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## A Notable Colporteurs' Conference

Of all the colporteur conferences I have attended, never will I forget the one which has just ended. Truly it can be spoken of as "the one that was different." How fitting that at the close of the year 1938 we should all come together to thank our heavenly Father for crowning the year with His goodness, and to prepare for the New Year by associating together to study new and better ways of approaching the thousands who are still outside the kingdom of God.

Over sixty colporteurs attended the conference, and all testified to the wonderful spirit of fellowship

Held at Stanborough Park  
Watford

Dec. 28th to Jan. 5th

By S. Combridge

which was in evidence throughout the meetings.

The opening service on Wednesday evening, December 28th, was taken by Pastor H. W. Lowe, when our minds were lifted from the things of time and sense to the realms above to contemplate some-

thing of the glories prepared for those who work faithfully for the Master during this period of probation. An appeal was made to all to keep our windows open toward the heavenly Jerusalem.

A devotional meeting was held each morning at nine o'clock. The following are a few thoughts culled from the speakers at that hour.

*Pastor W. L. Emmerson*: "People are wanting desperately to believe, but they know not what. *Bible Certainties* contains the truth we know, and it is our duty to go out and give this knowledge to others."



Colporteurs of the British Union assembled for the recent Colporteurs' Conference at Stanborough Park (Brethren Vixie and King were unavoidably absent when the photograph was taken).

*Pastor W. H. Meredith:* "We are servants of the living God, doing His work in the world. God is before, above, underneath, and round about His people. He is also within. Christ in me must be an experience of the heart not a boast of the lips."

*Pastor R. S. Joyce:* "The priests in the time of Hezekiah had to put themselves right before cleansing the temple and before they could approach the people. The filthiness of the temple showed the filthiness of the priests. It took the priests sixteen days to cleanse the temple and remove the filth. Let us cleanse the soul-temple from all its filthiness that we may be pure instruments in the Master's hands."

*Brother A. Warren:* "The Word of God comes down like the rain and snow, and waters the dry soil of our territory, our heart, etc. The snow covers the earth, and then slowly melts, sinking into the dry ground that the rain does not penetrate. However dry and barren our past, the rain of God will make us fruitful."

*Pastor O. M. Dorland:* "We must not cherish known sin. We must gain the victory over every



*An enthusiastic group of new recruits to the colporteur force in the British Union.*

besetment before we can receive the latter rain. Let us ever remember that love cures all diseases of the soul at all times, and that the Holy Spirit is with us all, at all times, and in all places."

*Pastor S. Bull:* "We are ambassadors—representing our heavenly King. God is our portion. Jesus was the express image of the Father. What a thought—that Christ is to be magnified in my body."

On Sabbath morning, Pastor

W. E. Read broke to us the Bread of life. His message was based on Psalm 126:5, 6, which gives the eight acts of the colporteur—His sowing and reaping, his going forth and coming again, his bearing and bringing, his weeping and rejoicing. Space will not permit further thoughts from his most helpful address. One thought, however, remains in my mind—"In the little time [a very little time] remaining, we should crowd all the work we can into the year 1939."

The church was filled on Sabbath afternoon for the Colporteurs' Symposium. At this meeting several colporteurs gave illustrations of how the Lord had blessed them during the past year. The experiences related at this period will be published in the MESSENGER at a later date. The meeting was brought to a close by the reading of a poem composed by the writer entitled, "1938—A Great Year," which is printed on this page.

While most of our time was spent in dealing with spiritual and practical things, the social side was not forgotten. A splendid gesture was made by the staff of The Stanboroughs Annexe, when they invited the colporteurs to a party on New Year's eve, at the close of which we enjoyed seeing a number of moving pictures showing life in China and other parts of the world. These were explained by Brother Brailsford.

Earlier in the evening, we spent a few hours at The Stanborough Press, where we became better acquainted with each other. Several

## 1938—A Great Year

*Behind us spreads a dying year,  
And looking back we scan the past,  
We reap to-day with joy or fear,  
The harvest of the seed we cast;  
The reaper reaps into his store  
And gathers up—oh, thought sub-  
time,  
That which he sowed, and nothing  
more,  
To fill his barns at harvest-time.*

*Twelve months ago our goals were  
set,*

*Success has come beyond compare,  
The record stands—the best as yet!  
The arm of God has been made  
bare;*

*The printed page, like precious seed,  
Is scattered wide in diverse soil,  
And soon the harvest, rich indeed,  
Will crown with joy our prayerful  
toil.*

*Dear colporteur—God's hand has blest  
The message which our books im-  
part,  
And many souls have found their rest,  
Because His truth has reached the  
heart;*

*What time and sense doth now con-  
ceal  
And veil from sight—the seed that's  
sown—  
Eternity will soon reveal,  
A harvest rich, though now un-  
known.*

*What of the year about to dawn?  
'Tis ours to use for good or ill;  
That we may to some hearts be drawn  
Let us with work its moments fill.  
Our labours with the printed page  
Will bring to each a rich reward,  
As souls from out this closing age  
Will learn to love and serve the  
Lord.*

*Linger a while and backward gaze,  
Maybe success has graced your way,  
Or seeming loss has marked your  
days—  
Sink not, dear friend, in deep dis-  
may!*

*The closing year is almost past,  
A new year dawns—oh, catch its  
light,  
And to the wind your doubting cast  
And work for God, for truth, for  
right.* STANLEY COMBRIDGE.

cinematograph pictures were shown relating to our work in other lands. This was made possible through the kindness of Brother G. J. Schulz.

Perhaps the most wonderful surprise of all was a trip to London by coach kindly arranged by The Press management. Further details of this are given by Sister Mulliner in this issue of the MESSENGER.

This report would not be complete without mentioning Dr. B. Williamson's medical talk during the convention. His sound and reasonable advice and his answers to our many questions, were definitely appreciated by all present.

Pastor L. A. Vixie once again gave us of his best. While he dealt with the very practical side of the colporteur work, the spiritual side was always well in evidence, and we were led to see that ours truly was "a high and holy calling." We were sorry that Pastor Vixie could not remain with us until the close of the conference. His presence was required on the Continent at another colporteurs' gathering.

I believe I speak for all when I say that Pastor King's courageous and optimistic ministry did much to make the conference a great success, the best ever. The untiring labours of our two local field missionary secretaries, Brethren Belton and Cooke, also contributed much to the carrying out of a very detailed programme.

Again The Press lived up to its reputation by supplying the colporteurs and Press family with a tea—wonderfully catered by the

staff of The Stanboroughs Annexe, under the leadership of Mrs. Standen. How better could we all show our appreciation for the attention given to us during the week than by presenting her with a bouquet. After partaking of the variety of goodies supplied, various speeches were made, and special attention was called to the marvelous gain for 1938 over 1937—£3,398. 14s. 3d. The total value of books sold by the British Union for the year amounted to £20,402-11s. 1d. The evening was fittingly

brought to a close with the singing of the Doxology.

We have now returned to our territory. The new book, *Bible Certainties*, by Pastor W. L. Emerson, is the weapon which many will wield for the Master. As we go forward to the battle in the armour of God, we ask the prayers of the MESSENGER family, that ere the great controversy between Christ and Satan be ended, we may be used of God to rescue many from the ranks of the enemy to become soldiers of the King.

## Coaches for Colporteurs!

By Joan Mulliner

MANY of our colporteurs have cars, but on Tuesday, January 3rd, we shared three coaches, and only those who were inside knew the thrill as we speeded from Watford to London, to tour the historic places of that great city. It was a day to be long remembered, especially by a number who had not visited the metropolis before.

Leaving at 1 p.m. the first important place of interest to catch our eye was the strikingly impressive B.B.C. building recalling the fine picture of it appearing on page 97 of that wonderful book, *Bible Certainties*.

Passing across Cavendish Square, leaving Harley Street, the home of the famous physicians, to the right, we were interested to see Bentick Street, where at No. 71 Gibbon wrote the greater part of the *Decline and Fall of the Roman*

*Empire*. Hinde Street also attracted our attention as here we noticed the headquarters of the Palestine, Egyptian and Iraq Exploration Societies which have done so much to confirm faith in the accuracy of the Bible.

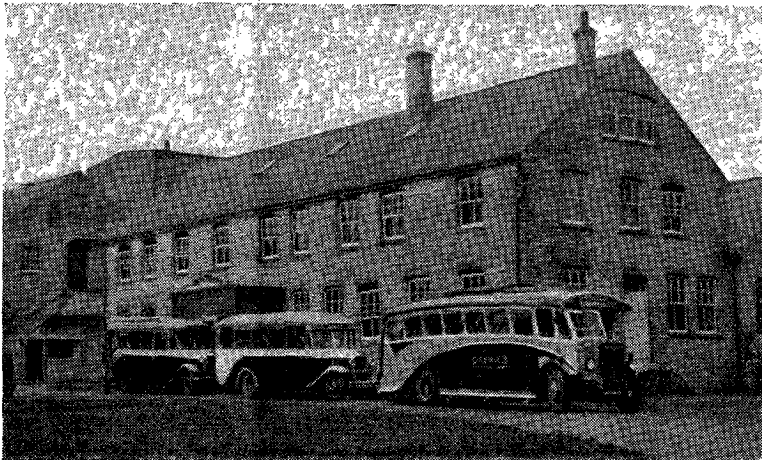
Leaving Marble Arch on our left we caught a fleeting glimpse of the historic tablet on Hyde Park railings, near the site of the famous old Tyburn Gallows, where saints as well as criminals breathed their last.

Our first place of visit was the beautiful Chapel of Ascension, the inside of which is decorated with exquisite paintings by the great artist F. Shields. We were particularly interested to see these, for the frontispiece of *Bible Certainties* and several other plates are reproductions of his masterpieces.

Returning past Marble Arch we glanced through Hyde Park Gates on the great open space where London's orators "let off steam on Sundays!"

Turning down Buckingham Palace Road past the royal Palace and Victoria Memorial, we made our way to where the great Catholic Cathedral of Westminster stands, for a brief visit to this colossal edifice, in the construction of which some twelve and a half million bricks were used. One could not but be impressed with the pomp and power of the great Catholic system whose centre in Great Britain is this imposing cathedral.

Returning to our coaches we  
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Three coach loads of colporteurs setting off from The Stanborough Press for their visit to London.

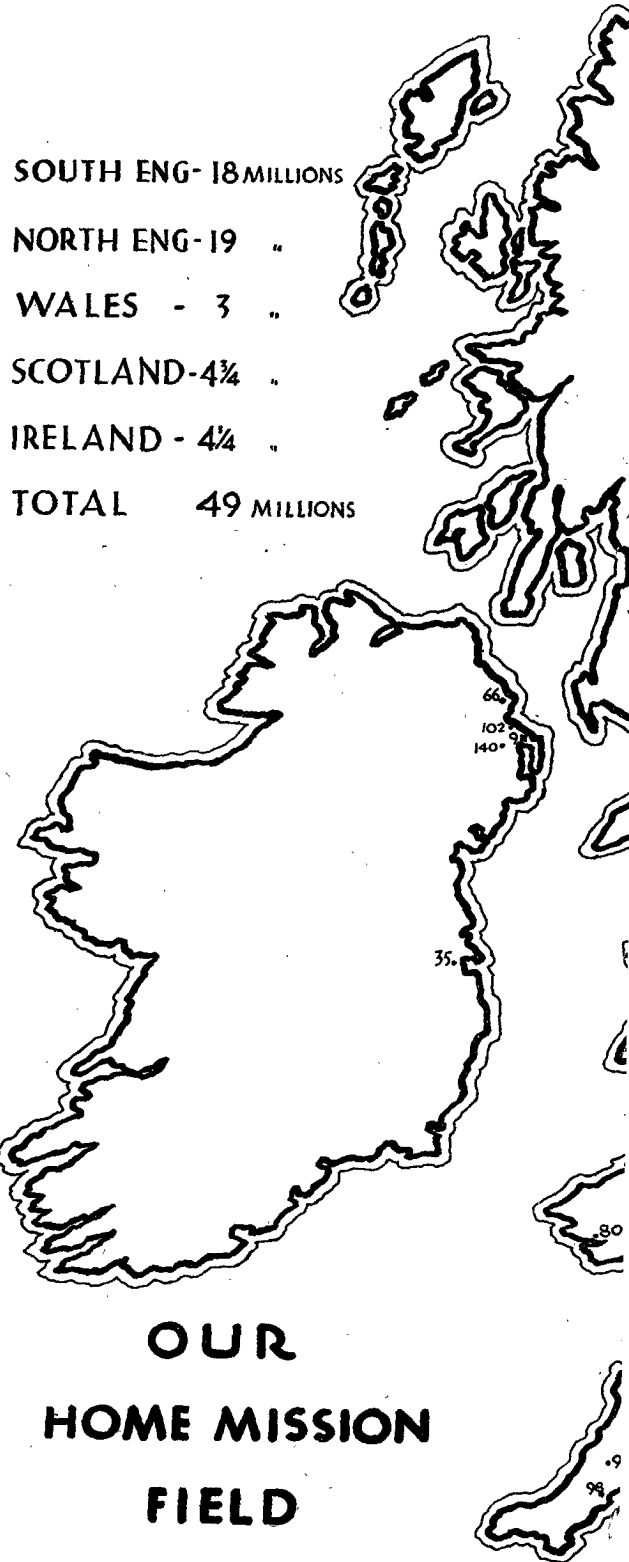
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A TRAINING SCHOOL**

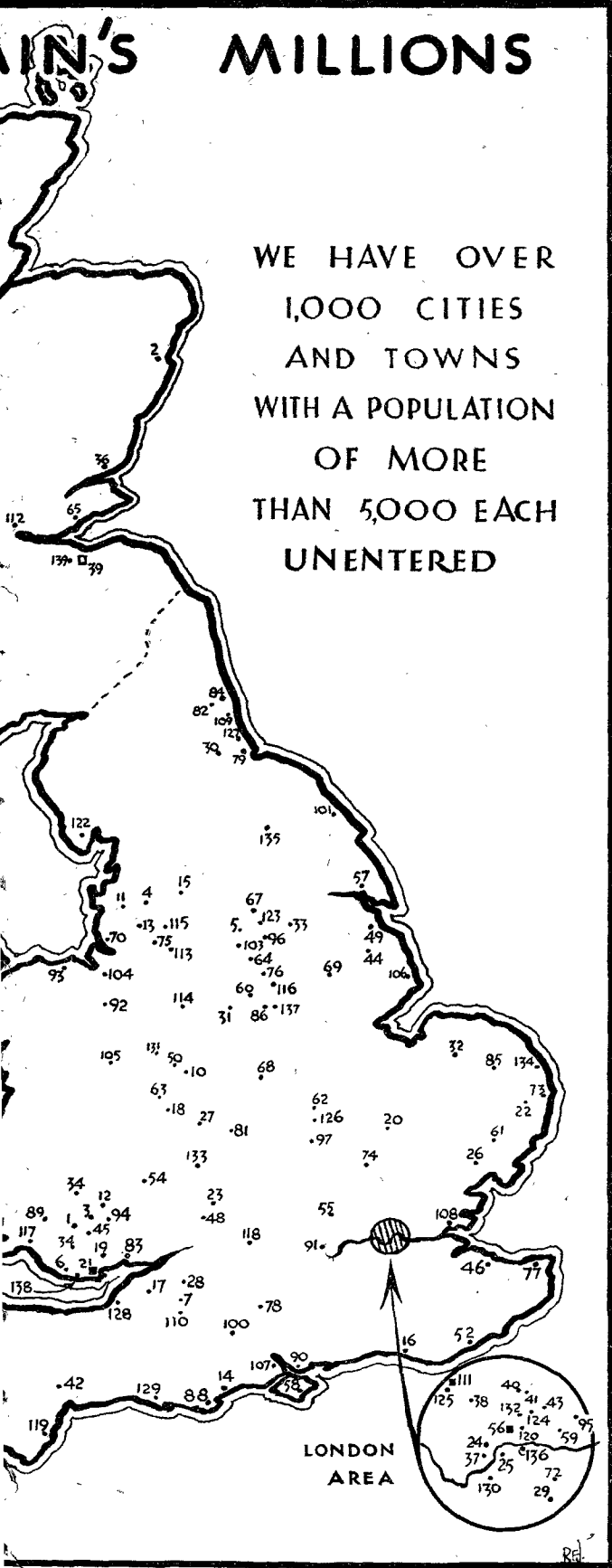
**CHURCHES AND COMPANIES**

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1 Aberdare	■	
2 Aberdeen		
3 Abertillery		
4 Accrington	■	
5 Barnsley	■	
6 Barry Dock	■	
7 Bath		
8 Beckenham	■	
9 Belfast		
10 Birmingham S.	■	
11 Blackburn		
12 Blaenavon		
13 Bolton		
14 Bournemouth	■	
15 Bradford	■	
16 Brighton	■	
17 Bristol	■	
18 Bromsgrove		
19 Caerphilly	■	
20 Cambridge	■	
21 Cardiff	■	
22 Carlton Colville		
23 Cheltenham	■	
24 Chiswick		
25 Clapham	■	
26 Colchester	■	
27 Coventry	■	
28 Crocombe	■	
29 Croydon	■	
30 Darlington	■	
31 Derby		
32 Dereham	■	
33 Doncaster	■	
34 Dowlais		
35 Dublin	■	
36 Dundee	■	
37 Ealing	■	
38 Edgware		
39 Edinburgh	■	
40 Edmonton	■	
41 Enfield Wash	■	
42 Exeter		
43 Forest Gate	■	
44 Fotherby	■	
45 Gellygaer		
46 Gillingham	■	
47 Glasgow	■	
48 Gloucester		
49 Grimsby	■	
50 Handsworth	■	
51 Harlesden	■	
52 Hastings	■	
53 Henllan	■	
54 Hereford	■	
55 High Wycombe	■	
56 Holloway	■	
57 Hull	■	
58 Isle of Wight		
59 Ilford	■	
60 Ilkeston	■	
61 Ipswich		
62 Kettering		
63 Kidderminster		
64 Killamarsh	■	
65 Kirkcaldy	■	
66 Larne		
67 Leeds	■	

■ Indicates Training Class formed.

**REACHING BRITAIN**





**EVERY MEMBER  
A WORKER**

- 68 Leicester
- 69 Lincoln
- 70 Liverpool
- 71 Llanely
- 72 Lewisham
- 73 Lowestoft
- 74 Luton
- 75 Manchester
- 76 Mansfield
- 77 Margate
- 78 Medstead
- 79 Middlesbrough
- 80 Milford Haven
- 81 Newbold
- 82 Newcastle
- 83 Newport
- 84 N. Shields
- 85 Norwich
- 86 Nottingham
- 87 Plymouth
- 88 Poole
- 89 Porth
- 90 Portsmouth
- 91 Reading
- 92 Rhos
- 93 Rhyl
- 94 Risca
- 95 Romford
- 96 Rotherham
- 97 Rushden
- 98 St. Austell
- 99 St. Mabyn
- 100 Salisbury
- 101 Scarborough
- 102 Shankhill
- 103 Sheffield
- 104 Shotton
- 105 Shrewsbury
- 106 Skegness
- 107 Southampton
- 108 Southend
- 109 S. Shields
- 110 Southstoke
- 111 Stanborough Park
- 112 Stirling
- 113 Stockport
- 114 Stoke-on-Trent
- 115 Stretford
- 116 Sutton
- 117 Swansea
- 118 Swindon
- 119 Torquay
- 120 Tottenham
- 121 Uddingston
- 122 Ulverston
- 123 Wakefield
- 124 Walthamstow
- 125 Watford Town
- 126 Wellingborough
- 127 West Hartlepool
- 128 Weston and Brea
- 129 Weymouth
- 130 Wimbledon
- 131 Wolverhampton
- 132 Wood Green
- 133 Worcester
- 134 Yarmouth
- 135 York
- 136 Isolated (South) London
- 137 Isolated (North) Notting'm
- 138 Isolated (Wales) Cardiff
- 139 Isolated (Scotland) Edin'gh
- 140 Isolated (Ireland) Belfast



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passed the junction of Victoria Street and Tothill Street, where Caxton set up the first printing press in England.

We had a glimpse of Westminster Abbey, the Houses of Parliament, Whitehall, the Cenotaph, and then followed the Embankment to Cleopatra's Needle, originally erected by Thutmose III, the Pharaoh of the Oppression at Heliopolis, the On of the Bible, where Joseph found his wife Asenath, daughter of a priest of On.

Great interest was shown as we passed down Fleet Street, the centre of the newspaper world, and then up Ludgate Hill, where we obtained an impressive view of St. Paul's Cathedral, time not permitting a visit to this beautiful old building.

Our coaches soon pulled up at the British and Foreign Bible Society, where we had the privilege of seeing Bibles from some of the earliest manuscripts down to the most modern translations. This society is doing a wonderful work, having printed part or the whole of the Bible in no less than 1,000 languages and dialects.

Our attention was drawn to the globe illustrated in *Bible Certainties*, page 28, which was presented to the Society by the Emperor of Abyssinia.

After marvelling at the preservation of God's Word, we travelled on to the eastern end of the city, where, at Bunhill Fields Cemetery, our coaches drew up for another ten minutes. Here, among 120,000 others, lie Isaac Watts, the well-known hymn-writer, John Bunyan, author of *Pilgrim's Progress*, Susanna Wesley, the mother of John and Charles, and some of the founders of the London Missionary Society, the Religious Tract Society, the British and Foreign Bible Society, and other pioneer evangelical organizations. This is perhaps the most famous Non-conformist cemetery in the world. Close by is Wesley's house and chapel, which still stands as silent witnesses to that devout man of God.

Crossing London again via Smithfield Market, where once the

martyr fires burned, we found ourselves at last in the famous British Museum, where for over an hour we delved into the wonders of the past. Among the things of special interest were the Rosetta Stone, which provided the key to the hieroglyphic writings of the Egyptian monuments, the winged human-headed bulls which formed the doorway to the palace of Sargon, King of Assyria, whose existence the critics once denied, and many other confirmations of the Bible referred to in *Bible Certainties*.

Paying a visit to the manuscript department, we were shown many ancient manuscripts of the Bible, as well as the early English Bibles of Tyndale, Coverdale, and others. One important item of interest was a copy of the first edition of the Douay Bible used by the Roman Catholic Church.

As we journeyed homeward one could hear remarks passed something like these: "A thrilling afternoon!" "Most enjoyable time!" "London certainly holds mysteries within its walls worth knowing." From these remarks it was evident that one and all had thoroughly enjoyed the trip into London, arranged for the benefit of the col-

porteurs at the conference. As one of our veteran workers remarked, "Never too old to learn, are we?"

Our tour helped us to realize the amount of time spent by Brother Emmerson in gathering material for the writing of *Bible Certainties*. How fitting to say at the close, "Thank you, Brother King, Thank you, Brother Emmerson" for planning such a unique expedition!



### First Flashes from the Field

THE first reports already indicate that *Bible Certainties* is a "Certainty for Success"!

Miss Joan Mulliner, of Birmingham, sends in the following report:

Hours .....	35
Orders .....	26
Value .....	£12. 1s. 0d.

This is the largest amount ever reported by Miss Mulliner, now in her second year's work. Incidentally Miss Mulliner learned the "Tested Selling Talk" with real enthusiasm. Her demonstration at the Colporteurs' Conference was voted the winning exhibition. She now reaps her reward with record sales.

Other reports are equally gratifying. Brother H. G. Stark enthusiastically writes of an order at his first call with *Bible Certainties*, and on the following two days' work he again had the joy of securing an order at the first call.

Brother J. Dean writes: "Revisiting homes where I have been privileged to place other books, I found that it met with a good reception. Eleven orders (including one in leather) is the result of my first week out with it."

Brother A. Fleet reports: "I must say the new book is going well down here for the time I have spent out on it. . . . To-day I took five orders in about four hours' actual canvassing time."

We now await further word from our happy colporteurs carrying *Bible Certainties*.

G. D. KING.



Two happy young lady colporteurs at the recent conference in Watford, Miss Joan Mulliner (right) and Miss J. Harlin (left). Miss Mulliner took twenty-six orders for "Bible Certainties" in thirty-five hours on her return to her field of labour.

**Review and Herald Seventy-Fifth Anniversary Number**

A SPLENDID seventy-fifth anniversary number of our world church paper, the *Review and Herald*, has become available to our membership in this Union at especially reduced rates.

This unusual issue is three times the ordinary size, and contains seventy-two pages. Among other special features there appears a record of the first General Conference Session, together with the history and progress of this cause for three-quarters of a century. The outstanding events in the growth of the Advent movement during this long period are graphically portrayed by photograph and pen picture.

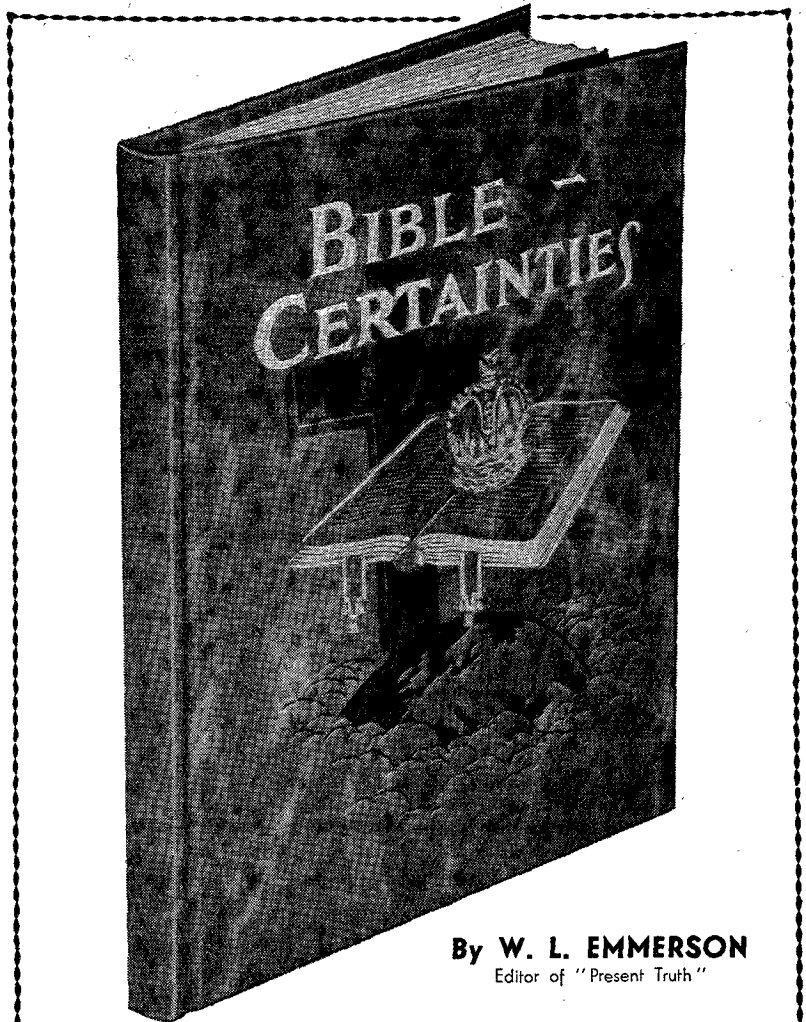
Elder J. L. McElhany says in his opening article: "This number of the *Review and Herald* is of historical importance to every Seventh-Day Adventist believer. It vividly portrays the progress of this cause during the seventy-five years of the General Conference organization."

This is a paper you will need to preserve. It contains a mine of information and answers multitudes of questions. It gives photos of institutions, gatherings, leaders, etc., from all over the earth, and is altogether a praiseworthy portrayal of the progress of the great Second Advent movement.

So long as our limited supply lasts we will send one copy free to each member on receipt of a 1½d. stamp for postage. Perhaps all local churches should order through the Missionary Secretary in which case the postage may be a little cheaper. Isolated persons should order through The Stanborough Press. Regular weekly subscribers who have already received their copy in the usual way may have an extra copy under the above conditions if they so desire. We emphasize that this is a limited offer which we shall not be able to repeat.

H. W. LOWE.

PATIENCE is not one of the showy virtues . . . for which people are praised. We may commend a man for his kindness, his generosity, his courage. But his patience will go unnoticed, and it may be the best of all his gifts.—James Reid, D.D.



**By W. L. EMMERSON**  
Editor of "Present Truth"

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# Reaching Britain's Millions

By F. W. Goodall

A GIGANTIC task faces the membership of the British Union field in relation to the giving of the Advent message to the forty-nine millions in the homeland. Our ministers out in the forefront of the battle are doing loyal service and proclaiming the message to thousands of souls. The colporteur-evangelists are also doing personal work. In addition, many of our church officers and members are giving valuable help both in public meetings and in giving Bible readings.

In the MESSENGER of November 11th last, we outlined the special Bible Service Training Course. We called for 1,000 lay Bible teachers, and we recognized that among our churchmembers were many who were willing to help, but needed training. With the full support of our conference presidents and mission superintendents we enlisted the co-operation of our evangelists, Bible-workers, and other workers as teachers of the classes we hoped to organize in our churches.

There has been a wonderful response to this plan, far beyond what we had anticipated. The first edition of lesson textbooks, numbering 600, was printed and all these were called for even before they were ready for dispatch. The second edition of 250 is just finished, and as they go out to the field we find they are still insufficient to meet the need. More classes have been organized and more textbooks ordered. Up to the time of writing ninety classes or groups have been formed for this Training Course, and almost 900 members have been enrolled. In this issue of the MESSENGER we show a map of the British field with organized churches and companies. The numbers on the map will be a guide to the name of the church. Then we show where classes have been formed.

We shall publish interesting news of the progress of these training classes, and later hope to show where classes have been organized into working groups.

A good number of the isolated members are taking this course, in South England, North England, Wales, Scotland, and Ireland. There has certainly been an en-

thusiastic response, which indicates that this course has been well received. Let everyone keep up with the weekly assignments of study and carry right through until Bible readings are actually being given. We shall welcome news of progress from all our churches. Have you a class formed in your church? How many working groups will you have in your church? How many members will be trained and set to work that we may quickly reach Britain's millions? What are you doing to enter the unentered

cities and towns of the British Isles?

Remember! The Course consists of ten lessons on "How to Give Bible Readings," and three lessons on the "History of the Advent Movement." Those who satisfactorily complete the course and give five Bible readings will receive a certificate.

Textbook ..... 6d.  
Set of "Brief Bible Readings" ... 6d.

Our aim is

"A Training Class in Every Church  
1,000 Lay Bible Readers at work."

May we hear from you?

## Notes from the Union President

BROTHER BERNARD WALTON, who has laboured during the last two years in Ireland, has accepted a call to work in our African missions, and is now studying at Livingstone College. He recently married and will leave in a few months for West Africa. We wish Brother and Sister Walton a period of great happiness and fruitful service in the lands beyond.

MISS DORIS FRASER, who has been some time in Nigeria, returns to take up Bible work in this Union, and will locate in Wales within the next few weeks. We welcome her back to the homeland, and pray that God will give her the satisfaction of seeing many souls for her labours in Wales.

PASTOR L. A. WATSON and wife have accepted a call to labour in Northern Ireland, and will relinquish their work in the South England Conference at once. We trust that their united labours may win souls for God's truth in this needy mission field.

ALREADY about 900 of our members have enrolled in the classes which are being organized in soul-winning methods under the Bible Service Training Course. This splendid beginning should bring a great deal of strength to the soul-winning phases of our Home Missionary work. We hope that during the next month or two hundreds more of our people will enroll, and that all will continue these

classes in order to become more efficient as soul-winners in God's work.

H. W. LOWE.

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## Change of Address

WE are asked to state that the Dereham company now meet in the Assembly Rooms, East Dereham, Norfolk.

## SUNSET CALENDAR

	Lon'n	Not'm	Car'ff	Edin	Bel't
Jan. 27th	4.39	4.38	4.53	4.34	4.50
Feb. 3rd	4.51	4.51	5.05	4.49	5.04

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