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## THE EUROPEAN GENERAL CONFERENCE.

It has now been decided to hold the European General Conference in London, beginning Thursday evening, May 15, and continuing till May 25 or 30. We shall have with us on this occasion, Brother A. G. Daniells, President of the General Conference, and other brethren from America; also Brother L. R. Conradi, President of the European General Conference, and a delegation of thirty to forty representing our work among the different nationalities on the Continent.

This gathering will be the first of the kind held in Europe. The European field and the work to be done here, will receive special attention and study. This will be a rare opportunity for our brethren and sisters in the British Conference to become acquainted with representatives of the work all over Europe, and also to receive the benefit of the timely instruction that will be given on this occasion. Coming as it does in the time of the Whitsuntide holidays, there will be opportunity to take advantage of excursion rates in travelling. Let us pray that the special blessing of the Lord may attend this meeting.

O. A. OLSEN.

## SOUTHAMPTON.

HAVING been asked some questions regarding the Mission lately held here, I may say that,—

1. The attendance at the afternoon meetings varied from about 80 to 130, and in the evening from 150 to 250. On each of the two Sunday evenings the number was somewhere about 350, being over rather than under that figure the last evening.

2. The total expenses connected with the mission were about £32, or £4 a day.

3. The hall was taken, and the mission advertised to be held, for a period of eight days, extending from Sunday, January 19, to Sunday, January 26, and the meetings were continued without a break for the whole of that time.

Now a word as to the financial side of the mission. The idea of holding one originated about

a year ago, and during the interval the Lord was asked to open the way in His own good time. When the way was opened, we believed it was of the Lord, and went ahead. The matter of finances received much prayer and consideration, and although it was not anticipated that the offerings during the mission would at all meet the expenses, yet we were so convinced it was the Lord's will that the mission should be held, that we made the necessary arrangements, and cast the financial burden upon the Lord, believing He would carry us through.

Those that trust in the Lord are never disappointed, as the following statement will show: Remembering that the expenses were £4 a day, the need to exercise faith becomes at once apparent when it is stated that the offerings for the first day amounted to £1 8s. 5d.; next day 12s. 2½d.; and for the whole eight days, £7 12s. 4d. Still, our faith never wavered; but day by day we laid the condition of the finances before the Lord, and trusted He would bring us out on the right side. We told no one our condition; but about three days after the meetings commenced, a brother came to me, and asked if the offerings were sufficient to pay expenses. When I replied in the negative, he gave me 10s. and said he would give another 10s. if necessary. After the close of the mission, he came again, and discovering we were still short, gave the second 10s. A number of others came in a similar manner, and gave altogether £3 14s. 9d. The friends in the Southampton Church of their own freewill also gave £1 8s. 7½d.

Brother Ballenger very kindly donated 100 copies of his book, "Power for Witnessing," and furnished fifty at practically cost price towards the expenses, and this helped us considerably. Finally, a brother has given £5, with the result that a seeming deficit of over £20 has been turned into a surplus of £1 14s. This is entirely the Lord's doings, and it is marvellous in our eyes. We give Him all the praise and the glory.

If it were only in this one thing the mission has been a blessing, for it has inculcated the principle of giving, and the Lord blesseth the cheerful giver.

A. RITCHIE LEASK.

## CANYASSING EXPERIENCES OF A STUDENT.

ONE afternoon I was canvassing a very poor road, and had little success, as I thought; but the Lord was only trying me. I kept on until I had nearly finished the road, and at one house the lady took a paper, and asked me if I could do anything to help the woman upstairs. She seemed a very weak woman, and had four children. Her husband had been out of work all the winter, and in despair had joined the army in the hope of earning some money. But he could not draw anything until he embarked, which resulted in her only having five shillings to keep four children for a month. After hearing her story and enquiring about her, I found it to be a case of real need, so said I would call again. I did so a little later, in the meantime having received a little money from our Dorcas society, which I spent in getting some things for this family. They were very grateful.

The next week I canvassed a better neighbourhood, and met with great success. One lady asked me in to tea. I told her what I was doing and that I was at school studying to become a home missionary, which interested her very much. In the course of the conversation, I told her about this woman. She asked me for her address, said she would get a lady to call on the family, and also gave me 2s. 6d. to hand to them.

The next week I got a Church of England clergyman, and also two other ministers, to take *Present Truth* regularly. Sunday week I sold sixty-eight papers, and out of these customers about thirty-five want it regularly.

If I get nothing more from the school than this experience in working for the Lord, it would be worth coming to; but I look for greater things.

RUBY CROSS

## ONE STEP AHEAD.

THIS week we can report progress. It is but one step; but it is by one step after another that the longest journey is accomplished. The *Present Truth* list this week is 20,200, instead of 20,100, where it stood for three weeks. A step of one hundred is not bad, if it is often repeated. If the list were increased by one hundred each week it would stand at 25,000 within a year. For this we should be glad, but we hope to see that number reached long before this time next year. If each regular agent determines that next week he will sell as many as this week, and a few more, and some who hitherto have not sold any undertake to dispose of a few copies in their neighbourhood, several hundred will be added to the list each week. It is not a very difficult task if we but purpose that it must be done. If we are once fully

persuaded that the *Present Truth* must go, and that its circulation *must* be increased, it will be done; for "must" always prevails. But don't let anybody think that everybody else will be working so diligently that it will not make any difference if he relaxes his energy.

From various quarters enquiries come for the paper, from people who have seen a few copies and who wish to have it regularly. Letters are also frequently received from regular readers, which show that the paper is read and appreciated. It is remarkable how many refer to themselves as "a lover of *Present Truth*." One writes: "I have read *Present Truth* only a few weeks, and am very pleased to say it helps me much with the Bible, which is rather hard to understand by one just seeking light."

It is such things as these that give us courage, and we give them for your encouragement also. It is a glorious thing to be used in any way whatever as a means of conveying a knowledge of God's Word of truth to the people.

It is not possible every week to announce the contents of the next number, but all can rest assured that no effort will be spared to make every number of the paper just what its name indicates.

May God richly bless every worker, so that it may be the case now, as of old, that "the Word of God increased, and the number of the disciples multiplied."

DEAR BROTHER BALLENGER,—

I want to tell you the anchor holds. I am learning to walk. I used to be falling and getting up again, all the time sinning and repenting; but now I am so glad to learn that the dear Lord is able to keep me from falling. While I am weak of myself, and can do nothing, the Lord can do great things through us, and He is doing great things for me. Oh the wonderful love and goodness of God in bringing such deliverance to me! I am still claiming the victory over sin and sickness, and rejoice every day in the freedom He gives me. I cannot tell you how good it is to realise that I have nothing to do with sickness. The Lord bore it all for me, and still bears it. These last few weeks of my life have been the happiest time I have ever had in my life, because I have realised that in Christ there is complete deliverance from every evil work, and by continual reckoning we are able to claim the promise.

The devil has whispered to me to keep quiet until I see how I come out; but I cannot keep quiet about it. This I know: Once I was sick, now I am well, for which I praise the Lord, and mean to make known His deeds among the people. I would speak of God's mercies for they are more than can be numbered. Come, let us exalt His name together. Tell the people there is power in God. My husband is well and of good courage. The Lord is with him. The anchor holds to-day as never before. Our meetings are good.

PRESENT TRUTH.

A SHORT time ago one of the new Sabbath-keepers at Forest Gate—a lady who was secretary of the Y. W. C. A. at Stratford, but who was ex-communicated because of her new-found truth, and her Bible class of young girls taken from her,—gave the following testimony at our Wednesday evening prayer meeting, as nearly as I can remember: "I do thank God for the light He has shown me with regard to the Sabbath, and the truth for this time. Since keeping the Sabbath I have been so much helped in reading the *Present Truth* each week.

It seems to me every time I read that paper as if the editors make the articles they write a special matter of prayer, as there is such a spirit of consecration breathing through the whole paper."

I was glad to be able to assure her and the whole meeting that she had rightly discerned what really did take place each week, for I had known for some time the secret of the success of the papers.

Is not this the secret of success in every branch of the work? "He prayeth unto God, and He is favourable unto him; so that he seeth His face with joy: and He restoreth unto man His righteousness." Job xxxiii. 26, R. V.

HARRY CHAMPNESS.

Canvassers' Weekly Report.

Territory.	Agent's Name.	Hrs.	Ordrs.	P & P	Gt. C.	B. R.	H H B	Man.	Guide	C.O.S.	Steps	C.O.L	Lig'ts	Small Books	Total Value. £ a. d.	Books Del.
Falkirk, Newport, I.W. Chelmsford,	Cail, Miss E. Loal, Mrs. Brown, Miss M. Sparkes, Miss A. Hanna, Miss M.															
Belfast, Carphilly, Derby, Ulceby, Barnsley, Birkenhead, Merthyr, London, N.	Parry, Mrs. Gresswell, Miss E. Short, G. W. Freeth, A. E. Gillatt, J. Roach, A. Nickels, G.		174											174	8 14 0	174
Lisburn, Maesteg, Darlington, Ebbw Vale, Bargoed, Swansea, Chesterfield, Cambuslang,	Niner, Miss McClelland, D. Johnson, A. C. Wood, A. King, W. Pickard, J. Buchman, E. Day, B. I. Hastie, A.	14 81	6 25							25		6			1 4 0 2 10 6	10
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Lanarkshire, Portsmouth, Middlesboro', Newport, Mon. Rhondda Valley,	Liney, G. H. Lamie, R. M. Lake, W. L. Buckland, R. Strope, A. T. Hart, R. G.		78 49			5	1			72 49					11 16 6 6 2 6	
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"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.		200 100 500	Derby, Newport, Plymouth, Cardiff,	Gresswell, Miss E. Britton, W. A. Borrowdale, R. Parry, Mrs. Cooper, Miss Casson, H. Buckland, R. Beharrell, T.	24	216 368 20 216	P'ntnewynydd, Pontypool, Stockport, Pontypridd,	Pickard, J. Pickard, Mrs. Salway, F. Hampton, Miss Farina, Miss M. McPherson, Mrs.		236 257 356 200
Belfast,	Fry, W. Fry, W. H. Fry, S. Marks, Miss Nussen, R.			Rotherham, Middlesboro' Leicester,	Johnson, J. Johnson, Mrs. Saville, R. J. Ellis, J. Chapman, W. Davies, C.		100 150 173 320 320 110	Nottingham, Portsmouth, Auchinleck,	Gil, Miss J. Lake, W. L. Holt, Miss Dyer, C. Liney, G. H. Penning, E. Morgan, Miss L. Spioer, Mrs. R.	44	100 100
Londonderry, Leeds,	Byron, M. D. Wilkinson, W. Mnsgrave, W. H.	34	159	Sheffield, Hull,	Johnson, J. Saville, R. J. Ellis, J. Chapman, W. Davies, C.		363 34 320 110	London,		14	150
Merthyr, Ferndale,	Mainwaring, Miss Briggs, T. Gilbert, A. D. Wilson, C.		600 200	Manchester, Birmingham,	Johnson, Mrs. Saville, R. J. Ellis, J. Chapman, W. Davies, C. Campion, H. E. Revers, Miss Mountain, Miss Blackwell, Miss E. Jessup, C.		550				
Swansea, Maesteg, Birkenhead, Liverpool,	Buchman, E. Hancock, H. A. Johnson, Mrs. A. C. Henri, L. E. Richardson, J. Bell, J. E. Bell, Miss L. Bell, Mont. Cowley, S. G. Matthews, Miss H.		450 735 24 279	Bath, Bristol, Worcester, Croydon, Aberdare, Newcastle Tyne Chatham, Ebbw Vale,	Newnham, J. M. Miles, W. T. Evry, Miss Slater, W. A. White, Miss J. C. King, Mrs. King, Wm.		320 252 298		Sundry,		11278
Burton on Trent			410						Total,	174	30100

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MISS RUBY CROSS, who tells of her canvassing experiences in another column, has met all her expenses at the school through selling our literature.

BROTHER O. A. OLSEN has moved his family to London, and has been getting settled during the last two weeks. He will probably leave next week for a trip to some of our churches and companies in the North.

WE have heard a few more particulars of the burning of the Battle Creek Sanitarium. The fire started in the basement at midnight, and owing to the low pressure of water the fire company was helpless. One life was lost, being that of a patient of unsound mind who would have been saved had he not broken away from his would-be rescuers.

It is not too early to begin at once to plan to attend the General European Conference to be held in May. This gathering will be a most important one, and we earnestly hope that our churches and companies throughout the country will be well represented. It will be a splendid opportunity for getting acquainted with the progress of the message all over the world.

THE following extract is taken from a recent letter from Battle Creek:

"While it has been a sad blow to all of us, and has dislocated our business more or less, yet we think good will come out of it, as without doubt the building which will be erected on the site of the old Sanitarium will be fireproof, and will be equipped with all the latest improvements that human ingenuity and skill can devise, and in this way will be a more fitting representative than the old building was of the principles for which the Sanitarium stands. We know we have your sympathy in this terrible calamity.

"One very cheering feature of the situation is the sympathy and support that has been tendered by the best citizens of Battle Creek. You know it was generally supposed that the townspeople did not have any particular interest in the Sanitarium, but now that it has gone they have rallied to its support in a really remarkable manner. That the

influence exerted by the Sanitarium has been world-wide is shown by the numerous telegrams and cablegrams which are pouring in from every part of the country expressing sympathy with Dr. Kellogg and the Sanitarium managers in the calamity that has befallen us."

SISTER CHAPMAN, librarian of the church at Wellingborough, writes: "I have much pleasure in going from house to house with *Good Health*, for which I praise the Lord. Had I consulted my own feelings, I should not have gone out at all; but I praise the Lord for victory over the flesh. I have sold about ninety copies of the February number, and have secured twenty-four regular customers. I hope to sell the remainder this afternoon. My daughter is also selling some."

How often the richest blessing comes through doing the very thing that we do not naturally wish to do. When we consider the number of homes saddened by untimely deaths, and the great ignorance which prevails in regard to healthful living, how can we help but enjoy going from house to house with the message of health. Let us pray for a new baptism of the Spirit for service, so that we shall realise that we are indeed debtors to the whole world.

### REMEMBER

THAT spiritual blessings double in value as they are freely imparted to others. We never realise the beauty of the Gospel as much as when we are endeavouring to make it known to sinners.

THAT renewed health is promised to the faithful worker. Isa. lviii. 8. But instead of standing by and doing nothing until a large accession of health and strength is received, the proper way is to make the best use of what one has, and then trust God for more.

THAT the history of the church shows a uniform tendency to doubt the power of God in overcoming obstacles, and carrying forward His work. There have been more Thomases than Pauls. But Thomas received a rebuke, not a blessing. The ten spies had what they asked for—their bones were laid to rest in the wilderness. Caleb and Joshua entered the promised land.

M. E. O.

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