

BRITISH ADVENT MESSENGER

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Power to Finish the Work

A Conference Sermon by W. P. Bradley

(Reported by K. Lacey)

AFTER listening to Pastor Rudge's report last night I believe that we all ought to have a consecrated urgency toward our task. As the servant of God has said: "The moments now granted to us are few. We are standing upon the very borders of the eternal world. We have no time to lose. Every moment is golden, and altogether too precious to be devoted to self-serving."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 9, page 117.

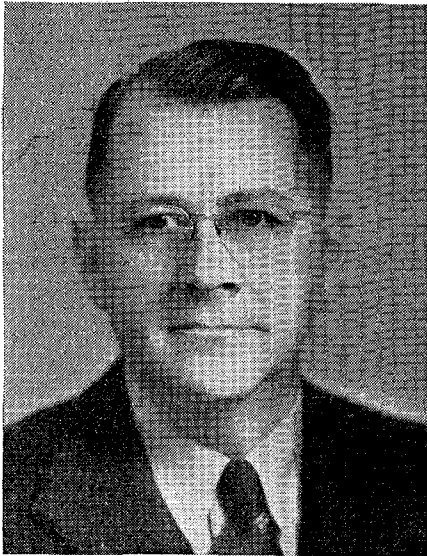
I remember a meeting I attended in China during the winter of 1947 and early 1948 at which the brethren were trying to plan a new programme there. Everything had been disorganized by the Japanese war and already there was a black cloud moving slowly and steadily down from the north

toward Central China and the thought in everyone's mind was that there was little time in which to do the work. In view of these facts the leaders chose for their motto these words from the Spirit of prophecy: "We have no time to lose!"

Many of you will have read how they came out of that meeting with the great plan to hold one hundred evangelistic campaigns in China during 1948. These were not to be just small campaigns in a corner, but they were to strike right at the heart of China. It was a very ambitious plan and many thought that it would never be carried out, but it was carried out! Someone has said that we do not find in the Bible any book on the *resolutions* of the



Part of the large congregation at one of the sessions of the Union Conference at the Watford Town Hall.



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apostles, but we do find a book on the *Acts* of the Apostles. I think both are helpful.

I believe that the first step in our relationship to the Lord is to find His way and plan. Stanley Jones has spoken of prayer as:

The wire surrendering to the dynamo.
The flower surrendering to the sun.
The child surrendering to education.
The patient surrendering to the surgeon.

And if we seek to do the Lord's will and turn our hearts to Him, I believe He will lead us in the way that we should go.

There are two passages that come to my mind this morning in connection with this service; one is in Zechariah 4:6 and the other in Luke 4:14. Both of these verses have this in common that they mention "power" and "Spirit." To-day, we have largely forgotten spiritual values and in their place have exalted material things. The magazine *Time* on January 2nd this year, gave eighteen pages to a review of "The Half-Century." Comment ran as follows:

"On January 1, 1900, . . . the world . . . looked forward to the Twentieth Century with a degree of confidence unequalled by any previous age and unregained since. Paced fast or slow, progress was sure, limitless, irreversible.

"In 1900 all knew that change was at hand, but it was to be gradual and upward, in accordance with popular conceptions of what Mr. Darwin's comforting theory of evolution meant in terms of human society. Few suspected the chasms ahead. . . .

"Starting with superb confidence, the Twentieth Century plunged vigorously forward from ambush to ambush. Other ages may have suffered greater agonies; none suffered greater surprises. Much that seemed to be for the best turned out for the worst. . . ."

We have been rudely arrested and awakened in

our thinking to-day, but I want to turn our thoughts this morning to this fact that the problems of this age and the problems of this church, if they are to be solved, as be solved they must, will find their answer in the spiritual realm and not in the materialistic. The answer to the deepest questions of mankind is a spiritual one, not a secular one. "Man shall not live by bread alone." "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." "For to be spiritually minded is life." Let us always remember that the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but spiritual, and what we need in our lives and in our churches and in this conference, is for God to take control of us and, in the outworking of our spiritual nature, to take control of this work and the lives of us all for the advancement and glory of His cause.

Recently, one of our missionaries was about to open up new work in North Borneo, and as he was making his final preparations one morning, the district officer called to see him. During the course of his conversation with our missionary, he said: "I have been among those people for years now. I know their customs, I know their thinking, I know their manner of life, and I am going to tell you that you are up against the impossible!" He continued: "You will never accomplish what you plan to do in that mission. I have lived in their villages for weeks at a time. I have judged their cases and I know what is in their thoughts. I want to tell you before you go that you won't be able to do it."

The missionary held up his Bible and said: "Mr. Anderson, look at this book." The district officer replied: "What about it?" Our missionary answered: "This is the Word of God. We are going up to this new area with God's Word, and if it fails to give results among this people, it will be the first time that it has done so." It did not fail. It went up there and accomplished its mission and in the space of a couple of years a group of people had done away with their old dirty rush houses and had established little Christian villages where the Word of God was exalted. I talked with one of the officials later and he said: "What wonderful villages you have up there. It is a miracle. I wish all our villages were the same." This was the result of a spiritual work.

What is our profession as workers for the Lord? We are to be spiritual specialists. In that little book *Gospel Workers*, page 14, we are called "spiritual guardians"; also "ministers of righteousness" (page 13), "stewards of the mysteries of God," (page 15), "God's mouthpiece to the people" (page 20). Yes, we must be spiritual specialists, helping men and women to find Christ and prepare for His coming. Many of our greatest problems are awaiting a spiritual solution. I believe that in all of our work, in all of our planning, in all our efforts to carry on the work of the Lord we must turn more to these spiritual resources that are available to us

all. "Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord."

The church needs discipline, but most of all we need the discipline of the Holy Spirit in our hearts and lives. I appeal to you this morning that we strengthen the spiritual forces in our own lives and in the church if we are to make the witness before the world that God expects us to make. If we are to move Britain, I believe there must come a revival in our own hearts so that every man and woman may go out and witness to the power of God in his own life, and carry to this great nation the wonderful third angel's message which we have experienced ourselves. We must have an experience with God moment by moment. We must talk to the

hearts of men and not merely to their minds.

In closing, I want to emphasize this heart-searching passage from the Spirit of prophecy:

"It is the absence of the Spirit that makes the Gospel ministry so powerless. Learning, talent, eloquence, every natural or acquired endowment, may be possessed; but, without the presence of the Spirit of God, no heart will be touched, no sinner won to Christ. On the other hand, if they are connected with Christ, if the gifts of the Spirit are theirs, the poorest and most ignorant of His disciples will have a power that will tell upon hearts."—*"Testimonies," Vol. 8, pages 21, 22.*

God grant us more of this power for the finishing of His work.

The Harvest and the Labourers

A Conference Sermon by A. F. Tarr

(Reported by F. L. Stokes)

PASTOR TARR introduced his talk with the passage from Matthew 9:37, 38. "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few." When Jesus gave the Gospel commission to His disciples, the great urge was one of compassion. "When He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion."

In the mission field it is important that a missionary love the people for whom he works. If it is said of him, "This man does not love us," his influence is very limited. We are to see the multitude, and we shall be moved with compassion.

The people of India, which of course includes Pakistan, are still very much the same as they were three thousand years ago when Alexander the Great invaded their country. The pots and pans are manufactured in the same way. Their weddings are much as they are described in the Bible. People take off their shoes as Moses did at the fiery bush. Mohammedans, Hindus, and Christians respect each other's places of worship by taking off their shoes when visiting.

The people of India are very hospitable, and in southern India the first thing you will receive on making a visit, is the drink of a large green coconut. In northern India travelling is still quite primitive and Europeans are compelled to use cycles because of the scarcity of motor transport. Travelling in the Punjab on hot days can be very wearisome. So on arriving in a native home it is the custom of the host to massage his visitor to take away his sense of weariness. This is followed by a meal of cakes, parched corn, and buttermilk.

The Indian has a keen sense of humour and if the missionary can enter into the humour it helps considerably with his influence with them. The story is told of a man who dared to take a jeep through

the Khyber Pass. The natives were angry and were prepared to take preventive measures, but when they saw that the driver had tied a camel bell on the front of the jeep, they laughed and said, "Oh, white man's camel."

India is a land of contrasts. Alongside great wealth there is great poverty. Some live on garbage that has been picked over two or three times, while in the same area is probably a wealthy ruler owning over a hundred cars kept only for the possible arrival of probable visitors.

Then there is the contrast of ignorance and learning. Thousands are ignorant and illiterate, but there are also the doctors of law and philosophy and men of science. India is rightly called the land of extremes.



Pastor A. F. Tarr, President of the new North Atlantic Division.

The Indian habit of looking upon marriage as a commercial and material proposition is something foreign to the European outlook. Advertisements in the local papers for husbands and wives are not regarded as unusual, although they raise smiles among Europeans. The Indian Christians regard marriage for love as unscriptural, having in mind the experiences of Isaac and Samson. Yet these people are a very kindly folk, and even in the midst of the anti-British campaign they personally still remained very friendly.

One of the most heartening things about India is the readiness of the Indian to discuss religion. On one occasion our mission bought land and began the erection of buildings. It was discovered that in Hindu law this land could not be built upon, but must always be used for agricultural purposes. The law demanded heavy penalties. The mission consulted an Indian lawyer about the case. Pastor Tarr was asked: "Do you work against Hinduism?" Hesitatingly he replied, "Yes." "Then," said the lawyer, "bring me a book containing all your church doctrines." After the lawyer had read the book he called for Pastor Tarr and said to him, "This is a wonderful statement; it's almost Hinduism. You believe what we believe; you are not against us. Like Adventists we do not drink or smoke, neither do we eat pork, and we have a health message. Also we do not take life or fight." The lawyer finished by saying: "They can never put you off the land, for

you are better Hindus than we are." It was amazing to realize the interest this lawyer had in religion. He had a copy of *Steps to Christ* and also of *The Desire of Ages*.

While travelling on the train one day Pastor Tarr met a very courteous Indian who had booked an upper sleeping berth. The lower berth was booked by himself, but could not be used as some passengers had no seats. The Indian offered the upper berth to Pastor Tarr who wished to give it instead to another old minister who had unfortunately made himself unpleasant. This the Indian refused. Pastor Tarr then suggested to the courteous gentleman, that as he had offered a gift which Pastor Tarr had accepted, was he not now free to pass on the gift if he wished? Put like this, the Indian accepted the proposition. Continuing the pleasant association Pastor Tarr asked, "Why are you not a Christian?" The reply was significant, "In our hearts" he said, "we believe in Christ, but as this life is only the segment of a circle, we must not do anything here which might handicap a future existence."

There are many, like Nicodemus, in India who have a yearning after Christ, but fear to acknowledge Him openly. We have come to a time when God is going to pour out His Spirit on India and give these timid ones courage to accept the Gospel of Christ. "Many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven." Matt. 8:11.

Saved to Serve

A Conference Sermon by G. A. Lindsay

(Reported by P. O. Cumings)

I AM glad to see many friends of twenty years ago, when I was at Edgware, still here to-day. I bring you greetings from Scandinavia and assure you that we are glad to be united again in a Division. It is good when brethren can work and plan together.

When I was at the General Conference they had a great clock above the platform similar to the one here. It pointed to five minutes to twelve. I told our believers in Denmark when I got back that it was still later—it was three minutes to twelve. Now I notice that you have put the clock to two minutes to twelve. When we study the Spirit of prophecy we find it is more than two minutes to twelve—it is a quarter past twelve; yet we have still a great work to do.

My three texts were all recorded by John and spoken by Jesus. "I must work the works of Him that sent Me." John 9:4. "My meat is to do the will of Him that sent Me, and to finish His work. Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." John 4:34, 35. "And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say,

Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." Rev. 22:17.

If we summarize these three statements we have: the lateness of the hour, the joy of service, and the great host of witnesses.

THE LATENESS OF THE HOUR

Jesus knew and so He gave evidence of the lateness of the hour. To-day you need not move in Adventist or Christian circles to hear people talk of the end of the world. Not long ago I was travelling on the train and three in my compartment were business men. They were talking earnestly to each other. I heard them speak of World War III and of the end of the world. I asked them where they obtained their information. They said, "You cannot help but know."

Jesus was always greatly in earnest as He preached or talked with His disciples. The disciples observing Him at one time recorded, "The zeal of Thine house hath eaten Me up." His disciples to-day who are to prepare for the advent must feel the same.

In the King James Version of John 9:4 we read: "I must work the works of Him that sent Me." In the revised versions of Scandinavia, of Germany, and of the Dutch, it does not say, "I must work," but, "We must work." Moffatt has it: "While daylight lasts, we must work," and Weymouth: "We must work . . . while it is daylight." So, my dear friends the responsibility is greater now. And while the responsibility is increased, so is also the privilege. The work of God belongs not only to ministers, but to every man and woman and even to the children. There are many instances where children have brought men to God.

We often pray to be "tools," "instruments," etc. And that is good. But we have a greater privilege—to be co-labourers. (1 Cor. 3:9; John 15:15.) A servant is more than a tool. He has life, blood, and he can show his interest. How much higher is the office of a fellow-worker than that of a tool! A gardener could not do his work without spade, fork, etc. Nor could a carpenter, needlewoman, or printer work without their respective planes, chisels, needles, scissors, pens, and desks. But at the end of the day they may down their tools. How much interest does the hammer, the plane, the needle, the pen, or any tool, have in the work until the craftsman's hand is laid upon it again? The fellow-worker, however, is not laid down; with the master he thinks and plans for the next day's work.

How willing are we at Harvest Ingathering time? Not one hundred per cent willing, but eighty per cent, perhaps! And when the campaign is over we say, "It is good that it is over." We can rest until the home missionary secretary comes along again. If we were fellow-workers, we would still be busy between campaigns. Oh, that we may be so wholehearted that with Carey we must say; "My business is to serve the Lord." If only our business men could feel that their only duty is to serve the Lord. (Acts 1:8.) Jesus has called us to be witnesses, and He says He will cut the work short in righteousness.

I never forget the days of World War II. I was at Helsinki and taking the boat back to Sweden. Many were taking their families back at that time. A boat of 500 capacity was carrying nearer 1,500. We expected to go that night. Then it was announced that before we could sail every ticket had to be stamped by the Swedish consul. One business man had a ticket which was not stamped. He asserted that no such regulation existed: that he travelled there twice every month. However, he found it was true, and he and many others went out into the night to get their tickets stamped. I thought of the foolish virgins. Word came that all with their tickets stamped could go on board. Many came back too late. I have never heard such a noise, such wailing and gnashing of teeth.

THE JOY OF SERVICE

In the story of John chapter four, Jesus was tired. His disciples were tired, but He was more tired—yes, because of the healing power that had gone out of Him. But when a certain woman came, He did not say: "I must preserve Myself against

the needs of the afternoon." So He talked to her, and when His disciples came to Him He confessed to them, "I have meat." It was meat to do His Father's will.

How many of us would it take to stir old England, Wales, Ireland, Scotland, or the Continent? We can if we will take the time to sit at His feet. Young people in love talk everywhere of the object of their love, and so should we.

A GREAT HOST OF WITNESSES

The time to work is now. "The Spirit and the bride say, Come." Everywhere, everyone, must say, "Come." In our Adventist churches there is a desire to-day to do something. In the house-to-house campaigns some churches find it difficult. In conservative Sweden some have said, "It cannot be done here." But our leaders have led out by going from door to door. It is now their meat.

In Finland a brother wanted to go out to witness. He chose Sabbath afternoon and went to the market place, not the best place for an Adventist on that day. He prayed; "Is there a soul here that needs my help?" A voice seemed to say: "Go to that man over there by the lamp post." He asked the man why he looked so sad and found he was without food, money, or God. He told him there was hope, and after a brief Bible study he told the man he was going to pray to the Lord to give him hope and work. He then gave him money for a meal and asked him to keep in touch. This brother was a builder, but he, too, at the time had no work. Three days later a letter came asking him to build a house in a neighbouring city. So he asked this man to work for him. In less than three months the stranger was a baptized Adventist.

You know, God told Philip to go to a certain man. And he went! To-day the Spirit says, "Come." Let the whole church say, "Come." Let the world be warned that we may have fruitage when the Lord comes.

British Union Conference

Publishing Department Report

1946 - 1949

By A. W. COOK

WE bring to you a report of progress concerning the activities of the colporteur-evangelists of the British Union during the past quadrennial period of 1945-1949. God's blessing and providential leading has been over the colporteur ministry in a remarkable way. The colporteur-evangelists are a noble army of workers. They have dedicated their energies to the spreading far and wide of the glorious Advent message found in our books and papers among the more than fifty million people of the British Isles.

As a direct result of their faithful ministry with the printed page thousands upon thousands of our subscription books and magazines have been sold throughout the various fields and islands that comprise the territory of the British Union, and hundreds of interested people have been found.

SALES

Although our supplies of paper have been rationed and strictly curtailed, yet each year a high standard of sales and business efficiency has been maintained by our British bookmen. The following book and paper sales have been reported by the colporteurs themselves:

	£	s.	d.
1946	35,463	19	10
1947	39,911	0	4
1948	43,528	0	7
1949	43,387	17	11
	<u>£162,290</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>8</u>

These remarkable figures reveal a splendid gain of £51,040. 18s. 1d., over the previous four-year period, when the sales figures reached £111,250. 0s. 7d., or a thirty-two per cent increase.

COLPORTEURS—FULL- AND PART-TIME

The number of colporteurs working in the field has steadily increased each year. We are indeed proud of this gallant, hard-working band of consecrated men and women who have courageously sold our literature from door to door throughout our land in all kinds of weather. In sunshine and rain, in cold and heat, and through storm and tempest they have stood the test, and God has richly rewarded their faith. We believe our colporteurs and their achievements are second to none in the world field. Note how the force of workers has been gradually built up since 1945:

Year	Full-time	Part-time	Total
1946	53	12	65
1947	61	13	74
1948	70	15	85
1949	82	20	102

There were fifty-four colporteurs in 1945 (45 full-time and 9 part-time), thus making almost 100 per cent increase in our working force during the past four years. This encouraging feature of our colporteur ministry has come about largely through more personal supervision and added strength in our local Publishing Department leadership, particularly in the Scottish, Welsh, and Irish Mission territory.

STUDENT-COLPORTEURS

Apart from the work of our regular and part-time colporteurs, 131 student-colporteurs have qualified for the scholarship bonus from the special Scholarship Plan during the past four years. Not only have the young men and young women sold many books, but the practical experience of persuading men and women of the world to buy our publications has proved invaluable to their training and preparation for more efficient service in soul-winning endeavour. The following table indicates the wonderful success of our student-colporteurs:

STUDENT-COLPORTEUR SALES

	£	s.	d.
1946	5,626	11	10
1947	5,113	14	6
1948	6,398	9	0
1949	5,955	4	8
	<u>23,094</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

In the previous four-year period, 1942-1945, the students' sales were £11,694. 4s. 2d. and 109 students benefited on the Scholarship Plan; thus we have a wonderful gain or increase of £11,399 for the present period and twenty-two more students received the scholarship bonus.

Some of the students have done exploits in the colporteur ministry. One young lady took sixty-four orders for *These Days of Destiny* in one week, amounting to £45. 15s. 6d. in value. A young man selling *The Bible Speaks* in five days had a total sales figure of £35. 1s. In the city of London another student booked fifteen orders for *God's Way Out* in one day.

COLPORTEURS' COUNCIL

The Union Colporteurs' Council has become very popular with the entire colporteur family. This gathering of all the colporteurs of the British Union in one centre has proved a unique occasion. One year the Institute took place at Newbold Missionary College, another year at the Seventh-Day Adventist church in Nottingham, while the remaining two councils were held in the Stanborough Park church, Watford.

These special meetings have proved a real blessing to our colporteur family and have helped tremendously in building up a strong colporteur force in recent years.

Similar institutes have also been held at Newbold Missionary College each year for the purpose of encouraging the students to go out with our books and magazines during the summer months and thus gain a practical experience in meeting men and women in the field. Such an experience is of priceless worth to the future development of the student and cannot be obtained within the four walls of the College.

Not only have the students done commendable work during the summer vacation period, but large quantities of our literature have also been sold during the school year. No student is expected to graduate until some time has been spent in persuading men and women to buy our truth-filled literature. We believe time and service given to the College in encouraging our students to circulate the printed page brings handsome rewards and also proves a sound investment.

NEW PUBLICATIONS

During the period under review two medium price subscription books were launched, namely, *These Days of Destiny*, by J. A. McMillan and the first volume of *Uncle Arthur's Bible Stories*, by A. S. Maxwell. A small health publication, *How To Keep Well*, compiled by Pastor R. D. Vine was also printed. Then each year a new volume of *Bedtime*

Stories came from the pen of "Uncle Arthur." These subscription books have been well received by the public. In addition to the above, several new eightpenny magazines were published under the following names, *Good News*, *Health and Happiness*, and *Youth Calling*.

The colporteurs also circulated 33,842 copies of the large subscription book, *The Bible Speaks*, by W. L. Emmerson, 71,665 copies of *God's Way Out*, by A. Warren, and 8,024 copies of *Steps to Christ*, by Mrs. E. G. White. Altogether 536,506 bound books were sold of the above-mentioned publications. Surely a marvellous achievement under the blessing of God!

PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT SECRETARIES

In the year 1947 the Union and South England Conference Publishing Department secretaries were released from the duties of the Home Missionary Department and were thus able to give their whole time to the vigorous promotion of the literature ministry. The North England Conference adopted the same policy a year later. Then three local publishing secretaries were appointed from the colporteur ranks by the British Union Committee, one for Wales, one for Scotland, and one for Ireland. This added leadership has undoubtedly helped considerably in maintaining such a splendid sales figure and also in creating the highest record of sales for the year 1948 during the history of colporteur ministry in the British Union. We believe this advance move has fully justified the appointments and surely indicates that the finest hour of the literature ministry is just before us.

AUXILIARY COLPORTEUR MINISTRY

During the year 1949 the Auxiliary Colporteur work was organized for the first time in the British Union. We set our goal for the year at £2,000 in literature sales and an enrolment of 300 Auxiliary Colporteurs. By the end of December our sales

figure reached the amazing figure of £4,045 and 230 churchmembers were listed as Auxiliary Colporteurs. Note the progress each month in the circulation of our literature by this band of consecrated part-time colporteurs:

TOTAL SALES			
	£	s.	d.
January	194	12	5
February	225	11	2
March	274	16	0
April	287	11	10
May	352	9	3
June	440	13	4
July	274	1	8
August	340	8	11
September	351	17	8
October	230	6	11
November	452	1	1
December	637	0	1
Grand Total	4,031	10	4

In order to train and encourage our churchmembers to become more efficient soul-winners with our books and papers a special book entitled, *The Auxiliary Colporteur's Handbook* was prepared. This publication briefly outlines the principles of Gospel salesmanship and also indicates how to become an Auxiliary Colporteur. A fortnightly letter and a monthly tabular report is also sent to each Auxiliary Colporteur throughout the Union.

This Auxiliary Colporteur ministry is proving a great blessing to all concerned. Already twelve full-time colporteurs have been recruited from the Auxiliary Colporteur ranks. At the same time many of our members feel they are at last linked up with God's work in a very definite way. We appeal to many more of our churchmembers to join the ranks of our Auxiliary Colporteurs.

One Auxiliary Colporteur Band, at the Holloway church in North London, under the able, enthusiastic leadership of Colporteur H. G. Cruttwell, last year canvassed 5,174 hours and circulated 40,657



British bookmen at the Colporteurs' Council at Stanborough Park early this year

books and magazines reaching the splendid sales figure of £1,116. 4s. 1d. In addition to this, the band also gave away 1,086 pieces of clothing. This marvellous record demonstrates what God can do through the organized efforts of our churchmembers.

CHURCH LITERATURE CONVENTIONS

In many of our churches throughout the Union special week-end colporteur rallies or conventions have been held. We find many of our churchmembers are anxious to be trained in the distribution of our literature. After the Friday evening and Sabbath services, Sunday becomes a field day, when the publishing secretary or visiting minister goes from door to door with our churchmembers, introducing our books and magazines to the people. Often this is the beginning of another Auxiliary Colporteur Band for the onward progress of the printed page. Then again it helps to put into practice the theories of Gospel salesmanship being taught over the weekend. Our goal is for an Auxiliary Colporteur Band in every church throughout the field. Will you help us to reach this worthy objective?

CORRESPONDENCE COURSE

For a long time now we have felt that something should be done to follow up the interested people found by the colporteurs and also to keep some live contact with the folk who have become keenly interested through reading our literature after the colporteur has passed on to other territory. This follow-up has to some degree now been made possible by incorporating into our large subscription books the offer of the special Bible Correspondence Course. To-day every book and magazine leaving our Publishing House carries an invitation for all to take this special Bible Correspondence Course without money and without price.

During the past two or three years these special lessons have been enlarged and revised and are now under the competent control of the Voice of Prophecy department. Thus our colporteur ministry is very closely associated with this new and recently developed branch of our work. Surely, these two departments working side by side will become a mighty factor in the finishing of God's work throughout our land.

EXPERIENCES

Just one or two experiences to show how God richly rewards the faithful ministry of our colporteur evangelists. One day a colporteur working in London met a woman who was greatly troubled because of a dream repeated twice, in which she saw houses crumbling and destruction everywhere. The colporteur recommended his book, studies were arranged, and in a short time the lady was baptized.

Another colporteur found a man and wife who, after reading a torn page of *Present Truth*, began to keep the seventh-day Sabbath, but who as a result of ridicule and opposition from their relatives and friends, gave it up. That was seven years ago. Bible studies followed the new contact. The man and wife gladly accepted the message and soon became baptized members of the Adventist church.

Just recently four people began to keep the Sabbath in a North England village called Sacriston. As a result of reading *The Bible Speaks* each person began to observe the seventh-day Sabbath independently of the others. Bible studies were conducted in one of the homes by the colporteur. The local minister was then called in and within a few short weeks six people were baptized, and others are deeply interested in the message.

SOULS WON

Surely one of the most encouraging experiences in the publishing work is to meet men and women in our churches and companies to-day who came in contact with the Advent message in the first place through reading our literature. These precious souls are to be found throughout the British Isles.

Among our large subscription books, *The Bible Speaks* has been an outstanding publication in leading many people to take their stand for the truth, while with the magazines *Present Truth* has proved very effective in convincing its readers of God's wonderful message for these last days.

Each colporteur has a burden for souls. One colporteur has an active prayer list of seventy-four people. Many of this number are having Bible studies and eight persons have been baptized. Another colporteur has three souls to his credit, one each year, although carrying also the responsibilities of a church elder. Other colporteurs have won six souls, four souls, three souls, and five souls respectively. One enthusiastic colporteur has circulated 30,000 Voice of Prophecy leaflets and 10,000 Voice of Prophecy cards during the past three years.

The majority of our colporteurs have one or two souls to their credit and this goes to emphasize the high calling and the spirit of consecration in which our British bookmen carry forward their divinely appointed ministry from day to day.

FUTURE PROSPECTS

On March 1, 1950 the rationing of paper supplies for periodicals came to an end. This was indeed good news after ten long, weary years of paper restrictions. As a result our sales figure for the first six months of 1950 has reached the highest ever. More colporteurs, full-time and part-time, are joining the ranks. The Auxiliary Colporteur army continues to grow and our people generally throughout our churches and companies are becoming more literature minded.

New publications, better illustrations, brighter magazines, are coming from the publishing house. Thicker paper is available for our subscription books. Our papers and magazines will be heavier and more appealing and attractive. More people are keeping the Sabbath as a direct result of reading our message-filled literature.

Although conditions are making it more difficult to sell our publications, yet the colporteurs are of good courage. The brightest and greatest hour of the literature ministry is just before us.

The hour is late. God is about to finish His work. The last call to work in the vineyard is being sounded. Who will come over and help us in this

The Press stall in the foyer of the Watford Town Hall during the Union Session.



great hour of opportunity? May many throughout our land be inspired to respond with Isaiah of old, and say: "Here am I: send me." Isa. 6:8.

The Stanborough Press Ltd.

Manager's Report

1946 - 1949

By J. H. CRAVEN

I ACCEPT this opportunity of reporting the activities of The Stanborough Press Limited for the past four years with joy in my heart, although the knowledge is ever present with me that my brother should have had this privilege and not myself. You will recall that the greater portion of this quadrennium was under his administration, and to him and his colleagues I wish to pay a tribute to-day. I was a very fortunate man when I took over the management of The Stanborough Press Limited, in that its organization was so perfected and its financial stability was immeasurably sound. This fortunate state of affairs is due to the blessing of God and the joint efforts of my brother and his colleagues together with Pastor A. W. Cook and his associates.

To illustrate the growing activities of the publishing work, I will show the trend of sales during the past six quadrenniums:

	£	s.	d.
1926 - 1929.....	122,756	18	3
1930 - 1933.....	113,042	6	10
1934 - 1937.....	108,588	0	5
1938 - 1941.....	124,244	13	2
1942 - 1945.....	161,369	4	7
1946 - 1949.....	251,481	3	8

You will observe the sharp increase in sales during

the past few years—surely an evidence of God's blessing; and to Him be all the praise.

Now, consider in detail the sales of the four individual years of the past quadrennium with the individual years of the previous quadrennium:

	£		£
1942	38,140	1946	50,883
1943	37,703	1947	58,085
1944	40,533	1948	74,064
1945	44,993	1949	68,449
	161,369		251,481

These figures show an increase of 51 per cent in sales over the previous period.

Consider the individual years of this quadrennium with regard to sales:

	£
1946	50,883
1947	58,085
1948	74,064
1949	68,449

The year 1949 shows a decrease of £5,615. This was due, all but for £674, to foreign sales. You will recall that the South African government placed an embargo on imports from Britain in the summer of 1949, thus seriously affecting our sales to that country which accounted in the main, for the decrease. This reverse was accepted as a challenge, and with the blessing of our heavenly Father and the united efforts of The Stanborough Press Limited and the British Union Publishing Department, the sales for the first seven months of this year have broken all previous records. The sales for the first seven months of this year exceed the first seven months of last by £5,056, and exceed the first seven months of 1948—which was the record year in our history—by £889.

You will be interested in a comparison of the number of pieces of literature sold. First bound books:

1942 - 1945	426,734
1946 - 1949	536,559

This shows an increase for the period of 109,825 books. Secondly periodicals:

	1942-1945	1946-1949
Present Truth	1,173,812	1,399,546
Good Health	377,907	580,602
Undated Magazines	278,849	1,126,968
TOTAL	1,630,568	3,107,116

Again we see an increase of 1,476,548 in papers sold. The circulation of *Present Truth* and *Good Health* during the past twelve months has approximately increased by 10,000 copies per issue.

OPERATING GAIN

The operating gains for the two periods are as follows:

	1942-1945		1946-1949
1942	£2,882	1946	£6,104
1943	4,248	1947	6,579
1944	6,623	1948	4,004
1945	7,806	1949	4,043
	21,559		20,730

This picture reveals that profits have shown a tendency to decline, due of course to the increase in cost of production. This is a world-wide tendency and is revealed in commercial concerns of the world.

It has been the happy privilege of The Stanborough Press Limited to donate from the profits of the quadrennium the sum of £13,389 to the British Union Conference for the work of the church.

It is always pleasant to review the past when it has been crowned with a measure of success; but what of the future? The future presents a challenge which we freely accept with a determination to succeed, and with God's blessing we shall succeed because we go forward in the strength of the Lord.

To meet the needs of the future we have re-designed our time-honoured journal *Present Truth* which will in the future be known as *The Bible and OUR TIMES*. We have changed the name because we believe it will be more acceptable to the man in the street. It will be more attractive in every way. This is material for you to use in spreading the message with no uncertain sound.

Our latest large subscription book *God's Good News* is now ready for sale, and we believe it is the best book we have ever produced. Anybody who reads this book with an open mind will be convinced of our message. It is a verse-by-verse study of the prophetic books of Daniel and the Revelation profoundly yet lucidly written, in a way that all can readily understand. It is the earnest prayer of this house that a mighty work will be accomplished by this book. Let us take the opportunity to offer a prayer, to our heavenly Father that this work shall accomplish that which He pleases.

All we seek as a house is the blessing of God and to accomplish His work in the shortest possible time. Will you not work with us? Will you distribute the truth-filled literature? Do you know that the North

London Auxiliary Colporteur Band under the leadership of Brethren Milner and Cruttwell last year distributed 19,681 copies of *Present Truth*, 16,212 copies of *Good Health*, 2,350 copies of *Good News* and 3,400 copies of *Health and Happiness*. This is an outstanding achievement and God has richly blessed our brethren and sisters. Every church in the Union could do similar exploits for God. We cannot accomplish the work without *YOU*. Every member must be a colporteur—either regular or auxiliary. Will you join our ranks, even if only in a small way, and finish the work? Soon time will be no more. We will then have to account for our time. Let us think upon these matters and act now, ere it is too late.

In conclusion I again refer to my opening paragraph, I am sure you too, with me, experience joy in your heart after hearing this report. The Lord has blessed and to Him we give the glory.

The Stanborough Press Ltd.

Editor's Report

1946 - 1949

By W. L. EMMERSON

In most aspects of the life and work of the world the past four years has been a period of slow and difficult rehabilitation. We are happy to be able to say, however, in reference to the literature ministry in the British Isles, that we have seen, not only a wonderful recovery from the frustrations of the war years, but a very notable advance on our pre-war accomplishments.

Shortly after the war broke out a most stringent paper control was imposed upon the British printing industry, reducing periodical publishers eventually to nineteen and a half per cent of their pre-war tonnage and book publishers to thirty-seven and a half per cent of the quantities previously used, with drastic consequences to production and sales.

At the beginning of the present quadrennium the restrictions were still imposed and our papers were still only half their normal size and their circulations half pre-war.

During 1946 the first substantial increase in paper supplies came and this we decided to apply to the restoration of the size of the periodicals. As further increases gradually came we were able to print more papers, and the eagerness of our colporteurs and churchmembers for them was demonstrated by the rapid disposal of every copy we were able to print. In 1947 the sales of *Present Truth* and *Good Health* advanced 49 per cent from £3,887 to £5,798. In 1948 they jumped a further 11 per cent to £6,590, and in 1949 another 30.6 per cent to £8,995. The result was that when the paper quota restrictions ultimately came to an end early in 1950, our periodical sales were 134 per cent ahead of what

they were at the beginning of the quadrennium and actually nineteen per cent in advance of 1939 sales.

In an issue of the *Review* earlier this year, Elder F. D. Nichol, reporting on his travels in Australia, remarked that he thought 32,000 copies of the Australian *Signs* "rather a substantial circulation for a missionary paper among 19,793 members." We feel that he would have no less approbation for our *Present Truth* circulation of 22,000 copies and our *Good Health* circulation of 18,000 copies per issue in a constituency of 6,481.

BUT THAT IS NOT ALL!

These figures, we feel, would have been creditable had they been the full story of post-war recovery in our small literature work, but they are not by any means all.

During the war period, in order to supplement the meagre supplies for our small literature workers, we began to produce a magazine called *Good News*, and which, being undated, was classed as a "book" and not a periodical, and could be printed out of our rather more liberal, but still seriously limited, supplies of book paper. Nearly £12,000 worth of magazines were sold between 1941 and 1945.

When at the beginning of the present quadrennium periodical quotas began to be more liberal we naturally wondered whether the enlarged circulation of the periodicals would result in a decrease in the sale and the eventual disappearance of the undated magazines. So popular, however, had they become with our small literature workers that increased paper allowances caused not only the periodicals but the undated magazines to rocket in circulation. Encouraged by this, we added another undated magazine, *Health and Happiness*, in 1946, and still another, *Youth Calling*, in 1947, with the result that our combined small literature sales of periodicals and magazines leapt forward in 1946 to £8,071; in 1947 to £13,901; in 1948 to £16,728, and in 1949 to £18,137. This last represents an increase of 210 per cent of the sales in 1945, the last year of the previous quadrennium, and 117 per cent beyond the 1939 small literature sales.

In 1949 we actually sold eightpenny magazines to the value of £200 more than our total periodical sales during the year—certainly a testimony to the wisdom of this venture of faith.

The enormous lift in our small literature sales by the introduction of the undated magazines has enabled us to show a sales figure of small literature for the quadrennium 1946-1949 of 56,839, which is an increase of £35,713 or 169 per cent over the previous quadrennium, and an increase of £23,143 or 68.4 per cent over the quadrennium 1936-1939 immediately preceding the war.

Incidentally, the provision of the undated magazines has had another very beneficial effect. Previously it was impossible for a small literature worker to gain satisfactory livelihood by the sale of our low-priced periodicals. The higher-priced undated magazine, however, has proved a really good economic proposition and has thus opened a new field for regular colporteurs who are not able to han-

dle our large bound books. As a result we now have some twenty full-time magazine workers who are doing a great work in circulating very considerable quantities of small literature through the cities of our land.

If the total figure for small literature sales in 1949 is broken down to per capita sales among our 6,481 members, we get a per capita figure of £2. 16s., which is probably not far from being a world record. This, however, is only a portent of future developments, for the leaders of the Publishing Department are now fostering small literature work in the churches by the organizing of Auxiliary Colporteur Bands and already more than 230 Auxiliary Colporteurs have been enrolled, that is one in every twenty-eight churchmembers.

Our first and largest Auxiliary Colporteur Band, organized at the Holloway Road church in North London, has thirty members out of a church of 145. During 1949 the members of this band put in 5,174 canvassing hours, mostly on Sundays, and sold over 40,000 periodicals and magazines, besides nearly a thousand *Bedtime Stories* and larger books.

SOULS AS WELL AS SALES

Far more important, however, than sales in this ministry of literature are the souls won to the truth and to the kingdom of God. Because of the close interlocking of the different avenues of evangelism it is very difficult to estimate the number of souls first contacted through literature, but we do know that twenty-three have been baptized in the past two years who filled up the Voice of Prophecy Correspondence School application forms which they found in one or other of our papers. And here is something which especially rejoices our hearts. The principal of our Voice of Prophecy School tells us that in 1949 the thirteen baptisms out of 127 *Present Truth* students constitutes the highest percentage of baptisms to students (namely ten per cent) of any source from which Voice of Prophecy names have been obtained. Undoubtedly, *Present Truth* soil is highly fertile.

The stories of some of these contacts are most inspiring. One of our magazine workers sold a copy of *Good News* to a lady in a western district of London, some miles from his own home. On returning some months later with the next number he was invited inside. As the door closed the lady turned to our brother and said, "I am baptized." In the interval between his two visits she had filled up the application form in the magazine, taken the Correspondence Course, been passed over to the local minister with whom she had studied, and had been baptized and received into the church. You may judge our brother's joy when he heard the story.

Another lady first received *Present Truth* from an Adventist, for whom she did some domestic service. After a few months the helper moved away to another town. At once she missed the papers she had so much enjoyed, and wrote for more. Several times she got as far as cutting out the Voice of Prophecy application form and putting it in an envelope, but then held back from posting it. At last the Spirit of

the Lord prevailed, she sent for the course, and ultimately accepted the message and was baptized.

A certain good Adventist family remembered that they were missionary workers even when on holiday. Staying at a South Coast resort they came to know a young lady at the same hotel. Soon an opportunity came for *Present Truth* and some other papers to be given to her. Back at home the young lady studied them and sent for the Voice of Prophecy Course. She is now baptized and is circulating *Present Truth* herself.

Besides those traceable through the Voice of Prophecy School we know of many other interests which have sprung up and resulted in souls won to the message through the missionary work done with the papers by our churchmembers.

One of our most diligent church workers in Bristol, has been circulating *Present Truth* for more than thirty years, and in this time has seen some twenty of his readers join the Advent church.

A sister in the London area has been circulating *Present Truth* for twenty years and has seen twelve souls embrace the message. In a recent letter to me this good lady wrote: "Although it sounds terribly Irish I can truthfully say that I never feel so much at home as when I am knocking at other people's doors."

"COMBINED OPERATIONS"

One of the most notable examples of "Combined Operations" linking the large subscription book workers with the small literature workers and the Voice of Prophecy School, developed in the early months of this year. In 1946 one of our colporteurs sold some sixty copies of *The Bible Speaks* in the small village of Sacriston, in the north of England. Last year a small literature worker, going over the same ground, sold magazines containing the Voice of Prophecy announcement to two families which had each purchased the large book and had become concerned over the Sabbath question as a result of their study.

Recognizing that the message of the magazines was the same as that of the books they had purchased, they filled up applications for the correspondence school and, being acquainted, studied together.

In a third home where both *The Bible Speaks* and small literature were placed, the Voice of Prophecy programme was heard and at once connected with these books and papers. A request was made to the principal of the school for the address of the nearest church where this message was preached.

Now one of our ministers is holding regular meetings in this village and already six souls have been baptized and received into the Advent church.

WHAT GOD HATH WROUGHT!

What a pedigree could be compiled of the fruits of some copies of *Present Truth* which have been sold in Britain through the years.

One paper was sold by a lay member many years ago in York. As a result the mother, two daughters, six grandchildren, and two other relatives have embraced the message and just recently we heard that

the wife of one of the grandchildren had been baptized.

Two minister brothers and a Bible instructor sister in attendance at this conference session are the result of two copies of *Present Truth* given to their mother.

The manager of our British Publishing House and his brother, who is manager of the press at Warburton, Australia, are the direct result of a copy of *Present Truth* bought by their parents in Wellingborough. Besides these two, another brother is a minister here in Britain and is present at this conference.

A copy of *Present Truth* sold by a churchmember taking shelter in a shop in Newport, Mon., during a storm has a wonderful record to its credit. The shopkeeper and his wife with four children came into the truth. Two daughters became Bible instructors, another married a minister, and the son has been a good church elder for years. Four grandchildren are serving the cause of God in Britain and in the mission field of Africa. One great-grandchild is also a missionary and three others are in training for service. What a precious copy of *Present Truth* and what a shower of blessing it was that took it to the little shop in Newport!

Yes, *Present Truth* and our other missionary periodicals do win souls—more than we shall ever know about until, if we are faithful, we meet them in the kingdom.

A MID-CENTURY DECISION

As we close this report we must mention a far-reaching decision with reference to our periodical, *Present Truth*, which, since May, 1884, has been giving God's last message to the millions in these British Isles.

For a long time we have felt, and many in the churches have spoken to us on this matter, that the title, *Present Truth*, though truly biblical, and a time-honoured expression in the Advent movement, does not convey much to the man in the street or to the woman at the door when we circulate our papers from house to house. So it has been decided—appropriately in this mid-century year—to rename our Bible magazine and the name which pleases everyone we have consulted is

THE BIBLE AND OUR TIMES

or *Our Times* for short.

So *Present Truth* No. 21 will be the last to bear the old name, and with No. 22 the title of our missionary periodical will be *Our Times*.

Everyone is interested in the stirring times in which we live and many are anxiously wanting to know what the Bible has to say about them. So we believe that under its new name our full-message magazine will make a great appeal to thinking people everywhere.

What *Present Truth* has done, we know that *Our Times* will continue to do—and more—in preparation

ing the responsive of heart for the soon-coming of our Saviour, if we give it and our other missionary magazines *Good News*, *Good Health*, and *Health and Happiness* a wider and wider circulation in time's last hour.

Good Health Association Ltd.

Medical Superintendent's Report

1946 - 1949

By Dr. A. H. WILLIAMS

THE Stanboroughs Hydro and Maternity Home is the successor to a number of earlier and smaller institutions formerly at Caterham (opened in 1903); Belfast (later removed to Rostrevor, as The Rostrevor Hills Hydro); and Leicester (opened in 1904). Collectively organized as The Allied Sanitariums of the United Kingdom, they operated for a few years, and then one by one were closed. Out of the experience gained in these pilot ventures were developed plans for a larger and more central establishment.

Previously a small country mansion, after initial alterations and additions the Stanboroughs opened in the summer of 1912 with accommodation for less than thirty patients and guests. In those days we were surrounded by private woods and farms. The main St. Albans road was a winding country lane with hedgerows. Garston itself was a tiny village lying some distance beyond the outskirts of Watford, at that time extending approximately as far as Harebreaks, which then truly deserved so rural a name.

The steady building up of the town has left Stanborough Park a lovely island in a sea of houses. Its beautiful trees are seen and known far and wide; and with the church nestling in its woodland setting by the gates, it provides an incomparable location for what it is intended to be; a quiet retreat for the sick and weary. From its wide windows patients may look out on shaded lawns adorned with flower beds; a "cool sequestered vale" where, sheltered from the rush of life, and while every healing skill is plied to aid them in their quest for health, they may lie surrounded by the handiwork of God; His trees; His flowers; His birds singing their morning greeting; His hand painting the sunset skies, not only of each day, but sometimes too of life itself; His children ministering to their daily needs.

It is in that spirit that the family of workers would give its service; it is that ideal that we want upheld.

We live in a world of change where God is more and more forgotten. Professional skill we must have; business efficiency, well-maintained equipment, adequate technical facilities; all these are necessary; but without the Christ-like spirit over all, we shall fail to

achieve our purpose. His purpose, if indeed we do not fail to achieve any true purpose at all.

It is not only our physical environment that has changed, but we must recognize profound upheavals in social life also; in economic structure; in the practice of medicine itself. While these compel adjustments in the detail of our work, they do not change the underlying purpose, or its spirit, for these derive from God.

Then came the war, with the taking over by the Government of the Stanboroughs as a civil hospital and medical school. Yet even then a nucleus staff continued to welcome our war-time guests. Some bore new names; for our business manager was their "administrator," our receptionist was their "lady almoner," and so on. Our matron, too, continued for some years as their matron, and when press of other duties compelled her resignation, as examiner for their nurses' training school. So, when the storm had passed on, staff were on hand to reconstruct; and slowly the work has gone on.

Our establishment was not taken over under the National Health Service Act; and being officially classified as a "Disclaimed Hospital," we are left as we were, free to develop along our own lines; but, of course, against the very different background of the national service.

It is of no use pining for the times and conditions that are passed; for either we live in the days that are present, and face the future and its new features, or we perish. We do not discard the work of our pioneers; we build on it. Their details were designed to meet the needs of their hour; ours likewise; and while time lasts, we trust our successors will do the same. If future reports do not record still further changes, then you may have to write it down, that at last the Stanboroughs has died; and as the cause of death write this: "Inability to adapt itself to a changing environment."

So changes have come and will come. One marked difference as compared with former days is a much greater proportion of patients needing service in their rooms, with many fewer in the dining room and lounges. Hence less space is needed for these latter purposes. Continual pressure on the margin



The Stanboroughs Hydro and Maternity Home.

of available beds has led to internal adjustments giving us more beds; and these are being well used. Accommodation no longer needed in one way is being used profitably in another; and that is a process likely to continue, and to contribute further to improving financial returns. At the moment we have forty general beds, with scope for several additional beds when double rooms are called for; sixteen maternity beds, and eighteen infants' cots. An addition of eleven more general beds is contemplated in the near future. These figures do not include rooms allotted to staff.

About twenty years ago a number of ward beds were provided in the former College building, now often referred to as the Annexe; and later these were replaced by a maternity unit. To maintain such a dispersal of effort in separate buildings would greatly increase our staff problems and running costs. Hence we have concentrated all types of work under one roof. Certainly this is more economical; and while new problems are created thereby, these are not insoluble, and are being dealt with. The newly provided ward beds are proving satisfactory, and we hope soon to have still more in use. We welcome churchmembers who wish to come as patients; and it is because we recognize that for many of them this would be impossible unless beds at special rates were available, that we are arranging these as much as possible.

To make this provision of ward beds effective; that is, to make the beds actually available to any who may need them, certain facts must be recognized and met.

If a patient is cared for in his own home, the attention he needs is generally provided by one or another of the family, without involving cash outlay. If the patient is transferred to hospital, that attention is given by staff who must be paid.

In most families, too, in the ordinary routine many things are done without direct cash payment. Father does the gardening, whitewashes the ceiling, does a bit of paper-hanging, and so forth. Mother does the cooking, washing, mending, and scrubbing; and the children give a hand in various ways. They cannot afford to pay somebody else to do it, so they do it themselves, and get along. The Stanboroughs, which needs all these and many other jobs done, must pay out cash for all of them. Inevitably, more cash outlay is necessary to maintain a patient in hospital than at home.

If anyone from these families is to go into our Hydro, their expense there includes a proportion of this additional cash outlay. Some sort of subsidy is therefore often necessary; for the savings account usually cannot stand the strain for long.

Hence there is the Medical Aid Fund, or Endowed Bed Fund, whichever you prefer to call it; but I wish to stress that the church must take this matter very much more seriously than it has ever done in the past, if it is to be really effective.

It is mere idle talk to clamour for the Stanboroughs to admit our aged and infirm members, and others for care in illness or convalescence, if the church membership is not prepared to make adequate financial provision.

The Hydro hopes, shall we say, to allot space for fourteen special ward beds of this type. Few enough, you may say; but even this will be no more than a pleasant dream unless the Medical Aid Fund donations average at least 7s. 6d. annually for each churchmember, instead of the 1s. 2d. actually raised in 1949 in one conference.

Side by side with the building up of a larger patronage and of space to accommodate it, our ancillary services must be improved and our staff developed.

The Hydro kitchen has accordingly been redesigned, with some re-equipment, leading to more efficient working; though a more radical change may need to be made in the future. Nursing service facilities also are being improved, enabling the staff to care for the pronounced increase in the number of bed-patients.

It is interesting to recall that a pamphlet issued by the predecessors of the Stanboroughs stated that "in connection with these institutions facilities are provided for giving complete training to medical missionary nurses." Statutory restrictions make it no longer practicable for us to enrol students for a regular nurses' course. Our staff problems are therefore quite different from those of the past, in that we have no probationer nurses, but mainly registered nurses, with a few classified as nursing orderlies. We are initiating a scheme under which young ladies intending later to become nurses, and who have passed the matriculation examination, but who are too young to enter a school of nursing, may spend the interval profitably at the Stanboroughs as nursing cadets.

Obviously, it is a matter of serious importance to our operating budget, when nurses now receive as much cash in a month as their predecessors of a few years ago were paid in about a year. At Caterham, third-year nurses, for example were paid £10 a year, less the cost of their uniform.

A year or so ago patronage was extremely poor, and our nursing staff greatly reduced. All concerned renewed their efforts, service was improved, and steadily the corner was turned. Going back to the beginning of this year, we find that each month has shown a steady increase in the average weekly earnings; and progress is such that we may expect the income from the first nine months of 1950 to be equal to the total for the whole of 1949.

We are not presenting comparative financial statements extending back for years, because the present inflationary tendency would make such largely meaningless. A few figures will suffice to indicate the trend:

	1949 12 months	1950 7 months
Total patient days	9,066	6,986
Monthly average	755	998
Average daily occupancy	25	33

The first quarter's statement of 1950 showed a continuance of the improving trend already evident as 1949 progressed, with a further substantial reduction in the net operating loss.

The second quarter's statement of this year, for

the first time for a long time past, showed a small operating gain on the Hydro departments.

The third, i.e. the current, quarter's figures thus far show the upward trend to be maintained.

Now we are looking forward eagerly to our next year-end statement, confident that it will show a vast improvement over recent years in the net operating result.

Thus steadily we hope to give reality to our balance sheets, building up reserves which will make possible the proper maintenance and renewal of our equipment. We are not asking for heavy new investment in elaborate technical apparatus; but funds must be on hand before even such humble essentials as dusters and saucepans can be replaced, and our building repairs put in hand. It is to achieve such prosaic purposes that our immediate efforts are directed. Such small expenditure as is being incurred in a preliminary re-aligning and increase of our letting space has been promoted because of our conviction that without it we could not hope to meet our day-to-day payments, let alone replace our outworn pots and pans. To have any hope of meeting essential expenses we must have adequate earning features; and these we did not have. To some extent these re-alignments must anticipate requirements, for we cannot expect telephone inquirers to "hold the line" while we build a new room to meet their needs. This much we can emphasize; that every new bed we have provided has promptly been occupied, with a quick return of the cash expended on the venture.

It is with great pleasure that I record here my deep appreciation of the loyal co-operation of the staff in all departments. Without that, all would have been hopeless. With equal regret we say farewell to Mr. George Annis, our business manager, who sails shortly to take up an important post in West Africa. He came to the Hydro at a time when perhaps its affairs were at their lowest ebb. As he goes he has the satisfaction of knowing that we are once more financially afloat, even though other shoals may lie ahead. We wish him and Mrs. Annis, Godspeed, with good health and success in Africa. We also esteem very highly the kindly services of our part-time chaplain, Pastor A. K. Armstrong, and trust he will long continue with us.

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Report of the Distribution of Labour Committee

RECOMMENDED :

1. That A. W. Howard, just returned from India, be appointed Sabbath-school and Home Missionary Departmental Secretary in North England Conference.
2. That David Lowe, a graduate of Newbold Missionary College, be appointed to work in the North England Conference.
3. That North England Conference release D. J. Handysides for work in the Welsh Mission at Cardiff.
4. That North England Conference release W. J. Cannon for work in the Northern Ireland Mission from January 1, 1951.
5. That the Northern Ireland Mission release W. G. Nicholson for work in the North England Conference.
6. That the Welsh Mission release C. D. Watson for work in the North England Conference.
7. That G. L. Brown, a graduate of Newbold Missionary College, be appointed to work in the Welsh Mission.
8. That the Northern Ireland Mission release L. A. D. Lane for work in the North England Conference.
9. That the North England Conference release F. Wood to be preceptor at Newbold Missionary College.
10. That Miss S. R. Dunlop, a graduate of Newbold Missionary College, be appointed to work in the Northern Ireland Mission.
11. That the South England Conference release J. H. Parkin to be secretary-treasurer of the North England Conference.
12. That N. H. Knight, secretary-treasurer of the Missions, be secretary-treasurer of the South England Conference.
13. That Granose Foods Ltd., release Allan Clement to be secretary-treasurer of the Welsh, Scottish, Northern Ireland, and Eire Missions, and that he be recommended to the Irish Good Health Association as their secretary.

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