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## Publishing the Message in Britain

By A. WARREN

"THIS is the largest sale of bound books we have had for six years," I said to our superintendent, "24,000 copies!"

"How many shilling books have we done?" he inquired.

"Let me see. Here it is—102,000 copies," I replied. "Most of it *Bedtime Stories* as usual."

We looked through the reports together. Our missionary paper *Present Truth* has had a good year with an average sale of about 22,000 copies every fortnight. Our *Good Health* has dropped somewhat to 17,000 a month.

Two colporteurs have been sowing the seed down in Kent, near the place where Augustine landed with his monks in A.D. 597.

Another, Brother McRae, has been right up in the most northerly tip of the Shetland Islands. There are twenty-three inhabited islands in this group, and our colporteur has sold good quantities of our brightly covered shilling books in almost all of them.

Two students went over to Ireland in the summer and had remarkable success in County Fermanagh. One of them sold sufficient books for a half scholarship in one week. Together they sold over seven hundred copies of *Our Wonderful Bible*.

Three full-time colporteurs have been selling literature in historic Scotland. One of these, Brother Innes, tells of the warm appreciation many Scots show for our shilling books. Another colporteur is constantly reporting people interested in the Sabbath truth.

In South Wales Brother Smart

has done good work with our magazine *Good Health*. He has from 1,500 to 2,000 people who purchase the magazine regularly every month.

Thousands of shilling books and magazines have been sold in the London area during 1937. Brother A. Lacey alone has disposed of about 11,000 shilling books besides hundreds of papers.

This year has seen the fruitage of literature sold in the past. A lady in north-west England became interested in the Sabbath truth through reading a copy of *Our Paradise Home* borrowed from a friend who had evidently purchased it from twelve to twenty years ago.

"I am going to rouse the whole neighbourhood about this," she said.

Recently we met Brother Maur at Edinburgh, who had a strange story to unfold. Back in 1914 a farmer in the Orkney Islands lent him *Great Controversy*, purchased from a colporteur. He read it with interest—but then came the war and he was sent to Mesopotamia.

Oddly enough, in that far-away land he found a copy of *Present Truth* on the table. And when, after the war, he walked into a library in England, he came across *Present Truth* again.

No wonder he later found his way into the truth.

Brother Thomson of Stirling

was an atheist not many years ago, and used to go around selling Socialist papers in his spare time. Now he is rejoicing in the light of the Gospel.

He became dissatisfied with atheism. If death was to be the end of man—what a tragedy!

He read Conan Doyle's book on *Life After Death*, and, though he felt it contained some absurd things, his curiosity was aroused. Later, while selling his Socialist paper, he called on one of our members who gave him our tract on *The State of the Dead*. And later another tract.

Then he read *The World's Quest for Eternal Youth*, and to his great satisfaction found that this summarized the whole truth on the theme which had become so vital to him! He became acquainted with the other Bible truths for this time and then attended our meetings. Later he was baptized.

Another colporteur, Brother Kinman, has been circulating our books among the soldiers at the great training camp at Aldershot. He has also visited the royal palace at Windsor again and sold literature there.

Brother Schultz, who is working in the Leicester district, has taken orders from some very interesting people. Two city aldermen; Count Carneiro, secretary to the Portuguese ambassador; three city councillors; seven ministers; fifteen Sunday-school teachers; two headmasters; fifteen Catholics; one Education Committee official, and an official in the Leicester Free Library.

"Write to me if in difficulties," said a university professor to one of our medical students who had been canvassing him for one of our books. And then and there he gave him a money present. Later he arranged to pay his college expenses—fees and board—every year until he had finished his medical course.

"You are the one I have seen in my dream last night. God has surely sent you to-day," exclaimed a lady as Brother Shaw canvassed her with *Our Wonderful Bible*.

"And I saw that picture," she interjected, as the page was turned to the picture of Christ.

A married couple were led to the truth by a colporteur at Coventry. Another man and his wife came in through a colporteur at Ilkeston.

Three young people, man, wife and brother, from the Plymouth Brethren, began to keep the Sabbath in face of much opposition after meeting a colporteur who was selling *Our Wonderful Bible*.

come losses, is now beginning to make encouraging gains. It has a heavy indebtedness and an urgent need for capital investment in order that it may expand its business.

Our Sanitarium was, eighteen months ago, making a very heavy loss, but that has been reduced to quite a small loss during 1937, and we hope that in the next few years this loss may become a gain.

Our College is having a good year spiritually, though it has very great need of improvement in facilities, as well as in the standard of education offered. Plans are afoot to improve this situation at an early date.

In the midst of our great needs we are truly thankful to God for His blessings which have been abundant to us in this Union. We press on in His service, confident that greater things will be done in our midst than we have ever seen before; our loyal band of workers, both field and institutional, greet their fellow-believers in other parts of the Division territory.

## The Advent Message in Britain

BY H. W. LOWE

THE best news from the British Union is that, so far as we can tell from our present incomplete returns, 1937 bids fair to be the best soul-winning year we have had for a long time. Undoubtedly the greatest need in this Union is an increase in membership.

At the present time we are only able to enter about two or three new cities each year. There are at least 1,025 of these unentered cities in our territory. Humanly speaking, it will take from 300 to 400 years before these cities are warned! That is the greatest burden we have in this Union. We believe that God, by His gracious Spirit, will do something to change this situation, and make it possible for us to blaze the news of the soon-coming Christ among the fifty millions in our land.

Our tithe income has reached the figure of £28,000, which is an increase of £580 over the previous year. When we remember that in 1935 we had one legacy tithe of £740, it will be seen that our last year's increase is a blessing; for this we are very grateful.

Our total offerings to missions have reached the large figure of £18,400, which is an increase of £207 above the previous year. Among our offerings to missions we have to record the highest figure we have yet reached in our Harvest Ingathering, namely, over £10,700.

Our institutions are sending personal messages through these columns, so it will suffice to say only a few words about them here.

The Stanborough Press is the one institution that is making good profits at the present time, and we are very grateful to God for the way in which our publishing work has been blessed in the Union during the past few years.

Our Food Factory, which a short time ago was making unwell-

## The North England Conference

BY O. M. DORLAND

THE Lord has blessed the workers in their labours and the churches in their home missionary endeavours to "win one" for the Master. The year 1937 has proved to be the best in soul-winning the North England Conference has ever enjoyed.

Last year we baptized and added by vote 214 new members, a gain of eighty-four on the previous year.

We have in this field a band of thirty-five faithful colporteurs, twenty-three of these doing regular full-time work. As a result of their labours during 1937, nine persons have been received into church fellowship, and literature to the value of £9,237 has been placed in the homes of the people. This large amount of literature represents a gain of £865 over the previous year, an increase of over ten per cent. During the twelve months the colporteurs have circulated 7,809 copies of the new book, *Our Wonderful Bible*. These

earnest workers deserve our daily intercession on their behalf.

Our finances have shown encouraging growth in the past years. From our sixty Sabbath-schools we received in offerings, during 1937, the sum of £1,535. We were also encouraged by the number each quarter showing regular daily lesson study and perfect record for attendance.

The young people's work is progressing. We have fifteen senior and seven junior societies. They are an enthusiastic army and many of them plan to study the Progressive Courses introduced by the General Conference Missionary Volunteer Department, and thus qualify to attend the Division Young People's Council planned for 1939.

Our membership shows its loyalty and service in the Home Missionary Department; especially is this true in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign. 1937 was a record year. For the first time in our his-

tory the goal of £3,400 was raised in the campaign period of eight weeks. The final figure shows a grand total of £3,707. We thank God for such a loyal working membership.

Our finances are another encouraging feature of conference growth. There has been a steady increase through the years. Our total tithes for 1937 amounted to £8,057, and our total offerings reached the record sum of £5,624.

## The South England Conference

BY R. S. JOYCE

In the South England Conference in 1937 we felt the leading hand of God, and now, on the border of the New Year, our hearts are grateful as we make the retrospect.

At the Annual Conference we had Pastor C. L. Bond of the General Conference, and never before have so many gathered to worship and conduct the business of the conference. All records were broken, too, when £5,071 was reached in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign. The members gave their time willingly for many weeks to do this, for they are keenly interested in the cause of foreign missions. We have cause to thank God for the publishing work, the real results of which will one day be made manifest. One interesting experience—a young man read the *Desire of Ages*, and was convinced that in his life was a great lack. He visited the churches of the various denominations where he lived but was unsatisfied. Last year he attended the second night of one of our evangelistic campaigns, and as he listened he was convinced that the preacher represented the people of the book *Desire of Ages*. "Himself believed and his whole house," and he has now joined the colporteurs. The colporteur leader is one of our returned missionaries from W. Africa. The year shows an increase of £262 in sales.

Our young people have as their leader one who laboured for many years in East Africa. The Summer Camp and Winter Reunion Social, now regular features of our young

This is the highest figure in tithes and offerings we have ever raised.

By the month of February we should have nine special evangelistic efforts in progress.

We are of good courage in the Lord and believe that God will use our colporteurs, our membership which now numbers 1,865, and the staff of thirty field workers, to go forward in His strength to finish the task in this part of His vineyard.

people's work, were well attended and enjoyed.

We have in our midst the only church schools in the Union. The calls for teachers for the mission fields have disrupted our teaching staffs, but we believe that better days lie ahead for our three schools.

Our faithful secretary-treasurer is indeed grateful to God, who prompts our members to generous giving, that he can report an in-

crease of £710 in tithes, and £465 in offerings.

Although some who greatly helped to make possible the good reports of net gains in membership have left these shores, we are glad to say that 1937 shows a larger net gain than 1936, and the tendency has been upward through the years. Seven new towns had their first opportunity of hearing the message through our evangelists. In London a very large campaign has flourished in an entirely new section, and the evangelist has been overwhelmed with the names of those asking for personal visits and literature. We are grateful for progress, but are limited by our shortage of workers and means.

Our committee has endeavoured to place each man where he can serve to the best advantage. We know that "none liveth to himself," and that prosperity in the field depends on the spirit in the local churches. We know, too, that "the field is the world," and our workers and members truly have the cause of missions on their hearts. So God has prospered His work and we say truly, "Brethren, we are debtors," for "in everything" we "are enriched by Him."

## Progress in Ireland

BY E. E. CRAVEN

IRELAND is the land of saints and sinners. Nowhere in the world will you find a kinder people. Unfortunately she is divided into two, religiously and politically. In the south most of the people are Catholic, and in the north the Protestants dominate. There is no love lost between the two parties. The threat of Communism has welded the Catholic to his priest. The northerners are almost in the same position so far as their ministry is concerned.

Both parties hate Adventists. Every Irishman feels he must have a minister, and certainly he must have an ordained minister for his funeral. A funeral is a big event here. Every male relative and every workmate turns out for a funeral, and gladly loses a day's pay. You are not a church unless you have a church building, hence

our difficulties—prejudice from both parties.

I regret that the past year has not been a banner year in the matter of winning souls. We were, however, asked to raise £350 for Harvest Ingathering, and we collected nearly £500. We in Ireland will never let our missionaries down.

The outlook for 1938 is bright. Early in 1937 the writer commenced a series of meetings in the city of Belfast. From the very beginning success crowned our efforts. Within a few weeks we had over 700 names, and our Bible-workers have done hard work. In fact, none of us has had any difficulty to sleep. One Bible-worker visited nearly 300 people every week for months without fail. I have driven in the truths of God's Word without fear of Protestant

or Papist, and after nearly twelve months of preaching we still have a standing audience of over 250 coming every Sunday evening without any advertising. We expect to baptize from this effort about forty souls. These will go forward within the next few weeks. We shall certainly add about fifty souls this year.

Brother Walton of Dublin has done good work. He and his loyal churchmembers were asked to raise £100 for the Harvest In-gathering, and they have raised £200 in Catholic Dublin. He has three souls ready for baptism. Brother Nicholson of Lisburn will doubtless have some to go forward. He has only just started. We believe that everything points to success for 1938. We certainly have made an encouraging start. Dr. Houston has taken charge of our Sabbath-school in our old-established church here in Belfast. It was good to see, on the first Sabbath of the year, nearly the whole church in the Sabbath-school.

Our needs are many. We need the prayers of God's people. We need the baptism of the Spirit as we endeavour to find new ways and methods. We need courage as we meet the depressing influence of prejudice every day of the week. If the work of God is to thrive in this part of the vineyard, especially outside of Belfast, it will be through the literature ministry. We have no colporteurs, and we have no literature suitable for the southerners. At one time Ireland could boast of four and a half millions, but someone has said it would be difficult to find three and a quarter millions in the whole of Ireland. Every week boat-loads of people go over to England to find work, and better conditions. The population is scattered. It rains nearly every day, hence the work of the colporteur is difficult. Nearly all colporteurs belonging to other societies are subsidized. There is a distinct advantage in evangelizing the countryside as the isolated farmer does not expect to be nursed like the city people. We have some very faithful isolated farmers. We wish we had many more. Will you all kindly remember the land of St. Patrick.

## The Scottish Mission

BY L. MURDOCH

At the beginning of the year 1937 the Scottish Mission Advisory Committee met to consider plans for the enlargement and advancement of the work within its territory. The committee was composed of men who have known our message for twenty or thirty years and more, and have seen various methods tried out, and the results of some large and expensive campaigns. Being well acquainted with local conditions, these brethren advised smaller efforts and more of them. The Lord has blessed these plans, making the year one of the best in soul-winning. During the last quarter we have added thirty-eight new members, and a number are showing deep interest. This may not seem a large increase to those unacquainted with the peculiar difficulties we have always faced in old Scotland, but when we remember that we have been working for over forty years, and our membership at the beginning of the year stood at only 270, we feel that we have good reason to thank God. Three campaigns were conducted by our evangelists and four smaller efforts were carried in the main by our lay brethren. During the year we were able to secure five projectorscopes, which have been used with a good degree of success in the smaller efforts.

Scotland being an agricultural country we have felt for a long time that we should plan to open work in the smaller towns and in the country districts. With this in view we made it possible for two of our colporteurs to engage in personal evangelism in a special way, while carrying forward their literature work in the extreme north. Here is a report from The Stanborough Press regarding the work which Brother McRae has been doing in the Islands. It makes one realize that Scotland is a mission field in every sense of the word.

"You will be glad to hear that Brother McRae has just canvassed the most northerly lighthouse station in all the British Isles—the Muckle Flugga station in the north of the island of Unst, in the

Shetlands. There are five families living at the Muckle Flugga station, and our colporteur sold them five shilling books. The lighthouse itself is on an immense rock a little farther north. It has three keepers at a time, and in winter these are often imprisoned on the rock indefinitely by the high seas which prevail. While the waves crash in fury against the lighthouse this winter, there will be plenty of time to read and reread the books which Brother McRae has carried them."

Our colporteur also visited Foula, fifteen miles west of the Shetlands. This is the island known as the "edge of the world," perhaps because here Britain's tallest cliff (1,200 feet) faces the Atlantic rollers. There are only about thirty houses on Foula, some of them ancient homes, with peat fire in the middle of the floor and a hole in the roof for the smoke to escape through. Our colporteur sold here forty-nine shillings' worth of *Steps to Christ*, *Wonders*, *Bible Speaks*, *Bedtime Stories*, and *Health and Happiness*.

Another colporteur, who has had success in winning souls in the south of Scotland, left only a few weeks ago to engage in pioneer work in Wick and Thurso. His work will take him right to John O'Groats' house, the most northerly point on the mainland. A letter from this brother states that he had already been able to place well over a hundred of our bound books in the homes of these small crofters, and every evening he is kept busy studying with interested people. He writes to say that six people have accepted the Sabbath as the result of his labours, two are already baptized, and the others will take this step in the near future.

These two brethren ask for special interest in our prayers as they endure the rigours of the long winter in the north, in order that these good-hearted people, so far away from the populous cities, may have opportunity to hear our message.

Our people received much bless-

ing during the Week of Prayer, and it was a great joy to welcome back into our midst some who, because of unfortunate circumstances, left us a few years ago. How glad they are to be within the fold again, having never known real happiness and peace of mind outside. Their testimonies are an inspiration to all. Missionary A. Brett, who has recently returned from China, visited our churches during the Harvest Ingathering Campaign. His visit was greatly appreciated by all our people, and all determined to do their utmost to make the campaign a success. Within a week of his departure we received a telegram from Pastor F. W. Goodall that Scotland had

more than reached her goal. We hope for a good overflow.

We do not know at the time of writing how the year will end financially, but we do know that the Lord has blessed us in soul-winning endeavour beyond anything that we have experienced for years, and we look forward to the new year with courage and confidence in Him, knowing that He "is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we can ask or think."

Remember us in your prayers as we continually remember you, that the God of all peace may multiply His grace toward us and that we may abound or overflow in every good work.

## *The Stanboroughs Sanitarium*

BY A. H. THOMPSON

ONE outstanding feature of this year is the development of the Maternity Department. This department commenced its operations over two years ago and has come to be appreciated in the neighbourhood. In 1936 thirty-one babies were born, and this last year the total was 133. In connection with this department, an ante-natal clinic and post-natal clinic are held two days weekly at which advice is given by the two resident doctors and matron free of charge. We are meeting a real need in the town of Watford and we hope that as the number of cases grows we shall be either affiliated with a hospital or be permitted to train our own nurses to be officially recognized.

During the early part of the year ten lectures were given in London churches by our two doctors. Prior to these lectures, Mrs. Leigh—a graduate nurse of The Stanboroughs—gave helpful and interesting demonstrations on cooking. Various gas companies co-operated by connecting and lending gas cookers free of charge, and also in showing two cinema films on diet with balanced menus.

The Hydro, originally a fairly large country house, of necessity requires to be modernized. The most outstanding deficiency is running water in the bedrooms.

We are frequently told our rooms are not up to the standard of ordinary hotels. For the past fifteen months, as funds became available, this lack has been remedied in at least ten of the rooms.

In another part of the house it has been found necessary to cut out the existing small gauge pipes and substitute large ones. This task is being handled by our own engineering staff. In addition, a number of rooms have been re-furnished and redecorated. Old friends are quick to praise the im-

provements. Their personal commendation is worth much.

During the summer Dr. Buchman, Oxford Group Leader, brought a house party of over 120 Groupers to the Hydro. Our house was taxed to the utmost, and we also had to use all the wards in the Annexe for our guests. It was inspiring one day to notice that mixed up in our dining-room were presidents of the Northern European Division, Oxford Groupers, Plymouth Brethren, Jews, a Roman Catholic, a Friend, and a Spiritualist. It is not stretching faith too much to hope that through contact with our personnel, seed may be sown which will win to Christ some who have visited us.

At the close of the year, a carol service had been arranged for Christmas Eve which fell on Sabbath. About a dozen Jews and Jewesses attended with other guests, and followed the words of the carols in our hymn-books. They expressed pleasure at being present.

Close attention has been paid to advertising. New media have been tried, some with success. But we are not satisfied. Equipped as we are and situated so near the metropolis, we feel we ought to have three or four times the patronage.

We are looking forward to extending health work to the city of London. With a few treatment-rooms scattered over the city we would feel we were obeying the command of the Lord.

## *The British Food Factory*

BY JOHN RIGBY

DURING the thirty-eight years of our existence quite a number of products have been added until we now have about forty-six. These can be grouped into the following departments: Cereals; Starch Reduced Foods; Nut Foods; Remedial Foods.

In 1933 we found it necessary to produce a wheat biscuit. This is now our biggest individual item, being responsible for no less than twenty-two per cent of total sales and carrying twenty-nine per cent of overhead expenses. It demanded a revolution in factory methods. No longer could we be satisfied

with "manual" operations. A "straight-through" mechanical process was essential. The necessary machinery was designed and practically completed by our own workers. Now the wheat passes in one unbroken line from silo (storage bin) through the various cleaning processes, steam cooking, drying, flaking, moulding into biscuit form, oven toasting, packing, wax paper wrapping of cartons, and final casing ready for despatch to customers. Such a system ensures complete control and first-class products.

We soon recognized the un-

doubted value of the Soya Bean in modern diet and have enjoyed quite a good response to our efforts in this direction. We are now planning to extend this section still further, for the demand for soya products will grow.

The "Canned Food" section has increased fifty per cent in three years. Our Starch Reduced Foods are particularly useful in diets for diabetes and obesity, and they seem to be well received by the medical profession. So far as possible we try to do all our own work. We have our own office printing de-

partment which is kept very busy producing leaflets, price cards, advertisement posters, labels, etc. Our engineer is constantly engaged in ensuring that the plant is kept to a high standard of efficiency so that breakdowns are kept to a minimum. The rest of the maintenance department cares for the building repairs. Cleanliness is one of our chief endeavours, so you will usually find some painting and decorating in progress.

On behalf of the fifty-four members of our staff, I send you greetings.

staff, and for the College domestic washing. We will handle about six hundred pounds' worth of washing this year. Twenty have gained laundry experience this year.

The textile is another popular and paying department, with four knitting machines and other apparatus.

Many of you have the products of the leather bag industry. There are six sewing machines, electrically operated. Seven or eight workers produce the goods which four or five young men go out and sell. These latter develop as salesmen.

Enterprising young men mend shoes, building up their own round, in addition to their College custom. They are doing well.

We must mention Engineering and Carpentry Departments, which build, repair, and handle our lighting, water, heating, and sanitation. Baffling emergencies are met, and ingenuity grows. Thus sixteen handy men pay their fees.

Altogether, in its various departments, the College has made it possible for students to earn about three thousand pounds this year, an average of about twenty-three pounds per head, in addition to the canvassing income.

## Paying for Education

BY F. D. BUCKLE

WEALTHY men put their sons through a popular university at great cost. They find the hundreds with relative ease. But parents of Newbold students count their available pounds, not in hundreds, more often in tens.

To raise our moderate fees, thoughtful planning is required, and steady working out of the plan. In the end the course is valued by the student (and is valuable to him) because it has cost him prayer and effort.

Canvassing in the summer often provides the first money that the student puts down on arriving at College. Sunday canvassing brings a regular flow of cash during the term. Over thirty go out each week now. Hundreds of pounds are coming to the students this year as they practise book-evangelism.

We invite you to leave your comfortable bed about four o'clock one morning, and join the farm boy who rounds up the cows. Go with him to the milking sheds. There is modern apparatus for clean and rapid milking. The milk from each cow is weighed, recorded, and cooled. Churns are filled for the different destinations. Later there is the cleansing of utensils and washing down of sheds. We have two contracts besides the College requirement, and sales are about £1,100. Eight students put in all their available time at dairy and other farm work. The farm pays its way.

There is vegetable and floral

gardening, including glasshouse work, which call for intelligence, faithfulness, and economy. All our industries are chosen with the twofold object of providing work and also opportunity to learn how to earn a living. The garden employs about the same number as the farm.

Young women also learn as they earn, in the Laundry, Textile, and Leather Departments.

The laundry caters for the hundred and thirty students, for the

## In the Polish Union

BY W. CZEMBOR

POLAND is a Catholic country. There it is firmly believed that a true Pole and a true Catholic are one and the same, and that only the Pole is a true Catholic. Poland is not only Catholic, but it is a truly fanatical Catholic country. People with other beliefs always had to suffer greatly because of this fanaticism, for fanatical Catholicism is intolerant to the uttermost. But despite this the work is developing nicely and everywhere we find souls longing after God. During this year I have visited many churches and conducted twenty-three week-end district meetings. I can say that we have not had any difficulty worth mentioning.

### STATISTICAL

In the ten months of this year

we baptized 324 souls and twenty-five were added to the church by vote. During 1936 the number won was 288, a gain of sixty-one souls. Our membership at the close of the third quarter reached 3,491.

### FINANCIAL

There is also a gain in tithes and offerings this year. Tithes show a gain of Z17,249.26. The gain in mission offerings was Z13,704.08. The brethren and sisters in Poland are generally very poor. Many families have been without bread for more than three months before the harvest time came, and their stock of potatoes finally had gone, too, so they had to suffer hunger. We have to say that the income of the Polish Union does not suffice. The appropriations year by year have been reduced by great

amounts. The income of the union during the past six years has been as follows:

1932 .....	Z1,286,597.99
1933 .....	" 211,370.95
1934 .....	" 194,997.66
1935 .....	" 175,537.72
1936 .....	" 142,935.68
1937 .....	about " 132,000.00

The work has never been reduced, but attempts have been made to enlarge it. We have not run into debt, and we did not live on the capital either. We have been bearing in mind Brother T. T. Babienco's motto, "Bigger success with smaller means." We have also employed new workers this year; we have four more workers on our pay-list than last year. We have been very economical. The workers, of course, are getting very small wages at present. It is absolutely necessary this year to raise the wages of some of our workers. Workers who have always been content and never asked even for a Zloty rise in wages turned this year to their presidents and asked for help. Just recently I received a long letter from one of our workers. He writes that the winter has already started and he has no coal and no shoes, and that often he has only bread and water for his supper. This worker, too, did not say anything in the past. Now for the first time he turned to us. We cannot dismiss any worker because we need them all. We really need still more workers, for what are fifty-six workers among thirty-four millions?

CHURCH BUILDINGS

Up to 1936 we owned fourteen meeting-places. This year with the help of God two more have been added and one meeting-place was rebuilt and made larger. In this way the need was relieved but the problem has not been solved, for we ought to have many more church buildings.

HOME MISSIONARY WORK

Our members again have been doing faithful missionary work this year. There is a good spirit in all of our churches. Through the assistance of the members in their home missionary work, seventy-nine souls have been won this year. So far we have reached 115 per cent of the Harvest Ingathering

goal set by the Division. Also the youth are trying to do better work for God. They helped considerably in the Ingathering work and have reached the average of sixty per cent of the church goals. According to the resolution passed last year at Skodsborg by the Division we have been making special evangelizing effort among the youth, and the result of this work has been the baptism of ninety-seven young people.

Besides the four conferences and the North Polish Mission Field there is the publishing house in Warsaw and the school at Kamiernica near Bielsko. The school, I am sorry to say, operated only until June of this year. Because of lack

of means and students who are able to pay, we have been forced to close the school for the time being. The publishing house is doing better from year to year. The gain according to the balance sheet of September 30, 1937, is about Z13,500. A new book or periodical has been published every year. We have sold up to now 11,347 books, 5,874 booklets, and 54,793 periodicals. We have to publish in four languages, but we are trying to work for each nationality and to serve them all alike. We decided to issue still another booklet and a monthly paper in the Ukrainian language. Both, we trust, shall be published this year if nothing unforeseen happens.

## A Church Dedication in Africa

BY S. G. MAXWELL

THE Sabbath morning broke fine and clear and the prospects for the day were good.

The Sota church in Kavirondo were to dedicate their new building. It was a large structure, and they had had considerable trouble in erecting the building, but it had all been accomplished without expense to the Mission.

A red banner hung over the road leading to the church with the invitation WELCOME on it. A flag with the name of the church floated on the building.

We formed up in two lines, men and women, in the nearby village and walked slowly to church singing. At the door a psalm was read and I was handed a key. The people were invited to enter with praise. We packed them as closely as possible, but there were an equal number left outside.

Two chiefs were present and remained throughout the long proceedings. The church was first dedicated with a message calling on all present to make their bodies the temple of the Holy Spirit and so honour the place where God's name would be placed. The elder and deacon were ordained and a brief Sabbath-school followed. Then there was a preaching service. These folk are situated near the Tanganyika border and do not often get a visit from Europeans.

They were quite pleased that the European tried to speak to them in their language.

Some 500 people must have been present. The church showed some originality in decorating the building. As one approached the door, banana trees and sugar-cane bowed to you. Inside the church, string had been stretched in all directions, and garden produce attached in the form of maize cobs, Kafir corn, gourds, sugar-cane, etc. A huge bunch of bananas leaned over the pulpit. In the afternoon it collapsed but the minister was not using the desk. An empty petrol box cut in half formed the desk and the deaconess had tastefully arranged the table in front with an array of bottles with flowers in them.

A collection was taken and the visitors gave thirty shillings as they left the church.

Due provision had been made for the internal comforts of such a

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large gathering. Before the feast could start, the young people were called to their regular monthly meeting. However, their elders left them no mean portion of the feast.

Thus ended a Sabbath day which brought the Gospel of salvation to many who had not till that time entered the house of God.

## On the Gold Coast

BY J. CLIFFORD

DURING the year 1936 a total of one hundred and sixty-nine souls were baptized, and a further one hundred and thirty-seven souls were baptized during the first six months of 1937. During this eighteen-month period forty-nine were lost by death and forty-one by apostasy, giving a net gain of two hundred and sixteen members in the eighteen months. Our baptized membership now stands at 944. In the same period two new churches have been organized. There are encouraging increases in Sabbath-school and Baptismal Class membership.

Much of the work in the churches is carried on by lay workers who shoulder heavy responsibilities and are earnest soul-winners. This year a Lay Workers' Institute was held, and proved to be one of the most profitable gatherings that ever took place in the field.

Our African workers are not equal, in numbers or in training, to the needs of the task before them.

An urgent call comes from the French Ivory Coast for a French-speaking missionary to build up our work in that field. There are now at least four companies of believers in that land who have accepted the message through contact with our work in the Gold Coast. There are great opportunities before us in that field.

Accra and other large towns are calling for an experienced evangelist. Chiefs and people are constantly asking why their repeated calls for a doctor and hospital go unanswered. Help is needed for church buildings in Koforidua and Kumasi, where building regulations make the erection of suitable places of worship beyond the powers of the local membership. Mission-

aries are needed for Togoland and other unentered places within the Union.

## The Sierra Leone Mission

BY S. BROBERG

FOR a long time we have been planning to open a girls' school, and in April this year we started with five girls. In the forenoon the girls follow classes in the day school and in the afternoon they have domestic training. Miss Nuka, our energetic secretary-treasurer, manages the office in the morning and teaches the girls in the afternoon. Also Mrs. Rasmussen teaches in some subjects. We are happy for this beginning.

The total number of children enrolled in our thirteen out-schools and the day school at Waterloo is 678. Besides these schools, we have the boys' training school with thirty-five boarders, and the girls' school with six boarders. The total number of believers in our field is 452. In the Baptismal Classes there are 181. Our Sabbath-school attendance is still growing. In 1934 we had 667 members, but to-day we have exceeded 1,272. This gain is

due to the fact that the teachers are going out in evangelistic efforts with the evangelistic spirit. Also our Missionary Volunteer society is doing a practical and soul-saving work. One missionary volunteer from the Waterloo Training School carries on an evangelistic effort all by himself.

BROTHER L. B. HALLIWELL writes from the Amazon Mission in the *South American Bulletin*:

"Our people here are very faithful. In the seven years we have worked here and of the ninety members we have baptized up in this zone, we have had only three that have left the truth. At our general meeting I appointed a committee to recommend the candidates for baptism, and there was a certain brother who wanted to be baptized. One member of the committee was against his baptism because he had a debt at one of the stores. They called him in and he had to settle his debt before they would pass on him."

THE reports from Poland, Gold Coast, and Sierra Leone, on pages 6, 7, and 8, are items taken from reports rendered at the Winter Council, crowded out from our special Winter Council issue. The list of missionary sailings should also have appeared in that issue.

## Missionary Sailings in 1937

Month	Missionaries	Destination
January	Drs. C. E. Kahlstrom E. W. Pedersen and wife	America to Ethiopia, East Africa Denmark to Uganda, East Africa
February	Miss M. Lewis	England to Kenya, East Africa
March	W. McClements and wife	England to Nigeria, West Africa (returning)
April	Miss D. H. Fraser Miss Eva Raitt	England to Nigeria, West Africa England to Nigeria, West Africa
May	Dr. H. Hargreaves Miss Petra Høvig	England to Persia (returning) Norway to Angola, Africa
June	A. G. Rodgers and family W. J. Newman	England to India England to Nigeria, West Africa
"	W. C. S. Raitt and wife	England to Kenya, East Africa (returning)
July	F. L. Stokes	England to Gold Coast, West Africa (returning)
"	Mrs. F. L. Stokes H. L. Rasmussen	England to Gold Coast, West Africa Denmark to Sierra Leone, West Africa (returning)
August	Mrs. H. L. Rasmussen C. A. Bartlett and wife	U.S.A. to Sierra Leone, West Africa England to Nigeria, West Africa (returning)
Nov.	Edgar Brooks and family	England to Argentine, South America (returning)
"	A. C. Vine and family	England to Nigeria, West Africa (returning)
Dec.	V. E. Toppenberg	Denmark to Uganda, East Africa (returning)
"	Mrs. V. E. Toppenberg S. Broberg and family	U.S.A. to Uganda, East Africa Denmark to Sierra Leone, West Africa (returning)