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### THE PROGRESS OF THE WORK.

WE are glad to acknowledge the blessing of the Lord in the progress of the work from week to week, as shown by the cheering reports from the workers. Brother Ballenger writes most encouragingly of the meetings at Swansea, which closed with the baptism of fifteen. On his way to Southampton, he stopped one day at Cardiff, where Brother Meredith has been labouring of late, and there baptized nine, and celebrated the ordinances.

The interest in the school is excellent, and the attendance has now reached thirty-four. We wish that more were able to avail themselves of this opportunity.

At the recent meeting of the Conference Committee, it was decided to dedicate the Sabbath-school offerings the present year to the work in Ireland and Wales, two-thirds to the former, and one-third to the latter. We are sure that our Sabbath-schools will be pleased with this arrangement, which will give all our little folks, as well as the older ones, an opportunity to assist in forwarding the work in these needy fields. We shall soon have a report from Brother Meredith, in which he will tell us about the tabernacle now being erected in Wales, and one from Brother Hutchinson, in Ireland, telling about the new chapel the church is to erect in Belfast.

O. A. O.

### THE ORPHANS' FUND.

THIS matter also received attention from the Conference Committee. The fund has been exhausted for some time, and therefore needs to be replenished; for we cannot afford to let this good work fail for lack of money. After considering the matter, it was decided by the Committee to appoint the first Sabbath in March and the first Sabbath in September as days on which to take up a collection for the Orphans' Fund, and it was the mind of the brethren that all the collections taken on those days should be dedicated to this fund.

O. A. O.

I HAVE been associated with Brother Armstrong in the work in Liverpool since April 25, 1901. Brother Armstrong has reported through the WORKER the result of the tent meetings during the summer season; also the meetings in the Hall after the tent was taken down. We have rejoiced to see a good number take the step of complete surrender to the truth as it is in Jesus. We held our second baptism, January 3.

There is a deep interest in the study of the Word here yet, and several are on the point of decision. I have had some of the most encouraging experiences of my life in the work in Liverpool, and have come to feel most strongly attached to the workers and the people in this place. The Lord has wonderfully blessed Brother Armstrong and me as we have studied and prayed together, and in our mutual work for others, and it is with feelings of sadness I leave the work here to go to America.

Before this is read I shall have closed, for the present at least, my work in Great Britain.

I shall sail January 22, at 2 P.M., on the *Oceanic*, from Liverpool for New York. I have been invited to work for a time in my old home Conference in the United States. Any letters stamped with a 2½d stamp will be sure to be forwarded if sent to me in care of *Present Truth*, 451, Holloway Road, London, N.

I landed in England, November 25, 1891. More than one-fourth of my life has been spent in this country, and it has come to seem like home to me; but the health of my family, an urgent invitation back to my father's house, after more than ten years' absence, and a call to the work there, have made it clear that God wills I should return.

My work in this country was for two years in Bath, then two years in Southampton, one year in Kettering, two years in Cardiff, ten months in Swansea, nearly a year in Bristol, eleven months in south-west London, and nine months in Liverpool.

I thank God for the experiences I have had, and the lessons learned since coming to England. I have never seen the truth so clear, so bright, as I see it now, and can truly say I never was of such good courage, or so free in the Lord, as I am to-day. And now I take this means of communication to say farewell to the many dear friends in this country.

May the God of all grace strengthen each one for the tremendous conflict that must come to every soul individually, and to all of God's people as a Church, that we may all fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, and, more than conquerors, have an abundant entrance into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

A great and wonderful work must be done in this country. In her commerce, through her colonies, England reaches her long arms round the globe, and her language is more widely spoken than that of any other civilised nation. May the Lord's people here stand shoulder to shoulder in the great battle for truth, sinking utterly all personal preferences and differences. One in hope, one in Christ, then shall the work that has gone so slowly for many years leap into sudden and glorious power. A nation shall be born in a day, the seed apparently lost shall quickly spring up and bear eternal fruit, the Lord of the harvest shall "suddenly come" to reap, and we with all God's children shall be gathered home to the Father's House. "Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God, our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever, Amen."

J. S. WASHBURN.

### DO NOT DISAPPOINT THEM.

NOT long since I received a letter from a young man who has been reading the *Present Truth* for three or four years. He said that a woman brought the paper to the shop where he worked, and he was the only one who cared for religious reading matter. After a few weeks the woman came so irregularly that he stopped taking it of her, and ordered it of a stationer, through whom he has been receiving it ever since.

Who can tell how many others have become annoyed at the irregularity of the one who first sold them the paper, and, instead of ordering it of their stationer, have allowed it to drop out of their minds? It is not an infrequent thing to hear of people who say, "I used to read the *Present Truth*, and liked it, but the agent stopped coming, and I have not seen it since." This ought not ever to be the case. It is not merely that the paper loses in circulation, but people are deprived of precious light and truth.

When a list is once gained, whether it consist of one or one hundred, it ought to be considered a sacred trust. If for any reason you are obliged to go away, see that full arrangements are made for the continuation of the paper to the readers. What would be thought if the editor should some day start off suddenly to be gone a month, or indefinitely, making no provision for a substitute, and allowing the publication of the paper to be suspended? Yet that is practically what takes place, only in a

smaller degree, every time an agent allows a list to lapse, either wholly or in part; for if the paper is suddenly cut off, it is the same as though its publication were suspended.

Let us therefore take heed that nobody is disappointed through any neglect of ours. It is no small privilege and honour to be entrusted with the oracles of God, and rich blessings fall to the lot of "good stewards of the manifold grace of God."

E. J. WAGGONER.

### HULL AND GRIMSBY.

I ENJOYED the privilege of spending about a month at Hull in November and December. Also made brief visits to our companies at Grimsby and Uleby, which are rather small in numbers, but still holding up the light of this precious truth. The company at Hull consists almost entirely of sisters, some of whom have been in the truth for twelve to fourteen years. During the last five or six years they have been left mostly to themselves, and seemed to appreciate the privilege of having some special meetings. Following upon confession and putting away of sin, the rich blessing of the Lord was realised. Several were led to see the principles of healthful living in a new light, and gave up harmful narcotics which had been not only injuring them physically, but retarding their spiritual advancement. The last evening of the special season of prayer was a most refreshing season. One dear sister broke down completely, and resolved to keep the Lord's Sabbath.

When we make a full surrender, the Master always gives us something to do, and the company at Hull have taken heartily hold of the Lord's work, ordering fifteen hundred copies of the Christmas number of *Present Truth*, and the same number of *Good Health*. They are also arranging for regular missionary meetings and for the study of the health principles. May the work continue to advance, and may the time soon come when a regular church can be organised at Hull, and a little chapel be built for their accommodation.

M. E. O.

DEAR FELLOW-WORKERS,—

I thought you might be interested to have a few lines from an old worker on working up a list for *Present Truth*. In the first place, it takes lots of hard work, with all the perseverance and push and every other talent with which God has endowed us. You will be surprised, perhaps, when I tell you I have customers now who have given the *Present Truth* up twenty times or more. If I had

given my customers up when they gave me up, I should not have many left. Sometimes I give them a rest for a few weeks. Then I go again and try to tempt them with a paper. If they take one, that gives me courage; and if they do not, I call again anyway. Almost before they are aware of it, they are taking the paper regularly again. But, of course, they think they are not taking it; they only have one when I call. I get so used to people giving up the paper that it has very little effect upon me.

One lady who told me not to come about twenty times, has got me two more customers, and I have sold four books in the same family this Christmas. Now she thinks there is no paper in the world so good as *Present Truth*, and feels that she

could scarcely live without it. Satan is not backward with his trashy literature. Why should not we be bold in presenting the precious truth?

EMILY GRESSWELL.

MRS. PICKARD writes from Swansea:—

“My husband and I meet with some very nice people in our work. One of my *Present Truth* readers met my husband the other day, and told him that the paper was worth a shilling a week. She persuaded a well-to-do lady here to subscribe to it, and said she thought she would be able to get two or three more to do so. A railway employee is also getting several others to take the paper. Some of my readers are interested in the health principles, and several times I have had to send to Birmingham for foods for them.

## Canvassers' Weekly Report.

Territory.	Agent's Name.	Hrs.	Ordys.	P & P	Gt. C.	B. R.	H H B	Man.	Guide	C.O.S.	Steps	C.O.L	Lig'ts	Small Books	Total Value. £ s. d.	Books Del.
Falkirk, Newport, I.W. Chelmsford,	Cail, Miss E. Loal, Mrs. Brown, Miss M. Sparkes, Miss A.	98 115 115	15 41 87		8					7			41 37		3 19 6 6 8 0 5 9 0	
Belfast, Ystrad, Risca, Derby, Lincolnshire, Birmingham, Birkenhead, Merthyr, London, N. Lisburn, Cwm Clydoch, Darlington, Ebbw Vale, Pontnewynydd, Swans a, Chesterfield,	Hanna, Miss M. Niner, Miss Parry, Mrs. Gresswell, Miss E. Short, G. W. Freetth, A. E. Gillatt, J. Boach, A. Nickels, G. McClelland, D. Johnson, A. C. Wood, A. King, W. Pickard, J. Buchman, E. Snedley, E. Day, B. I. Hastie, A. O'Mara, P. Dyer, C. Lamie, R. M. Lake, W. L. Buckla d, R.	12	65 41							41			65		3 5 0 4 4 6	
Glasgow, Birkenhead, Dumbarton, L markshire, Portsmouth, Middlesboro'	Day, B. I. Hastie, A. O'Mara, P. Dyer, C. Lamie, R. M. Lake, W. L. Buckla d, R.		5				3	1				1			4 6 6	
Total,		280	204		8		3	1		48		1	78	65	27 12 6	

## “Present Truth” Agents' Record

Territory.	Agent's Name.	Hrs.	No.	Territory.	Agent's Name.	Hrs.	No.	Territory.	Agent's Name.	Hrs.	No.
Glasgow,	Bleasby, Miss M. Bleasby, Miss E. Bleasby, J. G. Crick, Miss A. Monteith, A. Monteith, Mrs.	15	158 300	Cardiff, Portsmouth, Rotherham, Middlesboro'	Parry, Mrs. Cooper, Miss Holt, Miss Casson, H. Buckland, R. Briggs, Mrs. T.		220 250	Nottingham, Stockport, Portsmouth, London,	McPherson, Mrs. Gill, Miss J. Salway, F. Lake, W. L. Penning, E. Morgan, Miss L. Spicer, Mrs. R.	13	147
Belfast,	Fry, W. Fry, W. H. Fry, S. Marks, Miss Mussen, R.	7	125	Leicester, Sheffield, Hull,	Johnson, J. Johnson, Mrs. Sa. ille, R. J. Ellis, J.		350 375 90				
Londonderry, Leeds, Merthyr,	Byron, M. D. Wilkinson, W. Mainwaring, Miss Gilbert, A. D.	18	250 200	Manchester, Birmingham,	Chapman, W. Davies, C. Campion, H. E. Revers, Miss Mountain, M. ss						
Swansea,	Buchman, F. Hancock, H. A.			B' th, Br stol, Worcester, Croydon,	Blackwell, Miss E. Jessup, C. Newnham, J. M. Miles, W. T.		500				
Cwm Clydoch, Birkenhead, Liverpool,	Johnson, Mrs. A. C. Henri, L. E. Richardson, J. Bell, J. E. Bell, Miss L. Bell, Mont. Cowley, S. G.	7 30	150 316 372	Abendare, Newcastle Tyn Chatham, Ebbw Val',	Evry, Miss Slater, W. A. White, Miss J. C. King, Mrs. King, Wm. Pickard, Mrs. Pickard, J. Hampton, Miss Parina, Miss M.		42 320 100 302 234				
Burton on Trent Derby, Newport, Plymouth,	Matthews, Miss H. Gresswell, Miss E. Britton, W. A. Borrowdale, R.	25 18	230 200	Pan'ypool, P'ntnewynydd, Pontypr. dd,				Sundry,			13374
Total,			184					Total,			19450

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"To every man his work." Mark xiii. 34.

LONDON, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 1902.

The following paragraphs are written especially for the members of our churches and companies, and isolated Sabbath-keepers who are taking up for the first time house-to-house missionary work with our periodicals.

Whether you are selling *Present Truth* or *Good Health*, get familiar with the contents; it will greatly add to your courage and confidence to know that you have something good to offer people—something that will add to the happiness of every home into which it is admitted.

Seek preparation in prayer. If you can only spare an hour for the work, use a part of the time in pleading for the Divine power. Then, as you go from door to door, even though you meet with rebuffs, you can know that Jesus is your companion and helper.

Cultivate Christlike courtesy. People are often annoyed by having to leave their work, and come to the door so many times. Be sure that, whatever their attitude may be, yours is that of love and tender solicitude. This is the only way to make sure of doing good wherever you go. Some of the people will take your paper, and read it; all will read *you*. How important, then, that you should be an "epistle of Christ."

Do the work systematically. Plan for it beforehand. Set apart a certain time, though it be only an hour or two. God is dishonoured by our leaving His work till the last thing, and letting it come in when we can't think of anything else to do. When we realise that the great need of the world is for the very truths the Lord has given us, how can we help putting forth strenuous efforts to warn people.

Always look bright and cheery. Whether people buy or not, seem just as pleased, and don't forget to call on them the next time. Cheerfulness is power. A happy face is something like a benediction.

THE MISSIONARY WORKER has now begun its weekly visits to your homes. It will contain information about the work and its progress that every friend of the cause will need, and no one can afford to be without it. But all are not taking it as yet. Now we ask every one that does receive the WORKER, and is interested in its mission, to make an earnest effort to secure the subscriptions of others. The price is only 1s. 6d. per year for this interesting weekly paper. We hope to receive a large list of names from every company.

THIS week Brother Harry Armstrong and family leave Liverpool for Scotland. They expect to settle in Glasgow, where Brother Armstrong will begin a series of meetings. We are glad to see the work extending, and hope this effort will result in the salvation of many souls.

BROTHER SHORLEY, of Horley, writes:—

"In my spare time I have been working a little with 'Christ's Object Lessons,' and have succeeded in selling five copies. I have also secured two regular subscribers for *Present Truth*."

### "IF MORE PEOPLE KNEW."

ONE of our readers, a stranger by the way, writes: "I have become a subscriber to your magazine, *Good Health*, and am much pleased, indeed, with the general contents, and shall do my best to increase its circulation."

He adds: "I think your circulation would be sure to increase *if more people knew* of such a *cheap and profitable book*." (Italics ours). I am sure we can all heartily endorse this statement. Now we have printed 30,000 copies of the February number, and earnestly invite you one and all to assist in letting the people know about our new health magazine.

*Good Health* is furnished to agents at a half-penny a copy. Fifty copies a month would only be *twelve* copies a week or two copies a day. Who cannot do that much?

Some of the contents of the February number are:—

Breathe Pure Air; A Natural Diet; How to Escape Influenza; Dinner Dishes; the Hot Blanket Pack—Illustrated; Is there Help for the Sleepless Man?  
A. B. OLSEN.

WANTED.—A girl 14 to 16 years of age to help in the house, and take two children out. We can give a good home to such a one, if suitable. H. Spencer, York Road, Kettering.