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Looking Back!

By H. W. LOWE

WE now have the full statistical report for the year 1939. We must remember that 1939 was difficult beyond many other years, not only because the war began in September, but also because the repeated war scares had some influence on our work from the early months of the year. But when all these factors are taken into consideration we have a really good set of reports to present to our people.

As compared with 1938 our tithe income for 1939 was practically the same (£31,740). Here we need to remember that some £900 came in during 1938 as special tithes on legacies received by different people, but there was nothing of that nature worth speaking about in 1939.

Sabbath-school offerings were about £59 less in 1939 than in 1938, but they were considerably higher than in 1937 and 1936.

Our final Harvest Ingathering figures surprised us by reaching the splendid total of £10,690. This was higher than in 1936, £300 short of 1937, and £400 short of 1938. It was, however, a remarkable achievement, most of it being accomplished during the war period.

The Week of Sacrifice offering went up again as it has during the past three years, and reached the figure of £731, an increase of £73 over the previous year.

Our Annual Offering was somewhat surprisingly down by £136. Missionary Volunteer offerings

stepped up by £57, and the Missions Extension Fund showed an increase of £33.

One other pleasant feature of our report was the receipt of offerings for special purposes, amounting to £1,130, which figure does not find its way into our yearly tabular. There are always a few special items but this figure was £1,040 higher than in the previous year.

If we take the sum total of our gifts to missions (omitting the

special £1,130 mentioned in the foregoing paragraph) the figure for 1939 was £18,315 against £18,785 in 1938.

Altogether this financial report indicates that we have a solid body of faithful members throughout the Union who stand by the Lord's work through all kinds of crises. With this in mind the Union Committee has adopted a short statement of gratitude to God and thanks to our people which we reproduce in this issue.

One thing that caused us the greatest concern in our reports for 1939 was the fact that our net gain in membership fell to forty-four. We had the highest apostasy figures for many years, and a large amount of cleaning up of church records has taken place. Whether that was in preparation for the Ingathering goals of next year, or for some other purpose, the fact remains that we are not adding to our membership as the times demand.

God's Spirit awaits the demand of His church, and He will give us power commensurate with our great needs. We must seek Him more and more for the blessing without which His work cannot be finished in the earth. "Every worker who follows the example of Christ will be prepared to receive and use the power that God has promised to His church for the ripening of earth's harvest."—*"Acts of the Apostles,"* page 56.

An Expression of Gratitude

THE British Union Committee in session at Watford, having considered the report of tithes and offerings passed into the treasury during 1939 desires to record its heartfelt thankfulness to God, that in such a year of crisis the funds for the extension of the Lord's work almost reached the level of the previous year, and actually went well beyond the budgeted income. And furthermore, we wish to express to our faithful membership throughout the Union field our deep gratitude for this manifest token of their love and consecration to the Advent cause.

A Resolution on Gospel Economy

In view of the Gospel commission, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations," and in the light of the present marvellous opening providences of God for the advance of the message in many lands, and in view of the present world conditions and the difficulty of meeting the financial needs of the ever-expanding Advent movement, we earnestly and seriously

Recommend 1. We urge on all, both workers and our church membership generally, the need of exercising the utmost economy in our personal financial expenditures, thus making it possible for greater gifts to be contributed for the proclamation of the Gospel.

2. That all our leaders and workers do their utmost to exercise the strictest economy in all conference or church expenditures, thus making it possible to contribute more generously for the proclamation of the Advent message in all the earth.

3. That all our denominational institutions and organizations, Union and local, carefully review

their expenses at this time with the definite purpose of effecting practical economies in order that more money may be made available for needy fields in other places.

4. That we give earnest heed to and study anew the instruction which has come to us through the Spirit of prophecy on the subject of economy. As an illustration of what the Lord has told us on this timely topic we quote the following sentences:

"Use your inventive faculties in seeking to economize."—*Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 6, page 451.

"Draw as little as possible from the treasury. Men of faith and financial ability are needed to plan economically."—*Ibid.*, Vol. 6, page 113.

"In the erection of school buildings, in their furnishing, and in every feature of their management, the strictest economy must be practised."—*Ibid.*, Vol. 6, page 208.

"Some think it beneath their dignity to look after small things. They think it the evidence of a narrow mind and a niggardly spirit. But small leaks have sunk many a ship."—*Ibid.*, Vol. 7, page 207.

Evangelistic Prayer List

Aberdeen	D. Morrison	Leicester	R. A. Freeth
Barry	P. Cumings	Lisburn	L. A. Watson
Beeston	B. F. Kinman	Liverpool	J. E. Bell
Belfast	E. E. Craven	Londonderry	E. Zins
Belfast	J. G. Bevan	Northampton	A. F. Bird
Birmingham	H. McCrow	Norwich	H. Humphries
Bristol	O. M. Dorland	Rochdale	W. J. Cannon
Cambridge	E. Cox	Salford	W. R. A.
Canterbury	A. J. Mustard		Madgwick
Cardiff	S. G. Hyde	Scarborough	W. M. Lennox
Chelmsford	C. A. Reeves	Sheffield	D. J. Handysides
Cheltenham	R. A. Vince	Shields	D. J. Clarke
Clacton	G. Roper	Shotton	T. H. Cooper
Coventry	S. G. Joyce	Stockton	W. Maudsley
Darlington	F. Edwards	Stoke	K. Elias
Dewsbury	J. C. French	Swansea	F. S. Jackson
Doncaster	F. W. Coppock	Swindon	O. H. Rosier
Dublin	W. G. Nicholson	Taunton	L. G. Hardinge
Dundee	H. T. Johnson	Wembley	J. H. Bayliss
Eastbourne	R. H. Smith	Weymouth	G. R. Bell
Edinburgh	J. A. McMillan	Worcester	J. R. Lewis
Glasgow	L. D. Vince	Wrexham	H. K. Munson
Hull	L. Murdoch	Wycombe	C. R. Bonney

The 1940 Union Conference Session

As stated elsewhere in this issue plans are being made to hold some sort of Union Conference session in Watford this year, war conditions permitting. It would be very helpful to the officers in organizing this conference, and in booking halls, etc., if we could know roughly how many of our people would plan to attend the meetings, if circumstances permit. Workers and church elders would render us a distinct service if they would ascertain approximately how many people would attend if war conditions do not grow any worse. We shall probably have to have a short meeting of four or five days. Information should be sent to the writer or to Brother Carey, it being understood that the information is purely approximate and tentative.

H. W. Lowe.

New Prices of Subscription Books

February, 1940

OWING to war conditions it is necessary to advance the prices of The Stanborough Press books as follows:

<i>Christ Our Saviour</i>	
Brown stainless cloth, gilt edges	10 0
Red stainless cloth, marble edges	8 0
Blue, paper cover	5 6
<i>Bible Readings for the Home</i>	
Green cloth, marble edges	23 0
Red cloth, gilt edges	28 0
Leather, gilt edges	35 0
<i>Our Wonderful Bible</i>	
Red leather	17 6
Red, stainless cloth	12 6
Blue, cloth	10 0
Paper cover	6 6
<i>Bible Certainties</i>	
Brown, leather	17 6
Red, stainless cloth	12 6
Green, cloth	10 0
Paper cover	6 6
<i>Music Hymnals</i>	
Remain the same	4/-; 7/6; 15/-
<i>Words Hymnals</i>	
Unstamped, 1/3; Stamped 1/4.	
As previously announced, due to the unfavourable rate of exchange, the prices of American books and periodicals are advanced twenty per cent on the figures given in our catalogue.	

A.W.

Notes from the Union President

MEETINGS everywhere are much smaller during these days of stressful weather and blackout conditions. We shall need to watch that when we are unable to attend the services we do not neglect the financial support of the church and its various causes. Perhaps church officers will need to be doubly alert and active in the matter of keeping in touch with the aged and the sick who cannot attend meetings so regularly in these times. These souls will need spiritual encouragement in their loneliness. Our deacons and deaconesses, as well as our conference workers, should not fail to be systematic and regular in this ministration.

It has been decided not to hold annual meetings in the conferences and missions during the

year 1940, but we are proceeding with our plans to hold at least a small Union Conference session at Watford in August.

THE Union Committee passes on advice to workers, members, and church officers on the subject of economy in personal and church expenditure in these difficult times. This resolution, which comes from the General Conference, is reproduced in this issue of the MESSENGER, and we believe it would be wise for all to practise its suggestions.

WE have just heard that Dr. A. Huse, who has been in England some time, has succeeded in obtaining his M.R.C.P. degree. We are glad to pass on this news, and we wish the doctor the Lord's blessing as he plans to return to New Zealand. H. W. Lowe.

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Notes from the President.

WHAT weather for campaigns! On January 28th three evangelists had their "first nights." W. Lennox reported an attendance of 550 in Scarborough and received 130 names for literature; W. J. Cannon in Rochdale, reported an attendance of twenty-one and six names; J. C. French, who is running two campaigns simultaneously in Morley and Dewsbury, had an attendance of twenty-three in Morley and eight names, and an attendance of twenty in Dewsbury and four names. Brother and Sister Cannon had to walk through three feet of snow to the hall! Brother and Sister French arrived at his hall only just in time on a coal cart! The following are the figures for the second night:

Scarborough, attendance 390, 38 new names.

Rochdale, attendance 60, 11 new names.

Morley, attendance 40, 9 new names.

Dewsbury, attendance 20, 4 new names.

Brother J. Lewis begins his campaign on February 11th in Worcester. Pray that God's power will so use these men that when they speak to men spiritual things may become real things.

COLPORTEURS

THIS is difficult weather for our colporteurs. One family living in the country was entirely cut off for three days, and others could no doubt tell similar stories. In the circumstances an aggregate

loss of £73 is perhaps understandable. However, after the very large loss last year we hope for much better things as the weather brightens. This message must be carried to the twenty millions living in this conference. While the number of ministers and Bible-workers that the conference can employ is limited, there is no limitation to the number of colporteurs. With the population of twenty million people to whom books and magazines can be sold, our colporteur force could be increased twentyfold and there would be nearly 50,000 inhabitants for each colporteur. If we could look forward to such an increase it would not be difficult to understand how this message could be taken to every resident in this conference. Now, when men's minds are stirred by present conditions they are more interested in religious literature, and this is an ideal time for new recruits to enter the colporteur field. Brother Belton is prepared to spend time training any new recruit.

CONVENTIONS

THE department secretaries have given me the following reports:

"At first sight," says Brother B. F. Sparrow, "the most memorable thoughts of the first North England conventions concerned the weather. Fog and twenty-five degrees of frost at Manchester. Ever-falling snow at Nottingham. Snowbound roads and slush at Kettering. But, although these factors hindered attendances at each place, they did not seriously interfere with the real business of the conventions. Results may be listed as follow:

"1. In Manchester, the Progressive Courses were definitely started, and, under the district leadership, will be enthusiastically pursued.

"2. In Nottingham and district, fresh life was infused into the progressive volunteers who already possessed Friend or Companion badges.

"3. In the Northants district the convention, held at Kettering, inspired the church with an active missionary spirit. This, by now, will have been proved in the Tract Campaign.

"Other conventions are to fol-

"Great Controversy" Reading Plan

Assignments for March

March 3rd to 9th	pages 134-151
March 10th to 16th	pages 152-170
March 17th to 23rd	pages 171-184
March 24th to 30th	pages 185-196
March 31st to April 6th	pages 197-210

low in close succession, so that the whole conference can be animated with a uniform progressive spirit."

Brother Belton reports:

"Ten week-end conventions in connection with the literature ministry have been planned for the first quarter of the year in the North England Conference.

"A strong preliminary to these was the annual Institute for our colporteur-evangelists, held in Newbold College, December 27th to January 4th, just about the best in the memory of the writer.

"Fresh from this inspiration, we have visited the churches in the South Durham and the Humber districts, and our people in each place evinced much interest and enthusiasm.

"In spite of almost arctic conditions, there were good attendances at both the morning and afternoon services in Darlington on Sabbath, January 27th, on the occasion of our Literature Crusade.

"God's promise to Cyrus in Isaiah 45:2 was shown to be the beckoning word to His children now. Its efficacy was proved the following morning as door after door opened to admit our beautiful "home, magazine," *Present Truth*. More members would have fulfilled their Sabbath promise had the weather been favourable. Although the snow storm during the morning increased, one elderly sister bravely pushed on until she sold out her supply. Her sanctified persistency was very inspiring.

"The co-operation of the minister, Brother F. Edwards, was much appreciated, and we are glad to receive news from him that the Darlington church have now decided to take 500 or more copies of the Tract Campaign number. We are thankful for such a willing missionary spirit. Theirs will be the blessing and the joy as they spread the truth by this means.

"The following week-end, February 2nd to 4th, was spent on the Humberside. It was a real pleasure to meet with the churches in Grimsby and Hull, where the work of Pastor L. Murdoch and his assistants, Brother H. Parkin and Miss Adair, is being greatly blessed. Brother L. A. Vixie, the publishing secretary of the Northern European Division, was with

us, and as he showed pictures of the colporteur work in other lands we were all deeply stirred. As a result of the convention services, the church decided to use for missionary purposes a large quantity of the special number of *Present Truth* and the accompanying tracts.

"Evidence that the Hull church means business was the good attendance at the Saturday evening literature training class. We greatly appreciated the services of Pastor Vixie, the whole-hearted co-operation of the conference workers, and the missionary spirit of the churchmembers there, and also in Grimsby.

"As the people of the Advent church rally to the greater use of our well-prepared publications, we shall no doubt see a revival in our midst and numbers brought into the fold as a happy result."

TRACT CAMPAIGN

HAVE you ordered twenty per cent more tracts than in 1939? For some reason we fail to do as much house-to-house literature work as we should. Every member can take part. It is said in the parable, "But a certain Samaritan . . . went to him." It is our duty to make the bridge between us and our fellowmen, and we can serve them in no better way than by taking them our message. We hope *your* church has a large stock of tracts and will distribute them systematically.

SPECIAL DAYS

IF the First-Sabbath Home Missionary programmes in your church, or the special-day programmes are not among the most-looked-forward-to occasions in your church life, please write and let us know. They should be. If they are not there is a remedy.

DISTRICTS

JUDGING by a number of letters received, you would be interested in a list of the districts showing the district leaders. They are as follow:

Central	B. F. Kinman
East Lancs	W. J. Cannon
S. Birmingham	H. W. McCrow
S. Manchester	W. R. Madgwick
Northants	A. F. Bird
Severn Valley	J. R. Lewis
Skegness	B. E. Sparrow
South Durham	F. Edwards

South Midlands
South Yorks
The Humber
Isle of Man
Merseyside
Newbold
North Lancs
The Potteries
The Tees
Tyneside
Warwickshire
West Riding
York
Yorks, Central

R. A. Freeth
D. J. Handysides
L. Murdoch
F. D. Buckle
J. E. Bell
B. Belton
K. Elias
W. Maudsley
D. J. Clarke
S. G. Joyce
F. W. Coppock
W. M. Lennox
J. C. French

We would suggest that each church follow the lead of the district leader. He is responsible for the care of the members, the preparation of the quarterly Preachers' Plan; the attainment of the yearly objectives, etc. May I mention one objective here? We are hoping that each church will have the following full quota of weekly services this year:

Sunday, Preaching.
Mid-week, Devotional.
Friday, Missionary Volunteer.
Sabbath a.m., Teachers' Meeting;
Sabbath-school; Preaching Service.
Sabbath p.m., Bible Study.

A growing church will have a Sunday meeting to attract non-members and a Sabbath afternoon meeting to encourage them in Sabbath attendance.

NEW PAPER

HAVE you read the first edition of the new young people's paper called the *Progressive Volunteer*? If not, do not fail to secure your copy. You will find the contents most interesting, and it will add to your collection of "First Editions"!

NEW OFFICERS

You have now enjoyed a month of your work. No matter what your office, it is one of importance and responsibility. It is a wonderful thing to be asked to co-operate with God in His work for mankind, and to be clothed with the authority of a church office for that purpose.

There must be forty-five church elders; 225 deacons and deaconesses, forty-five church treasurers; forty-five church clerks; and many departmental leaders and secretaries as well as Sabbath-school teachers and organists in this conference. It will be because of your faithfulness that the church will progress in 1940. One of our leaders has said: "Our whole cause advances in exact degree as we

have an intelligent and able and effective leadership in the churches."

In closing let me give you the forceful description given by Peter of the church of God, in 1 Peter 2:9: "Ye are . . ." and read the wonderful things God calls us "that ye *should* show forth the praises of Him Who hath called you out of darkness into His marvellous light." What a purpose! May you and I begin to fulfil it, here and now.

R. S. JOYCE.

Hull

As we listened to the officers for the year 1939 render their final reports, our hearts were greatly cheered, and we thanked God for what He had enabled us to accomplish.

The church treasurer revealed that we had spent £150 on our church alterations, an average of £3 per week throughout the year. We felt satisfied that the money had been well spent, although it left us with a balance in hand of only eight and sixpence. It was most gratifying to learn from the other reports that our building programme had not adversely affected our regular church activities. Our tithes and offerings had increased from a little over £800 in 1938 to over £1,000 in 1939; and our membership from seventy-six to over the hundred mark. We now also have our own health food stores, on the opposite side of the road from our church building, which is proving a great blessing to our members. It is also bringing our health foods before the public. One of our new Sabbath-keepers, with experience along this line, had the courage to tackle this work, and the Lord has greatly blessed her since the beginning, which happened to be just three weeks before the war was declared, when from a human standpoint it looked as though she were inviting failure. It takes faith and courage to launch out in business in these days, especially when one begins by displaying a notice in the window, "This Shop Will be Closed from Friday Sunset to Saturday Sunset." Some

weeks ago a lady walked into the shop to say that she would have liked to give our sister her family ration books, but that she thought it was not worth while because she felt sure that it was impossible for the shop to be a success if it were closed on Saturdays. Last week this same lady entered again and expressed surprise, and said that she was now sorry she had rationed elsewhere. This lady is now a regular customer. In twenty-six weeks, since the opening of the stores, about £400 worth of business has been done, and sixty regular customers established. Our sister attributes her success, and rightly so, largely to the fact that she has been faithful in returning to God a tenth of all her increase. How true the promise is in 1 Samuel 2:30, which reads, "Them that honour Me I will honour."

At the time of writing we have just closed a very successful convention; eight services have been conducted. Brethren L. A. Vixie and B. Belton gave us excellent help. In conjunction with our new campaign, which we are about to launch, we have decided to make the fullest use of the tracts which we shall receive from the sale of the 500 papers which have been ordered. Our entire church membership has been organized, and we have set ourselves another large programme. All our objectives for the year 1940 have been listed, so that we may keep them ever before us in prayer, that God may help us to achieve that which will redound to His honour and glory.

L. MURDOCH.

Coventry

THE membership of the Coventry church increased from twenty-four to sixty-three during 1939. Two members were laid to rest in the tomb. There was no apostasy. Three baptismal services were held. Pastor W. G. C. Murdoch kindly assisted at the largest baptism on December 16th last.

All the new members gladly accepted the Adventist faith. We did not presume to add to or lower this proven "way of salvation." Some gave up their work rather

than break the Sabbath. Others faced heroically family difficulties, while there were miracles where the Sabbath was granted at work. Smokers gave up their smoking, even after thirty or forty years of addiction to the "weed."

A number who anticipated baptism left Coventry at the evacuation last September and have not yet returned. But for that our gains would have been greater. The district gain is larger, as it includes another baptism held earlier in the year. A separate company now meets about five miles from Coventry. Apart from the cost of handbills there was no other expenditure, either in time or labour as all the "billing" was done by the faithful voluntary labour of the members. God will indeed reward this work for Him.

The Sabbath-school grew from twenty-three members to seventy. It is now seventy-three. The average attendance from October to December was fifty-two, and the average number studying the lesson daily was forty-seven. All the conference workers obtained yearly records, but Miss Ford headed the list with a splendid achievement of eight years' Sabbath-school record. Two other workers had a four-year record each. Daily study of the Word of God is the chief aim of our Sabbath-school. The offerings increased by well over fifty per cent.

A Junior Missionary Volunteer society was organized. It has eighteen members.

The Harvest Ingathering jumped by about £50 over 1938 and was over £3 per member. It was practically all obtained by the end of August.

Six of Coventry's young people attend Newbold College, the best "university" for Adventist youth in the British Isles. We are indebted to The Stanborough Press for the splendid literature that materially assisted us right from the first week. We were glad to let the people know of our worldwide organization. This soul-saving literature was distributed to the interested, and appears every week on the literature table in the meeting hall.

It is planned to conduct a further campaign in this city—but

halls are hard to get. All the cinemas are open on Sunday for their usual business, and the hall we had in 1939 is now used for military purposes. We may have to go ahead in the hall in which we now have our Sunday services though we cannot get this hall for the evening, and would have to continue with an afternoon service. This should not seriously embarrass us, as we have conducted two previous campaigns with a Sunday afternoon service and had good attendances right through the campaigns.

The Bible-workers, Miss H. M. Ford and Miss E. A. Buck, do good work. Apart from some "billing," which they did at the

first week of the campaign, they have been free to devote all their time to the work for which they are trained and called—visiting and studying with the people. The list of over 300 names kept them busy, and, as you can see, well over ten per cent have already been added to the church. The number of names obtained was not abnormally high, but they were secured in a way that assured us of their being names of interested people. Thus no time was wasted in useless visiting. For the number added to the church and the blessing of God we give thanks and anticipate His continued blessing in the days to come.

S. G. JOYCE.

Patriarchs and Prophets, Bible Certainties, Our Wonderful Bible, Christ our Saviour, This Mighty Hour, and a number of shilling books. "These books are being continually loaned here and there," the prospect said. This is typical of many a home to-day we believe.

The day has now come when every soul is about to be reached with the last call of mercy. Probation's hour is almost closed. Multitudes are still groping for light. Will you act as God's helping hand in reaching some before it is too late? Do it with literature. Strengthen your own experience with literature. Go out and win souls through literature.

A. W. COOK.

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The Literature Ministry

THE past year has been an eventful one, but most of our colporteurs have stood by the work in spite of many set-backs and difficulties in the South England Conference. Thirty-five colporteurs, full-time and part-time, have been responsible for literature sales as reported by them to the value of over £7,752.

The churchmembers, too, have been very active, and their missionary zeal was not lacking in the Tract Campaign, Missions Extension Campaign, and other activities during the year. Thousands and thousands of homes have been visited. Personal contact has been made with families and individuals, and many are now rejoicing in the advent message as a result of their ministry.

God's care and protection has been over His workers and over the literature that has been placed in many a home. Although sometimes torn and neglected, yet the books and papers are bringing new hope and light to many a downcast soul. May God often lead you to loan, leave, or give some printed pages of truth to some honest soul.

We rejoice in the knowledge of what has been done, and believe these achievements should inspire us to even greater victories in searching for lost souls. Past experiences have proved how effective the printed page can be in soul-winning. We should ever carry literature with us when moving in and out among the people. In *Colporteur Evangelist*, page 79, we read: "Golden opportunities occur almost daily where the silent messengers of the truth might be introduced into families and to individuals." Tracts of all sizes and shapes, also pamphlets and small books, may be secured by all, thus enabling everyone to take part in the good work.

Once the printed page has entered a home it usually prepares the way for other books to follow.

The great second advent movement began as the result of the wise, free, and earnest circulation of literature, and it has been maintained in the same way, and will be so maintained to the end. When booking another order recently, the colporteur noticed the prospect had the following books in the home: *Bible Readings for the Home, Great Controversy,*

Warm Hearts On a Cold Morning

As our brother slipped and slid along over the ice in order to light the fires in the little hall soon after seven o'clock on Sabbath, February 3rd, he wondered how many of the scattered flock would be able to meet together on such a day. It seemed such a pity, he thought, being home missionary programme, and we were to obtain orders for the special *Present Truth*, and plan for the Tract Campaign.

Sabbath-school opened at ten o'clock with about seven members present and others, delayed by the difficult travelling, came along until twenty brave souls were with us in the Sabbath-school exercises. After the home missionary programme came the appeal to take hold of the work of distributing our literature. One brother ordered fifty copies of *Present Truth*, an aged sister, the oldest of our family said, "Fifty please," and so on, until everyone had ordered his quota. Over five hundred copies were ordered that icy morning by people whose hearts were on fire with the love of Jesus. W. A. GIRLING.

How Shall We Reach Them?

THERE are nearly 20,000,000 souls within the borders of the South England Conference. Our task is to warn them of Jesus' soon coming. The sense of our

responsibility is almost overwhelming at times, and we wonder often how soon we shall reach them. God has placed at our disposal ways and methods of reaching lost souls. Love with action is the only effective way of reaching them. "If there is one work more important than another, it is that of getting our publications before the public, thus leading them to search the Scriptures."—*Colporteur Evangelist*, page 80.

We are now in the midst of another Tract Campaign. What wonderful literature God has provided in helping us to warn these precious souls. Notice the new method of opening the special eight-page tracts. Then what striking illustrations before us of how the "Camera Confirms the Word." Read the article yourself and it will thrill you and inspire you to greater achievement. Somehow, and at some time soon, every home in your church territory should have the opportunity of receiving this literature.

Reach them through literature! It is your privilege to act your part in this soul-saving ministry. These special tracts are something new, totally different in make-up

and yet brimful of the message. Even the children have a special tract. What mother's interest will not be aroused when she holds *Our Boys' and Girls' Friend* open before her, full of good stories and illustrations to inspire the children to walk in the good way.

This Tract Campaign enables every member to take part. Everyone must be in it. From many a home in your territory there must be families and individuals who are willing to receive the light from heaven. The only contact that the South England Conference will have with the majority of these homes is through a periodical or tract placed in their hands by you. Can God rely on you to help Him to reach them through literature?

It may be your last opportunity to link up with a Tract Campaign. Time is short. We stand on the threshold of eternity. Let us be inspired and determined to visit some homes before the work is finished. May the joy of service and the satisfaction of doing something for others be yours as you prayerfully go forward to win them through literature.

A. W. COOK.

victory was achieved. We know you will rejoice at the result. Some day we shall be made aware of the soul-saving results of our efforts.

But there are other reasons for thankfulness. The tithe income—so important an indication of one's recognition of the Lord's "daily benefits" and, therefore, of the spiritual status of the church—continued to rise to reach the highest point for many years—£1,868, £100 more than we budgeted for. Eighty per cent of the membership provided this sum. If only the other twenty per cent had been as faithful!

It is hard to think of any truth-loving Adventist choosing *not* to share in the Lord's appointed plan for the maintenance of His work, and choosing *not* to share in the promised blessing. One month of the new year has already passed. I wonder if we all started the year aright by bringing to the treasury the Lord's tithe? It is not too late to make amends, if you failed. Do it now. And shall we not *all* be faithful this year? There will be no regrets.

Another encouraging feature was the rise in our weekly offerings to missions through the Sabbath-school—only £7 short of £400. This was a new high record of the last decade. This increase represents, surely, a growing interest in the Sabbath-school, one of the greatest of the provisions peculiar to the Advent people. Yet there is room for much improvement. Many members are not in the Sabbath-school and not partaking of the excellent spiritual food which it provides. We earnestly invite *all* to become members, either directly or through the Home Department, so sharing the daily study of the lesson and the weekly gift to missions which helps to make possible our vast missionary programme in all the world.

The Annual Offering and the young people's offering also showed improvement. Only in the Big Week and Week of Sacrifice collections was there a very small decline. Perhaps we shall improve in these two collections this year!

Altogether, Wales provided £1,546 for missions during 1939,

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Cymru the Conqueror, and 1066!

WALES set out *early* last year to fight the Ingathering battle and win through to victory. And it was well that we did, for war came upon us just when the campaign would have been getting into its stride. So, after an extended engagement, the official goal of £850 was reached and passed, yes, even to the £1,000 and more. In fact, we gathered sixty-six pounds more, making it 1066 with its memories of far-off days and the prowess of another conqueror! But this time it was Cymru, the conqueror! Well done, collectors of Wales, one and all. We are proud of your achievement. And the treasury has been enriched by

your faithfulness and by your great contribution of £2. 6s. per member.

This is the fourth time Wales has passed the £1,000 mark, including the past three years, 1937, 1938, and 1939. But this last year, when war conditions might have given some justification for falling below our self-appointed standard, Wales soared higher than at any other time in her Ingathering history—£63 higher than 1938, and nearly twice the amount collected in 1928 when the membership was only forty-four fewer than it is to-day.

Nearly every church and company reached the per capita standard, and everywhere there was a willingness to "fight on" until

representing a new high record of £3. 6s. 7d. per member. We do thank God for this excellent result.

Unfortunately our evangelistic work suffered a set-back. Two of the campaigns proved disappointments, while one of our evangelists was prevented, through sickness, from launching his 1939 campaign at all. In spite of these set-backs, twenty-two new members were enrolled, and four were received by letter. But here comes the sad part of the story. For the second year in succession Wales lost ten of its membership through death and eleven by migration. To lose twenty members by death, in two years, in a small field, was a big loss indeed. We shall miss them and their faithfulness. But we remember by way of consolation that "lives laid down in the service of God are the sleepers which carry His permanent way."

We sincerely hope and pray that our evangelistic efforts may prove more fruitful this year and that the spirit of soul-saving may come upon the entire church. Let us pray our way to success in this important activity, praying for the campaigns and the campaigners.

Here is the list:

H. K. Munson	Wrexham
Miss Mason	(new work)
P. Cummings	Barry
D. Conroy	Newport
F. S. Jackson	Swansea
T. H. Cooper	Buckley
S. G. Hyde	Penarth
Miss Reed	(new work)

We are glad to report that the work in Wrexham has made an encouraging beginning. In spite of the many war-time obstacles, plus a good sprinkling of opposition, the interest there is good and the workers are kept busy in the homes of the people. Brother Jackson also reports a good interest this year and, altogether, there are signs that 1940 will be a much better year in the work of winning souls.

With our fellow-members in other parts of Britain, we in Wales dedicate ourselves anew to the work of the Lord and offer ourselves afresh on the altar of service and sacrifice. We desire to be ready to meet the coming Saviour and to hear His "well done, good and faithful servant."

S. GEORGE HYDE.

At Rest

NOVILLE.—On Monday, January 24, 1940, Sister Eunice Noville fell asleep in Jesus at the age of thirty-four. She accepted the message under the ministry of Pastor Bird about twelve years ago in Newport. Her passing was very sudden and unexpected. We feel that it reveals the hand of God in mercy, for hers was such a useful, consecrated life that some reason unknown to us must have led the Lord to intervene and lay her to rest. Sister Noville left London on Monday, January 22nd, to spend a short, well-earned holiday at her home in Newport, was taken ill, and then passed away in Woolston Hospital in the early hours of Wednesday morning. Through our sorrow we rejoice because she sleeps only to await the certain call of her Saviour when He comes to receive His own. A short service was conducted by Brother Jacques at her mother's home on Monday, January 29th, after which she was laid to rest in St. Woolos cemetery, the interment service being conducted by the writer. We extend our deepest sympathy to the sorrowing mother and father and to her brothers and sisters.

DENNIS A. CONROY.

CAN.—Many members throughout the Union Conference will be sorry to learn of the death in the early hours of Sunday morning, January 14, 1940, of Sister Betsy Can, of Burnley. For over a year her health had been failing, and a fortnight before her death she was admitted into hospital and almost immediately lost consciousness. So far as we know she never regained it. To use an expression she loved, she came in contact with "this truth" in the year 1910, when she, with her sister, the late Mrs. Stratham, attended an effort in Edinburgh Hall, Manchester, conducted by Brethren S. G. Haughey and J. E. Bell. Brother Bell continued for some months to give them studies, and both eventually entered the colporteur work as magazine workers. They laboured for some little time in Wales, but for many years until their death both laboured in Lancashire. She was quietly buried in Duttonfield cemetery, near Manchester. There were few relatives to mourn their loss, but many whose only claim is Christian fellowship will miss her. She has laid down the work, but to those of us who are left to carry it on, she has left a noble example of faithfulness and self-sacrifice. "She has done what she could," and now awaits the Life-giver's call.

A. F. CLARKE.

BARKER.—Eunice Edith Barker accepted the message in 1909 through the ministry of J. J. Nethery. Some years after this she attended the Stanborough College and after graduating was engaged as Bible-worker in the year 1916. For ten years she did loyal service. In 1924 she met Brother Barker of York, and made happy alliance with him for over fifteen years. She died on January 9, 1940, and now rests in the hope of meeting again her sorrowing husband, sister, and brother in the great resurrection. All who knew her, loved and honoured her for her church work and undeviating principle. She was laid to rest in the cemetery at York, Pastor Lennox conducting the service.

A. THOMPSON, Church Clerk.

CUMMINS.—Mrs. Hannah Cummins accepted the truth through the labours of Brother J. J. Nethery, in the year 1909. In spite of opposition she was a beautiful example of faithfulness and loyalty to the cause she loved. She was ever ready to speak a word for the truth, and in her own quiet way to draw others to the message. She was successful in winning her two daughters, her niece, and her two sons, one of whom is now a teacher at Newbold College. She worked well with her neighbours by whom she was esteemed and respected. After three years of patient suffering she now awaits the call of the Life-giver. She leaves a sorrowing son and two daughters to mourn their loss. She was interred in the York Cemetery on October 31, 1939, the funeral service being conducted by Pastor Lennox.

A. THOMPSON, Church Clerk.

MCLEAN.—Brother John McLean died in Larne Hospital after a brief illness. On January 31, 1940, we laid him to rest in Larne New Cemetery, there to await the awakening call from the Master of life. He was first interested through our literature, and later was led to baptism through Brother E. Zins. He was a constant witness for the Sabbath truth. We extend our sympathy to his three daughters. The service was conducted by the Rev. Buchanan of the Larne Church of Ireland, and the writer.

JOHN G. BEVAN.

WHITE.—Sister Martha White, of Milford Haven, Pembrokeshire, fell asleep in Jesus during the last week of January, after a comparatively brief illness at the mature age of eighty-two years. Sister White accepted the third angel's message in the year 1907, at Milford Haven, under the labours of the late Brother W. Shafer. Brother Powell, our church elder at Swansea, was associated with Brother Shafer, and Sister Hussey—then Miss Powell—was the Bible-worker. Sister White was faithful and steadfast in the truth through all the years, and whatever the weather, she always kept the Adventist flag flying at full mast, and we believe and are sure that our sister will enter the haven of rest when Jesus comes to reward His faithful children. Our good Brother Rawlings shared with the writer in the funeral service, when words of comfort and guidance and certain hope were spoken to the sorrowing relatives and friends. The interment was at Milford Haven cemetery.

F. S. JACKSON.

There Is Sweet Rest.

*There is sweet rest for feet now weary,
In the rugged, upward way;
There is a morn when midnight dreary
Shall be lost in perfect day.*

*For that blest morn our hearts are longing,
When shall end earth's night of woe;
When through those pearly portals throng-
ing,
Mortal cares we leave below.*

*Soon to that city, bright, eternal,
Weary pilgrims all shall go;
Soon we shall rest in pastures vernal,
Where life's waters ceaseless flow.*

F. E. BELDEN.

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