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THE BRITISH UNION CONFERENCE.

In the reorganisation that took place at the time of the General Meeting at Leeds, the British field was divided into five parts, viz., South England Conference, North England Conference, Scotch Mission, Irish Mission, and Welsh Mission. These divisions were again organised into the British Union Conference. This Conference unites all the interests in the British field, and takes special supervision of the Educational work, Health work, and the Publishing interests. From the funds of the British Union Conference the head teacher of the school is supported, also the leading doctor, and other labourers in the general work.

I have thought it well to make this statement, that our brethren and sisters might understand these relations in the work, especially now that the annual offering that is taken up during the week of prayer is to go to the British Union Conference. This Conference is in special need of funds at the present time to meet its expenses. We hope that the Lord will put it into the hearts of His people to give liberally according as the Lord hath blessed them. O. A. OLSEN.

NORTH ENGLAND CONFERENCE.

WE have been somewhat disappointed by not receiving the Readings for the Week of Prayer from America, but it is still possible that they will reach us in time for use during the Season of Prayer, from the 19th to 28th.

We have arranged as far as seems possible for help for the different churches and companies. If some are disappointed now we will arrange to give them help at another time to compensate for their loss now as far as possible.

We hope that none will forget the Workers' Institute that has been announced for January 2-11, to be held at Nottingham, if the Lord wills. All who are planning to take up any branch of the work should attend the entire time if possible. All church officers should avail themselves of this excellent opportunity for receiving instruction on all lines of church and general missionary work. All churches and companies should at once appoint representatives to attend, and, if necessary, render them some assistance financially. There will be opportunity for practical missionary work in the city with papers and books in the afternoon of each day for those who may desire the experience under a leader. This will afford a means of very largely meeting the expense.

Competent instructors will be present for all lines of work. Plans will be considered for carrying forward the work in the field till the next General Meeting. This should result in bringing new life into the churches, and it will give an excellent opportunity for all to become acquainted with the work, such as even a General Meeting cannot afford, since more time will be given to instruction in practical church work than is possible at a general meeting, E. E. ANDROSS,

THE HEALTH WORK.

IN my last article I called special attention to our school and the need of securing a permanent location where the work can be carried on under more favourable conditions than at present. I made special note of selling the "Christ's Object Lessons" that are on hand. I hope that our friends are everywhere taking hold of this matter, for now is the most favourable time in which to dispose of these books.

At this time I wish to call special attention to the health work. It is now only a little more than a year since we began the publication of the British Good Health. I have been very much pleased to see the way in which all our friends have taken hold of this enterprise. And this is evidence, first, of the deep interest which all our people have in every branch of the work, and, second, of the demand for this light on the part of the general public. It is truly encouraging to engage in a work in which our own people and the general public show such an interest. That the regular circulation of the Good Health should in this short time have reached 45,000 monthly is truly encouraging. May the good work still go on and accomplish that which the Lord would have accomplished through this agency.

But we find in this, as in every other movement, that following up an interest in one direction only opens the way for further develop: ents. The increasing interest in the study of the health principles now calls loudly for an institution for the treatment of the afflicted, and a fuller demonstration of these principles. For some time we have been looking about for a suitable place to rent; but so far without success. But whether we rent or purohase, the one thing absolutely needed is means with which to meet the necessary expenses.

At the time of our General Meeting in Leeds, this matter received some attention, and the first steps were taken in the matter of raising funds for a Sanitarium. It was there decided to raise £1,000 by voluntary subscriptions for this object. We were also encouraged to hope that our friends in America would possibly assist us by double that amount. A beginning was made there, and over £100 pledged, and some of it paid; since then this sum has been augmented, until at the present time there are pledges and cash in hand to the amount of £300.

At the present time there is a very urgent demand for a health institution, and also a very general feeling that we ought not to delay this matter any longer; and there is, no doubt, good reason for this. But we have taken the position that we will not encumber this work with a debt. but arrange to pay our way as we go. I think that every one will heartily approve of the position. This being so, you can all see that the first thing to be done in the way of securing a health institution is to get the funds on hand with which to purchase, if we purchase, or for furniture and equipment if we should find something suitable to rent. And the very least amount needed for a beginning is the $\pounds 1,000$ we have begun to raise by voluntary subscriptions. That we ought to take this advance step at once all are agreed; but we cannot take it till we have at the least this amount; for if we should find something suitable to rent, not less than £1,000 will be needed to fit up and furnish the building, and to secure the necessary appliances.

I am writing this for the purpose of letting all our friends know just how the matter stands, and what there is to be done. And you see at once that here is a definite call for help. If the amount named should be apportioned among our people, you see that it would mean that every one would be called to contribute $\pounds 1$. But we recognise the fact that some could not pay that amount; while this is so, there are others who will be glad to contribute much more.

Having now placed this matter before you, we shall be glad to hear from you. And we also suggest that it be taken up and considered among yourselves. Indeed it has been too long delayed slready. You are anxious that the work should go forward, and that we should soon have a health institution; and the only way really to show this, and hasten the enterprise, is to send in your coniributions as soon as convenient. Those that have money on hand can send it at once to Brother A. Bacon, 451 Holloway Road, London, N. And we shall be glad to hear also from those that have not the ready cash, but feel interested and will be able to do something soon, that we may know how much we may expect from you, and when it will be convenient for you to send it.

The Lord has gone out before us in every direction, and the way is open everywhere. And it has pleased the Lord to place in our hands the very blessings, the light and the help which the people everywhere need at this time. May the Lord help us to be faithful in the discharge of our duties in the fear of God, that to us it may be said, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

O. A. Olsen.

OUR CHRISTMAS NUMBERS.

DEAR FELLOW-WORKERS :-

This Sunday morning we feel very grateful to our kind heavenly Father, for what He has done through you already with the holiday numbers of *Present Truth* and *Good Health*. Seventy-six thousand copies of *Present Truth* have been printed, and sixty-seven thousand of them have left this Office, leaving us only nine thousand with which to fill all orders received from now until Wednesday. And 56,000 copies of *Good Health* have actually left here, so that we cannot fill any more orders for this number. However, the January number is now ready, and your orders for these will receive our prompt attention.

Is it any wonder we feel as we do? May God abundantly bless all those who read and every one who helped circulate these good papers. We hope that all who engaged in this work have so enjoyed it, that a hungering and thirsting after this kind of "right doing" has been created in their hearts that will give them no rest unless they have a similar experience every day of the coming year, and every year until Christ returns to take us all home.

We have a great desire to see a large number of recruits enter the field this new year, so that all our publications may have the circulation that they ought to have—larger than that of any other literature in the world.

As there is, this week, no other number of Present Truth but the Christmas number, we anticipate a speedy clearance. So those who desire any more had better let us know immediately, else they may be disappointed. S. JOYCE

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WHEN Elder Olsen's letter was written regarding the week of prayer, it was not at all certain that the Readings for use during that time would arrive early enough to use in this country. We are glad that the General Conference responded so promptly to our call, so that we were able to send them out to all our Conferences in time for the meetings.

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The appeal on behalf of the Health Work, which appears this week, will be followed next week by an article from Dr. A. B. Olsen, giving more definite information concerning this branch of the work, and plans for its extension and establishment. A suitable place has at last been found for the beginning of the Sanitarium work in England, if the necessary funds can be raised for its purchase. Full particulars will be given next week in the article mentioned.

A LITTLE WORD OF CHEER.

I HAD occasion recently to call on a friend with whom I had left on approval a copy of the new booklet on "Hygienic Cookery."

After we had arranged sundry matters which had I d to our interview, she laid sixpence on the table, q detly saying, "I shall keep that little Cookery book, and want you to let me have two more when you can conveniently. I shall give one to my two cousins, and send another to one of my nieces, as I hope they will do good in both cases. I like it very much, so far as I have examined it."

I thanked her, and said how glad I was that she liked it well enough to use three copies as a start, and added, "May I renew your order for Good Health for another year?"

"Oh, yes, please1" she answered with eagerness, "my copy is doing good Mission work all the time." She then smillingly went on to tell how each number was lent to the cousins, already alluded to, and to other friends in turn; and how one of these friends had so interested another lady that she had promised to order it regularly through her bookseller. Further, that her own servant was becoming more and more interested in the papers, and "liked the Focds which she was taking pains to cook nicely." This "liking" was a great comfort in a family of two, as it saved getting butcher's meat for the servant when Protose formed part of the dinner. This bit of cheery talk revived my faith, and I hope to make up a new list of subscribers before the year is out. Some to whom *Good Health* has gone for a year, as a present, to advertise it, will, I trust, order in their respective localities through booksellers. So, while my own list may be shorter, I have faith that the seed sown during the year now closing, will produce fruit in a wider circulation than I could personally secure.

Actual progress may be reported in due time to the readers of the WORKER, and my fellow-workers in this very good cause of spreading "in season and out of season" the good news of the Gospel of Health. E. H. BRADLEY.

THE following interesting and encouraging items are extracted from a letter from Sister Pickard, who, with her husband, has been working in Bristol:—

"I find much work to do among the sick and sorrowing. The canvassing work is the workshop where the Lord is fitting stones for a place in His temple.

"Last week my husband went to a little village, and found some people who used to take the paper from the waiting-room at Bath Station, and pass it on from one to the other. It is a mother, daughter, and father-in-law. They want three papers every week.

"I called upon a Baptist minister a week ago, with books and papers, thinking he might be able to introduce them among some of his young people. He recognised me at once as being a Seventh-day Adventist. He had been to Battle Creek, and had met our people, and looked through many of the publications, being especially interested in the prophecies. He questioned me very closely about the Sabbath, and said he could see with us on all points of doctrine except that; but he would not oppose us, and some day he might see it more clearly. He told me that he admired our people and thought that they were doing a great and good work. But, he said, we had come to work in one of the hardest cities in the United Kingdom; the place had been worked over so many times that the people were Gospel hardened and surfeited with all classes of literature. He promised to pray for me in this hard field, and wished me God's blessing in the work. He bought a Good Health, and gave me a shilling towards giving some papers away. It was very kind of him, and encouraging to me to meet him."

Good general servant wanted. Sabbath-keeper preferred. Address, Mrs. Harrower, 6. Bickerton Road, Junction Road, Highgate, London, N.