



THE GOSPEL IN EAST AFRICA

"From beyond the rivers of Ethiopia My suppliants, even the daughter of My dispersed, shall bring Mine offering." Zeph. 3:10.

I LIKE this text because it tells us of the work that God will do in that portion of the world in which many of us on the platform are labouring to-day. It comprises the lands of Kenya and Uganda.

This evening I am glad to be able to bring to you the greetings from more than ten thousand Sabbath-keepers in the lands beyond the rivers of Ethiopia. With these, of course, are greetings from our own missionaries and also their deep appreciation of all that you have done for them in the years that have passed, even to this present time. We are glad and thankful that you have such a great interest in the missions in Africa.

THE WORKING FORCE

When I left the mantle of responsibility fell upon Brother Worsley Armstrong. He and I, with our wives, are the last remnant of that contingent you sent out in 1920 under the leadership of Pastor Bartlett. Pastor Armstrong has just visited the capital of Kenya. God led us to that place and helped us to secure a property there which is on the borders of a large native reserve where he can carry on his work.

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Brother and Sister Armstrong were well when I left them. They have their hands full and their cry is for some African workers to help them. We are glad for the work that Brother and Sister Armstrong have done all these years in Africa.

At Nakuru, Sister Grace Clarke, who is our secretary-treasurer, is located, and is a most valuable help in translating many things into the African language. She also has been out there many, many years.

Passing through to the Kavirondo country we come to the first station ever established, Gendia. There we have Brother and Sister Thomas, who have also been out there many years. Brother Thomas has a work which in membership is larger than your South England Conference. Yet he has only one other white minister to help him.

At Gendia we also have Brother and Sister Carey and two or three miles away we have our hospital with Dr. Madgwick, his wife, and three Scandinavian nurses. Dr.

Madgwick has done a strong work. The natives have every confidence in him, and although the Government hospital giving free medicine and free treatment is only thirty miles away, they will pass by that hospital and come to Dr. Madgwick because they know that he fears the Lord and that he is there for their good.

In Kisii we have Brother and Sister Lewis. Though he is only a young man, we ordained him this year to the Gospel ministry. He has done a wonderful work and has a larger membership there in Africa than your combined membership in Wales, Scotland, and Ireland. He has 800 church-members to look after.

We pass on to Kamagambo, our training head-quarters for our African workers. There we have a boys' school with one hundred young men who are giving their lives in training for God's service. Brother Warland has been principal of that school for many years. We are sorry that Brother War-

land found it necessary to leave the field. But Brother Warland will never forget Africa. Africa has taken its toll on Brother and Sister Warland, and in Kisii there are two little graves testifying to their sacrifice.

Brother Beardsell has now taken his place. He has come from Tanganyika, and so he is acquainted with the conditions in Africa. Working with him are Brother Conrad Hyde and his wife, and we are glad for the work that they are doing. There is also Miss Schuil, who has come to us from Newcastle. She has earned from the Government much approbation for the good work she has done in building up and teaching in that boys' school. We have also just recently had returned to us Sister Millie Morgan and she has started a school for the Luo girls. We are glad to have this strong force of workers at our training school.

We pass on to Kanyadoto, and when you realize that we have nearly 3,000 members in our Luo field, you will see the need for two European missionaries. Brother Matthew Murdoch is there. We feel he will develop into a very efficient leader out there.

Brother and Sister Allen have recently opened a mission station in the Mandi country.

Coming down to the coast we have Brother and Sister W. Raitt. Brother Raitt is a most enthusiastic worker and is having good success. He is surprising us with the success the Lord is giving him.

FAITHFUL NATIVE WORKERS

I feel tempted also to mention the names of some of the African workers. Here is one of our ordained ministers, Joel Omer. We ordained him recently to the Gospel ministry. He has a large district with something like five hundred churchmembers under his charge, as well as several church schools and workers.

Here is another, Paul Nyamweia. We hope to ordain him to the ministry. He is Brother Lewis' right-hand man.

Harun Owuor was sent to start work in a new territory three years ago. Probably some missionaries have already told you the story of

the privations that he endured. He endeavoured to train an albino child, who later betrayed him to the witch-doctor. The witch-doctor manufactured some medicine and gave it to the boy to mix in the food which the evangelist would take the next day. The evangelist and his wife ate it, and were soon writhing on the ground at death's door. But God merci-



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fully spared them and they recovered. They questioned the boy and he admitted that he had been the agent of the witch-doctor. The case was taken up by the chief and Harun had the opportunity of prosecuting the man. But before all the old men of the country he said, "No, I have come as a messenger of the Lord Jesus, and though this man has been my enemy, yet I love him, and I have come to preach to him the Gospel of Christ."

Well, the work has grown until to-day there is a church organized in that country, and a number of Sabbath-schools among these people. I think of many other workers. There is one named Ezra, who helps at the head-quarters at Nakuru. The Europeans there call him "the white native." Well, we are glad for that testimony to the grace of the Lord Jesus in his life.

SUCCESS IN SOUL WINNING

But now I should pass on and tell you some other things. We

have been very thankful to God for the blessing He has given us in winning souls in East Africa. Last year was one of the best in winning souls for the Master. Over six hundred were baptized and received into the church. During the past five years in Kenya we have had an average baptism of over five hundred souls each year.

We have to thank the lay-members of our African churches for the large ingathering of souls in East Africa. They and the young people are continually proclaiming the Word. Apart from the regular evangelistic work we have a special month in which all other work is dropped, and every teacher and evangelist starts a real evangelistic campaign. Last year fifty-four were won as a result of this evangelistic effort. And no less than 2,300 converts have been added to the Sabbath-school as a result of the preaching of the Word. We have set as a goal not so many souls but that each church should add one new Sabbath-school each year. This has encouraged the churches and helped them to go forward and build up the work.

We look to the Sabbath-school to-day as one of the greatest evangelizing agencies that we have. We try to teach our African believers to make the Sabbath-school lesson one of the chief things in their lives. We rely on the Sabbath-school lesson to build up their homes in the knowledge and love of Christ. We have been greatly encouraged to see the response to the study of the Sabbath-school lessons. Last year we gave out 750 Sabbath-school bookmarks.

And along with the Sabbath-school, of course, there is the instruction that we give them in their baptismal classes. We keep them in the baptismal class for a goodly while that they may be grounded in the words of truth. They have to study for two years, and some study three or four years, before they are thoroughly grounded in God's Word. When they have done that we turn them over to the church for examination. The church examines their lives to see if they have been faithful in living up to the light they have. Then they come before

the European missionaries and some of the native leaders, and they are questioned as to their understanding of the plan of salvation and of the evidence they can give as to their experience.

AFRICAN CHURCHES SELF-SUPPORTING

We are teaching the African people that it is their privilege and responsibility to grow and to become strong, and not expect to be treated as children year after year.

Three years ago we went to some thirty churches in all in the Luo and Kisii fields and said, "Now the time has come when you, who have been cared for by the people of Europe for so many years, should carry your own burdens." We worked out figures before them and showed them how much they were giving, and how much they were given that they might enjoy the blessing of the Gospel year by year. Now we said, "We are going to give you three years, and at the end of those three years we are going to devote all the assistance that comes from the home churches in Great Britain and put it into new fields, and you must stand firm and carry your own responsibilities."

Well, it was a new thing to them. It was not so easy as first, but as the instruction went on, the light dawned that after all it was a great privilege to be able to carry their own financial burdens. The first year we gave them a goal and at the end of the year they reached it, and they were happy and glad. The next year we put it up and they reached the higher goal by the end of the year. At the end of the third year they were one hundred per cent self-supporting. We were glad and they were proud and happy because they had shared their responsibility.

The Government has taken notice of the growth of our work, and there is one section around our Gendia mission where the Government recognizes the seventh-day Sabbath.

The Government is also recognizing the educational work that Pastor Warland and others have been doing and has made a liberal contribution to the Kamagambo Training School. And as I said

in the Sabbath-school the Government is willing to do even more for us, and that we are still looking for that young lady teacher who will go out at the expense of the Government.

CAMP MEETINGS

We have camp meetings as large as this or larger though we do not have the facilities you have. We



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simply have to make do with what Nature provides and call the Christians together under a wild fig tree. They come in from fifty or more miles away. We make no cafeteria plans, but say, "Come and have a good time, but bring all you want to eat." So you see them come in with grain baskets on their heads, and children and blankets and mats on their backs. So they gather together for four or five days to enjoy the things that come from God's Word.

We plan for them to divide up in different ways. The young people have their meetings, the different departments are represented, and the medical side comes in. They have a baby show and the sisters at the hospital judge the finest baby, and give them little garments as prizes.

COLPORTEUR WORK IN AFRICA

I wish you could go with our colporteurs. We are glad to have a company of colporteurs who are

carrying the printed page in Africa. Literacy is only two per cent so you can imagine that they have very many disappointments as they go from door to door, but they are courageous, and they have had good experiences. As I was coming away, I met on the platform one of our colporteurs. He told me that the Lord had blessed him wonderfully during the past two months. "I have sold 120 of these little shilling books," he said.

During the past four years over 6,000 have been sold by our colporteurs. One of our colporteurs named Timothy had been selling his books in a wild part of the country and toward evening time, as he was drawing near to a village he saw a pack of lions frolicking in the road right in front of him. Instead of running away he dropped down on his knees and poured out his heart to God that He would deliver him from the power of the lions. He prayed and prayed and finally opened his eyes in faith to see all the lions scampering off into the bush.

Coming into the village the people said, "We heard the lions outside roaring. How did you manage to get in here to-night?" And he was able to tell them how God answered prayer.

WORK FOR EUROPEANS

One of our greatest needs is to work for the Europeans. Out in Kenya we are in the unique position of having 18,000 Europeans living there. We have hardly done anything for them yet. If we could do a work for them, they would become a strong force to help us in the work like the brethren have done in South Africa. Where Brother Armstrong is working we have one European who has stepped out to keep the Sabbath with his family. He was afraid to go to his employer and ask for the Sabbath. He began negotiating with another firm, and asked them to give him the Sabbath. They agreed, but said they would have to make a big reduction in his salary. He then went back to his employers and said, "I must leave you because I must keep the Sabbath." They replied, "Well, if you will only ask us for the Sabbath you may have it. You may have

it with your present salary." So God has blessed him, and he is standing out as a witness to the truth to-day.

We sympathize with you most sincerely on account of all the unentered cities here in Great Britain, but when you think of the ease with which you can enter these unentered cities and then think of the problem that lies before the missionaries in Africa where languages have to be learned before the message can be carried to the different tribes, then perhaps you will begin to realize a little of the magnitude of the problem before us.

A GREAT TASK

How many tribes do you think are represented on the map of Kenya alone? There are more than fifty tribes, and over forty of these have not yet come into contact with the glorious truth of the coming of Jesus. What is true of Kenya is true right across that great section of Africa, from the Indian Ocean to the Atlantic Ocean. If our brethren from West Africa were here, they would tell the same story, that there are hundreds of tribes in Africa still waiting for this message.

As we look at the problem from a human standpoint, we ask, "How can the task be accomplished?" But we believe that God is working for us and that He is going to do something in Africa that will cause this work to be finished.

We know that you remember this work and the missionaries. We want you all to think of the work that lies ahead. You should have a very large prayer list. We want you to pray not only for the missionaries, but for the African believers, for those unentered tribes, and that our African believers might get a larger vision of service.

There is a great task before us, and we must work to-day if we are going to work at all. There is a sinister fact that comes before us to-day as we review our work in East Africa. There is not a steamer that leaves Genoa or Naples but carries with it a large contingent of monks and nuns. They are coming in their scores of hundreds to Kenya to-day. The

Protestant missions are retrenching, but the Catholics are pushing in. Friends, I do ask that you will pray most earnestly not only that we may hold our members out there, but that we may lengthen the cords and strengthen the stakes, that the day of opportunity may not pass, and that we may have more workers to send out into the unentered tribes that are calling.

We are glad for the missionaries that you have given us. We praise God for the faithful African Christians, and we ask that you will remember them all in your prayers, so that when the work is finished here in England, it may be finished also in Africa, and that in the kingdom of God we may see the results of your labours for those African people.

Studies

in Christian Perfection

Morning Bible Study, Thursday, August 6, 1936

BEFORE an undiminished audience Brother MacGuire carried us forward in the study of Christian perfection. From the supernatural birth we were introduced to those supernatural results which appear in the life of those who have been truly born anew by the Spirit.

SUPERNATURAL KEEPING

The same power by which we are born anew keeps us in the new and living way. (1 Peter 1:15.) At this point, Brother MacGuire sang a verse of a hymn which, he testified, is a wonderful daily help to him. The congregation took up the refrain.

"All things are possible, only believe." The evil one cannot touch the soul that is "kept by the power of God" (1 John 5:18, Weymouth), so completely does God keep the soul whose mind is stayed on Him. (1 Thess. 5:1-3, 24.) So completely do such become identified with Christ, that "we live His life."—"Christ's Object Lessons," page 319.

Not by a single thought did Jesus yield to the tempter. When wrong thoughts flit through our mind, one quotation from the Word will dispel them. The power in God's Word banishes evil thoughts immediately we call it into requisition. To try to imitate Christ in our own strength is hopeless and discouraging. By our identification with Christ

(Heb. 3:14) we become not imitators, but "participators with Him."—"Desire of Ages," page 668.

SUPERNATURAL INDWELLING

Christ in us "the hope of glory," means for us an imparted Christ. No purely outside effort will bring us to a living knowledge of Him. (Rom. 3:20.) He must come in to us and thus work His way outward through us.

This consciousness of an indwelling Christ is the great test of our lives. "Has Jesus come to you?" asked Brother MacGuire, searchingly, of the audience. Everything depends upon the truth of the answer.

"Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world." 1 John 4:4. The knowledge of an inwardly abiding Christ is given us by the Spirit. (1 John 3:24.) A new power takes possession of the new heart, a supernatural element is introduced into our human nature. Poor human nature is not required to be perfect. That is impossible. It is the supernatural element introduced that produces instead a supernatural nature. "The soul that is yielded to Christ becomes His own fortress, impregnable to the assaults of Satan."—"Desire of Ages," pages 323, 324.

A converted negro, once a notoriously bad character, attracted

the attention of his master. "How is it, Sam," he asked, "that you have shed all your wickedness at once?"

"Well, you see, sir," replied the negro, "I handed myself right over to Christ. So when the devil attacks me, I just lift my eyes to heaven and say, 'Now, Lord, you must look after your property.' And He does."

In this life there can be no dual control. We are either in the power of the prince of this world, or under the direction of the Prince of peace.

SUPERNATURAL TEACHING

"He shall teach you all things," said Jesus of the Comforter to His disciples. (John 14:26; 16:13-15.) There is waiting for every class of Christian worker a much deeper experience than any have ever yet thought of. There is no limit except through the will or choice and an unpreparedness to pay the price. We all have but a twilight perception of the rich spiritual treasures which are ours through Jesus. Before us, if we follow on to know Him, there is the "noontide of a perfect Gospel of faith."

SUPERNATURAL BOOK

The letter of the supernatural Word by which we are born anew and grow in grace is found written in the Book of books. "For you have been begotten again by God's ever living and enduring Word from a germ not of perishable, but of imperishable life." 1 Peter 1:23 (Weymouth).

SUPERNATURAL DEATH

In this Book we read of a supernatural death which must take place in every true follower of Jesus. "I die daily," says Paul in 1 Corinthians 15:31. We need to understand the deep meaning of the cross of Christ. Too many live sinners are baptized. They will only emerge as lively in sin as they go down into the waters. Only dead people, who have died to sin and self, are ready for burial. Christ died before He was buried. We also must die with Him if we would rise to the newness of resurrection life in Him;

for we are baptized into His death. (Rom. 6:1-10.)

SUPERNATURAL LIFE

Thus we were brought to the grand and glorious climax in this study—the supernatural life which may become ours through being identified spiritually with the death of Christ on the cross. We may be wholly one with

Christ, as Christ was one with the Father. This supreme experience is sublimely set forth in the familiar words of the apostle Paul to the Galatians, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me." Gal. 2:20.

H.F.D.

Morning Prayer Meeting

Thursday, August 6, 1936

A FINE rain and warm air met us as we sallied forth to the meeting. If, for the first time since the beginning of the conference, there seemed to be a perceptible falling off in the attendance, the spirit of the gathering was, if anything, more intensely fervent.

Pastor A. E. Bacon departed from the usual form of Bible study, and simply but deliberately and impressively, read choice passages selected from *Christ Our Righteousness*, by Sister E. G. White.

Christians are Christ's jewels, whom He polishes and refines. At the door of the church, and from door to door of individual hearts within the church, He is saying, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock." No man can be a forceful influence for good unless his "life is hid with Christ in God."

Many in the church are spiritually paralysed. In all our

churches there are those who have a name to live, and are dead. A revival of true godliness among us is our most urgent need. We have far more to fear from within than from without. Crooked Christians do infinitely more harm to the cause that out-and-out worldlings.

Brother Bacon reminded us that we were in the closing days of the conference, and we were solemnly urged to make them the great days of the feast.

The prayer season that followed was fraught with deep feeling. Petitions took a more intimate and personal turn. Names of individuals, some sick, others backslidden, or in deep distress were mentioned in prayer. One appealing request for prayer was sent in from a mother on behalf of a wayward boy. And healing for Dr. Shone was earnestly urged at the throne of grace.

H.F.D.

Knowing God

Afternoon Bible Study, Thursday, August 6, 1936

BY T. T. BABIENCO

"And this is life eternal, that they might know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent." John 17:3.

In this verse we have the mystery of eternal life. There are

many who are seeking to do this or that to obtain eternal life, but such things are but dead works. Eternal life is the privilege of those only who know God, and His Son Jesus Christ.

The teachers of the Jews professed to know God, but Jesus revealed their ignorance. The Jews believed that God was a fearful Being who needed to be appeased by many offerings. They did not realize that the offerings were not to satisfy God, but to reveal the awfulness of sin. They lost sight of the real character of God.

That is why Jesus said to His disciples, "If ye had known Me, ye should have known My Father also." John 8:19.

Do we know God? It does not matter so much how many years we have been Adventists. What counts is, Do we know God?

The Jews had a wrong conception of God, and many Christians have, too. Think of the pictures portraying the terrors of hell. This conception of God's method of punishment has been created by Christians, or rather by Satan through Christians who did not know God for what He really was.

Many Christians ascribe every hard experience which comes to them to God. Sickness is attributed to Him. Misfortune is regarded as the will of God. God is thus constantly accused wrongly by those who do not know Him.

The way to heaven is through the land of the enemy, but the Lord is a loving Father who protects. His angels camp around His chosen ones, otherwise we would not be here. Evil comes from the evil one. God is a fountain of good. Evil can only come to an individual when he is handed over to the devil. (1 Tim. 1:20.)

May we judge the character of God from the works of nature? No, for nature is under the curse. The stronger kills the weaker in every kingdom of nature up to the kingdom of man. Consequently we must look elsewhere for a true picture of God.

Where we must turn is clearly revealed in John 1:18: "No man hath seen God at any time: the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, He hath declared Him."

But we cannot get to know God merely by reading about Him, or

about Jesus. Only as our study causes us to go out in search of God and find Him will it help us. We can read the Bible thirty times and then thirty times more, and yet not know God. We must get to know Him personally and that knowledge comes only by revelation.

"Neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal Him." Matt. 11:37.

Christianity is a personal thing. Each must get that revelation for himself. Each must know God by fellowship with Him. We must walk with Him, and talk

with Him, and suffer with Him.

Jesus complained to one of the disciples, "Have I been so long with you, and yet hast thou not known Me?" John 14:9. Many Christians are in the same condition as Philip.

Let us seek after God until we know Him. Jesus bids us, "Come unto Me, . . . and learn of Me." Matt. 11:28.

There will be many at the last who will declare that they have preached and done many mighty miracles in the name of Jesus and yet He will have to say, "I never knew you." God grant that that may never be said of us.

NORTH ENGLAND CONFERENCE

President's Report, 1932 to 1935

BY O. M. DORLAND

THE territory of the North England Conference extends from east coast to west coast and from Worcestershire, Warwickshire, and Northamptonshire in the south to Northumberland and Cumberland in the north. In it are found Yorkshire, the largest county, and Rutland, the smallest county, in Great Britain.

Within our borders are found the wonderful beauties of the peaks of Derbyshire and the Lake District, which are in marked contrast to the black country with its slag heaps, and the Lancashire cotton towns with their thousands of tall chimneys, the great majority of which are smokeless due to lack of trade.

OUR POPULATION

Among our 19,015,553 inhabitants are to be found the extremes of wealth and poverty. No other local conference in the world, so far as we know, has such a tremendous task in evangelism. Nowhere else is to be found such a large unwarned Protestant population. S. Vere Pearson, M.A., in *The Growth and Distribution of Population*, makes the statement

that within 100 miles' radius of Manchester is found:

1. Nearly half the population of the British Isles.
2. Over three times the population of Australia.
3. More than the combined populations of Canada and the Union of South Africa.
4. Over fifteen times the population of New Zealand.
5. Equal to the total white population of the British Empire outside the British Isles.

In this vast mass of humanity we have fifty-five towns with populations ranging from 50,000 to cities like Birmingham, with more than 1,000,000. Over half of these fifty-five towns have no church or company of Seventh-Day Adventists, and many do not have even one representative of this movement. When will these unwarned millions be reached with the message of the soon-coming Saviour?

MEMBERSHIP

Our membership at December 31, 1935, was 1,755, comprising 29 churches, 17 companies, and a conference isolated list of 271.

To pastor and care for the flock which is scattered in so many small

churches and companies (our largest church has a membership of just over 100) we have, besides the 5 workers connected with the conference office, 7 ordained ministers, 8 licentiates, and 9 lady Bible-workers—a total working force of thirty on the conference pay-roll. We also have a colporteur force of 22 regular workers.

Sometimes we are inclined to say with the disciples, "What are these among so many?" Yet we are thankful for our loyal, hard-working force, and pray the Lord of the harvest that He will send us more labourers. If it were not for the help given by our faithful lay-leaders, we could never adequately care for the flock.

We have added by baptism and vote 120 during the past year, our net increase being 45. During the four years for which we are reporting, our evangelistic workers have held 33 campaigns and we have received 510 accessions. We have lost by death 124, by letter 20, by apostasy 281, leaving us with a net gain of only 85.

TITHE AND OFFERINGS

Since 1932 we have received from our faithful people the Lord's tithe to the amount of £28,910. This represents a gain of £1,125-7s. 6d. over the previous quadrennium, or an average gain per year of £280. There is every prospect that 1936 will show even a far greater gain.

Our total offerings amount to £20,476. This also represents a gain of £1,744 for the four years. Adding this to our gain in tithe, we have a total gain in tithe and offerings of £2,870.

When we consider that these have been years of depression and unemployment (we have whole churches in the conference with not one brother in work), we are indeed grateful to God and to His people for their faithfulness and liberality in tithe and offerings, and pray that the blessing promised through Malachi will be given them.

APPROPRIATIONS

For the carrying forward of the conference work, we have re-

ceived far less appropriation than previously. During 1928-31 there was received from the Union over £16,000, while at present we are receiving around £1,800 a year. Beyond the £5,000 in offerings we pass on each year for work in foreign fields, we turn over to the Union and Division £2,090 in tithe and sustentation. We wish that we could evangelize our own field without any appropriation, but at present this is not possible.

Brother N. H. Knight, our faithful secretary-treasurer, has the care of the conference funds. We greatly appreciate the hearty co-operation of all our local church treasurers in their important responsibilities in caring for, and forwarding, the offerings of God's people.

DEPARTMENTS

Brother J. H. Parkin leads our field in its department work, and we are pleased to say that the field is well organized for service. In the various campaigns the membership willingly rally to the task, whether it be Tract Campaign, Big Week, or Harvest Ingathering. Like the Roman Empire, we may sometimes be vanquished in a battle, but we are always victorious in war and go forward with rapid strides.

SABBATH-SCHOOL

In our goals of offering, attendance, and study, we have some very splendid accomplishments: 3 members have a record for 7 years; 3 for 8 years; 1 for 11 years; 1 for 12 years; 2 others for 13 years and another for 13 years and six months. I wonder if any other part of the Union have such shining examples of perseverance in attendance and study. We have 1,857 Sabbath-school members.

YOUNG PEOPLE

In our conference are to be found 25 Missionary Volunteer Societies with a total membership of 505. We have some promising young people. During 1935 in the Bible Doctrines test of the Bible Study and Service League, 147 certificates were granted, 78 of the young people receiving over 90 per cent marks. During the past three

years we have had three very successful camps which greatly benefited our youth both physically and spiritually.

HOME MISSIONARY

Of the many activities of this department, the Harvest Ingathering outshines them all. The campaign has become almost like a circle, without beginning or end. When I think of the faithful service of our members and the territory from which much of the funds are gathered, I marvel at the results of over £2 per member. We gather very often where little is sowed. One brother 80 years of age has gathered £19 in one campaign, mostly in pennies. Another brother of 81 gathers £20 a year. One sister has in the past fourteen years gathered more than £600.

Our most shining example is that of the York Church, which although without a conference worker since their organization in 1921, has raised an average of £5 per member in this campaign for ten years. In fifteen years they have raised £2,226. This money has come from collecting; not by gifts from members. They are still going strong!

I am convinced that if all our members would co-operate in the campaign and work together, we could raise £20,000 in the Union in a month.

During 1934 a Bible Readers' Training Class was held in 25 churches; 246 were enrolled, which was 47 per cent of the Union total, and 84 certificates were granted. We trust that these members will make good use of this training. We congratulate Brother Parkin on the success of the departments.

BOOK WORK

Brother D. Davies leads our colporteurs and they are a loyal band of self-supporting workers. During the past four years £33,237 worth of literature has been sold in our field. Of this £18,380 was made up of subscription books. These have been years of depression and many of the workers have been forced to handle the lower-priced books. Although the value of the book sales has fallen, the

number of books has been maintained.

Some of our book workers have made remarkable records. One colporteur will sell about 2,500 books and pay tithe on upward of £800 worth of books during the present year.

In the past four years one worker has placed 1,029 copies of *Bible Readings* in Birmingham; another colporteur, 292 in Liverpool, besides many copies of *Christ Our Saviour*; another, 596 in Manchester; also 725 *Desire of Ages* have been placed in the same city by still another colporteur. All this seed-sowing will one day produce an abundant harvest. Already some fruit has appeared, and a number of souls have accepted the message in the period for which we are reporting, through the colporteur ministry. Let us always remember these book-workers morning by morning at the throne of grace. Largely through their efforts will be accomplished the work of the angel of Revelation eighteen.

OUR NEEDS

We could do with many more evangelists and colporteurs to reach the multitudes in our great cities and, of course, the necessary means for their support.

We are in great need of many more local leaders. We do not have one doctor or dentist in our whole membership. Consecrated professional men give character to the work. Our field is before them, and we invite them to come.

We are in dire need of church buildings. Some of the halls in which we meet are far from representative of the wonderful message we carry. Our best and almost only representative church building is in Liverpool. I have heard it said that comparisons are odious, but I would have you note the following: South England Conference has about twenty church buildings, having a total value close on £50,000. With the exception of Southampton, they have all been erected since 1920. North England Conference has five church buildings, valued at about £3,600, and only one of these has been built since 1920. We should

follow the counsel of God and erect suitable meeting-places. We would retain many interested ones that we now lose, and would greatly stabilize our churches and work.

Our greatest need is the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives and in the wheels of our organization so that we do a spiritual and not a mechanical work. We must have

power from above to resist the temptation to sin and to move upon the hearts of those who hear the invitation and compel them to come in to the feast, for all things are now ready, and the King will soon come to see His guests. Pray for us, brethren and sisters, that we may sense our responsibilities, and that we may soon receive the latter rain.

NORTH ENGLAND CONFERENCE

Evangelists' Reports, 1932 to 1935

Sheffield

ON September 24, 1935, we moved from Nottingham to Sheffield, the largest city in Yorkshire, a city with a teeming population of half a million people and more, and on October 20th we launched an evangelistic campaign in the Memorial Hall. This Memorial Hall, situated in the very centre of the city, is part of the famous Sheffield City Hall recently erected at a cost of nearly half a million pounds.

We had selected this hall not only because it was part of the most beautifully appointed suite of halls we have yet discovered, but because it was the only hall which suitably served the districts which we had amalgamated into our evangelistic constituency.

Our plans were signally blessed by God. From the opening service the hall was well filled with most interested listeners. The weather unfortunately was not at its best. In fact Sheffield seemed to out-rival Manchester with its abundant rainfall last autumn. But the public's interest in our campaign did not flag—the people came regularly and continued to come when after ten weeks we transferred to the Y.M.C.A. In our public services until the commencement of May, when we moved into our new church building, our collections amounted to £83.

The Sheffield churchmembers rallied most encouragingly and helped us in whatever way they

could. Miss Himsworth, our Bible-worker, Mrs. Madgwick, Mr. Mervyn Hardinge, and I have had a very busy time; but our labours have been labours of joy. We have won to the message some very nice people.

About four weeks ago we had our baptism. We added to our membership by baptism and vote twenty-one persons, six men and fifteen ladies, three of whom received the message in Rotherham under the labours of our faithful local members.

God has worked powerfully upon the hearts and in the lives of these new believers. Victories have been achieved over harmful habits. Sacrifices for the truth have been made.

One young lady was determined to keep the Sabbath. She thought out a way, went to her employer, and actually offered to forego her annual holiday if he would grant her Sabbath privileges. He did and to-day she is a happy member.

A widowed lady, an active member of the Church of England, drank in the truth as we presented it and finally took her stand for the message. Doctor "X," one of the leading clergymen in the city of London, was in the process of obtaining for her a pension from a fund to provide for Anglican ladies of noble or high birth. The doctor had her application all ready, signed by a number of other clergymen, just waiting for her signature. She graciously thanked him, but said that she had become a

Seventh-Day Adventist and could not now conscientiously receive the pension. Repeated attempts to get her to change her mind only made her bolder in testifying of the new faith that had come to her. Her testimony has reached some very high Church of England circles.

Our brief report would be incomplete if we omitted to thank our heavenly Father for His gracious help and guidance. Not the least of His blessings was the discovery of a most comfortable meeting-place for the Sheffield Church in the very centre of the city at the very time we needed it. In two or three weeks we raised from members and friends the sum of £45 and completely paid for every item of extra furnishing. During the first two months' occupancy the collections were sufficient to pay a full quarter's rent.

We are happy to report also that Sheffield's tithe and mission offerings for the first two quarters of this year showed an increase of forty per cent over the figures for the corresponding quarters of last year.

We praise God for His mercies and reconsecrate ourselves for renewed service in this precious Advent faith.

W. R. A. MADGWICK.

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Wakefield, Doncaster, and Barnsley Area

DURING the past quadrennial period it has been my privilege to labour in the above towns. During this time we have baptized nearly sixty souls, and as we write we are hoping for another baptism of over thirty.

Quite a few of these have had remarkable conversions. Some were out-and-out drunkards. Sometimes we as workers long to get away from the old churches with their peculiar difficulties, but when one enters a virgin city one sadly misses the staunchness of those old, solid Adventists who are able to stabilize wavering souls.

Wakefield is a proud cathedral city, and there are those in this city who love this truth and who have grown in grace this past year.

Barnsley is a rough-and-ready town, with diamonds in the rough. The Barnsley people inherit the missionary spirit of J. Hudson Taylor. Foreign missions have a very tender place in the hearts of these Southern Yorkshire people.

In the month of February last, we commenced an effort in the racing town of Doncaster. Brother Freeth laboured here two years ago. After the first Sunday everybody knew we were Adventists. It has been my privilege to enjoy audiences, but not so in Doncaster. Our average attendance would not be more than fifty or sixty. It certainly seemed as if we were going to have a Waterloo. However, we are glad to state that we have very good hopes of adding over twenty souls, thanks to Brother Walton, Sister Adair, and Brother Beardsell, Sen., who have worked hard with the bills. Brother Walton entirely relieved me of the bills, which certainly has been appreciated. One of our new Sabbath-keepers purchased *Bible Readings* from a young man in Oxford in the year 1912. This was duly placed away on the shelves, but recently has been dusted and studied, and she has now decided to observe God's holy day.

The conference have again set the goal for Harvest Ingathering—namely £126. We are happy to state that this is already in the hands of the treasurer. We have easily reached our goal. Barnsley has worked hard with the Hudson Taylor spirit. Wakefield has done well, and Doncaster has done her best.

A report from this area would not be complete without thanking one and all—old and new friends, and especially Brother Ben Davies. Faithfully every Sunday he has come to our aid; without him we could not have carried on. We would have been compelled to close down one centre. They love him in Wakefield; they love him still more in Barnsley. We are also very grateful to all officers, and last but not least to Miss Olive Laming, who so ably officiated at the piano every Sunday during the recent effort. In conclusion, we are as workers grateful to God for this continued recognition of our feeble efforts. E. E. CRAVEN.

Middlesbrough

At the close of 1934 we came from Aberdeen in Scotland to labour in the North England Conference, and commencing 1935 in Middlesbrough we opened out in a cinema seating around 800. Crowds literally queued up for admission long before the hour of opening. We just could not admit children without parents; there was no room. At times a crowd of those unable to get in would gather around the entrance and listen eagerly for some of the message to come out to them. This town of 160,000 was stirred. Friends and opponents were busy, but it was all advertisement, and helped. One sister, who had apostatized from the faith, felt there was no hurry to get to the service, as she thought Seventh-Day Adventists never had large attendances at their meetings. On finding the hall crowded and the door shut she wept, and confessed she felt like one of the five foolish virgins in the parable—shut out from heaven. It was a great lesson to her soul. She is now rebaptized and a happy member once more.

Four hundred names and addresses were received. A large follow-on hall was rented seating 700. Advertising ceased, yet on Sunday evenings this hall would be nearly full, on Tuesdays 200 to 300 came, and on Sabbath, 80 to 100. We remained in this large hall right through the year until we moved into our present church in December. The large attendance was sustained month after month. Other religious bodies were alarmed. Pastor Jefferies was sent for. He took the large town hall nearly opposite where we were. He said, "Pastor Joyce follows me wherever I go." The local newspaper gave us a column on our world-wide work, emphasizing our care for the sick and needy. This silenced much of the opposition and made us friends. People were arranging their lives in harmony with Christ's teaching. In some instances work had to be given up—meaning real sacrifice.

Then the baptism—November, 1935. Forty-two were immersed and received into church fellowship with the Advent people. Not

one was received without the ordinance of baptism. Some weeks prior to the baptism all had taken part in the communion service. The mighty God had done a good work by His Spirit in these honest hearts. He had truly gathered together those that had made a covenant with Him by sacrifice.

At different times we had the assistance of Sisters Handysides and Hamblin and Brother Coppock as Bible-workers. Brethren Read and Keough visited us, Brother Bunting kindly conducted the meetings during our August holidays, and, of course, Brother Dorland was there at the baptism, giving splendid help.

To-day we have a good suite of halls for our entire use—furnished and decorated by our members. It is right on the main road of the town and will seat 200. A large sign tells all and sundry who we are and at night an electric sign will tell *you* when *you* have arrived at the Middlesbrough Advent Church.

This year we took a public hall in February, did some advertising, and had attendances around 500. This newer work is progressing well. Sister Brown is the Bible-worker.

Let me describe a typical Sabbath early in July, 1936. Sabbath-school, 10 a.m.—fifty-six present, thirty to forty having studied the lesson every day. Eleven o'clock preaching service for adults, story hour for Juniors in smaller hall. Afternoon, 3 p.m., sixty to seventy adults at the meeting, and about twenty-five juniors at their society service, and all in the song service 4.15 p.m. Then 7.30 p.m. the Senior Missionary Volunteer meeting, thirty to forty present, and an excellent programme on missions. A grand and full day, fine attendances of keenly interested folk, all smiling and happy. Sunday almost a full hall, and it is a lovely evening, the sun shining brightly. Around fifty, often many more, on Wednesday evening, and all stay to the prayer meeting.

For years Middlesbrough was a company of nine faithful, loyal members. To-day it is a growing, enthusiastic church, well organized, and staffed with good, will-

ing officers. Getting its Harvest Ingathering goal, paying its tithe, going ahead in the Sabbath-school, young people's, and Home Missionary departments—even though it is one of our "distressed areas."

We also have the care of Darlington, West Hartlepool, and

Stockton—much church work and visiting thereby coming our way, including frequently the taking of nine meetings a week. Yet we thank God for a part with His loyal faithful people in winning souls for the heavenly kingdom.

S. G. JOYCE.

REPORT OF THE Home Missionary Department

1932 to 1935

BY F. W. GOODALL

THIS department of our work touches every member in all our churches, and every activity promoted for the saving of souls. It is really the church at work. Not only do we care for the various activities in which our members take part, but we also seek to build up their spiritual experiences. What sacred responsibilities are laid upon those who are appointed to lead out in this work, and yet what marvellous possibilities are ours. The charter of our department may be summed up as follows:

Every Member a Victorious Christian.

Every Church an Evangelizing Centre.

Every Member a Soul-winner.

Every Church Organized for Service.

Every Church a Training School.

Every Church a Growing Church.

As we look over our report for the past four years, we recognize that the progress made is far beyond our highest expectations. There is continued advancement in every line of activity. New records have been made and higher goals reached.

CAMPAIGNS OF THE CHURCH

Of the 122 churches and companies, all of which are organized for service, and all take part in some missionary activity, we have

eighty per cent reporting. During the various campaigns one hundred per cent take part. Of the 5,000 odd members more than 4,000 have taken an active part in the various literature campaigns. It is estimated that our members have personal contact with over 20,000 souls each year. The regular reporting members have increased from 1,200 in 1932 to over 3,000 in 1935, each conference and mission sharing in this increase.

Through the Tract Campaigns, which have again been an overwhelming success, an average of 2,300 extra copies of *Present Truth* have been circulated each year. For this year 1936 the number has increased to over 25,500 extra copies. These extra sales of *Present Truth* have made it possible, by special arrangement, to supply our churches with over one million tracts to the value of £1,138. What a story those tracts might relate. Who can estimate the number of souls introduced to the message through the silent messengers of the printed page?

The Bible Readers' Training Course of 1934 was well received. Some fifty-five classes were organized and over 600 members availed themselves of the opportunities thus provided to learn how to give Bible readings. Over 275 text-books were used in addition to outline lessons specially prepared for the course by the department.

During these four years over 32,000 Bible readings have been

given by our members, an average of 8,000 per year or over 150 per week. These active reporting members have in addition made over 120,000 missionary visits, brought 7,000 persons to church services, and distributed over two million pieces of literature—books, papers, or tracts. They found time to write nearly 40,000 missionary letters, and in their spare moments helped over 100,000 needy people. We should remember those who do medical missionary work. They have reported over 15,000 treatments given. No wonder we are able to report nearly 600 souls won from among those who received their first contact with the message through the faithful, untiring ministry of our churchmembers. We thank God for such a loyal people.

HARVEST INGATHERING ACHIEVEMENTS

But that is not all—when the call comes, as it does each year, to help our world-wide missions programme, every member who can possibly walk, and even those who are unable to get out, all take an active part in gathering in the funds. This Harvest Ingathering Campaign has become more than a hardy annual, it has become a perennial spring, from which source flows a continual stream of means to support our world missions programme. Without it one-quarter of our missionaries would be unprovided for. One-quarter of our missions would be closed down. What a catastrophe that would be! Ah, but our members are ready and willing and eager, when the time comes round each year, yes and before the time arrives, to start their collecting.

We have encouraged our members to reach an average of £2 each year. The report shows that a much larger number of members have been successful, and in addition have done it in less time, so that each year we have been able to reduce the campaign period time. This is revealed by the fact that in the year 1932, 42 churches reached the goal in six weeks, in 1933 there were 51, and in 1934 the same, but in 1935 we had 56 churches over the top by the sixth

report. These are to be congratulated on their splendid achievement.

Now look at the figures year by year, and see how they grow!: 1932, £8,967; 1933, £8,991; 1934, £9,693, and for the year 1935 over £10,500. Surely this gives us cause for great rejoicing. You will see also that the average per member has been increased in spite of



F. W. Goodall
Union Departmental Secretary.

the increase in membership. For the first time in fourteen years we report the goal of £2 per member reached, the actual figure being £2. 1s. 1d. Comparing the totals for the four years 1932-1935 with the previous four years, the totals are £38,168 collected compared with £32,415, or an increase of £5,753. This compares very favourably with the increase reported for the last quadrennial period, which was £4,070. Our goal of £10,000 for 1935 was exceeded by no less than £508, and was the highest ever reported during the twenty years of Ingathering history in the British field.

During the year 1935 more members took part, more young people and more children assisted than ever before, thus showing that this is a campaign in which everybody helps.

NOTABLE EXPERIENCES

Now for a few experiences which must be very brief. One enthusiastic veteran Ingatherer col-

lected £17 in twelve hours. Four young people collected £52. Five children aged five to twelve collected by means of the Foot of Coins Card, £6. One boy aged nine has collected each year over £5, increasing his goal year by year.

Now for some of the young old collectors, the "die hards." They will never give up. Here is one over seventy years of age who collected £30 last year. He calls at every house and keeps on calling till he finds them in; he sticks at it. Here is another somewhere over eighty and still going strong—collects £30 to £40 each year. One of our faithful sisters can be depended upon for at least £30 each year. Her total to date from the start is over £500. Here are some over in Wales—travelling over the mountains into the valleys, and collecting over £30 each. Come with me to Scotland and see how they do it there. Here is our lonely member away in the north always good for £5. Then in Ireland still others, and even the Irish Free State has at least one faithful member who collects over £30 each year.

Our members have travelled from place to place, cities, towns, villages, and isolated homes, in the valleys of Wales, round the lochs and in the highlands of Scotland, through the Emerald Isle, and from Lands End to John o'Groats, from Cork to Londonderry, through the Channel Islands, Shetland Islands, Isle of Man, Isle of Skye, even to the highest village in Scotland.

What a story our churches could tell, but we must mention York. Year after year they have set their goal at £5 per member, and have an unbroken record through the years.

The College students at Newbold are also worthy of mention. During these wonderful three days allotted to the task, they have collected up to £100 each day.

Stanborough Park, with all its institutions helping, should not be forgotten. They lead the way in the highest amount collected year by year, and from the commencement of the Ingathering have brought in over £10,000.

We turn over the pages of the

past, but not before we express to all our members our heartfelt thanks for their most loyal and whole-hearted response in all these activities which makes this report possible.

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

We are on the threshold of the 1936 campaign. We look forward

to fresh fields of conquest, to greater heights to climb, and to larger visions of success. May the Lord of the harvest crown our united efforts with glorious success, thus hastening the day when this Gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness to all nations, and the end come.

"To save from sin, and to guide in service"—we have put forth special efforts, and we are happy to report good results. During Missionary Volunteer Week all our ministers, as well as church leaders, are enlisted in a special campaign week to win our youth for Christ. This Missionary Volunteer Week is becoming more and more a week of revival meetings, not only for our own young people, but also for other youth. During the 1935 Missionary Volunteer Week over 100 registered their decision, and 500 signed the reconsecration card.

Our annual Summer Holiday Camps have also proved a tremendous success. Here the young people are gathered together under ideal conditions. Last year we had the largest enrolment—almost 300 in attendance, about 200 in the South and 100 in the North. The many devotional meetings as well as the personal contact of our camp leaders and helpers have brought great blessing to the young people. Each year several take their stand for Christ and this message. What an inspiration to see the youth come forward to give their hearts and lives to Christ. Who can estimate the results of this work?

MISSIONARY ACTIVITIES

Now let us look at the activities of our young people along the lines of missionary work. We find them eager and anxious to help in every way. A large number are holding responsible positions in the churches. Others are helping the evangelists and ministers in their efforts, while a large number are engaged in personal missionary work. The seventy-five reporting societies show an average of 800 active members. These gave 6,500 Bible readings during the past four years. They also made 23,000 personal missionary visits, and distributed over 330,000 books, papers, and tracts. This is in addition to the many other lines of missionary activity, many of which are not reported.

During the Harvest Ingathering they have worked most untiringly. We have been amazed at the energy they put into it. They can-

REPORT OF

Missionary Volunteer Department

1932 to 1935

BY F. W. GOODALL

Out of the 1,700 young people and children in the Advent movement in the British Isles, we have enrolled nearly 1,600 as Missionary Volunteers. They are members of our seventy-eight societies, with three church schools, the College, and small groups.

We have 1,014 seniors and 559 juniors. What an army of youth in training, and what a sacred trust is committed to those appointed as leaders and officers in our churches. Almost 900 of these Missionary Volunteers are in the South Conference, 500 in the North, and 200 in the Missions—Wales, Scotland, and Ireland. The church schools care for 137 juniors, and the College for 103 seniors.

We are happy to state there is a splendid spirit of co-operation among our young people. We appreciate the good help that our evangelists, ministers, and church officers are giving. Through our united efforts almost 500 young people have been baptized during the past four years. How happy we are to welcome these youth into our ranks.

TRAINING FOR SERVICE

The Missionary Volunteer societies are organized to train these young people for active service. What are the results? The young people are responding loyally to all the plans promoted which include educational, devo-

tional, physical, and social activities. The Reading Course is meeting a great need and the carefully chosen books are appreciated. About 300 to 500 young people read these books each year. The Bible Study Course for 1935 met with a wonderful reception. Sixty classes were organized and over 700 young people, seniors, and juniors, were enrolled. I wish you could have met with some of these groups as they studied their lessons. Almost half of these young people took the test provided by the General Conference, and almost 300 passed with over seventy-five per cent marks and received certificates. About half obtained over ninety per cent marks. Never before in the history of our work in the British field have we seen such an enthusiastic interest in a study course. The number receiving certificates is also the highest in our history. This year they are studying the Great Advent Movement, and we expect good results from this course. About thirty to fifty young people have during the past four years read the Bible through. Others have taken the Missionary Volunteer Progressive Courses of Study, and of the 210 enrolled 152 have received the special certificate.

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER WEEKS AND SUMMER CAMPS

In carrying out our objective—

not be restrained. Look at the results, almost £8,000 collected. Surely such devotion and activity is worthy of our warmest thanks.

We are also glad that so many of our young people are at College, and others in training at The Stanboroughs, and in the various institutions, as well as in the church schools. They are also helping in open-air meetings, cottage meetings, and Sunday-school work. Some are taking up literature ministry, while others are in training for the medical work.

We believe that wonderful possibilities are wrapped up in our youth. They are the future lead-

ers in our churches and conferences. They are the future ministers and missionaries, teachers, doctors, and nurses. They are an army of workers, who, if rightly trained, will quickly help to proclaim the Gospel message to all the world. But we need more of them. We have set our goal at 2,000 young people and children in our ranks by the close of 1936. We invite the sympathetic interest, prayers, and loyal co-operation of all our members in our youth, that they may be kept true and stand firm during the days that are to come. We thank God for the Advent youth.

made, lives are moulded, desires and ambitions guided, and through this avenue members are prepared for a life of fruitful missionary service.

How true it is that from our Sabbath-schools are to come those who shall be missionaries for God. Already they have the spirit of missions as reflected in the offerings to missions. Look at the figure—the total offerings amount to the magnificent figure of £19,232, only £83 short of the previous four years, and this includes the depression period. Our members have faithfully contributed of their means to support our world mission programme. The average per Sabbath equals £92. 10s., but the special gifts on the Thirteenth Sabbath show an average of £315. Just think of that sum coming in every Thirteenth Sabbath of each quarter. But listen—the total Sabbath-school offerings for 1935 totalled £5,041, and this is the largest in our history, apart from the year 1924, when a special gift of £300 was included. During 1935 we also received the second largest Thirteenth Sabbath Offering in our history—the magnificent sum of £377. These gifts include Birthday Offerings, £247, and Investment Fund, £102.

REPORT OF THE

Sabbath-School Department, 1932 to 1935

BY F. W. GOODALL

COME with me as we make a tour of our churches in the British field, and see our members at study. The Sabbath-school department is unique in the Advent movement in that it touches every member from the youngest to the oldest—there is no age limit. In the seven divisions we find them arranged according to ages, first the Cradle Roll through the Kindergarten and Primary to the Juniors, then on through the Youth's Division to the Senior and Home Divisions. Since our last Union session our Sabbath-schools have increased by 31 to 150. In North England we have 60, in the South 52. Wales has 22, Scotland 9, North Ireland 5, and the Irish Free State 2. Some of these are family groups, while scattered here and there are some 700 members who are members of the Conference Isolated Sabbath-school.

You would be interested as you visit these schools to find that out of the 5,434 Sabbath-school members nearly 4,000 are regular in attendance, and that well over 1,000 study their lesson each day, and are perfect in attendance. The total number of record cards issued for a quarter's perfect study

and attendance during the four-year period is 12,161, and for the same period 1,130 ribbons have been issued for a year's perfect record. It is estimated that about 250 of our members are keeping up this record every year.

Our Sabbath-school members are divided into 528 classes, and arranged according to the various divisions of the Sabbath-school. Our report shows 70 Cradle Roll members, 250 in the Kindergarten, 267 Primary, 430 juniors, 331 youths, and 2,839 adults, with 1,247 Home Division members.

SOUL-WINNING IN THE SABBATH-SCHOOL

The teachers of these 500 odd classes, together with the officers, are doing splendid personal work which we are glad to report has brought encouraging results, no less than 827 Sabbath-school members having been baptized during the past four years. But what of the influence of the teacher and of the study of God's Word upon the lives of the members? Who can estimate to the full the wonderful work which is steadily and quietly going on Sabbath by Sabbath in our schools. Decisions are being

OUTSTANDING EXPERIENCES

We would like to mention some of the outstanding experiences. One is that of the Stanborough Park Juniors. Out of a membership of forty-four, forty-one have made a perfect record for the last quarter of 1935. Nine received one-year ribbons, 5 two-year ribbons, 6 three-year ribbons, 5 four-year ribbons, and 1 has a five-year ribbon. Two under six years of age have a two-year ribbon, and 2 a one-year ribbon. Something happened with their offerings, too, during 1935. The goal set was £40, but they brought in £60. How did they do it? Well, chiefly through the Investment Plan. Someone thought of an idea—making Dutch dolls—boys and girls, 244 of which were sold and yielded a profit of £5. In many Sabbath-schools our members are working for the Investment Fund with excellent results.

During the early part of the year

1933 we arranged a special Sabbath-school Training Course, outline lessons being prepared adapted to the needs of this field. Over 52 training classes were organized and 612 enrolled. Over 150 took the test and received certificates.

We have endeavoured to keep before us the Sabbath-school aim: Higher Ground in Study, in Experience, and in Service.

Several schools have started branch Sabbath-schools and also Sunday-schools with encouraging results.

Never were the prospects brighter than they are to-day. We see visions of a mighty work for God being accomplished by the members of our Sabbath-schools. May the Lord roll upon our evangelists, pastors, Bible-workers, and church officers a greater burden to train and set to work these 5,434 Sabbath-school members, that our schools may reach God's ideal for them, for the Sabbath-school serves all the flock, studies the Word of God, and saves souls.

thirty-one church buildings in the British field as follows:

South England Conference ...	18
North England Conference ...	5
Welsh Mission	4
Scottish Mission	2
Irish Missions	2

The total investment in church buildings held in trust by British Advent Missions Ltd., as at December 31, 1935, is as follows:

South England	£48,699
North England	3,584
Wales	1,968
Scotland	2,931
Ireland	1,198
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	£58,380

REPORT OF

British Advent Missions Ltd., 1932 to 1935

BY A. CAREY

It is with hearts full of praise and thanksgiving to our dear Lord that we stand before this assembly to give a very brief survey of the work of the legal society of the British Union Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists known as British Advent Missions Limited.

THE OBJECTS OF THE COMPANY

The objects for which this company was established are:

1. To attend to all matters of a legal nature for the denomination in the British Isles.
2. To make, and attend to, the business arrangements necessary in connection with the purchase or erection of any property for the cause in this field.
3. To hold in trust for the denomination any church, school, institution, or other building.
4. To act as trustees for our churchmembers in respect to trusts, wills, etc.
5. To transact any such other lawful business for the denomination as may be deemed necessary.

THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMPANY

The membership of the company comprises:

Every member of the executive

committee of the British Union Conference, every member of the executive committee of the local conferences, every member of the advisory committee of the missions, for so long as such member shall occupy such position; and any person who may be elected a member of the company by the British Union Conference for the term of one year, or until the next annual meeting of the company, subject to the member subscribing a copy of the Articles and Memorandum of Association.

There are nine directors all of whom are members of the executive committee of the British Union Conference.

Our duties are legion, yet we will bring to your notice a few of the items which have been handled during the past four years.

CHURCH BUILDINGS

During the years 1932 to 1935 it has been our privilege to work in connection with the acquisition of seven new church buildings in the following places:

Portsmouth	South London
Yarmouth	Barry Dock
Lowestoft	Uddingston
Carlton Colville	

At the close of 1935 we had

We have to report, however, the sale of one church building, namely, Hull, due to the unsafe condition of the building. This property was sold during the year 1934 and the proceeds of the sale are now held in trust by this company as the Hull church building fund.

At our last Union session held March, 1932, we reported church building debts as outstanding at December 31, 1931, of £3,327, and we are glad to report at this session that all these debts are cleared. In connection with other properties acquired during the quadrennium, any debts incurred have all been cleared, with the exception of one, which amounts to £320.

This had been made possible by our own churchmembers rallying loyally, doing their utmost to decrease the debt on their church buildings, while at the same time we have to thank the British Union Conference for having been so liberal in making gifts from the church building fund to the churches concerned during the quadrennium, amounting to £4,221.

NAME OF THE COMPANY

Among the larger items attended to by the company during the quadrennium were the change of name of the company, the new Memorandum and Articles of Association, and charity recognition.

The change of name from Sev-

enth-Day Adventist Union to British Advent Missions Ltd., was effected during 1933, the certificate of change of name being granted by the Board of Trade on March 10, 1933.

The reforming of the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the company was quite a task, our chairman and board spending considerable time on the matter, and we are glad to report that this Memorandum of Association was passed by the High Court of Justice on July 10, 1933.

Whilst these two matters were in process there was the matter of our relationship to the Inland Revenue. Negotiations had been in progress since April, 1931, and were brought to a larger stage of development in May, 1932, with final conclusion on July 11, 1933, when the Charity Claims Department of the Inland Revenue of Great Britain admitted British Advent Missions Ltd., as a body established for charitable purposes only, extending this admission to the Good Health Association Ltd., The Stanborough Press Ltd., Newbold College, and our British Union Conference, local conferences, and missions. This has meant a great deal for the British field financially, and it is already saving in income tax and property tax to the cause in this field approximately one thousand pounds per year.

That is not all in connection with this item. With the granting to this company of recognition as a charitable organization, we respectfully approached the authorities with the request that they consider giving us a rebate on certain taxes already paid, especially during the previous few years. Our request was very favourably received, and the fruition of this came early in 1932, when the income tax department passed over to your secretary a substantial cheque which, needless to say, we found very useful. We feel this was due to a divine providence, for this money came into our hands at the very time it was needed.

Just one other item in connection with our company and its change of name, and the new Memorandum and Articles of Association.

The directors felt that, in view of all that was involved, it would be for the advantage of the company in the future if a further resolution was taken changing the company into a private company. This was done on October 3, 1934, which means that we are no longer under obligation to make our financial statements available to the public.

STANBOROUGH PARK ESTATE

There are some matters to do with the Stanborough Park estate



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which perhaps we should bring to your notice. Having come within the Borough of Watford, and being no longer a rural district, we were requested to connect up with the main drainage system of the borough and this we found would cost us something like £1,000, so it was decided to sell a corner of our estate nearest to the by-pass road. Ten acres of the wood was sold during the year 1932, and whilst we were assured by land agents, land valuers and others, also intending purchasers, that it would be impossible for us to secure more than £3,000 to £3,500, it was decided to place this land up for sale by auction, and again we see the evidence of divine leading, for the round sum of £5,000 was secured for that small piece of land. It came just at a time

when money was urgently needed, not only for the installation of the new sewerage, but to help put Newbold College on its feet financially by passing £1,000 to its capital, and also providing that estate with a suitable sewage plant, and our sanitarium with a fire escape, the installation of which had been demanded by the local authorities.

Just as these heavy calls for money reached us, we were able to raise the necessary sum out of the sale of this corner of our estate.

The road widening scheme of the county has been completed, we now having as a result thereof a very presentable oak fence and our main entrance which we feel is a vast improvement to that of former days.

BILLS PAYABLE

From time to time certain of our members have desired to loan money to the cause at a moderate rate of interest and at the close of this quadrennium the bills payable amounted to £2,266, whereas at the close of the previous quadrennium the figure was £6,090. We have reduced this liability during the quadrennium by £3,824, and the sum that we now hold is at the request of certain churchmembers who desire to leave the money with the cause until further notice. In several instances wills have been made, leaving the money to the cause.

In closing our report we would express our deep gratitude to God for His continued guidance and blessing, and pray that He will direct this company and those associated with it until Jesus comes to take His people home.



"How are we to do our duty? By starting at it, by keeping at it, and by using God's wisdom and strength in it."

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Resolutions

Constitution

THE committee on constitution presented the following report on amendments to the constitution of the British Union Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists which was accepted:

ARTICLE VII—EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1 as it now stands.

"The Executive Committee shall consist of the president, secretary, treasurer, the presidents of the local conferences, superintendents of local missions, the secretary in charge of each duly organized Union Conference department, namely, the Publishing, Medical, Educational, Sabbath-school, Religious Liberty, Young People's Missionary Volunteer, and Home Missionary; other persons may be elected at a Union session or chosen by the Executive Committee, not to exceed three in number.

Section 1, proposed amendment.

After the words "Home Missionary" add "The Managers of the Publishing House and Food Factory," then continue as above.

Add another section, Section 6, to read as follows:

"The plans and policies adopted by this Union Conference shall be in harmony with the plans and policies of the Northern European Division and the General Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists."

Sabbath-School Work—Missing Members

WHEREAS, The Sabbath-school provides opportunity for a systematic study of the Scriptures, so essential to spiritual growth, and

WHEREAS, The reports show that there is still a large number of our churchmembers who are not yet members of the Sabbath-school, we therefore

Recommend, That earnest efforts be put forth by our ministers and church leaders to encourage by precept and example all members to avail themselves of the blessings of the Sabbath-school, and that we urge Sabbath-school teachers to enlist the co-operation of their class members in reaching the missing members.

Bible Readings

WHEREAS, The Bible, the Testimonies, and experience emphasize the fruitfulness of the plan of giving Bible readings as a means of bringing souls to a knowledge of the truth, and

WHEREAS, The Sabbath-school les-

sons commencing with the fourth quarter of this year will be arranged as Bible readings,

We Recommend, That in all our churches the Sabbath-school officers and teachers be encouraged to co-operate with the church leaders in training and organizing our members for definite work in giving Bible readings.

SPECIAL CONFERENCE BULLETIN No. 7

will contain reports
of the meetings
during the closing
Sabbath of the
Conference
and remaining
Departmental
reports

Evangelism

WHEREAS, We believe God has committed to us the task of proclaiming the last warning message to the world to gather out and prepare a people for the coming of the Lord, and

WHEREAS, The signs portending the end are being fulfilled before our eyes, and

WHEREAS, Thousands of perplexed but honest souls are seeking for the light that only this message can give, *We Recommend*, 1. That we urge our entire membership ever to remember its supreme obligation to proclaim the Gospel.

2. That every phase of our work be directed toward the saving of souls for the kingdom of God.

3. That we redouble our efforts in public evangelism, throwing our entire forces into a mighty endeavour to reach the unsaved, and to work those portions of territory where, as yet, the message has not been proclaimed.

4. That wherever possible suitable laymen be encouraged to conduct small campaigns.

5. That our Missionary Volunteer societies be organized into evangelistic groups.

6. That we request the Union committee to give careful study to the working forces in the field and that they seek counsel from the Northern European Division with reference to the great problem of evangelism in the British Isles.

Harvest Ingathering

WHEREAS, God has wonderfully blessed the Harvest Ingathering Campaign through past years, especially during 1935, and

WHEREAS, The year 1936 is the twenty-first Campaign in the British Field,

We Recommend, 1. That every church and company put forth special efforts to reach the average goal of £2 per member, and

2. That we endeavour to obtain the full goal of £10,000 in eight weeks.

Sabbath-School Officers

WHEREAS, The Sabbath-school offers a unique opportunity of bringing before all our members each week the progress of our world missions programme, it is therefore

Recommended, That we keep the needs of the mission fields before our schools by means of the reports contained in the Missions Quarterly, and that we encourage our members to take part in the Investment Plan and Birthday Offerings, as well as a special gift on the Thirteenth Sabbath, thus increasing our gifts to missions.

Saving Our Youth

WHEREAS, There are growing up in our churches young people who have not yet taken a definite stand for the truth,

We Recommend, That more personal work be done by our conference workers and churchmembers on behalf of the youth, leading them to decide for Christ, and that in the churches where we have a considerable number of young people, arrangements be made for revival meetings during the coming winter months.

Home Bible Studies

WHEREAS, The plan of holding Bible studies has been blessed of God in the salvation of many souls, and

WHEREAS, The use of the projector-scope is proving of great benefit in making these meetings interesting and effective,

We Recommend, That suitable members in every church be encouraged to take up this work, and, under the direction of the church board, arrange for such meetings in as many districts as possible.