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Why?

WHY should we fret and worry
When clouds roll round apace?
Behind each one
Is the shining sun,
With love in his smiling face.

Often the seeds of sorrow

We sowed when the storm was near,
Afar will spread,
Ere the seed be dead,
For many a weary year.

And often the words of comfort
We scattered in falling rain,
Will climb the steep
Where the angels keep
The sheaves of the ripened grain.

-Flora E. Yergin.

Importance of Our General Camp-Meeting.

As THE time for our yearly convocation approaches, I wish to call the attention of all of our brethren and sisters to the importance of this gathering, and to urge a general attendance. One of the objects of these meetings is to promote spiritual life among our people.

"Anciently the Lord instructed His people to assemble three times a year for His worship. To these holy convocations the children of Israel came, bringing to the house of God their tithes, their sin-offerings, and their offerings of gratitude. They met to recount God's mercies, to make known His wonderful works, and to offer praise and thanksgiving to His name. And they were to unite in the sacrificial service which pointed to Christ as the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world. Thus they were to be preserved from the corrupting power of worldliness and idolatry. Faith and love and gratitude were to be kept alive in their hearts, and through their association together in this sacred service, they were to be bound closer to God and to one another."—Testimonies, Vol. VI, No. xxxiv. p. 39.

Again, these meetings are among the most effective methods of arresting the attention of the people, and reaching all classes with the Gospel invitation. All who are in attendance can do something towards bringing to those not of our faith the precious truths that have done so much for us.

Not only the Conference workers have a responsibility in this matter, but the rank and

file of our people should be co-workers with Christ at these meetings. When only a few of the warriors of Israel went up against the enemy they were defeated; but when there was a united effort by all the hosts of the Lord, glorious victory was their reward. In the yearly convocations of Israel, not only the men, but the women and children assembled, joined in the services, and rejoiced in the blessings given.

The 'needs of God's people are the same today; the means of grace are similar. Shall we not gladly fulfil the conditions upon which the promised blessings are conditioned?

"Some will say: 'It is expensive to travel, and it would be better for us to save the money, and give it for the advancement of the work where it is so much needed.' Do not reason in this way; God calls upon you to take your place among the rank and file of His people. Strengthen the meeting all you possibly can by being present with your families. Put forth extra exertion to attend the gathering of God's people.

"Brethren and sisters, it would be far better for you to let your business suffer than to neglect the opportunity of hearing the message God has for you. Make no excuse that will keep you from gaining every spiritual advantage possible. You need every ray of light. You need to become qualified to give a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear. You cannot afford to lose one such privilege."—Id.

Let these earnest words of counsel from God's servant have due weight in our considerations concerning the general meeting.

At this meeting will be consecrated men and women whom God will use to instruct in spiritual things. Workers' meetings will be held which none of our workers can afford to miss. Meetings for parents, for the youth, and for the children are provided for. Every effort will be made by those in charge to make this meeting a most profitable occasion. But the best results can be attained only by the united co-operation of all of our people. Best of all, our blessed Saviour will meet with us; the Holy Spirit will be present to sanctify hearts, and to give us courage to meet the conflicts of life. Let all begin now to plan for this meeting, and to pray for its success.

W. H. WAKEHAM.

The General Meeting. Nottingham, August 2-11.

NOTTINGHAM is situated in the North England Conference very near the geographical centre of England, and is quite easily reached from all parts by the various railways passing through. It is regarded as one of the best kept towns in England, and has many points of interest, chief among which is the River Trent which winds its way gracefully through the suburbs of the town. The corporation has expended many thousands of pounds in building the Victoria Embankment, which extends along the river front a distance of one and a quarter miles, somewhat in the shape of a horseshoe, and makes a very beautiful promenade. Thousands of people throng the Embankment upon every possible occasion, The excellent opportunities for boating constitute one of its chief attractions.

A beautiful field lying in the bend of the river, within two minutes' walk of the Embankment, has been secured for the General Meeting. In some ways this is a superior location to any that we have had in the past. The proximity to this beautiful water front will afford an excellent opportunity for rest and recreation, and will serve as a splendid advertisement for the truth, while the field is sufficiently retired to enable us to conduct our services in quiet. A beautiful open stretch of country lies on one side, while a vast population lies close at hand on the other.

Apartments.

We shall be able to secure apartments at a very reasonable rate, but all who desire rooms should write to Brother A. Cheesbrough, 78 Gregory Boulevard, Nottingham, who will have a list of available rooms. This should be done at an early date, that he may know just what will be required and in order to secure accommodation near the grounds.

Dining Tent.

Brother Brandt, as usual, will have charge of the culinary department, and this will insure good food, well prepared in a hygienic manner. Meals will be served as cheaply as possible.

How to Reach the Grounds.

Electric trams running direct to Trent Bridge (three minutes from the field) pass every railway station in Nottingham.

From Victoria, the principal station for the Great Northern and Great Central Railways, take a 2d. tram to Trent Bridge, or walk to

Market Place (about five minutes) and take a 1d. car.

From London Road, Great Northern High Level, London Road, London and North Western Low Level, Arkwright Street, Great Central, and Midland stations, take a 1d. tram to Trent Bridge.

On arriving at Trent Bridge, walk along the Victoria Embankment to the right for about two minutes, and the tents will be seen.

Railway Rates.

The usual reduced rates, consisting of a fare and a quarter, return, over all the railways has been secured. Early application should be made to the church clerk, or Brother A. Bacon, 451 Holloway Road, London, N., for a certificate that will enable the holder to purchase a ticket at the above rate. These are available either way at any time from July 30th to August 15th.

Cheap half-day excursions are run between London and Nottingham either way, each Sunday and Thursday by the Midland, Great Northern, and Great Central Railways. Return fares, 4/3. These excursions are also running from Nottingham to London. E. E. Andross.

To the Workers.

In view of the difficulty in obtaining apartments in Coventry, it has been deemed advisable to hold the Camp-meeting in Nottingham. This morning, in company with Elder Andross, I looked at the proposed site. I feel like urging our people generally to attend the Camp-meeting. As the perils of the last days thicken about us we need more and more to go aside and commune with God and with those of like precious faith. The Lord would have us lay aside our cares and ordinary duties, and plan to meet together where we may unitedly seek His Spirit and power.

I would suggest that all begin to plan at once, and as you plan pray that the God of all grace may assist you to attend the meeting. This annual feast is something you cannot afford to miss, for I am sure the Lord will place before us a bountiful supply of heavenly manna. As we draw near the end our annual convocations become more important, so that beyond doubt this will be in many respects the most important meeting ever held in Great Britain.

Come, brethren and sisters, to this general meeting that you may have your spiritual strength renewed and your zeal rekindled, so that with greater earnestness and power you may devote your life to the proclamation of this glorious Message. I trust that the Lord may impress our hearts with the importance of earnestly seeking Him at this time, that we may be prepared for whatever He may have in store for us.

W. D. MacLay.

British East Africa.-III.

In 1886 the Imperial British East African Association was formed to work the concessions granted by the Sultan of Zanzibar. Two years afterwards this association was granted by the British Government a charter of administrative rights, so that it might successfully work these concessions. This charter was an absolute necessity, as the officers of the company found the country in great disorder. Tribes were fighting tribes, and the Arabs were carrying on a brisk slave trade. This internal strife threatened to exterminate the whole population.

The company at once set out to bring order out of this chaos, and for the welfare of the country they did this by peaceful means. But not only did they have the country covered by the concessions, but they were also asked by the British Government to straighten out the trouble in Uganda. The immense cost of this pioneer work was too much for a mere company, and in 1895 Great Britain took over the charter and concessions; not, however, before the company had quelled the disturbances in Uganda, and made surveys for a railroad from Mombasa to Lake Victoria.

The Bill, although vigorously opposed, passed Parliament in 1895. And indeed it was greatly A large population on the borders of needed. the lake demanded an outlet to the sea. But the way led for nearly 600 miles through forests. deserts, swamps, high mountains and low valleys. These were inhabited by warlike tribes—by one especially, the Masai, whose hand was against every man. Not only unfriendly natives had to be contended with, but also wild, ferocious animals. At one place alone no fewer than twentysix natives fell a prey to man-eating lions. finally in 1902 this great task was finished, and from that date British East Africa has made great progress.

When the British Government first took charge of affairs they divided the country into the Uganda Protectorate and the British East African Protectorate. At that time Kisumu Province, the one in which our station is situated, was included in the first, but has since been transferred to British East Africa.

When the company first began to work four

months were consumed in getting from Mombasa to the lake. Many of those who started on their journey never reached their destination; many were never heard of again. On our journey, instead of being four months, we shall be only two days. Instead of having to go on foot or be carried by natives a few miles a day, we shall be carried along in comfortable cars on the railroad. Luggage, instead of being carried on the heads of natives, as it would have been a few years ago, will go by rail for us.

Is not this a sign of how God is working to cut short His work in righteousness? Before sending out the Third Angel's Message to the heart of Africa, He has provided a quick way of carrying workers to where they are needed. And we thank God that He is allowing us to live in this generation, the one that is looking and working for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Dear friends, we ask you to remember us before the throne of grace, that we may have health, strength, and courage as we go into the heart of Africa.

Delmar Baker.

Our Work in Wales.

Notes.

On Thursday, June 27th, I visited Brother and Sister Buchman in the Bible van at Pontypool, and found them of excellent courage, with their hands full of work. They very much enjoy living in their home on wheels, and find it helps them in getting into the homes of the people. They both have all they can do to give Bible studies to those who are interested. Brother Buchman has regular appointments with men at These men work at night and this early hour is the best time they have for study. One man has taken his stand for the truth there, and others will no doubt follow soon. They conduct meetings from the van platform every Sunday night, and a good interest is manifested.

On Friday, I went to Ebbw Vale, and conducted a meeting with some candidates for baptism in the home of Brother and Sister Morgan. This was a blessed service to all. On Sabbath morning I had the privilege of baptizing four good souls in the Brynhyfryd Baptist chapel. A number of the friends being present from the Abertillery church, we spent a very pleasant day, and our hearts were made glad to see others added to the fold.

Friday, July 5th, I spent with the church at Pontypridd, where we held our quarterly meeting. After the election of officers we celebrated the ordinances. This church, which includes the company from the Aberdare district, have received four new members during the quarter, for which we are all truly thankful, and we pray that they may be kept faithful unto the end.

Brethren Ford and Davies are still working on Sundays with the "Our Day" series, and have nearly sold their fourteenth thousand in the district in little more than twelve months. This is an average of about 1,000 per month. Why cannot many more of our brethren take hold of this work? It will not only be the means of getting good literature into the homes of the people, but it brings money into the brethren's hands which enables them to pay their tithe faithfully, and have some left for offerings, too. I believe this is one of the ways that will help us to scatter our tracts "like leaves of autumn."

The work in the tents is onward, and we look forward to seeing some precious souls obey the truth. The brethren in Pembroke Dock are presenting the Sabbath truth in the meetings to-day (Sunday 7th). They still report a good interest, but also find the enemy very wrath, and working hard to destroy the progress of the work there. The brethren, however, are of good courage, believing that God who is with them is greater than he who is against them.

As the time is drawing near for our annual Camp-meeting, let us urge all who can possibly attend to do so. Let us also pray that much of God's blessing may come upon that meeting. Let us prepare our own hearts, and seek for the outpouring of the latter rain, that it may come upon every one in the field. Sacrifices may have to be made, but, brethren, it will pay to make sacrifices in order to attend this "feast of tabernacles." It is the time when God calls His people of the British Union Conference together for a season of refreshing. Come to talk of God's great goodness to you during the past year, and listen to others as they tell of their good experiences. Let us come to build each other up in the precious truth so graciously given There is a need of pressing together. work before us is great indeed, but not greater than can be accomplished by the help of our Master.

Praying that the work throughout the whole field may receive much blessing at this time, and asking you all to remember the work in Wales in your prayers, I am, yours for service,

W. H. MEREDITH.

Bible Van.

Dear Fellow-Workers,

You may be interested to know how the work is going in connection with our Bible van. We have been here some three months now; and the Lord has given much to encourage us. We

find the people very kind and hospitable, and many doors are open for us to enter with the precious truth. Not long since I handed a little tract to a sick lady with a few words of sympathy, and a few days later, as I was passing by her door, she said to me: "Your little tract did me so much good! Won't you come in and talk with me?" The visit was greatly appreciated. I commenced to study with her, but this was not enough. She went out among her neighbours, feeble as she was, and invited them in. This has resulted in an interesting cottage meeting each evening.

My husband has gone out a little each day when it was possible with a few books and tracts, canvassing the neighbourhood. Many seemingly honest souls have been found in this way. Where we have been invited to hold cottage meetings friends have been invited in, and they, too, have asked if we would have studies with them, where they could invite their friends. One man who is always working nights was so anxious to study with us that he asked if we could not visit him in the morning before he went to bed. This has resulted in Bible studies at 7 o'clock in the morning two or three times a week.

Last Sunday morning two men came to the van at 9 o'clock to study before going to chapel. This morning (Sunday) they came again, bringing two others with them, not for argument, but each with his Bible, anxious to study something about the blessed hope. Some say that already their Bibles are becoming new and more precious to them.

All this gives us much courage, and we are convinced more and more that this is not our doing, but that it is the good Spirit of God that is doing the work. We have done very little open air work; this is not our greatest burden, believing we can accomplish more by going into the homes, speaking words of hope and cheer to the sorrowing ones, and thus finding a way to the hearts of the people. We know not how many of these dear souls will take their stand. Doubtless when the test comes some will turn back and walk no more with us. But we are sure that among them are precious jewels who will turn away from their idols to serve the living God.

We beg an interest in your prayers, that we may be able to lead these dear people on step by step until they shall keep all the commandments of the Lord, and at last stand on the sea of glass, having gained the victory over the beast and his image.

I might say in closing we enjoy living in the van. It is quite comfortable, and we find it a great help to us. The very presence of the van is a real help to us in reaching the people, and we are sure this has given us an entrance into some homes we would not have reached otherwise. We thank God for His goodness, and for the great privilege of being accounted worthy to have a part in this closing work. May the Lord keep us faithful until the work is done. Yours in the work,

North England Conference.

Our Workers and Churches.

ON my return from the General Conference Council in Gland, Switzerland, I visited Coventry to make the final arrangements for the ground which we expected to occupy for our Camp-meeting. As it was impossible to find apartments the meeting has been changed to Nottingham. For full particulars see articles on page 122.

June 5th-7th I spent at Derby and Nottingham. I found the brethren in these churches of good courage in the Lord, and earnestly trying to do their part to hasten the coming of the Saviour. June 11th I went to Newcastle, and spent a week counselling with Brethren Marchus and Ellis over the work in that district. These brethren have pitched their tent in Byker, a suburb of Newcastle, and report a growing interest.

The Heaton and Wallsend churches are in a healthy condition, and are doing aggressive work. The Young People's Society of Heaton is doing excellent work, which we would like to see emulated by our young people generally. I returned to Birmingham on the 18th, and on the 21st I left for Nevis, North Wales, to spend the week end with Sister Morgan's family. I received a most hearty welcome, and trust that my visit was a blessing to these isolated ones.

Monday morning I left Nevis for Wigan, arriving at 5.30 in the evening. Tuesday evening I met with the brethren in their hall. A good audience was present expecting to hear Brother M. E. Olsen deliver a health lecture. Brother Olsen was unable to come so the writer conducted the meeting. At the close of the health meeting, we held a business meeting of the church, and elected and ordained an elder and deacon. We also raised £11. 5s. in cash and pledges for the Watford building fund.

Wednesday morning I went on to Manchester, here I was joined by Brother Olsen. Brother Olsen gave a health talk Wednesday night in the hall occupied by the North Manchester church. The audience was not large, but a deep interest was manifested by those present in the principles of food reform.

Thursday evening Brother Olsen spoke in the tent at Newton Heath, Manchester. His subject was: "The Gospel of Health." The audience was much larger than the previous evening, and all present seemed to enjoy the talk very much. On Friday evening I preached in the tent. The company was not large, but all appeared interested in the truth which was set forth. Sabbath morning I spoke in the hall in North Manchester, and in the afternoon we celebrated the ordinances of the Lord's house. Brother Olsen met with the South Manchester church, his earnest words being much appreciated by the brethren.

Saturday night I met with the South Manchester church, and presided at their business meeting. Several matters of importance to the church were taken up and disposed of. Union and harmony prevailed in all our counsels.

Sunday evening at 6.30, I preached in the tent, my subject being the Sabbath. There was a good congregation and all seemed deeply im-Brother Olsen followed at 8 o'clock pressed. with a good, practical talk on the subject of prayer. Elder Armstrong and his co-workers are of good courage, and the outlook is favourable for a good interest being developed in Newton Heath. The young people of South Manchester have recently been organized into a Young People's Society, and are doing splendid work. During our stay in Manchester we succeeded in increasing the circulation of "Good Health" from 200 to 1,000, and raising £8 for Watford.

Monday afternoon we went to Sheffield. We were met at the station by Brother Spencer, who conducted us to his home and gave us some refreshment. A nice little company gathered to hear Brother Olsen in the evening. I am pleased to find that everywhere we go there is a real interest among the people to learn more concerning the health reform movement.

Tuesday evening we met with the Sheffield church. After the sermon we had a business meeting, and elected and ordained an elder, Brother Spencer being the one chosen for that responsible position.

Wednesday afternoon we left for Leeds, where Brother Olsen is to speak.

W. D. MACLAY.

. Canvassers' Experience Corner.

Fruit for Our Labour.

JUST a line to let you know how the Lord has blessed me the past year in the work in Bournemouth. I have just moved into Dorchester, having delivered in Bournemouth about 1,112 copies of "Our Paradise Home," besides helps and about 3,000 papers.

But the Lord not only blessed in getting the books into the homes, but gave us fruit for our labour. I have associated with me now a brother who accepted the Message while I laboured in Bournemouth. The landlord to whom I had to pay my rent every Monday evening, now shuts his shop and keeps the Sabbath with his wife and children.

Your in the Master's service,

J. GREEN.

Precious Experiences.

Dear Brethren and Sisters,

I THOUGHT I would just like to mention how good the Lord has been to me. On Monday last, June 10th, I had a delivery of forty-three copies of "Great Controversy," amounting to £18. 16s. 6d., every one of which delivered; besides this I carried two extra 7/6 copies in the trap, both of which the Lord enabled me to sell. This is most encouraging to me, as I believe it will be to all those who are labouring in a like capacity, or to others who may think of taking up this good work. The Lord has promised to be with us even unto the end, so we can claim this promise for our own, and we can say: "I will not fail, nor become discouraged."

It is wonderful what precious experiences the canvasser has as he goes into the highways and by-ways, being able to drop a word to him that is weary and cast down. Almost every day the canvasser gets this opportunity. Sister White has said that "the Lord Jesus, standing by the side of the canvassers, walking with them, is the chief worker. If we recognize Christ as the One Who is with us and prepares the way, the Holy Spirit by our side will make impressions in just the way needed." May God incline us all then to press forward, knowing that the time is short, and that soon Jesus will come to claim His own: and my prayer is that we may be found faithful in that day, so that we may have a place in His kingdom, and have many sheaves to take with Yours in the Master's service. us.

H. YEATES.

A Wonderful Book.

WE are glad to say that the Lord has blessed our efforts very much in this little town (Brixham, South Devon), a small fishing village with a population of about 8,000. Nearly all the men are engaged in the fishing industry. Our intention when we came here was to work with "Patriarchs and Prophets," but finding the place had been thoroughly worked with that book, we thought it best to thoroughly work the town with "Christ Our Saviour."

We have had a few very interesting experiences while working here, one of which I will relate. A lady (whose husband is the superintendent of the Wesleyan Sunday-school), as soon as I had canvassed her, took the book, "Christ Our Saviour," out of my hands and looked at the title page. I then told her that it was written by the author of that well-known book, "Patriarchs and Prophets." She immediately told me she had that book, and brought out a 9/6 edition, saying what a wonderful book it was, and how she and her husband had used it over and over again. She at once gave me an order for "Christ Our Saviour." On the whole we find the people here very nice to talk to. We have worked here just seven days, and during that time have taken fifty-nine orders for the cloth binding, besides selling a few helps.

Yours in the good work.

A. C. AND N. JOHNSON.

"Good Health" and Its Work.

Dear Brethren,

You ask us to tell you some of the encouraging experiences with "Good Health." There are so many we could not tell half of them, but I will tell you of one or two that will help to show the good the paper does. One young man who has been ill for many years, and given up by his friends a year ago, passed away last week. They say that it was through adopting "Good Health" principles that he lived so long, and more than that, he was led to Jesus through the paper, and now they are taking the "Present Truth" in, and may the Lord lead them to Him. A lady who came to live in Southampton a few weeks ago, and had been to all the paper shops to find Good Health," and could not find it, came through our street to find a man to do her gardening, and saw the "Good Health" board out, and she was glad to find it. We hope to get the "Present Truth" in as they seem good people. Some of those who have been taking the paper for years, have left off drinking and smoking, and the children look so much better. Yours in His service,

J. W. AND M. A. WARNE.

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Sunset Calendar.

FRIDAY, July 19th, 8.5 p.m. "26th, 7.57"

FROM a letter from Brother George Nickels, of Bristol, written to Elder Wakeham, we quote as follows: "We had our tent packed full of people to night [Sunday, July 7th]. Over a hundred persons were present, and listened very attentively to the sermon on the Sabbath. Quite a number have said they intend to obey. It looks as though between twelve and twenty will take their stand, perhaps even more."

Before sailing for his new field of labour, Brother Baker found it impossible to prepare the last article of his series on British East Africa. He was able, however, to write it while passing through the Mediterranean Sea and to forward it from Port Said. We hope all will read it and connect it with the two former articles, as we ought to inform ourselves on the political organization of the province, now that we have devoted our first-day offerings to that field. Brother Baker has promised future occasional articles on the people and produce of British East Africa.

Wigan.

THE work in and around Wigan continues to grow. In West Houghton and Warrington meetings have been recommenced, and there are prospects of good interests in both places. One lady has accepted the Sabbath in Wigan as a result of attending the meetings and Bible studies. Another lady who has attended the meetings regularly, and has recently opened her house for Bible studies, is deeply interested and desirous of obeying the truth. She is the wife of a prominent tradesman in Wigan, and her husband is very kindly and favourably disposed towards the truth.

Last Monday I received an invitation from the secretary of the Y.M.C.A. to address one of their meetings in Wigan. I am deeply thankful to God for these opportunities of placing His truth before the people. I ask your prayers for the progress of the work here. H. F. DEATH.

"I THANK you very much for the beautiful copy of July Good Health, which I much appreciate and am reading with great pleasure. I I think it one of the best that has been got up."

Stanborough Park Missionary College.

THE board of managers has decided to open our Missionary College at Stanborough Park, Watford, on October 2, 1907. All who are planning to attend as students this coming year should immediately correspond with the undersigned with reference to the matter, especially those who wish to do some work in part payment of their expenses, as only a limited number of such industrial students can be received.

The College cale dar, containing full information as to courses of study, fees, residences, regulations, etc., is in the press, and will be issued in time for distribution at the Campmeeting. But in the meantime I shall be very glad to hear directly from all our young people who are hoping to be with us this next year at school. It is not too early to be already planning very definitely over the matter, and putting by a few shillings or even pence each week towards defrayment of expenses while at college.

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H. CAMDEN LACEY.

In Memoriam.

SISTER ELLEN WINNARD, aged 30 years, fell asleep in Jesus, June 19, 1907. Sister Winnard joined the Wigan church April 8, 1905, and remained a faithful member until her death. circumstances which attended her illness and death were very painful. She was married to Brother Peter Winnard some six months ago, with a view to their both entering the canvass-Unfortunately, however, she was ing work. taken ill the day following her marriage, being confined to her bed with tuberculosis from that day up to the time of her death. She was a great sufferer, but was patient and resigned through it all. The writer visited her daily during the last week of her life, and was by her bedside an hour before her death. The day before she died she expressed her strong faith and confidence in God; and while we were loath to part with her, yet "we sorrow not as those without hope." H. F. DEATH.

GIRLS WANTED, to work in laundry. Apply Manageress, Central Laundry Co., Baths Buildings, North Street, Nelson.

GIRL WANTED, about 15 years of age, as help. Good home. Mrs. Welch, 308 Bury New Road, Manchester.