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“God Is With Us”

By Pastor W. H. Meredith

“God is with us.” This is the wonderful thought of the Harvest Ingathering rally song. What a wonderful thought it is! And the good thing to remember is this, that it becomes real to each one of us if we fully believe it.

“God is with us”—and as all power belongs to God, His almighty power is with us. There is no difficulty, no obstacle that He cannot remove. True it is that at this time we have many difficulties; perhaps they seem to be more this year than ever before. The situation in the coal fields—and its consequences in other industries—is causing us to face this Harvest Ingathering with much concern in our minds. Yet this wonderful truth that “God is with us” sweeps away all difficulties and enables us to hold our heads high, believing that He can do for us “exceeding abundantly above all that we can ask or think.”

This Harvest Ingathering work is God’s work, and He has promised that “the wealth of the Gentiles shall flow unto thee.” God has made men stewards of His goods in this world. He loves to have men co-operate with Him in His great work, and those of us who know the truth may take part in His great plan to help these stewards see the needs of the work and turn their wealth to fill the need. God opens the minds of His people to understand the times in which we live. This gives us the right to appeal to the people around us, helping them to see the needs of mankind and God’s great plan to save. We are therefore instruments in God’s hands to reach the hearts of His stewards and gather from them funds to support His cause.

When we think of the great task before us, the millions in China, India, Africa, and South America, who have never yet heard the name of Jesus, we may well consider that the task is more than human. But “God is with us” and everywhere doors are open for the advance of His truth. No one can read the reports from the last General Conference without realizing that the cry of the heathen is continually ringing in the ears of God’s people. If the

Apostle Paul was impressed with the cry of the man from Macedonia, surely God’s people to-day should feel very keenly the cry that comes to us from the dark corners of the earth. The task is surely super-human and we cannot possibly attempt it in our own strength. Let us not forget that “God is with us.” Nothing is too hard for Him. It is our privilege cheerfully to take up the task before us. It is God’s plan to work with us. He alone can give success. His great cause and work can never fail. Victory is therefore assured to all who labour with Him.

Let us then, at this time, cease to think of the difficulties and remember the great power of God with His people, going forward with courage and hope and faithfulness in service, having the words ringing in our hearts, “God is with us.” His work can never fail.

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An S.O.S.

At the Sunday morning business session of our recent Conference assembly at Derby, the writer presented to the large congregation present the following startling facts: the population of the northern division of our field is 24,382,288, and we have twenty-eight churches and twenty companies, with a total membership of 1,118. Our present force of labourers numbers only twenty-nine—ten ordained ministers, three licentiates, twelve Bible-workers, three departmental workers, and one other worker. Within the conference we have 341 cities and towns of over 10,000 inhabitants. In 264 of these we do not have a single Seventh-Day Adventist. In the seventy-seven where we have members eighteen of these have only one member each, while twenty-two of them have a membership of less than ten each. Thus, it will be readily seen that the bulk of our 1,118 members are living in only thirty-seven of the 341 larger cities. Surely these startling facts are an S.O.S to the denomination to build up strong bases in the homeland, for only thus can the work be ex-

tended in the regions beyond and brought to a speedy triumph in all the world. Probably no other conference throughout the world presents such a striking appeal for men and means to do the work of evangelization, and we pray that this appeal may not go unanswered. As we stated at the Conference, we believe that a turn in the tide has come in the evangelism here in the north, and, under the blessing of God, we are looking for great things in the days to come. The work is to be cut short in righteousness, and this is the day of His power. May God give every one of us a vision, not only of the work to be done, but of what can be accomplished when the entire membership is consecrated to Him for service.

ALFRED E. BACON.

Baptism in Nigeria

It is some time since we last reported an ingathering of souls in Nigeria. The WORKER family will be glad to hear that during a three weeks' trip amongst our companies in Yorubaland it has been our privilege to baptize and receive into Christian fellowship, sixty-eight of Africa's sons and daughters. With one or two exceptions these people have all been won to the light of the third angel's message from heathenism.

We all feel very grateful for this ingathering which represents much uphill work, long, tiring marches over native paths, many disappointments and much Christian fortitude on the part of the different missionaries and native teachers. It has brought us great joy and encouragement as we have visited the different villages on this trip, met with the believers, and, after examination, baptized them in nearby rivers.

Fifty-two of these baptisms were in Brother Till's district, where our late Brother Borgeaud also laboured. Many are the first fruits of work opened up three years ago around our new station at Awtun. The joy and enthusiasm of those who went forward

in the ordinance, and the warm-hearted Christian fellowship that was manifested by the older members, did us all good.

A few weeks ago it was my privilege to lead nine earnest souls into the baptismal waters at Lagos. Among the candidates were a schoolmaster and his wife. If our budget will allow we hope to use this brother in our organized work in the new year.

Thus far our baptisms for 1926 number seventy-four. We look forward to many more before the end of the year. We also expect to enlarge our numbers considerably over in Brother Clifford's district, where the work is making most encouraging progress.

W. McCLEMENTS.

Ibadan, August 8th, 1926.

Missionary Notes

DR. SCHILLING is from the College of Medical Evangelists and is under appointment to the Southern Asia Division. After spending a few days in London, he and his companion went on to Edinburgh for further study before leaving this country for India.

MRS. CATHERINE RAYMOND, with whom most of us are acquainted, reached this country from the General Conference on the s.s. "President Harding," August 5th. After a short stay in England, Sister Raymond plans to return to India.

THE P. & O. steamer "Beltana" arrived in London Docks on August 7th, bringing with her Brother and Sister E. E. Ladd and their son. A few days later they left on the s.s. "Leviathan" for New York. Brother and Sister Ladd are returning to their home field from work in South Africa.

BROTHER AND SISTER J. I. ROBINSON, who have already spent some time in South Africa, have accepted a call to return to that field. Accompanied by their two daughters, they reached Southampton

The City Problem in the North British Conference

No. of Towns and Cities	Population	No. with S.D.A.'s	PARTICULARS (No. of Towns with No. of Members)
146	10,000—20,000	14	6 (with 1); 1 (2); 2 (3); 1 (4, 5, 7, 11, 17.)
68	20,000—30,000	11	2 (1); 3 (2); 1 (3, 6, 11, 18, 27, 37.)
30	30,000—40,000	5	2 (1); 1 (2); 1 (3, 34.)
19	40,000—50,000	4	1 (1, 12, 18, 55.)
9	50,000—60,000	2	1 (2, 11.)
10	60,000—70,000	5	2 (1); 1 (2, 12, 61.)
15	70,000—80,000	6	1 (1, 3, 5, 8); 2 (10.)
4	80,000—90,000	3	1 (3, 12, 38.)
5	90,000—100,000	3	1 (2, 6, 11.)
19	100,000—200,000	11	3 (1); 2 (7); 1 (10, 11, 13, 20, 36, 43.)
7	200,000—300,000	6	1 (15, 20, 28, 48, 96, 130.)
3	400,000—500,000	3	1 (60, 66, 119.)
1	600,000—800,000	1	1 (119.)
1	800,000—900,000	1	1 (64.)
1	900,000—1,000,000	1	1 (112.)
1	Over 1,000,000	1	1 (84)

on the "Aquitania" August 10th, and left for Cape Town on the s.s. "Balmoral Castle" three days later.

DR. AND MRS. KRETCHMAR, who for some time have been labouring in Bechuanaland, will shortly be returning to America. Sister Kretchmar has preceded her husband with the intention of studying in this country for a few months. She arrived with her two little boys on the s.s. "Armada Castle," which reached Southampton on August 9th.

SOME time ago Brother A. H. William's name appeared as having passed through this country to the General Conference. On his return journey he spent a few days here in London and rendered valuable assistance at the conference meetings. He has now

returned, however, to Bombay, where he will again take up work in charge of one of the unions of the Southern Asia Division.

ON August 12th Mr. R. Boyd Haining, who for some time acted as preceptor in the College, sailed on the s.s. "Lancastria," for the United States, where he will take up medical studies.

OCCASIONALLY missionaries leave this field without having first proceeded from America, and Brother H. Kirkby Munson, who has spent some time on furlough, returned to the Gold Coast, accompanied by his wife, on the s.s. "Aba," which left Liverpool on the 18th August.

N. H. KNIGHT.



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Notes from the President

"SURELY the latter rain is falling." These words appear in a letter from Pastor W. A. Spicer addressed to conference workers in this field regarding the need for making "the Ingathering this year the greatest of any year." May all our workers obtain this heavenly refreshing, and thus become more efficient and more fruitful in the cause of God.

PASTOR SPICER also wrote as follows: "Two hundred people in a far corner of Madagascar" are "keeping the Sabbath and calling for a teacher. The mission funds must be increased. Will you not just now give special attention to the Harvest Ingathering? We pray God to use you in bringing deliverance to the missions. Never has the outlook seemed so bright in all the world. God is leading swiftly forward to the end." How many will respond to this appeal?

WE are eagerly looking forward to the first week's Ingathering report. How will it compare with last year's figures?

ELDER L. H. CHRISTIAN informs us that "we now have 113 missionaries and 304 native workers in Africa with Egypt, Mesopotamia, the Holy Land, Greece, Constantinople, and other places in the Near East. There are 13,280 students in our mission schools and many are being baptized." Pastor Christian also speaks of the losses our missions have sustained. "This year three of our faithful missionaries on the West Coast of Africa have died." In laying down their lives, these labourers have set an example of faithfulness to our people throughout the field.

THE report of book and periodical sales to conferences for August, prepared by The Stanborough Press Ltd., reveals the fact the South England has a gain of £177 over last year and Wales a gain of £24. The gain in Wales would undoubtedly have been greater but for the industrial unrest. Unfortunately Ireland shows a loss of £188. This loss is to be accounted for very largely by the fact that but few

colporteurs are working in Ireland this year as compared with 1925.

THE following transfers of workers were decided on at a recent meeting of the South British Conference Committee: Pastor R. Mussen comes to us from the North British Conference. He is to labour in Southampton and neighbourhood. Miss H. Vandenberg, who was until recently employed by the North British Conference, has taken up Bible work in London. We are glad to get these two new workers. Pastor F. S. Jackson is coming to London to take charge of the northern section. J. G. Bevan goes to Southend, A. F. Bird to Wales. G. W. Bailey to Bournemouth. Miss A. F. Clarke has been transferred to the North British Conference and expects to labour at Leeds. Miss B. Clarke goes to the same field for work in Glasgow. Other changes are contemplated, and will be reported later.

F. A. SPEARING.

South British Conference Workers' Reports at the Recent Battersea Conference

NOTE.—These reports followed those of the president and vice-president, which have already been printed in the WORKER.

Pastor L. W. Barras reviewed briefly his work in North London for the four and a half years since he left Ireland. With the present prospects he hoped that the new membership accruing to the work in North London during his stay there would reach the 200 mark by the end of this year. Of the forty-two recently baptized three had renounced Roman Catholicism, one of whom had given £10 towards the new church building. Brother Timpany, Sisters Living, Clarke, Wright and Barrett were mentioned for the good help they had given to the work in North London.

Pastor T. H. Cooper, located in Swansea, referred to his work in Bath following the Conference Session in 1925 and prior to leaving for Swansea. He baptized seven people, and seven others have since

been added in Bath. It had been his privilege before leaving to hand over a building fund for Bristol to Brother Morrison of £1,200.

On reaching Swansea he had much to do before being free to run an effort. In February last he commenced public meetings in a cinema in the Uplands, Swansea. The response was disappointing, being the worst he had ever experienced.

The local Sabbath-school was developing in numbers and offerings. He could also report an increase in the tithe in spite of the discouraging industrial situation.

Pastor S. F. Tonks was called upon to report his work in Belfast. He stated that he had been about nine months in that city, a third of whose population was Roman Catholic. Another large element was the Orangemen, whom he described as militant Protestants. He had found it difficult to hire halls from these people who had been encouraged in their opposition by an Anglican Canon, himself a prominent Orangeman. "You must not let your halls to these people," he had told them, "they will take away your bacon!"

A number of evangelicals of other denominations—some much opposed to Adventists—had been another element to encounter. The week before coming to the Conference he had baptized and otherwise received in eleven new members, and expected a further addition on his return.

Pastor R. Whiteside, in reporting his work in Dublin, said that he had been in that city since the beginning of the year, following on the heels of the Bible-workers, Misses A. F. Clarke, and M. Savage. From an attendance at the Sunday evening meetings of less than ten there had been a gradual development to something like 38. There was a real need for an Irish American evangelist. He had had the offer of the Abbey Theatre at a reduced fee for ten nights.

The church was now housed in a little Baptist chapel, which had been bought by a Roman Catholic. There was a project on foot to raise £100 for a building fund. The sum of £80 had already been pledged towards it. As there was no particular section where Protestants were found in a body in Dublin it was necessary for a central building to be provided; and the only thing that could meet the greatly prevailing superstition there was the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Pastor F. S. Jackson reported for the southern district of South England, consisting mainly of Portsmouth, Southampton, and Bournemouth. He stated that he went to Southampton in March, 1925. During the summer time he was engaged in strengthening the churches in Southampton and Bournemouth and in visiting isolated members. There was a baptism of six young people at Bournemouth.

In October last year he was joined by Miss I. M. Baldwin, a Bible-worker, for the purpose of assisting in an effort during the winter months. He has had good meetings throughout, and the result to date was thirteen new members, with other (at least six) coming along, who would shortly be baptized. He had witnessed many instances in which the power of God had been manifested, working on behalf of the souls of men in Southampton.

After referring to the good interest there is in Fareham, fostered by Brother and Sister G. W. Bailey and Dr. and Mrs. Druitt, Brother Jackson

went on to say that there was a real need for a worker to be located at Bournemouth. He concluded with a word of appreciation concerning the work of Miss Baldwin in Southampton.

Brother G. W. Bailey, of Portsmouth, spoke of his labours in attending to the needs of the church there and also in Bournemouth. The few scattered members on the Isle of Wight and the thriving little interest at Fareham were also objects of his care. At the latter place there was a good Sabbath-school and Sister Druitt was doing a splendid work with some thirty to thirty-five children, all of whom, except for one or two, were from the outside.

As the result of a small effort in a little hall in Portsmouth, the interest of some fifteen or twenty people had been definitely aroused, including a Wesleyan young man and a Spiritist and her daughter. Approximately 11,000 pieces of literature were distributed by the Portsmouth members during the year. For the year ended June 30th, the total income for Portsmouth was in excess of the same period the previous year.

Pastor W. P. Prescott, located in Plymouth, spoke of his oversight of the companies at Hessianford, Lewdown, Torquay, and Exeter.

He commenced his effort in Plymouth in November last. There were a thousand in attendance at the first meeting. A good interest followed until the Sabbath was presented at the eighth meeting when eight hundred were present, and an average of six to seven hundred attended throughout the ten weeks of the campaign.

A series of meetings held at the same time by a faith-healing evangelist had its effect on the attendances at the effort. He was able to report, however, that some of these were now Seventh-Day Adventists. The Vicar had also given him the preference over that other body in allowing him to use the Abbey Hall, one of the oldest buildings in the town. On July 10th he added thirty-two to the church in Plymouth. Eight other souls were keeping Sabbath. He anticipated another effort in the near future from which he hoped to reap similar success. A word of appreciation was spoken of his assistants: Brother R. Freeth, Sister Borrowdale and Sister M. Newman and for the churchmembers who had helped.

Pastor Prescott spoke also of some little interest he had aroused by his lecture "Adam or Ape" and by a "write-up" he had given of it in the local newspaper at the request of the editor. Correspondence on the subject that had followed in the same newspaper, had led to one instance, at least, of a reader, living at some distance away, calling for a visit, and showing promise of accepting the message.

The church and school finances were now in a healthy condition.

Pastor D. Morrison said that he went to Bristol in May last year, until September his efforts were confined to pastoring the church, helping Pastor Cooper at Bath, and having a care for the Croscombe church. In October he commenced an effort in Bristol, where he had good meetings. This resulted in a baptism of twenty-one in April of the present year, and the acceptance of two others on previous baptism. Thanks were accorded to Sister M. E. Brooks who had been with him all the time and to Sister M. James a part-time helper, for their excellent services.

Commenting on the goodly heritage into which he

had fallen as the recipient of the substantial sum Pastor Cooper had handed over on leaving Bristol for the church building there, Brother Morrison said that he hoped on his return home that the foundations of the building would be in.

Pastor G. Hyde reviewed the principal features of his effort of last year in the Hove Town Hall, when he ran fourteen or fifteen Sunday evenings with success, resulting in "something just under thirty" new members added to the Brighton church. The hall, which holds 1,200 people, was completely filled on the second night of the effort. After the special meetings, he continued in a small way in a smaller hall. Had it been possible the larger hall would have been booked again for the beginning of the present year. That was not available until Easter Sunday. Although a Seaside resort is not the best place in which to commence an effort at Easter, the opening of the holiday season, he decided to start in, instead of waiting until the autumn. As an advertizing medium he also decided to take the Dome in Brighton just for one week-night, prior to Easter Sunday. In spite of definite efforts to spoil his programme for that meeting, it was a success. The great hall, holding some 1,500 people, was filled and the audience voted in favour of another meeting to be held the following week, when the attendance was about the same.

One interesting incident connected with those meetings was recited by Brother Hyde. He said that a little Spiritist fraternity in the district attended the Dome in a body as the result of a "spirit" message they had received recommending their attendance at that meeting.

"In the last twelve months," Brother Hyde said, "we shall have added" (with a baptism in prospect shortly) "nearly fifty new members to our Hove Church." Words of appreciation for the splendid services of his associates—Miss M. E. Lenanton, Miss J. E. Bastow, Miss M. Murdoch, and Brother L. A. Watson—were spoken by Brother Hyde in closing his report.

Pastor H. W. Armstrong, reporting for Wimbledon and district, referred to the latest effort in Wimbledon conducted by Pastor Maudsley when a goodly number of people was brought in. Difficulty was experienced in securing a suitable hall for these people, numbering some 100, and it was felt that a church building was necessary to accommodate them. This, as was well known, they now had. Almost £2,000 had been collected from their own members towards its cost. As a special effort, spurred on by the offer of help by the Union and local conferences, £700 was raised by the church within two weeks, clearing up the total cost of £3,500.

About three months ago Pastor Maudsley left. Fortunately they still had the excellent services of Miss W. D. Clifford as Bible-worker to assist in the care of the large membership, which also comprised Wallington and Clapham, and together they were endeavouring to care for the church and the local interest.

Pastor J. B. West of Cambridge, remarked that he had had no budget provided him with which to conduct an effort. He commenced his labours in Cambridge in the month of February, 1925. A number of names were handed over to him by Pastor Prescott, his predecessor there. Bible studies had been held with some, with the result that some had been

brought to a decision for the message. He had held two baptisms of four and three respectively. They had lost their hall, which had had a scattering effect. Their Sunday evening meetings were held on the outskirts of the town and the Sabbath meetings in the centre. For the year 1925 their tithes and offerings showed an increase of £33. The Harvest Ingathering itself brought in £106.

Pastor S. G. Joyce, of South London, said that it was fourteen years ago that he drew his first pay for labour with the Seventh-Day Adventist movement. Coming down to recent times, he spoke of the two years of heavy work in North London assisting Pastor Barras. Then came the day (within the last six months) when he received the word of the conference president to go ahead with his first effort in South London, and wishing him "God speed".

The only hall available was the Lewisham Baths, from which he had to remove at the end of eight weeks, to a smaller hall in Catford. The union president endeavoured to get him a male assistant to deal with the good interest among the men attending the meetings. Instead, Miss E. F. Brewer was sent, making, with Miss Quibell, who had been with him from the beginning, two Bible-workers. Later still, Miss A. F. Clarke appeared, to help just prior to his baptism, recently held.

Already twenty-three new members had been added to the South London Church. One case in particular was worthy of mention, viz., the conversion of a man and his wife. The former had been connected with the liquor traffic and the wife was the daughter of a turf agent. Both had thoroughly thrown in their lot with this people and the brother was ready to launch out immediately into the canvassing work in London.

Brother A. F. Bird, Southend, when called upon to report said that he had conducted no public campaign in a hired hall, and that without expenditure of money he had been working quietly in the homes of the people. After all, he thought, it was that kind of work that was the most needed. J. H. PARKIN.

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

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The Nominating Committee recommend that the four laymen on the auditing committee be elected by the executive committee at the time of auditing.

These were unanimously adopted on the second reading.

The Committee on Credentials followed with its report which was as follows:

Ministerial Credentials: F. A. Spearing, O. M. Dorland, W. J. Young, R. Mussen, F. S. Jackson, W. P. Prescott, G. Hyde, D. Morrison, S. F. Tonks, T. H. Cooper, H. W. Armstrong, J. McAvoy, J. B. West, R. Whiteside, S. G. Joyce.

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"Dawn in the Dark Continent"

THAT the spirit of missions is the core of this great advent movement was never more manifest than on the occasion of the conference gathering at Battersea, July 30th to August 3rd. Without doubt this enthusiasm was deepened by the unusually large number of missionaries present. Hardly a meeting passed but one or more of these brethren spoke.

On Sabbath morning there was a remarkably good response to Missionary A. H. William's appeal, when, despite trade depression, £63. 16s. was given for missions (£67. 12s. 11d. was the collection in the same place two years ago in the Sabbath-school connected with the British Union Conference Session).

The last two meetings were given over entirely to a recital of "what God had done" by the missionaries and their wives.

With Pastor Langford in the chair on Monday afternoon, the children and young people of north, north-west, west, south London, and Wimbledon gave a very fine missionary demonstration, "Dawn in the Dark Continent," which stirred all our hearts. It was a most graphic representation of history and life connected with the opening up of missions in Africa.

Commencing with the section, "Pioneers of Light," by means of well-rendered recitations, singing and dialogue, the North London Missionary Volunteer Society introduced us to those stalwart pioneers, Moffat and Livingstone.

Someone has said: "All history is His [God's] story." His stately stepplings towards the great consummation can certainly be detected in the thrilling incidents of which the demonstration reminded us; such as Stanley's search for Livingstone, and in turn, Stanley's memorable appeal which led to the consecration of Alexander Mackay to labour in Africa.

"In the land of the Pharaohs" was presented by the North-West London Missionary Volunteers.

Under the heading of "On the Trail of Livingstone" scenes were given depicting interviews between our own pioneer missionaries and the late Mr. Cecil Rhodes, with the object of acquiring land for our first mission station in Africa; also the work of Dr. Kretchmar, which was the entering wedge for our work in Bechuanaland. These items were well rendered by the members of the South London Missionary Volunteer Society.

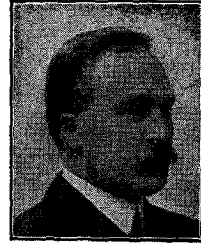
The Wimbledon Society followed with, "In the Footsteps of Mackay," introducing the work in East Africa. Taking us back to the early days of the work there, we were shown a council of chiefs, leading to a welcome being extended to the missionaries. Afterwards more modern scenes were given, picturing the school work of the Gendia mission and the medical work in Kenya Colony.

The final tableau was "At the Gateway of the West," presented by the young people of West London. This afforded an instructive and interesting glimpse of the various lines of missionary work in the West African mission fields.

The programme was concluded with a pleasing little item, "Building up Africa," by the juniors of North London, which consisted of piecing together the map of Africa by means of "bricks".

The offering taken on behalf of the Missionary Volunteer goal realized £16. 7s.

J. H. PARKIN.



North British Conference

President: Alfred E. Bacon

Departmental Report

It gives me much pleasure to present in this report the progress of the three departments which come under my care.

The 2,500 odd members, with over 800 young people and children, need the help and encouragement in regular study of the Word of God, which the Sabbath-school is able to give. They also need the inspiration of organized Christian service as promoted by the Home Missionary Department. And how would the young people and children fare without the guidance and enthusiasm of the Missionary Volunteer movement?

All three departments have united their efforts with the evangelistic forces of our conference in the saving of souls. One hundred and two Sabbath-school members were baptized during 1925. Some twenty-five souls were won through the direct efforts of our members, in addition to the co-operation given in public efforts. Many young people were also encouraged and helped to take a definite stand for Christ and to go forward in baptism.

The Sabbath-school Department has made good progress—first, by encouraging every churchmember to be a member of the Sabbath-school. At the beginning of the year there were 568 missing members, at the close only 447. This number has been still further reduced. In our 70 Sabbath-schools we have a total enrolment of 2,657. One thousand and one hundred of our Sabbath-school members made a perfect record in daily study for at least one quarter of the year and 109 have made a perfect record for the whole year, both in daily study and regular attendance.

The Sabbath-school carries a burden for the work in needy mission fields, and last year contributed £2,991, or 33% of the total offerings to missions in the whole conference, including the Harvest Ingathering. This represents 6/8 of every £1. Without the Harvest Ingathering 68% of our offerings to missions came through the Sabbath-school channel, or 13/8½ of every £1. This is an increase of £61 over the previous year.

Some rivers dry up in time of drought, but the Sabbath-school river is flowing the whole year round.

The 13th Sabbath offerings were responsible for £739 or 25% of the total Sabbath-school offerings. This indicates the interest of our members in a specific mission field. The following fields benefited by these offerings: China, Philippines, Inca

Union and India. The average for each of the four Sabbaths was £185.

The Home Missionary Department is able to report a very fine increase in the circulation of periodicals, approximately 25,000 more than the previous year. In addition 13,000 tracts and 10,000 books were distributed, as well as 13,000 missionary visits and 2,000 Bible studies given. Seven hundred members were reported as actively engaged in missionary work during the year. This was increased during the Harvest Ingathering to over 1,700 taking part in the campaign.

The Big Week was the first *big* effort of the year and, in addition to the large circulation of books and papers, £283 was passed in to the Missions Extension Fund, an increase of £29 over the previous year.

The Harvest Ingathering Campaign was a great victory for the cause of missions in this field. The goal of £4,500 was exceeded by £35, an increase over 1924 of £665. Thirty-four out of 65 churches and companies reached their goal of £2 per member, 24 in South England, 8 in Wales, and 2 in Ireland.

The London churches collected £1,126, an increase of £214 or 24% over the previous year. In the South England section our members collected 4/4½ from every 1,000 of the population; in Wales 4/-; and in Ireland 1/5d. One thousand seven hundred and fifty or 71% of our members took part in the campaign. We would like each one to ask himself the question, If every churchmember were just like me, how much would our Harvest Ingathering be? Fifty-one per cent of our total offerings to missions come through the Harvest Ingathering. If this channel were closed our offerings would be cut down one half.

The Missionary Volunteer Department, with an enrolment of 754 members, has been busy during the year. Approximately 300 were actively engaged in missionary work, and circulated 60,000 periodicals, 3,000 books, made 3,300 missionary calls and gave 300 Bible studies. In addition, they spent 13,000 hours in Christian help work. This is equivalent to one member giving four years of his life or four workers one year.

Surely our youth will be a source of power and strength to this movement as their activities and energies are linked up in Christian service. The young people collected £464 in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign.

The educational features of our work among the young people have received careful attention, and, in addition to the promotion of the Morning Watch, and reading courses, we have encouraged quite a large number to take up the Standard of Attainment Course of Bible study and denominational history. Fifty-eight took the examination held during the year, 33 senior and 25 junior. Fifty-five of these passed successfully, 38 with honours. Two have completed the full two-year course. We are pleased to be able to report still further progress during the first half of 1926, and we look for greater things in the future in these important departments of our work.

G. W. GOODALL.

Circulation Department

Five New Colporteurs Enter the Field

SISTER MIRIAN CAMPKIN has recently entered the colporteur work and is now selling literature around Cambridge. Brother George E. Brown of the South London Church has also taken up this work and a few days ago the application of Brother E. G. Wood of Newcastle-on-Tyne was formally accepted. Two of the young ladies of the Watford Town Church, Sister F. Bull and Sister L. Mays

have also signified their desire to devote their time to the sale of literature.

Two Wonderful Pictures

"If we could only get those two pictures," said one of our workers two years ago, "What a wonderful appeal it would make to the people in our Harvest Ingathering efforts."

The two pictures were the copyright of the London Missionary Society, painted by that gifted artist Harold Copping, and the prospect of obtaining permission to use them on the cover of "Present Truth" or the Ingathering booklet, seemed extremely remote. But how wonderfully God works! Permission has been given to use them both. "The Hope of the World" appears on the Ingathering booklet, and "The Missionary" is reproduced on the cover of this week's "Present Truth"—the Special Missions Number.

"The Missionary"

The missionary with the Christ-like face beneath his sun-helmet has just given a healing draught to the sick African boy. The mother watches with eager hope written on her countenance. A delighted grin of anticipation overspreads the face of the watching boy. Healing is coming to the sons of Africa! And that night a hum of animated conversation is heard from many a grass-built hut as the story of the God-man and his medicine-chest is told. And in the missionary's tent a prayer goes up that God will send out more labourers into Africa. You must send for an extra quantity of this "Special Missions Number" of "Present Truth" for use when Ingathering. Show the people the wonderful picture, arouse their interest in the thrilling missionary stories it contains, and ask for their gifts to help carry this Gospel to those who sit in darkness.

A. WARREN.

At Rest

SCHUIL.—It is with deep sorrow that we record the sudden death of Brother John Schuil, who has for many years been an earnest worker in the Newcastle Church. While making a trip to Leeds on June 6th, he was thrown from his motor-van somewhere near Darlington, and died almost at once from the injuries sustained. Though violent, however, his death was without suffering. Brother Schuil first heard of present truth while staying at the Leicester Sanitarium, which was then under Seventh-Day Adventist management, and was baptized in August 1910. He always took a live interest in all things pertaining to church life, and has for several years filled the office of deacon. His sympathies and practical help were always extended to the poor and needy to the utmost of his power. Sister Schuil, one daughter and three sons remain to mourn their loss. The interment took place in the Darlington West Cemetery. A goodly number of churchmembers and employees attended.

A. WILSON.

BEDFORD.—Sister Elizabeth Bedford, age 81 years, and widow of the late Mr. John Bedford of Grantham, died on Wednesday night, July 7, 1926. For many years she has lived in Bournemouth, with her three devoted daughters, also of like precious faith. Her son, Mr. Cecil Bedford, was unable to be present at the burial on July 11th. He was just crossing the Atlantic, and his ship did not arrive at Southampton until two days later. Besides these children there are also three sisters and one brother who mourn their loss. Sister Bedford was of dignified bearing and much personal charm, commanding respect from all who knew her. Since the organization of the church in Bournemouth she has been a faithful and zealous worker, and we cannot but feel that her own family and the church have lost a devoted mother and a strong supporter. The funeral service was conducted by the writer, assisted by Pastor F. S. Jackson.

G. W. BAILEY.

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Do Your Best

Just now in all lands we are in the Harvest Ingathering work. Do your best, brethren and sisters! May God help you to bring in the largest ingathering ever gathered. This money for missions means hundreds of souls won to Christ in the mission lands. Pray about it, talk courage to one another, and go out in the name of Christ to invite the people to help us kindle the light in dark lands. We in America and other lands will be working at this Ingathering also. God will help us. He is leading the advent movement to victory. Not a promise has failed. The end is near. Soon we shall be meeting together in the kingdom, the labours past, the eternal victory won. God bless you all, and strengthen your hearts and hands for the work in the Harvest Ingathering time for missions.

W. A. SPICER.

FROM the "Quarterly Review of the European Division" we learn that for the second quarter of this year the net gain of new members was 1384. This was distributed among the various unions as follows:

	Net gain	Average net gain per conference worker
Baltic Union	76	2
British Union	88	1
Central European Union	82	.75
Czechoslovakian Union	18	.75
East German Union	129	.75
Hungarian Union	40	1.25
Latin Union	66	.5
Polish Union	108	3
Rumanian Union	388	5
Scandinavian Union	241	3
West German Union.....	127	1
Jugoslavian Union Mission	22	4
Bulgarian Mission	5	.5
Missions	77	.85
Russian Unions (Loss).....	83	

THE same paper contains the interesting information that the first Russian edition of 30,000 Bibles has just been completed. Brother Lobsack writes that this is "the first sectarian Bible to be printed in Russia, and that in Bolshevist Russia." The expense of publication is being shared between the Seventh-Day Adventists and other evangelicals in Russia.

HERE is a splendid "Ingathering" talking point: "Seventy years ago," said Elder B. E. Beddoe at the General Conference, "when our work was twelve years old, there were only seventeen workers in all the world. In 1894 there were but twenty-six missionaries in the mission fields. In 1925 there were 6,240 in the foreign missions: During the last six years, including 1925, 1,086 missionaries have been sent out, or 181 a year, which is an average of one missionary every two days for six years.

"There has hardly been a moment in six years when a Seventh-Day Adventist herald has not been tossing on the high seas, bound for a land where he was to hold aloft the torch of this message.

"BY THE BEST INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO US, OUR FOREIGN MISSION BOARD IS SENDING OUT MORE MISSIONARIES THAN ANY OTHER THREE MISSION BOARDS IN THE WORLD."

WHILE all are doing their best in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign, we trust the circulation of our missionary periodicals will not be forgotten. The Ingathering is really an *extra* missionary service and is not designed to supplant regular work with the magazines. As is well known, "Present Truth" and "Good Health" are published on very small margins and it would be poor economy to raise £100 for missions and allow the publishing house to lose £200 by causing the circulation of the papers to drop. "Present Truth" needs a circulation of 30,000 in order to pay its way. "Good Health" needs 25,000. Having seen "Present Truth" No. 18 drop to 23,000 and the September "Good Health" to 18,000, we felt this word of caution was necessary.

WILL you please take a good look at "Present Truth" No. 19 and see if you cannot use it widely in your Ingathering work?

ALL will rejoice at the success of a number of our young people in the recent Cambridge local examinations. Senior passes were as follows:

F. Reynolds, Miss G. Clarke, Miss V. Ball.

Junior passes:

Edgar Warren, Ernest Burrows, Clarice Throssell, Hilda Carey.

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WANTED.—Bricklayer accustomed to fire work. Winter work. Apply: P. Sparrow, 33 Norfolk Road, Colliers Wood, Merton. S.W.19.

SUNSET CALENDAR.

	LONDON	EDINBURGH	CARDIFF	NOTTINGHAM
September 10th	7.28	7.45	7.40	7.34
September 17th	7.12	7.27	7.24	7.17