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THE FIRST ANNUAL MEETING OF THE IRISH MISSION.

This meeting was held at Belfast March 25-29. While the attendance was not very large it was nevertheless a very interesting and important meeting. Beside the labourers in the field we were favoured by the presence of Pastor J. O. Corliss, lately from America; Pastor E. E. Andross, of the North England Conference; Pastor J. H. Watson, who with him family is here on his way to Central East Africa, and the writer.

It was in 1889 that Pastor Hutchinson first came to Ireland to preach the message. After remaining there some years he was again called to America for four years, returning to Ireland about seven years ago. During this time he and his wife have through perplexities and difficulties laboured very faithfully, and the Lord has crowned their efforts with blessing and success.

The beginning of a work is often most perplexing and trying and moves are comparatively slow. But now a good foundation is laid, more labourers are in the field, and the outlook and prospect most encouraging. During the year the work has made encouraging advancement. A goodly number have accepted the truth for this time. The canvassing work has been revived by the addition of several efficient workers whom the Lord has blessed with good success A Health Institution-the Belfast Sanitarium—has been started, and while it has been in operation for only three months, was able to bring forward a most interesting and encouraging report of its work. Later I hope we shall have a report from the Treasurer of the financial standing of both the Mission and also the Sanitarium.

Meetings were held morning, afternoon, and evening each day; the evening service being a discourse for the general public which was well attended. The different lines of work were studied as thoroughly as the time would permit. Plans were laid for decisive forward movements in every line. All were much pleased with the return of Brother Joyce; and while he will now engage in more direct Gospel work he will still have the oversight of the canvassing work in Ireland.

The whole meeting was most harmonious throughout, and will, I am sure, mark an important era in the work in Ireland. They are taking up the responsibility of the Mission with courage and confidence.

Brother and Sister Hutchinson who have laboured so long and faithfully were especially cheered by the present outlook for the work. The long, heavy strain has had a telling effect on Brother Hutchinson, and he is much in need of a period of rest before the opening of the summer campaign, and this was cheerfully voted him by the meeting.

The committee on nominations brought in the following report: Superintendent, Wm. Hutchinson. Other members of the committee: Samuel Joyce, Wm. Shaw, Dr. J. J. Bell, Alfred E. J. McCreary.

Secretary and Treasurer: Mrs. Lizzie McCulla; Missionary and Sabbath-school Secretary, E. J. Hutchinson.

Sanitarium Board: Dr. J. J. Bell, Chairman; Wm. Hutchinson, Samuel Joyce, A. E. J. McCreary, John McAvoy.

This report was unanimously adopted.

The Sabbath was a blessed day. After a short discourse we all united in celebrating the ordinances of the Lord's House. On Sunday evening, after a discourse by Brother Corliss, the meetings closed with a praise meeting in which nearly all took part. The general expression was, "This has been the best meeting we have had in Ireland." Thus closed the first annual meeting of the Irish Mission.

The Conference workers are as follows: One ordained minister: Wm. Hutchinson; two licentiates: S. Joyce and J. McAvoy; three Bibleworkers: Mrs. E. J. Hutchinson, Mrs. Lizzle McCulla, and Mrs. Jennie McClelland. They are expecting at least one more minister to be sent to that field from the General Conference in the near future.

May the Lord's special blessing be upon the work in Ireland the coming year is our earnest prayer.

O. A. OLSEN.

"In everything give thanks, for this is the will of the Lord concerning you."

THE GENERAL MEETING FOR THE SOUTH ENGLAND CONFERENCE.

The Committee have now definitely decided the time and place for our general meeting. It will be held at Southsea from May 29 to June 7, in a large hall, centrally located, with electric trams from all parts of the town passing near the door. The building contains a large hall which will seat 1,400, a small hall which will seat 400, and two rooms which can be used for committee rooms, and a kitchen. It is most favourably located as to procuring apartments for the visiting brethren and sisters, and within ten minutes' walk of the sea.

The reason for our deciding to take a hall rather than have tents as heretofore, was because we found it impossible to procure land either near the sea, or in any part of the town from whence a good attendance could be drawn. In order to get suitable land on which to put the tents, we found it would be necessary to go back nearly three miles from the sea, and away from the centre of the population. Again, the total expense of taking this large hall for the entire time will be something less than half the expense of using tents. Also in the case of unsettled weather, which has been a serious drawback at our general meetings during the past few years, we would be very comfortable, and our meetings would be in no way interfered with. We are planning to serve meals in the small hall described above, which has a suitable kitchen attached. These facilities will enable us to make our diningroom more attractive, and give better opportunity for cooking and serving the food.

Brother Champness is now having a large attendance and a most excellent interest in his meetings, and we therefore hope that the general meeting will come in as an additional help, and that the combined efforts may result in building up a strong church in Southzea.

Brother Alfred Bacon is now looking into the matter of transportation, and we hope by our next Worker to report the exact expense for return fares from London, as well as from the other churches in the Conference.

It is expected that the British Union Conference will hold its annual meeting in connection with this meeting. We sincerely hope that each church and company in the Conference will put forth every effort possible to have its members present. We have already had a report from one company in which every member is planning to attend. Plan to come, and pray meanwhile that God may meet with us, that the meeting may be a spiritual feast.

H. R. Salisbury.

THE CAMP-MEETING.

THE camp meeting is one of the most important agencies in our work. It is one of the most effective methods of arresting the attention of othe people, and reaching all classes with the Gospel invitation. The time in which we live is a time of intense excitement. Ambition and war, pleasure and money-making, absorb the minds of men. Satan sees that his time is short, and he has set all his agencies at work, that men may be deceived, deluded, occupied, and entranced, until probation shall be ended, and the door of mercy be for ever shut. It is our work to give to the whole world, to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people,—the saving truths of the third angel's message. But it has been a difficult problem to know how to reach the people in the great centres of population. We are not allowed entrance to the churches. In the cities the large halls are expensive, and in most cases but few will come out to the best halls. We have been spoken against by those who were not acquainted with us. The reasons of our faith are not understood by the people, and we have been regarded as fanatics, who were ignorantly keeping Saturday for Sunday. In our work we have been perplexed to know how to break through the barriers of worldliness and prejudice, and bring before the people the precious truth which means so much to them. The Lord has instructed us that the camp meeting is one of the most important instrumentalities for the accomplishment of this work.

And our camp-meetings have another object, preparatory to this. They are to promote spiritual life among our own people. God has committed to our hands a most sacred work, and we need to meet together to receive instruction, that we may be fitted to perform this work. We need to undertand what part we shall individually be called upon to act in building up the cause of God in the earth, in vindicating God's holy law, and in lifting up the Saviour as "the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." John i. 29. We need to meet together and receive the Divine touch that we may understand our work in the home. Parents need to understand how they may send forth from the sanctuary of the home their sons and daughters so trained and educated that they will be fitted to shine as lights in the world. We need to understand in regard to the division of labour, and how each part of the work is to be carried forward. Each one should understand the part he is to act, that there may be harmony of plan and of labour in the combined work of all.

Attendance of Church Members.

It is important that the members of our churches should attend our camp-meetings. The enemies of

ruth are many; and because our numbers are few, we should present as strong a front as possible. Individually you need the benefits of the meeting, and God calls upon you to number one in the ranks of truth.

Some will say, "It is expensive to travel, and it would be better for us to save the money, and give it for the advancement of the work where it is so much needed." Do not reason in this way; God calls upon you to take your place among the rank and file of His people. Strengthen the meeting all you possibly can by being present with your families. Put forth extra exertion to attend the gathering of God's people.

Brethren and sisters, it would be far better for you to let your business suffer than to neglect the opportunity of hearing the message God has for you. Make no excuse that will keep you from gaining every spiritual advantage possible. You need every ray of light. You need to become qualified to give a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear. You cannot afford to lose one such privilege.

Anciently the Lord instructed His people to assemble three times a year for His worship. To these holy convocations the children of Israel came, bringing to the house of God their tithes, their sin-offerings, and their offerings of gratitude. They met to recount God's mercies, to make known His wonderful works, and to offer praise and thanksgiving to His name. And they were to unite in the sacrificial service which pointed to Christ as the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world. Thus they were to be preserved from the corrupting power of worldliness and idolatry. Faith and love and gratitude were to be kept alive in their hearts, and through their association together in this sacred service, they were to be bound closer to God and to one another.

In the days of Christ these feasts were attended by vast multitudes of people from all lands; and had they been kept as God intended, in the spirit of true worship, the light of truth might through them have been given to all the nations of the world.

With those who lived at a distance from the tabernacle, more than a month of every year must have been occupied in attendance upon these holy convocations. The Lord saw that these gatherings were necessary for the spiritual life of His people. They needed to turn away from their worldly cares, to commune with God, and to contemplate unseen realities.

If the children of Israel needed the benefit of these holy convocations in their time, how much more do we need them in these last days of peril and conflict! And if the people of the world then needed the light which God committed to His church, how much more do they need it now!

This is a time for everyone to come up to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty. The forces of the enemy are strengthening, and as a people we are misrepresented. We desire the people to become acquainted with our doctrines and work. We want them to know what we are, and what we believe. We must find our way to their hearts. Let the army of the Lord be on the ground to represent the work and cause of God. Do not plead an excuse. The Lord has need of you. He does not do His work without the co-operation of the human agent. Go to the camp-meeting, even though you have to make a sacrifice to do so. Go with a will to work. And make every effort to induce your friends to go, not in your place, but to go with you, to stand on the Lord's side, and obey His commandments. Help those who are interested to attend, if necessary providing them with food and lodging. Angels who are commissioned to minister to those who are heirs of salvation will accompany you. God will do great things for His people. He will bless every effort to honour His cause and advance His work.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

A TRUMPET CALL.

BROTHER George B. Thompson, the president of the New York Conference, has issued a stirring appeal to the church officers on the tract campaign which is now progressing vigorously in the States. He says:—

"This is a trumpet call to return to old-time methods of missionary work in the circulation of our literature, to which every member of the church should respond gladly. Whole churches are withering up because they are not engaged in earnest work for souls.

"The time has come when this condition must change, and I write you as an elder and a leader in Israel, to co-operate with us in making a grand missionary movement in every church in the Conference to circulate the tracts. Will you not, as a leader in Israel, bring this matter before your church, and like a true general, make an organised advance upon the trenches of the enemy? Begin at once; for the work should be no longer delayed. Probation is closing, and souls are going to ruin. Do something, and begin now. Read this letter to the church, and talk up the work at your Sabbath meeting. Lay plans for work, and enlist every member. Correspond with the scattered ones, and get them to work. Let all act as though they believed destruction is coming. Sound an alarm and let the world know that Jesus is at the door,

"There is a responsibility resting upon those who stand as leaders in our churches which should be fully realised. I feel confident that if this matter is placed before our churches with the zeal which its importance demands, a mighty movement will be started. The Lord is coming, and I earnestly pray that the advent spirit may be revived, and old-time methods of missionary work begun."

This great movement which is now on foot to bring the special truths for this time before every soul, should be taken hold of with enthusiasm in Great Britain. Tracts are being circulated by the hundred thousand in the States, and shall we not follow the good example? We give below a list and prices of the tracts which the International Tract Society, Ltd, have in stock, and can supply freely. They are very cheap, and are offered for missionary work at a discount of 50% when taken in quantities of 100 or more. That does not mean that one must order 100 of each kind, necessarily. Twenty-five of four different kinds may be taken to make up the hundred.

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Let the leaders in our churches and companies talk up this matter in the churches, and good results will follow. If every individual member will realise his own responsibility in making known to others the special message of truth for these last days, the work will revive on every hand, and we shall be greatly blessed in our own souls. "Blessed are ye that sow beside all waters."

THE NORTH ENGLAND CONFERENCE.

SABBATH, Feb. 28th. Elder Corlies spent with us in Birmingham Elder McCord baptized ten willing candidates, and immediately following this service Elder Corlies spoke with much freedom and with great profit to all.

Friday, March 6th, I went to Kettering and remained till Monday, holding five services with the church. Most of the members of the Wellingborough church came over on Sabbath morning and spent the day with us. In the afternoon I baptized two from Wellingborough. Sunday night we had a full house, and, following a discourse on "The Sealing of God's People," I baptized four candidates. One of these had expected to have been confirmed in the Church of England that same evening; but, instead, after hearing the Truth he gladly yielded to it and followed his Lord into the watery grave. The work is certainly onward in these two churches. Brother and Sister Holmes are now living in Wellingborough, working with the books and papers and giving Bible readings.

March 22th, I left home to attend the General Meeting in Ireland and Scotland. On the way I visited Birkenhead where Brother and Sister Haughey, Brother O Donnell, and Sister Cousins are working. The Lord is blessing their labours with some fruit, and the company there and the church in Liverpool are being strengthened and built up.

The Lord greatly blessed the meetings both in Belfast and Glasgow. The reports given showed a very substantial work in progress in each field; and the plans laid for the coming year give promise of large returns.

On my way south I stopped at Newcastle and had a good visit with Brethren Stater, Winstanley, and Wilkinson. The two former are working with the books and papers in Newcastle and Gateshead, and the latter with papers in Middlesborough.

The Lord is blessing the labours of Elder Parsons, Sister Sanders, and Brother Brandt in Hull. The last report received stated that seven had definitely taken their stand for the truth, and the interest was growing. The blessing of the Lord is attending the labours of Elder McCord and Sister Bartlett in Birmingham and vicinity, and ten or twelve new ones have recently declared their intention of obeying the truth. Several are now ready for baptism.

Brother and Sister Castle assisted in the first Sabbath School Convention at Birkenhead, Sabbath, March 28th. A very profitable time is reported. Sabbath, April 11th, the first Convention will be held in Birmingham. It is our plan to hold such

Conventions among the different churches in the interest of the Sabbath-school work.

The Lord is greatly blessing every department of His work in this field, for which we give Him praise; and at the same time renew our consecration to Him for future service.

E. E. Andross.

THE TEMPERANCE CAMPAIGN.

THE Temperance Campaign is just getting well under way in our churches and companies. The North London and Leytonstone companies have recently held very successful temperance meetings, and the members are being individually canvassed with reference to the Temperance Number of Good Health. Some are engaging in house to-house labour with the magazine, and others who are not able to spare the time for this work are paying for some copies of the paper to be given away to the

poor.

We are also getting encouraging reports from other places. May we not ask each reader of the Worker, Are you doing all that you possible can to help forward this urgent work? Are you doing as you would like to be done by for the thousands of men and women who are wasting their hardearned pence on drink, while their children are half clothed and half fed, and their homes dark and cheerless? Do you not feel that you could, for the love of God and humanity, spare a few days this month for calling on people in their homes, offering them this magazine which is full of important and helpful instruction, and at the same time saying a few kind, encouraging words. Those who are doing this work are finding abundant opportunity to speak of the Saviour's love and of His power to deliver from the bondage of drink. If you have not tried the personal house to-house effort, you have missed some rich experiences.

But it is not too late for you to begin. This Temperance Number will be timely all through the year, because it deals so exclusively with the various phases of Gospel Temperance; but it is especially timely just now when the Semi-teetotal movement has brought the whole matter before the public. Let us notice briefly the various articles contained in this Temperance Number, which is offered you

at only a half-penny.

Dr. G. Sims Woodhead, Professor of Pathology at Cambridge, and one of the most prominent medical men in the country, writes on the subject, "Alcohol and Good Health."

Lady Henry Somerset treats briefly of "The Misery Caused by Drink," "Our Daty in Respect to the Drink Problem," and "The Children of Intemperate Parents."

Mc. John Rie, the Editor of the Temperance Record, writes an excellent article on "The Progress of Medical Temperance Opinion." He mentions the interesting fact that the City Officials of Paris have placarded the city with a document calling attention to the harmfulness of alcoholic drinks.

Among other things, this document declares: "The truth is that alcohol is of no use to anyone, and is injurious to everyone who drinks it."

Dr. J. H. Keilogg, in an able article entitled, "First Approaches of Intemperance," shows clearly the connection between bad cookery and intemperance, thus giving many, even of the temperance people, something very practical to think about.

Dr A B. Olsen contributes an illustrated article on "The Effects of Alcohol upon the Stomach, Liver, Brain, and other Organs of the Body." These effects are set forth in such a simple, practical way that the average reader will, with the aid of the illustrations, get a clear view of the havor wrought by drink in the human body.

Dr. E J. Waggoner, in an article which is short and right to the point, deals with "The Root of

Temperance."

Dr. DeForest, of Switzerland, treats of Absinthe and Bitters, and Dr. Hoenes, of Germany, writes on "The Relation of Diet to Drink," while Brother John Pyper, Editor of the Bible Temperance Educator, sets forth the Bible teaching in respect of Drink.

Dr. Mary Wood-Allen addresses the mothers in an article on "Temperance and the Growing Child."

Dr. F. Fleetwood Taylor tells "How to Do Without Alcobol in Emergencies," such as Bleeding from an Internal Olgan, Apoplexy, Fainting, Epileptic Fits, Convulsions, etc. This article will prove invaluable in every home.

"How to Get R d of the Drink Habit" is one of the practical subjects dealt with. "What is True Temperance?" and "That Tired Feeling," are other features of interest, as are also "Great Britain's Drink Bill," and remarks from the Bishop of London on the Drink Problem.

It is unnecessary to say that so much sound, practical information on temperance questions cannot be secured elsewhere for a half-penny. Moreover, much interest attaches to the numerous cuts, including the Bishop of London, Lady Somerset, the late Archbishop Temple, Hugh Price Hughes, Brother Pyper and others.

All thoughtful people admit that drink is proving the ruin of the country. In the last seven or eight years, in the city of London alone, 2 662 men and 1 677 women have entered the insane asylums purely through drink. Every year in this same city nearly 600 persons become inmates of pauper asylums from the same cause. From one half to three-fourths of the crime is likewise traceable to drink, while the B itish working man spends more than one-seventh of his total income on alcohol. In view of these and many other striking facts that might be instanced, we may well ask curselves, "What are we doing to rescue these poor souls?" Shall we not arise as one man, and enter heartily upon a strong temperance campaign?

"We are called upon to work with more than human energy, to labour with the power that is in Christ Jesus. The One who stooped to take human nature is the One who will show us how to conduct the battle. Christ has left His work in our hands, and we are to wrestle with God, supplicating day and night for the power that is unseen. It is laying right hold of God through Jesus Christ that will gain the victory —Late Testimony to the Church.

There are many other things that might be said. The work is most urgent. We may not get out another Temperance Number for a very long time. Now we need your help in order to reach the thousands of homes darkened by the drink curse. Will you give it? May God grant to every reader of the Worker a willing heart, a burden for suffering humanity, the ability to look at this issue in the light of eternity. May He help us to do for

our deluded fellow-men as we would like to be done by.

Let no one hold back because he is not a canvasser. Little children, naturally backward and timid, have gone out with this Temperance Number, and had exzellent success. The only necessary preparation is a heart filled with love, and the Scriptures tells us that "the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us." Let us then pray for the infilling, and waste no time in valting, but get right out in the most needy places, for there the Lord will use us. See your church librarian at once, and get a supply of papers Every day now is freighted with solemn responsibilities. Great things will be accomplished when everyone does his very best.

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AND "GOOD HEALTH" AGENTS' RECORD FOR MARCH.

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"From Thy love as a Father,
O Lord, teach us to gather,
That life will conquer death:
They who seek life eternal,
Shall rise to light supernal,
On wings of lowly fath."

"THE answer of God's people to a scoffing world, asking, 'Where is the promise of His coming?' and to a worldly church, which says 'My' Lord delayeth His coming,' must be in trumpet tones, 'There shall be delay no longer.' And the only true way that this can be said is by rising up and finishing the work."

We have just received a card from Brother W. O. James, who left London for India March 13th, written from Port Said, Egypt. Thus far he and his wife had had a safe and pleasant voyage, and at the time of writing were well. We have also received news of the safe arrival of Sisters Smith and Wilcox, who left London for India Feb. 15th. Miss Wilcox is staying in Bombay, and Miss Smith has gone forward to Calcutta.

LET all in the South England Conference take special note of Professor Salisbury's article regarding the General Meeting at Southsea, May 29th, to June 7th. We also invite the special attention of all our readers to Sister White's article on the Camp-meeting. This is applicable not only for those who are planning to attend the South England General Meeting, but for those in the North England Conference. It is none too early to begin to plan for attending the latter General Meeting.

WHEN ordering books will our workers please state clearly whether they require Marble, Library, or Morocco? Mistakes have arisen just recently because this was not clearly defined. If all would use the blanks which have been specially prepared for the purpose, there would be less liability to mistakes, and it would be a great advantage to us at headquarters. We do not like to cause the field workers inconvenience through sending them the wrong books, but when the orders are not clear, and we have to use our own judgment in the

matter, there is always a possibility of our not sending the things the agent particularly wants. To avoid future mistakes, therefore, please be very explicit in making out orders.

APPOINTMENTS.

Nothing preventing and the Lord willing I purpose to attend meetings as follows:—

In Wales as Elder Ballenger may arrange, April 17-21; Bristol, April 22, 23; Bath, April 24-May 4; Plymonth, May 5-12.

We earnestly desire that these meetings may be seasons of special blessings and refreshing. Arrangements can be made for the celebration of the ordinances and also baptism.

O. A. Olsen.

A SABBATH-SCHOOL CONVENTION.

On Sabbath, March 28th, the Birkenhead and Liverpool Sabbath-schools met at Birkenhead for a Sabbath-school convention, the first ever held in the British Isles. This Convention was well attended and was pronounced a success by all. There were two sessions, one in the forencon and one in the afternoon. All those present had the one aim in mind, the raising of the standard of the Sabbath-school work. It did one good to be there and see the earnestness on the part of each one.

Papers were read on the "Importance and Object of the Sabbath school," "Primary Work," "Duties of Officers," "Punctuality and Regularity," "The Teacher's Work," and other important phases. Each paper was followed by discussions, in which many took part, thus showing their interest in the Sabbath-school and their desire to learn how to obtain the best results. A much broader field was seen for the Sabbath school worker. Many expressed themselves that, although they had always taken an interest in this work, they now had a much deeper interest, and were determined to do their part in raising the standard of the Sabbath-school.

We trust the interest aroused at this time will not abate, and that those schools will continue in the good work. May this effort encourage other Sabbath-schools throughout this Conference to awake to their needs and opportunities, and thus be a means of keeping not only our own children and youth, but of drawing others from the outside. Let us each feel we have a part to act to make this work a success. A working, wide-awake Sabbath-school will make a live church.

MRS. C. H. CASTLE.