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Bome Missionary Work.

Winning Souls to Christ Our Chief Aim. (Continued.)

GOD has given to every man a work to do in connection with His kingdom. Each one professing the name of Christ is to be an interested worker, ready to defend the principles of righteousness. The work of the Gospel is not to depend solely upon the minister; every soul should take an active part in advancing the cause of God. But, instead of this, how many of our churches come and go like a door on its hinges, feeling no responsibility for the progress of the work, no interest in the salvation of souls for whom Christ died. They do not dream of weaving their religion into their business. Thev say, Religion is religion, and business is business; they believe each has a proper sphere, but let them be separated. But in whatever calling a Christian is found, he has his work to do for the Lord in representing Christ to the world. Whatever may be our occupation, we are to be missionaries, having for our chief aim the winning of souls to Christ. If this is not our interest, we rob God of influence, of time, of money and effort. In withholding our heart's service from the Lord, we fail to benefit our fellow man, and thus rob God of the glory that would flow to Him through the conversion of others.

Training the Children.

What excuse can the professed followers of Christ offer for neglecting to train their children in such a way that they will, for the sake of advancing the work of Christ, bind about their wants in dress, and avoid all extravagance and display? The children should be educated in such a way that they will have sympathy for the aged and afflicted, and lend all the help in their power to alleviate the sufferings of the poor and distressed. They should be taught to be diligent in missionary work; and from their earliest years, principles of self-denial and sacrifice for the good of others should be inculcated, that they may be labourers together with God. Oh, that parents would look carefully and prayerfully after their children's eternal welfare! Let them ask themselves: Have we been careless? Have we neglected this solemn work? Have we allowed our children to become the sport of Satan's temptations? Have we a solemn account to settle with God because we have permitted our children to use their talents, their time, and influence, in working against the truth? against Jesus Christ? Have we neglected our duty as parents, and *increased the* subjects of Satan's kingdom?

A Transformation Needed.

This home missionary work, this home field, has been shamefully neglected, and it is time that divine resources and remedies were presented, that this state of evil may be healed. If parents would see a different state of things in their family, let them consecrate themselves wholly to God, and the Lord will devise ways and means whereby a transformation may take place in their households. Let the church awake, let every member take up his individual work, and vindicate the name of the Lord by which he is called. Let sound faith and earnest piety take the place of slothfulness and unbelief. When faith lays hold upon Christ, the truth will bring delight to your soul, and religion will not be a dull, uninteresting enterprise. Your testimony meetings, now tame and spiritless, will be vitalised by the Holy Spirit, and your daily experiences will become rich as you practise the Christianity you profess.

Oh, that all may arouse and manifest to the world that this is a living faith, that a vital issue is before the world, that Jesus will soon come! Let men see that we believe we are on the borders of the eternal world.

Ministers to Instruct Churches in Missionary Work.

"Watchman, what of the night?" Are the watchmen to whom comes this cry able to give the trumpet a certain sound? Are the shepherds faithfully caring for the flock, as those who must give an account? The people have listened to too much sermonising; but have they been instructed as to how to labour for those for whom Christ died? Has there been a line of work devised and laid out before the people in such a way that each one saw the necessity of taking part in the work?

It is evident that all the sermons that have been preached have not brought up this kind of labour, and the churches are withering up because they have failed to use their talents in diffusing the light of truth to others. Careful instruction should be given that will be as lessons from the Master, that all may put their light to practical use in benefiting others. Those who have the oversight of the churches should select members who have ability, and place them under responsibilities, at the same time giving them instruction as to how they may best serve and bless others.

Years Behind.

Every means should be used to get the knowledge of the truth before the thousands who will discern the evidence, who will appreciate the likeness of Christ in His people, if they can have an opportunity to see it. There are those among us who, if they should take time to consider, would regard their do-nothing position as a sinful neglect to use the talents which God has given them.

God has given His messengers the truth to proclaim. Then the churches are to voice the truth from the lips of the messengers, and use their talents in every way possible to make the ministry a power to communicate truth, by their catching the first rays of light, and diffusing the same. Here is our great sin. We are years behind. The ministers have been seeking the hidden treasures, and have been opening up the casket, and letting the jewels of truth shine forth. But not one one-hundredth part has been done, or is being done, by members of the church, that God requires of them:

Evils of Inaction.

What can we expect but deterioration in religious life when the people listen to sermon after sermon, and do not put into practice the instruction given? The ability God has given, if not exercised, will degenerate, and men and women unemployed will become as tools that rust from inaction. Let the missionary meeting be turned to account in teaching the people how to do missionary work. Put work into their hands, and let not the youth be ignored, but let them come in to share in the labour and responsibility. Let them feel that they have a part to act in helping and blessing others. Even the children should be taught to do some little errand of love and mercy for those less fortunate than themselves.

The very simplest modes of work should be devised, and set in operation among the churches. If members will co-operate with such a plan, and perseveringly carry it out, they will reap a rich reward, for their experience will grow brighter, their ability will increase through exercise, and souls will be saved through their efforts. But if, on the other hand, the churches are left to their inactivity, Satan will see that they are employed. He will preoccupy the field, and give the members lines of work to do that will engage their energies, kill spirituality, and make them fall as dead weights upon the church.

There are scores who have real ability, who are rusting from inaction, and yet many of these do not know how to set themselves to work for the Master. But let someone who has ability to devise ways whereby this talent may be utilised, lay out before these inactive ones the line of work that they could do, and let them understand that this is expected from them, and many who are now unemployed will become true labourers.

The parable of the talents should be explained to all. The members of the churches should be made to understand that they are the light of the world, and according to their several ability, the Lord expects that His professed followers will enlighten and bless those around them. Those who have heard so much preaching ought certainly to know that if they undertake to work for the Lord, they will have divine aid.

MRS. E. G. WHITE. (To be continued.)

South England Conference.

The Week of Prayer.

FROM various quarters come notes of progress, for which we thank God. The week of prayer has been generally observed by the churches and companies of Sabbath-keepers in the South England Conference, the isolated members in many places taking part in this service, and sharing in the blessing.

Bath and Bristol.

Brother Nickels reports very encouragingly for Bath. From private letters we extract the following:—

"We closed the week of prayer to day, and it has been the means of much blessing to the Bath church. Last Sabbath every adult in the church testified to the goodness of God in leading him out into this truth." "This morning (Sabbath) the entire company of believers present stood to their feet to consecrate themselves anew to the Lord. Brother —, who had grown cold, and had not been to the meetings for months, gave himself anew to God. The Spirit of God has been with us all through the week." "The church is free from debt, and with the blessing of God will be a light to this city."

Bristol, though considered a hard field, has its encouraging features. The attendance in the new hall is larger than before, and the interest is increasing. The workers there in that large city (the second in size in the Conference) feel the need of special help, and ask to be remembered in the prayers of God's people.

Southsea and East Cowes.

Brother Douglas Armstrong reports for these churches very profitable meetings. Of Southsea he writes :—

"We have had exceptionally good attendance considering the weather. Last Sunday night we had the hall about full." He has been dwelling on the subject of the "Unity of the Church," with good results; and expects soon to take up the question of "Health Reform," for which there seems to be need. This is the "right arm" of the Message. Are our workers using it as much as would be profitable? Brother Armstrong also reports three or four new Sabbath-keepers at Southsea.

The churches at Caterham, Catford, North Kensington, and Leytonstone also report good meetings and a spiritual revival.

From some of our churches we have no definite report. And this gives me the opportunity of urging our ministering brethren and church officers to report frequently to the WORKER what the Lord is doing for you and by you. Also the general needs of the cause in your locality. And will not all of our brethren everywhere make an effort to enlarge the subscription list of the MISSIONARY WORKER, that this medium of communication may serve its destined end.

W. H. WAKEHAM.

Showers of Blessings.

THE week of prayer has come, and gone. It came laden with blessing, and, although it has passed into history, its blessings still remain. If the church is to retain this blessing, it must work early and late to carry the knowledge of the Blesser to those—the Christless millions who still are sitting in darkness and under the shadow of death. If we thus labour for others, every week will become a week of prayer, every day will be laden with blessing.

The writer was asked to visit two churches during this season, the North London and North Kensington churches. My first visit was paid to the North London church, where we experienced much of the blessing of the Lord. Much freedom was felt in the meetings, and almost all present took some part in the services. A deep note of thankfulness ran through all the prayers and testimonies, and frequently a brother or sister was heard to exclaim, "This is the best week of prayer of my life."

The writer next visited the North Kensington church, and found the same blessed spirit prevailing there. Services were conducted twice a day, and the blessing of God was abundant and general.

Pastor Gauterau conducted services with the church at Hastings during the week of prayer, and, from what the writer has seen and heard, it must have been indeed a profitable time.

A sister belonging to the Hastings church had occasion to visit some friends during the week of prayer. She went to London, amply prepared to entertain her friends with Christmas stories; but the Holy Spirit impressed her to give the truth instead. She did so, and as a result, her friends became deeply interested in the Third Angel's Message. When she was leaving, two of her nieces promised to keep the Sabbath.

If this spirit of loving service is cherished by the church, then the blessing of the week of prayer will be perpetuated, sinners will be converted, and the coming of the King will be hastened. Yours in the Master's service,

J. W. MCCORD.

Bath.

AMONG the many good week of prayer reports from other parts of the field, we thought we would swell the volume of praise. We were very pleased to have Pastor Nickels with us most of the time, and greatly edified and encouraged by the solemn warnings and comforting facts as set forth in the prepared readings.

At the suggestion of Brother Nickels, we changed our usual plan of meeting somewhat. Instead of holding them all at our meeting-rooms which are in the centre of the town, we had four evening cottage meetings on the surrounding hills, exactly to the four points of the compass. The voice of a shout of praise went up at every meeting.

We had an especially precious season on the

afternoon of the Sabbath, December 15th, when Brother Nickels asked all present to testify as to their first acquaintance with this Message. The testimonies were many, and brought vividly to our minds the former days, the days of our first love. The very atmosphere seemed impregnated with the sweet, gentle, subduing spirit of our Master.

On Sabbath morning, December 22nd, we had a very impressive service, and at the end, when Brother Nickels called for a renewal of consecration, nearly all arose to their feet. At this meeting also, it gave us great pleasure to receive into church fellowship Brother Stevenson.

May the encouragement we received stand us in good stead as we engage in the Master's service during the coming year, is the prayer of your brother in Christ, EVAN PERRY.

Our Work in Wales.

Good Tidings.

IT was my privilege to spend December 7-23 visiting the companies and churches of South Wales. A little more than a year had passed since my last visit, and I am pleased to report considerable progress during this time. Quite a number have been added during this period, and new companies and churches have been raised up. The efforts of all the labourers have been blessed, and courage fills the hearts of all.

The work in Cardiff has been peculiarly blessed. The membership of the church has about doubled the last year. They have secured a very convenient hall near the centre of the city, and with implicit confidence in God and every principle of the Third Angel's Message, and with united hearts, they are pressing on with the work of gathering out a people prepared to meet their Saviour.

The opposition of the enemy is more marked than ever before, but this is no reason for discouragement. The Lord has said: "The dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ." If the enemy's wrath is not awakened we may be sure we are not disturbing him in the possession of the souls of men; but, wherever the truth is preached in its simplicity and power, opposition will be aroused, and it will grow more and more bitter and determined to the end. However, we may be assured that He who guides the stars in their courses, who "hath His way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds are the dust of His feet," before whom the mountains quake, and the hills melt, will never leave us. He will cause the wrath of man to praise Him, and the remainder of wrath He will restrain.

The outlook for the work in Wales was never so encouraging as now, and from the reports coming from other parts of the field a similar condition prevails generally. This is a day of good tidings. E. E. ANDROSS.

The Young People's Society.

OUR WORKER readers hear very little concerning our Young People's Society in Cardiff, and possibly they are not aware of its existence. The Society was formed about a year ago, with the object of interesting our young people, grounding them in the solemn truths for these last days, and developing the best that is in each of them. The Society is not large, as it has only a membership of about twenty, and a few of these have now left the city; but the little remnant have put their hand to the plough, and they are "holding on." The secret of their tenacity is found in their motto: "For the love of Christ constraineth us." Their aim is-"The Advent Message to all the world in this generation." All the members are expected to hold themselves in readiness for any act of service in connection with the Society, as will be seen from the following pledge of association :---

"Loving the Lord Jesus, and desiring to be of service in His cause, I associate myself with the Young People's Society, to take an active part in its work, and by the grace of Christ, to do what I can to help others, and to send the Gospel of the kingdom to all peoples, at home and abroad."

The officers of the Society counsel with the officers of the church in all their plans, and thus there is "no schism in the body."

For the last three months we have been studyin our weekly meetings the Third Angel's Message. Brother Meredith laid the foundation for this theme in a systematic study on "The Everlasting Gospel." Then different members were appointed to write papers on the various subjects. Of course, this necessitated considerable individual study and thought. The first stone to be laid on the foundation was the work of the angel brought to view in Rev. viii. 13, involving a study of the "Seven Trumpets." The next was "Another Mighty Angel," whose message was that "there should be time no longer." This included an explanation of the 2,300 days, and the disappointment. This was followed by studies on "The Beast," "The Image of the Beast," "Another Angel Flying" (first angel's message), "The Second Angel's Message," and "The Third Angel's Message." The climax of this series will be a study headed, "Behold, I Come Quickly."

We realise that the temptations surrounding our youth at the present time are many. The enemy of souls is striving harder than ever before to entice them from the plain path of truth to enlist in his service. But the Captain of the Lord's host is also watching them, and He calls upon His people, one and all, to arise and come up to the help of the Lord against His adversaries. We have been told that it is the young people, even the children, who will raise up the standard of truth when it may be forcibly torn from the hands of older and experienced labourers; hence the enemy's vigorous campaign against the youth. For their encouragement, I will here quote what has many, many times been a source of great encouragement to me when oppressed with the doubts and discouragements of Satan :

"Would you have chosen ease, and so Have shunned the fight? God honoured you With trust of weightier work, and oh! The Captain of the heavens knew His trusted soldiers would prove true."

EDITH CHAPMAN.

North England Conference.

Sheffield.

I RETURNED to Sheffield from Birmingham on December 13th, and on the 14th went to Hull to spend the first part of the week of prayer. It was good to see the faces of those who have stood firm for the truth light up with joy, as we talked of the Message which has made us a people and separated us from the world. There have been several additions to the church since last I met with them, whilst others who were present last year are now at the battle's front, doing good service for the Master. Keep your light burning, Hull.

Tuesday, the 18th, I went to Leeds and conducted meetings at Roundhay, Armley, and at Bradford. Roundhay is the old church, while Armley is the new company raised up as a result of the combined efforts of Elder Wakeham, Brethren Keough and Andrews, and Sisters Welsh and Rogers. Brother Andrews and Sister Rogers are still located at Armley, and from all that I could see the interest is good and should yield a rich harvest of souls in the near future. On Friday I visited Bradford, where the work has just been opened up. Sister Cousins has recently located here, and I expect Brother Halliday will join her soon, if he has not already done so. Brother Eldred Short has been doing good work in Bradford with our literature for a long time.

I was very glad to learn that Sister Pickles first became acquainted with the truth through reading a copy of "Bible Readings" that I sold to her early in 1901. I think it was Brother Short who followed up the interest. Within a radius of one mile of her house there are 274 other copies of "Bible Readings," and hundreds of other books sold by other canvassers. May the Lord abundantly bless the efforts of Brother Halliday and Sister Cousins.

On Sabbath, December 22nd, we held a united ordinance meeting at Roundhay, when representatives were present from Armley and Bradford. We had a most precious time, the Lord making His presence especially manifest as we considered the importance of searching our hearts and getting rid of our sins, lest we partake of the emblems of our Saviour's broken body and shed blood unworthily. One brother, who has recently come into the truth, said that though he had been a Christian for many years he had never before partaken of the communion, but he did so with us with gladness. The right hand of fellowship was extended to six new members, five for Leeds and one for Bradford. May all, old members and new, sense the importance of being living, active members of the body of Christ, the Church.

On Saturday evening I returned home to Sheffield with renewed courage to face the New Year, and as I do so, I lift up my heart to the Lord in prayer and supplication, that He will bless every one of my brethren and sisters, and that He will fill them with His Holy Spirit for service, and grant that the coming year shall be many times more fruitful in souls for the kingdom than the past has been.

J. J. GILLATT.

Blyth.

WE are glad to note a growing interest in the truth among our circle of *Present Truth* readers. If faithful, earnest work is continued, it will, we sincerely pray, not be long ere the reaping-time comes, and they who have sown, and they who shall reap, will rejoice together in the increase that the Lord will give.

One Present Truth reader came into this dis-

trict from Herefordshire. Both he and his wife are earnest Christians, and take a great interest in the truth. They expect to subscribe for a copy of "Bible Readings" shortly, and so study the Message more thoroughly. On going our rounds on December 3rd, we showed the lady a copy of the book that was to be delivered to another friend near their home. We were asked into the house, and after looking through the book, the lady told us they did not feel at home in attending any of the churches here, and that they would be very glad of the privilege of attending our meetings when they were begun in Blyth. She also told us that her husband used to attend our meetings in Holloway when they lived in London, and that they never felt so much at home among any assembly of God's people as they did with us. As we took our leave we commended them to God, and encouraged them to go on as they had begun. We do indeed pray that, when the harvest-time comes, this dear family will be among those who have been accounted worthy to take their place with the people of God.

Much more could be told regarding this interesting case, if time and space would permit. Pray for Blyth and for your deaf fellow worker. The burden is hard to bear, but the work is the Lord's, and the weaker the instrument the more the glory will be to Him who is doing all things for him. Yours in His love and service,

GEORGE GOLDER.

Ireland.

Dervock.

I STARTED meetings in a little house loaned me by a large farm owner, near Coleraine. The interest was a growing one. We had as many as fifty out on Sunday nights, when suddenly the man turned against me, and said he would not permit me to preach the change of the Sabbath in his house. He did not evict us at once, but as it came on towards December he decided to ask us to leave, so we had to look for a new place. We found a house distant about one and a half miles. It was one of the good old Irish thatch houses, which we rented at a shilling a week. The Irish Union decided that Brother Whiteside should unite with me.

We decided to live in this lowly dwelling, as lodgings would be hard to get in these parts. We have three rooms, a large kitchen, a bed-room, and another room alongside the kitchen. We brought sixty chairs out, as we had faith that that number of people might come out. The first night we opened we had sixty-seven. Through the week we had an average of sixty, and the next Sunday night we had our kitchen and spare room filled up, and had to put the remainder in the bed-room. The rooms are all on the ground floor, so we could stand by the doorway and see nearly all the people except those in the bed-room.

The people round here are heartily in sympathy with our work, and highly appreciate our coming and tabernacling in their midst. They showed their appreciation in a tangible way by giving us 16s. $1\frac{1}{2}d$ in our first collection. We also have many of the prominent farmers who visit Some bring round armfuls of turf. us. One man brought a barrowful. We are getting quite used to our fire on the hearth; we have not burned the bottoms out of all our saucepans yet, and are becoming adept hands in manipulating the peat fires. This is somewhat of a new departure in our work. But we feel as long as the Lord gives us a hundred hearers (as we had on Sunday night), the departure is not, at least, in the wrong direction.

So we realise that the enemy of all souls has overstepped the mark in putting us out of the other house. Pray for us that the Lord may cause the work to prosper, and that the people may be stirred up to their perilous position. This is a most soul-stirring Message that God has committed to us. We find here in the country young men who would not attend any place of worship, but coming out night after night to hear the Message which is stirring this old, sleepy world of ours. May the good Lord help us all to stand in that great day.

R. MUSSEN.

EVERY mind should turn with reverent attention to the revealed Word of God. Light and grace will be given to those who thus obey God. They will behold wondrous things out of His law. Great truths that have been unheeded and unseen since the days of Pentecost are to shine from God's Word in their native purity. To those who truly love God, the Holy Spirit will reveal truths that are entirely new. Those who eat the flesh and drink the blood of the Son of God will bring from the books of Daniel and Revelation truth that is inspired by the Holy Spirit. They will start into action forces that cannot be repressed. The lips of children will be opened to proclaim the mysteries that have been hidden from the minds of men.-Review and Herald.

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THE following order was received by the International Tract Society from one of our isolated sisters, "Kindly send me a shilling book, 'Thoughts on Revelation,' paper edition. I have had two or three, but I sell them before I can get to read them through. I wish I could sell more of them. It is a beautiful book. I have a good many of our bound books, which I lend out. I trust they may be the means of saving some precious sopls." Cannot all our isolated brethren and sisters, and all our members of churches and companies have a part in this same work?

Our Work in Scotland.

The Annual Meeting in Scotland.

_____FRIDAY evening, December 28th, a special mission was opened in Glasgow by a discourse from Elder Haughey, on "God's Message for To-day." Various phases of this subject were presented each evening to the close of the annual meeting, Sunday, January 6th.

A number of canvassers had come in, and Sunday, December 30th, an institute was begun especially for their benefit. This continued till Wednesday. Brethren Joyce and Haughey gave instruction on the general principles governing the canvassing work, which was greatly appreciated, and we believe will be very helpful. Classes for the study of various books were conducted daily. Brother John Gunn and others gave valuable help in this work. Each morning, following the devotional service, I led out in a Bible study.

Thursday, January 3rd, the first business session of the mission was held, when the chairman's report was presented, which showed a very encouraging growth in all lines of work during the past year.

Elder Meredith, from Wales, and Elder Mac-Lay, from North England, assisted in the meetings. Friday evening the Lord greatly blessed Elder Meredith in presenting the spiritual aspect of the Sabbath to a good audience, which included a number of strangers. Sabbath morning the hall was filled with Sabbath-keepers, from Wick in the north to Mochlin in the south, and again the presence of the Lord was very mani-Hearts were subdued; some gave themfest. selves to the Lord for the first time, while others renewed their consecration. In the afternoon Elder MacLay gave a most excellent Bible study on "Preparation for Translation," which was followed by the celebration of the ordinances. It seemed to be the testimony of all that this was the best ordinance service they had ever attended.

The business sessions of the Mission closed Sunday morning with perfect unanimity of heart on the part of all, and with strong faith and courage for the work the coming year. Elder Haughey was re-elected superintendent. One change was made in the Advisory Committee, necessitated by the illness of Brother David Gunn, of Kirkcaldy.

The last meeting was held Sunday evening, when the change of the Sabbath was presented to a deeply interested audience, composed largely of strangers, as many of our own people had returned to their homes. We trust that the interest awakened in the truth through this meeting will prove to be a great help to the work in Glasgow. E. E. ANDROSS.

"CHRIST is waiting with longing desire for the manifestation of Himself in His church. When the character of Christ shall be perfectly reproduced in His people, then He will come to claim them as His own."

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YOUNG lady, widow, wishes to meet another to share her cottage on the Kent coast. Low terms. Sabbathkeeper preferred. X.Y., care of MISSIONARY WORKER.

WANTED, an energetic young woman as domestic, to succeed one who has been with us seven and a half years, and is leaving to marry. No children; two in family. Good home to a Sabbath-keeper.

DR. SMITH, Prestatyn, North Wales.

SITUATION wanted by married man where Sabbath can be kept. Nine years present place as warehouseman and grocer, and ten years previous as baker.

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