

# BRITISH ADVENT MESSENGER

ORGAN OF THE BRITISH UNION CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

## SUMMONS AT MIDNIGHT

An Autumn Council Sermon—By Arthur S. Maxwell

"AND HE said unto them, Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight, and say unto him, Friend, lend me three loaves; for a friend of mine in his journey is come to me, and I have nothing to set before him? And he from within shall answer and say, Trouble me not: the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give thee. I say unto you, Though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him as many as he needeth." Luke 11: 5-8.

"It is midnight in the parable and it is midnight in the world. And as in the parable so in our day the silence of midnight is broken by the sound of a knock. It is the knock of the world upon the door of the church."

With these words, Bishop Niles, superintendent of the Methodist Church in Ceylon, speaking at the World Council of Churches in Evanston, opened one of the most powerful addresses on evangelism I have ever heard.

From this passage of Scripture he brought a mighty challenge to every church in Christendom to arouse from slumber, to forget the warmth and comfort of the bed it has made for itself, and to heed the cry of desperate, dying humanity. It was thrilling, indeed, to hear this earnest leader of another Christian body calling upon his fellow Methodists, Baptists, Presbyterians, Episcopalians, and the rest, to recognize the urgency of the times and to heed the knock on the door of the church before it is for ever too late.

If this was a challenge to the leaders of other religious bodies, how much more should it be to ourselves! For we, more than they all, proclaim that the midnight hour is upon us, that the end of the world is here, that the time of the grand consummation of history has arrived. Tonight, upon the door of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church sounds a knock like a clap of thunder—a knock that may well be the knell of doom for us if we do not heed it.

Our Lord warned long ago that the supreme danger of the church in the latter days would be that it would grow weary in well-doing, that it would become comfortable, warm and cozy, and fall asleep in the hour of crisis. In Luke 21:34 He said: "Take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares." He counselled us to watch and "pray always."

In the parable of the ten virgins, all slumbered and slept. Then at midnight there was a cry made, "Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him." Only fifty per cent were ready.

In the third chapter of Revelation we have the message to Laodicea: "I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot. . . . Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing: . . . I counsel thee to buy of Me gold tried in the fire." Here again we have a picture of the church in bed, as it were, warm, comfortable, contented. Then suddenly there comes the knock at its door. "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock."

### God's Call to Awake

*The summons at midnight* is God's call to the church to awake to its unique and tremendous opportunities for service and witness in the supreme climax of the ages. With this thunderous knock upon our door comes the voice of God crying, "Lift up thine eyes round about, and behold: all these gather themselves together, and come to thee." Isa. 49:18. How we need a new vision of the multitudes of God's children outside our doors, out in the darkness of this midnight hour, the multitudes who have not yet bowed the knee to Baal! When God sees our smug contentment, how He must weep at our blindness, our folly, our self-righteousness!

I think of Evanston and all the lovely Christian people I met there. Their names come flooding back into my memory. The Bishop of Chichester, that most kind and gracious gentleman; Bishop Dibelius of

Berlin, a tower of Christian strength; Dr. Edmund Schlink, an ardent believer in the advent; Bishop Barbieri of South America, a champion of religious liberty; and dozens more whom it was my privilege to meet. How friendly, how gracious, they were, following the Master according to the light they have! As I looked down upon those hundreds and hundreds of people of other faiths, deeply sincere in their belief in the Lord Jesus Christ, I seemed to hear the voice of the Lord saying, "Other sheep I have." Other sheep—see them there, and there, and there! "Other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I *must* bring, and they shall hear My voice; and there shall be one fold, and one Shepherd." John 10:16.

God give us vision to see His other sheep and to love them as He loves them and to be at the door of the church to welcome them when they come!

Sometimes we wonder why they haven't liked us very much, why they have stayed away from our door. Could it be that we have not been friendly enough? Maybe love is all that is needed to bring some of these dear, honest-hearted people into the fold.

#### Tested by the New Testament

*The summons at midnight* calls us to a restudy of the great doctrines of the Bible, which we claim to be the truth of God, so that we may hold them with certainty and expound them with clarity and simplicity.

At Evanston a man came to the microphone and said, "Our unity is worthless unless it is based upon the Bible." Another said, "Our unity will not last unless it is based upon the New Testament." Yet another proposed an amendment—which was carried unanimously—inviting all the member churches of the World Council to submit their teachings to a group of theologians that they might be "tested in the light of the New Testament." What an amazing development! As I listened I said to myself, "Oh, that we Adventists might just for one moment have the right to rise and say, 'Brethren, let us be first to come and lay our teachings alongside the New Testament. Bring on your greatest theologians, and let us examine them together.'"

It is all part of the challenge of the midnight hour. Mrs. E. G. White wrote long ago, "Every position of our faith will be searched into; and if we are not thorough Bible students, established, strengthened, and settled, the wisdom of the world's greatest men will lead us astray." (*Testimonies*, Vol. 5, page 546.) If this is true, and I believe it is, then there must be in all our colleges, a new emphasis upon the study of theology. We must produce more and more men mighty in the Scriptures. We need great doctors, nurses, teachers, businessmen, farmers, and artisans, but the supreme need of the church is for great theologians and great evangelists with a perfect knowledge of the Scriptures. May God raise them up among us! We need them today. We shall need them even more tomorrow.

Power is in the Word. Only as we know the Word and preach the Word, can we expect power in our ministry to bring Christ's other sheep into the one true fold.

*The summons at midnight* calls the people who claim to be the remnant church to an "agonizing reappraisal" of their duties and responsibilities as servants of God and man. It demands less emphasis upon the gathering of money and more upon the winning of souls for whom Christ died. It means less emphasis upon the building of great churches and more upon meeting the needs of the poor, the needy, and the outcast, who wait hopelessly, yet expectantly, in the dark outside our doors.

*The summons at midnight* is a call to the church to identify itself utterly, completely, with its Lord. Not only are we to anoint our eyes with eyesalve that we may have the vision of God; not only are we to buy "gold tried in the fire" and thus know something, at least, of the sacrifice of God: we are to array ourselves in white raiment, that we may be clothed completely with the righteousness of God.

For of what use is the witness of our words if it is denied by the unworthiness of our lives?

Of what use is all our preaching, all our profession, all our bustling activity, if it is not accompanied by saintly lives and noble deeds?

All the paraphernalia of religion that we have accumulated in 110 years, from 1844 to 1954, is valueless unless it is backed by Christlike living and a Christlike spirit.

In the words of our Saviour, "Except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall *in no case* enter into the kingdom of heaven."

The Pharisees had all the outward forms of righteousness—all the "holy habits." They kept the Sabbath, they paid tithe, they were very particular about their diet; but behind the outward show there was all the envy, all the jealousy, all the intolerance, all the selfishness of their unconverted and unregenerate hearts.

So today, all our tithes paying, all our Sabbath-keeping, all our sacrifices, and all our reforms will not benefit us one whit unless with it we have the transforming power of Christ at work in our hearts. If our righteousness does not *exceed* the righteousness of the scribes and the Pharisees, we shall *in no case* enter into the kingdom of God.

How dare we go to the Christian people in other churches and invite them to join the remnant church *unless we have something better to offer*? You say, "We have the truth." Surely we have the truth. But if the truth is merely a form of words, what good is it? Unless we permit it to perform its life-changing work within us, unless it makes us a different people, unless we know personally the dynamic power of the Gospel ourselves, I say, What have we to offer them?

*The summons at midnight* is a summons to true godliness, Godlikeness; to godly living, godly speaking, godly ministry. It means the end of all cheapness and pettiness. It means growing up into the full stature of our glorious Lord until we stand, in His sight, head and shoulders above our fellows, clad in the shining armour of heaven, radiating the love, the tenderness, the compassion, of Him who died for man's redemption.

Hark! There is a knock upon our door! It is the

knock of God; it is the divine summons in this midnight hour, a summons to action splendid and sublime.

God grant we may bestir ourselves before it is too late! God send us to the door of the church with the Bread of life, and out into the world beyond to witness for Him with selfless devotion and desperate urgency, living like Christ, working with Christ, until the task is done and midnight dissolves in the dawn of eternal day.

On April 3, 1954, a tunnel collapsed in a coal mine at Cinderfoot. The roof fell in, imprisoning a man by the name of Fred Pritchard behind hundreds of tons of rock. At once the alarm was sounded and scores of fellow miners rushed to the scene of the disaster, tearing frantically at the mass of fallen debris. Pausing in their work from time to time, they called, "Fred Pritchard! Fred Pritchard!" but there was no answer. Hour after hour the work of rescue went on. Hope was fading when they called again, "Fred Pritchard!" Suddenly, from somewhere behind the pile of rocks, came a faint answering cry. Now how they worked! More vehemently than ever

they threw the rocks aside. No man spared himself, for there was yet life, and hope and time. At midnight they broke through, and they found Fred Pritchard, crouched, cramped, but still alive. And beside him was his little miner's lamp, still alight, the little gleam of which had kept hope alive in his heart so long.

Likewise, in this midnight hour of history there are thousands of God's children buried beneath the avalanche of debris where their little world has caved in upon them. Hidden from sight, they crouch beside their little lamps of hope, waiting eagerly, desperately, for someone to find them and rescue them.

Here again is *the summons at midnight*. The desperate need of dying humanity is knocking, *knocking*, upon the door of the church. Let us rise and go forth to meet the need as best we can, bearing the name of the lost upon our lips and upon our hearts as we unite in prayer to God.

There is no time to lose, for at *midnight*, said Jesus, a cry will be heard, "Behold the bridegroom cometh."

## Speech Day at Stanborough School

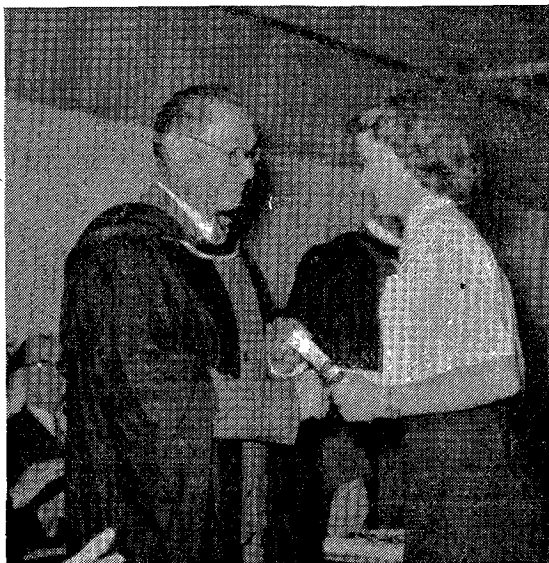
By Mrs. A. J. Mustard

At 7.30 p.m. on Monday, December 6th, the Estate Hall was packed to the doors for the annual Speech Day celebrations of the Stanborough Secondary School. Proud parents, the teaching staff, members of the school board, the school choir, the pupils of the school, as well as many friends and well-wishers, seemed to enjoy every moment of the evening.

Unfortunately, Pastor W. W. Armstrong, chairman of the board, was unable to be present, but Mr. N. H. Knight deputized for him. He gave a cordial welcome to everyone present, including Mr. Richard Syme, who is to be the new headmaster, Mr. Woodfield having been called to new responsibilities at the Senior College, Bracknell, after faithfully serving the Stanborough School for fourteen years. Mr. Syme, in his response, said that he had been greatly impressed with the students when he had spent a day at the school recently, and he asked them for their co-operation when changes come, as they must in order to consolidate the work already begun by Mr. Woodfield.

The school choir, under the leadership of Mr. Idris Owen, gave a beautiful rendering of the anthem, "God is a Spirit." Then came the Headmaster's report on the work of the school for the past year. There had been an excellent enrolment, 300 pupils in all, and the year had been most successful. This, Mr. Woodfield pointed out, was because of the faithful and loyal co-operation of everyone. He thanked the school board for their help. Sometimes they had given their blessing to new projects presented to them by the school, sometimes a little more than that, and sometimes a great deal. He appreciated the

help and patience of the teaching staff; and patience, he said, was always necessary in a growing concern. The pupils had presented them with a worth-while challenge, and he thanked the parents for entrusting their children to the care of his staff and himself.



The new Headmaster, Mr. Richard Syme, B.Sc., presents Mavis Cardnell with her General Certificate of Education.



Stephen Williams receives his Certificate.

He said he was leaving the school with genuine regret, and with very many happy memories, which are indestructible, and which nothing can take from him.

Mr. Woodfield drew a ripple of appreciation from the gathering by announcing the return to the school from missionary service in Nigeria of Mr. W. G. A. Futcher, former mathematics and Latin master. Mr. Futcher is a native of Watford and was educated at the Central School and Newbold Missionary College, Bracknell.

Among the highlights of the past year was the raising of £189 for medical missionary work, and of £30 for the National Children's Homes.

Several new records were reported from the senior school sports, the most outstanding being that set up by Alan March, aged 15, who threw the cricket ball 95 yards 2 feet 9 inches.

Pastor J. A. McMillan was the guest for the evening and gave a lively and humorous speech,

which was followed with rapt attention by children and adults alike. He said that being a preacher he could not launch into an address without a text, and so he read 2 Timothy 2:5: "And if a man also strive for masteries, yet is he not crowned, except he strive lawfully." Students should master their studies and their examinations; they should master their games and recreations, and, later on in life, they should master their jobs and vocations. We should not drift and dream our way through life, but try to make the world a little brighter and better for everyone else. Our ambitions ought to be controlled and directed, and have a worthy aim. Pastor McMillan dwelt also on the words of Shakespeare, "We are such stuff as dreams are made on." He pointed out that those were neither day dreams nor pipe dreams, but the seedlings of reality which Shakespeare had in mind—dreams such as Florence Nightingale, Elizabeth Fry, Thomas Edison, Henry Ford, Abraham Lincoln, and William Carey translated into benefit for their fellow men. He ended with a quotation, "There is a reason for the success of the industrious man, for the happiness of the conscientious man, for the popularity of the courteous man, for the health of the temperate man, . . . for the power of the courageous man." As Paul says, "We are not crowned, unless we strive lawfully."

Then came the most exciting part of the evening for the boys and girls—the presentation of certificates, prizes, and cups by Mr. Syme. Eleven received General School Certificates and two Oxford Certificates for proficiency in Arithmetic, which was a splendid achievement. Then six received certificates of honour for gaining 75 per cent or over for their work for the whole year; and 28 received certificates of merit for 65 per cent or over for the school year. There were many fine records in the realm of sport, too, and many books and certificates, as well as three cups, were presented.

The choir delighted us with "Nymphs and Shep-



The presentation of the House Cup to Christine Bell and Christopher Oddy, of Shaftesbury

herds," a song particularly suited to the fresh young voices of children.

Mr. C. D. Watson called for three cheers for the Headmaster and everyone responded enthusiastically. The chairman added that he hoped Mr. Woodfield would be "a happy wanderer" and that he would often wander back to Stanborough Park to visit us.

The School Song brought a very pleasant evening to a close and those on the platform, as well as the whole school marched out of the hall and back to the school.

## UNION NOTES

### New Headmaster of Secondary School

AFTER fourteen years of faithful service in the Stanborough Secondary School, Pastor A. J. Woodfield, the headmaster, leaves at the end of this year to take up the position of English master at Newbold Missionary College. His service has been marked by efficiency and deep personal interest in the students. During the years of his headship the school has considerably expanded and has gained goodwill in the neighbourhood.

We wish Pastor Woodfield, and his wife, who has helped him so practically, every blessing from God in their new work.

His place is to be filled by Brother Richard Syme, who is a B.Sc. and a graduate of Newbold College, and has for a number of years been teaching in a secondary school in London. Brother Syme has taken a deep interest in the youth of the churches in North London, and we believe he will be able to render good service to the students of our secondary school. We welcome him to his new post, and wish him and his wife every blessing and guidance of the Lord.

W. W. ARMSTRONG.

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### President's Notes

WE are glad to report that the evangelists around the conference are enjoying good interests in their services. We solicit your continued prayers that God will endow His ministers with every spiritual grace and power and that the Bible instructors will be given health and faith to accomplish their arduous tasks.

WE welcome to the South England Conference, Pastor R. M. Kranz and his family. Pastor Kranz has laboured in Australia, being the singing evan-

gelist in the campaigns conducted recently by Pastor Burnside. Brother Kranz will be located in West London, caring for Chiswick, and heading up the musical interests in the New Gallery Centre.

BROTHER R. BURGESS, who has laboured successfully in Cornwall for the past two years, moves into London this week. Brother Burgess will assist Pastor J. M. Howard in caring for the North London district, and will also associate with the evangelistic team at the Centre. Sister Sheila Burgess will teach at the Walthamstow church school, beginning with the new term in January.

IN our last notes we omitted to mention that Brother Gerald Norman had moved from High Wycombe, where he ably assisted Pastor J. Handysides, to West London. Brother Norman also joins the New Gallery team and will also assist Pastor Kranz in caring for the district of Chiswick, Ealing, and Richmond.

OUR membership will learn with gratitude to God that our appeal against the levy of rates on the New Gallery Centre has been successful. The case was heard on Tuesday, November 23rd, and the decision was announced on Tuesday, December 14th. Our united prayers have been signally answered and we praise God for His favour. In addition to the writer, witnesses on our behalf were the Rev. Brian Hession, Anglican minister, the Rev. F. E. Poad, Methodist superintendent of the Lambeth Mission, and Major A. E. Carr of the Salvation Army headquarters. We are grateful for the intervention of these Christian friends on our behalf.

J. A. McMILLAN.

### Liskeard Company Organized

THE Liskeard group of faithful isolated members of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church were organized into an active company, recognized by the South England Conference, on Sabbath, November 13, 1954. Pastor C. R. Bonney was present to conduct a short service prior to the opening reading for the Week of Prayer.

For many years this group of isolated members has been meeting together in the Liskeard district of East Cornwall. In recent years, through the ministry of Pastor Gordon Hyde, Brother A. J. Timothy, and the writer, the membership has increased until now there are fifteen believers meeting each Sabbath for worship and study. Brother W. J. M. Harding, a member of long standing was voted to be the leader of the company, and Sister Down, who had been for many years in mission service in Africa until returning to live in Liskeard, was readily accepted as the treasurer. The meetings continue to be held in the home of Sister D. Tamblin at Coombe Farm. (Sabbath school, 10.30 a.m.; Preaching Service, 11.30 a.m.)

The Week of Prayer was a time of diligent heart-searching and earnest reconsecration by the members here in the Duchy of Cornwall. Meetings were

held each evening in the homes of members throughout the duchy and during the daytime the isolated members enjoyed the spiritual counsel and friendly fellowship of Pastor Bonney. Brother R. E. Graham, the newly-appointed district leader, and the writer also visited during the week. Nearly 600 miles were covered in these visits, but at the end of the week we were encouraged again to know that the Lord has shining lights scattered throughout the county bearing witness to the Gospel truth, and radiant with the hope of the soon return of the Saviour.

ROY BURGESS.

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## Sabbath Proclaimed in York

THE Lord's Day Observance Society recently threatened action to stop the holding, on a Sunday, in York, of a Military Tournament organized by the York and District Council of Services Association.

This caused considerable correspondence in the daily evening newspaper, and the threatened action by the society was criticised adversely from all sides.

Members of the York Seventh-Day Adventist church contributed the correspondence from the angle of the seventh day being the Lord's day, and emphasized that, both the name of the society, and its actions, could not be reconciled with divine law.

The minister in York, Pastor J. P. West, advertized two special meetings, challenging The Lord's Day Observance Society, and press reporters attended. As a result, his address was reported at length in several daily morning and evening newspapers.

This activity focused attention on God's Sabbath, and, since that time, two of our prospective members have overcome their difficulties of Sabbath observance and will shortly enter into full membership.

Thus may the seed of truth be sown, and Press Relations officers encouraged to seize, and create, every possible opportunity to witness for those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus Christ.

GEORGE HERBERT,  
*Press Relations Officer.*

## Manchester Youth Rally

THERE is no doubt that the Youth Rally held in Manchester on November 6th was a real success. It was the first to be held in this district since the arrival of Brother E. Logan as successor to Pastor H. K. Munson, and was conducted by Pastor C. D. Watson, our Union MV secretary, and his successor

in the North England Conference, Brother Jack Mahon.

Another "newcomer" welcomed to our Manchester Rally was Brother C. Knowlson, who has taken the place of Brother L. A. D. Lane at Oldham and Rochdale. He conducted an animated Sabbath-school class from the desk.

Sister Perry prepared our hearts for the morning message as she sang from Handel's "Messiah" the well-known promise, "He shall lead His flock," and Pastor Watson, tracing the history of the early church through the Acts of the Apostles, presented the "Challenge of the Hour" to the youth and older members alike, that whether we see the results of our labours or not, we need not imagine ourselves failures if we are guided by the Holy Spirit.

The afternoon commenced with a song service conducted by Brother Logan, followed by the investiture as a Companion of Kathleen Cassburn, from the Stretford church.

Brother Mahon then forcefully presented to us the characters of such men as Pilate, Herod, the soldiers, priests, Pharisees, and those who delivered Christ to be crucified, and showed how the same traits of character being found in us, condemn us as "Guilty Men" with them. There is, however, deliverance for us as we accept His sacrifice on our behalf.

The hours of the Sabbath having drawn to a close, we were able to see a remarkable film prepared for us in Hollywood concerning the dangers of tobacco and its relationship to lung cancer, in which we actually saw the operation in which the cancerous lung of a smoker was removed—a remarkably convincing documentary film which would merit showing to many audiences beyond our own denominational boundaries. It is inspiring to see today's scientific facts confirming that which we have believed for so long.

After a few camp pictures and slides, and refreshments distributed, as at midday, by our worthy deaconesses and their willing helpers, the day was brought to a happy close with a social evening enjoyed by young and old alike. R. E. HULBERT.

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## Wales Revisited

ON Sabbath, December 4th, the members of St. Paul's church, Cardiff, and friends from some of the churches in the Welsh Mission, gathered to listen to a very timely address by Pastor J. M. Howard, the past president of the Welsh Mission, who has now been called to labour in the North London churches.

The message given to us was most helpful, for we saw the great responsibility resting upon all Christians who will prepare to take an active part in the work of the Lord.

It was interesting to hear Pastor Howard relate some of the experiences which have come his way since taking up his new task, and we were greatly stimulated by his final appeal to take some part in helping to complete God's great plan for mankind.

At the close of the address Pastor G. Bell spoke of the invitation to Pastor Howard on this occasion, and explained that the members of the Cardiff church had united with the members of the Barry, Caerphilly, Gelligaer, Newport, and Swansea churches to present to Pastor Howard a farewell gift. Pastor Bell spoke of his good work as president of the Welsh Mission during the past eight years, and assured him that he would be long remembered for his faithful service in Wales and that we would follow him in thought, and pray God to bless him as he continues in his new field of labour.

In response to these kind sentiments, we were assured by Pastor Howard that these achievements were really the result of the prayers and the faithful co-operation of all in the Welsh Mission.

Pastor Howard then stepped forward to receive the gifts held by four of our young people; which included an electric heater, an infra red lamp, a beautiful Bible, given by the members in the Rhyl church, and a lovely clock given by the young people of the Newport and Cardiff young people's society.

After such a service truly we could unite our thoughts with those of Anna L. Waring, when writing these words,

*I ask Thee for the daily strength,  
To none that ask denied.  
A mind to blend with outward life  
Still keeping at Thy side,  
Content to fill a little space  
If Thou be glorified.*

CHURCH CLERK.

## HOME MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT

### A New and Easy Way for Members to Report Home Missionary Work

ONE of the responsibilities of the Home Missionary secretary is "to collect regular reports of work done by churchmembers, to keep the proper record, and to be prompt in sending a summary to the con-

ference Home Missionary secretary at the appointed time."—*Church Manual*, page 42.

We recognize, however, the reluctance on the part of many—sometimes the most active members—to report their work in the hearing of others. The result is that their church report to the conference gives an entirely untrue picture of its Home Missionary endeavours. We are therefore introducing with the New Year a new system of reporting. Here is the plan:

Inset in every Sabbath school pamphlet, Senior and Junior (but not Primary), there will in future be found a special coloured sheet headed, "Individual Weekly Missionary Report." Following the place for the person's name (which need not be given unless desired) there are four small check squares thus:

- ☐ Adult ☐ Dorcas Worker  
☐ Senior MV ☐ Junior MV

A tick should be placed in the appropriate square.

Members are asked to write in their own figures every week. This could either be done at home, while the Sabbath school register is being marked, or in the time between Sabbath school and the divine service.

There are three sections in the report. The first, *Devotion and Education*, has three items on which the young people particularly should report. The next, *Evangelistic Activities*, should interest all, for old and young alike give Bible readings, make missionary contacts, and distribute literature. The third section on *Welfare Activities* will be of special interest to members of the Dorcas Welfare Society, but others, too, should have something to report on some of the five items listed.

The attention of members is directed to the footnotes on the form which explain what should be included in Missionary Contacts, Literature and Christian Help Work respectively.

Please take very special note of the request for "Interesting Experiences" to be briefly reported on the last page of the folder. This can be made the most interesting and important part of the whole report. At the end of the quarter members should tear out the sheet and pass it in to the Home Missionary secretary.

The expense of printing and placing these report sheets into the quarterly has been met by the Home Missionary department in the hope that this method of reporting will commend itself to the membership. But no plan, however straightforward, can possibly work effectively without the co-operation of the members. *Its success depends on you.* So do please help by keeping your record up-to-date each week and handing the completed sheet to your local Home Missionary secretary at the end of the quarter. Thank you!

Isolated members are requested to return their report sheets to their local conference or mission Home Missionary secretary. E. R. WARLAND.

# Statement of Tithes and Mission Offerings for the Quarter ending September 30, 1954

## South England Conference

CHURCH OR COMPANY	Membership	Tithe	Tithe per capita	Sabbath-School Offering	MV Offering	Ingathering	Week of Sacrifice and Annual Offering	Miscellaneous Offerings	Missions Extension Offering	Total Regular Offerings	Regular Offerings per capita	Special Gifts to Missions	Grand Total All Offerings
Bath .....	32	86 8 1	2 14 0	14 3 8	4 12 3	302 8 6	.....	.....	.....	317 4 5	9 18 3	.....	317 4 5
Bournemouth .....	103	1081 16 10	10 10 1	62 9 2	4 0 8	837 1 7	5 8	.....	.....	903 17 1	8 15 6	.....	903 17 1
Brighton .....	64	248 0 7	3 17 6	20 6 5	.....	562 11 1	.....	.....	.....	582 17 6	9 22 2	.....	582 17 6
Bristol, Arley Hill .....	112	225 0 7	2 0 2	34 1 2	1 0 6	681 1 3	.....	.....	.....	716 2 11	6 7 10	.....	716 2 11
Bristol, Lodge Causeway .....	60	146 1 2	2 8 8	23 10 4	1 18 8	410 1 9	.....	.....	18 3	436 9 0	7 5 6	.....	436 9 0
Cambridge .....	14	58 1 10	4 3 0	7 19 3	.....	71 2 4	.....	.....	.....	79 1 7	5 13 0	.....	79 1 7
Central London .....	97	428 4 9	4 8 4	63 18 7	2 10 0	363 11 2	.....	.....	.....	429 19 9	4 8 8	.....	429 19 9
Chelmsford .....	33	151 16 3	4 12 0	51 2 0	11 4	366 6 4	.....	.....	.....	417 19 8	12 13 4	.....	417 19 8
Cheltenham .....	21	72 8 5	3 9 0	12 2 5	.....	100 18 10	.....	.....	.....	113 1 3	5 7 8	.....	113 1 3
Chiswick .....	120	405 17 11	3 7 8	50 18 5	.....	912 17 6	.....	.....	1 1 0	964 16 11	8 0 10	.....	964 16 11
Clacton .....	14	31 19 4	2 5 8	7 3 11	.....	83 19 2	.....	.....	.....	91 3 1	6 10 3	.....	91 3 1
Colchester .....	23	46 5 5	2 0 3	10 11 2	8 3	177 1 6	.....	.....	.....	188 0 11	8 3 6	.....	188 0 11
Croscombe .....	23	139 10 10	6 1 4	23 15 2	3 8 11	199 11 2	.....	.....	.....	226 15 3	9 17 2	.....	226 15 3
Croydon .....	48	168 7 6	3 10 2	28 17 7	.....	334 0 0	.....	.....	.....	362 17 7	7 11 2	.....	362 17 7
Ealing .....	37	215 8 5	5 16 5	20 19 6	.....	269 9 0	.....	.....	.....	290 8 6	7 17 0	.....	290 8 6
Edgware .....	54	395 3 0	7 6 4	62 19 8	.....	322 3 8	.....	.....	.....	385 3 4	7 2 8	.....	385 3 4
Edmonton .....	63	152 6 3	2 8 4	26 19 5	1 10 4	273 10 9	.....	.....	.....	302 0 6	4 15 11	.....	302 0 6
Exeter .....	27	60 14 0	2 5 0	15 12 4	13 11	180 3 3	.....	.....	.....	196 9 6	7 5 6	.....	196 9 6
Folkestone .....	38	112 14 1	2 19 4	12 3 10	11 0	296 19 7	.....	.....	.....	309 14 5	8 3 0	.....	309 14 5
Gillingham .....	29	102 6 9	3 10 7	20 17 5	6 8	211 15 0	.....	.....	.....	232 19 1	8 0 8	.....	232 19 1
Gloucester .....	33	119 13 3	3 12 6	24 8 2	.....	148 10 5	.....	.....	.....	172 18 7	5 4 10	.....	172 18 7
Hastings .....	49	135 4 2	2 15 2	24 0 8	15 1	141 14 2	.....	.....	.....	166 9 11	3 7 11	.....	166 9 11
High Wycombe .....	29	68 8 9	2 7 2	11 5 5	.....	156 13 7	.....	.....	.....	167 19 0	5 15 10	.....	167 19 0
Holloway .....	193	913 0 4	4 14 7	79 19 8	1 19 5	880 0 9	.....	.....	.....	961 19 10	4 19 8	.....	961 19 10
Ilford .....	56	199 15 7	3 11 4	37 0 3	.....	245 8 5	.....	.....	.....	282 8 8	5 0 10	.....	282 8 8
Ipswich .....	95	225 11 3	2 7 6	45 10 6	.....	491 2 6	.....	.....	.....	536 13 0	5 13 0	.....	536 13 0
Lewisham .....	99	281 13 10	2 16 11	52 1 9	.....	310 16 6	.....	.....	.....	362 18 3	3 13 4	.....	362 18 3
Lowestoft .....	63	154 17 5	2 9 2	20 19 7	9 0	212 4 10	.....	.....	.....	233 13 5	3 14 2	.....	233 13 5
Luton .....	25	98 12 9	3 18 11	20 5 3	.....	277 12 2	.....	.....	.....	297 17 5	11 18 4	.....	297 17 5
Newbold .....	110	677 18 11	6 3 3	54 12 11	6 6 10	1129 12 11	.....	.....	.....	1190 12 8	10 14 8	.....	1190 12 8
Norwich .....	65	204 18 8	3 3 1	37 1 8	.....	368 3 7	.....	.....	.....	405 5 3	6 4 8	.....	405 5 3
Plymouth .....	77	252 7 4	3 5 7	47 19 3	1 9 5	509 17 4	.....	.....	.....	559 6 0	7 5 3	.....	559 6 0
Portsmouth .....	35	131 0 1	3 14 10	19 14 5	2 0 0	228 5 3	.....	.....	.....	249 19 8	7 2 10	.....	249 19 8
Reading .....	58	187 7 7	3 4 7	30 1 6	1 8 2	320 0 0	.....	.....	.....	351 9 8	6 1 2	.....	351 9 8
Richmond .....	19	107 2 10	5 12 9	17 15 3	.....	211 15 2	.....	.....	.....	229 10 5	12 1 7	.....	229 10 5
Romford .....	14	17 16 4	1 5 5	2 14 7	.....	13 4 2	.....	.....	.....	15 18 9	1 2 9	.....	15 18 9
Slough .....	29	71 14 7	2 9 6	22 5 11	.....	152 3 1	.....	.....	.....	174 9 0	6 0 4	.....	174 9 0
Southampton .....	53	154 5 7	2 18 3	23 7 8	.....	236 3 9	.....	.....	.....	259 11 5	4 17 11	.....	259 11 5
South London .....	95	252 11 11	2 13 2	36 19 6	.....	279 7 10	.....	.....	.....	316 7 4	3 6 7	.....	316 7 4
Southend .....	74	203 0 6	2 14 10	31 6 6	7 2	205 0 0	.....	.....	.....	236 13 8	3 4 0	.....	236 13 8
Stanborough Park .....	536	2622 12 6	4 17 9	339 9 4	17 16 7	3007 14 11	.....	.....	.....	3365 0 10	6 5 7	.....	3365 0 10
Taunton .....	22	23 13 7	1 1 6	12 16 3	5 2	153 9 2	.....	.....	.....	166 10 7	7 11 5	.....	166 10 7
Torquay .....	44	120 16 10	2 14 11	27 6 2	1 19 9	427 1 3	.....	.....	.....	456 7 2	10 7 5	.....	456 7 2
Walthamstow .....	76	376 0 10	4 19 0	52 6 0	2 12 10	1002 12 7	.....	.....	.....	1057 11 5	13 18 4	.....	1057 11 5



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Watford	83	236	5	1	2	16	11	38	0	7	2	2	5	347	1	11				387	4	11	4	13	4		387	4	11	
Wembley	38	149	6	7	3	18	7	21	3	6				171	12	4				192	15	10	5	1	6		192	15	10	
Weston	23	45	2	9	1	19	3	19	1	11				277	2	10			5 3	296	10	0	12	17	10		296	10	0	
Wimbledon	149	606	7	8	4	1	4	79	1	9	3	19	6	725	0	0				808	1	3	5	8	6		808	1	3	
Wood Green	77	361	10	10	4	13	11	40	18	3	2	10	2	438	8	6				481	16	11	6	5	2		481	16	11	
Yarmouth	24	26	16	0	1	2	4	7	2	7	2	7		100	1	0				107	6	2	4	9	5		107	6	2	
Bodmin	13	96	14	0	7	8	9	21	11	10				173	3	8				194	15	6	14	19	8		194	15	6	
Chalford	10	55	10	1	5	11	0	8	8	9				77	0	0				85	8	9	8	10	10		85	8	9	
Ely	18	65	12	7	3	12	11	12	8	10				95	7	8				107	16	6	5	19	10		107	16	6	
Enfield	12	8	17	0	14	9		1	8	0				54	17	10				56	5	10	4	13	10		56	5	10	
Eastbourne	14	51	3	9	3	13	1	13	6	2				111	12	5				124	18	7	8	18	6		124	18	7	
Godmanchester	8	45	2	8	5	12	9	6	8	3				87	10	0				93	18	3	11	14	9		93	18	3	
Hutton	16	52	1	3	3	5	1	9	15	4				106	11	8				116	7	0	7	5	5		116	7	0	
Maidstone	16	27	14	6	1	14	8	10	13	1				21	10	6				32	3	7	2	0	3		32	3	7	
Medstead	9	18	0	6	2	0	1	10	6	11				100	17	11				111	4	10	12	7	2		111	4	10	
Redruth	12	69	12	10	5	16	1	15	0	5				226	15	1				241	15	6	20	2	11		241	15	6	
Rye	7	24	15	1	3	10	8	7	13	0				22	1	6			3 6	29	18	0	4	5	5		29	18	0	
Salisbury	6	19	18	0	3	6	4	8	9	1				41	16	4				50	5	5	8	7	7		50	5	5	
St. Austell	18	43	18	2	2	8	9	22	0	1				72	0	0				94	0	1	5	4	5		94	0	1	
Swindon	24	27	4	6	1	2	8	21	14	11				95	7	9				117	2	8	4	17	7		117	2	8	
Winslow	4	16	17	0	4	4	3	7	3	2				10	2	9				17	5	11	4	6	6		17	5	11	
Isolated	507	2010	13	7	3	19	3	202	14	11				1157	15	10	28	1	1	18 6	1389	10	4	2	14	7		1389	10	4
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Barnsley	20	31	11	4	1	11	7	3	17	8	.....	.....	.....	104	0	10	.....	.....	.....	107	18	6	5	7	11	.....	107	18	6
Beeston	15	89	0	7	5	18	8	17	5	6	.....	.....	.....	98	19	6	.....	.....	.....	116	5	0	7	15	0	.....	116	5	0
Birmingham Erd.	44	70	1	9	1	11	10	16	8	6	.....	.....	.....	516	16	10	.....	.....	.....	533	5	4	12	2	5	.....	533	5	4
Birmingham Hands.	93	277	9	9	2	19	8	28	10	5	1 10 0	.....	.....	745	0	0	.....	.....	.....	775	0	5	8	6	8	.....	775	0	5
Birmingham South	46	142	1	9	3	1	9	21	2	8	.....	.....	.....	299	6	1	.....	.....	.....	320	8	9	6	19	4	.....	320	8	9
Bolton	20	90	1	5	4	10	1	11	19	10	.....	.....	.....	212	7	2	.....	.....	.....	224	7	0	11	4	4	.....	224	7	0
Bradford	50	114	11	5	2	5	10	18	11	4	.....	.....	.....	276	0	0	.....	.....	.....	294	11	4	5	17	10	.....	294	11	4
Bramley	9	36	12	0	4	1	4	9	0	6	.....	.....	.....	60	13	6	.....	.....	.....	69	14	0	7	14	10	.....	69	14	0
Coventry	69	327	5	9	4	14	10	36	6	7	.....	.....	.....	588	18	0	.....	.....	.....	625	4	7	9	1	3	.....	625	4	7
Darlington	31	43	18	9	1	8	4	7	12	1	.....	.....	.....	326	10	6	.....	.....	.....	334	2	7	10	15	7	.....	334	2	7
Derby	70	248	2	5	3	10	11	31	4	5	4 9	.....	.....	600	5	10	.....	.....	.....	631	15	0	9	0	6	.....	631	15	0
Grimshy	19	41	10	6	2	3	8	10	6	6	.....	.....	.....	147	1	3	.....	.....	.....	157	8	3	8	5	8	.....	157	8	3
Huddersfield	14	68	6	1	4	17	7	10	14	1	.....	.....	.....	83	10	0	.....	.....	.....	94	4	1	6	14	7	.....	94	4	1
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Kettering	31	154	10	2	4	19	8	22	19	8	.....	.....	.....	103	15	6	.....	.....	.....	126	15	2	4	1	9	.....	126	15	2
Leeds	64	264	6	10	4	2	7	41	6	7	.....	.....	.....	561	11	5	.....	.....	.....	602	18	0	9	8	5	.....	602	18	0
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Lincoln	27	46	6	2	1	14	4	11	15	5	10 7	.....	.....	132	0	0	.....	.....	.....	144	6	0	5	6	8	.....	144	6	0
Liverpool	70	191	11	10	2	14	9	26	13	2	1 4 6	.....	.....	420	0	0	.....	.....	.....	447	17	8	6	8	0	.....	447	17	8
Manchester	71	235	10	10	3	6	4	28	1	3	2 17 0	.....	.....	392	6	9	.....	.....	.....	423	5	10	5	19	3	.....	423	5	10
Middlesbrough	76	133	17	1	1	15	3	28	0	0	1 10 4	.....	.....	512	15	6	.....	.....	.....	542	5	10	7	2	8	.....	542	5	10
Newcastle	108	212	8	6	1	19	3	28	11	2	.....	.....	.....	612	5	7	.....	.....	.....	640	16	9	5	18	8	.....	640	16	9
Nottingham	105	362	1	11	3	9	0	56	12	6	5 5 9	.....	.....	643	3	4	.....	.....	.....	705	1	7	6	13	7	.....	705	1	7
Rochdale	17	54	1	6	3	3	7	5	12	6	.....	.....	.....	328	14	4	.....	.....	.....	334	6	10	19	13	4	.....	334	6	10
Rotherham	20	61	9	2	3	1	5	4	11	10	.....	.....	.....	54	16	0	.....	.....	.....	59	10	0	2	19	5	.....	59	10	0
Rushden	7	26	11	6	3	15	11	4	14	3	.....	.....	.....	57	3	4	.....	.....	.....	61	17	7	8	16	9	.....	61	17	7
Sheffield	102	195	16	1	1	18	5	25	1	9	1 15 1	.....	.....	433	18	10	.....	.....	.....	460	15	8	4	10	4	.....	460	15	8
Shields	9	17	5	0	1	18	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	27	13	6	.....	.....	.....	27	13	6	3	1	6	.....	27	13	6
Stockport	31	144	15	9	4	13	5	10	15	6	16 8	.....	.....	264	9	6	.....	.....	.....	276	1	8	8	18	1	.....	276	1	8

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Stoke	82	279	17	1	3	8	3	47	5	0	1	4	6	648	5	2	696	14	8	8	9	11	696	14	8	
Stretford	40	101	11	10	2	10	9	12	4	8			17	9	480	4	10	493	7	3	12	4	1	493	7	3
Sutton	45	148	9	11	3	6	0	15	14	6				273	19	1	289	13	7	6	8	9	289	13	7	
Wakefield	12	56	9	7	4	14	1	6	18	2				59	0	0	65	18	2	5	9	10	65	18	2	
Wallasey	22	57	6	0	2	12	1	6	9	5				170	10	5	176	19	10	8	10	5	176	19	10	
Wellingborough	13	70	5	0	5	8	1	7	12	4				78	2	10	85	15	2	6	8	10	85	15	2	
West Bromwich	44	131	5	10	2	19	8	9	13	2				204	14	11	214	8	1	4	17	5	214	8	1	
Wolverhampton	25	72	2	5	2	17	8	25	16	10				241	8	2	267	5	0	10	13	9	267	5	0	
Worcester	17	67	6	6	3	18	10	8	18	6				107	11	8	116	10	2	6	17	0	116	10	2	
York	43	179	17	6	4	3	8	24	1	7				479	19	6	504	1	1	11	14	5	504	1	1	
Blackburn	23	44	8	7	1	18	8	10	0	7				530	2	0	540	10	4	23	10	0	540	10	4	
Blackpool	18	17	0	3	18	11		8	1	6	2	0		452	3	6	460	7	0	25	11	6	460	7	0	
Burnopfield	11	27	8	6	2	9	10	9	10	4				105	5	0	114	15	4	10	8	8	114	15	4	
Burton	16	43	4	3	2	14	0	9	8	3				128	16	3	138	4	6	8	12	9	138	4	6	
Carlisle	19	49	15	1	2	12	4	12	9	9				348	13	4	361	3	1	19	0	2	361	3	1	
Denton	11	48	3	2	4	7	7	10	8	1				321	4	9	331	12	10	30	3	0	331	12	10	
Halifax	7	25	16	3	3	13	9	2	19	8				68	6	0	71	5	8	10	3	8	71	5	8	
Keighley	14	47	2	10	3	7	4	5	5	9				61	14	0	66	19	9	4	15	8	66	19	9	
Kidderminster	5	8	14	3	1	14	10	2	6	10				34	13	10	37	0	8	7	8	1	37	0	8	
Killamarsh	6	22	1	3	3	13	6	8	19	8				14	19	9	23	19	5	3	19	11	23	19	5	
Morecambe	12	36	17	0	3	17	0	6	12	7				110	14	5	117	7	0	9	15	7	117	7	0	
Northampton	25	78	8	6	3	2	9	6	18	1				119	3	1	126	1	2	5	0	10	126	1	2	
Oldham	22	62	1	11	2	16	5	9	14	9				125	19	0	135	13	9	6	3	4	135	13	9	
Rugby	19	16	14	6	2	17	7	7	1	4				125	1	10	132	3	2	6	19	3	132	3	2	
Scarborough	8	73	9	8	9	3	8	22	7	6				42	10	8	64	18	2	8	2	3	*3 10 6	68	8	
Sheffness	10	35	17	0	3	11	8	9	2	3				74	0	0	83	2	3	8	6	2	83	2	3	
Southport	13	18	16	6	1	8	11	5	11	2				68	11	4	74	7	11	5	14	5	74	7	11	
Ulcaby	10	6	3	0		12	4	4	10	0				50	14	0	55	4	4	5	10	5	55	4	4	
Ulverston	13	34	18	0	2	13	8	7	9	6				30	10	0	37	19	6	2	18	5	37	19	6	
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## Welsh Mission

Barry	22	67	9	11	3	1	4	15	8	2	233	4	6	248	12	8	248	12	8	11	6	248	12	8						
Cardiff	68	227	6	2	3	6	10	42	4	3	1	5	3	618	11	8	662	1	2	9	14	9	662	1	2					
Hereford	7	36	0	0	5	2	10	5	16	0			142	7	9	148	3	9	21	3	5	148	3	9						
Newport	7	410	15	10	3	12	1	40	0	3	3	4	10	525	8	1	579	18	8	5	1	9	579	18	8					
Porth	18	50	5	7	2	15	10	5	6	10			193	16	1	200	11	5	11	2	10	200	11	5						
Rhyl	33	64	13	8	1	19	2	14	2	9			250	0	0	264	2	9	8	0	1	264	2	9						
Shrewsbury	16	37	12	7	2	7	0	11	0	6			93	16	0	104	16	6	6	11	0	104	16	6						
Swansea	48	293	17	2	6	2	5	45	10	0			567	11	7	613	1	7	12	15	5	613	1	7						
Aberdare	23	82	11	6	3	11	10	18	11	2			255	15	1	274	6	3	11	18	7	274	6	3						
Abergavenny	13	42	5	9	3	5	1	7	17	4			146	6	0	154	3	4	11	17	2	154	3	4						
Caerphilly	21	39	13	7	1	17	9	5	12	7			72	5	0	77	17	7	3	14	2	77	17	7						
Gellygaer	26	70	18	7	2	14	7	13	13	0			103	13	7	117	6	7	4	10	3	117	6	7						
Rhos	7	15	16	0	2	5	1	2	10	6			30	3	0	32	13	6	4	13	4	32	13	6						
Isolated	116	323	6	2	2	15	9	16	19	5			285	12	3	303	16	8	2	12	5	303	16	8						
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## Scottish Mission

Aberdeen	58	125	5	7	2	3	2	23	16	2	557	16	6	581	12	8	10	0	7	581	12	8							
Dundee	52	153	7	0	2	19	0	26	2	10	314	4	6	340	7	4	6	10	11	340	7	4							
Edinburgh	99	176	9	7	1	15	8	36	6	0	924	12	0	960	18	0	9	14	1	960	18	0							
Glasgow	170	468	1	5	2	15	1	63	6	0	743	4	8	806	10	8	4	14	11	806	10	8							
Dunfermline	16	10	0	0		12	6	2	10	5	155	17	2	158	7	7	9	18	0	158	7	7							
Kilmarnock	15	42	8	3	2	16	7	8	16	9	28	10	0	37	6	9	2	9	9	37	6	9							
Isolated	81	278	14	3	3	8	10	11	10	2	158	16	2	174	0	7	2	3	0	174	0	7							
TOTAL, 1954	491	1254	6	1	2	11	1	172	8	4	2883	1	0	3059	3	7	6	4	7	3059	3	7							
TOTAL, 1953	457	1111	10	4	2	8	8	163	7	11	10	6	2324	10	5	2	0	6	6	7	6	2496	16	10					
Increase	34	142	15	9		2	5	9	0	5	-10	6	558	10	7	1	13	9	568	14	3	15	7	-6	7	6	562	6	9

## Irish Mission

Belfast	60	134	6	1	2	4	3	43	17	4	778	8	11	6	0	0	831	19	5	13	17	4	831	19	5									
Portadown	34	56	18	0	1	13	6	13	8	1	80	13	5	94	1	6	2	15	4	94	1	6	94	1	6									
Kilmoyle	9	17	14	0	1	19	4	2	12	3	60	9	10	63	2	1	7	0	3	63	2	1	63	2	1									
Larne	8							4	12	6	80	4	0	84	16	6	10	12	1	84	16	6	84	16	6									
Shankill	17	54	16	4	3	4	6	8	18	1	348	4	6	357	2	7	21	0	2	357	2	7	357	2	7									
Dublin	31	140	9	8	4	10	8	35	3	3	1	12	6	36	15	9	1	3	9	36	15	9	36	15	9									
Isolated	68	247	0	4	3	12	8	7	9	0	320	6	1	327	15	1	4	16	5	327	15	1	327	15	1									
TOTAL, 1954	227	651	4	5	2	17	5	116	0	6	1668	6	9	6	0	0	1795	12	11	7	13	10	1795	12	11									
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South England Conf.	4048	15988	1	10	3	18	11	2226	10	11	63	16	7	22579	5	3	28	6	9	3	6	6	24901	6	0	6	3	0	24901	6	0			
North England Conf.	2253	7037	12	1	3	2	5	929	15	0	21	3	6	16325	15	5	16	12	6	18	0	17294	4	5	7	13	6	*3	10	6	17297	14	11	
Welsh Mission	532	1762	12	6	3	6	3	244	12	9	4	10	7	3518	10	9	17	6		13	0	10	3781	12	5	7	2	2	3781	12	5			
Scottish Mission	491	1254	6	1	2	11	1	172	8	4	2883	1	0	3	14	3							3059	3	7	6	4	7	3059	3	7			
Irish Mission	227	651	4	5	2	17	5	116	0	6	1668	6	9	6	0	0	1795	12	11	7	13	10						1795	12	11				
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Grand Totals, 1954	7551	26783	13	7	3	10	11	3689	7	6	94	16	4	46974	19	2	49	11	0	23	5	4	50831	19	4	6	14	8	243	10	6	51075	9	10
Grand Totals, 1953	7280	25642	16	8	3	10	5	3715	15	5	138	12	6	41940	4	0	74	15	10	20	7	6	45889	15	3	6	6	1	159	10	3	46049	5	6
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† Leper Work, South Africa

\* Famine Relief

## SABBATH - SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

### A Word of Thanks

MISS V. L. GEORGE of Accra, Gold Coast, expresses her sincere thanks for the ready response of many to her recent request for used lesson pamphlets for the fourth quarter, 1953. She also appreciated the letters which accompanied the packages, but owing to pressure of many duties may not be able to reply to all individually. E. R. WARLAND.



### Everest on Lemonade!

JUNE 2, 1953, was a great day for the British Empire. It saw the beautiful young Queen Elizabeth II receive her crown; and it heard the news that Mount Everest, earth's highest mountain and target of man's most persevering efforts for many years, had at last been conquered. The conquerors: Hillary, a young New Zealand bee-keeper, was later knighted, and Tensing, a Nepalese, was awarded the George Medal.

Leader of this Everest Expedition was Colonel John Hunt, mountaineer and soldier. Born in India while his father was in the Indian army, he spent most of his life there and much time climbing mountains.

From childhood he had unconsciously prepared for the climax of his life, the Everest Expedition. His mother, after being widowed in 1914, chose the Alps as a summer resort. John when, eighteen, traversed the Meije, a formidable mountain in the French Alps and a strenuous climb for one of his age.

In India, Hunt distinguished himself for his hard work. While other officers rested, he studied Urdu; while they were drinking chota pegs, he drank lemonade. However, he was so good-natured about his abstinence that he was never considered a snob.

Not only was Everest, 29,002 feet high, scaled on May 29, 1953, by two of Hunt's men, Hillary and Tensing, but his whole party reached high altitudes and traversed the most rugged terrain without a major accident. Hunt himself carried packs up to an elevation of 27,000 feet.

In the official record of the expedition, *Conquest of Everest*, the fact is repeatedly emphasized that the major drink for the men was lemonade heavily sweetened with sugar.

Hillary said, "On top of Everest we drank sweet-

ened lemonade." During the descent they stopped for "hot, sweetened lemonade." Large quantities of the drink at frequent intervals during the expedition helped to prevent exhaustion.

In the old days the Alps were climbed on wine, but Everest has been climbed on lemonade!

### What Other "Everest Men" say—

INTERVIEWED at Marseille concerning the Swiss expeditions to Mount Everest in 1952, Raymond Lambert, who was, until May 29, 1953, the "highest" man in the world, declared:

"I am not for wine or for alcohol, neither in the Alps nor in the Himalayas. They can only diminish the intellectual and physical forces, whose maintenance is of such importance in high altitudes.

"In the course of both Swiss expeditions to Everest in 1952 our preferred drink was in the first place tea, and also fruit juices (orange and tomato). On the plains we drank, as far as possible, fruit juices."

The leader of the 1952 expedition, Dr. Ed Wyss-Dunant, expressed himself thus:

"A last question still remains to be solved: that of diet above 8,000 metres. Thirst and wind are the principal enemies at that altitude, where the air is as dry as that of the deserts. Liquid foods are preferable, and for this reason we had made plans to use canned fruit juices, in view of their glucose and vitamin contents."—*Alert*.

## THE OLD FOLKS' HOME

### Another High Spot at "The Dell"

As the Sabbath drew to a close, we were invaded by a party of bright young folk from Watford, The Stanborough Park Male Voice Choir.

A very rich hour was spent in the ministry of sacred song and recitation. It was a real uplift.

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## Reports from Many Lands

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### "Harvest Time" in Hongkong

By E. L. Longway

A HUNDRED mile an hour gale of wind, with rain falling in torrents, couldn't hinder seventy-six out of the seventy-seven candidates who had prepared for baptism at the joint baptismal service in the Boundary Road Church, Kowloon, Hongkong, on November 6, 1954. These weather conditions did delay the opening of the meeting that afternoon, but before Pastor W. L. Pascoe, the treasurer of the Far Eastern Division, had finished his sermon, four of the five candidates who had been unable to reach the church because of the storm, arrived at the church and joined in the ceremony.

This baptism is of special interest for a number of reasons. It is the largest baptism ever held in the Hongkong area, and also the largest anywhere in the whole of China since before the war with Japan, which began in 1937. It is remarkable also because those baptized were almost exactly evenly divided as to sex. Another feature is the great majority of youth in the group. The youngest was a little girl of eleven, and the oldest a lady of about seventy, with bound feet.

Fully seventy-five per cent of this group have been students of the Voice of Prophecy Bible School in Hongkong. All of them have been through the series of evangelistic efforts that were conducted in the Hongkong and Kowloon churches during the last summer, and have had from two to four months of Bible studies in their homes. All of them have been keeping the Sabbath and paying tithe for some time.

Up to this time 157 have been baptized in the Hongkong-Macao Mission since the first of the year, and candidates now preparing for the baptism scheduled for Christmas Day will bring the total for the year well over 200, the largest number for any year in the history of the work in that mission.

I have just glanced at the statistical report for the

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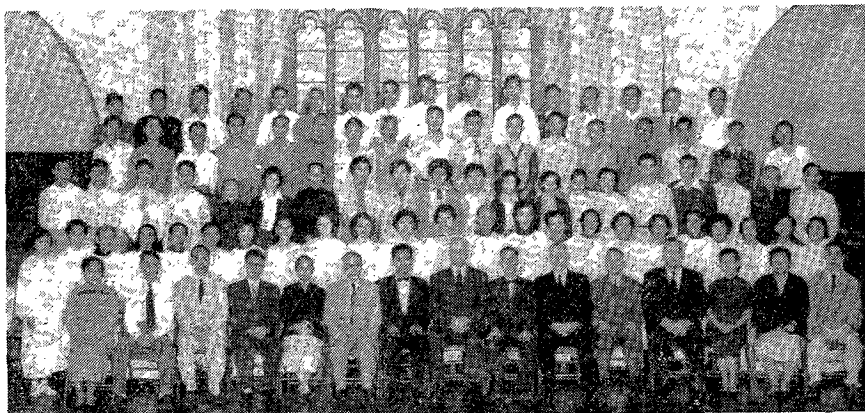
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The recent large baptismal group in Hongkong.

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Taiwan Mission, covering the first three quarters of this year. One hundred and sixty-five baptized thus far this year! For this little Union we will likely have over 400 baptisms this year. And these dear people are but the first-fruits of the great harvest waiting to be gathered home. The new Taiwan Sanitarium-Hospital will help to establish our work on a firmer basis. We need your best this Christmas time, and know that we can depend on you. Thank you!

## News Flash From Far East

TAIPEI, TAIWAN. Milton Lee, Thelma Smith, and twelve Chinese workers commencing evangelistic effort Taipei tonight, largest hall Formosa seating 2,000. Unprecedented interest demands double-header meeting. We have visited many parts of Formosa and find interest in message greatest ever among Chinese people. New hospital construction creating widespread favour. Hospital must be completed soon. Urgently request Sabbath school members give most liberal Thirteenth Sabbath Offering overflow.

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## Till the Day Dawn

WHITE.—It is with deep sorrow that the members of the Cardiff church record the passing of our dear Sister N. M. White on October 6, 1954. Sister White accepted the message during the ministry of Pastor S. G. Hyde, when president of the Welsh Mission. She was a very faithful and loyal member of the church, doing her part with earnestness, both in the Ingathering Campaign and also in the Cardiff sewing guild. Our dear sister ended her earthly witness while she was ill in her own home, among her loved ones. We extend our deepest sympathy to her dear husband; also those who cared for her in her illness. We look forward with them to that day when we shall meet our sister free from sorrow and pain. Pastor G. R. Bell officiated at the funeral service.

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January 15th	Tithe Sabbath
February 5th	Sabbath School Rally Day
February 12th	"Messenger" Offering
March 5th to 12th	Missions Extension and Home Visitation
March 12th	Missions Extension Offering
March 19th to 26th	Missionary Volunteer Week
April 9th	Spirit of Prophecy Day
April 23rd to May 28th	Ingathering for Missions
June 4th	Education Day
June 11th	Student Aid and Church School Offering
September 3rd	Voice of Prophecy Day and Home Visitation
September 10th	Voice of Prophecy Offering
October 1st	Magazine and Tract Campaign
October 22nd	Dorcas Welfare Day
October 29th	Old Folks' Home Offering
November 5th	Colporteur Day
November 12th to 19th	Week of Prayer and Sacrifice
November 19th	Annual and Week of Sacrifice Offering
December 3rd	Health and Temperance Day
December 10th	Medical Aid Offering

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