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Now!

"If you've any task to do,
Let me whisper, friend, to you,
Do it.

"If you've anything to say,
True and needed, yea or nay,
Say it.

"If you've anything to love
As a blessing from above,
Love it.

"If you've anything to give,
That another's joy may live,
Give it."

Our President's Page.

Week of Prayer at Stanborough Park and Ministerial Institute.

THE writer spent the entire week of prayer labouring in connection with the church and institutions at Stanborough Park. Most of the week five meetings were held each day. The employees of the publishing house and food factory united each morning in a meeting from 7.20 to 8. The nine o'clock chapel period was used at the college and the sanitarium family met each afternoon at 3 o'clock. A general meeting for all was held in the evening at 7 o'clock in the college and this was usually followed by an inquiry meeting. The spiritual interest deepened with each passing day and was sustained to the closing meeting. A number who were deeply burdened found pardon and peace in believing, and, judging by the testimonies given, all were greatly blessed and helped in their Christian experiences. Twenty-two handed in their names for baptism. This with the fourteen who were baptized about six weeks ago represents some of the blessings which the outpouring of the Holy Spirit brought to Stanborough Park. The annual offering amounted to £47 15s. 1½d. The Ingathering Campaign by the members of this church brought in over £70, so the goal of 10/- per member was fully reached.

At this writing (Dec. 16.) the conference labourers of the British Union are assembled at Birmingham in attendance at the Ministerial Institute which opened Thursday evening, Dec. 13th. A full account of this important gathering will appear

in the February issue of the WORKER. The Spirit of the Lord took charge of the Institute from the very first and is guiding and teaching us and unifying our hearts and preparing us for the effective proclamation of the third angel's message. Sabbath, Dec. 15, was an especially helpful day. A spirit of deep consecration was awakened in our hearts and new resolutions for greater faithfulness in the work of the Lord were formed. The early morning study on the methods and principles of work adopted by the Saviour in His labours is conducted by Brother Bartlett. The writer occupies the period from 10.30 to 12.15 each day with studies on the various phases of the work of the ministry, besides evening studies on Organization, Spirit of Prophecy, etc. The afternoon hours are filled with studies on the Bible work, church work and department work and are conducted by the presidents of the conferences, Brother Edmed and the department secretaries. We have the evidence of God's presence with us in our associations and studies and we confidently believe that this gathering will mark a new era in our work in this field.

M. N. CAMPBELL.

Brother Babcock's Arrival.

OUR people will be interested to learn of the arrival of Missionary D. C. Babcock and family in England a little more than a month ago. They were compelled to leave Africa because of the serious illness of Brother Babcock who had been taken down with tropical fever and sleeping sickness. They left their field early in November on the fated steamship "Apapa" and were within three hours of their final destination when the ship was torpedoed twice and sent to the bottom with the loss of 80 lives. Bed-ridden though he was, Brother Babcock was taken to the life-boat and with his wife and three children were rescued from the deadly peril that threatened them. Their youngest child is a babe seven months old. The other two are four and eleven years of age.

Of course, they lost everything except what they had on, and that was very little as the torpedo struck the ship at four o'clock in the morning while all the passengers were in bed sleeping soundly in the conviction that all danger was past.

The friends at Stanborough Park have done what they can to make them comfortable. Sister Babcock and the children will stay on the estate until Brother Babcock recovers his health again. He is now in a hospital in London operated by the Government for the treatment of tropical diseases. Present indications are favourable for his recovery. This is encouraging considering the serious condition he was in on his arrival here, and the exposure he suffered for hours in an open life-boat before they were rescued by a trawler and taken to port. The Lord has had a watchcare over His servant and delivered him from a perilous situation for which we are more thankful than language can express.

M. N. CAMPBELL.

Home Missionary Dept.

S. O. S.—Sure of Success.

“CAST thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days.” Eccles. xi. 1.

One reason why some experience no desire to engage in the Lord's work is that they have failed, apparently, in their past endeavours to obtain results. They had hoped to see persons take their stand for the truth, but have been repeatedly disappointed. And so they ask: “What is the use of trying? People in *this* neighbourhood do not want the Message.” The text quoted above tells us definitely that we shall see returns for our labours. Perhaps not immediately: possibly not till “many days” after the sowing of the seed; but sooner or later we shall know that the time spent in striving to win souls for the Master will not have been spent in vain. A brother who accepted the Message twelve months ago, said he used to take “Present Truth” fifteen years before. Another brother, now a minister, heard something of the Message at the age of fifteen. It was not till five years later that he saw and accepted the truth. As “the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it” (James v. 7), so we must sow the seed in faith believing that fruit will appear.

A pleasant and profitable two weeks has been spent by the writer in the South. Brighton, Portsmouth, Southampton, the Isle of Wight, Salisbury, and three of the South London churches were visited. Everywhere the blessing of the Lord was experienced, and everywhere the church members seem to be of good courage in the Lord, determined to do their part in the work of preparing a people for the coming of Jesus. In both the Harvest Ingathering Campaign and in the services of the Week of Prayer our members have received great blessings from God. May all our churches throughout the Union rally to the work. May all bear much fruit to the glory of God.

We expect a great harvest of souls during the year 1918, and many of these we believe will take their stand through our special P. T. Campaign. Let each church see to it that the number of copies ordered of the first issue in February [P. T., No. 3], averages at least *twelve copies per member*, and that the second and subsequent orders equal or exceed the first. Each order should be sent two weeks before the papers are expected to arrive. On the Home Missionary Secretary's Instructions' Card recently sent out, full particulars are given. Jesus says: “Go work to-day in My vineyard.” Matt. xxi. 28. *Let every one respond!*

F. A. SPEARING.

Pledge Cards.

For many years Pledge Cards have been used with conspicuous success in connection with the work done by various Temperance organizations in this country, and elsewhere. Very many have been helped to stand firm for the cause of total abstinence by the recollection that they had signed their names, pledging themselves, with God's help, to abstain. Similar cards have been used in connection with the Home Missionary Department of our work, for some considerable time, in the United States, and in some other countries. Several months ago it was decided that these Cards be used in this country, and in consequence of this decision some thousands have been printed by the International Tract Society. To every church and company throughout the British Isles, one of these Cards has been sent, and all elders and leaders have been asked to sign one of them, and encourage the other officers and members to follow their example. The pledge reads as follows: “Inasmuch as the Lord has said that the work of God can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work, and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers, I promise to devote some time regularly to Home Missionary work, for the purpose of winning souls to Christ, and to this end I will heartily co-operate with the plans laid by the church to accomplish its work; and in order to do my part in supplying the information and encouragement needed to bring this campaign to a successful issue, I promise to faithfully report the work I do.”

In signing the Pledge Card each one promises two things; first, to do regular work for the Master; and secondly, to report the same. Is it too much to ask our people to pledge themselves to labour in the cause of Christ? Most assuredly not! for when we first became Christians we pledged ourselves to follow our Master, *i.e.*, to do, in His strength, as He did. We may not have made a verbal or an audible pledge, but the very fact of our passing through the waters of baptism showed to the world that we were

determined to "follow His steps." In other words we took upon ourselves the yoke of service the moment we accepted Christ as our Saviour. But should we pledge ourselves to report the work we do? Yes, it is right to do even this. "God is not the author of confusion," which would certainly exist if no reports came in. He says: "Let all things be done decently and in order." 1 Cor. xiv. 33, 40. And in Jer. xlviii. 10 (margin) we read: "Cursed be he that doeth the work of the Lord negligently." In other parts of the Bible we read statements of equal force, as well as in "Testimonies for the Church." If it is right to work, and if it is right to report the work we do, it is right to *pledge ourselves* to work, and to report. The pledge which we sign will act as a perpetual reminder of the responsibility we all bear to use every means in our power—always remembering we can do nothing without Christ—to make known to others the glorious Gospel of Jesus Christ our Lord. May our dear Father in heaven abundantly bless our people in all the efforts they put forth in His name to win souls for His kingdom!

F. A. SPEARING.

North England Conference.

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Southport.

SOME time ago, when canvassing in the Southport district, I came across an elderly man in a country district who questioned me on the authority for Sunday observance. After reading some tracts I gave him on the subject, he commenced keeping the Sabbath. This man came to the meetings at Southport a few times and then seemed to drop off and I was afraid he had lost interest. But recently one of our sisters who had gone to live in his neighbourhood, came across him while she was soliciting for the Harvest Ingathering Campaign; and I was glad to receive the following news concerning him in a letter recently received from Southport:—

"We have come across Mr. Sumner at Scarisbrook, to whom you sold a book. He is keeping the Sabbath and says he would give to no other cause than the Seventh-day Adventist. Sister Roberts called and asked for a contribution to the Harvest Ingathering. She had no idea who he was, and that was what he said. Brother Andrews has visited him and invited him to our meetings. He has promised to come when the weather will permit him to ride."

"Thou knowest not whether shall prosper, this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good."

Yours in His service,

T. G. BELTON.

Good Experiences at Newcastle.

EARLY in October we had a special programme on Missionary day when 3,000 sets of the temperance

tracts were taken by the forty-four members of our church. Most of these were distributed during the same month and many good experiences resulted therefrom. A number of barriers have been broken down and good impressions made. While distributing the leaflets I came in touch with three gentlemen from Canada and U. S. A., who are at the present time carrying on the National prohibition educational campaign in this part of the country. One of the gentlemen, a Mr. Spence, spoke very highly of the good influence of our paper, "The Youth's Instructor," in America.

The Harvest Ingathering work was also heartily entered into by old and young. The 150 papers came in good time and all got to work with a will. By the time the campaign is finished they will have averaged about 6/- per copy. The church committee, in considering plans for the campaign, decided that better results would be obtained if we set a definite goal. Our decision was for the church committee to raise £12. 10s., the remainder of the church £12. 10s., and the children or junior young people's society to raise 10/-. Three thermometers showing these goals were put up. These were watched with intense interest the following few Sabbaths. As the indicator rose higher and higher, courage came to those who needed this kind of help. Two of the goal charts soon proved inadequate for the purpose as the zeal and interest rose higher and higher, "for the people had a mind to work." The children passed their goal over eleven times. They raised £5 12s. One little girl of five years brought 5/- and another of nine years 30/6. We think the results remarkable in war time. Really they are nothing less than the special manifestation of God's Spirit in these last days. "For that the leaders took the lead in Israel, for that the people offered themselves willingly, bless ye the Lord." Judges v. 2, R. V.

Ever since the Harvest Ingathering work has been taken up by us in Newcastle we have about doubled our contributions each year. This year we have more than trebled last year's amount. Over £41 has already been raised, but more is yet to come in. We have learned by experience it is good to have a definite aim, both in amount and time to get this work accomplished. Should we be spared to see another Ingathering, we hope to set aside some definite time in which we make this work our whole business.

A special Sabbath service was arranged for the presentation of the various gifts. Many interesting experiences were related, the money was dedicated by prayer to God's holy work and Heaven's blessing was earnestly invoked upon all the donors.

We have just brought the Students' Aid Fund before the church. The 100 books pledged by the committee at the North England Annual Meeting were all voluntarily taken by the members. Some members of the committee obtained a few copies in

advance and sold them very easily. These spoke of the work and of the joy they experienced in doing this for Jesus, and in a few moments the books were wrapped and handed out among the members. One little girl, nine years old, took two. In co-operating in these plans many are tasting the joy of service. May the dear Lord inspire us all to be workers indeed.

Our church has recently been favoured by a cheery visit from our field secretary, Elder Spearing.

Your brother in the joyful service,
J. BRANDT, *Missionary Secretary.*

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Brighton.

BRIGHTON, with its large population and gay pleasure-seekers has within its borders some faithful, honest souls who are desiring the truth for these last days. During the year 1917, the writer has had rich experiences in gaining an entrance into the homes of the people, and in most of these homes an interest in the things of God has surely and steadily developed.

About ten weeks ago, Brother Douglas Armstrong visited all the interested ones, and as he presented the all-important claims of the message, conviction struck home to their hearts.

On Sabbath evening, November 23rd, a baptismal service was conducted in the Brighton baths by Brother Spearing, and out of the six who have recently accepted the truth, three were ready and willing to unite with their Lord in baptism. We trust that before long, the remaining three will respond to the Gospel ordinance. Truly we can say, "Great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee."
EUNICE CUMMINS.

Southampton.

It was my privilege to spend the first part of the week of prayer with our church in Bath. The four meetings held there by the undersigned were seasons of spiritual refreshing. We had with us Brother Smith of Newcastle, who had recently been released from prison as a conscientious objector. He is stationed for the time being in Bath, awaiting the decision of the military authorities in his case. He is of good courage in the Lord, believing that all things work together for good to them that love and fear the Lord. Earnest prayers were offered on behalf of the young people of the church, that they might be savingly converted. On Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 3rd and 4th, I met with the church at Bristol. The Lord is blessing the labours of Brother and Sister Borrowdale there, and souls are accepting the truth. The latter part of the week of prayer was spent with the church at Southampton. The last Sabbath was one long to be remembered. The Lord gave grace to one brother to confess that he had wronged another. This humble confession brought tears to many eyes, and the Spirit of God

came very near, melting hearts to tenderness. May the blessings received during this week of prayer work out for all the participants a deeper experience in the things of God.
J. B. WEST.

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Wellington and Shrewsbury.

It was the writer's privilege to visit the companies in Wellington and Shrewsbury during the week of prayer. In both places our people are of good courage and pressing forward in the heavenly way. Wellington has now more than reached the standard set for the Harvest Ingathering Campaign.

Brother Buttery who is over seventy-four years of age has been greatly blessed in putting over 3,600 copies of the "Our Day Series" in the homes of the people.

In soliciting for the Harvest Ingathering Campaign our brother felt led to approach some of those who are abundantly supplied with this world's goods and was successful in collecting £2 10s. Lady—— was very much impressed with the "Watchman" and asked to be allowed to retain the copy. Amongst his subscribers are two colonels and the proprietor of the local newspaper. He reports that none turned him away empty.

Sister Lenanton, who is now in charge of these companies reports she is having good meetings in Oakengates.
W. H. MUSGRAVE.

Newport.

ON the 19th, 20th, and 21st of October we held a Sabbath-school convention. On this occasion we were favoured with a visit from the Union secretary who was accompanied by Elder A. E. Bacon.

The hall was made bright with mottoes and charts pertaining to the message and Sabbath-school work, all of which called us to greater endeavour in the service of God.

The convention opened on Sabbath evening, when papers were read showing the place of the young people's work in the purpose and plan of God.

On Sabbath morning Brother Read conducted a "model" Sabbath-school from which we learned the more excellent way of doing the Master's work. All the exercises were conducted quickly, in order and to time. The service from start to finish occupied exactly sixty minutes.

More papers were read and valuable help and instruction given on the best way to study and present the lesson. It is the privilege and duty of all to thoroughly study the lesson at home, then on the Sabbath be prepared to answer the questions of

the teacher and to contribute any thoughts that will be helpful to the class.

The kindergarten and primary work came in for special attention.

In the afternoon more papers were read. From a paper dealing with the subject of reporting we saw its great importance and many were led to confess their shortcomings in this matter. It was shown that the whole sixty-six books of the Bible were really a series of faithful reports of holy men of old, who spake and reported as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. The figures we report in the WORKER do not by any means represent all the work done by the church. We were glad to see a good show of hands on the question being put from the desk as to how many would faithfully report in the future.

In a paper dealing with Sabbath-school offerings Brother Bacon referred to the birthday gift plan, which, so we were informed, the Newport church had the honour of commencing.

It was explained that the principle of the plan is not to look forward to our birthday in the hope of receiving gifts from others, but rather that we may make a thank offering to the Lord on that day. It is now twelve weeks since the idea was put into operation here and during that time the amount of £1. 5s. 10d. has been received in this way. The idea is to put by during the year the number of pennies corresponding to our age next birthday, and present it to the Lord as a small token of love for His sparing mercies. The gift is wrapped up and dropped into the Sabbath-school envelope with the usual offering, then the treasurer knows that someone has remembered the great Giver on the occasion of his or her birthday. If we first give ourselves to the Lord, then the offering will involve practically no sacrifice, for the pennies put by during the year will never be missed.

On Sunday afternoon, the standard of attainment work received considerable attention. Much help and encouragement were given showing the great value of the plan in developing good workers for the vineyard of the Lord.

On the following Thursday a meeting of the church officers and teachers was held. Some very helpful instruction was again given on Sabbath-school work.

The work for the children received special attention. We agreed to purchase equipment for the kindergarten and primary classes, consisting of sand trays, Scripture picture blocks, small blackboards, Bible pictures, etc. Experience has proved that lessons taught in this way always make good and lasting impressions on young minds.

We are now endeavouring to put into practice the instruction given, so that the whole church may profit and move forward with a single eye to the glory of God.

E. C. ELLIOTT.

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It is some time since a report from the Midland Conference appeared in the WORKER. I therefore take pleasure in sending a brief account of some of the things in which the Lord has been blessing His cause and people in this portion of the vineyard.

On the 15th day of October I had the pleasure of meeting with a company of Sabbath-keepers at Lincoln and the following day at Grimsby, five candidates followed their Lord in the ordinance of baptism. One of these was a brother who heard the truth thirty years ago in Uloeby and whose sister has been an observer of the Sabbath for about that period of time. Brother George Hyde has been labouring in Grimsby for some time and the signs are very encouraging that the Grimsby church, first established thirty-three years ago, will soon receive further enlargement as a result of his labours.

The work at Wolverhampton is going ahead. As a result of the combined efforts of Brother W. Cuthbert, Sister M. Brown and the writer, eleven souls are being prepared for baptism.

At Derby where Pastor A. Armstrong and Sister Clarke have been labouring, four candidates were baptized on the 22nd of November. These, together with two others who had previously been baptized were added to the church. The next day three others were baptized at Nottingham and added to the church in that city. Brother Armstrong has been visiting Nottingham on Sabbaths during his sojourn in Derby.

On November 24th we had a baptismal service in our church at Handsworth when four candidates went forward and united with us in church fellowship.

At Worcester, Pastor McAvoyn reports one sister baptized, thus bringing the total received by baptism and vote up to nineteen for the quarter.

Brother Tonks, having been requested to locate at Coventry, has commenced public meetings and reports attendances of from 200 to 350 on Sunday nights.

We are doing fairly well with the Students' Aid Fund, having paid for our full quota of books and received nearly £80 to the fund at this writing. Our workers have done excellently in selling books themselves and encouraging the church members to do likewise. Leicester, led by Brother S. Maxwell and Sister Brooks had sold their full quota by the end of November. Handsworth with a membership of over sixty has sold all but three. Brother W. A. Hall has kept the matter to the front all the time with the best of results. Other churches have done very well and we hope as a result of this that every

book received from Watford as our quota will soon be sold.

At this writing we have just finished our week of prayer services and from many directions reports are coming in which indicate that the Lord has met with His people and has bestowed rich blessings on every hand. The writer visited various churches and isolated members during the week, commencing with Boston in Lincolnshire. One of the oldest converts to Seventh-day Adventism in Britain, Sister Green, came into the truth at Grimsby in the early eighties. It was most interesting to hear our sister speak of those early days, of her intercourse with the workers of those times, including Sister White, and of their struggles to gain a foothold in this country. I was fully convinced that they laid their foundations deep and secure. This conviction was afterwards strengthened by reading the first volume of "Present Truth" the first number of which bears date in 1884. Such familiar names as the following were appended to the articles:— M. C. Wilcox, J. H. Waggöner, J. N. Andrews, E. G. White, etc. and it was all present truth.

The first Sabbath was spent at Sister West's home at Spilsby. Brother and Sister Spencer came over from Burgh and several neighbours joined us in our evening service. The time spent together was most profitably employed and all felt strengthened and blessed.

At Nottingham the Sunday meeting was very well attended. The same spirit was manifest in all the other places visited—one of earnest seeking the Lord for His blessing and guidance. At Leicester a spirit of missionary energy has taken hold of the members which indicates a desire to "hasten the coming of the day of the Lord." In Worcester and Birmingham the Lord is working on the hearts of the members and nowhere is this more apparent than at Handsworth. One encouraging feature of the week of prayer has been the almost spontaneous desire of very many to put away their ornaments. These have been turned in to the conference to be sold and the proceeds given to help press the triumphs of the message. Amongst the ornaments devoted in this way are fifteen dress rings, many set with precious stones, a curb bracelet, necklets, lockets, a long gold chain, a silver cigarette case (the latter used by the donor before coming into the truth) and other articles of value. The Lord will bless those who sacrifice these really useless ornaments and the money will be used to bless some darkened minds by taking to them the blessing of salvation. May the Lord touch other hearts in the same way and grant His rich blessing upon all during the coming year.

Your brother in His service,

J. J. GILLATT.

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THE special season of prayer has passed by and we look out once more to another new year with hopefulness and courage. Who can tell what the new year may bring to us? As we look back, we marvel that so much has been crowded into the year just passing away. Truly, things in this old world are moving rapidly. It looks as though ruin could very soon be written upon the nations of earth. Perplexity and distress are everywhere. Millions of lives are being sacrificed to satisfy the wanton desires of proud monarchs. They fail to realize that the efforts put forth to snatch power and dominion may be the harbinger of their own downfall.

How different may be the experience of all God's people! When darkness and gloom surround them, they are bidden to look up, to see the dawning of a new and everlasting day. When ruin and despair make the world to fear and quake, we are told that the time of our redemption draweth nigh. When Satan makes his strongest effort to overcome the remnant, God promises to bring deliverance. When doubt and fear seem about to overwhelm us, then God sends light and comfort, and we are again led to hope and trust in Him, believing that He is able to do exceeding abundantly above all we can ask or think. This is what most of us have learned during the week of prayer.

As I visited the various churches, it seemed to me that everywhere the services were bringing new hope, comfort and joy to all. I do not remember ever seeing our people more anxious to gain a personal experience with God. The readiness to pray, the earnestness of the prayers and the joy shown in the testimonies borne, all tell me that God is making His people willing for the day of His power. God has certainly given repentance and forgiveness to His people and a deep earnest consecration was made by many.

I visited North London, Wood Green, Southend, the two churches at Watford, Acton, Forest Gate and North West London, and my own soul has been greatly refreshed while ministering to others. In each place the Lord came very near to us, while we endeavoured to impress upon all the necessity of not letting the week pass without gaining a better experience and reconsecrating ourselves to God for service.

The week ended with glorious meetings at Acton and North West London. In both places almost the entire congregation rose to the call of repentance and consecration. The last Sabbath was truly a blessed day. Many hearts were made tender, tears were shed, and all were grateful for the wonderful

"THE way to success—hang on, stick tight, never let go."

mercy of God and the new power that He brought into our lives. Earnest prayers were offered for husbands and children and hope was expressed that God would soon save these loved ones.

The testimonies were inspiring. Everyone seemed to have received new joy and hope, and many were the expressions of willingness to do more in the service of the Master than ever before.

A splendid work of revival has been carried on at Stanborough Park for which we are exceedingly grateful. Brother Campbell spent the whole week labouring in the several institutions and with the church. God has wonderfully blessed the labours of His servant, and we pray that the good work begun with us all may continue till we shall see the work triumph gloriously the world over, and in that day may we all receive the rewards of faithful persevering service.

W. H. MEREDITH.

Our Brethren in the Army.

BROTHER PACE, who is now in France, sent the following encouraging lines to the church in Leeds. We feel sure the WORKER family will be glad to read them also.

"I must tell you about some of my friends who are in a British West Indian Regiment. I was seeking one of my companions one day, and while passing one of the tents of this coloured regiment, someone shouted, 'Come in Tommy.' Of course Tommy went in, and has been in many times since. I was pleased to find a few real earnest Christians among them, and we have since had some good times together.

"One young man, about twenty years of age is particularly interested. He belongs to a pentecostal church in the West Indies. He is a non-smoker, a total abstainer and refrains from eating swine's flesh. His black face and eyes shine as we talk over Bible truths. He is acquainted with a S.D.A. church near his home. He followed very carefully as we studied the commandments of God and said that God overlooked the time of our ignorance but now that light has shone across his pathway, he feels he must walk in the light. He asked me to pray for him. He is a fine young man.

"I try to spend two hours in this way every night, and although the nights are very dark, and I get up to the boot tops in mud in some places, the happy times we have together far exceeds the difficulties.

"After a few visits to this tent, the men in the next tent persuaded Pte. Bramble (the young man just referred to) to remove into their tent so that as I visited him, they too would hear this wonderful truth. I now have both tents to visit.

"One young man told me he had a brother who is a S.D.A. but he had not seen him for five years. It appears there was trouble in the home when he accepted the truth, and he had to leave it. The mother wrote and warned this son against these people stating that his brother had gone wrong. He says he wants to obey God and is prepared to face the many difficulties that stand between him and obedience.

"A boy of nineteen told me he belonged to no church, but he loved God and did not want to join any people until he found the true church of God. He has some cousins who are S.D.As. but they could not persuade

him to join them. As he left home, he asked God to send him someone with the truth before he returned home. After carefully listening to our studies, he said, 'I rejoice to say that God heard my prayer and with the Lord's help I will go with these people as soon as I get back home.' I did not know he was interested in our talks.

"Another young man comes from a town in British Guiana where we have a church. He used to think they were queer folk for keeping Saturday but is now quite convinced of the truth.

"I have the names and addresses of eleven of these men and am planning to keep in touch with them when we all return to civil life. Pte. Bramble wants my photo, so that he can show it to a Mr. Smith, a S.D.A. canvasser in B. W. Indies, whom he knows by sight, and tell him 'This is the man who brought the truth to me.'

"Please pray for my black friends. I am quite well and happy, and don't you think I ought to be happy in such an experience as this? Money would not buy it. It is worth all that I have gone through since leaving home."

Brother Nelson Knight, in a personal letter to the editor a few weeks ago says:—

"It is just a month since I received your last letter and now I am looking forward each post to seeing the familiar parcel containing the WORKER etc. How quickly the time flies! But I suppose with some that each day seems very long. This makes me think of our brethren who have just recently been court-martialled and sentenced to 'Six months hard labour,' and I expect the time they will spend in prison will go none too quickly for them. They need our prayers wherever they are and this week is a splendid opportunity for them to be remembered continually at the throne of grace.

"As you will probably know, there are now eight of us down here as we have just had an addition to our numbers by the arrival of Brother Roberts of Birmingham. We planned to hold the week of prayer meetings every evening, commencing last Sabbath evening and we are enjoying the readings very much, and feel sure that each one of us will be richly blessed by the readings and the special prayer meetings we are having.

"I do feel so very thankful for the privileges we have in meeting together to learn more of the wonderful love of God and to talk to Him. Last night I thought the reading was especially fine for us as young men. Our lives need to be reconsecrated daily, because all around us we see such darkness, such infidelity and yet we feel so helpless. I realize more than ever I did what Christ meant when He said these words in the sermon on the mount, 'Let your light so shine before men, etc.' This is a wonderful place for arguments but I have been convinced that arguing will never make a Christian. We must live that 'men may see our good works and glorify our Father which is in heaven.'

"We have many opportunities of telling the men here what 'S.D.A.' means, and so many become acquainted with the truth. At present a young man who anticipates becoming a missionary after the war, is studying 'Bible Readings' which I loaned him. Another, who with a few more members of the Baptist Church, is studying the sanctuary question. He says he is getting much help from 'Then and Now.' There are others who are interested, but the Sabbath is a stumbling block. We have good opportunities to witness for the Sabbath truth as all S.D.As. cease work at twelve noon on Fridays until Sunday morning. You may imagine that we look somewhat conspicuous dressed in our best attire when most of the other men are arrayed in corduroys, etc., and I don't think our features would allow anybody to think we were Jews.

"Each day I become more and more convinced of the truth and reality of our message. I just long for the time when I can be free and have the privilege of doing something for Jesus."

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Sunset Calendar.

DATE.	ENGLAND	WALES	SCOTLAND
Jan. 4th.....	4.2 p.m.	4.17 p.m.	3.56 p.m.
" 11th.....	4.10 "	4.25 "	4.14 "
" 18th.....	4.21 "	4.36 "	4.17 "
" 25th.....	4.33 "	4.48 "	4.31 "

ALL copy for the next issue should reach the editor not later than Friday, January 11th.

WE take this opportunity of extending to our readers our best wishes for the New Year. We trust it may be filled with many of heaven's choicest blessings. To-day we stand upon the threshold of 1918 and peer through its open portals. This is the fourth new year that has dawned since the commencement of hostilities and as we think of the future we cannot but view it with uncertainty. On one hand there are rumours of peace and on the other a dogged determination to continue the dread struggle. Those who steer the great ships of state view the future with anxiety. The words of the Saviour are being truly fulfilled to-day, when He said: "Men's hearts shall be failing them for fear and for looking after those things which are coming upon the earth."

While the new year may bring days of darkness, hard and trying times, and, in many countries, a shortage of food, it is a good thing to know that there is a God above Who cares for His children. He has promised to shed light into the darkness, to turn every trial into a stepping-stone to higher ground, and as to our bread and water, He tells us that shall be sure. What a wonderful sense of security in trusting in a God of such resources! The whole world is at His command. He made it all for His own good pleasure. God's care for the requirements of His people in these things is the legitimate consequence of consecration.

Let us be much in prayer. Let us do as did David and Daniel—have definite appointments with the Lord each day. Here we shall find our strength. The time spent in communion with God will nerve us for every trying ordeal and will make this New Year a time when we shall advance in the Christian pathway and gain courage and fortitude for the coming crisis.

WE were pleased to learn of a Sabbath-school in connection with the N.C.C. Camp at Canterbury. Brother Living reports that although they are but three in number, they are having excellent and enjoyable meetings.

By the time this number of the WORKER reaches our readers, the Ministerial Institute at Birmingham will be over. We are hoping to publish a fairly full account of the proceedings in our next number. We are planning on a sixteen-page issue and this will be devoted almost entirely to the report of the Workers' Council.

PASTOR D. C. BABCOCK and family arrived safely at Watford from Nigeria, West Africa, on Thursday, November 29th. All the WORKER family should read the article by our Union President showing the wonderful providence of God in protecting His people at this time. The hand of the Lord, was upon His servants and although the ship never reached land, they were rescued from a watery grave. We praise God for His watchful care.

WE have the names and addresses of 130 of our brethren who are either in His Majesty's Service or in the various work centres throughout the country. We are communicating with them regularly once a month and sending them free, the "Gazette" and the MISSIONARY WORKER. They appreciate receiving these reminders of our regard and Christian fellowship.

A SABBATH-SCHOOL convention has been arranged at the N.W. London Church for the first Sabbath of this month.

WE have on hand a number of the Morning Watch Calendars for this year, and should be glad of a little more help so as to dispose of those that remain. We very much appreciate the help that has already been given but we are anxious to see the shelves clear so as to turn the profits over to missions at the earliest possible opportunity.

QUITE a number of our churches have reached the goal in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign. One church of 24 members secured over £70. We expect to publish a list of those who obtained 10/- per member and over at an early date.

WANTED.—Maid for Jewish home in Manchester. Sabbath willingly granted. Good post for a Seventh-Day Adventist. Three in family. Wage 8/-. Write to C. Davies, 291 Waterloo Road, Hightown, Manchester.

WANTED.—Young girl for farmhouse to look after three young children and assist in housework. Must be S.D.A. Apply, Mrs. C. West, Carr Road, Ulceby, Lincs.

WANTED.—Youth desires situation as junior clerk; used to auditing, can type, slight knowledge of book-keeping, good references. Keeps Seventh-day Sabbath. In town Mondays. Apply, B. T., 55 London Rd., Grays, Essex.

Obituary.

SMEDLEY.—Brother Edwin Smedley, of Birmingham, fell asleep in Jesus on Saturday night, November 10th, in Brynmenyn, Glam., where he had been living since February, 1917. He had not enjoyed good health for some long time, and for four or five months previous to his decease had been unable to work. Brother Smedley spent considerable time in the canvassing work, and although not able to continue in it, his heart was always in this branch of the work. Although he and his wife had only lived in Brynmenyn a short time, their faithfulness to the truth made a deep and we believe lasting impression on their neighbours, who during Brother Smedley's last illness manifested many kindly tokens of respect and esteem. The writer, assisted by Elder L. F. Langford, laid our brother to rest in Aberkenfig, in sure and certain hope of a part in the first resurrection.

ALFRED E. BACON.