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A Good Year.

ACCORDING to promise we are presenting statistical reports in this number of the WORKER. Two tables of figures appear. One is for the fourth quarter of 1912, and the other is for the year.

No less than 127 new members were received in the fourth quarter, and 405 in the year, which was a much larger number than was ever received in any former single year. The net gain in membership was, for the quarter, 98, and for the year, 310. In such a good increase of membership surely we may all find reason for rejoicing. As these new members lay hold of all phases of the work with us, much strength will be manifested in the different divisions of the Union.

Very encouraging gains were made in finances also. It was our privilege at the close of the third quarter to call attention to the fact that the tithes for that quarter had passed any former record by £100. We are glad now to note that the tithes for the fourth quarter were £100 higher than those for the third quarter. The amount of tithes for the year 1912 was £6,181.19s. 1½d., or £322. 7s. 1½d. over 1911.

The Sabbath-school offerings for the fourth quarter again passed all former records. The Sabbath-schools contributed £513. 6s. 4½d. to missions during 1912, or £81. 19s. 11¾d. more than in 1911. The weekly or first-day offerings amounted to £246. 0s. 11d., or £13. 5s. 5½d. more than in 1911. The annual offerings to missions reached the good mark of £532. 17s. 1½d., or £116. 0s. 6½d. more than in 1911.

We regret to note a falling-off of £99. 2s. 5¾d. in the miscellaneous offerings to missions. But that is accounted for by the fact that in 1911 we put forth special endeavour to contribute our share of the £2,000 fund to aid the educational work in other parts of the European division. The total offerings of the Union to missions for 1912 amount to £1,433. 18s. 7½d., or £102. 17s. 6½d. more than in 1911.

We had hoped that our entire Union membership would contribute an average of fivepence a week to missions. The average really attained

by the Union as a whole was threepence. One division—the Union District—just reached the fivepenny standard. We are glad that one division of the Union can hoist the flag of victory on that matter. We trust that it may keep that banner flying from now on; and that by the end of 1913 other divisions may also have the same flag waving triumphantly. It should always be a real pleasure to us to contribute as liberally as possible to strengthen the work in the mission countries of the world, where the difficulties are great.

The records established last year are such as to give us strong assurance of better things for 1913. Especially should we be encouraged in this assurance by the increase in membership. Let old and new members be loyal and faithful, and then 1913 will make a better showing in every way than 1912.

Let us rejoice at seeing the cause of present truth gaining strength in our field.

W. J. FITZGERALD.

North England Conference.

God's Providences in Liverpool.

A FEW weeks ago we had the pleasure of a visit from Pastor Fitzgerald, the occasion being a baptismal service, at which twenty-two went forward in the ordinance. These, with two others received by vote, were admitted into church fellowship on the following Sabbath, bringing up the total added to the Liverpool church during the year by baptism and vote to thirty-five or thirty-six. Brother Fitzgerald stayed with us from Thursday to the following Sunday. The discourses on Sabbath and Sunday, especially the latter, were much appreciated.

Among the last company of converts were twelve brethren. The influx of so many men has had an appreciable effect on the tithes, which from £17 three quarters ago have jumped to £76. 8s. 3d. for the past quarter, whilst the annual offering has risen from a pound or two to £18. 9s. 11d.

The writer is happy to say that not one who has transferred his rest from the first day to the seventh has lost financially by the change. The business men report (which may seem incredible to the uninitiated in the power of God) an actual increase of business. To cite the testimony of one brother, who is a coal-merchant: "I feared that when I came out to keep the Sabbath my business would be ruined; but so far from that being the case, God has been graciously pleased to prosper it even more than before." Another, a manufacturer's agent, asked the prayers of the church that if it were God's will he might secure two more agencies that he specially desired, as then he would be able to employ one of the young men of the church. Within twenty-four hours letters came requesting him to come up to London to interview two firms relative to taking up their agencies. These were the very firms whose representation he desired to secure. It is scarcely necessary to say the journey was made, with the result that after a protracted interview, owing to difficulties presenting themselves, but which were all finally settled, their agencies were secured. To use his own words: "It was nothing short of a miracle."

And those in the employ of the corporation, including a foreman, an engineer, a shipwright, a cooper, and a decorator, are also able to testify that this Saturday Sabbath-keeping has not thrown them out of employment, nor even occasioned any loss of time. The corporation official reports that his wages have been increased since he began to keep the Sabbath. The shipwright, the nature of whose occupation makes his work of a casual character, says that since he has begun the observance of the Sabbath his work has been more regular than ever before. Here it might be said that whenever this brother has been out of work he has asked the prayers of the church that he might obtain employment. The Lord has never failed to answer, and has given him work within from one to three days. The engineer and decorator both testify that they are working overtime. Yet it must not be supposed that these brethren do not have their temptations. One brother was telling us at last Sabbath's devotional service that a sovereign was offered him if he would work the next Saturday, there being an important job in hand which the firm wanted finished. Naturally he refused; but the next Tuesday he was paid exactly that sum for only one hour's work. Thus does our kind heavenly Father reward those who are loyal to His commandments.

The writer might go on to tell of many remarkable answers to prayer made by the church at the Sabbath afternoon devotional services; but as this would trespass too much on your limited space he will refrain.

At the effort just concluding at Walton Institute some eight to a dozen good souls have taken their stand, including a fine old Scottish gentleman of independent means.

As the experiences of one or two are out of the ordinary, and as they show that Acts ii. 17, 18 is fulfilling, the writer will briefly relate them.

One lady who came for the first time to our meetings while the Sabbath was being presented, said that eighteen months before she dreamed that the angel Gabriel appeared to her. After a long conversation he beckoned her to follow him. He took her to a mission. Ever since that dream she has endeavoured to find the mission to which the angel had directed her. But not until coming to our place of worship was her quest successful. "There," said she, pointing to a chair beneath the window, "is the very chair on which I sat in my dream."

Another lady said that while attending our meetings at Walton Institute she had a dream which made a great impression on her mind. In it she saw three bright lights. The third was brighter than the others, and lighted up the whole earth with its glory. Then the lights appeared just above Walton Institute. "I have visited China and other countries," said she, "but never before have I heard such precious truths as you have been presenting here."

God by His good Spirit is working for us in this great cosmopolitan city. We all feel to praise Him for His love and mercy, and recognize that through His co-operation alone can souls be won to the truth as it is in Jesus.

The writer ought to add that Brother McAvoy was associated with the work during the summer. His labours and cheery presence were much appreciated. Sister Jackson has also done what she could to advance the interests of the work.

A. RODD.

Our Canvassers.

"A Banner Year."

LETTERS like the following are very encouraging, because they serve to illustrate the amount of service a consecrated colporteur can render the cause of Jesus.

On the 11th inst. Brother Brandt, labouring

in Northumberland, sent in this cheering report:—

“You may be interested to know that last year was a banner year with me (I had just one like it before, that was the year I went to Scotland), and that, too, in the face of being off duty during an operation which laid me aside for five weeks. I attended the British Union-Conference at Birmingham, assisted some new agents, and did a little gardening at home, so that I only canvassed forty weeks, or 1,755 hours, which works out to about forty-four hours per week. During the year I delivered £240 worth of literature. This gave me a liberal wage for the time I worked. The year has also brought me many answers to prayer, much joy in the work, and many most precious experiences. My heart is cheered, too, with the prospect of sharing in the harvest of souls that will be ours if we pray and work for those with whom we come in contact. The Lord has been good to my family as well as to myself. No canvassers need fear that their needs will not be supplied, if they will only trust in God and work faithfully.

“I have delivered 358 large books in the following styles of binding: 15 morocco, 76 library, 75 gilt, and 192 marble. You will see from the canvassers’ reports that I am using ‘Great Controversy’ and ‘Patriarchs and Prophets.’ I have met a good many people who were too poor to purchase more than one 7/6 book at a time, so they got ‘Great Controversy.’ Those who were better off, as a rule, took both books, as you will see by the following figures:—

MOROCCO.	LIBRARY.	GILT.	MARBLE.
G. C. P. P.	G. C. P. P.	G. C. P. P.	G. C. P. P.
124 68	41 34	38 38	8 8

“In addition to my large books I sold hundreds of copies of ‘Friendly Talks,’ besides small pamphlets and periodicals.

“I hope I shall not be interrupted so much in my work during this year. On Monday of last week I started for my territory on my bicycle and arrived about dark. In three and a half days I obtained orders amounting to £11. 14s., and delivered £9. 5s. worth of the same. Two persons paid me in full for the books they ordered, viz., 19s. and 22s., which seems to indicate that they consider the books well worth possessing.

“I am sure there would be more of our own people ready to engage in this good work if they only knew of the great joy that comes to those who engage in it heartily. Oh, that the sweet promises of the Saviour: ‘Lo, I am with you alway’; and ‘I will never leave thee, nor for-

sake thee,’ might become real to us, for then we shall want to engage in His glad service.”

It seems evident from this good letter that Brother Brandt has experienced the “purest joy” in his work for the Lord, as is promised in the following extract from “Manual for Canvassers” to the humble, efficient worker who obediently responds to the call of God:—

“Careless spectators may not appreciate your work or see its importance. They may think it a losing business, a life of thankless labour and self-sacrifice. But the servant of Jesus sees in it the light shining from the cross. His sacrifices appear small in comparison to those of the blessed Master, and he is glad to follow in His steps. The success of his labour affords him the purest joy and is the richest recompense for a life of patient toil.” Are there not many others who want to share in it? S. JOYCE.

A Canvasser’s Answer to Prayer.

ABOUT a month ago I had an experience which I thought would prove interesting to you.

All through the Week of Prayer I had been asking the Lord to help me to make a larger annual offering than usual, for I felt I had received many special blessings during the past year.

At the time, I was staying about twenty-one miles from home, and on Thursday morning, December 12th, I was feeling far from well, and decided to start for home on my cycle. Having only 14s. worth of books with me, I felt anxious to place them in the homes, if possible, as I was just finishing the district where I had been working for several months. I remembered five or six houses which lay on my way home, and where I had not been successful in finding the people in when I called early in the summer. So in faith I set off to call on the first one, a mile away. I sold there one copy of “Our Paradise Home” for cash, and at the second a copy of “Christ Our Saviour,” while at the third house the lady received me with great kindness, giving me orders for copies of “Christ’s Object Lessons” and “Christ Our Saviour.” The last-named place was a very large country mansion, and I received a recommendation to call and show my books to another lady about one and a half miles away who, I was given to understand, was sure to be interested. I had already called at this place twice previously, and had been refused, by the butler, all access to his mistress. Again he tried to put me off, but I asked him to convey a message to Mrs. ——— and also to take

Statement of Tithes and Offerings for the British Union Conference for Quarter Ending December 31, 1912.

NAME OF CHURCH OR COMPANY.	MCM-BER-SHIP.	TITHES.	TITHES PER CAPITA.	FIRST-DAY OFFERINGS.	SABBATH-SCHOOL OFFERINGS.	ANNUAL OFFERINGS.	MISCELLANEOUS OFFERINGS.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
North England Conference.							
Birmingham (Handsworth).....	68	40 18 1	12 10 ² / ₃	1 4 5 ¹ / ₂	1 1 6 ¹ / ₂	11 10 7 ¹ / ₂	
(Olchbury).....					4 8 ¹ / ₂		
(South).....	41	17 6 8	8 5 ¹ / ₂	3 0	14 7	1 17 6	
Blackburn.....	21	9 6 0 ¹ / ₂	8 10 ¹ / ₂	6 2 ¹ / ₂	1 0 1	1 15 5 ¹ / ₂	
Conference.....	98	93 2 1	19 9 ¹ / ₂	4 9 11 ¹ / ₂	9 5 7 ¹ / ₂	15 2 7	1 6
Darlington.....	11	3 1 2	5 6 ¹ / ₂		9 10	14 4	
Derby.....	19	4 15 0	5 0				
Grimsby.....	11	5 11 10	10 2	2 0	11 10	10 6	
Hull.....	92	36 9 8	10 3 ¹ / ₂	10 0	2 3 3	7 12 6	
Kettering.....	47	41 8 10	17 7 ¹ / ₂	13 10	2 0 6	6 19 10	1 0 0
Leeds (Armley).....	15	6 18 4	9 2 ¹ / ₂	7 11	10 4	18 6	
(Roundhay).....	27	25 16 5 ¹ / ₂	19 13 ¹ / ₂	3 8	13 6 ¹ / ₂	2 7 9 ¹ / ₂	
Leicester.....	15	10 6 9	13 9 ¹ / ₂	9 6	1 15 4 ¹ / ₂	2 18 0	
Liverpool.....	62	43 6 10	15 6 ¹ / ₂	5 0	1 19 1 ¹ / ₂	13 17 0	5 0
Manchester (North).....	18	13 13 0	15 2		1 17 8	4 15 0	
(South).....	27	35 6 11 ¹ / ₂	1 6 2	2 0 3 ¹ / ₂	3 12 6	4 7 3 ¹ / ₂	
Newcastle-on-Tyne.....	45	41 5 3 ¹ / ₂	18 4	1 0 8 ¹ / ₂	6 3 9 ¹ / ₂	8 11 7	
Nottingham.....	37	17 12 3	9 5 ¹ / ₂	4 7	1 3 6 ¹ / ₂	1 7 2	2 3 ¹ / ₂
Rushden.....	13	8 13 0	13 3 ¹ / ₂	1 0	15 6	3 0 0	
Sheffield.....	40	26 12 9 ¹ / ₂	13 3 ¹ / ₂	2 0 0	18 3	3 4 8 ¹ / ₂	
Wellingborough.....	14	6 1 2	8 7 ¹ / ₂	2 0	1 9 6	1 17 0	
Wigan.....	17	8 5 0	9 5 ¹ / ₂	13 4 ¹ / ₂	9 7 ¹ / ₂	1 7 7	
(Pemberton).....	20	1 7 10 ¹ / ₂	1 4 ¹ / ₂		11 0	14 0	
Worcester.....	48	24 2 3	10 0 ¹ / ₂	6 0	1 7 3	17 8 0	
Market Harborough.....	5					1 3 0	5 0
Ulceby.....	4	1 16 0	9 1 ¹ / ₂			2 11 9	
Middlesbrough.....	11	11 9 2	1 0 10 ¹ / ₂		1 6 0 ¹ / ₂		
Totals for Quarter.....	321	539 8 0	13 1 ¹ / ₂	13 10 0	42 2 7	116 12 8 ¹ / ₂	1 14 2 ¹ / ₂
South England Conference.							
Bath.....	47	25 7 2 ¹ / ₂	10 9 ¹ / ₂	2 8 3	1 8 8	3 0 2	£ s. d.
Bristol.....	52	27 6 11	10 6 ¹ / ₂	2 11 ¹ / ₂	3 12 9	6 2 3 ¹ / ₂	1 7 6 ¹ / ₂
Bulham.....	30	27 6 9	13 2 ¹ / ₂	17 2	1 11 9	5 0 6	
Brighton.....	36	18 33 5 ¹ / ₂	10 4 ¹ / ₂	13 7 ¹ / ₂	1 5 4	10 6 9	3 0
Castford.....	22	15 0 11 ¹ / ₂	13 8	6 8	1 0 0 ¹ / ₂	2 8 9	14 2
Caterham.....	21	16 19 9 ¹ / ₂	15 5 ¹ / ₂	2 0	1 17 9	4 5 9	
Croydon.....	22	7 19 10 ¹ / ₂	7 7 ¹ / ₂	5 2	2 0 9 ¹ / ₂	3 7 0	
Cowes.....	7						
Conference.....	100	102 15 9	1 0 6 ¹ / ₂	2 13 2	5 19 2	15 15 6	16 17 5
East Dulwich.....	32	22 18 8 ¹ / ₂	1 0 10 ¹ / ₂	1 13 2	1 8 2	2 18 4	
Hastings.....	16	1 14 11	2 0 ¹ / ₂		3 6 ¹ / ₂	5 9	
Plymouth.....	49	58 10 11	1 3 10 ¹ / ₂	2 10 1 ¹ / ₂	2 16 9 ¹ / ₂	14 14 0	
Portsmouth.....	31	9 4 3 ¹ / ₂	5 11 ¹ / ₂			1 0 0	
Southampton.....	62	2 19 10	7 3 ¹ / ₂	3 0	1 1 11 ¹ / ₂	3 11 1	10 0 ¹ / ₂
Totals for Quarter.....	517	357 19 4 ¹ / ₂	13 10	12 2 3 ¹ / ₂	24 6 0 ¹ / ₂	72 15 10 ¹ / ₂	19 12 2
Irish Mission Field.							
Banbridge.....	14	13 16 9	19 9 ¹ / ₂	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Belfast.....	27	21 17 5 ¹ / ₂	16 2 ¹ / ₂	1 2 6	2 16 4 ¹ / ₂	5 5 2	
Ballyclare.....	5	40 2 3	8 0 5 ¹ / ₂		1 11 0	3 7 6	
Dublin.....	17	19 6	1 13				
Kilmoyle.....	12	3 9 3	5 9 ¹ / ₂	13 0	13 6	3 17 0	
Glenmaquill.....					9 6		
Mission Church.....	69	41 9 1	13 9 ¹ / ₂	18 1	2 4 5	6 16 6 ¹ / ₂	
Totals for Quarter.....	144	121 14 3 ¹ / ₂	16 10 ¹ / ₂	3 1 8	8 13 3 ¹ / ₂	25 6 2 ¹ / ₂	
Welsh Conference.							
Abergavenny.....	21	11 17 9 ¹ / ₂	11 4	13 10 ¹ / ₂	5 3	2 13 3	£ s. d.
Bargoed.....	23	8 14 11 ¹ / ₂	7 7 ¹ / ₂	8 7	1 7 6 ¹ / ₂	1 2 0	
Cardiff.....	60	35 16 8	11 11 ¹ / ₂	1 11 2 ¹ / ₂		18 16 8 ¹ / ₂	
Mountain Ash.....	32	21 14 5	13 7	3 4 5	1 17 1	7 16 0	
Newport.....	52	32 4 2	12 4 ¹ / ₂	1 17 0 ¹ / ₂	1 6 10 ¹ / ₂	15 2 1	
Pembroke Dock.....	12	3 7 6	5 7 ¹ / ₂	14 0		2 12 6	
Pontypridd.....	12	9 1 8	15 1 ¹ / ₂	9 0	1 1 6	2 1 6	
Porth.....	26	16 10 7	12 8 ¹ / ₂	5 6	12 7	1 13 3	
Swansea.....	22	4 8 0	4 0		7 6	1 0 0	
Rhos.....	7	6 4 10	17 10	13 5	11 10	1 12 8	
Conference.....	27	20 11 11 ¹ / ₂	15 3	19 6	1 0 0 ¹ / ₂	1 18 6	
Miscellaneous.....							5 6
Totals for Quarter.....	394	170 12 6 ¹ / ₂	11 7 ¹ / ₂	10 16 6 ¹ / ₂	8 10 2 ¹ / ₂	56 13 5 ¹ / ₂	5 6
Scottish Conference.							
Isolated.....	24	10 14 3 ¹ / ₂	8 11 ¹ / ₂	10 8 ¹ / ₂	9 6	2 4 1	£ s. d.
Paisley.....	8	2 14 0	6 9	6 7	11 13	2 7 1	
Inverness.....	7	2 2 1	5 3	3 0	17 8 ¹ / ₂	2 3 0	
Falkirk.....	8	3 1 3	3 9	13 1	19 7	1 14 0	
Greenock.....	7	1 13 4	4 9	2 6	5 8	8 6	
Dundee.....	6	7 15 2 ¹ / ₂	1 5 10 ¹ / ₂	19 10	19 6 ¹ / ₂	2 12 4	
Cupar.....	5	3 6 0	11 0	2 6	13 4 ¹ / ₂	3 3 0	
Mauchline.....	6	10 9 9	2 1 11 ¹ / ₂	13 0	1 1 0	3 3 0	
Grieff.....	5	6 14 9	1 6 11 ¹ / ₂	11 5		4 0 0	
Langside.....	28	7 16 11 ¹ / ₂	5 7 ¹ / ₂	2 10	1 9 0	1 16 0	
Dennistoun.....	24	11 5 9 ¹ / ₂	9 4 ¹ / ₂	11 3	1 6 7	2 16 0	
Kirkcaldy.....	24	13 14 10	11 5	7 10	14 0	2 8 7	
Edinburgh.....	21	15 2 5	14 4 ¹ / ₂	18 4	1 12 3 ¹ / ₂	3 3 8	
East Wemyss.....	8	10 19 8	1 7 5 ¹ / ₂	10 1	11 1	2 6	
Students.....		7 11 6					
Miscellaneous.....		2 15 0					
Totals for Quarter.....	181	117 16 10	13 0 ¹ / ₂	6 12 11 ¹ / ₂	11 10 5 ¹ / ₂	23 16 8	
B.U.C.....							

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		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Union District.							
Edmonton.....	15	5 15 0	7 8	5 10½	9 10	1 16 1	
Forest Gate.....	27	7 0 10	5 2½	6	1 15 0	2 13 3	
North Kensington.....	42	28 7 0½	13 6	1 0 8	2 1 6	5 10 2	9 9
West Ealing.....	13	11 5 1½	17 3½	10 9	16 6	6 8 6	
Wood Green.....	58	65 7 4	1 2 6½		5 5 9	14 16 5½	
North London.....	65	105 15 7½	1 12 6½	3 15 11	10 15 8	26 2 3	2 10 10
Watford.....	131	113 3 11	17 3½	1 8 0½	17 4 2	153 1 1	1 18 6½
Southend.....	29	6 16 9½	4 8½	6 4½	1 18 10	12 0 0	
District.....	18	36 7 6	2 0 4½	9 0	2 17 6½	5 11 0	
Totals for Quarter.	398	879 19 2	19 1	7 17 1½	43 4 9½	227 18 9½	4 19 1½
Grand Totals.	2355	1687 10 2½	14 4½	54 1 1	138 7 4½	523 3 8½	26 11 0

the book for her to look through (I had only a copy of "Christ's Object Lessons" left). After a few minutes he returned with the message that his mistress desired to see me, and I was shown into the drawing-room. After explaining my work she was pleased to take the book, and asked what others I had. I had to confess that I had disposed of all but that one, but directed her attention to other books advertised in the catalogue; and before I left, ten minutes later, she had ordered books to the value of £1. 9s. to be sent by post. She told me as I was leaving how very pleased she was I had called, for she was needing just such books and did not know where to obtain them. In just two hours from starting out God gave me £1. 19s. in sales, for which I received a cheque by Sabbath morning. I felt that all the praise was due to Him alone. My prayer had been answered beyond my expectations. E. SHORT.

Canvassing and Health.

THE only thing I was at all dubious about before beginning work, was whether I had the physical strength to carry the thing through, but I have improved so much in health that I am convinced that canvassing is one of the most healthy occupations there is.

Being in God's work brings a peace that is conducive to health. All the little worries as to how to please God and yet not antagonize one's family are removed, and one can work unencumbered, devoting as many hours as one wishes to the work.

One learns to live by faith from day to day, for however glowing one's reports seem, living from home, car fares, the time taken up in delivering books, etc., means a considerable outlay, and many and many a time it means living by faith and faith alone, both for food and raiment.

I find it best to rise at a fairly early hour,

especially in the autumn when the days are short, and a cold bath (if obtainable) or a cold sponge, is an ideal tonic, bracing the mind as well as the body. Breakfast generally consists of bread and butter of some kind, an egg, and plenty of hot milk.

When canvassing in the country I find a costume with a short jacket and a light skirt less tiring to walk in than a long, heavy coat. The boots must be very thick, as there are often long tramps to be taken over wet fields. In rainy weather I wear a rubber coat, a sou'-wester, and carry a bag made of American cloth. Clothed thus I can work without having to hold up an umbrella.

I generally carry sandwiches with me if I am to be away all day, and get a glass of milk at one of the farms. An eight-hour day is long enough for the woman canvasser of average strength, although I often work ten without any appreciable discomfort. My meal at night consists of potatoes, bread and butter, a milk pudding, or fruit, and plenty of milk. Sabbath and Sunday we dine in the middle of the day, and vary the everyday menu by having an extra vegetable, or peas, beans, or lentils.

I was once asked what to do for a little boy, age six, and found his mother was giving him tea!—he gets no more. She had no idea it was injurious.

The people here are hungering and thirsting for the truth. A Bible worker in Berwickshire and one in Roxburgshire would reap a big harvest, I am sure. The people are truly ready. Many of them realize that the end is near.

MISS D. J. LEITH.

A Holiday Experience.

HAVING read with great interest in the MISSIONARY WORKER the different experiences of my elder brothers, I thought it would be helpful to some of the younger brothers who have

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		£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.												
North England Conference.																							
Birmingham (Handsworth).....	68	146	19	0	2	6	7½	5	0	3½	4	15	8½	11	10	7½	6	6					
" (Oldbury).....																							
" (South).....	41	76	15	7½	1	17	5½	18	10½		3	6	0	1	17	6		10	0				
Blackburn.....	21	21	14	10	1	0	8½	2	14	2½	3	6	5	1	15	5½							
Conference.....	98	313	18	0½	3	4	0½	18	0	7	27	3	11	15	17	1	14	2	10½				
Darlington.....	11	19	0	0½	1	14	6½				2	11	11		34	4							
Derby.....	19	32	19	7	1	14	8½	1	5	8	1	19	2										
Grimsby.....	11	21	3	2½	1	18	5½	4	9		3	0	8		10	6							
Hull.....	93	150	9	0½	1	12	8½	4	1	4	6	16	2½	8	4	6		1	14	0			
Kettering.....	47	117	17	2½	2	10	1½	2	3	10½	8	12	10	6	19	10		1	3	1			
Leeds (Armley).....	15	25	7	1½	1	13	9½	1	3	10½	1	14	6		18	6			1	6			
" (Roundhay).....	27	84	1	10½	3	2	3½	1	5	0½	3	3	10	2	7	9½			13	5½			
Leicester.....	15	45	4	1½	3	0	8½	2	9	11½	3	13	8	2	18	0			1	3	2½		
Liverpool.....	62	127	19	11½	2	1	3½	5	14	8½	7	1	11½	14	7	8				5	0		
Manchester (North).....	18	48	12	4	2	11	9½				6	6	10½	4	17	6				17	0		
" (South).....	27	123	10	9½	4	11	6½	5	13	6½	11	9	6	4	14	9½				3	0		
Market Harborough.....	5	2	3	7		8	8½				1	4	9½										
Middlesbrough.....	11	16	2	8	1	9	4				3	10	2½	2	11	9							
Newcastle-on-Tyne.....	45	145	6	4½	3	4	7	7	5	9	19	7	11	8	11	7				7	0		
Nottingham.....	37	73	4	8	1	19	7	1	14	7½	5	9	4	1	7	2			1	0	8½		
Rushden.....	18	30	7	5	2	6	8½	1	15	1	3	6	0	3	0	0				15	0		
Sheffield.....	40	90	4	4½	2	5	1½	13	0		2	19	11½	3	4	8½							
Wellingborough.....	14	35	13	11½	2	10	11½	9	0		4	8	4½	1	17	0					16	9	
Wigan.....	17	24	14	5	1	9	1	13	4½		3	17	10½	1	7	7					4	3	
" (Pemberton).....	20	11	18	3½	1	11	10½				3	2	8		14	0							
Worcester.....	48	96	11	11½	2	0	2½	8	9	9	4	10	11	17	8	0					17	6	
Ulceby.....	4	9	18	10½	2	9	8½				1	3	0	1	3	0					5	0	
Miscellaneous.....		24	15	5½				15	1												2	0	
Totals.....	821	1916	18	7	2	6	8½	70	10	7½	150	8	2	118	18	10½				25	17	10	
South England Conference.																							
Bath.....	47	91	12	5½	1	18	11½	9	0	10	4	19	7½	3	5	11				7	9	1	
Bristol.....	52	88	15	8	1	14	1½	2	2	6½	11	10	4	5	3	3½							
Bilham.....	30	162	7	11	5	8	3	3	14	7	6	13	9½	8	0	6					14	0	
Brighton.....	36	93	2	1½	3	11	8½	4	10	9½	5	9	1½	10	6	9				1	0	5½	
Cardiff.....	22	54	3	2½	2	9	2½	1	13	9½	3	19	0½	2	8	9				1	4	5	
Catford.....	42	60	16	7½	2	15	9	3	0		8	18	0	4	5	9					16	6	
Caterham.....	21	45	17	9	2	3	8½	18	0½		5	8	10½	3	7	0				1	3	6	
Croydon.....	7	4	8	3	1	2	7½				3	10	0		18	6							
Cowes.....	100	366	8	13	3	13	8½	16	15	3	21	12	9½	16	15	6				38	13	5	
Conference.....	22	92	18	2	4	4	5½	8	8	7½	6	8	5½	3	0	10				3	17	0	
East Dulwich.....	16	16	5	7½	1	0	4	9			6	3	3½	5	9								
Hastings.....	49	208	15	2	4	5	2½	9	12	0½	12	2	7½	14	14	0				8	0	4	
Plymouth.....	31	33	6	9½	1	1	6	9	0		18	6		1	0	0							
Portsmouth.....	62	122	3	7	1	19	4½	8	11	5	5	4	4	3	11	1				3	4	9½	
Totals.....	517	1441	1	5½	2	15	8½	66	15	7½	97	1	9½	77	3	7½				66	3	7	
Irish Mission Field.																							
Mission.....	69	206	7	1½	2	19	8½	3	17	4	17	7	9½	6	19	1½				2	6	6	
Belfast.....	27	87	18	7½	3	5	2½	2	18	4	6	6	11½	5	6	2					14	6	
Ballyclare.....	5	79	1	9	15	16	4				5	17	1½	3	7	6					2	0	0
Banbridge.....	14	39	5	9	2	16	1½	11	1		4	15	6½	6	0	0							
Dublin.....	17	15	2		3	5	4½	3	5	4½	9	12	8½								2	11	3
Kilmoyle.....	12	17	13	3	1	9	5	3	5	7	2	14	0½	3	17	0					1	19	0
Totals.....	144	446	1	8	3	1	11½	13	17	8½	40	14	1½	25	9	8½				9	11	3	
Welsh Conference.																							
Abergavenny.....	21	38	13	1	1	16	9½	1	16	7½	1	5	7½	2	18	3							
Bargoed.....	23	25	15	11½	1	2	5	13	7		2	18	6	1	13	0							
Cardiff.....	60	126	2	4½	2	2	0½	5	1	7	5	4	8½	18	16	8½					13	8	
Newport.....	5	117	1	3½	2	4	10	9	19	0	5	16	0	15	15	1							
Pontypridd.....	12	28	10	0	2	8	4	2	14	6	5	2	4	2	1	6							
Pembroke Dock.....	12	9	12	0	1	6	0	2	8	1	8	8	8	2	15	0							
Forth.....	26	49	2	1	1	18	0	15	10½		2	5	3	1	13	3							
Swansea.....	22	10	19	5½		9	11½				2	14	1½	1	2	6							
Mountain Ash.....	32	80	6	2½	2	10	2½	8	9	6	7	7	8	7	16	0							
Rhos.....	27	22	5	4½	3	3	7½	1	13	4	2	0	2½	1	12	8							
Conference.....	27	57	13	8	2	2	8½	1	10	5	3	1	10½	2	6	0						12	0
Totals.....	294	566	1	11	1	18	10½	35	2	6	38	4	11½	53	8	11½				1	5	8	
Scottish Conference.																							
Isolated.....	24	48	19	5	2	0	0½	3	1	7½	2	17	6½	2	4	6				1	0	0	
Faisley.....	8	11	4	11½	1	8	1½	19	2		2	9	6	2	7	1					3	1½	
Inverness.....	8	7	12	7	1	19	1	11	0		2	3	10	2	3	0					11	6	
Falkirk.....	7	11	18	11	1	14	1½	2	6	1	3	15	10	1	4	0					9	0	
Greenock.....	7	12	17	8	1	16	9½	19	2		1	6	2	8	6						7	0	
Dundee.....	6	21	1	6½	3	10	3	2	2	5½	3	15	11	2	12	4					9	0	
Cupar.....	6	17	2	11	2	17	2	10	8		3	1	4½	8	6						5	3	
Mauchline.....	5	49	18	3	9	19	8	3	2	6	4	11	9	3	3	0							
Crief.....	5	17	15	1	3	11	0	2	14	1				4	0					</			

Statement of Tithes and Offerings (Continued).

NAME OF CHURCH OR COMPANY.	MEMBER-SHIP.	TITHE.	TITHE PER CAPITA.	FIRST-DAY OFFERINGS.	SABBATH-SCHOOL OFFERINGS.	ANNUAL OFFERINGS.	MISCELLANEOUS OFFERINGS.
		£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
Union District.							
Edmonton.....	15	26 1 1	1 14 8 ²	1 3 8 ²	2 8 0	1 16 1	8 6
Forestgate.....	27	33 14 9 ³	1 4 11 ³	12 2	7 3 11 ³	2 19 3	1 6
North Kenington.....	42	114 5 2 ⁴	2 14 4 ³	3 19 1 ²	7 14 6 ³	6 9 8	1 6 11
Wood Green.....	58	143 5 7 ¹	2 9 4 ³	4 0 11	13 9 0	14 16 5 ³	3 0 4
North London.....	65	392 14 11	6 0 10	8 13 3	22 14 9 ³	26 3 8	14 8 3
Watford.....	131	419 10 0 ³	3 4 0 ³	10 14 11 ³	56 13 7 ¹	153 1 1	6 13 6
District.....	60	194 7 5	3 4 9 ³	1 18 3 ²	17 18 3 ²	23 19 6	3 11 7 ²
Totals.	398	1323 9 1 ³	3 6 6 ¹	31 2 4 ³	128 2 2 ¹	228 19 3 ³	29 10 7 ²
B.U.C.....		22 15 11		3 0 7	12 14 0		3 5 6
Grand Totals.	2355	6181 19 1 ²		246 0 11	513 6 4 ¹	532 17 1 ³	141 14 2 ³

not tried canvassing to give my experience in this work during the Christmas holidays. I am thirteen and have left school. On the 24th of December my father went to canvass Bedford, which is ten miles away, and I, not being able to go with him, as the distance was too far for me to walk, thought I would canvass the little village in which we live, Little Staughton, and all the isolated houses and farms scattered around. I started canvassing next door to where I live and sold three papers at the first four cottages. At the next house the lady gave me a penny for the paper and a penny for the missionary work. I sold twenty-five in the village. December 26th I canvassed another little village and sold twenty-three, but the floods being out, this caused me to go three miles farther round. The following day I made my way to another village, canvassing the isolated houses on my way. When about a mile from the village, after going across several fields to a farm-house, a young man gave me a ride on horseback, for which I was very thankful. Trying to get through one flood, I got over my shoe-tops in water. I am glad to say, however, that I have not taken cold. That day I sold thirty papers. December 30th I canvassed another little village, and on my way home I saw the Squire's wife in the garden with her little grandchildren, so I made my way to the lady and sold her a paper. Before I got many yards away, she sent one of the little girls after me with two nice cakes, which I enjoyed very much, as I was very tired and hungry. That day I sold sixteen. January 1st I sold nineteen, and on January 2nd, twenty-two.

I thank the Lord for helping me to sell so many in these isolated places. I have enjoyed the holiday season very much.

WALTER SIMMS.

Some Methods of Work Employed by the Disciples.

The first impulse of the truly converted soul is to carry to others the good news. How beautifully this is illustrated in the experiences of the early disciples as brought to view in the first chapter of John. Andrew first found the Lord. He went in search of Simon, and

brought him to Jesus. Philip was converted, and he in turn sought Nathanael, and through this personal ministry "an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile," became a disciple of the Master.

In the gospel record we find many encouraging incidents which show how God prepares the heart to receive the Gospel message at the same time that He sends the messenger to sow the Gospel seed. Philip was sent from Samaria down to the road that led from Jerusalem to Gaza to preach the Gospel to an Ethiopian eunuch. At the very time that Philip met the chariot, the eunuch was reading a prophecy relating to the Lord, and was questioning in his own heart the meaning of the scripture that he was reading. This afforded Philip the opportunity he sought; and beginning with that scripture, he preached to him the Lord, which resulted in the conversion and baptism of the eunuch. Acts viii.

Peter was instructed by the Lord to go to Cæsarea to preach the Gospel to Cornelius, a Roman centurion. Previous to Peter's arrival, the Lord by His Spirit had prepared the heart of the centurion to receive the instruction that Peter was sent to give. Acts x.

There are many ways of working for those outside of Christ. A study of the lives of the Master and the early disciples reveals the employment of various means and methods in order to find entrance for the truth. The Apostle Paul was a tent-maker by trade. On reaching Corinth in his travels, he found a Jew named Aquila, and his wife Priscilla. These followed the same trade that had been learned by the apostle. This created a common interest. Taking advantage of this, Paul abode with them and assisted them in their work, at the same time preaching to them the Gospel of Christ. Acts xviii. 1-4. This worthy family, in turn, after they had received the Gospel, made personal effort for others, and through their ministry Apollos, an eloquent man and mighty in the Scriptures, but knowing only the baptism of John, was instructed more perfectly in the Lord, and became an efficient labourer in the Gospel cause. Acts xviii. 24-28.

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ALL copy for the next issue should reach this office not later than Sunday, February 2nd.

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OUR readers we feel sure will be deeply interested in Brother Rodd's report of the work in Liverpool. His experiences there demonstrate that the Lord is willing to work marvellously on behalf of the bread-winners who step out in faith to keep His commandments, provided they pray much and act with heavenly wisdom and discretion.

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WE are asked to state on behalf of the International Tract Society that all business intended for them should be transacted *direct*, and not through various conference officers and other workers. If any of our people have business, say with the Union treasurer and the Tract Society at the same time, they should communicate with each separately. It frequently happens, too, that the editorial department receives letters containing business communications obviously intended for either the Union treasurer or Tract Society. Sometimes, also, when an office worker happens to be abroad among the churches over the weekend, he is approached by church officers and others, and asked to attend to this or that matter of business when he returns to Stanborough Park. These indirect and unbusiness-like methods are liable to cause, and do occasion, much inconvenience to all concerned. Moreover, we think it is rather unkind to burden busy men with such details, especially at a time when they are seeking to free their minds for a short time from the labours of the week.

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THE children's missionary rally which was mentioned in our last issue as having taken place on Sunday evening, January 5th, in the Co-Operative Hall, Watford, was repeated at the College Chapel before a full audience composed of students and friends and patients and nurses from the Stanborough Park Sanitarium, on Saturday evening, January 18th. All were well pleased with the exercises given, and a collection of over ten shillings was taken up to give the

little ones a start in their missionary funds to be gathered during the coming year.

When God Exposes Men.

WE may well "go slow" in publicly denouncing men whose lives seem to be dishonouring their profession of Christ. An experienced minister once said to a friend who was considering letting certain facts be known about another minister who was not doing right: "When God gets ready to expose that man, He'll do it with a minimum of harm to the church. If you and I expose him, we'll do it with a maximum of harm." It is usually easier to imagine that it is our duty to expose others' wrong-doing than to know that God lays this duty upon us.—*Sunday-School Times.*

Obituary.

GUNN.—At 8.50 on Sunday evening, January 5th, our dear brother, David Gunn, of Kirkcaldy, fell asleep in Jesus. For the last six and a half years he had been unable to work, and for the most of that time he was a complete invalid. He was at times a great sufferer. He accepted the truth about nine years ago, under the labours of Elder A. Ritchie. Having borne responsibility for a number of years in the Evangelical Union Church, of which he was formerly a member, he was well fitted for service in connection with our Kirkcaldy church. For some time he faithfully discharged his duty both as deacon and elder of this church. Through all his sufferings his faith never wavered. To the last his chief concern was the welfare of the church and the advancement of the Message. His straightforward, steadfast character won the respect of all who knew him. He was conscious to the last, and passed away very peacefully in the full hope and assurance of a part in the first resurrection. We know the hearts of all will go out in sympathy to his companion and two sons in this dark hour. The funeral services were conducted by the writer, and on Wednesday afternoon, January 8th, we laid him to rest in the presence of a goodly number of relatives and friends, among whom, it was significant to note, was the minister of the Evangelical Union Church with which he was once-connected. A. E. BACON.

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