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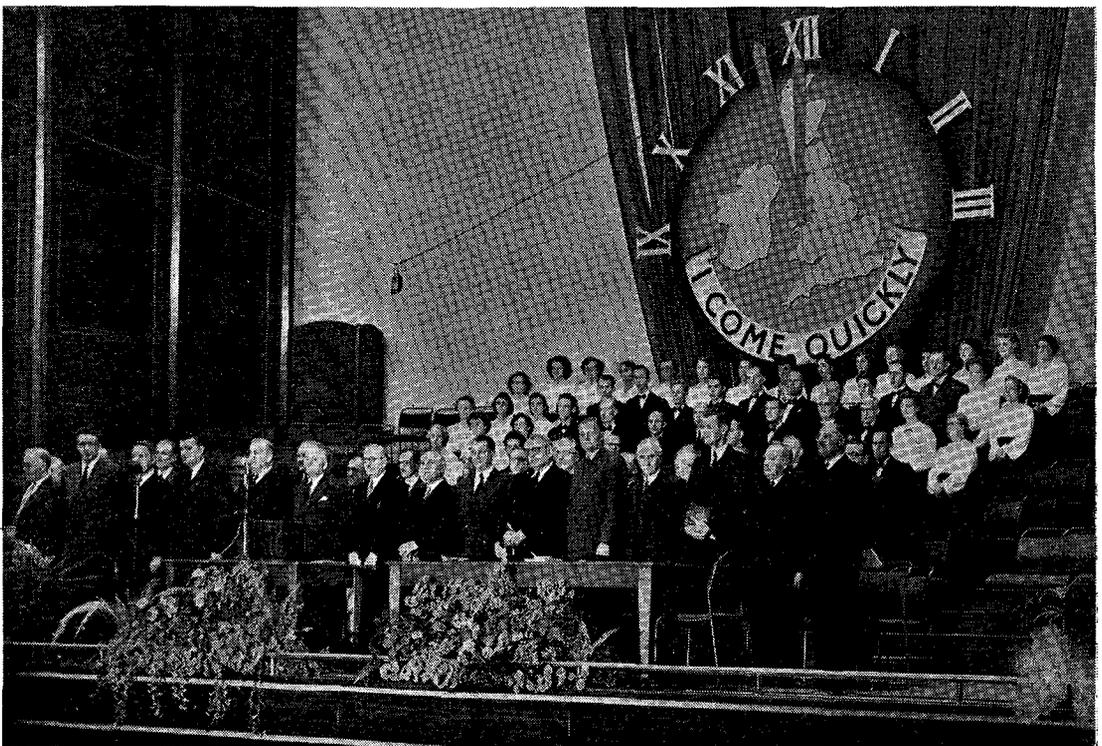
A conference sermon by L. K. DICKSON

(Reported by S. Combridge)

CONVICTION is resting on the hearts and minds of God's people that we cannot advance from this point unless we have a closer relationship with Christ. The tone of the meeting preceding the Conference session was a certain note, as at the General Conference session in America, a total expectancy of all workers, leaders and people alike, shared by many in other lands, that we must have more of God in our lives.

We cannot measure up to the needs of the hour, nor can we move into line with the deeper things of God without the outpouring of God's Spirit in the latter rain.

The urgent call is for all of us to reach the standard of the life of Jesus as He lived it before men. As Peter urges: "For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an



Leaders of the General Conference, the North Atlantic Division, and the British Union Conference at the opening service of the recent Union session at the Town Hall, Watford.

example, that ye should follow His steps." 1 Peter 2:2.

REVIVAL LONG OVERDUE

The world is conscious of an outstanding failure on the part of the Christian world to live the life that was lived by Christ. We must reaffirm our faith in the salvation which will redeem the world. Nothing less than this will finish the work. And this is possible through the unconquerable power of the redeeming blood of Jesus.

We must reaffirm the truthfulness, the certainty, of the power of Jesus Christ as demonstrated before men. Nothing less than the personal reflection of Christ will do. We must *possess* Him, we must *know* Him whom to know is life eternal.

All this is promised to the church triumphant, and Heaven has poured out all that is necessary to accomplish this. God is calling one and all to pledge their loyalty in a true consecration. We can only be loyal to the truth when we are loyal to Jesus.

God has streams of blessings stored up to be poured out upon His consecrated people to finish the work. These streams are already reaching us.

We all agree that we need a spiritual revival. It is indeed long overdue. The church has long been talking about it. It is coming *without question*. We are experiencing the first drops of the latter rain. The fullness of its revival is of the first importance in our lives.

The text I read a few moments ago stated, Jesus left us an example *that we should follow* in His steps. He is the only Example for our lives. He took our place, He died in our stead, and He left



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us an example. We must accept Him as our surety, yes, but we must also accept Him as our example.

ABIDING IN CHRIST

I spoke, when I was last with you, about abiding in Christ. I want to dwell again on this vital subject, for the lack of it is the great weakness in the church, while the experience of it is the theme of the choicest promises of God.

Heaven is open to one who has learned to abide in Christ. Jesus, in His early ministry spoke much of *following Him*, but in the latter part of His ministry His emphasis was upon *abiding in Him*. The disciples also in their letters to the churches took up this theme of abiding in Christ. We accept all blessings through Christ. We have to walk with Him. We have to be like Him. We have to reflect His image fully.

It is a high standard, but He has made it possible through the possession of His power and grace.

We are first to follow in His steps, who His own self bare our sins in His own body upon the tree. We are to die in a spiritual way, first to sin and with it to be dead to self. To be dead means to be without feeling, without consciousness. Self is to be taken right away.

Then we are to take the life of Jesus as our example. And one cannot follow Christ without putting His will into the matter. A man must have a determined will to manifest the Spirit of Christ.

"IN CHRIST" AND "LIKE CHRIST"

The fruit of a life *in* Christ is a life *like* Christ, walking like Christ, living like Christ. We must manifest in our human lives the wonderful power of Jesus, for others must *see* Christ in order to *live* Him.

In laying all our plans, we must think in terms of the life of Jesus. The church is a body marching on, like Christ, before men. When we are wholly and continuously in Him we fulfil His purpose. Activity, plans, resolutions without a demonstration of the Spirit of Christ are futile. We are to see God's people turning into the channels of the life of Christ.

Paul said, "God forbid that *I* should glory." Let us stop here. Paul cried to God, "Take the *I* out of my life." We must ask God to take away the idol before which we have been bowing down to, yes, even in the service of God. "Not *I*, but Christ."

Elevation is to be sought at the cross, not in self-exaltation.

Think of the scholarship of Paul. In this he could no longer glory after Christ had touched his life.

Think of his mental ability. He could not think of himself now as above his fellows on this point.

Think of his illustrious lineage. Friends, Paul turned all his glorying into one direction in suffering as Christ did, in sacrificing as Christ did. He sought nothing for himself. He sought only to benefit others and to glorify Christ.

Think of his ability as a leader. Yet he did not seek leadership. He was raised up by Jesus because the life of Jesus was reflected in Him.

May I once again ask the question, a very vital and necessary one: Is it not often true that lack of

advancement is traceable to a lack of humility? Spiritual giants who have accomplished great things for God humbled themselves.

The parting words of Jesus were: "Even as I have done for you, do it." Jesus did many things besides dying on the cross—with and to His disciples and followers. We are called to such a life, because Christ suffered for us, leaving us an example. Have you, have I, accepted that life as our example?

THE LIFE GOD WANTS

The question is, have we given our lives? rather than, have we shed our blood? It is the life that God wants most. God is calling for a life, a life dead to self, crucified with Christ, and that glories in this crucifixion.

We must be men and women longing for this experience, crucifixion with Christ. We must even be cut down that others might be lifted up and exalted; cut down for Christ's sake, as He was for our sakes.

Jesus gave Himself on the tree that we might be saved. Ours must be a life given constantly like Christ's. We must examine our hearts and lives in terms of this consecration.

Have we accepted Jesus only as our substitute that we may gain forgiveness of sin? Or have we accepted Him as our Example?



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"THE FIRST WORKS"

A conference sermon by E. E. FRANKLIN

(Reported by G. M. Hyde)

I COUNT it a privilege to be with you in this Union Conference session, since I consider myself a son of England, my parents being married near Gloucester and later emigrating to the western United States. I was a lad of eight years when my family accepted the truth. In young manhood I drifted out into the world, but when helping my father on the hay-prairie of his farm, one summer vacation, my life was changed. As I was at my work with the hay-sweep a well-dressed stranger approached me. I waited for him to come up to me and gave him a friendly greeting. He did not respond at all, but pointing his finger at me, he said solemnly: "Young man, you'll have to change your course in life." As I turned away somewhat offended to be so addressed by a stranger, he literally disappeared, though it was a wide, flat stretch of country. I took this experience as a call from God, and was later baptized and entered the colporteur work, in which I have been engaged for thirty-seven years. I believe God has a plan for all our lives.

THE FIRST WORKS

This morning I want to call your attention to Revelation 2:2-5 and to emphasize the phrase, "Repent, and do the first works." What are the first works? The answer is to be found in Matthew 4:23: "And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their

synagogues, and preaching the Gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people." The first works are the works of Jesus. His works were carried on by His faithful apostles and disciples. Think of Philip's ministry among the cities of Samaria. Oh, that we had many "Philip's" to go into these many unentered cities of Britain! Think of the works of the apostle Paul, the former persecutor of Jesus, who responded immediately to the vision on the Damascus road, and, enduring great hardships, proclaimed himself "not ashamed" to declare all the counsels of God. These men are examples of those who have done the "first works."

TIME FOR THE "FIRST WORKS"

"This Gospel of the kingdom," we have been told, "shall be preached in all the world; . . . and then shall the end come." Matt. 24:14. The onward march of the Advent message is indicative of the nearness of the end. This expectation is also confirmed by men of the world. Out of many recent statements I bring you the following:

"Men and brethren, the nations are rushing toward destruction, and the time is short! Yet the churches do not give the impression that they are in deadly earnest about their use of the time that

remains."—*Paul Hutchinson, Editor of the "Christian Century."*

"The world, I say, is in a great quest for truth. Have you got the truth? If not, keep quiet. If you have the truth, then with all due acknowledgment of sin and finitude, tell us what it is, as exactly, as clearly as you can."—*Henry R. Luce, Editor of "Time."*

General Omar Bradley is said to have asserted: "We have too many men of science and too few men of God. . . . We have grasped the mystery of the atom and neglected the Sermon on the Mount."

Mr. Francis Matthews, secretary of the U.S. Navy, has declared: "The setting is perfect for the end of society, perhaps even for the end of human life."

These statements are strongly confirmed in the Spirit of prophecy, and as an example I quote the words:

"We are standing on the threshold of great and solemn events. Prophecies are fulfilling. Strange eventful history is being recorded in the books of heaven."—*"Testimonies," Vol. 6, page 14.*

POWER FOR "FIRST WORKS"

While there is still a great work to be accomplished, the present progress of the message is a sign of the nearness of the advent, and is a foretaste of the power of God available for the finishing of His work. As an illustration that nothing can stay this work, I will relate a recent experience in which I had a part.

In the Dominican Republic, with a ninety to ninety-five per cent Roman Catholic population, we have some 2,000 believers. Finding themselves in need of educational facilities they appealed to the General Conference for financial assistance, but could not at the time be helped. Thereupon our brethren negotiated the sale of an excellent city plot which they owned. The 35,000 dollars obtained enabled them to purchase land and initiate their school some twelve miles out of town. Soon this money was expended and there was yet need for a further 25,000 dollars. The brethren remembered previous favours received from the president of the Republic, and decided to seek for his aid. Together with local leaders I called on the president by appointment, and spoke appreciatively, on behalf of the General Conference, of the kindness he had shown toward our work. Our mission director then spoke of the school, its progress, its ambitions, and its needs, and mentioned the sum of money required.

Imagine our joy when the president, who has resisted pressure to push Adventists out of the Republic, pledged us a personal donation of the 25,000 dollars needed for the full establishment of our school. Subsequently he has made other valued gifts and has shown a consistent interest in the progress of the school. We have a message to give the world, and God's power is awaiting our reception and command.

NOT OUR STRENGTH

God has His own ordained agencies for finishing

the work. We are to "repent, and do the first works, but not in our own strength. Important as are the various departments of God's work, it is supremely important that every one of us should reveal a Christlike character. How are we to do this? God has given us His formula:

"Those who will put on the whole armour of God and devote some time every day to meditation and prayer, and to the study of the Scriptures, will be connected with Heaven, and will have a saving, transforming influence upon those around them."—*"Testimonies," Vol. 5, page 112.*

I cannot emphasize too strongly the need to heed and practise this divine counsel for victorious living. We must put first things first. In our busy lives it is easy to put off our time of personal devotion until the entire day may be gone without any prayer or study of the Word. Jesus instructs us to seek "first the kingdom of God," with the assurance that all the resources of Heaven will then be at our command.

Somehow we must crystallize our resolutions into faithful conduct and a sustained Christian experience. One sure way of retaining the blessings of this session is to go home and carry out the simple formula given above from the Spirit of prophecy. We believe, too, that "if you will find voice and time to pray, God will find time and voice to answer."—*J. B. Glosier in the "Review and Herald."*

This is my desire this morning. What is your response? (A testimony season followed.)

South England Conference

President's Report

1946 - 1949

By W. W. ARMSTRONG

THE years of this quadrennium, 1946-1949, have been years of peace, with falling bombs and black-out things of the past. They have not been normal years, however.

In 1909 the servant of the Lord in a pronouncement at the General Conference said: "Everything will be placed to obstruct the way of the Lord's messengers." This statement has not yet been entirely fulfilled, yet something of its meaning has been experienced in the past four years. We would not take the time to review the factors that have made it very difficult to forward the work of God during this period, but rather would heed the admonition spoken at the same time in these words: "We must look our work squarely in the face and advance as fast as possible in aggressive warfare." This counsel we have tried to follow. While we readily admit our shortcomings in service and love, yet as I shall place the facts of this report before you I am sure all will see the wondrous evidence of blessing in our

midst which has brought growth and development in most places and in practically all directions.

1948 20,062
 1949 17,594

FINANCES

The Lord's tithe received by the conference is as follows:

	£
1946	34,896
1947	39,105
1948	43,014
1949	44,072

The average tithe per member in 1946 was £10 13s. and in 1949, £12. 6s. These figures show a constant faithfulness on the part of our membership, which is also an indication of the spiritual temperature of the church as a whole.

The total offerings given during this quadrennium are shown by these figures:

	£
1946	9,027
1947	8,841
1948	9,098
1949	8,860

The average per member in 1946 was 1s. 1d. and in 1949 1s. per week. I believe the lowered figure is no indication of any lack of interest in missions, but is rather due to the fact that the cost of living has increased more than the increase in salaries. The British believers are strong, missionary-minded people, and always will be, as the Ingathering figures reveal:

	£
1946	14,055
1947	14,465
1948	15,470
1949	16,290

No praise too high can be given to our wonderful members for their willing service, and to the organizers who have made these totals possible.

DEPARTMENTS

I would take this opportunity of reporting another happy fact from the Home Missionary Department. In 1946 there were 962 reporting members whereas last year this figure had risen to 1,500.

Apart from such regular features of our young people's work as camps, which are increasingly evangelical as well as recreational, there have been Youth Leaders' Conventions held which have been a stimulus to service as well as consecration. The Progressive Courses have been signally successful and adopted by most churches. A total of 150 tokens have been issued to those who have passed tests in a variety of subjects.

The progress of that important phase of our work, the literature ministry, is shown by the accompanying figures of cash sales of books, magazines, etc.

	£
1946	15,333
1947	18,574

The drop in sales in 1949 is due somewhat to the fact that some of the best colporteurs were taken out of the conference, but we are glad to report that of the first seven months of 1950 the sales have increased over the corresponding period of 1949 by over £800. The addition of part-time colporteurs and auxiliaries, as shown below, is most encouraging as we face the future:

	Regular Colporteurs	Part-time Colporteurs	Auxiliary Colporteurs
1946	22	26	...
1947	24	18	..
1948	26	39	...
1949	31	15	58

CHURCH SCHOOLS

Our educational work has re-awakened in some respects. The church school which died during the war years is definitely resurrected. Schools have been established in connection with the following churches: Wimbleton, Plymouth, Walthamstow, and Newbold. The enrolments of these schools will be of interest to you:

	Adventist Pupils	Non-Adventist Pupils
Wimbleton	8	28
Plymouth	6	38
Walthamstow	4	20
Newbold	6	12

The influence of our church schools may be shown by a brief report from Pastor G. M. Hyde who writes:

"While fully recognizing that the primary purpose of church schools is the saving and training of our own children, the Plymouth church school has recently demonstrated again its evangelistic possibilities. On July 1, 1950, three members of a family—father, mother, and teen-aged son, were baptized into the Plymouth church as a direct result of the influence of the school (and subsequently the Sabbath-school), upon the seven-year-old daughter in the family. Tribute is due to the school's teachers who fostered the interest and opened Bible studies in the home.

"Three of our own youth, baptized at the close of 1949, had received their earliest training in our church school before it was closed during the war.

"Since the re-opening of the church school, the junior department of the Sabbath-school has quadrupled its membership, attracting about a dozen non-Adventist children from the church school. This development has contributed in no small measure to the highest Sabbath-school offerings on record for the Plymouth Sabbath-school."

CHURCH BUILDINGS

Only twenty-nine churches are housed in buildings owned by ourselves and a number of these are by no means representative. There are still twenty-one churches, apart from companies, worshipping in rented quarters, mostly of an unsatisfactory kind.

Building, and the purchasing of suitable places of worship, has been a major problem since the war, and still is. Nevertheless we are pleased to report that Wood Green has purchased a church building and that negotiations are in progress for obtaining sites or buildings for the Chiswick and Wembley churches. Also after long waiting a licence has been given to rebuild the bombed church at Wimbledon. As the result of the splendid work done by Pastor C. R. Bonney and team, two new churches are in process of being organized in the Bristol and Weston districts.

The difficulties of moving our workers have restricted our evangelical endeavours to "occupied" territory, but by so doing have strengthened existing churches, many of which were weakened by war conditions.

WORKERS

The number of workers employed in the Gospel ministry at the end of 1949 is exactly as it was in 1946, viz., 56. I would quote the statement made by Pastor G. D. King at the time of the 1946 session on this position: "The present staff is woefully inadequate to meet the demands of a progressive programme of evangelism in addition to the 'care of the churches.'" That statement is much more true today, mainly because the growth of the Voice of Prophecy work in our midst brings heavy visitation to our workers, especially in the rural areas.

EVANGELISM

Early in 1947 a plan was formed for the building up of evangelical teams which would work in conjunction with the churches and their pastors in a selected area. We believe this plan has many commendable features and has been a strong factor in the good success that has been seen this past two years. Our objective was to form eight such teams, four in London and four in the provinces but as the number of workers has been static we have not been able to form more than five teams in any one year. This autumn we are concentrating on two large campaigns at Chiswick (London) and Swindon. Later on in this session Pastors Bradley and Bonney who are leading out in these campaigns will be able to speak of their work and plans.

We would remember at this time the good work done by ministers who are not in this conference now and in particular would mention the names of Pastors McGougan, Nicholson, and Bevan.

MEMBERSHIP

Our greatest interest is not in finance, buildings, equipment or in organization, but in souls. We stand or fall before God, as individuals and as a church, as we succeed or otherwise, in winning souls for the Lord of all. The climax of our reporting must centre in the results achieved in bringing new ones into the church as trophies for the Saviour. In this matter we feel happy as we report, but are by no means exultant or satisfied. I am glad to state that a strong evangelical spirit exists in this conference, whether it be viewed in terms of activity in public campaigns or in house-to-house work with our Gospel-filled literature. In this commendation I

would include the fine members we have and the lay preachers as well as the ministers and Bible instructors. It is to the united labours of all, under the blessing of God, that we can report the best inflow of souls for several years, as shown by the following figures:

	Baptism & Vote	Apostasies	Deaths
1946	179	164	48
1947	94	49	57
1948	205	38	78
1949	219	28	75
Totals	697	279	258

In 1946 the membership was 3,263. At the end of 1949 it reached the figure of 3,547. We are glad to report a further addition of 189 souls to the churches so far in this present year. 1947 was a lean year by reason of the fact that the last Union session uprooted a number of men and the delays in moving prevented some campaigns from starting.

It will be noted that the deaths reported equal 37 per cent of the total additions and apostasies equal 40 per cent of that total number. We stop for a moment to honour the names of those who have died "in the Lord" and to remember their service of love. It is still a source of pain and perplexity to realize that for every three souls added we lose one member through apostasy. The Word of God is timely as it admonishes us to "be steadfast, unmovable always abounding in the work of the Lord." It would seem that to be "abounding" in the Lord's service is a definite help to us as believers in being steadfast and unmovable. At the time of the General Conference our new president, Elder W. H. Branson, appealing to all to prepare now for the immediate possession of the Holy Spirit stated that our membership should be doubled this next quadrennium. Cannot this be one of the great objectives settled in our hearts to-day by our entire membership?

In conclusion I would like to express appreciation of the loyal, loving co-operation that we as executives have had from so many sides and I would personally like to express the joy I have had as I have visited the churches year by year, and appreciation of the good counsel given and the united spirit shown on all occasions by the members of the executive committee. Above all, to God be the glory for all that has been accomplished.

Welsh Mission

President's Report 1946 - 1949

By J. M. HOWARD

THE year 1949 closed a memorable quadrennium for the Welsh Mission. It is not easy to tell in twelve brief minutes the story of how God has prospered the work in Wales during the past four years.

Our mission staff consists only of nine full-time workers (including myself) and two part-time workers, and when one considers the very scattered territory of the Mission and the twenty churches and companies that have to be cared for in addition to all other phases of our work, one can only feel deeply grateful for their loyal devotion to the task, and thank God for His abundant blessing.

During the quadrennium 131 souls were added to the church: 75 by baptism, 19 by vote, and 37 by letter. Of this number 66 came in during 1949. Every worker had a baptism in last year's splendid effort. One of our old pioneer Welsh believers writing about this phenomenal achievement said: "Surely, Brother Howard, God has richly blessed the work. This is the greatest record I can remember for Wales in all the forty years of my experience as a Seventh-Day Adventist."

FINANCES

An increase in tithe is generally an indication of a faithful membership. Here in Wales, where we have no big income believers and no possibility of windfalls, the tithe has shown a progressive increase. From 1946, when the figure was £3,789, to 1949, when the sum reached £4,728, we find an increase of almost £1,000 in the annual figure. The total tithe for the four-year period was £17,011, a gain of £2,465 on the previous quadrennium.

Sabbath-school offerings for the four years amounted to £3,309, an increase of £426 on the previous four-year period.

The Ingathering totals are certainly encouraging for so small a field. A few years ago it was thought an amazing achievement for "gallant little Wales" to provide £1,000 annually, but in 1946 the total collected was £2,108. This rose to £2,539 in 1949, an increase of £431. During the quadrennium the total Ingathering for Wales was £9,338. This is almost £2,000 ahead of the previous quadrennium.

The total tithe and offerings for the Welsh field during the four years is £31,234. For the previous quadrennium it was £25,694. This shows a total gain of £5,540 over the preceding period, or an average annual gain of £1,390. We thank God for a faithful and generous membership. We are learning the wisdom of Solomon when he says: "There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty." Prov. 11:24.

THE LITERATURE WORK

The publishing department will doubtless give full details of this phase of the work, but we would like to stress the splendid progress made during this period. In 1946 the sales were £1,814. In 1949 they totalled £3,572, a gain of £1,758. Almost a 100 per cent increase in four years!

VOICE OF PROPHECY

The Voice of Prophecy is new to this quadrennium. This new venture has taken up a considerable portion of our limited time, but it has been well

worth the effort. In the four years, 307 interests have been reported, and fifteen souls have already been baptized.

CARDIFF CHURCH

The greatest source of gratification to all of us is the purchase of the beautiful St. Pauls Congregational church in Cardiff. This has been made possible through the generosity of the General Conference and the British Union and the believers in the Cardiff church and the Welsh Mission.

Our members in this beautiful capital city of Wales have been wandering from one hired hall to another for forty years. No really progressive work could be accomplished in this city of a quarter of a million people, as we had no adequate facilities. It was embarrassing to invite one's friends to the services as the last hall we occupied was a very unrepresentative one at the end of an unprepossessing lane.

In January of last year St. Pauls Congregational church ceased to function as a place of worship and it became available for sale. Such a beautiful building, situated just three hundred yards west of the magnificent Cardiff city centre, was naturally an attraction to many would-be purchasers. In the queue waiting to purchase, among others were the Jews and the theatre people. The latter had more means than we could muster and we feel it is only an overruling providence that procured for us this desirable edifice.

Sabbath, October 14th, will be a memorable day for Wales, as we had set aside that date as a day of thanksgiving and dedication for the new Cardiff church. At that time, Pastor F. S. Jackson, who has worked untiringly through the past three years on behalf of this purchase, will give us the full and thrilling story.

We are planning an evangelistic drive, which, we trust, will result in the salvation of many souls and fill to capacity this well-appointed structure which seats about 500 people. As the lecture hall at the rear of the church was bombed during the war, a new hall has been built and will be admirable as a youth centre, and for the many other functions associated with church life. There is still some renovating to be done and a baptistry to be built. These matters will keep our membership busy for some time to come. The melodious pipe organ will be overhauled and electrically driven by the time of the dedication.

Again we thank the General Conference and the British Union for their generous gifts which greatly helped us in the purchasing of this building, and we would ask your prayers that God's blessing may rest as abundantly on our future efforts for the Cardiff church as we have witnessed it in the past.

NEWPORT YOUTH HALL

By the time this report is read we hope that the first stone of our Newport Youth Hall will have been laid. It will certainly add prestige and distinction to our little church on the Chepstow Road.

CAMP

For the first time in the history of the Welsh Mission we had a camp for our Junior youth last year. A delightful spot was chosen on the Gower Peninsula at Oxwich. Fifty juniors were present and Pastor E. L. Minchin, with his associates, worked hard to make it the outstanding success it was. We thank God for His loving care over our youth.

THE FUTURE

What are our plans for the future? In the Welsh Mission are fifteen counties, five of which have not even *one* isolated member within their boundaries. Cardiganshire has one member. Brecknockshire shares with Cardiganshire this unenviable honour! Radnorshire has four members; so also has Pembrokehire. Carmarthenshire has six. This takes care of two-thirds of our large territory. In ten counties we have sixteen members. The rest of our 480 members are scattered through the counties of Glamorgan, Monmouth, Hereford, Shropshire, and Flint.

Our tiny staff of nine full-time workers will shortly be augmented by a further three. Even so it would be impossible to keep the work going in this Mission without the invaluable and faithful services of our thirteen lay preachers. They have given untiring and devoted attention to the Lord's work during this quadrennium.

As workers together with God we feel that it is not too great a goal to aim for at least a new gain of 100 souls in Wales during the year 1951 and so attain a membership of 600 souls. We hope our goal of 500 members will be realized by the end of this year. God has truly blessed us and we are building up our forces for a combined attack on the three main cities in South Wales this autumn—Cardiff, Swansea, and Newport. We shall not forget Mid and North Wales also. Yes, the old chariot of truth still moves forward here as elsewhere throughout Britain. As workers, we are thankful but unsatisfied. As churchmembers, we are, I think, struggling toward that imperative prize of personal perfection which brings with it a sight of our own unworthiness, a new peace of heart, and the approval of Heaven. We are, too, I trust, learning to let slide the mistakes of the past both in ourselves and in others, and to hide behind the Rock, and become buried in the cleansing ocean of the redeeming love of Jesus.

Scottish Mission

President's Report 1946 - 1949

By J. H. BAYLISS

THE report we bring to you of the happenings in the Scottish Mission during the quadrennium, is an encouraging record of progress under the blessing of God. From time to time the inspired

words have been forced from our lips, "What hath God wrought!"

The post-war work of reconstruction with our resources, both in man power and in policy, initiated at the Union session of 1946, has continued favourably. With the workers happily settled in their locations, a programme of progressive public evangelism was launched in the principal cities, and has steadily gathered momentum; each evangelist supplementing the proven methods of public approach, to some degree, with the auxiliary usefulness of the Voice of Prophecy Correspondence Courses. The resultant produce in actual soul-winning has proved to be the best the Mission has returned for a number of years. In the period under review, no fewer than eighty souls have been received into church fellowship, either by baptism or vote.

Accordingly, our membership figures have leaped forward. In 1946 there were 269 members registered on our church rolls. To-day, allowing for a small loss through decease, transfers to other parts of the Union and overseas, and secessions from the faith, our membership has increased to 332, the highest aggregate reached in the history of the Mission. At the time of preparing this report our thoughts turn to Dundee, where Pastor K. Lacey is conducting a very successful evangelistic campaign. We anticipate, with confidence, a heavy fruitage of souls from this work when the harvest has ripened. It is evident, as we visit the churches, companies, and isolated believers, that a condition of spiritual well-being is enjoyed by the members everywhere. Our believers, in the main, have before them the vision of the Bible standard of Christian life and conduct. And, by the grace of the indwelling Christ, "denying ungodliness and worldly lusts," they "live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ."

Such spirituality is reflected, firstly, in the missionary work done. The Ingathering record is indeed praiseworthy. Here are figures that speak; 1947, £1,149; 1948, £1,308; 1949, £1,475. This year, the highest aggregate ever reached, namely £1,639, will present its strong challenge to the faithful in May, 1951. In addition, our members have distributed our magazines and periodicals, canvassed for Voice of Prophecy enrollees and have generally assisted the evangelists.

Secondly, in tithes and offerings, for missions overseas and at home, a progressive increase is also witnessed. The treasurer, in rendering his report will, however, place before the delegation the details for the quadrennial period. These evidences, you will surely agree, are tokens of the Christlike spirit of magnanimity, service, and sacrifice.

This magnificent achievement has been made possible through the inspiration and consecrated labours of Brethren Brash, Lacey, McGougan, Musgrave, Timothy, Baildam, Dabson, Hall, Mahon, and Abbott; and our Bible Instructors, Miss Cowan, Mrs. Heywood, Miss Baird, Mrs. Timothy, and Mrs. Musgrave. The convening of a workers' meeting periodically, has contributed largely to the fine spirit of brotherly concord in

Christ, which our worker force enjoys. Our lay preachers, too, must receive credit for their share. Faithfully have Brethren Roe, Bolam, Barr, Pedlar, Sister Archibald, and others imparted spiritual blessings to the churches and companies in particular. Appreciative letters have come to hand and oral compliments have been paid by those who have thus profited by laymen labours. Further, the sound counsel of my colleagues in Advisory committee, has made the construction of this progressive achievement eminently possible.

Turning to colporteur evangelism, we have another heartening development. The Union plan of providing the Mission with a publishing secretary, commissioned two years ago, has proved an abundant success. Under the untiring, consecrated labours of Brother Roe, regular and auxiliary colporteurs have been recruited everywhere in Scotland. Subscription books, as well as our small magazines are being placed in thousands of homes, and must of necessity accomplish their appointed purpose for God. Sales have naturally mounted. In some places the colporteur is co-ordinating his work with that of the evangelist, in harmony with the counsel of the Spirit of prophecy. We have evidence of at least one soul accepting the message by these combined efforts. While we consider colportage, it should be mentioned that students of Newbold Missionary College have been successful in securing either full or part scholarships in Scottish territory during their vacations in the past two years. Encouraged by this result, this summer has attracted a further eleven, who are making an attempt to surpass the exploits of their predecessors.

Scottish youth have experienced a revival! Thanks for this are due to the inspiration and influence of the Union Youth Congress in 1948, at which we were well represented. The fires thus kindled have warmed our church life, and the glow has radiated into active missionary zeal in sharing their faith with those "not of this fold." In addition to assisting the evangelists in advertising their meetings, singing and witnessing, the youth have engaged in distributing literature, visiting the sick, the interested, the needy, and those in prison. Local and joint church rallies have been held, under the able direction of our Union youth leader, Pastor E. L. Minchin. The latest of the Missionary Volunteer activities was the Easter Youth Camp, held in the beautiful environment of the Loch Lomond Youth Hostel. For two successive Easters young people, from all parts of England and Scotland, have enjoyed the most thrilling experience of their lives. A fresh page has thus been published in our denominational history, and we expect further similar chapters will be written while our Lord tarries.

Our denominational health work, which we understand to be "the right hand of the message," has taken root in the Mission. The spacious accommodation attached to our Edinburgh church has, through the vision of the board of directors of Granose Foods Ltd., been transformed into a first-class Health Food Shop and Vegetarian Cafeteria, of which we can be justly proud. These units are unique to our work in the British Isles; and, while, under able management and a hard working

staff, they serve a health-minded cross-section of the community, their soul-winning usefulness cannot be ignored. Denominational literature, along health and spiritual lines, dispersed in an orderly arrangement about the dining room is freely read by the patrons, the influence of which only eternity will reveal; and a few persons, too, are regularly attending our public services.

As we humbly bring you this catalogue of achievement, it is with a deep consciousness that, without the power, wisdom, and blessing of God, little would have been accomplished. To Him we give all the praise and glory.

Happy as we are with this record of service and sacrifice, our spirits are bewildered by the challenging vision of five million souls in scores of cities, towns, villages, and hamlets, in the plains, in the highlands, and in the islands within our territory, who have not so much as heard God's voice through His remnant church, calling them to "come out." Humanly speaking the task is hopeless. But, superintending His own church is the Almighty Christ, seeking a much larger control of our resources, our lives, our thinking, our planning, and our service. The assurance, if we individually and collectively respond to His appeal of love, is: "He which hath begun a good work in you [and among you] will finish it." And we can take confidence in the touchstone: "Ebenezer. . . . Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." The outcome is clear—Victory in Christ! Conquest in Christ! Triumph in Christ!

Irish Missions

President's Report

1946 - 1949

By A. J. MUSTARD

IRELAND is perhaps the most challenging field in the British Union. For more than half a century our faithful and capable workers and members have laboured to convert "the rebellious Irish" to the Advent faith.

We cannot lay claim to any sensational success. At this moment we have only 190 members in all Ireland, 160 of whom are found in six north-east counties which form part of the United Kingdom, and 30 are in the newly-formed Irish Republic. The paucity of results achieved to date is perhaps more clearly seen when we remember that all but four of the membership in the Republic reside in the Dublin area. The whole of the middle and west of Ireland has not a single baptized representative of the Advent message. In all the country we have but two organized churches, in Belfast and Dublin, and one fully organized company also in Belfast. These facts are a challenge to us and should stir us as a people to seek for wisdom and power to change this situation.

These figures are not a reflection upon the workers who have given of their best to Ireland through the years. There are no more devoted, loyal, and

hard-working servants of the cause in all the British Union than those who now serve with me in Ireland. They feel as keenly as any of you the disappointment and the challenge of this beautiful yet needy land. How shall we explain the situation without merely offering excuses?

The people of Ireland are intensely religious. In the North, Protestantism is dominant, but it is a type of Protestantism which is almost unique to-day. It is hard, militant, bigoted, and unlovely. It hates Roman Catholicism with intense fervour, and Seventh-Day Adventism just a little bit more. Our evangelists have great difficulty in obtaining the use of the few public halls that are available. Pastor W. G. Nicholson has spent three frustrated years in Belfast, trying to do representative evangelism in halls which are anything but representative. Brother A. H. Cowley was turned out of the only hall he could use in Coleraine, and I was ejected from the only hall we could find in Bangor. Brother C. W. Knowlson in Portadown, after moving from the Town Hall, was forced to continue his work in a mean and dingy room in depressing surroundings. What can we do to remedy this situation?

We have only one church building in Northern Ireland—in Belfast. It was acquired over forty years ago, and I am told that for about half of that time my predecessors in office and the membership have been trying to move to something more representative of our message, and more in keeping with our evangelistic needs. Since 1946 many efforts have been made to solve the problem, so far without success. This is the most urgent material need in Belfast. Brother Cowley's experience in Coleraine led us into seeking a solution of the hall problem by erecting a portable tabernacle. A piece of land was leased at a nominal figure, an American Nissen hut was bought, and to-day we have a fine little hall in Coleraine, seating fifty to sixty people, much better suited to our needs than any of the halls we have previously used. The cost of purchasing and erection was borne entirely by the Mission. We intend to repeat the experiment in the Portadown area as soon as a site is found. We hope that this approach to the hall problem will be a stimulus to the work of evangelism, and also give some degree of permanence to our work in these country towns.

Financially, Ireland is able to present a good report. Its tithe has risen from £1,817 in 1946 to £2,642 in 1949. Its total offerings to missions in 1946 amounted to £444 and 1949 to £528. Ireland's ingathering effort from year to year leaves us with no cause for shame. In 1947 we collected £958; in 1948, £1,033; in 1949, £1,127; and in 1950, £1,251. We understand that Ireland has the highest ingathering per capita of any organized field in the world; and as we are not permitted to collect in the Republic, these figures represent the earnest labours of the Northern Ireland members. There is no doubt that the members work very hard every year to achieve their goals, and the Lord rewards their diligence.

One of Ireland's great needs is a larger band of colporteurs. We are happy indeed to report that there are evidences that this need is gradually being

met. The coming of Brethren H. D. Howard and F. Male to Ireland has been a great blessing to us, and we hope that more regular colporteurs will be attracted to Ireland as a result of the inspiring example set by these men. Together with Colporteurs Reeve and Wilson, they have exploded the myth, which had somehow been believed in recent years, that books cannot be sold in Ireland. This year, too, we have been delighted to welcome seven scholarship students to Ireland. They have done excellently. One young lady, who is one of our own Irish girls, has had extraordinary success and earned a full scholarship in the first few weeks. She prayed hard, worked hard, talked hard, and God did the rest.

An important change in the organization of the work in Ireland was made two years ago. The old Irish Mission disappeared, and the Northern Ireland and Eire Missions took its place. They conform to the political division of the country. I think it is commonly believed that Southern Ireland is the most difficult field in the British Union for the Adventist worker. Its population is ninety-three per cent Roman Catholic. The faithfulness of the Irish Catholic to his church is of the most devoted kind. The grip of the priest upon the people, especially in the country districts, is crippling. Time will permit me to dilate upon this subject here.

We owe much to Pastor E. B. Rudge and Elders L. K. Dickson and W. H. Williams of the General Conference for the developments which are taking place in our work in the Republic of Ireland, and wish to acknowledge with gratitude the generosity of the General Conference Committee and of the British Union Committee in making possible the work which is now being attempted.

Doubtless you will all have read of the opening of the Ranelagh Health Institute in Dublin less than a year ago. It is a very fine institution, the only denominationally-owned one of its kind in the British Union. One General Conference visitor was kind enough to tell us that he had not seen a better one in the denomination anywhere in the world. We are greatly blessed in having a very fine missionary couple from the United States to care for the work of the Institute. Brother and Sister Howard E. Nix try to bring the atmosphere of heaven into their work, and results have been very gratifying. They do real medical missionary work. Fifty patients have received over 400 treatments since the opening of the institution last October. We have been delighted to find that even Roman Catholic patients respond gratefully to the suggestion that the aid of the heavenly Physician should be sought before treatment begins. Plans are now completed for the erection of a good-sized lecture hall and welfare clinic in the grounds of the Institute. Work will soon begin on the preparation of a Health Correspondence Course, for it is our hope and intention to make the fullest possible use of the health message, which, we are told, is the "right hand of the Gospel." The Lord has told us:

"Medical missionary work is the right hand of the Gospel. It is necessary to the advancement of the cause of God. As through it men and women are led to see the importance of right habits of living, the saving power of the truth will be made known. Every

city is to be entered by workers trained to do medical missionary work. As the right hand of the third angel's message, God's methods of treating disease will open doors for the entrance of present truth. Health literature must be circulated in many lands. Our physicians in Europe and other countries should awake to the necessity of having health works prepared by men who are on the ground and who can meet the people where they are with the most essential instruction."—*Counsels on Health*, pages 219, 220.

It should be stated that a private company, called the Irish Good Health Association, has been formed, to hold the properties of the denomination in the Republic of Ireland.

With the re-organization of the work in Ireland two years ago, it was decided to try the Bible Correspondence School idea there. Pastor J. A. McMillan co-operated in the launching of this plan, and we are grateful for his experienced help. The Christian Culture Correspondence School opened just over a year ago. It uses only Roman Catholic versions of the Scriptures. Its approach to the problem of teaching the Advent message to the Roman Catholic people of Ireland is careful and gradual. I estimate it will take about two years for any individual to complete the course of lessons we hope to offer. Two courses of Bible study, the Premier and the Intermediate, are already finished. Between them they contain thirty-eight lessons. The Advanced Course will have about twenty-four lessons, and it is hoped to add a fourth course of study in the books of Daniel and the Revelation.

To date over 300 have enrolled as students. Our opportunities to advertise are small, being confined as yet to occasional newspaper advertisements and literature distribution in Dublin by our church-members. If more funds had been available the enrolment to-day could have been 500. Our present list of interested people is probably the largest we have ever had in Southern Ireland.

It is still too early to say precisely what the results are likely to be. A careful analysis of our present information leads us to believe that fifty per cent of our enrollees are Roman Catholics. Many of them are now being visited. In this work great caution is exercised, lest we should unnecessarily arouse opposition and spoil the work. Sixty-eight students have completed the first course and about half of these are working on the Intermediate Course, which brings them face to face with the Sabbath truth. We know of three students who are now keeping the Sabbath as a direct result of their study; two of them in beautiful Connemara, where hitherto the message has had no representative. Among our students are two priests and a Methodist minister. Through the lessons a very friendly contact has been made with a Church of Ireland rector.

There is great need of more literature. This will be prepared as time and strength permit. But our greatest need in all Ireland is for an outpouring of God's Holy Spirit upon our workers, our membership, and the people for whom we are called to work. For that power we should constantly pray,

earnestly seeking to prepare ourselves for the reception of the Comforter. We are fortified by the assurance given in *Prophets and Kings*, page 189:

"In the Catholic lands of Europe . . . God has in reserve a firmament of chosen ones that will yet shine forth amidst the darkness, revealing clearly to an apostate world the transforming power of obedience to His law. Even now they are appearing in every nation, among every tongue and people; and in the hour of deepest apostasy, when Satan's supreme effort is made to cause 'all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond,' to receive, under penalty of death, the sign of allegiance to a false rest-day, these faithful ones, 'blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke,' will 'shine as lights in the world' The darker the night, the more brilliantly will they shine."

The challenge of the Emerald Isle is great and pressing. Who will respond to it? Ireland needs experienced workers. The call is for men and women, "full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom." God send us such workers.

A Resolution on GRATITUDE AND THANKSGIVING

PROFOUNDLY grateful to our heavenly Father for His manifold blessings and protecting mercies since last we assembled at a Union Conference, we humbly offer our thanksgiving to Him and praise His wondrous name.

The last four years have been marked by uncertainty and insecurity for the world, but God has been the hope and refuge of His believing people. Despite the tension and conflict in many lands, and the fact that some missionaries have had to be evacuated from certain countries, the organization and work of the church in these areas hold firm and go forward to greater conquests for the cross of Christ. Through all these experiences our missionaries have been protected, and in days of darkness the everlasting arms of God have been their strength and support.

We rejoice in the unity and loyalty of the church and its willingness to serve and to sacrifice. Thousands of hungry, destitute members have received gifts of food and clothing from fellow-believers in more favoured lands, and for these ties that bind our hearts in the love of Christ, we give thanks.

Truly, our God has been the shield and the light of His people. We bow before Him with contrite hearts; we rejoice in the privilege of re-dedicating our lives, our strength, and our possessions to the finishing of the task given to the church. Thanks be to God for His goodness to men!



The smart fleet of modern vans now operated by Granose Foods Ltd.

Granose Foods Limited

REPORT COVERING 1946 - 1949

IN this report is revealed the truth of a statement on page 434 of *Counsels on Health* where, referring to the health work, the servant of the Lord says: "The Lord has shown His regard for it by giving it abundant prosperity." When making comparisons to-day people frequently refer to "what we did before the war" as the acme of achievement. This is quite a natural attitude to take, for progress and development up to that time was normal and comparatively untrammelled. Times were good then!

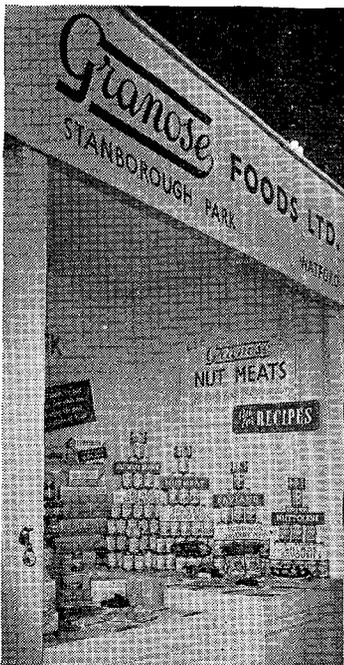
Presented at the British Union Conference Session

It will therefore be interesting to the delegates at this Conference to compare the achievements of the health food work during the four years before the war, 1936-1939, and the last four-year period since the war, 1946-1949.

STAFF

The health food work provides an avenue of employment for many Sabbath-keepers who might otherwise have difficulty in securing regular employment on account of keeping the Sabbath.

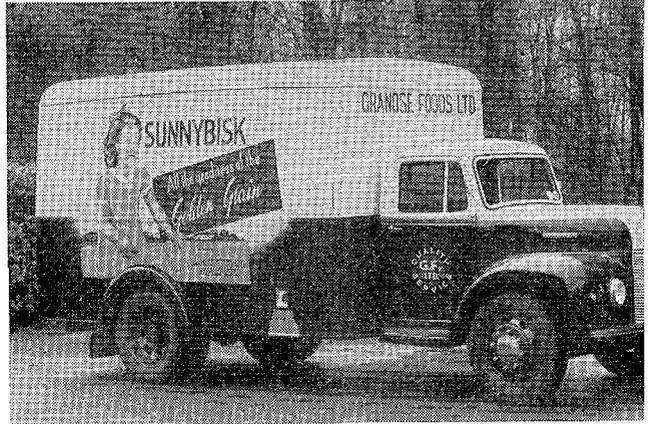
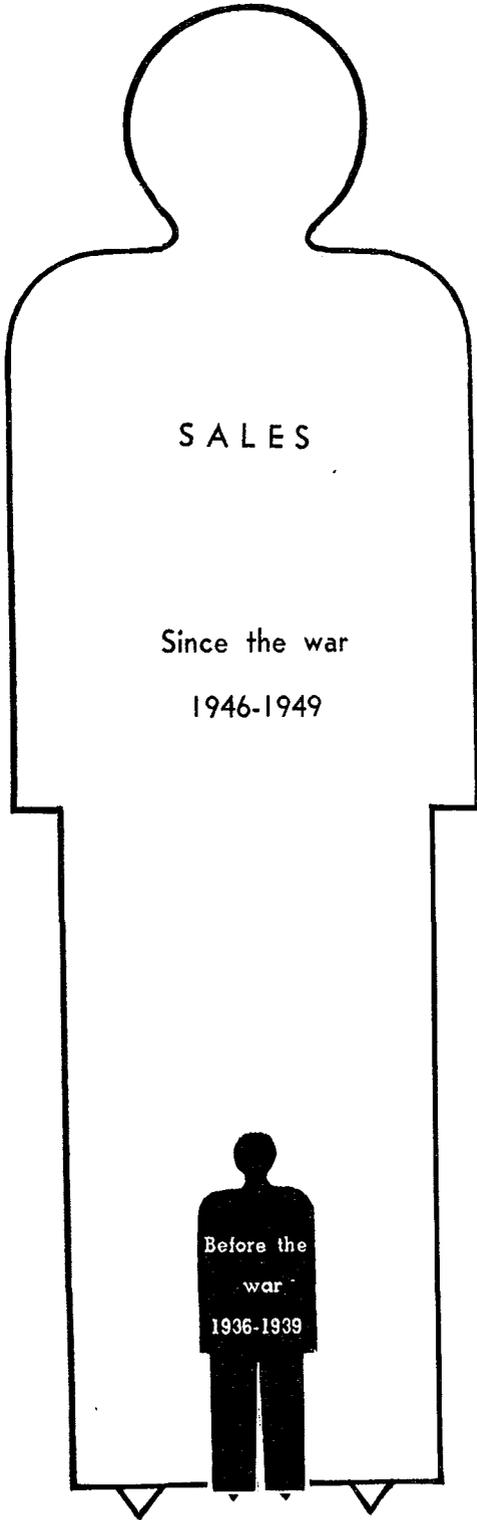
In the four-year period before the war the highest number of staff employed was thirty-seven, while in



Left.— Granose Display at Town Hall, Ideal Homes Exhibition.

Below.—Granose Food Factory, Stanborough Park, with the fleet of vans outside.





A recent addition to the Granose fleet of vans.

the four-year period since the war the total reached 100, an increase of 170 per cent.

1936-1939

1946-1949

SALES

Sales during the four years before the war totalled £93,488. During the four years since the war sales were £377,777, representing an increase of 304 per cent.

PRODUCTION

Figures reveal a total of 978 tons for 1936-1939, and a total of 3,428 tons for 1946-1949, representing an increase of 251 per cent.

Expressed in unit packages, the production for the four-year period since the war totals 7,858,914 units.

A reminder of the early days. One of the first Granose delivery vans.



PROFITS

A sum of £3,092 represents the earnings of the business during the four years before the war, while £41,780 is the profit figures for the period since the war, a percentage increase of 1,251 per cent.

Taxation over which we have no control takes approximately half of our earnings.

THE HIGHEST PEAK

The highest peak of achievement in production, sales, and profits was the year 1947, when sales were 279 per cent higher than the highest year before the war, while profits were 949 per cent greater.

Honour and credit should be unstintingly given to those who pioneered and developed the health food work in the years before the war, some of whom now rest from their labours.

Those who carried the burden during the war years also deserve recognition for their loyal and faithful service under the most trying conditions.

And the staff who have so loyally and willingly co-operated during the post-war years until now are due for a word of appreciation, for it is the men and women who make and pack and distribute the foods, that, with the added blessing of the Lord, make these results possible.

DEVELOPMENTS AND IMPROVEMENTS

Among the many improvements effected during the four-year period ending December 31, 1949, should be mentioned:

The adoption of a higher wage scale for the staff. Better conditions and shorter working hours.

Interior and exterior re-decoration of the factory premises, introducing lightness and brightness.

The introduction of new, colourful designs for all cartons, labels, and containers, thereby placing our goods in the forefront of competition for attractiveness and display.

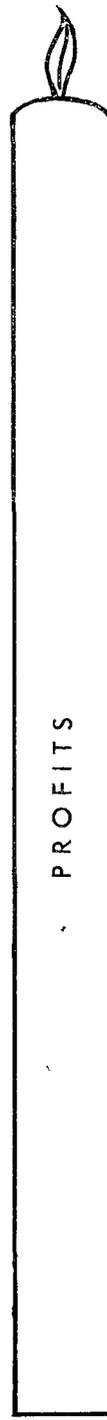
The adoption of a Direct Delivery Service to the trade, whereby our foods have been introduced to almost every shop in certain local areas within a radius of fifteen miles of the factory.

The addition of three motor vans colourfully and attractively decorated with advertising designs that attract attention and favourable comment, and which advertise the company and its foods wherever the vans travel.

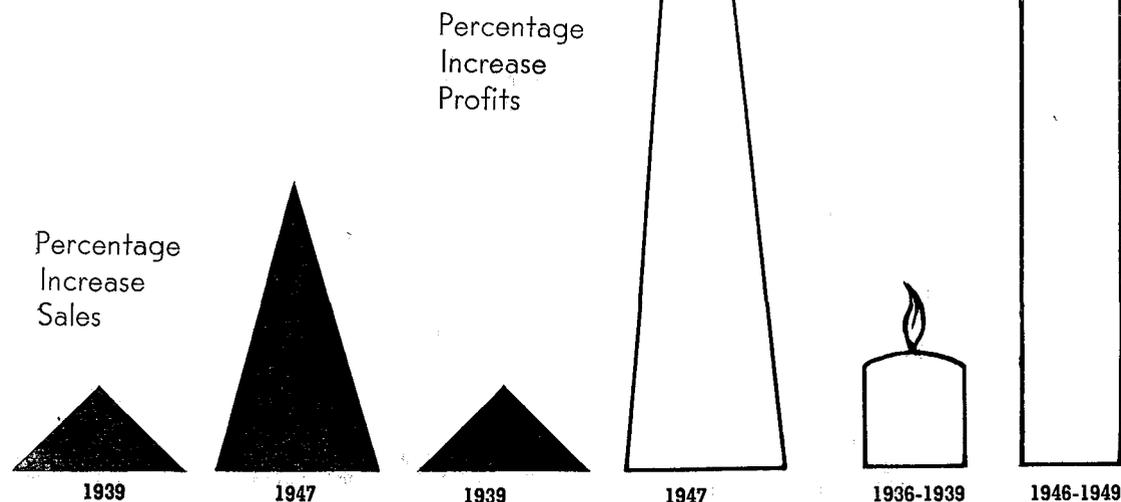
The provision of a revised scale of trade discounts and quantity terms applicable to all traders.

A complete overhaul of the whole of the electrical installation in the factory.

The return of the steam condensate to the boiler.



Percentage comparison of profits before the war and since the war.



The installation of the following items of plant: New clock and time recording system, labelling machine, wax wrapping machine, new peanut butter plant, including roaster, cooler, blancher, picking band, grinder, and filler, new power mincer, additional packing table, waxwrapping table, goods chute, motor garage, new roof over bulk store, additional office machines.

Many improvements have been made to the plant, and stainless steel has replaced ferrous metals to great advantage.

Repairs and maintenance to buildings and plant have been continuous.

EDINBURGH SHOP

Our first health food shop in the British Isles was opened in Edinburgh in February, 1948, and has proved a successful venture and a centre of influence for the message. It has also been a successful venture financially.

EDINBURGH CAFETERIA

Our first vegetarian cafeteria in the British Isles was opened and dedicated in Edinburgh on October 26, 1948, and has been a success from the start. Patrons take a great interest in the literature provided for their perusal, and many read the truth-filled papers regularly. Since it opened 111,540 meals have been served.

HEALTH TALKS

In conjunction with the cafeteria work in Edinburgh several series of health talks on our health message have been given by Dr. G. M. Brown. A very fine class of interested people attended and expressed sincere appreciation for the help received.

FOOD DEMONSTRATIONS

Wherever the ministry have sought our co-operation in presenting the health message, we have willingly responded, and at the invitation of evangelists conducting missions, demonstrations were conducted at Hastings and Norwich twice, and at Croydon, Lewisham, Maidenhead, Birmingham, and in the Holloway and Watford Town churches. Our products have been featured at the North England and South England Conference sessions. A display of our products was exhibited in the Watford Town Hall recently at the Watford Ideal Home and Trades Exhibition.

ANNEXE CAFETERIA

At the request of the British Union Conference Committee our second vegetarian cafeteria was opened at the end of 1949 on Stanborough Park in the building known as the "Annexe." It is a service unit designed to cater for the secondary school children, the institutional staffs, and the community generally. Since it opened 19,189 meals have been served.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

Within a month or two "Cereal Cup" should be on the market. A "vegetable extract" should make an

appearance before the close of 1950. "Gluten steaks" will be the next line to be produced, and it is hoped to introduce this line during 1951.

The duplication of our Flake Biscuit plant is a matter for early consideration. Another mill, a second autopress, a new oven, and space to instal them is all that is needed.

Our greatest need is for more workers—consecrated young ladies as packers in the factory, cooks and helpers for our cafeterias. At the present time the membership of the denomination is apparently unable to supply the workers needed, and until we are able to find additional suitable workers, progression in the way of opening further units or expansion of existing plants will be retarded.

Let us pray the Lord of the harvest that He will put it into the hearts of our young people to give themselves to God for service in His cause.

In Mrs. E. G. White's special messages concerning the health food work we find that "those who are engaged in the work of preparing health foods are just as much in the service of God as if they were in the dentistry business or in the medical missionary work. As you help to prepare health foods you are doing God's service."

The health food work is said to be "God's gift to His people" and "that the profits are to be used for the good of suffering humanity everywhere." As the work continues to grow greater benefits should accrue. The tithes from the earnings of the business, together with the tithes given voluntarily by our workers, find their way into the conference treasury to be devoted to the support of the Gospel ministry and other features of denominational activity.

Members of our staff find pleasure, and an outlet for their talents, in assisting in the campaigns of the church and in its various functions. A census reveals that twenty-nine are office bearers including one missionary licentiate, four lay preachers, an elder, two treasurers, two Sabbath-school superintendents, an organist, eight deacons, seven Sabbath-school teachers, two deaconesses, a home missionary secretary, a church clerk, and several young people in J.M.V. offices, and three "Voice of Prophecy Singers," the "fourth" being an ex-employee.

1950

1950 has thus far proved to be a very difficult year, and many in a position to know have stated that in certain respects conditions during the past four years were worse than the war years. Industrial and economic disturbances have been frequent with very serious effects to business generally. What lies ahead no one knows, but our confidence is placed in the One who has the future in His hands and who has declared that this work must advance. "We are to co-operate with the One who knows no failure," and we are assured that "when we give ourselves wholly to God, and in our work follow His directions, He makes Himself responsible for its accomplishment."—*"Christ's Object Lessons,"* page 313.

Calling the Advent People to Concerted Action in the Finishing of the Work

THE hour is late. World conditions testify that the close of probation looms ahead. Multitudes have perished without the saving knowledge of the Gospel, and additional millions will not hear God's last message of mercy unless the remnant church in concerted action quickly lightens the earth.

It is made clear to us by the Lord's messenger that if the Advent people fulfil certain conditions they will arrest the attention of a world plunging blindly on to doom. We read: "If Christians were to act in concert, moving forward as one, under the direction of one Power, for the accomplishment of one purpose, they would move the world"—*Testimonies*, Vol. 9, page 221.

To us it is clear that the "one Power" is the Holy Spirit. "The accomplishment of one purpose" can mean nothing less than the finishing of God's work on earth. To "act in concert, and move forward as one" is a clarion call to all God's workers. This call challenges conference and mission administrators, evangelists, pastors, departmental secretaries, Bible instructors, medical workers, teachers, colporteurs, institutional workers, adult churchmembers, youth and children everywhere to mobilize and co-ordinate *now* their resources, talents, and efforts in a concerted, unparallelled, and world-wide evangelistic campaign. To our supreme objective we subordinate every other interest.

In view of the lateness of the hour, and this call from Heaven for united and co-ordinated action under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, and recognizing that the outpouring of the latter rain cannot be given in its fullness until all sin is put away,

We Recommend.—1. That plans be laid for revival efforts of one week or ten days' duration to be held for each church, institution, and school in the Union as soon as possible after this session, and further, that the Sabbath services, the prayer meetings, workers' meetings, the Week of Prayer, and the Missionary Volunteer Week be recognized as appropriate seasons for these special revival services.

a. That the purpose of these meetings be to call our ministry and our people to a complete renunciation of sin and a full reconsecration of our hearts and lives to God.

b. That in order to reach all our churches as quickly as possible, Union, institutional, and local administrators personally take the lead in preaching and visiting; and also arrange for the ministry, departmental secretaries, office workers, and capable laymen to join in this revival.

c. That the burden of instruction given at these meetings be:

1. Confessing and forsaking all sin.
2. Walking in the full light of all revealed truth.
3. Maintaining victory over sin's power through Jesus Christ.
4. Receiving the Holy Spirit by faith.
5. Rejoicing in the peace and power of fellowship with Jesus.

6. Dedicating our all *now*, that God may finish His work through us.

2. That we unitedly work toward the objective of doubling our membership during the forthcoming quadrennium.

a. That in the large cities of the Union, evangelistic teams conduct representative evangelistic campaigns.

b. That district leaders and ministers conduct evangelistic campaigns throughout the area assigned as their field of labour.

c. That capable laymen be called upon to unite their efforts with the ministers and church officers in these evangelistic endeavours.

d. That our churches be helped to recognize that the minister's urgent task is the gathering in of the lost, and that church officers assume greater responsibility in the effective operation of the church, and further that trained laymen be directed in neighbourhood evangelism.

e. That special efforts be made to reach the unentered and unworked sections of all our fields, and that these endeavours, wherever possible, be preceded by well-planned correspondence course campaigns, young people's "Share Your Faith" activities, literature distribution, home visitation, branch Sabbath-schools, colporteur evangelism, health evangelism, and the holding of outdoor meetings.

f. That the Union, local conference, and mission field committees take the lead in planning their budgets so as to provide adequate operating funds for this greater programme of evangelism.

3. That the various departments—Ministerial, Home Missionary, Sabbath-school, Missionary Volunteer, Medical, Educational, Publishing, Temperance, Radio, Religious Liberty, and Press Bureau—along with schools, sanitarium, food factory, and publishing house, give special study to synchronizing their efforts, products, literature, and equipment to this united soul-winning advance.

That we appeal to our people to speed this forward evangelistic move by a faithful stewardship of the means which God has placed in their hands, and that our ministers educate our people in the payment of an accurate tithe, and counsel them to sell their surplus property and to prepare their wills and legacies so that now God's cause may have ample means to implement this world-wide soul-winning programme.

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