

VISITS TO THE CHURCHES.

I HOPE that none of the companies in the South England Conference, that I have not yet visited, will feel that they are being left out or neglected. As already stated, on account of my editorial and school work, I am confined to London every weekday, and thus it takes some time to make the round of the churches; but I am diligently improving every Sabbath. I have already visited on successive Sabbaths, the companies at Leytonstone, Hackney, Croydon, Catford, East D slwich, and North London. Next Sabbath I shall meet with the company at Balham; and all the other companies will be visited as quickly as possible, no place receiving two visits until the whole field has been covered. Thus equal attention is being given to all. In the meantime, however, I shall be more than glad to assist and encourage the brethren and sisters in all parts, to the fullest extent that God gives me wisdom and ability, if they will but write freely of their wants. E. J. WAGGONER.

THE BENEFITS OF THE CASH SYSTEM.

MUCH has been said and written of late to show the benefits our canvassers will gain by adopting the cash system. We admit that their gain will be large indeed, but we wish to call the attention of all to the fact, that the agents are not the only ones who will benefit by a strict adherence to the "pay-as-you-go" plan. Last year our loss in bad debts was $£350-1-0\frac{3}{4}$, and for the five years previous the loss was $\pounds 491-14-10$; or in other words, our canvassers got in debt to the office $\pounds 841-15-10\frac{3}{4}$, and were not able to pay it, so that the office had to lose the full amount. Now, if the International Tract Society were making large profits, and could afford to stand such a large loss, it would not be so bad ; but the fact is, these bad debts have eaten up all the profits of the office, and $\pounds 150-1-7\frac{1}{2}$ more, during the last six years. After giving this subject careful consideration, we are convinced that the

cash basis is the only true basis, and that is the reason we have adopted it.

We are pleased to state that our people in general are cheerfully falling in line with the new plan, and seem to be highly pleased that the cash basis has been adopted. Very few are asking for credit. We still have a number of old, unpaid accounts on our books, and we most earnestly hope that those who are indebted to us will do their very best to settle these accounts as soon as possible.

We have submitted these figures with the hope that all may be able to see more clearly the benefits of a cash system, and thus be led to co-operate heartily with us in the adoption of all right measures along this line.

> International Tract Society. Ltd., W. C. SISLEY, Manager.

TO ALL IN THE SOUTH ENGLAND CONFERENCE.

A FEW weeks ago I asked through the WORKER that all isolated Sabbath-keepers,-all who have not the privilege of meeting regularly on the Sabbath with some company of worshippers,would send me their names and addresses. I have had responses from a few; but the following sentence in one letter that I have received, makes me think that perhaps some have misunderstood the request :---

"As you invite all isolated Sabbath-keepers in the South England Conference to write to you, I take this opportunity of doing so, though I am by no means a stranger to you."

It was by no means my desire that only those with whom I may not be acquainted should write to me. I am taking steps to secure the name and address of every Sabbath-keeper in the Conference; and while it is a comparatively easy matter to get the addresses of those who are in close connection with some organised company, I must depend upon the isolated ones themselves to give me their addresses, even though I know them well. Will all such please do me the favour to respond at once.

This request does not shut out any others from $\sqrt{}$ responding, even though they are so situated as to attend meetings regularly; for it is my desire to have frequent communication with all in the Con-Let all write freely concerning their ference. situation, telling their experience, and stating their hopes or desires, either for themselves personally, or for the work in their neighbourhood, and all such communications will receive careful and prompt consideration. In union there is strength; and the better we become acquainted in the Lord, the better can we all unite in His service.

E J WAGGONER

FROM PORTSMOUTH TO PLYMOUTH.

I was glad to have the privilege recently of visiting the Sabbath-keeping companies in the South of England and in Wales.

At Portsmouth, brethren Champness and Leask are holding tent meetings. The tent is centrally situated in Vicioria Road, Southsea, near Bradford Junction, and is easily reached from all parts of Portsmouth and Southsea by the electric tram.

A Gospel health meeting was held on Monday afternoon, which was well attended, some remaining behind to ask questions.

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In the evening Brother Champness gave an instructive discourse on the Church of Rome in Prophecy. Nearly 200 listened with marked attention. On Sundays the attendance reaches 300 or more, which indicates the earnest interest of the people in the grand truths of prophecy.

The daily papers publish favourable reports of the meetings, and the weekly rental of fifteen shillings and other expenses have been much more than balanced by the liberal donations received; thus they have laid by money each week to apply on the hall which they must now take Both Sister Champness and Sister Leask are busily engaged in visiting and doing Bible work, which is a great assistance to the public meetings. All are of good courage.

At Portsmouth, I met some of the faithful Sabbath keepers of H. M S., *Terrible*, just returned from China. There were six, and all were of good courage in the Lord, and greatly sppreciated the meetings at the tent.

My visit to Cowes was brief but pleasant. A meeting was held in the evening. The Christian influence of the Sargent family is being felt in the neighbourhood. They are faithfully holding up the s andard of truth, and doing what they can to circulate reading matter.

There was a good attendance at the meeting in Southampton, some coming over from Woolston. This is the second largest of our churches in the Kingdom, and with such a large number, what might not be wrought for God if every member were a *worker*, actively engaged in missionary effort?

The sturdy little company at Plymouth is making steady growth, and I was pleased to learn of a new family which has just embraced the truth. The meeting, held Thursday night, September 25th, under the auspices of the Good Health League, was well attended, the large hall being full. The regular meetings of the League have been very successful, and much interest is being taken in the food and treatment demonstrations. The circulation of Good Health has also received attention, and the magazine has been the means of making mauy friends. A, B. OLSEN.

[Since the foregoing was written, the tentmeetings have closed, and meetings are now being held in Victoria Hall, with the interest steadily maintained. Brother Champness writes that the collections are the largest that he has ever known at any meetings he has held.—ED.]

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THE school is gradually increasing in size, the attendance now, since the arrival of the students from America, being fifty-two. This growth is most encouraging; but if any others are thinking of attending, they should enter at once, as the classes will soon be too far advanced for them to join with profit.

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The editors of *Present Truth* are already planning for the Holiday Number, and it is to be hoped that the agents are also preparing for it. What cau they do to prepare for it?—They can sell au increasing number of the paper week by week, so that when the Holiday Number comes, it will not require so much extra effort to give it a larger circulation than any number has ever yet had, which is what we hope for.

WE do not suggest that those who handle the papers should put forth "an extra effort" any week; for this implies that they will not do so much the next week. Bather would we exhort them to do their best every week, and to study to see how each week they can do a little more than the week before. Experience ought to bring increased ability, and increasing knowledge of the truth, increased zeal.

Two questions, one about communication with spirits, and the other about the new earth, will be answered in the "Private Corner" of the *Present Truth* next week. The answers to these two questions will cover some very important features of truth, and agents will doubtless wish to exert themselves to the utmost to get the paper into the hands of the people. Other matter of equal interest and importance will not be lacking.

LAST week a party of earnest and zealous worke a landed in London from America. Five of them, namely, Brother and Sister Jensen, Brother and Sister Nethery, and Mrs. Asay, have come to join the school, preparatory to engaging in the work in Great B itain or to passing on to some other part of the Empire if necessary. We are heartily glad to welcome this new accession

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to the ranks of our workers. Two others were in the company, namely, Brother Morse and Miss Blodgett, who, after a short stay in London will proceed respectively to France and South Africa.

ECHOES FROM THE SCHOOL.

THE Advanced Bible Class of the College, which, by the influx of the new students from America, now numbers about twenty, met on Saturday evening at Brother Waggoner's house. Thus the members were enabled to become better acquainted with one another, and opportunity was given for going somewhat deeper into truths covered in the Bible studies, than, the shortness and preciousness of the class time allows.

The questions raised by the students, and answered by Brother Waggoner, brought out in beautiful clearness the purpose of God concerning this earth, and its final accomplishment. Among the questions were the following :---

"Did the promises to Abraham have any temporal application?

"Was it possible for Satan to give Christ the kingdoms of this world, and was it in this fact that the temptation lay?",

"Is it not a good thing that the Jews did not fulfil the conditions on which Old Jerusalem would have stood for ever, as prophesied by Jsremiah, since the New Jerusalem will be so much more gloricus?"

"If the Israelites had been faithful when God led them out of Egypt, so that God could accomplish the purpose that He had to evangelize the world through them, and renew the earth, where would the Cross have come in ?"

These are but a few of the interesting questions raised. Would you like to know the answers? If so, watch the Editor's Corner of *Present Truth* carefully each week, and you will learn.

E. E. Adams

AT Toronto there were recently gathered 2,000 students belonging to the Volunteer Movement in behalf of foreign missions. They are working in the colleges, to enlist young men and women in the great work of evangelising the world. One of the missionaries in his talk expressed this beautiful truth :

"Jesus Christ is the response of God to the needs of a lost world; and personal service is the response of a man to the love of God working within him, in behalf of those same needs."

The acts in both cases are the same, but through different channels. Jesus Christ is the gift of God direct; personal service is the expression of the same love going through the saved child. Therefore personal service must be as expensive as salvation, for it is the response of the soul to the needs of the lost world. E. R. PALMER