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## The Work in the British Union

By H. W. Lowe

It is too early to report for the year 1939, so we can but give general impressions on the way in which the blessing of God has rested upon us since we last reported in these columns.

By the end of September everything appeared as though we should have a better year to report in 1939 than in 1938. The descent of war upon the Continent may reduce a few of our figures, but it still looks as though we shall have a very good year when all our reports are in.

Our tithe is likely to be slightly in excess of that for the previous year, and also our mission offerings. War conditions have affected such things as Harvest Ingathering, which may show a reduction of £1,000 as compared with the previous year.

The first result of the war to be felt was that our Medical Institution at Watford was taken over by the Government and is now operated, together with the Maternity Home, as a psychiatric hospital. Practically all our Adventist staff have been retained, and the Government, of course, is carrying all the operating costs. Our nurses are getting a new line of experience which should be helpful to them in the days to come.

The next visible effect of war conditions was that owing to the blackout regulations the attendances at our evening evangelistic services immediately dropped. Some of our men are operating in the afternoons, though this is not a very adequate substitute for the evening service.

In the main all our evangelistic

work is continuing, and even though our preachers have to make certain adaptations to meet current conditions, we believe that there is a deeper interest in prophetic religion than we have seen for many years. We hope this may lead to an encouraging accession of membership.

All our men up to the age of forty-one years are now subject to military service, but we are glad to say that, up to the present, our members have been allowed to undertake non-combatant duties, and practically all of them have certain guarantees with regard to Sabbath observance.

All our College students have been exempted from compulsory service during the period of their theological training, so our school operates fairly normally, although the enrolment is down by about forty, due mainly to the absence this year of our overseas students.

This has been the best year in the history of our health food work, and we are very grateful that war conditions have made it possible for us still to operate this institution which employs a good

number of our members. The pressure in this factory has been very heavy, but we have a loyal band of workers there.

Our publishing work has, unfortunately, suffered a setback, and the profits in The Stanborough Press will be little or none this year. A number of our colporteurs have gone to national service, and this has resulted in some reduced sales. On the other hand, our colporteurs still have every liberty to sell their literature, and we see no reason why, with certain new publications coming from our press, we should not forge ahead in this department of our work under war conditions. A special edition of *Steps to Christ* for soldiers, sailors, and airmen, bids fair to sell very extensively.

Though we are faced with a depleted income for operating our work within the Union, we feel we have a good deal for which to be thankful in these stressful times, and the courage of our workers and our people is strong in the Lord. As we see the day of God approaching we lift up our heads and pray the great Judge of all to prepare our hearts to stand before Him.

## The South England Conference

BY G. D. KING

It would be very easy at this time to write about perplexities and problems consequent upon the outbreak of war, but we realize that we have many things for

which to be thankful in South England, and it is about these we wish to think and speak.

First, we are thankful for the 3,000 or more loyal members in

the conference who are courageously standing by the cause of God in trying times. The faithfulness of our membership has been revealed by their response to the Ingathering campaign. Some churches were sadly depleted by evacuation when war came. Conditions were particularly trying in London and east coast towns. In spite of this the Ingathering work has gone on, and by the end of 1939 the South England Conference will have raised almost half the British Union total of £10,000. For this we praise God and thank Him for the liberty and freedom we enjoy to propagate the work.

Faithfulness in tithes and offerings is another indication of the loyalty of our members. At the time of writing a good gain is reported over the corresponding period of 1938 and we confidently expect the year to close with the gain maintained.

Our colporteurs are standing by their task and report in many cases a more ready response on the part of the public. The book sales, while showing a decrease in total, are no less as far as individual colporteurs are concerned. The decrease is mainly due to colporteurs leaving the work for war emergency service.

In the field of public evangelism our problems have been greatly increased, but we have reason for encouragement. Owing to blackout conditions, some evangelists began Sunday afternoon meetings. This has been done by four evangelists so far in the field. Reports indicate that non-member attendances are by no means so large on Sunday afternoons. The English Sunday afternoon is for most families a period of rest, and to attract people to a meeting at this time is difficult. The largest afternoon attendance has been about 250, a quarter of the crowd our evangelists expect and plan to get. However, in spite of this small attendance, the evangelists report a good interest, and in most cases at least half the congregation is receiving literature and Bible-worker visits.

The largest evangelistic campaign attendance has been at Chelmsford where over a thousand people attended the first ser-

vice, held on a moonlight Sunday night. The evangelist is thankful that the moon cannot be blacked out. The attendance has kept up well in spite of darkness, and in this campaign over 700 names have already been received. The interest in the message is developing as the meetings continue.

We now have five evangelistic campaigns in progress, three of them in previously unentered

towns. Six more campaigns will start early in 1940.

Aggressive evangelism on the part of conference workers and churchmembers is the continued policy in South England.

We send our greetings to the SURVEY family, and assure you of our prayerful interest. We ask you to remember us constantly in your prayers that God's name may be glorified in our midst.

## *The Welsh Mission*

BY S. G. HYDE

OF the sister nations that together form Great Britain, Wales is, with the exception of Northern Ireland, the smallest and the most mysterious. It is here where one finds vestiges of the past clinging tenaciously, as though Wales was conscious of the fact that the term "Britain" originated as much with Celtic Wales as with any part of these islands.

The message of the "third angel" has made little progress here so far. Not yet has Wales heard our message preached in her own tongue. No more than a score of our four hundred and sixty members speak Welsh, most of our churches being situated in areas where English is in daily use and where intermarriage has broken down some of the old traditions and customs.

In the north we have two companies where Welsh is used, though not in the church services. We have not had members yet in the largest and most important town in North Wales—Wrexham, where Elihu Yale, founder of the Yale University, lies buried in the famous St. Giles church. Pastor H. K. Munson has now opened up work here and between 300-500 people are hearing the message for the first time. Here, we hope to have established a new Adventist church and thus register further advancement for the cause of God in Wales.

The headquarters of the Mission is in Cardiff, a delightful city, clean and modern, with a civic centre unexcelled in Great Britain, where 250,000 people dwell to whom we must bring the Advent story. Here we have had our larg-

est public meetings, though the response to the demands which our message makes has been out of all proportion to the apparent interest. For forty or more years Cardiff has been "worked," by our evangelists, right from the days of Elders Washburn and Meredith. Yet to-day our membership stands at less than seventy. What is more, we have no place of worship in this fair city. We are hurrying on with our building fund, however, and hope to do something soon to secure a place of worship. But another war has come bringing with it the unavoidable setbacks and hindrances. We may have to wait a long time before we realize our desires, but we will be patient and plod on in preparation.

Newport, a town of 100,000, has a fair-sized building on one of the highways for its 100 members. This is our largest church in the Welsh Mission.

Discovery of coal in the nineteenth century resulted in revolutionary changes in this country. Coal was to make Wales famous, and coal it was that brought the people from the land to be herded together, often in unsightly townships, clinging with apparent insecurity to the grim hillsides of the industrious south-west. In these valleys will be found populations with a density greater than one would have thought possible. Here will be found companies of God's people who know the meaning of the word "sacrifice," and who know the hardness of the everyday life, yet who rejoice in sacrificing for the cause of God and witnessing for the truth we love.

In the past four years, these people with their brethren in other parts of the Welsh Mission territory, have shown their zeal by collecting annually £1,000 in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign, exceeding their official goal by £150 each year. Nearly £500 is given from their own incomes to other mission offerings each year, while tithe to the amount of £1,862 was passed to the treasury last year.

Baptisms have not been too encouraging. During the past five years 171 have been baptized and twenty-seven added by vote. But the losses have been heavy, more especially in removals and deaths, so that the net increase over the same period has been only forty. Emigration has made it almost impossible to look forward to steady progress. In fifteen years (1922-1937), in four counties only, 300,000 people emigrated. This heavy emigration, which has affected our work, has been occasioned by unemployment in which, compared with the 12.5 per cent which is the average figure for Britain, Wales is 24.4 per cent. When we think of these facts, it

makes our own figures, particularly the financial ones, shine with pride.

In Barry Dock we have a splendid church building and congregation. That other famous port, Swansea, now has one of our finest church buildings, as far as Britain is concerned.

That part of our work which prepares the way for the evangelist—the colporteur work—unfortunately is almost at a standstill. We have one full-time book worker, but a really good one. We have only two others working part-time. These three sold £1,231 worth of literature last year. But if we had sixteen workers as was the case in 1926, what would the result be?

Well, we thank God for a part in this great work of preparing the way of the Lord. In your prayers, please make special mention of the great "little land of Wales" and of the extensive unentered areas, that soon we may discover how to reach the masses and have greater power to persuade them to accept the third angel's message and the call of the Lord, "Prepare to meet thy God."

Wales sent some copies of *Signs of the Times* home to her sister in St Andrews. This sister is now keeping the Sabbath. We are happy to say that the small force of bookmen will be doubled in January, 1940. May this work grow and experience the blessing of Heaven.

The second world war has brought new and trying conditions in our cities. The blackout has enshrouded the people, and made travelling adventurous, even dangerous. Despite this we have launched five new efforts this winter, and a good interest is reported from each centre. Our small membership needs to grow, so all our workers are engaged in soul-saving evangelism. We are seeking to encourage our churchmembers to "win one" at least, during 1940. We have several small companies that need the strength imparted by growth in membership. Our church in Edinburgh greatly needs a suitable building in which to worship. Here, in the capital city of Scotland, with a membership of seventy-four, we meet in a hired hall. Many doctors come here each year to obtain their British degrees. It is embarrassing for them to tell fellow-students where they worship. However, our small church building fund has been more than doubled this past year. We press on towards the goal of "a memorial to the truth" in Edinburgh.

The writer has been conducting a service each Sunday evening in an A.R.P. depot. As our campaign is held during the afternoon, this does not conflict with the effort. The war is creating difficulties, but it is also offering unique opportunities if we will but grasp them. The work will be finished "even in troublous times," but it will be finished. May you and I triumph with it in the day of Jesus Christ.

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An article by the president of the North England Conference should appear in these first pages, but it arrived after the paper had been made up. It will be found on page 7.

No article had come from Ireland at the time we went to press.

W.T.B.

## *The Scottish Mission*

BY J. A. MCMILLAN

THE membership of the Scottish Mission is now over the 300 mark. During the past year the workers conducted four evangelistic campaigns. These resulted in thirty-one souls being added to the church. As this report is prepared before the close of the year, we cannot say just what the net gain will be. We thank the Lord for the gain and the progress made in this northern field of the British Union.

The tithe report for the first eleven months of 1939 is very encouraging indeed. The budgetted figure for that period was £1,200 and our tithe reached the sum of £1,240. Since our tithe budget was higher by £128 than for the year 1938, this gain of £40 represents quite a solid gain for a small field. We have a faithful people who are loyal to the cause of God. Our Harvest Ingathering for this year has reached £633, a per

capita of £2. 4s. This also shows a gain over the previous year. We are glad to report that every church and company reached the goal of £2 per member. One old sister of eighty-nine collected over £2. Our Big Week effort realized a gain of £7. 10s. over 1938. The Week of Sacrifice also showed a healthy increase. On the other hand, the Sabbath-school offerings are down by £30 for the first nine months. This may be adjusted, however, by the end of the year.

Throughout the year, three regular colporteurs have represented the book-work. While the sales show a decrease in common with the other fields of the Union, the results in soul-saving are brighter. Away in the isolated shire of Sutherland there are souls determined to obey the truth as brought to them by the colporteur. A believer living in New South

## The British Publishing House

BY ARTHUR WARREN

In spite of war conditions the British publishing house has had much cause for gratitude to God during 1939.

It was only to be expected that the sales harvest should be adversely affected by the dark clouds of war. But the overseas orders have been so much greater than usual that the 1938 figures have been almost reached. £28,813 was the total retail value. Only £408 less than the previous year when peace reigned!

Although the colporteur who knocks at the door often feels that there is much indifference toward religion, yet over 22,000 people purchased our bound books during the year. 127,000 shilling books were sold, and £8,000 worth of magazines.

Soon after the beginning of the war we published a small sixpenny pocket edition of *Steps to Christ* for the special use of young men who were being called up into military service. The book was produced with khaki, grey, and deep blue covers, appropriate for the Army, Air Force, or Navy, and already the first edition of 10,000 copies is gone. Many young soldiers may be greatly blessed by this little book. Several kind-hearted people have pur-

chased good quantities to give away.

A new bound book by W. L. Emmerson was introduced at the Colporteurs' Institute at the beginning of the year. It has been used by a large number of colporteurs and bids fair to have a successful run. It is one of the most beautifully illustrated of our denominational books.

One colporteur alone has sold £700 worth of *Our Wonderful Bible* during the year and another worker has almost reached £600 with *Bible Readings*. Still another has reached £640 with *Christ Our Saviour*.

One gentleman was much impressed by the value of our shilling book, *The Bible Speaks*. He wrote in to the publishing house asking if it would be possible to reprint the book in a special edition for the railway bookstalls and the sixpenny stores. Another reader showed his interest by purchasing a quantity for private distribution.

Difficulties have come to us as a result of the war but we have seen so many evidences of God's love and favour that we can face the future with quiet confidence in Him.

## The British Colporteurs' Conference

BY J. M. HOWARD

FOUR brief months ago we were called from the work of public evangelism and invited to lead out in the work of the literature ministry in Britain. Coincident with our call was the outbreak of hostilities. We certainly were called in tempestuous times. Previously to this quite a number of our colporteurs, like others of our members, had thought it advisable to take up some form of voluntary government work. Latterly a few answered the appeal of the government and are now engaged full-time in some branch of this non-combatant service. At present we number forty-seven full-time and seven part-time colporteurs. By

the end of January, we expect to add a further nine to our corps of regular workers.

The emergency conditions existing in this country have made it necessary to do some rather intensive visiting of our forces during the past four months. Almost everywhere we have found a spirit of courageous devotion to service. These unsettled times are leading us nearer the Lord and the great longing of our hearts is that we might be privileged to bring some souls to God in this dark and turbulent age.

This spirit was strikingly evident throughout the Colporteurs' Institute with which we closed the

year. It was an unforgettable occasion. We were privileged in having Pastor W. T. Bartlett and Pastor L. A. Vixie from the Division with us throughout the Institute, and the spiritual and practical help received will ever be remembered. Pastor Bartlett's talks on the Sanctuary were most searching. Everywhere we heard exclamations of gratitude to God for the light given. Inspiration was also received from the presence and services of Brethren Lowe, Murdoch, King, and Emmerson, who each spent a little while with us.

Soul-winning was the key-note of the whole conference. We heard how colporteurs were instrumental in leading men and women to God. We learned how one of our faithful sisters called at a house in time to prevent a poor soul from committing suicide.

When the subject of goals was presented our Spirit-filled group of thirty-nine colporteur-evangelists determined by God's grace to win 156 souls and recruit forty-two new colporteurs to the literature ministry during 1940. The sales goal set for the year by this comparatively small group of consecrated workers was £13,000.

Our final meeting was an open one. Never before had we witnessed such unity and Christian love. The testimonies were given from the heart and many tears flowed as lives were reconsecrated to God.

We do not know what lies ahead during 1940 but we are going forward with God. In this time of exceptional need He has promised to provide. When leaving Newbold Missionary College after our exhilarating Colporteurs' Conference we likened our force of workers to the group spoken of in 1 Sam. 10:26, where we read that after Saul was called to service he "went home . . . and there went with him a band of men, whose hearts God had touched."

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BROTHER READ is at present visiting in the Baltic states. He has spent several weeks in the West and East Nordic Unions. Brother Colson is also visiting the unions for auditing work. Both are well.

W.T.B.

## Granose Foods Limited

BY JOHN RIGBY

READERS of the ADVENT SURVEY will, I am sure, be glad to have word of the continued progress of the health food work in the British Union. These notes are being written during difficult times, and it may well be that more serious ones are in store for our institutional work.

We have, however, very much to be thankful for and we have many evidences of divine care during recent months. In spite of all the problems, we are able to report one of the best years in the history of the company. Naturally, under war conditions, I cannot write so fully as in happier times. References to progress must, of necessity, be general rather than detailed. Prior to the outbreak of hostilities development appeared to be normal. There was the usual extra demand for our products which we have come to regard as our normal experience but, ever since the crisis of September 1938, we have felt that international difficulties were bound to arise and that, in such an event, the problem of obtaining manufacturing supplies might be serious. Consequently we began to plan to accumulate essential items and, when war broke out, this policy was fully justified. The demand for our products was sudden, severe, and sustained. The factory was immediately organized on an emergency basis, extra packing staff engaged, and every effort made to give satisfaction to our customers. It meant a heavy strain for all but it was well worth while. We have every reason to believe that the goodwill we have always enjoyed has been still further strengthened. All through the month of September we were producing double our normal maximum. In October it was about 40 per cent above normal, and only during recent weeks have we returned to normal. This is doubtless due to the rather unexpected "quiet on the home front" and is general throughout the trade.

It is difficult, and would be unfair, to single out any department for special commendation,

for everyone worked to the limit, so that, as far as was humanly possible, each day's tasks were dealt with as they came.

We are fortunate, too, in not having suffered unduly by commodity control. Naturally, certain supplies have been restricted by reason of import difficulties but we have good reason to hope, and even to expect, that we shall be able to continue normally.

Another good feature has been the progress in all sections. Certain products, for example, the canned varieties, have been in greatest demand, but the packet foods have held their place, too.

We have been blessed with a good experience healthwise. Serious sickness has not come our way and there have been no changes in personnel of a nature likely to hinder the progress of the work. During the summer we were able to resume the old practice of an annual staff outing. The weather was good and the change enjoyed by all. The blackout conditions have, naturally, had an effect on social activities but the difficulties are all being gradually overcome or adjusted satisfactorily.

## Extracts from East Nordic Reports

ALTHOUGH our countries are not among the combatant nations, we begin to feel the strain of the war conditions. Unemployment and higher prices, at a time when thousands of family supporters are being called into military service, have tremendous effects on the national affairs, and we begin now to see it in our work. In Finland, where the evacuation from cities and industrial centres took place several weeks ago, charity organizations must now assist the poor, evacuated families.

During the year thirty conference workers have been carrying on public efforts. Some are recent graduates from our schools. Conference presidents, with the exception of the president in the Finnish Conference, who also serves as editor, are included in these evangelistic workers. These, assisted by sixteen Bible-workers, colporteurs, and churchmembers, won 355 new members during the first nine months. The membership now stands at 5,454.

The tithe received for the nine

So far as church privileges are concerned, we have not been able to do quite so well as in previous years in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign, but we were happy to be able to obtain a few pounds over the goal set for our staff membership in the local church.

Once again we face a major change in personnel. Mr. C. T. Bannister, our treasurer, after fifteen years' service with us, has accepted a call to the mission field. We shall miss him, for he has always devoted himself unstintingly to the work of the institution and has carried a very heavy load during the recent trying months, for on him fell the responsibility of ensuring adequate supplies of factory materials.

We welcome to our family Mr. A. W. Lethbridge, a former member of the staff, transferred to us from the London Transportation office. He will share with us the problems of 1940. While we are confident of the Lord's help we know from signs all around that trading difficulties will increase with the continuance of war conditions. Even if we are once more to enjoy a season of "peace," there will be the necessary readjustments. But it is our privilege and joy, as a Granose family, to do our part in "occupying till He come."

months amounted to Kr.222,466, against Kr.213,210 last year. The total mission offerings for nine months amounted to Kr.170,234, compared with Kr.163,000 last year. Especially do Sabbath-school offerings, Week of Sacrifice, and Harvest Ingathering efforts show good gains.

Literature work was going on nicely for the first nine months. We were able to hold almost up to the unusual figures of 1938. Early in October, however, a blow came to our colporteur work in Finland. Most of the colporteurs had to quit and reports now are only about one-fourth what they used to be.

The students did well in the field this year. In Sweden 9,000 copies of *Our Wonderful Bible* were sold in five months.

Ekebyholm and Toivonlinna opened at the regular time with seventy-five and thirty-five students respectively. The students are earnest and eager to learn. Part of the school in Finland has been taken over by the people evacuated from certain cities.

## Report of the Northern European Division

Name of Conference or Mission	No. Churches	Baptism and Vote	Apostasy	Death	Net Gain	Present Membership	Evangelistic Workers	Colporteurs	No. Sabbath- Schools	Membership	Average Attendance	Tithe	Tithe per capita	Sabbath-School Offerings	Weekly Offerings
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
N. E. Division	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Baltic Union	1	80	92	19	16	57	5,252	67	20	98	5,383	3,903 \$	3,258.20	0.11	546.75
British "	2	95	162	76	28	44	6,030	126	77	168	5,761	4,414 \$	40,706.90	0.56	7,110.80
E.No-di "	3	98	99	17	21	58	5,454	68	109	194	4,828	3,940 \$	20,845.90	0.31	4,446.54
Polish "	4	161	...	...	...	...	4,427	63	10	249	4,964	3,888 \$	1,751.40*	0.04	336.45
W.No-dic"	5	141	75	37	16	23	7,090	49	77	176	5,901	4,933 \$	27,422.90	0.31	5,896.83
Union Totals	575	428	149	81	182	28,253	388	293	885	26,837	21,078 \$	93,985.30	0.31	18,337.37	3.11
French Equa. M. s.	6	1	...	...	...	28	8	...	5	185	230 \$	44.80	0.16	11.89	...
Gold Coast Union	7	12	...	...	...	1,103	45	1	73	3,912	2,722 \$	630.00	0.05	209.37	...
Kenya	8	37	...	...	...	5,431	275	3	256	15,314	13,650 \$	714.20	0.01	824.73	...
Liberian Mission	9	2	...	...	...	92	17	...	16	236	199 \$	221.60	0.33	45.19	...
Nigerian Union	10	27	...	...	...	3,069	129	18	173	14,482	11,953 \$	1,102.40	0.04	611.25	...
Sierra Leone Miss.	11	13	...	...	...	501	26	...	30	1,461	1,219 \$	275.00	0.06	174.07	...
Upper N. Union	12	3	...	...	...	424	40	...	41	1,013	709 \$	259.70	0.07	84.38	...
Mission Totals	95	...	...	...	...	10,648	540	22	594	36,603	30,682 \$	3,247.70	0.03	1,960.88	...
Grand Totals	670	428	149	81	182	38,901	928	315	1,479	63,440	51,760 \$	97,233.00	0.24	20,298.25	3.11

\*July only. Owing to delay in postal communication we must now revert to our former practice of being one quarter behind with our

Both schools did well with their summer sanitariums. Toivonlinna had its best year for several years.

Hultafors and Nyhyttan have had a prosperous year. The patronage has never been better up to September. The patronage is almost back at normal again, but the new prices on food

and fuel will have a serious effect on these institutions.

We appreciate the strength to the churches that the S.S., H.M., and Y.P. departments can bring. The conferences have lent more help to this kind of work of late and the results are interesting.

G. A. LINDSAY.

## Extracts from West Nordic Report

THIRTY efforts have been conducted and 397 converts have been accepted into church fellowship. In the same period we have lost by apostasy 113, and by death and departure 159, so the net gain has been 125. Our present membership is 7,091. As stated above, we had thirty efforts last winter. There are definite plans for forty-seven efforts this winter, and the conferences are going to utilize lay evangelists as never before.

The spiritual condition in the churches is good. There has been quite an increase in tithe and also in offerings.

One conference president reports a marked trend among people who have left the truth to come back again. Another good sign is weekly prayer meetings are very well attended.

There has been held a goodly number of institutes and conventions in the conferences. Of such should be mentioned:

Institutes for church officers.

Institutes for lay evangelists.

Institutes for first aid.

The Young People's Camp at Ullvik, Hardanger.

A number of small institutes for juniors, and many junior societies have been formed.

For the Home Missionary Department this has been a good year. The number of papers and tracts used is greatly increased, our members make many visits, give Bible readings, and

help in other lines. Work is done in many churches by the Dorcas Societies. Food and clothing, value many thousand kroner, have been sent to places where it was needed, even to very remote places. The "Win One" movement has inspired many of our brethren, and souls have been won. In several places lay evangelists have been active and brought souls into the church fellowship.

We are expecting large results from the departmental work, especially in the junior work, which arrests the interest not only of the juniors, but also of the adults.

We have had an average of eighty-five colporteurs. Scholarships earned: forty-one. Two student-colporteurs sold 528 copies of *Great Controversy* alone. They went together into the homes of the better classes. Among others they visited the Crown Prince with success, which was a great help among the people. Both earned a scholarship. One conference president sold seventy-five copies of *Great Controversy* in nine days. A student-colporteur sold books for Kr.4,000 in 594 hours, and earned two scholarships.

We are in contact with eight people who have commenced keeping the Sabbath as a result of the literature work this year; some have already been baptized.

All the conferences have had an increase in tithe, except one. The

total tithe in the conferences was Kr.336,295.97, or an increase of Kr.16,030.92. The mission gifts were Kr.165,833.49, an increase of Kr.12,970.76.

We have now printed the two books *Messages to Young People* and *The History of Our Denomination*. The junior work is new in our field, but the interest for that work is very great, and we feel sure that this will be a mighty help to hold the lambs in the fold. We have had many conventions or institutes for the young people and the juniors, and there are plans for extended efforts in this line.

From one conference alone the M.V. secretary reports thirty souls won by M.V., Sabbath-school, and Home Missionary work, and six won by lay evangelists in one church; and a whole family in another church.

The young people and the juniors are a great factor in the Ingathering Campaign.

Our members have taken hold this year with great interest and energy. Unfortunately the war broke out just then, and the people were more reluctant to give. All private use of autos was prohibited, so we could not this year do as we used to do: fill the cars with collectors to come back with several hundred kroner as a result of the day's collecting. The campaign has been a great blessing to our members.

We have the largest sanitarium in the denomination, and a number of clinics, eighty-five in all. These employ seven to eight hundred workers. There are still many places, especially in Norway, where it would be an advantage to have such clinics.

A year ago there came a new law and it was feared that it would be an obstacle to our work, but it has proved to work for us. The prospects for this line of work are good.

The Onsrud Mission School has this year ninety-five students, twenty-

## for the Quarter Ended September 30, 1939

Harvest Ingathering	Annual Offering	Miscellaneous Offerings	Week of Sacrifice	Young People's Offerings	Other Gifts	Big Week	Total Offerings	Total Offerings per capita	Percentage of Offerings to Tithe	Total Contribu- tions for Home Missionary Work	Total Contribu- tions for Local Church Work	Colporteur Sales
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
922.00	.....	.....	83.55	1.68	.....	15.39	1,569.37	0.05	48.2	39.96	214.41	1,494.76
24,412.48	29.22	51.38	2,747.26	200.95	12.18	205.09	34,769.36	0.47	85.4	164.63	4,817.89	23,427.40
23,021.47	52.44	68.00	354.17	31.27	.....	86.73	28,080.62	0.42	134.6	755.71	1,303.58	27,873.35
58.42	.....	5.60	13.98	1.20	.....	13.88	429.53*	0.01	24.5	.....	.....	745.65*
14,716.83	6.65	21.73	242.40	76.87	24.35	26.88	21,015.65	0.23	76.6	683.45	1,174.31	27,667.28
63,131.20	88.31	146.71	3,441.36	311.97	36.53	347.97	85,844.53	0.28	91.3	1,643.75	7,510.19	81,208.44
.....	.....	.....	22.18	.....	.....	3.27	37.34	0.13	83.3	.....	.....	.....
0.24	.....	.....	231.51	.....	.....	28.39	469.51	0.04	74.5	.....	.....	204.17
1.91	18.10	.....	353.93	.....	.....	35.31	1,233.98	0.02	172.8	.....	.....	89.12
55.40	6.84	.....	29.70	.....	.....	3.04	140.17	0.21	65.3	.....	.....	.....
27.35	11.83	.....	0.81	.....	.....	34.35	685.59	0.03	62.2	.....	.....	574.51
5.33	.....	.....	25.40	.....	.....	.....	204.80	0.04	74.5	.....	.....	.....
83.80	0.79	.....	1.58	.....	.....	0.79	171.34	0.04	66.0	.....	.....	.....
174.03	37.56	.....	665.11	.....	.....	105.15	2,942.73	0.03	90.6	.....	.....	867.80
63,305.23	125.87	146.71	4,103.47	311.97	36.53	453.12	83,787.26	0.22	91.3	1,643.75	7,510.19	82,076.24

reports from the Mission fields.

three more than last year. The rooms are very crowded, and the school needs two cottages for teachers' dwellings, so that it could free rooms for students. It also needs new classrooms and a chapel.

Onsrud has this year made a record in its Harvest Ingathering. Last year they had Kr.4,000 which was Kr.2,000 over the year before, but this year they have collected over Kr.7,000. Fifteen students were baptized.

Vejlefjord Højskole has this year

(This and the preceding report should have appeared in our last issue but were unfortunately crowded out.)

an enrolment of sixty-two students; nine students were baptized.

The Vejlefjord Mission School has no debt. From year to year it has been favoured with a steadily growing number of summer guests, which greatly adds to its income. This last summer they had the largest number of summer guests they ever had, namely 200.

Looking over the year 1939, we feel very thankful to the Lord for His blessings and keeping power.

A. C. CHRISTENSEN, *Union Secretary.*

## The North England Conference

BY R. S. JOYCE

IN 1902, after pioneers such as Loughborough, Haskell, Robinson, Prescott, and Olsen, had been working in the British Isles since 1878, this conference was formed with E. E. Andross as its first president. In some of the older churches such as Grimsby, Leeds, Liverpool, Kettering, and Well-ingham, there are members who remember these pioneers, not to omit George Drew who did colporteur work at the Hull and Liverpool docks, and A. A. John, who began evangelistic work in this conference in Grimsby and Louth with tracts, and meetings in halls and in the open air. Grimsby was the first home of our publishing work in Britain, as early as 1883.

The territory lies between the Scottish border and a line extending from the Severn to the Wash,

which includes eighteen counties, with Yorkshire the largest, and Rutland the smallest, of the counties in the British Isles. It contains huge industrial areas, known all over the world—the Black Country, the Potteries, vast dockyards and coalfields, cotton, silk, and wool mills, as well as the world-famous Lake District, the peaks and dales of the Pennines, and the moors and wolds of Yorkshire.

The headquarters is situated at Nottingham. Altogether there are thirty-four churches and eleven companies, with a membership of 1876. One is startled to find that less than fifty of the large cities in the conference have had public evangelistic efforts.

At the close of 1939 we held a Workers' Council where the entire working force of thirty-six

were sobered by the work before us. But under the spur of the facts facing us we pledged ourselves to work and pray with renewed zeal to make our efforts more effectual.

Under war conditions new methods must be used by our evangelists, many of which will be experiments. But God's hand has wrought for us already in our Harvest, Ingathering, and we know that there is no crisis with Him. The goal of £3,400 was reached with £186 as overflow, and most of the money was collected after September 3rd, when war was declared.

The largest baptisms in 1939 were at Hull on July 8th, and at Coventry on December 16th.

Newbold College, near Rugby, is in this conference, with an enrolment of 102 young people from all over the Union. This year there are few, if any, overseas students. The students and faculty are enthusiastic in their Ingathering efforts, and collected £426 in three days.

We have twenty colporteurs who labour faithfully along our highways and byways in all weathers. In 1939 they sold £7,068 worth of literature. The Union Colporteurs' Conference was held at Newbold in December.

As a field we ask the prayers of all who read these notes, that God's hand be shown among the workers and membership in this conference.



## A Great Need

BY W. J. KOLLING

IN the islands of Netherland, East India, the sun shines as brightly as anywhere on earth; Nature is endowed with every beauty that earth can bring forth; and in the ground under foot one finds the riches of all kinds of minerals and oil.

Some of these islands, as Java, parts of Sumatra, and the Celebes, have been hundreds of years under the influence of western conquerors. Great and beautiful cities have been built, but most of the people on these islands are still living in the darkness of sin. Even the highly educated Eurasian people in the cities all learn in their early youth the secrets of magic; and the result is a life of superstition and suspicion; nobody trusts his neighbour.

Most of the converts become lay preachers. In one church in East Java we have more than fifty people in preparation for baptism.

The increase of more than 1,850 guilders in tithes shows that God's people are faithful. An old Javanese sister, one of a race of princes, very old and weak, could not attend the meetings any longer, but her tithes and offerings continued to come in, up to the end of her life.

## "Bible Stories for the Cradle Roll"

Book III

Book III contains the Sabbath-school lessons for the cradle roll and young kindergarten classes for 1940. The author, Rosamond D. Ginther, has written the lessons in a simple way, well adapted to the small child. Every teacher of little children should have Book III of *Bible Stories for the Cradle Roll*.

The book covers the life of Christ from His birth through childhood, youth, and early ministry. When a lesson is too difficult for the mind of the child to comprehend, a nature story has been substituted.

Many finger plays also add interest, and will be helpful in carrying out the Sabbath-school programme.

The book is well illustrated, with some beautifully coloured full-page pictures; it is attractively bound in green cloth, stamped in gold on the back, and has a lovely baby picture on the cover.

Mothers of small children will appreciate these stories on the life of Christ; they may be used as bedtime stories, as well as a help in teaching the Sabbath-school lessons at home. Price \$1.25.



## Northern European Division 1939 Missionary Sailings

January 12.—D. M. Swaine and family—England to Kenya Colony.



### *The Hope of the North*

*War strides to-day by Finland's lakes  
With many a treacherous blow;  
His messengers of death fly past  
Their flaming darts to throw.*

*O Wall of Fire around about,  
Protect Thy trusting folk;  
Be Thou by night a guarding flame  
By day a screening smoke.*

*Bright o'er the darkness still shines  
Thine  
Thy great Aurora's bow,  
And signals with its moving lights  
That Thou Thy strength wilt show.*

*Thy glistening stars of hope shine  
bright  
In Finland's frosty sky,  
And ever witness to Thy flock  
That Israel's God is nigh.*

*Soon shall this Northern night of war  
Give place to lasting day,  
And Christ shall reign, the Prince of  
Peace,  
For ever and for aye.*

A. WARREN.



January 21.—Miss M. Saks—Estonia to Uganda.

January 25.—W. G. Till and family—England to Nigeria (returning).

February 22.—Miss M. Morgan—England to Nigeria.

February 22.—W. J. Newman—England to Nigeria (returning).

March 29.—T. Ketola and

family—Finland to Liberia (returning).

April 12.—B. A. Walton and wife—England to Nigeria.

April 12.—Mrs. K. Noltze and child—Germany to Liberia (returning).

April 28.—J. A. Johansson and family—Sweden to Burma.

May.—H. L. Rasmussen and wife—Denmark to Sierra Leone (returning).

July.—Miss Thora Thomsen—Denmark to Manchukuo.

August 6.—F. H. Munderspach and wife—Denmark to Uganda (returning).

August 16.—F. L. Stokes and wife—England to Gold Coast (returning).

August 16.—C. A. Bartlett and wife—England to Gold Coast (returning).

November 23.—Miss G. Clarke, England to Kenya Colony (returning).

November 23.—Miss C. Olsen, Norway to Kenya Colony (returning).

November 25.—W. T. B. Hyde and family—England to Nigeria (returning).

December 10.—T. L. Gillett and wife, England and Hungary to Nigeria.

December 11.—Dr. and Mrs. L. G. Ermshar—America to Kenya Colony.



WORD from Brother Lindsay speaks of great rejoicing in his union that Finland has so far been able to hold the Russian forces in check, but that there is widespread suffering. Many of our people are homeless and have lost everything. The Finnish school is continuing part of its work, although two of the teachers are called up for hospital service. Toivonlinna is sheltering a number of refugees. Our Finnish brethren are finding many opportunities for missionary service.

W.T.B.

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