athens. To the Corinthians he said; "We preach Christ crucified. . . . I determined

not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and Him crucified." 1 Cor. 1:23; 2:2.

There is a very real danger that in presenting our message of "present truth" to the people of our day, Seventh-Day Adventists will emphasize their peculiar and distinctive truths, almost to the exclusion of the uplifting of the crucified One, who "taketh away the sin of the world." We have an opportunity, at this season of the year particularly, when all the Christian world reveres the cross of Christ, to show that we are not behind in the exaltation of the Lamb of God. The Lord instructs us: "Lift up the Man of Calvary higher and still higher; there is power in the exaltation of the cross of Christ."—*"Counsels to Teachers,"* page 434.

The story of the cross of Calvary is the story of a heavenly Father who does not forget His children. In the trials and discouragements of life, we may sometimes be tempted to despairingly say: "The Lord hath forsaken me, and my Lord hath forgotten me." Isa. 49:14. But the Lord assures us that, though the apparently impossible thing happen, and a mother should forget the babe at her breast and heartlessly turn from it, yet will He not forget us. "Behold," He says, "I have graven thee upon the palms of My hands." Verses 15, 16.

At His right hand, sharing the throne of the universe, is His well-beloved Son, now represent-

The Voice of Prophecy Radio Service

ON Tuesday, April 18th, the Voice of Prophecy programme will be transmitted from Luxembourg at 5.00 to 5.30 p.m. On May 2nd it will become a fifteen-minute service—from 5.15 to 5.30 p.m. This programme will be recorded here at Watford in our own studio. We are still negotiating for a fifteen-minute period at night which would bring us into contact with a much larger audience. Pray for the success of this radio ministry—that the everlasting Gospel may fly through mid-heaven with the saving message of Christ.
 J. A. McMILLAN.

ing the human race. In His hands and feet and side are the marks of His sufferings for us. For the repentant sinner He pleads: "Father, My blood, My blood." Seeing His Son ever before Him, He cannot forget us, for whom so great a purchase price was paid. In mercy and lovingkindness the heavenly Father remembers His frail, tempted children. "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God!" 1 John 3:1.

"The spotless Son of God hung upon the cross, His flesh lacerated with stripes, those hands so often reached out in blessing, nailed to the wooden bars; those feet so tireless on ministries of love,

spiked to the tree; that royal head pierced by the crown of thorns; those quivering lips shaped to the cry of woe. And all that He endured—the blood drops that flowed from His head, His hands, His feet, the agony that racked His frame, and the unutterable anguish that filled His soul at the hiding of His Father's face—speaks to each child of humanity, declaring, *It is for thee* that the Son of God consents to bear this burden of guilt; *for thee* He spoils the domain of death, and opens the gates of Paradise. He who stilled the angry waves and walked the foam-capped billows, who made devils tremble and disease flee, who opened blind eyes and called forth the

dead to life,—offers Himself upon the cross as a sacrifice, *and this from love to thee*. He, the Sin-bearer, endures the wrath of divine justice, and *for thy sake* becomes sin itself."—*"Desire of Ages,"* pages 754, 755.

The men and women of our time have a right to know that God so loves them. Before their eyes the Crucified Lamb of God should be uplifted by the heralds of the Advent message. It is our duty and privilege to "present the sure word of prophecy as the foundation of the faith of Seventh-Day Adventists . . . and in connection with them the words, 'Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.'" — *"Gospel Workers,"* page 148.

A Workers' Meeting with a Difference

By Pastor R. D. Vine

No two series of meetings could be identical, of course. Differences there are bound to be. But there was a unique difference about the recent British Union workers' meetings which were held in the Stanborough Park church from March 13th to 16th.

Some study was naturally given to evangelistic technique and methods, but the main emphasis throughout the three days we were together was on personal fitness for the task, and on personal relationships to God and the cause.

We were disappointed that Pastors J. L. McElhany and W. E. Nelson, president and treasurer respectively of the General Conference, were prevented by sickness from being with us. Their places were ably filled by Pastors A. W. Cormack and H. M. Blunden, associate secretary and field secretary of the General Conference. Sickness had likewise laid its incapacitating hand on Pastor E. B. Rudge, British Union president, who was scheduled to be chairman at the meetings. Pastor G. D. King, our vice-president, deputised for him.

It is true to say that one of the

greatest concerns of all our members and certainly of our workers, is the onward progress of the work in Britain. None are satisfied with the present rate of progress. On the Wednesday afternoon, Brother Rudge was able to present his report of the way things have fared denominationally during the past quadrennium in this Union. It was a sobering revelation. The hand of death had taken a very heavy toll among our faithful members, and some had fallen out by the way. These losses had gone far to offset the gratifying number that had been added by baptism.

Truly a disappointing situation, especially for those evangelists and Bible instructors who have toiled with such unflagging energy through the years. We remember with thankfulness the good baptisms of recent years. We all feel, however, that substantially greater results are not only desirable, but also a necessity if the work is to be speedily finished in Britain.

BRITAIN'S GREAT NEED

In view of this urgent need, the central message of both Pastors Cormack and Blunden was timely and appropriate.

Briefly it was this—and we pass it on as equally appropriate to all believers, for we are all called to minister—our fundamental need is for Spirit-filled men and women whose genuine and sole intent is not so much to use the Spirit of God, but rather to be used by it. The time for the pentecostal showers of the latter rain is long overdue. We must avoid the great and subtle fallacies of regarding the outpouring as an event still scheduled for the future, and of praying for it as though the matter rests entirely with the Lord. The delaying factor has not been divine reluctance, but personal unfitness and personal unreadiness to pay the full price.

As a people, and as workers too, many of us have been satisfied with the gift of the Spirit, whereas the Lord desires—especially in these latter days—that we enter into the fuller experience of the baptism of the Spirit. Not until we fully enter into this pentecostal experience can we expect pentecostal results.

OBSTRUCTIONS MUST BE CLEARED

In his opening talk on Monday night, Brother Cormack spoke of the "souls that are weighed

down with a sense of guilt, perishing for want of a saving influence." That saving influence is the Spirit of God, and we are called to be the channels through which it will flow. We must therefore be clean. There must be no obstruction of sin. We daily rub shoulders with souls who are hungering, hopeless, and perishing. The poison of sin is everywhere doing its deadly work. The world is in dire need of the presence and service of men and women who are daily demonstrating the nature, and the power of Jesus Christ.

Our spiritual feast continued through Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, beginning each day with the seven o'clock prayer bands, and continuing, with only short breaks for meals, till the close of the evening meeting at nine. Our two General Conference visitors bore the main burden of providing our spiritual food. Their programme was a heavy one, but their services were greatly appreciated.

Having to report their messages in so small a space, one feels cramped and hampered. We must content ourselves by providing our readers with a few meagre tastes. Here are some from the many studies on the Holy Spirit presented by Brother Blunden.

HEAVEN'S TWO GIFTS

While men seek better methods, God's greatest concern is for better men. To make men perfect, Heaven has provided two gifts (John 1:29, 33): the Saviour and the Holy Spirit—the first to take away our sins (justification), the second to enable us to live above sin (sanctification). The first enables us to pass from death to life: through the second we pass into life more abundant. It is vital, therefore, that we seek the full acquaintance of the Holy Spirit. Because this full acquaintance has not been cultivated, there might be written over many of our churches "Life Limited" instead of "Life Abundant."

The Old Testament is the story of "God for us"; the gospels are the story of "God with us"; the Acts and epistles are the story

of "God in us"—by His Holy Spirit. We to-day are living in the dispensation of the Holy Spirit.

The purpose of the gift of the Spirit is to reproduce in every worker and believer, the righteousness of Jesus Christ. Such a reproduction must be recognized as the fundamental requisite by all who would serve God successfully.

It was encouraging to be reminded that God does not abandon men because they are not all that they should be. Among those upon whom the early rain fell at Pentecost were the self-seeking (Mark 10:35-37), the vindictive (Luke 9:55), and the timorous (John 20:19). The disciples were men like us in spite of their three and a half years with the Master. Before granting them the baptism of the Spirit, however, the Lord tarried forty days to get them straight in their thinking, and a further ten days for heart cleansing and consecration.

The turning point in the lives of the apostles, whereby they were transformed from the ordinary to the extraordinary, was the baptism by the Spirit at Pentecost. The same means of transformation is freely available to-day—and it is the only means. Every member and worker must recognize it, and earnestly seek by prayer and faith, and by a sincere renunciation of all things selfish and questionable, to prepare the life for the Spirit's revitalizing presence. "God is ready to work through and for His people, if they will come into working order."

Quite clearly there is no other way for the work to be finished. Energy, talent, equipment, will all be commissioned, of course, but the vital, urgent, indispensable need is the outpouring of the Spirit in abundant latter-rain measure. Said the messenger of the Lord: "The latter rain was to be received and cherished in the form of the clear teachings of righteousness by faith."—*"Gospel Workers,"* page 103 (*old edition*).

IS GOD BEHIND COMMITTEES?

Brother Cormack's messages of the four days made similar

stresses. He warned against the danger of unfaithfulness to the organization, and of doubting God's leadership. Though leading brethren may not all be as they should be, and though none are endowed with infallibility, God works through them. He even permits committee decisions which may sometimes seem unwise, decisions which later have to be rescinded or substantially changed. In such cases it is easy to regard an overruling providence as missing, and to lose faith in the leaders.

Such a lack of confidence is always unjustifiable and fatal. When individuals "follow their own bewilderment" instead of abiding loyally by the plans and policies of God's chosen representatives, disruption and weakness ensue. We were appropriately reminded of God's command to Abraham to slay his son, and of the subsequent countermand: "Lay not thine hand upon the lad." Changes of decision are therefore no proof that God is not overruling.

Strange decisions are sometimes permitted and even inspired by God that men may be brought into circumstances where their moral powers are tested—as with Abraham. God knew beforehand, of course, how Abraham would respond—but Abraham did not. Therefore the test came. Likewise to-day, God would have us become acquainted with the moral machinery of our own hearts. Hence "the profound mysteries in the divine dealings," hence the straitened circumstances at times, hence the apparently unjust decisions.

Brother Cormack exhorted all to read and follow the divine guidance as given in the *Testimonies*. They were "given to the church to help it in the process of purification, and to resist the encroachments of the evil one."

THE DISCUSSION HOURS

The morning discussion hours proved of great help and interest. The Tuesday morning period was devoted to a consideration of field evangelism. Brother King, who has done so much to strengthen the hands of the evangelists in the field,

opened the session by referring to the picture in the book of Acts of men and women getting to grips with the task God had for them. He appropriately described it as a blueprint of productive evangelism. At this session the *Good News* plan was introduced and described by Pastor K. Lacey who has used it very successfully in pre-campaign work in Scotland. He and his workers distributed 5,000 each of four specially prepared papers, resulting in 1,000 names for visitation, and 200 Voice of Prophecy school enrolments.

Brother Lacey pointed out that if every member in Britain worked one hour every week distributing our Gospel papers, every one of the twelve and a half million homes in Britain could be visited in five years; and if only 10 per cent of the folk thus visited enrolled in the Voice of Prophecy school, there would be 1,250,000 new students, and within two years at least 12,500 new members.

A high, but not impossible, goal. We were reminded of the inspired advice: "Carry the Word of God to every man's door"; "visit every family in the neighbourhood." May the spirit of willingness animate every member to speed the Gospel work in Britain.

Brother Lacey's interesting statement showed how valuable an asset is the Voice of Prophecy school. Pastor J. A. McMillan, its principal, provided for an inspiring discussion period Tuesday afternoon. In 1948, he said, twenty-five per cent of all those baptized in the Union, were V.O.P. students; while in 1949 the percentage rose to thirty-three and a third. We have every reason to believe that such new members will be solidly grounded in the truth. The few excerpts which he read from students' letters were heart-warming. Our members who are so faithfully working with V.O.P. invitations, should feel encouraged to continue their excellent work.

A further enheartening discussion hour was on Wednesday morning, when the publishing department took the platform. The Stanborough Press General Manager, J. H. Craven, made an

impressive statement. He was able to tell of a fifty-one per cent increase in the total sales of Gospel literature over the previous quadrennium. Sales are still rocketing, he said. He rightly emphasized that literature evangelism should go hand in hand with field evangelism, and made a timely appeal, which was subsequently reinforced by Pastor A. W. Cook, our Union publishing department secretary, for our workers to encourage our members to become auxiliary colporteurs. Pastor W. L. Emmerston, our editor, appealed to the workers to help maintain the high standard of our regular missionary journal, by contributing more freely to its pages. Lively discussion followed the talks by these publishing men.

Thursday morning brought the discussion—but how brief and inadequate!—on the Home Missionary and Sabbath-school departments of our work. Pastors A. C. Vine of the South, and E. R. Warland of the North England conference, made urgent appeals in the interests of these two most fruitful means of pastoral and field evangelism. All members should be encouraged to attend the Sabbath-school—it is of proven value in establishing men and women in Bible truth. Furthermore it is a potent means of keeping us all missionary-minded—and of keeping our missionary work financed. Brother Warland provided several points for discussion, but the remaining twenty fleeting minutes were woefully insufficient.

The final discussion on Thursday afternoon was devoted to the interests of our M.V. department. Pastors E. L. Minchin, H. T. Johnson, and V. H. Cooper, our Union, South England, and North England conference M.V. leaders, appealed for more earnest efforts to hold our youth. Essentials emphasized were such things as giving our youth and parents proper practical instruction, promotion of progressive courses, M.V. camps, daily family worship, attractive meetings, and church schools.

While the time for discussion at all sessions was hopelessly insufficient, it served to show to

our faithful departmental leaders that our field workers are awake to the value and purpose of, and the vital need for, the departments.

Space forbids more than a bare record of the fact that stirring devotional services were conducted each morning at nine by Pastors W. W. Armstrong, O. M. Dorland, North and South England conference presidents, and Pastor W. R. A. Madgwick, Newbold College principal.

The final meeting on Thursday night was one of praise and testimony, conducted by Brother Blunden. He appealed to all to seek earnestly the full outpouring of the Holy Spirit. "Prayer, much prayer, is the price of the preaching unction," he said. "Prayer, much prayer, is the one sole condition of keeping this unction. Without unceasing prayer the unction never comes to the preacher. Without perseverance in prayer the unction, like the manna, breeds worms." He quoted the sobering statement that "the coming of the Lord has been postponed by a prayerless church." Not that folk don't pray, but that they don't pray in an apostolic manner. The experience of experimental religion must be approached on our knees, he said. He then read Romans eight as a summary of our three day's study together.

Testimonies followed—scores of them—for two solid hours without a break. Expressions of consecration and praise, of determination to seek the needed latter rain experience, expressions of sorrow for failures and sins, of heartfelt thanks to God for mercy and deliverance—truly the Holy Spirit moved mightily upon all hearts that historic night.

Brother Blunden's final word came late that night—the recipe for success, he said, was much prayer, much study, much surrender, much acceptance of righteousness by faith, much hard work.

We can do no better than conclude with his final wish for the British workers: "May the Lord make a reality in our hearts and lives the great truths we have studied together."

The 1950 Ingathering Campaign

Plans and Supplies

By J. A. McMillan, Union Home Missionary Secretary

IN a fortnight's time we shall be launching our 1950 Ingathering campaign for missions. Rally Day is Sabbath, April 22nd, and our first field day is April 23rd. This article is being written to acquaint you with some of our plans for this year's effort.

There will be, of course, the usual badge and certificate which are demanded by statute. In addition we have printed a most attractive magazine and a four-page leaflet in two colours. We are making several important changes this year. The magazines will be reduced in size to 4½ inches by 7 inches—the size of the Sabbath-school quarterly. This will be easier to handle and to send through the post. It will have twenty pages of material—good pictures and articles, and an appealing cover. We are also reducing the number of magazines in order to supply more leaflets. The leaflets have the same colourful

cover as the magazine and should prove most helpful.

Extra to these two pieces of promotion, we have prepared a small number of prospectuses which many workers and members will find useful in canvassing for larger gifts. This is the same size as the magazine—contains the same pictures, and has six lined pages for the names of donors. The collector who wishes to retain a permanent record of gifts received will find this most essential. Those planning to use the prospectus should write to their local Home Missionary Secretary.

The treasurers of the Conferences and Missions request that local agents retain the weekly amounts in their local bank until the end of the campaign. Also that they do not tear off the top sheet in the Cash Record, but return this book intact. The treasurer's work will be greatly facilitated if this procedure is

followed. Each week's collections will have to be counted separately for the report, but the Cash Record can present one complete campaign from beginning to end. Thank you, local agent.

The goal chart carries the commendable slogan: "Opening the Word to the World." Not only does our Ingathering provide a flow of means for missions, but it also gathers in souls for the kingdom. During the past four years £122,831 has been raised for overseas work—and also hundreds of Ingathering contacts have enrolled in the Voice of Prophecy Bible School. Of these, thirty-five have been baptized. This alone would make our Ingathering worthwhile. Not till the day of final rewards will we know the extent of the blessings our Ingathering has achieved. Let us make this mid-century the best ever in our Ingathering history.

COME TO CAMP ON

THE ISLE OF WIGHT!

Scenery unsurpassed in beauty and variety embraced by sixty miles of glorious coastline makes an ideal setting for Camp.

The Isle of Wight has many features of historical and literary interest. Carisbrooke Castle, close to Newport (the capital), was the scene of the imprisonment of Charles I. Osborne House, near the famous yachting port of Cowes, was the favourite residence of Queen Victoria. The Duke of Edinburgh has renewed the royal association by his presence during Cowes Week.

Tennyson, the poet laureate, lived at Farringford House, Freshwater, and Keats gives his name to the hydrangea-bordered green on the cliffs at Shanklin, where he found inspiration.

The island, twenty-three miles long by thirteen miles wide, forms the protective breakwater to the great ports of Southampton and Portsmouth. It achieves records in hours of sunshine and is a geologists' treasure house, special features being the Needles Rocks and the rainbow-hued sands of Alum Bay in the west.

Added to these amenities is the Christian fellowship which is invaluable to youth.

To make sure YOUR place at camp is certain, send your registration form in NOW. These forms can be obtained from your Missionary Volunteer Leader or direct from the—

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Another M.V. Rally at Holloway

It was with high spirits and eager anticipation that we boarded the coach at the main gates to Stanborough Park on Wednesday evening, March 1st. Yes, we were off to Holloway to meet Elder L. A. Skinner, and we knew we must be in for something good.

It was grand to see old faces again as we entered the church and took our places. As the Master Comrades marched down the centre aisle, led by Pastors H. T. Johnson and V. H. Cooper with the M.V. flag being proudly borne by Glynne Meredith, memories of the first and never - to - be - forgotten British Youth Congress in 1948 flooded our minds. It was a tonic to see Elder Skinner's smiling face as one by one Pastor Johnson introduced the Master Comrades to him.

"I'll Share My Faith" was the opening line of a new chorus which "caught on" immediately and a few minutes passed as we sang lustily a few of those "Congress favourites."

Germany, Italy, France, Switzerland. These are just a few of the countries from which Elder Skinner brought greetings from the youth, and it was wonderful to realize that war could not banish the fact that we are not enemies but brothers and sisters in Christ.

"The world needs a practical religion! This is the greatest challenge youth has ever met with," Elder Skinner was speaking. "Sometimes we assume the attitude that no-one wants our religion, but God has brought the light of this truth to us so that we can impart it to others with boldness and fearlessness."

Elder Skinner's message was clear and meaningful. He bade

us work for the children—to train them in high ideals. He told us of the work the youth are doing in the countries he had so recently visited; of their untiring labours for the blind, the poor, and the suffering. He told us of the camps that are being held in Austria, France, and Switzerland, and while there the young folk are visiting the homes in the villages round about carrying with them the message of truth. They are just fired with zeal and enthusiasm and are driving right ahead with the world-wide slogan, "Share My Faith."

"This work," continued Elder Skinner, "links us with heavenly intelligences. Everyone has his part to play, and that part, be it great or small, is *important*. God needs us all!"

He challenged us to enter into the training of our youth and to consecrate ourselves anew to the finishing of that task which has been set before us; and as we were reminded by Elder Skinner, the trials of the road will seem nothing when we come to the *end* of the road.

After this inspiring message, we listened to a few brief testimonies and with the words of that good old hymn, "The Master calls for YOU!" we parted on our several ways.

BERYL A. WILLIAMS.

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With Our Watford J.M.Vs.

MARCH 2nd brought J.M.V. night to Stanborough Park and the juniors stood in their respective groups beside their leaders in the Estate Hall at 6.15 p.m.—waiting expectantly. Yes, you could have heard a pin drop!

The waiting seemed ages, but at last the word was passed round that Elder L. A. Skinner had arrived. Anticipation was at its climax and the juniors' eyes were sparkling with childish joy. Two of our "senior juniors" stood at the entrance and led Elder Skinner, together with the three British M.V. leaders down the centre of the hall to the front where they were greeted by the Stanborough Park M.V. society leaders.

"Company — attention!" and

with a click of the heel everyone was in position, while Peter Dutton raised the Missionary Volunteer flag. After a prayer and a short, homely message from Elder Skinner, we separated into our classes where everyone got busy preparing for the investiture to be held a week or so later. We were privileged to have Elder Skinner and the M.V. officers visit each group in turn and to meet him personally.

All too soon the whistle sounded and without much ado the juniors sprang to their positions for "P.T.," while the older ones went to another class. It was delightful to watch the expressions which came over the faces of the leaders. They were just thrilled with the way those junior M.Vs. hopped and bounced around. But that clock does go round quickly and it was soon time to leave for the church, where two lines were formed at each entrance and in group height, from Helper to Master Comrade, we marched down the aisles to the tune of that good old hymn, "Onward Christian Soldiers."

How those juniors can sing, and they certainly showed our American brother that they could that evening.

Elder Skinner brought us another message and also showed us some coloured slides which he had taken on his travels through China and Japan recently. Oh! how our hearts burned and ached within us as he told of the heathen practices; of the danger that lurked around in readiness to capture our believers, and how our youth had travelled by night to attend the Congresses in spite of the curfews. Yes, they are indeed fired with an enthusiasm which banishes the fear of death.

Unfortunately, Elder Skinner had to leave early in order to catch the train to Southampton from where he was sailing the following day for his home which he had not seen for four months.

"He lives! He lives! Christ Jesus lives to-day" were the words which echoed through Stanborough Park woods and with three long, hearty cheers for a safe journey we bade good-

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Statement of Tithes and Mission Offerings for the Quarter ending December 31, 1949

South England Conference

CHURCH OR COMPANY	Membership	Tithe	Tithe per capita	Sabbath-school Offering	M.V. Offering	Ingathering	Week of Sacrifice and Annual Offering	Miscellaneous Offerings	Missions Extension Offering	Total Regular Offerings	Regular Offerings per capita	Famine Relief	Grand Total All Offerings
Bath	27	45	1.13	11	9	0	0	0	0	20	15	3	22
Bournemouth	99	189	1.90	52	17	7	0	0	0	75	15	10	89
Brighton	60	338	5.63	22	0	0	0	0	0	41	13	6	44
Pristol	168	188	1.12	72	8	3	0	0	0	99	11	6	107
Cambridge	33	22	0.67	4	3	0	0	0	0	9	8	6	10
Chesham	29	62	2.14	10	0	0	0	0	0	17	12	4	19
Chesham	23	72	3.13	10	9	0	0	0	0	14	12	6	16
Chesham	68	72	1.06	14	9	0	0	0	0	17	12	4	19
Chiswick	12	202	16.83	42	6	0	0	0	0	75	11	6	86
Clacton	41	42	1.02	4	0	0	0	0	0	12	11	6	13
Clapham	41	42	1.02	4	0	0	0	0	0	12	11	6	13
Colester	29	103	3.55	18	0	0	0	0	0	26	17	10	24
Croscombe	83	154	1.84	20	11	6	0	0	0	31	13	6	35
Croydon	54	176	3.26	27	0	0	0	0	0	40	14	7	45
Dalring	28	121	4.32	24	13	3	0	0	0	37	17	9	41
Deware	98	172	1.75	24	0	0	0	0	0	39	18	8	50
Edmonton	21	42	2.00	8	5	0	0	0	0	19	10	6	20
Enker	27	41	1.52	2	7	4	0	0	0	22	16	0	23
Folkestone	18	38	2.11	2	0	0	0	0	0	9	8	0	9
Forest Gate	22	38	1.73	26	4	0	0	0	0	33	15	7	37
Gillingham	22	32	1.45	13	4	0	0	0	0	17	10	6	19
Gloucester	52	112	2.15	23	0	0	0	0	0	33	12	6	38
Hastings	20	43	2.15	21	0	0	0	0	0	31	11	6	32
High Wycombe	43	52	1.21	21	0	0	0	0	0	36	13	7	40
Holway	42	116	2.76	22	9	3	0	0	0	45	17	9	52
Ilford	22	42	1.91	22	6	0	0	0	0	28	13	7	35
Ipwich	22	42	1.91	22	6	0	0	0	0	28	13	7	35
Lewisham	47	270	5.74	36	0	0	0	0	0	56	19	9	65
Lowestoft	47	90	1.91	16	0	0	0	0	0	27	17	10	32
Luton	27	104	3.85	19	0	0	0	0	0	32	17	10	41
Newbold	17	42	2.47	5	0	0	0	0	0	10	10	6	16
Norwich	32	45	1.41	8	2	1	0	0	0	10	10	6	16
Plymouth	32	235	7.34	57	0	0	0	0	0	107	13	7	120
Portsmouth	38	127	3.34	22	3	9	0	0	0	30	12	6	38
Portsmouth	38	127	3.34	22	3	9	0	0	0	30	12	6	38
Reading	18	21	1.17	4	0	0	0	0	0	8	5	3	11
Reidford	18	18	1.00	14	0	0	0	0	0	20	14	10	24
Romford	18	18	1.00	14	0	0	0	0	0	20	14	10	24
Souham	26	78	2.99	14	0	0	0	0	0	27	10	6	33
Souhampton	26	78	2.99	14	0	0	0	0	0	27	10	6	33
Southern	84	143	1.70	23	11	4	0	0	0	36	16	8	46
Southwold	84	143	1.70	23	11	4	0	0	0	36	16	8	46
Stamford	22	42	1.91	22	6	0	0	0	0	28	13	7	35
Tanworth Park	42	246	5.86	20	12	7	0	0	0	37	17	10	44
Tarnewton	22	37	1.68	2	0	0	0	0	0	9	9	6	15
Torquay	58	206	3.55	46	0	0	0	0	0	75	17	10	89

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Wainmanston	82	402	8	5	4	18	2	100	2	10	4	18	3	151	19	3	254	15	4	3	2	2	4	14	6	259	9	10							
Ward	95	300	6	11	3	3	3	52	3	9	2	11	1	19	7	6	75	19	4	1	2	2	4	14	0	34	12	7							
Wimbledon	38	192	4	3	4	5	6	21	11	5	.....	.....	.....	11	5	9	.....	42	17	2	1	4	1	0	1	8	17	2				
Wymondley	132	625	4	3	4	14	6	88	15	6	4	0	6	39	15	1	.....	132	14	3	1	0	1	20	4	152	12	2							
Wood Green	21	236	0	2	1	6	2	37	1	6	10	8	.....	6	18	2	.....	15	15	4	10	11	2	19	6	40	7	2						
Yarnmouth	29	40	2	2	3	7	11	8	17	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15	15	4	10	11	2	19	6	18	2	1	
COMPANIES																																				
Bodmin	10	44	9	5	4	8	11	18	17	7	.....	.....	.....	18	15	6	.....	37	13	1	3	15	4	3	16	3	41	9	4			
Brentwood	12	212	17	11	17	14	10	8	16	2	12	1	.....	4	1	0	.....	12	14	3	1	2	1	2	1	14	8	9	4					
Ely	57	9	1	10	3	6	10	17	2	7	.....	.....	.....	4	1	0	.....	21	3	7	1	6	6	1	14	1	14	8	4			
Godmanchester	10	33	1	10	3	6	2	6	13	10	.....	.....	.....	2	4	0	.....	8	18	7	17	10	.....	.....	2	10	1	1		
Malden	15	34	14	2	3	6	3	8	13	10	.....	.....	.....	2	7	0	.....	10	10	10	1	14	14	3	.....	13	18	1	1		
Melsted	11	35	1	3	3	3	4	12	14	4	.....	.....	.....	4	0	0	.....	16	14	7	1	16	5	10	16	17	12	11				
Key	6	22	5	3	2	3	2	9	11	4	.....	.....	.....	15	0	3	.....	10	16	4	10	5	10	10	10	2	12	11				
Salisbury	18	0	0	2	5	0	3	7	18	8	.....	.....	.....	8	0	0	.....	25	18	0	1	12	9	6	6	22	9	8				
St Austell	15	98	13	6	5	13	7	17	18	9	.....	.....	.....	6	12	3	.....	14	11	6	1	12	5	1	17	6	26	6				
Stroud	14	23	10	6	3	13	7	6	16	0	.....	.....	.....	1	16	0	.....	8	12	6	1	12	0	1	11	0	15	10	9			
Swindon	14	45	7	7	3	16	6	12	8	0	.....	.....	.....	1	17	0	.....	14	5	9	1	18	0	1	11	0	15	10	9			
Weston/Winscombe	9	25	8	6	2	16	5	12	7	7	3	2	6	17	2	3	1	18	0	2	8	14	6	24	11	7						
Wilsow	2	31	15	6	3	19	5	12	4	0	3	15	6	15	7	2	1	18	5	9	8	14	6	24	11	7						
Worthing	6	22	7	11	4	14	3	3	7	7	7	15	7	15	7	2	1	16	5	1	7	6	8	10	1	9						
Isolated	383	1805	7	11	4	14	3	103	14	7	.....	.....	.....	137	5	7	.....	309	7	2	1	16	2	2	45	7	354	14	9			
TOTALS, 1949	3547	12500	3	9	3	10	6	1810	14	1	67	14	2	983	19	6	.....	2931	19	9	16	6	432	7	10	3364	7	7	5						
TOTALS, 1948	3431	11246	6	10	3	5	7	1778	9	7	54	19	9	1103	12	1	40	0	0	0	0	0	5	2	7	2987	17	0	17	5	1843	6	5	3831	3	5
Increase	116	1253	16	11	4	11	4	32	4	6	12	14	5	-5	13	0	-119	12	7	-40	0	0	64	9	5	-55	17	3	-11	-410	18	7	-466	15	10	

*Includes £50 Foreign Medical Missions.

†Includes £5 Lepers.

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Barnsley	31	53	10	8	1	13	4	6	15	4	1	11	0	8	6	4	5	4	4	0	0	9	5	7
Birmingham Central	84	73	4	8	2	11	2	10	1	2	10	0	3	18	8	12	10	4	2	2	6	1	6	16	5	1
Birmingham Handsworth	28	231	7	4	3	13	2	25	10	3	.....	.....	.....	1	10	0	.....	32	16	7	2	6	.....	.....	1	6	12	10
Birmingham South	32	131	2	4	1	12	3	15	4	2	.....	.....	.....	3	17	10	.....	10	17	10	1	17	10	.....	.....	19	14	5
Bradford	29	60	4	4	1	13	0	10	17	4	.....	.....	.....	2	3	6	.....	39	14	1	9	12	1	.....	.....	36	14	8
Coverley	23	236	4	0	2	18	10	37	10	7	.....	.....	.....	10	0	0	.....	10	14	8	1	12	5	.....	.....	16	15	0
Darlington	47	259	11	8	2	14	8	26	14	8	.....	.....	.....	2	15	0	.....	36	14	1	19	12	1	.....	.....	16	12	5
Derby	24	212	17	10	2	7	7	12	16	11	.....	.....	.....	12	2	0	.....	16	15	0	11	6	.....	.....	16	15	0	11
Grimsby	21	41	13	10	2	12	11	14	0	11	.....	.....	.....	3	17	9	.....	68	12	1	1	11	3	.....	.....	11	10	6
Huddersfield	21	53	11	7	2	11	11	51	17	11	.....	.....	.....	2	15	0	.....	35	10	3	2	11	3	.....	.....	47	13	8
Hull	21	205	13	7	2	12	11	23	17	8	.....	.....	.....	12	2	0	.....	35	10	3	2	11	3	.....	.....	47	13	8
Kettering	21	212	12	11	2	13	2	31	3	3	.....	.....	.....	11	12	0	.....	35	10	3	2	11	3	.....	.....	47	13	8
Leeds	40	220	12	4	3	12	2	51	3	3	.....	.....	.....	10	2	0	.....	36	14	4	11	3	.....	.....	36	13	9	
Leicester	22	95	17	5	1	18	3	28	9	0	.....	.....	.....	10	2	0	.....	36	14	4	11	3	.....	.....	36	13	9	
Lincoln	22	42	2	5	2	15	4	6	8	5	.....	.....	.....	10	2	0	.....	36	14	4	11	3	.....	.....	36	13	9	
Manchester	50	165	11	3	2	13	2	22	13	5	.....	.....	.....	10	2	0	.....	35	10	3	2	11	3	.....	.....	33	10	8
Marlborough	27	80	12	5	2	15	4	17	7	10	.....	.....	.....	8	1	0	.....	31	6	6	18	5	.....	.....	34	3	6	
Newcastle	24	100	7	10	1	14	3	21	12	0	.....	.....	.....	8	1	0	.....	31	6	6	18	5	.....	.....	34	3	6	
Northampton	25	228	7	10	2	19	4	31	13	0	.....	.....	.....	5	3	0	.....	129	19	3	3	13	0	.....	.....	138	8	3
Nottingham	17	481	10	8	2	22	4	83	1	11	.....	.....	.....	4	4	0	.....	129	19	3	3	13	0	.....	.....	138	8	3
Olddale	21	43	1	4	0	16	6	9	8	15	.....	.....	.....	4	4	0	.....	6	11	5	0	3	.....	.....	16	6	16	11
Oldham	21	58	18	3	1	16	4	6	11	0	.....	.....	.....	2	12	0	.....	6	11	5	0	3	.....	.....	6	13	11	
Oldham	10	13	3	0	1	4	4	3	1	0	.....	.....	.....	2	12	0	.....	6	11	5	0	3	.....	.....	6	13	11	
Oldham	10	13	3	0	1	4	4	3	1	0	.....	.....	.....	2	12	0	.....	6	11	5	0	3	.....	.....	6	13	11	
Oldham	10	13	3	0	1	4	4	3	1	0	.....	.....	.....	2	12	0	.....	6	11	5	0	3	.....	.....	6	13	11	
Oldham	10	13	3	0	1	4	4	3	1	0	2	12	0	6	11	5	0	3	6	13	11	
Oldham	10	13	3	0	1	4	4	3	1	0	2	12	0	6	11	5	0	3	6	13	11	
Oldham	10	13	3	0	1	4	4	3	1	0																	

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Wolverhampton	19	83	12	9	4	8	0	19	18	1	5	2	0	25	0	1	6	4	2	12	6	27	12	7	
Wrexham	13	29	6	11	4	2	5	9	3	11	7	16	6	17	7	5	1	8	9	2	10	0	23	17	5
York	159	159	4	8	3	2	5	3	13	11	.....	9	16	9	.....	47	10	8	18	8	6	14	0	50	4	8
COMPANIES																											
Accrington	9	22	11	9	2	10	2	3	9	2	1	6	0	4	15	2	10	7	4	15	11	2
Beeston	9	59	2	6	6	11	5	10	9	5	.....	1	10	0	.....	11	19	1	6	7	.....	.....	.....	12	16	11
Blackburn	14	33	0	0	2	7	2	8	1	7	.....	4	3	7	.....	12	5	2	2	1	.....	.....	.....	13	18	2
Blackpool	35	41	9	7	1	3	8	13	4	9	.....	8	1	6	.....	21	6	3	12	2	.....	.....	.....	12	16	3
Bolton	15	28	11	9	1	18	1	15	12	7	.....	19	0	.....	16	11	7	1	2	1	.....	.....	.....	18	16	7
Bromsgrove	7	1	6	0	3	3	9	6	19	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	13	5	2	9	.....	.....	.....	8	13	5
Burnopfield	12	12	12	0	1	1	1	6	19	11	.....	1	13	6	.....	8	13	5	2	9	.....	.....	.....	8	13	5
Burton	19	33	6	10	1	15	1	4	17	1	.....	12	0	.....	8	9	5	14	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	9	1	7
Carlisle	20	36	12	1	3	16	1	4	4	10	.....	4	5	.....	12	14	4	1	8	3	.....	.....	.....	14	9	4
Denton	9	38	12	8	1	4	5	8	19	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	10	0	1	11	11	.....	.....	.....	5	10	0
Hatifax	14	47	10	8	1	3	7	11	4	7	3	15	0	8	6	6	1	8	3	8	18	0
Keighley	14	22	18	8	0	12	9	5	0	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	8	11	8	7	.....	.....	.....	3	10	0
Kidderminster	8	18	9	0	2	6	2	3	0	8	3	8	11	1	18	11	3	8	11
Lancaster	5	2	5	0	4	8	11	4	4	7	.....	10	0	.....	9	14	7	1	18	11	.....	.....	.....	10	11	7
Lancaster	8	2	5	0	1	14	8	7	3	4	.....	4	6	.....	8	10	4	1	8	5	.....	.....	.....	10	15	10
Louth	6	10	12	8	0	1	11	5	16	5	.....	1	7	0	.....	8	3	5	14	10	.....	.....	.....	9	3	6
Morecambe	11	12	1	0	2	3	1	7	7	3	.....	1	2	7	.....	10	2	0	8	0	.....	.....	.....	10	18	0
Northampton	21	45	15	2	1	17	1	9	7	7	.....	3	6	0	.....	8	16	4	14	7	.....	.....	.....	8	15	4
Oldham	22	40	19	2	1	3	1	4	3	8	.....	1	1	9	.....	4	2	8	11	1	.....	.....	.....	9	11	0
Peterborough	6	21	11	0	1	3	4	8	16	11	.....	1	11	9	.....	3	6	2	3	0	.....	.....	.....	4	9	8
Rugby	17	7	2	0	1	1	3	4	16	11	.....	3	10	0	.....	3	6	2	3	0	.....	.....	.....	4	9	8
Scarborough	12	34	12	0	4	11	0	3	13	0	.....	1	15	0	.....	11	6	11	15	2	.....	.....	.....	13	10	0
Sheffness	18	29	4	4	1	4	11	5	11	11	.....	1	15	0	.....	11	6	11	15	2	.....	.....	.....	13	10	0
Southport	16	16	6
Ulceby	6
Ulverston	14	17	7	7	6
Walsall	9	9	5	3	10
Conference Church	221	975	7	7	4	8	3	34	17	1	.....	85	19	0	.....	120	16	9	10	11	.....	.....	.....	139	17	14
TOTALS, 1949	1984	5881	14	0	2	19	3	952	17	8	.....	321	2	4	.....	1303	1	6	13	2	.....	.....	.....	1470	14	4
TOTALS, 1948	2058	5721	14	0	2	15	7	901	5	7	.....	300	18	0	.....	1294	12	1	12	7	.....	.....	.....	1788	9	3
Increase	-74	159	19	7	3	8	.....	51	12	1	.....	-39	15	8	.....	-3	10	6	7	-326	4	0	.....	-317	14	11

Welsh Mission

Barry	24	70	0	3	2	18	4	14	12	7	.....	5	13	0	.....	20	5	7	17	11	.....	.....	.....	45	17	1
Cardiff	50	176	5	3	3	16	3	35	10	0	.....	7	3	9	.....	42	13	9	16	11	.....	.....	.....	45	17	1
Hereford	7	26	13	3	3	16	2	5	19	4	.....	2	2	6	.....	8	1	10	3	1	.....	.....	.....	8	19	10
Newport	102	262	8	0	2	11	5	40	9	6	.....	12	15	10	.....	57	4	6	11	3	.....	.....	.....	65	10	6
Porth	12	13	4	6	1	2	0	3	13	2	.....	1	1	0	.....	4	4	2	7	0	.....	.....	.....	4	4	8
Rhyl	24	97	5	11	4	1	0	2	14	0	.....	2	15	0	.....	24	9	1	0	5	.....	.....	.....	25	15	6
Shrewsbury	19	99	14	11	4	1	0	8	7	9	.....	1	11	3	.....	29	9	13	11	3	.....	.....	.....	11	1	6
Swansea	42	108	5	6	2	11	7	24	16	10	.....	2	14	6	.....	11	3	1	14	1	.....	.....	.....	43	14	11
COMPANIES																											
Aberdare	15	23	12	2	1	16	4	5	13	3	.....	1	17	0	.....	7	10	3	11	7	.....	.....	.....	9	2	9
Aberavenny	14	52	0	8	1	13	4	5	1	4	.....	2	9	6	.....	7	10	10	10	9	.....	.....	.....	8	18	4
Caerphilly	22	23	0	6	2	7	4	7	12	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	12	5	6	9	.....	.....	.....	8	2	5
Gellifear	17	16	4	0	3	17	11	8	7	3	.....	1	13	6	.....	10	0	9	11	10	.....	.....	.....	12	1	9
Llanelli	5	10	0	0	2	0	0	5	6	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	6	6	1	1	.....	.....	.....	12	1	9
Rhos	8	17	6	3	2	3	3	2	13	6	.....	1	10	0	.....	4	3	6	10	5	.....	.....	.....	4	14	6
Isolated	110	215	10	3	1	19	2	17	10	0	.....	5	2	9	.....	22	12	9	4	1	.....	.....	.....	38	1	9
TOTALS, 1949	469	1261	13	6	2	13	10	202	6	5	.....	48	14	4	.....	256	18	6	10	11	.....	.....	.....	309	6	3
TOTALS, 1948	423	1231	8	2	2	18	3	196	7	1	.....	66	8	9	.....	269	9	3	12	9	.....	.....	.....	348	4	2
Increase	46	30	5	4	.....	5	5	5	19	4	.....	-17	14	5	.....	-5	6	.....	-1	10	.....	.....	.....	-38	17	11

Scottish Mission

Aberdeen	62	132	3	8	2	2	8	19	19	11	18	7	6	17	6	27	16	0	9	0	2	12	6	30	8	6			
Edinburgh	71	297	9	7	4	3	11	51	0	4	23	10	0	23	0	74	10	4	1	0	5	18	6	93	16	10	6		
Glasgow	89	325	16	9	6	13	2	60	16	5	30	0	7	10	0	91	0	0	1	0	5	36	2	6	127	2	6		
Kirkcaldy	4	27	19	1	6	19	10	10	19	6	9	10	0	0	0	20	9	6	5	2	4	18	0	21	7	6			
COMPANIES																													
Dundee	19	49	2	0	2	11	8	17	4	4	17	0	0	0	34	14	4	4	1	16	7	3	10	0	38	4	4		
Stirling	5	4	0	6	2	4	6	5	8	6	4	9	7	0	1	12	5	5	3	3	0	15	0	1	12	5			
Isolated	69	153	5	6	2	4	6	8	8	6	8	13	0	0	18	13	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	8	1		
TOTALS, 1949	319	989	17	1	3	2	1	165	15	8	5	8	2	97	11	10	3	0	0	0	0	62	4	6	331	0	2		
TOTALS, 1948	278	1003	19	5	3	12	3	175	17	0	4	15	6	87	15	3	0	0	0	0	4	120	7	1	388	19	4		
Increase	41	-14	2	4	-10	2	2	-10	1	4	12	8	0	9	16	7	0	0	0	0	-4	6	3	5	-2	6	-57	19	2

Northern Ireland Mission

Belfast	59	511	12	0	8	13	5	75	8	5	4	14	10	23	9	6	8	0	0	111	12	9	1	17	10	23	2	9	134	15	6
COMPANIES																															
Kilmoyle	10	25	3	8	2	10	4	3	16	4	2	10	6	19	0	0	0	0	0	6	6	10	1	2	8	2	6	0	8	12	10
Larne	6	13	4	6	2	4	1	7	16	6	7	6	9	1	2	9	0	0	0	6	16	6	1	2	9	19	0	7	12	6	9
Shankill	19	26	0	0	1	7	4	6	9	0	7	6	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	30	17	6	11	0	8	10	7	39	8	4	4
Isolated	56	111	0	6	1	19	8	6	19	3	21	18	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS, 1949	150	687	0	8	4	11	7	99	8	3	4	14	10	48	17	6	0	0	0	163	0	7	1	1	9	34	18	4	197	18	11

Fire Mission

Dublin	21	233	2	4	11	2	0	34	1	6	1	1	0	10	8	0	0	0	0	45	10	6	2	3	4	14	0	0	59	10	6
Isolated	3	74	10	7	24	16	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS, 1949	24	307	12	11	12	16	4	34	1	6	1	1	0	10	8	0	0	0	0	45	10	6	1	17	11	14	0	0	59	10	6

Union Miscellaneous 1949	87	5	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Union Miscellaneous 1948	641	4	8	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Increase	-553	19	2	0	0	0	0	-1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Grand Totals, 1949	6493	21775	7	5	3	6	11	3265	3	7	113	15	6	1510	13	6	40	0	0	9	4	7	4980	17	11	15	8	1589	14	11	6570	12	10
Grand Totals, 1948	6367	20708	2	0	3	5	1	3165	10	5	97	9	9	1663	0	2	0	0	0	9	4	7	4980	17	11	15	8	1589	14	11	6570	12	10
Increase	126	1007	4	8	1	10	0	99	13	2	16	5	9	-152	6	8	-40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
South England Cont.	3547	12500	3	9	3	10	6	1810	14	1	67	14	2	983	19	6	0	0	0	2931	19	9	16	6	432	7	10	3364	7	7	4	4	
North England Cont.	1984	5881	13	0	2	19	3	932	17	3	28	19	7	321	2	4	0	0	0	1	6	1303	1	1	13	2	167	13	3	1460	14	3	
Welsh Mission	469	1261	13	6	3	2	10	202	6	3	17	9	2	48	14	4	0	0	0	256	18	8	6	6	52	7	2	309	0	2	2	2	
Scottish Mission	319	989	17	1	3	2	1	165	13	8	3	8	2	97	11	10	0	0	0	30	15	8	6	6	62	4	6	337	18	11	4	2	
North Ireland Mission	150	687	0	8	4	11	7	99	8	3	4	14	10	48	17	6	0	0	0	10	0	7	7	4	34	18	4	156	18	11	4	2	
Fire Mission	24	307	12	11	12	16	4	34	1	6	1	1	0	10	8	0	0	0	0	45	10	6	2	3	4	14	0	0	59	10	6	4	2
Union Miscellaneous	87	5	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GRAND TOTALS	6493	21715	7	5	3	6	11	3265	3	7	113	15	6	1510	13	6	40	0	0	79	13	6	4969	6	1	15	4	864	12	8	5833	18	9

With Our Watford J.M.Vs.

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bye to our world Youth Leader, and as the car drove down the drive, and disappeared through the church gates there was many a heartfelt wish for Elder Skinner to visit the Motherland again—very soon.

BERYL A. WILLIAMS.



The Stanborough Park "Ticky Club"

AT Stanborough Park, Sabbath, March 25, 1950, was one of brilliant, warm sunshine, and well before 9:45 a.m. the junior members of our Sabbath-school were assembled in the church ready to take their part in the special "twelfth" Sabbath programme. There was an unusual atmosphere of expectancy and excitement, for the members of the "Ticky Club" were to have a part in the programme.

"Ticky Club!" What is that?—and well you might ask, for we too, had never heard of "tickies" until at the beginning of the quarter our associate superintendent, Brother Henry Coombs told us one of his war-time experiences at a base hospital. "Ticky" was the nickname given to the twelve-sided three-penny piece, and the patients used to save them, so that when a soldier was well enough to be discharged, they had funds in hand for a little farewell party. Brother Coombs thought it would be a fine thing if we saved all our "tickies" until the end of the quarter, and then brought them as an overflow offering on the "twelfth" Sabbath. The suggestion was readily accepted, and the juniors set to work collecting with characteristic enthusiasm. Soon some had quite a number, so it was decided to provide cellophane bags to keep them in, ready for the overflow missions offering.

One of the sisters, hearing that the juniors wanted a special item for the programme, wrote an acrostic poem of nine verses, each representing a letter in the words "Ticky Club." Nine juniors were each given a verse

to learn, and a twelve sided card bearing the appropriate letter to display. As they came onto the platform to give their item, they were led by one of the boys bearing a standard with a large "ticky" beautifully made and mounted. When they had recited their verses and were showing their cards making "Ticky Club," Brother Coombs asked them what would be the result of their special offering, and without a word the effective reply came by reversing the nine cards

Gems From P A K I S T A N

Eight of the juniors, equipped with offering boxes, then collected the "tickies" from the congregation. One senior member had collected 100. Never before had we seen so many "tickies" at one time—1,576 of them—given to gather in living "Gems from Pakistan." It was truly a splendid effort, or shall we say, beginning!

H. BENWELL,
Superintendent.



Investiture at Torquay

SABBATH, February 25th, will long remain in our memories at Torquay, for on that day eight of our young people, after many weeks of study and preparation, entered into a new phase of church life and work for the Master. Two girls, Ruth Campion and Lorna Coles, were invested as Helpers, and Betty Campion, Mary Milton, Sheila Slama, Janet Youlden, Anthony Coles, and John Hearne were invested as Friends. Betty has been "Sharing her Faith" too, for Mary is one of her school friends.

We were happy to welcome Pastor H. T. Johnson, who conducted the investiture and congratulated the children on their good work. They demonstrated their talents to the church members as they recited their memory work in turn and sang of their pledge to keep on "Looking to Jesus." The parents and older members of the church were not forgotten as Pastor Johnson reminded them of their responsibility, that their influence must be such as to help these young

people to grow up in the church.

This investiture was one of the first at Torquay, but it will certainly not be the last, for one of the children expressed the aims of the whole society when she remarked after the service, "Now we can start on the next course."

H. W. SPEAR.



Church Schools Win Friends

TUESDAY afternoon, March 7th, was a truly unique occasion at Wimbledon. For it was then, in the Second Advent Church (kindly lent by the owners) that we held a special Service of Song. The programme, in its entirety, was provided by the children from our church school.

It was a real inspiration to see the church full to overflowing with some seventy people, most of whom were non-members—the parents and friends of many of our church-school scholars.

Four rows at the front of the church were filled by the children, almost forty of them, their bright, expectant faces showing how eager they were to prove their prowess in public by rendering the solos, recitations, and chorus items they had so efficiently learned in school.

Pastor H. T. Johnson, our conference educational secretary, was our chairman for the afternoon. He took the opportunity not only to compliment and encourage the children as they gave their selections, but he also contrived to pass on to the parents present, some idea of our denominational church-school ideals. He had throughout, an attentive and appreciative audience.

A touching feature of the afternoon, was the (as far as we were concerned) quite unexpected presentation of two beautiful bouquets of spring flowers to the teachers, Miss Thomas and Miss Uffindell, from the "non-member" parents. It is gratifying to note that the conscientious endeavours of our teachers are so appreciated by those as yet unconnected with our faith. There is ample evidence that our church-school work in this vicinity is disarm-

ing prejudice, and the quiet Christian efficiency and kindness of our teachers is gaining firm friends for the truth.

One of the concluding items of the programme deserves mention. It was a special presentation to John Lamey in recognition of two years' perfect and prompt attendance at the school. John is not only learning promptitude in school, but also real missionary usefulness outside school. It was mainly through John's acting as a patient and faithful guide that a worthy blind brother in the Wimbledon church was able to obtain well over £20 for "Ingathering" last year.

So our church school is endeavouring quietly to inculcate principles of usefulness to man and faithfulness to God, in the minds of our own, and others' children.

This is perhaps slow, but it is undoubtedly sure, evangelism. It is a patient work for God, the results of which eternity alone will fully reveal. E. COX.

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President's Notes

AFTER a unique experience during training in a hospital, where Brother G. A. Lockton was given Sabbath concessions, even to having lectures moved to another day, he was successful in gaining the S.R.N. degree last June, and also awarded the Gold Medal in the Derby City Hospital examination for the year 1949. The Lord's promise is that "they that honour Me I will honour." We congratulate our brother on his success.

AN exchange of workers has been arranged with the Irish Mission. Pastor John Handysides will take up work in Ulster and Brother A. H. Cowley will take up work in North England.

It is planned for these transfers to take place in the near future.

VERY soon, April 22nd, Ingathering Rally Day will be with us. Let us all pray, plan, and work as before. We can get a good start and quickly finish the task. By God's grace we can again lead the world field. Abundant success to all.

O. M. DORLAND.



Enjoying Missions Extensioning

At the Nottingham church we found the members so full of enthusiasm for the campaign which this year was to help Newbold College, that 675 copies of the Special Spring Double Number of *Present Truth* were ordered. Even our Conference office was closed to enable our staff to go out with the literature on Sunday morning.

Most of the members made their own arrangements for selling the magazines, but a group of nine, six adults and three juniors, went out together, and how we enjoyed it! Two girls sold fifteen each and another twenty, so that between us we sold all we had with us, 230, in two hours, and in one of the poorest districts, too. Everybody enjoyed the experience, even some who previously thought they wouldn't.

One young lady, not yet a member, who had no previous experience of this kind, reached such a pitch of enthusiasm that she found herself knocking at still another door although she had sold her last magazine at the previous call!

You should have heard us, chattering animatedly together, as we wended our way homeward. Even a well-deserved chocolate ice all round failed to cool our ardour.

Such enthusiasm for this glorious literature ministry merits our heartiest approbation and will encourage others, we believe, to launch out in this door-to-door ministry that must be done by many and should be done by most, if not all.

W. C. McLEOD.

Fire Mission

President's Notes

IN recent weeks we have been privileged in Dublin to receive as visitors from the General Conference, Elders W. E. Read and E. E. Cossentine. Elder Read also visited Northern Ireland. The ministry of these brethren was much appreciated by our people. It was good to renew acquaintance with Elder Read again, and Elder Cossentine's description of the post-war sufferings of the German and Polish people, and of the wonderful faith and devotion to the message of the believers in Europe and the Far East will live long in our memories.

Both of these brethren were interested in our Health Institute in Dublin, which they inspected. This "right arm" of ours is gaining us good friends. One satisfied patient described herself as a "walking advertisement" for the service the Institute offers, and a doctor, after examining a patient whom he had sent for treatment for arthritis, was very complimentary.

The influence of our correspondence school for the Irish people is also extending very satisfactorily. The enrolment is now past the 170 mark. Careful visiting among those who have been enrolled for some months reveals that a large percentage are Roman Catholics, many of whom are studying faithfully.

We receive many expressions of gratitude for the help the students are receiving.

One satisfied student writes: "New enlightenment has dawned on me since I began the course, and I am finding the papers most stimulating and instructive." Another says: "I enclose my last two lessons and I have enjoyed, and looked forward in my spare moments to, answering these questions. They have helped me very much, for I do want to live for Jesus." Yet another writes: "I have just finished Lesson 18 of your very interesting course. It has made me realize more fully truths of which

I was not fully aware. It has been a very interesting and enlightening course and I am very glad I did it." Another says: "I have always found it hard to study my Bible, probably because I could not understand it very well. Your lessons are a great help in this respect."

We are satisfied that this experiment in the work in Catholic Ireland has already proved itself. As we enter into the homes, Catholic and Protestant, which seem to be opening up to us, we shall need much grace and wisdom, and abundant power from heaven. May the Lord grant us a rich supply of heavenly resources.

A. J. MUSTARD.

Northern Ireland Mission

President: Pastor A. J. Mustard

President's Notes

ON February 20th the workers of the two Irish missions joined together for a day of prayer, counsel, and study of the work in Ireland. We were privileged to have Pastors E. B. Rudge and J. A. McMillan with us, and their ministry to us was blessed of heaven. We were refreshed and encouraged to press on with the warfare to which Christ has called us. A full report of the meeting has been prepared for the MESSENGER.

The British Union Conference Committee has recently approved the exchange of two of the Northern Ireland workers for workers from other parts of the British Union Conference. Brother A. H. Cowley, who has spent seven years in Ireland, is moving to the North England Conference, and Brother C. W. Knowlson, after six years service in Ireland, is going to Wales. Their places will be taken by Pastor John Handysides from the North England Conference, who will work in the Portadown district, and Pastor John Lewis, who will locate in the Coleraine district. We take this opportunity to pay tribute to the loyal,

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faithful work done by the men and their wives now leaving us, and to extend a warm welcome to the new workers soon to join us. May the Lord grant to us all fruitful service in this earth, and a joyful entrance into His kingdom when the work is done.

A. J. MUSTARD.

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President's Notes

SOME months ago a lady attending our Edinburgh church services fractured her leg when leaving a meeting; and was thereby prevented from enjoying corporate fellowship. As she lived some distance from the church we offered to visit her with the object of continuing Bible studies in her home. She agreed, and promised to bring in some friends. At the appointed time we were amazed to find eight or nine souls present. Each week the number increased, and it was evident the Lord was at work. Truth, with the conviction of the Holy Spirit, was shaping souls anew. The Sabbath lodged its precious significance in hearts, and lives were surrendered to its obedience.

Accordingly, a Sabbath meeting, in this hitherto unentered place, has been urged upon us. We are happy to record the launching of such a service on March 4th. Eight adults and four juniors, full of enthusiasm, rejoiced to worship the Lord on His holy day. After the first service the lady remarked, "I believe God broke my leg to start the Adventist work in Rosyth." Reminding us of the poet's words, "God moves in a mysterious way, His wonders to perform." We thank God for this development, and solicit your prayers for the blessing of God upon the most promising prospect of the work of evangelism in the cities of Scotland.

J. H. BAYLISS.

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President's Notes

PLANS are now being laid for a great Evangelistic drive throughout Wales during the Autumn of 1950. Campaigns in Cardiff, Newport, Swansea, Bargoed, Hereford, Shrewsbury, and Denbigh are in process of preparation. We ask earnestly for the prayers of all our members that this effort on behalf of the message in Wales may be productive of much fruit.

BROTHER and Sister R. Kinnersley who were baptized less than a year ago in Shrewsbury, are planning a new venture. Leaving their hairdressing business in the capable hands of their son they are both commencing in April a tour of the villages of mid-Wales by way of car and caravan. They plan to circulate our literature "like leaves of Autumn," searching for the honest in heart. At week-ends they will return to the church at Shrewsbury. We are assured that the blessing of God will follow these pioneers in Wales of the Canvass Caravan.

WE are glad to be able to welcome to our Welsh Mission, Michael John Lewis, age one week! We all join with Pastor and Mrs. John Lewis in offering thanks and asking God's blessing on their little son.

J. M. HOWARD.

Wedding Bells

FREETH-PARKES. — Many members, relatives, and friends assembled in the Stanborough Park church on Thursday morning, March 2, 1950, when Brother Geoffrey Ronald Freeth and Sister Ivy Eleanor Parkes were united together in holy matrimony. Both these young people are valued members of the Watford Town church. The Freeth family is well known in the field, where the bridegroom's father has spent many years in the evangelistic ministry.

Brother Dennis Archer, the Watford M.V. leader, was best man, and Sister Kathleen Freeth was the chief bridesmaid. The bridal party was further embellished by three other bridesmaids and a diminutive page boy. The bride was given away by her brother.

Both Brother and Sister Freeth are workers in our health food institution. They are anxious that God shall ever be the Master of their newly established home. They can rest assured that our prayers will be with them, so that health and happiness may attend their way as they journey along life's pathway together.

R. D. VINE

Until the Day Break

FRALEY—In the autumn of 1936, Pastor W. Maudsley received into church fellowship here in Wallasey, Sister M. Fraley. For nearly ten years she served the church faithfully as deaconess. Her "motto" was "service." She loved her Lord and Master. She loved her church. Faithfully throughout the years her Ingathering boxes were filled to overflowing. Our hearts were saddened when we were compelled to say "goodbye" to her on February 4, 1950. Up to within

a few weeks of her death she was scattering the literature, having a burden for Birkenhead. Our sister passed away in the Central Hospital, Wallasey, and was laid to rest in her home town of Bristol. The service was conducted by Brother F. Wood. Our hearts go out to her dear husband and Heibert, who are determined to carry on the good work that Mother loved so dearly. We look forward to that day of days when we shall meet again. E. E. CRAVEN

SIGGINS—We regret to announce the death, on February 4, 1950, of Sister Alice Siggins, of the Clapham church, at the advanced age of eighty-eight years. Sister Siggins was baptized in December, 1936, by Pastor C. A. Reeves, and although for the past few years has been confined indoors through failing health, she has maintained a firm interest and confidence in the Advent message. We laid Sister Siggins to rest in the Wandsworth Cemetery in the presence of a number of members and friends. We extend our deep sympathy to her daughter, Sister Rooney. We look forward to the day of glad reunion, when long years of enduring faith will be richly rewarded with the glorious sight of our returning Saviour. E. COX

ROBINSON—A link with the early days of the work in Britain was broken by the death in Manchester, of Sister Ethel Robinson, at the age of seventy-two years, on February 18, 1950. Her mother accepted the truth about 1885 at Grimsby, under the ministry of Elders A. A. John and J. H. Durland. Sister Robinson was baptized in 1896, and was a faithful witness for the Ad-

vent message. She leaves a brother and two sisters to mourn, also many friends. We laid her to rest in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life. Pastor J. E. Bell and Brother E. Butters conducted the funeral service. CHURCH CLERK.

ABERDEIN—Mrs Ann Aberdein, of the Dundee company, passed away on Monday, February 20, 1950, at the age of seventy years. She was a regular attendee at all the services until her health broke down over a year ago; the end came suddenly after admission to the Infirmary. Sister Aberdein accepted the message in 1941 under the labours of the writer, who also conducted the funeral service. Words of comfort were spoken to relatives and friends gathered in the house and at the graveside. She was laid to rest in the Eastern Cemetery, Dundee, there to await the call of the Life-giver. We extend to the bereaved ones our deepest sympathy. D. MORRISON.

RICHARDSON—Brother Henry Richardson passed away on February 21, 1950, at the age of seventy-four years, after a very brief illness. He accepted the Advent message after the death of his wife in 1947, and has been a faithful member, attending the church up to within three days of his death. Our brother's humility and liberality will long be remembered, together with his simple faith. We shall miss him in the Hull church, but will look forward to meeting him again on the glorious morning of the resurrection. There was a large attendance of relatives and friends at the church service, and the interment was at the Northern Cemetery. HAROLD W. McCROW.

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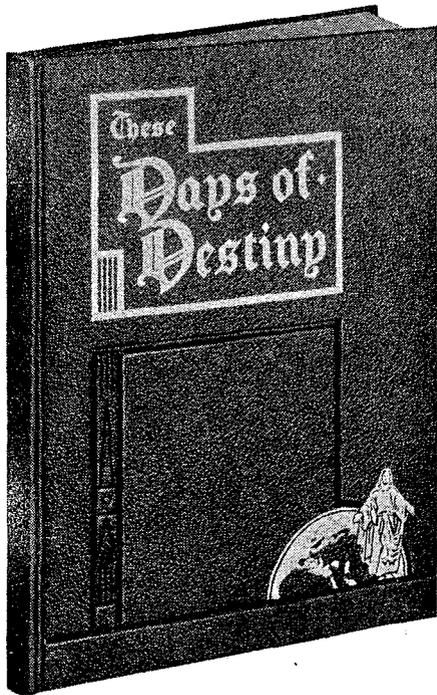
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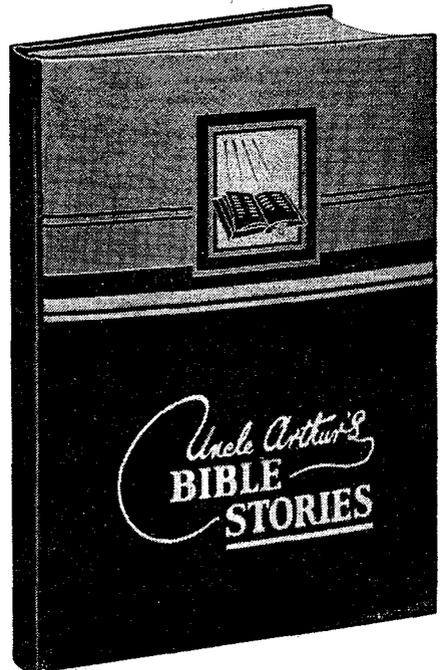
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Health News

Another Step Forward

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A good start has been made, but how different the conditions from a year last January when Van No. 1 went into action. Then almost every store placed an order without hesitation; now every grocer's shop is a battle ground. It takes much longer to effect a decision, one meets greater opposition, but good results are being obtained.

One of the things that has cheered us tremendously, is to hear the comments of our trade friends after they have tried personally the Sunnybisk we are producing to-day. They like the biscuit and the packet, and this is opening the way for good business.

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"*Counsels on Health*," page 551.

H. BENWELL.

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