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Make This the Best Year.

ANOTHER year has nearly passed, and its record has been unerringly traced by angel hands. Have we been unfaithful in the discharge of the grave responsibilities placed upon us in being made the depositories of light and truth for this time? Have we done less than we shall wish we had done when we meet the record in the judgment? A little time is still ours in which we may buy up lost opportunities.

May this year close with the best record in the distribution of our publications that we have ever made. "Many who will not listen to the truth presented by the living preacher will peruse a tract or a paper; many things they read meet their ideas exactly, and they become interested to read all it contains. Impressions are thus made on their minds which they cannot readily forget. The seed of truth has in some cases been buried for years beneath the rubbish of the world; but after a time some earthly sorrow or affliction softens the heart, and the seed springs up and bears fruit to the glory of God."—*Mrs. E. G. White.*

The holiday number of *Good Health* will soon be ready for distribution, followed by *Present Truth*. Both of these papers are being prepared with great care to accomplish all that it is possible for them to do in arresting the attention of the people, and leading them to give further study to the subjects introduced. Many receive their first favourable impressions of the truth through our health literature.

Let all our churches, companies, and isolated members take hold of the circulation of the holiday number of *Good Health* more vigorously this year than ever before. Much has been done in the past, but still more can be accomplished if a systematic, well-directed effort is put forth. Begin at once to plan for this work, that as soon as the paper is ready for shipment a united effort may be made to dispose of it before *Present Truth* is ready.

We may be sure that no labour in sowing the seeds of truth is lost; we shall come rejoicing bringing our sheaves with us, in due time, if we

faint not. "It [the Word of God] shall not return unto Me void, saith the Lord, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereunto I sent it."

E. E. ANDROSS

A Jew Inwardly and a Jew Outwardly.

DURING the earlier part of the past summer Brother J. McGregor was confined for some time in a hospital at Weston-Super-Mare. In a personal letter he recounts some of his experiences in making known the truth among his fellow patients, which we are sure will interest all our readers, and inspire us to greater diligence in embracing the opportunities that come to us of speaking for the Message. We quote from the letter as follows:—

"The day I entered there also entered a Jew about the same age as myself. We were put at the same table at meals. We had swine's flesh put before us to eat every morning for breakfast, except Sunday, when we had a boiled egg. Now, the doctor's orders are that we all must eat whatever is put before us, as it is part of the treatment. The Jew said he dared not touch it, so they let him off. I also said my religion would not allow me to eat it, so I received the same privilege, but that was too much for them. They wanted to know if I was also a Jew? I said, 'One inwardly,' and this opened the way for our Message, which became the chief talk during meal time all the time I was there. On my left there sat a Roman Catholic, on my right a Quaker, and opposite me was a Jew, and a member of the Pentecostal League, who, as he said, was seeking for the truth.

"Every night we all had to hear a portion of the Bible read, also prayers from the Church of England Prayer Book, and Hymns. When the Jew would hear anything he could not understand, he would go to the Roman Catholic and ask him, but he never could satisfy him, so he would call me to find in the Bible the passage of Scripture, then he would ponder over it and say, 'Well, we don't know that that meant Jesus, as there were so many called by that name.' So I would try to show him the real Saviour, but at the end he would seem to be in darkness. He left to go on to another home, a Jewish one, but there are many praying for him. He had me show the whole company one day how I could keep the seventh day, and yet be a strict follower of the One who, he had been taught, set it aside. I opened my Bible and traced it through

from the beginning. Then he looked around and said to them all, 'There is not a commandment-keeper amongst you all.'

"This was carried to the minister's ears, so he had for the first time a question box put up for us in the reading-room, and said that he would be pleased to answer any questions relating to the Bible. Little, however, did that poor, weak man know what was in store for him. He came to fetch the questions a day before, but there were none, so we had orders to write them out and send them to his house, which we did, with the result that we sat and listened to him on Sunday in church. About two hundred patients and nurses were there expecting large things. As he commenced, he said how sorry he was to see they were all questions from men, not one woman's amongst them; the questions, as follows, led to every part of the Bible, but he would do his best. Questions:—

1. Who changed the Sabbath?
2. Can we keep the seventh day now?
3. What is the state of the dead?
4. What does the number 666 refer to?
5. Who are the spirits of just men made perfect?

Answers:—

1. Jesus, by being raised on Sunday and by breaking bread on the Sunday.
2. No; the world is round, and it is impossible to do so.
3. Their spirits are alive in paradise.
4. In my private opinion it belongs to Rome, but publicly I don't know.
5. The spirits of all the Christian dead are in heaven.

"After this we had a half-hour's talk in the sitting-room, two men declaring, 'You are right about the Sabbath, for wherever we go in the world we find no trouble in keeping Sunday; why then should you the Sabbath?'

"I write these few things just to let you see how the Message is going. There are patients from all parts of the country who know us as a body. I am praying that the little seed sown here will yield some fruit. I loaned *Present Truth*, *Good Health*, also 'Spiritualism,' while there."

South England Conference.

Our Work and Workers.

SINCE the general meeting at Bowes Park, progress has characterized the work throughout the South England Conference, and our workers are of good courage in the Lord.

Since taking down the tent, the effort at Bowes Park has been continued in a hall by Prof. Lacey and Brother Brooks. Sister Emily Barnard has also connected with that effort in the Bible work. About fourteen adults are now keeping the Sabbath as a result of the summer's work. A Sabbath-school was recently organised with twenty members. The outside interest is still fairly good, and our Sabbath congregations average about thirty.

ELDER McCORD and Sister Whitgrove are continuing the effort at Hastings in a hall with a good interest. Five have already been baptised, and about double that number will soon follow in that ordinance. The prospects are favourable for the organisation of a good church there shortly.

SINCE taking down the tent at Newport, Elders Ritchie and Gautereau are continuing their work in a centrally located hall which has been fitted up for that purpose. Six or seven are keeping the Sabbath, and many others are interested. This is a central place for the Isle of Wight, and Brother Gautereau will remain there during the winter, while Brother Ritchie will labour at Plymouth, Plympton and vicinity.

BROTHER NICKELS has moved to Bristol, where he will conduct aggressive work this coming winter. We already have a company in Bristol, situated at Bedminster. Brother Nickels, however, will continue his work mostly on the other side of the city. A letter, by the way, from Brother Jessup, of Bristol, states that they have just had an addition of one to their membership. A lady became interested in the Sabbath through reading *Present Truth*, and asked one of our sisters about the Sabbath, and when it was explained to her she fully accepted it. Friends of hers have now become interested, and we hope that several of these will step out. Brother and Sister McClland, from Ireland, have now connected with the work at Bristol, he to continue his canvassing, and she to engage in Bible work.

BROTHER DOUGLAS ARMSTRONG has now recovered his health so as to enable him to take up regular work again. He left London last week for Southsea, where he will conduct aggressive work this winter. The church will be glad of his help, and there are also outside interests which require all his attention.

OUR students have got back to London now, and we have arranged for the older ones to do aggressive work in the city this winter. Brother Walter Read, from Cardiff, will work in Catford; Brother George Keough, in North Kensington; Brother John Taylor, of Boston, in Leytonstone; and Brother Death, in Ilford. We have felt that heretofore, our students were not allowed opportunity to follow up their Sabbath and Sunday night preaching with visiting and pastoral work, and thus to bring people into the truth. We

have therefore arranged that the students whom I mention shall spend five days a week in these various places, and do regular pastoral and aggressive work. Where there are people interested in the truth, Bible studies will be held, while opportunities for Bible readings will be searched out and secured.

Other students who will do more or less pastoral work in different parts of London, are as follows: Brother Robert Jacques, in Edmonton; Brother David Morrison in East Dulwich; and Brother Bertie Armstrong at Chingford and Hampstead. This gives the students who are preparing for the ministry practical work in the pastoral lines, and will be of real service in bringing people into the Message.

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DURING the last six weeks, besides assisting to carry on the tent effort at Bowes Park, the writer has visited the churches and companies at North London, Catford, Leytonstone, North Kensington, Caterham, and Balham, besides making a hurried visit to Newport. In all of these places the work seems to be onward. At Balham two of the sisters are conducting a thriving Sabbath-school among those not of our faith. They now have a membership of about twenty-four, mostly children and young people, who are thus early learning some of the precious truth of the Message. How many of our sisters in other churches will do likewise? At Caterham two or three persons have recently accepted the Sabbath, and the workers there seem to be of good courage. After an excellent testimony meeting in which nearly everyone took part, we celebrated the ordinances, and God's Spirit came very near.

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At the Catford and Leytonstone churches the brethren are planning to carry on aggressive work this winter, and are engaging in it with commendable zeal. The Lord will surely bless their efforts. The North Kensington church will feel the loss of Brother and Sister Jensen, who have so long and faithfully served the cause in that place, but who are soon to leave this country to prepare for work in Abyssinia. But the "field is the world," and for every faithful worker that we send out God will raise up two to take his place. Brother George Keough, with the united co-operation of the members of the North Kensington church, will endeavour to hold the fort there, and it is now probable that shortly they will be reinforced by a Bible worker. Thus we are planning in every station to "lengthen the cords and strengthen the stakes."

At a recent meeting of the Conference Committee it was arranged for the secretary, Brother O'Donnell, to spend some time, both by correspondence and by making personal visits, in working up practical church work, by organising tract and missionary societies in every church and company where such did not exist, and by holding Sabbath School Conventions wherever it seems practicable. We are glad to say that this work is progressing nicely, and nearly every church has now a well-organised missionary society; and Sabbath-school conventions are being planned in many of them.

We hope that this season will witness efficient missionary effort in every direction. God will bless every well directed effort, and will add to His people such as shall be saved.

W. H. WAKEHAM

North England Conference.

Among the Churches.

I HAD the pleasure recently of visiting a number of our churches in the North England Conference, and was pleased to meet earnest, faithful workers in all the large cities. My first stopping place was Birmingham, where I spent a very delightful evening with Brother and Sister Normansel, hearing of their experiences in connection with the *Good Health*, and talking over plans for the future. Brother and Sister Normansel have given their whole time to the circulation of our health journal for the last three or four years, and God has abundantly blessed their efforts. They have a very large list of people who take the paper regularly each month, including medical men and other prominent citizens. The city is very systematically worked, and the results are eminently satisfactory.

The following morning I enjoyed the privilege of joining the workers at our food factory in their morning worship.

Leicester.

At Leicester I had the pleasure of seeing the Doctors Richards and meeting other friends and workers in the evening at the Sanitarium. The institution is not as favourably located as our other sanitariums, but is doing much good, and as it becomes better known, it ought to accomplish much in the promulgation of health principles in the Midlands. It is expected that the Good Health League work will be resumed in Leicester, and this will doubtless be of aid in interesting the citizens in the health principles and the institution. Brother Buckland has a small food store down near the centre of the city which is doing good business.

Nottingham and Derby.

At Nottingham, my next stopping place, I had a very interesting meeting with the members who were able to come together. It was decided to lay out the work systematically, and Sister Clarkston was requested to act as secretary and allot the territory; 500 copies of the September number of *Good Health* were ordered to begin with. I am sure that this little company of earnest workers at Nottingham will realise much of the divine blessing in this systematic effort to build up a large *Good Health* list in that city.

I also had an interesting meeting with the friends in Derby, and there, too, the outlook for a growing interest in the health work is good.

Sheffield.

I spent Sabbath, September 15th, with the brothers and sisters in Sheffield, where Brother Gillatt and his

son have been labouring during the past summer. I was much pleased with the fine audience that filled the tent on Sabbath morning, and confidently expect that a large and aggressive Good Health League will soon be organised in this place. When I passed through Sheffield last, there were only three or four Sabbath-keepers; and now there is a fine church. This is truly encouraging. Sister Gillatt's experience in healthful cookery, and in the carrying out of the health principles generally, will be of great assistance in carrying on a successful Good Health League. The circulation of *Good Health* has been quite steady in the city during the past year or two, Brother and Sister Horspool having handled upwards of a thousand copies monthly, and other members helping likewise.

I was not able to spend an evening in Leeds, but was glad to call on some of the friends in their homes, and trust that the interest there will also increase.

Hull.

We had a good meeting in Hull where Brother Johnson and Brother Brandt are doing the most for *Good Health*. There has been some lack of employment in Hull the last year or two, and this has made canvassing more difficult than usual, but the Lord is blessing the faithful efforts of the workers. The Hull church sold some 1,500 copies of *Good Health* every month during the first year the paper was published, and there is no doubt that it can yet do much in these lines.

Newcastle.

Newcastle, my next stopping-place, is a perfect hot-bed of activity in health lines at the present time. Brother Brandt has always taken a deep interest in the health work. He has been hindered lately by the serious illness of Sister Brandt who, I am glad to say, is making a good recovery. Brother George Bonnett and family have taken hold of the work in earnest, and the Lord is abundantly blessing their efforts. Some eight members of the family are engaged in the work, and they are selling *Good Health* at the rate of five or six thousand copies per month. No one can estimate the amount of good that these bright, earnest, energetic young people can do as they go from door to door carrying the health principles in the form of *Good Health*, and leaving sunshine and gladness wherever they go.

I earnestly hope that the time may soon come when all our young people will do something for the health paper. We have amongst us a great many boys and girls, to say nothing of the young men and women, who could easily be giving an hour or so weekly, and get many regular customers, and if the work is done with tact and with due regard for the territory of those already engaged in the sale of the paper, there need be no difficulty. We ought to sell a great many more copies of *Good Health* than we are doing, month by month. The work is urgent, for the time is short.

Liverpool.

I also met some of the friends of the health work in Liverpool and in Manchester, but held no public meetings in these places as the time was too short. In Manchester Brother Davies is still handling a thousand copies of *Good Health* monthly, and would do more if he were not hindered by circumstances. We hope that

he may be able in time to give practically all his time to this kind of work, in which he has been so successful in the past.

The general outlook for our health paper is truly encouraging, and the most urgent need at the present is that of faithful, enthusiastic workers. Let us take hold with new energy and zeal, and give the world the benefit of these life-giving principles which the Lord has intrusted to us. M ELLSWORTH OLSEN.

Bolton.

I HAVE had a most encouraging week. By God's help I have had the opportunity of presenting a part of the truth to a lady who believed that we were in the time of the last seal and woe. She was much interested, and was sorry, owing to pressing duties, to be unable to hear more. I secured an order, and on delivery I hope to have the opportunity of presenting the truth to her still further.

Yours in the work,

A. OXLEY.

Boston.

THE Lord's work is onward in Boston. In answer to much prayer, God has poured out of His Spirit in an abundant measure upon the little company of faithful workers who are labouring for the upholding of the faith once delivered to the saints. The visit of Brother Harry Armstrong is being greatly appreciated by all.

There are two new Sabbath-keepers; and also others who are about to step out in obedience to the commandments of the God of heaven.

It does one's heart good to see the work of the Lord advancing so rapidly over our land. May the good Lord who has already so graciously led this people on to many victories, hasten the day when all His faithful ones shall rejoice with exceeding great joy in His presence.

JOHN TAYLOR.

Faith and Works.

"No answer comes to those that pray,
And idly stand
And wait for stones to roll away
At God's command.
He will not break the binding cords
Upon us laid
If we depend on pleading words,
And do not aid."

Our Work in Ireland.

A Visit to Ireland.

I HAVE just had the privilege of spending twelve days in Ireland, which I enjoyed very much. I left London Wednesday, Sept 5th, and arrived in Belfast Thursday morning, Sept. 6th. The Irish Mission Committee met on the day of my arrival, and spent considerable time in planning for the field work for the autumn and winter.

Sabbath, the 8th, Elder Altman and I visited the Ballyclare church and found the members of good courage, and happy in the truth. Monday we went to Co'eraine, where Brother Mussen and Brother and Sister McClelland have been working the past few months. Three earnest souls were baptized in a stream in a beautiful field. After a short address on the principles of our faith by request of several influential people from the estate and their friends, who gathered to witness the baptismal service, to which they gave earnest attention, Elder Altman led them down into the water and buried them in the likeness of Christ's death. This was a most impressive service, and was greatly enjoyed by the little company of Sabbath-keepers in attendance.

One of the candidates—an elderly gentleman—and two of his friends recently embraced the truth wholly through reading-matter that fell into their hands. This to me was a very hopeful sign for the future of the work in Ireland. I feel sure that we should increase our efforts to place the reading-matter containing the definite Message in the hands of the people at once.

Wednesday we visited Dublin and found Sister Parsons and Sister Sisley of good courage in their efforts to introduce the truth in that city. They find the people much more easily approached than they had anticipated.

Thursday we visited Brethren Spearing and Steward, who recently entered Londonderry with "Great Controversy." They are getting on very well, and are glad to be connected with the work in Ireland. After these brethren finish canvassing the town plans are laid to make a vigorous effort to bring the truth before the people in a series of meetings.

Sabbath we were in Belfast and enjoyed meeting that church once more. I was glad to see such a hearty response to the word spoken, and feel sure that better days are before the church in Belfast. Monday following, one brother was baptized.

Brother Altman and Brother Parsons are be-

ginning an effort in a new part of the city in the wooden tabernacle.

Sunday I visited Banbridge, and had a very pleasant and profitable service with several of the brethren and sisters and a few others assembled at Brother Bell's home.

The workers all seem of good courage, and I believe the prospect was never brighter for the work in Ireland than now. This is certainly the most difficult field we have to work, but we know that God is with us, and the honest hearted will respond to the truth. The Lord will make the mountains a plain, and the truth will triumph. Pray for the work and workers in Ireland.

E. E. ANDROSS.

Belfast.

WE are seeing many tokens of the divine blessing in the Irish Mission, for which we feel very grateful. Since my last report to the WORKER, four persons have been baptized and added to the church. Three of these belong to the Coleraine district, and are enrolled in the Mission church; the other was taken into the Belfast church.

Brother Parsons and the writer are now in the midst of a series of meetings in Belfast. The attendance is not large, but there are some encouraging features about the interest of those who attend that lead us to hope for fruits. At the close of each discourse we give the people an opportunity to ask questions. Thus far they have asked fair questions, for information; and we have dealt frankly with them, not evading any subject. Sometimes the question meeting has been longer than the preaching service, but each time the people have gone away more deeply impressed with the truth of our position.

Ballyclare.

Last Sabbath I met with the little company at Ballyclare, where we celebrated the ordinances of the Lord's house for the first time. They had never seen the ordinance of humility before, but all saw the beauty and importance of it, and entered heartily into the service. It was a good day for us all, and we felt the refreshing presence of the Spirit of God with us.

Dublin.

The work in Dublin, where Mrs. Parsons and Miss Sisley are located, is progressing favourably. The circle of Bible and tract readers is continually enlarging, and the workers are having some very encouraging experiences.

Some have even called at our home asking for literature on the Sabbath question, and desiring the workers to visit them. It is indeed refreshing to see the interest that is springing up there. We believe there is good reason to hope that a strong church will be raised up in the Irish capital.

Coleraine.

In the north, Brother Mussen's interest is spreading out into the country, and just recently he has been invited to hold meetings in a district a little removed from his present location. In both places the people provide the place of meeting, and pay all expenses. The meetings in town are being discontinued, as the interest is greater in the country. Brother Mussen will soon be left alone in that part of the field, as Brother McClelland and his family are responding to an invitation to labour in the South England Conference. We shall miss these faithful workers from this needy field, but our prayers will follow them to their new home.

Cheering reports come from our canvassers, who are doing well; and on the whole we praise God for what we are seeing of His blessing, and guiding hand throughout the whole field.

We have just received a telegram from Brother Ewart, one of our oldest Sabbath keepers, bringing the sad news of the death of his aged mother.

M. A. ALTMAN.

Londonderry.

WE have taken the liberty of quoting from a personal letter received from Brother F. A. Spearing, who with Brother James C. Steward, of Deal, was asked at the recent general meeting to take up canvassing work in Londonderry. The letter is of general interest, especially that portion which refers to their daily programme of labour:

"Dear Brother,

I thought perhaps a very brief account of my doings since we last met would interest you. I arrived at Derry Friday, September 7th, 11.25 a.m. Brethren Joyce and Steward were on the station to welcome me to the Emerald Isle. In the afternoon in company with Brother Steward, I had a look over the town of Derry. Londonderry, to give the town its full name, has a population of about 42,000. Of these about 18,000 are Catholics, most of whom live in the poorest districts. There are twenty-eight shirt and collar factories, which employ many hundreds of persons. This is the chief industry of Derry. Work has been very bad, which does not assist us in placing our literature in the homes of the

people. We believe there are many honest souls in this place who will, when they hear the truth, step out of Babylon and unite with God's commandment-keeping people.

"We started canvassing on Monday, and for three days and a half we secured nineteen orders for "Great Controversy," in the following bindings: one sheep, five gilt, and thirteen marble. We praise the Lord for His goodness unto us, in blessing our very first efforts in Ireland. We believe however that better times are in store, and know that, if faithful, God will continue to shower down His blessing upon us. One of my orders was secured from a late mayor of the town, Sir William McClearn. So you see God has enabled us to reach even the better classes in this city."

We are working in a systematic way. Our daily programme is as follows: rising 6.30; a.m. Bible study and worship 7-7.45. Breakfast 8 o'clock, business 8.45 a.m. to 6.30. p.m. We take one hour for dinner, a few moments of which is devoted to prayer for we feel our special need of divine guidance in this field. On-Sabbaths we devote much more time to the study of God's Word than on other days. Sundays we set aside for correspondence and individual study. We do not think it advisable to sell papers on the first day of the week, as it might create prejudice, and this we want to avoid if possible. The week nights are left free, as we sometimes have to call on customers after business hours. So we practise on our musical instruments and study God's Word.

The Work in Wales.

Cardiff.

SINCE writing our last report we have taken down our tent, which we had on one lot for over three months here in Cardiff. As we look back, we can truly say the Lord has been with us.

We did not have large crowds at any time: that is, we always had room for more, although on Sundays we had good attendances. The interest was a steady one, and the Lord blessed us abundantly. Over a dozen new Sabbath-keepers are the result of the effort. Some of these had known the truth for a long time.

We are now busy preparing rooms in Moira Terrace, which we believe will make a good home for the friends in Cardiff for some time. A good spirit prevails, and we hope soon fully to instruct the newcomers, and receive them into church fellowship.

On Sunday evening, September 28rd, we received Brother F. G. Penrose in church membership before his departure for College. We are glad that the Lord puts it into the hearts of our young people to prepare themselves for work in His vineyard. It is with joy that we commend to the good care of the School, our three dear friends—Miss A. Powell, of Newport, and Brethren Read and Penrose. Our prayers will ascend to the throne of grace continually on their behalf. We hope they will do well, and ever keep in mind the words of our Master, "Go, work in My vineyard."

Newport.

While I am writing, Brother Powell, of Newport, has called, bringing with him the tithe of the church, which, we are glad to say, is a good one. He tells me of an experience which goes to prove the truth of Mal. iii. 10, 11. A dear brother and sister of the Newport Church had been passing through a very severe trial. Sickness had prevented the breadwinner from earning means for the necessities of life, but the Lord never forsook them. His tender care was very manifest, I myself had heard their testimony of the Lord's goodness. After a long illness, our brother was well enough to work again, and the Lord greatly blessed him. Up to this time, he and his wife had not paid to the Lord His own, but they now decided to do so. Poor though they were, their hearts were filled with gratitude for what the Lord had done for them—they must now be faithful to Him.

This brother has some greenhouses, but his illness caused the work in them to be delayed several weeks. When he was able to attend to planting, he rather expected that, beginning so late, his crop would be very small. But it is God who gives the increase, and the crop of tomatoes, etc., is the largest he has ever had. The whole crop, he says, is a picture to behold, and our friends recognise that God is a good interest payer. Oh! that all would learn the lesson of faithfulness, and bring into the treasure-house that which belongs to the Lord. I am sure the Lord will be as good as His promise.

The friends at Newport are also made to rejoice over the return of Brother Elliot into their midst. Brother Elliot has been confined to his house for a long time, but the Lord is good, and our brother is once more able to get to the Sabbath meetings. His smiling face and good testimony for the Lord's special care, bring joy and gladness to every heart. We pray that he may continue to be strengthened, and soon be able to do the work he so much loves.

Abertillery and Blaenavon.

On Sabbath, the 22nd, I met with a few of the Abertillery Church. The Lord was present with us. We were sorry more could not be present, but some were sick, and some had gone away. After the morning meeting, Brother Radd and I walked over the mountain to Blaenavon for the afternoon service. This walk brought back to my mind old experiences, times when I had often walked the mountains to fulfil appointments for the Primitive Methodists. The day was a glorious one, and the mountain air was indeed refreshing. At Blaenavon, after a study on the ordinances of the church, we spent a precious season in following the example set us by our Lord and Master. All realised true happiness in obedience. This was followed by the celebration of the Lord's Supper. We thank the Lord for these precious seasons, and we look forward with joy to the time when we shall sit down to the table in the kingdom of God, where Jesus will drink with us the fruit of the vine of heaven.

Pontypridd.

On Friday, September 28th, my wife and I went to Pontypridd to spend the Sabbath. We were glad to meet the dear friends there, and also to welcome Sister Hampton, who is paying a short visit. Sister Hampton was with us at Pontypridd when we first began work in the portable hall, remaining until after the organisation of the Church. Meeting her here brought back old times; we remembered the trials of those early days, and the joy which followed. We met Brother and Sister Buchman also, they having now made their home in this place. Sister Buchman was with us all day, but Brother Buchman went to Aberdare, where he still follows up an interest created there. We pray the Lord to bless the work in that place, and add to their numbers such as shall be eternally saved.

We have just received the following report from one of our canvassers:—

"Just a few lines according to promise. I can testify that the Lord is working with me in a marked manner. My average orders for the three weeks work out at about £6 0 0 per week. I have had a delivery of sixty books so far this week, and only three blank refusals. My average time put in would not be more than thirty-six hours per week, so that there is a little surplus for study, and to do my little in helping others in the glorious truths for to day. I may say that I feel, when given up to the work fully, a wonderful peace of mind; and further, I am proving that financially, the God of heaven is a better Paymaster than the world."

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Sunset Calendar.

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Canvassing Experiences.

Dear Brethren,

It is with a grateful heart to the Lord that I write these few lines to the WORKER family.

Sister White, in "Manual for Canvassers," page 38, says, "Those who work for God will meet with discouragement, but the promise is always theirs, 'Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.' Matt. xxviii. 20. God will give a most wonderful experience to those who will say, 'I believe Thy promise, I will not fail nor be discouraged.'" Again, "Let those who gain such an experience in working for the Lord write an account of it for our papers, that others may be encouraged. Let the canvasser tell of the joy and blessing he has received in his ministry as an evangelist. These reports should find a place in our papers; for they are far-reaching in their influence. They will be as sweet fragrance in the church, a savour of life unto life. Thus it is seen that God works with those who co-operate with Him."

I might say that since being in the canvassing work I have had some blessed experiences with our message-filled book, "Great Controversy." The last territory I canvassed was the Isle of Purbeck, Dorset. There I found quite a large number of Catholics, who have a very fine church, built by workmen from Italy. This was the first Roman Catholic church built in England after the Reformation. In canvassing this place the Lord blessed my efforts, and during the last nine days there I booked twenty-five orders for "Great Controversy" in the following bindings, eight at 15/-, thirteen at 11/-, one at 9/6, and three at 7/6.

I must say that in starting the canvassing work I used "helps," but found it best to confine myself to our large books. For example, the first week while using helps I obtained only six orders for "Great Controversy," five at 9/6 and one at 7/6; the second week only one, and that for 7/6. So I have learned by experience which is the best way and am thankful that I

have taken the advice given, 'Don't use helps.'

Another thing I have found helpful is what Brother Palmer says in "Pointers to Success," page 38, "It is well for canvassers to attend the meetings of any denomination, or the meetings of young people's societies. In such meetings he can often place himself on record as a labourer for Christ, and can sow some good seed. The improvement of such opportunities will often lead to many good orders."

At Binnegar, the last place at which we stayed, there is a very small Wesleyan church, the congregation of which numbers about seven adults and a few children. By becoming acquainted with the members we (Brother Yeates and myself) took an order from everyone we canvassed, Brother Yeates taking two, one for 11/-, and one for 7/6, and myself three, one for 15/-, and the other two for 11/- each. Thus I have found the advice helpful of those who have had wide experience.

In closing, I will say that during the last three weeks, Brother Yeates and myself have taken eighty-three orders for "Great Controversy," and delivered every one. Although I have only been canvassing for this book about eight months, during the latter part of the time the Lord has blessed me abundantly, for which I give Him all the praise.

Yours in the Master's service,

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How to Be a Successful Sabbath-School Teacher.

COME every Sabbath.

Come early.

If you must be away, provide a substitute.

If you cannot provide a substitute, notify the superintendent.

Give your entire attention to your class.

While teaching, be sure you have the attention of all.

Teach the lesson.

Question rather than lecture.

Teach the practical.

Be sure your teaching is effective.

Encourage the committing to memory of scripture.

Educate your scholars to bring a contribution.

Cultivate a missionary spirit in your class.

Have the missionary spirit yourself.

Be wise as serpents and harmless as doves.

Stand by your superintendent.

Live near the Saviour.

Give your best work to God.

—Selected.