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"KNOWING ourselves, our world,—our task so great,
Our time so brief,—'tis clear, if we refuse
The means so limited, the tools so rude,
To execute our purpose, life will fleet,
And we shall fade, and leave our task undone."

Scotland and Ireland.

I LEFT London January 10th, to attend the Workers' Institute at Glasgow. This meeting proved to be a very interesting and profitable occasion. Nearly all the workers of the Scottish Mission were present, and the Spirit of the Lord was manifested in a very marked manner. Every day was filled up with earnest work. At nine o'clock in the morning, we engaged in a season of devotion and prayer, and testimonies. From ten to eleven, a line of instruction was taken up. The workers went into the city from eleven to four, selling books and papers. At four o'clock we gathered again for the study of the work, and our relation to it. There was also another study at half past five, and a discourse at half past seven.

I was greatly pleased to see the spirit of unity and courage which characterised the meeting as a whole, and every individual in particular. Brother W. C. Sisley came on Friday, January 15th, and remained until the close of the meeting. On Sabbath, eight souls followed the Lord in baptism, and fifteen united with the church.

Our meetings closed on Sunday night, and the workers returned to their fields with renewed courage, strengthened faith, and with a spirit of determination and perseverance that will certainly bring results.

Brother Ritchie and his family had moved from Kirkaldy to Glasgow just before the meeting was begun. His plan is to hold a series of meetings to strengthen and advance the work at Glasgow. Other aggressive work is being planned in Scotland for the coming year.

At the close of our good meetings on Sabbath, I went to Kirkaldy, and had the privilege of speaking to the friends there on Sunday after-

noon and evening. I was pleased to see how the Lord has worked in this place.

Ballyclare, Ireland.

On the morning of January 20th, I arrived at Belfast, and went directly to Ballyclare, where the effort in Ireland has been centred during the past season. I was glad to find the workers there of good courage, and was greatly pleased to see the results of the effort put forth. The work in Ballyclare encountered many difficulties from the very beginning. There was most bitter prejudice, and the meetings were thinly attended, but the brethren earnestly sought the Lord, and the people began to attend.

Then the opposition took another form. Professor Dick, a popular man in the north of Ireland, decided to oppose the truth publicly in Ballyclare. He did so, and the whole place was stirred. He also made two other efforts, but these, instead of resulting in an injury to the work, were turned into blessings. A marvellous circumstance was that though Professor Dick denounced our work as heresy, yet at the close of his first lecture, he admitted that there was no scriptural authority for the observance of the first day of the week. This astonished his own people, and some who had not attended our meetings decided that if there were no scriptural authority for Sunday, they should turn and keep the day that God had appointed. This opposition opened the way for a further presentation of truth by Elder Hutchinson, and the Lord has greatly blessed.

I spent a week with the friends in Ireland, and found the friends and workers all of good courage. I enjoyed my visit very much. At the time of my arrival, they had moved the tabernacle to another part of the town, where meetings have been opened. Another tabernacle has also been erected, and meetings started at Ballynure, a place about three miles from Ballyclare. While there are many difficulties to be met, still the Lord is opening the way, and gathering in souls for the kingdom of God.

Returning to England, I came by way of Dublin. I only had a few hours there. I met Doctor Thomason and family, who are making special preparations for entering the medical work, probably in South Africa; and also Brethren Murphy and Jones, who have begun the circulation of health literature in Dublin. We all wish them the best of success. We are anxious for the message to find a foothold in this important centre. May the Lord speed the message, and bring the glorious consummation.

O. A. OLSEN.

South England Conference.

Balham.

FOR some time in the past I have been meeting with the friends at Balham as often as possible, and I am pleased to report that we have enjoyed much of God's blessing as we have engaged in seeking the Lord, and studying His Word. The truth has shone brighter and more clearly than ever before, and the friends have been greatly strengthened in faith. Unity and harmony prevail, and the outlook for the work here is very bright.

Sabbath, February 6th, after a study of the church, its calling, position and responsibility, the believers entered into a more perfect organisation. The presence of the Lord was very manifest, and the joy of the Holy Spirit beamed on every countenance. Twenty-two persons united in church fellowship. Brethren Thomas and Clements were elected elders, and Brother Hodgskin deacon, and the three were set apart by prayer and the laying on of hands. Sister Butcher was chosen treasurer, Sister Maud Goldsack church clerk, and Sister Flora Samson librarian. There are quite a number more who will unite as soon as they can meet with the church.

During the past few years there have been so many changes, and so many have removed to other parts, that the original membership has been quite changed. This made it necessary to have a reorganisation, that we might get a better understanding of the situation and the work.

I feel greatly encouraged over the outlook at Balham. There is no reason why the work should not take a new start and go forward, and many be added to the number there who will be saved in God's kingdom. May the Lord's blessing continue with the brethren and sisters there.

O. A. OLSEN.

Portland, Dorset.

DURING my canvass of Portland, I met with many interesting experiences. I feel that the Lord went before me and gave me favour among the people. I met with several sincere Christian families who were anxious to learn more of the truth than they had known. I was well treated during my work there, with one or two exceptions, which, of course, we must always expect.

One day, after showing a lady "Christ Our Saviour," she said, "Have you a book that would help my husband in public speaking?" Having an extra copy of "Christ's Object Lessons," I showed it to her, and after glancing through it, she bought it. A short conversation followed, in which I mentioned "Bible Readings." She was anxious to see a copy, so the next morning I took to her house a gilt copy. She had been telling her husband about it, and asked me to call at dinner-time. When I returned, she took that book also. A week later the lady expressed their delight with both books, and asked me to spend an evening with them. I accepted, and this gave opportunities for many questions respecting the state of the dead and other questions. They showed a deep interest, and I believe they want to know just what the Bible teaches. May the Lord lead them out to obey His truth for this time.

Weymouth.

THOMAS BRIGGS.

Canvassing Experience.

IF all the interesting and amusing experiences which the canvasser meets in his work were written down, they would form a very entertaining book. It has occurred to me to jot down a few incidents for the readers of the WORKER.

While out with a Christmas number, a kind-hearted lady said to the little girl who came to the door, "Give the poor man a penny." He having received the penny and passed in the paper, she said, "Take back the paper; it may be you can sell it to someone else." But no, the canvasser was not working just for the penny.

One gentleman remarked, "You won't get bread and cheese off this; supposing I take two." The agent said that it was not just the bread and cheese he desired. "No!" chimed in the wife, "it is the good you can do."

Another motherly-looking lady said, as she came with the penny, "You look quite respectable. You are not doing this for a living, are you? It seems so trifling." One old lady was very much put out because I had sold her a paper

and had given one to a poor old man who lived near her. She came running after me and wanted her penny back; she did not like to be "bested."

Brother and Sister McGregor are working at Exeter, and find many copies of "Patriarchs and Prophets," which were sold a number of years ago. One man told them he would not take thirty shillings for his. Sister McGregor called with the *Present Truth* on a lady who had the same book, and was told of a young man who had been waiting for eighteen months to secure a copy, having searched up and down the city to find one. This man had lodged at this particular house, and had tried to buy the book of the lady, but she refused to sell it. He borrowed the book one day, and the landlady thought he meant to keep it, and they got so much worked up over it, that he left the place. Sister McGregor had the pleasure of supplying him with a copy.

We find our books in many unexpected places, and more or less in nearly every town we enter. May the Lord add His blessing to this good seed which has been sown, and bring a glorious harvest from it into His kingdom.

G. W. BAILEY.

North England Conference.

Spalding.

THE other day it was my lot to call on a very nice couple with "Bible Readings." They were much interested in the book, but were not able to take a copy. There were three little children about, with whom I began talking about the life of Christ. When I told them I had a book telling about it, they wanted me to show it to them, which I did. The father took the book in his hands, and began looking at the pictures with the children, who were soon clapping their hands and telling how nice Jesus was. One even began to cry for the book, and before I left, the father bought it for his little ones.

I am of good courage in the Lord, and He is greatly blessing me in His work.

J. H. BLACKAMORE.

Birkenhead.

JANUARY 28th I was privileged to organise a church in Birkenhead of twelve members. The Lord blessed in the meeting, which was held in the evening at Sister Cunningham's home. The work was started in Birkenhead

quite a number of years ago, where different workers have spent a short time; but the work has never been followed up to any great length. Brother Drew lived there for a number of years, but as his time was occupied with the ship mission work, he could give but little time to aggressive work in the town. His faithful services, however, combined with the efforts of others, has resulted in bringing out a few faithful believers, a few of whom still remain, and were organised into a church. All present seemed to think that the step taken was a decided move forward, and, with some assistance that we hope to give them in the near future, the work in Birkenhead will take on a new spiritual life. Two asked for baptism at the time of the organisation, which Brother Haughey, who will visit them frequently, will administer soon.

Manchester.

Friday, January 29th, I went over to Manchester, remaining until Sunday, where another church was organised with a membership of thirty-six. Sabbath forenoon, Brother Haughey baptized fifteen willing souls, and in the afternoon we met for the organisation of the church. The Lord came very near upon this occasion, and all were made to realise His presence in a marked degree. Brother Haughey will report the organisation of the church more fully.

The Lord has manifestly blessed the labours of Elders Haughey and McCord and Sister Jessie Bacon, begun last summer with the tent. After the season was past, Brother McCord removed to Birmingham to take up work, while Brother Haughey continued the interest in Manchester. Sister Bacon was associated with the work there until in November, when she was called to labour for a short time in Leeds, and later to assist Brother and Sister Marchus in Nottingham. I am pleased to report a healthy growth in the work in the great city of Manchester.

E. E. ANDROSS.

Bedford.

WE quote as follows from a letter received from Brother H. A. Shorley, of Bedford:—

"The Lord has greatly blessed us during the past year, and I feel thankful to Him for the blessed privilege of carrying His precious Word to those who need it so much. I have had many trying experiences during the past year, but they have been bread for me, and strengthened my spiritual life.

"As probably you know, I am back in my native village with my father and brother and sisters, after being away for several years. I hope by the grace of God to be a blessing to them, as well as to others with whom I may come in contact. I desire your prayers to this end."

Grimsby.

I AM of good courage in the *Good Health* and *Present Truth* work. Some have told me the *Present Truth* should be printed in letters of gold. One customer says he reads it over and over again, he likes it so much. One gentleman told me it made him spend a lot of money, for among other things he had sent for a pair of boots made without leather, which he was well satisfied with. I often feel my inability to do anything; I am not so young as I once was, being turned seventy-three. The Lord always helps, however, and the people are always ready with their pennies.

S. A. FORD.

Items.

LEEDS has lost by death one of its faithful Sabbath-keepers, in the person of Sister Marks.

THE report from Uleeby is, "Some fruit has ripened, and more can be seen developing nicely."

BROTHER MCCORD writes: "The work here [Birmingham] continues on the up-grade, for which I am truly thankful to the Lord."

WE are continually receiving orders for the *Review and Herald*, and the *Bible Training School*. The latter paper is published by Elder S. N. Haskell.

BROTHER PARSONS has now removed to Grimsby where he will continue meetings which have been conducted weekly for some time in the past. He reports a good interest. His address is, 375 Convanmore Road, Grimsby.

ONE of our isolated and rather infirm sisters writes that she has been working with the tracts by the envelope system, and orders more of them. Surely this is a good work and a means of reaching many people, who perhaps could not be reached in any other way.

THIS is an extract of a letter from an isolated sister, in regard to how she became an Adventist:—

"It was about ten years ago that I began studying the Bible, and thinking that I was the only one who

thought the seventh day was the day the Lord commanded to be kept holy. For twelve months I made the matter my daily study. During that time . . . came with the *Present Truth*, and we talked it over. Then he went away and his brother came, and we had some very good times together. At that time I was almost persuaded, and then he went away and his brother came again. That was getting towards Christmas, and it was in the first week of the New Year that I was fully persuaded that I was keeping the proper day. Then and there I gave my heart to God, and from then till now I have kept the Bible truth as far as possible."

How many such cases have come to light from time to time, and how many more there doubtless are that we do not know of! It ought to encourage us to do our best to search out the honest ones.

Financial Statement of the North England Conference,

QUARTER ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1903.

<i>Receipts.</i>	
Tithe,	283 17 3
Expense,	1 15 6
Appropriation,	147 17 10
First Day Offerings,	2 19 11
Sabbath-School Offerings,	14 1 0½
Orphans' Fund,	12 9
Gospel Extension Fund,	3 10 4
Worthy Poor Fund,	1 0 0
Reserve Fund,	5 0 0
Leicester Local Meeting,	3 15 5¾
Periodicals,	7 12 6½
Merchandise,	4 13 0½
<i>Disbursements.</i>	
Local Meeting,	7 18 0
Labourers,	380 14 1
Expense,	12 4 9½
Tithe of tithe,	8 11 7
First-Day Offerings,	1 18 1
Sabbath-School Offerings,	1 18 5½
Leicester Conference Meeting, ..	2 16 6
International Tract Society, ..	6 4½
Periodicals,	1 0 2
Merchandise,	1 15 6
Personal Accounts,	16 5 0
Cash,	41 7 1½
	£476 15 8¼ £476 15 8¼

C. H. CASTLE, *Treasurer.*

THE medical work in Japan has received another recruit, in the person of Dr. Tatsuguchi, from California, who goes to engage in self-supporting work among his own people. Two nurses, Brother and Sister Earl Rees, have also recently joined the work in that field.

THE brethren and sisters in Halifax, Nova Scotia, now rejoice in a house of worship of their own, which was dedicated January 10th.

Opening of the Leicester Sanitarium.

THE readers of the WORKER will remember that about a year ago the use of a building was very liberally offered us for a sanitarium. The offer was accepted, and steps were taken at once toward fitting the building up with suitable treatment rooms, etc.

The preparations have now been satisfactorily completed, and the formal opening took place on Monday, February 8th, at 3 p.m. The weather was very unfavourable, but to the surprise of all, the building was crowded with interested people. Many of the prominent citizens of Leicester were present, who showed a deep interest in the institution and its work.

The mayor and mayoress of Leicester had kindly consented to open the institution. In his speech, the mayor expressed his interest and sympathy for every movement that tended to ameliorate the condition of suffering mankind, and wished us the best of success. While he might not be in the fullest sympathy with all our ideas, still it was an acknowledged fact that hydrotherapy was rapidly coming to the front as a rational remedy for the many ills that mankind is subject to.

After the close of the exercises, the building was inspected, and all expressed their pleasure and high appreciation of the perfection and completeness of the arrangements.

Finally the visitors were shown into the dining-room, where a fine, hygienic lunch had been prepared. Everyone present showed his approbation by a ready participation.

May the special blessing of the great Medical Missionary constantly rest upon the institution, and those connected with it.

O. A. OLSEN.

A Sunday's Work at Wigan.

LAST Sunday morning, January 17, I left home at 8 o'clock with 120 *Present Truths*, and by 1:30 p.m., I had sold them, given the Third Angel's Message to two dear souls, and strewn the cars with literature. I spent the afternoon with a brother who has begun to keep the Sabbath, and on my way home again distributed tracts in the car. As this led me to stand, it gave me an opportunity with the Sword of the Spirit in my hand to give the company the message. Among the passengers were two ministers. On my way I also called on a friend with some back numbers of the *Signs of the Times*. He asked me in, and this led to a Bible

study of five and a half hours' length. The friends saw the truth, and promised to attend our meetings in Central Hall. I reached home at 10:40 p.m., after talking nearly fourteen hours.

It is with a heart overflowing with joy that I write these experiences, that I wonder that He called such a fallen sinner to carry such a glorious message to a dying world of sin. I have seen six dear souls obey the truth, and feel that if all the realms of nature were mine, it would be an offering too small for His love to me.

I give the dear Lord all the praise and glory. Cheer up, dear brethren, the "time" is at hand.

T. NICHOLSON.

Our Health Work.

WE have received a letter from Sister McPherson, of Nottingham, which we believe will be of interest to our readers, and we therefore quote the following paragraphs:—

"In my paper work I do not stay long enough to say what I would like, but I ask the Lord to impress the people with the reading. I have made many friends among my readers. They treat me very kindly, and I am sure the Lord is close beside me. I do not see much fruit yet, but the sower does not look for his crop until the harvest. I want to have a few sheaves then. I will do the best I can, for the Lord has done much for me. My health is excellent. I take care of my body, and live up to all the light that I have.

"I am sure the Lord led me to Nottingham, for He has given me success from the start. I want to let my light shine that others may see. Our lives tell more than our words. My heart goes out in gratitude for His very many mercies to me, and He is no respecter of persons.

"I went out yesterday and sold 204 *Good Healths*, and carried them all at the same time. The people tell me I look well, and that there must be something in healthful living. I ask them to try it. I know now what it is to 'run and not be weary, to walk and not faint.' This gives the people confidence, knowing that I am strong. I am astonished myself at the number of hours I work. I rise early to do my reading, for I have so much to do, and the early morning I find is the best, as when-rested the mind is clear."

Sister McPherson is not so young in years as many of our workers, but we believe she has learned the secret of keeping a young heart. It is indeed true that the Lord can do great things through those who will but trust Him. As we have our hearts drawn out in sympathy for suffering humanity, we shall all realise a new supply of health and strength.

A LETTER just received from Brother Brandt contains the following item:—

"The Lord blessed me again last Sunday in selling the health paper. After conducting the Bible reading in the morning, I started at 12:30 with my *Good Healths*, and before 5 p.m. had sold 183 copies."

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WE do not mention these large numbers because numbers alone count, but rather to encourage our workers throughout the field to take larger views of the work, and to do a little more. The Lord's promise to us is, "Open your mouth wide and I will fill it." The Bible encourages us to ask large things in our prayers, and to believe that we shall receive them.

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ONLY a few days ago a couple of students were out selling *Good Health* in London in a district where it was already well-known. One of them sold a hundred copies in about five hours. The other had fifty *Good Healths* and fifty *Present Truths*. After selling the fifty *Present Truths*, she sold the fifty *Good Healths* in about two hours.

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The Canvassing Work in Scotland.

DURING the workers' meeting recently held in Glasgow, a canvassers' class was conducted each morning after devotional service. Brethren Dyer and Montieth, the two most experienced agents in the field, assisted in giving instruction, and all greatly appreciated the help received. After the close, two hours were devoted to putting the instruction into practice.

Twenty-three of our faithful canvassers were present, and the Lord came especially near and blessed. Brethren Olsen and Sisley were present, and their words of counsel and encouragement were especially appreciated. All have returned to their work with renewed courage, and we feel that there is triumph for the work in Scotland.

General Agent.

W. B. SCOTT.

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Swansea.

THE Lord has been with me the past week, and I want to bear my testimony to His goodness. Yesterday, as I was canvassing, a servant answered the call, and said the lady was ill and could not see me. So I allowed her to take my prospectus in to her mistress, and while she was gone, I stood on the door-step and lifted up my heart in prayer to the Lord. I told Him that He could go in with the prospectus, and asked Him to impress the mind of the lady that the book contained truths essential for her salvation. While my heart was yet uplifted,

the servant returned and asked me to write down the lady's name, as she wanted the book very much.

So I know that if we will do all in our power to trust the Lord for continual help, we can say, "I have seen the Lord face to face, and my life is preserved by Him." He wants us to give ourselves a willing sacrifice to His work, and then He will use us to bless others. I myself want to get nearer to Him so that He can use me better in His message. Pray for me that my faith fail not.

WM. H. OLMSTEAD.

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Obituary.

MRS. ISABELLA MARKS, wife of Henry Marks, was born in Leeds, 1834. For many years she was connected with the Church of England. She made that her church home, yet there was a continual hungering and thirsting after righteousness.

It was my privilege about ten months ago to call, as an evangelistic canvasser, with my prospectus of "Great Controversy." I took her order at her home in Hull, and noticed an instant longing in her soul for more light through the Word of God. When I returned home that noon I remarked to Mrs. Brandt that I had met a dear old lady whom I believed God was going to bring fully into the truth. We bowed in prayer, asking God to grant this.

Shortly after this, she removed to her birth-place, Leeds. She attended Bible studies conducted by Miss Bacon and myself, and embraced the Bible Sabbath and other truths.

While she had not formally become a member, she was fully in harmony with all the light she had received. Many times she wept over her open Bible, thanking God for such a wonderful Saviour and the new beauty in which the precious Word appeared.

About twenty-four hours before her death she gave utterance to the following precious sentence: "In Christ I live, in Christ I die, I am His, and He is mine." She fell peacefully asleep in Jesus the 27th of January, 1904, having passed seventy years by three months.

Mrs Marks was a widow, and leaves one son. She was laid to rest beside our girl, whose funeral she attended only a few weeks previous. Her own testimony afforded comfort from Rev. xiv. 13, which formed a basis for remarks.

While my experience is included in the above notice, I will add that we are all of good courage here. Many are growing stronger, and we believe are being built up into Christ. Our watchword is "Onward, ever onward."

Leeds.

JOSEPH BRANDT.

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BROTHER GARFIELD SMALLEY has joined the school work in Bonacca, Honduras, Central America.

OUR school at Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands, has the very encouraging attendance of about fifty students. In addition, an evening class of fifteen Chinese boys is being conducted.

MRS. DR. SISLEY-RICHARDS, who has recently qualified in Edinburgh for practice in British fields, is spending a few days in London. The Doctor will then go to Leicester, to take up work in our new Sanitarium there.

I AM pleased to say I am having good success and great blessing in selling *Present Truth* on Saturday nights and Sundays; in fact I am getting my living at it until my next delivery, so please send me two hundred to the above address.

T. H. BLACKAMORE.

SEVERAL most encouraging reports have been received from our brethren in the field, but owing to lack of space this issue, we have been obliged to hold these until the next paper. We thank all who have so kindly answered our requests for reports for the WORKER.

WORD is just received from Sister Bartlett, of Bridgewater, that her husband has begun to keep the Sabbath. We are sure that all will rejoice with her that the Lord has at last answered her prayers, and those of many others of our people.

THE Lord greatly helps me in the sale of *Present Truth* on Sundays. Many people question me about selling papers on that day, and I have good opportunities for testimony. I always have a tract ready to hand those who object to buying on Sunday, which explains that Sunday is not the Sabbath.

H. SWAN.

Belfast.

THE Glasgow brethren and sisters ordered 3,150 of a recent number of *Present Truth*, and their efforts are still increasing.

BROTHER HARRY ARMSTRONG writing from Calcutta, says: "We are about to establish a place for Bengali workers in Calcutta. A liberal donation has come in for this also, for which we feel thankful. My heart burns with a strong desire to see some of these native people established in the truth, that they may be pillars in this field. At the close of our General Meeting I baptized eight native converts."

MANY encouraging words come to us regarding the WORKER, and we are glad for the interest that is now being shown in its circulation. One brother writes: "I always look forward with pleasure to the coming of the helpful little paper. I have received great benefit from its pages, and it is good to know how your fellow workers are getting on in the different parts of the field. The encouraging letters that appear help us on the way." Shall not the pleasure become extended by further extending the mailing list of the WORKER? Does every brother and sister in your company have opportunity to read its pages?

THE *Present Truth* is quite as popular here in the new style as in the old. One of my customers has told me that her minister (Church of Ireland), saw it on her parlour table, and spoke of it in the highest terms, and encouraged her to take it regularly. A family who not long since left the Church of Rome, saw the *Present Truth* on their grocer's counter. They spoke to him about it, and when I called on him the next time, he asked for an extra copy. I am now calling upon them personally, and expect to take some orders, for books soon.

Belfast.

W. H. YEATES.

SITUATION wanted by young girl, as general or mother's help; a Sabbath-keeper; age 20. Address: F. Turner, 14 Glenfarg Road, Catford.

HOUSE-WORK desired in Sabbath-keeping home by a middle-aged lady, who is used to cooking and general work. Mrs. Hitchman, c/o Mr. Edward Cook, 22 Prince of Wales' Road, Kentish Town, London, N.