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"BE not too busy with thy work and care To look to God, to clasp thy hand in His; Thou needst not all alone thy burden bear. Listen and wait, obey, and learn His will, His love and service all thy life shall fill."

-Selected.

British Union Conference Council.

THE British Union Conference Committee held a council, November 24-26, considering various matters pertaining to the work, and laying plans for the coming year. We were favoured with the presence of Brother Conradi, who had just returned from a visit to Russia and other places in the far East.

Among other matters, the time for the annual meetings for the coming year were suggested as follows :-

The South England Conference at the time of the Whitsuntide holidays, May 20-28.

North England Conference during the August holidays, July 29 to August 7.

The British Union to hold their meeting at the same time and place, July 29 to August 7th.

Scotland, August 9-14; Ireland, 16-21; and Wales, 23-28.

The object in arranging the time for these meetings is so that visiting labourers can have the opportunity of attending all these meetings as far as possible.

As to the places where they will be held, this is left with the committees of the different divisions, probably being held in connection with a series of meetings that may be in

The time for the annual season of prayer also received consideration. The date that we had before mentioned, January 1st to 9th, was approved of by all as the most favourable time. We all desire that this may be a season of special refreshing from the presence of the Lord, and it stands us all in hand to seek the Lord with all our hearts in earnestness and in truth. The perils of the last days are increasing about us, and this will continue more and

more until the end. We have received a series of Bible studies from the General Conference for use during this season of prayer. will be sent out in due time, so as to reach all before the beginning of the meeting.

During the week of prayer a collection will also be taken up for missionary purposes. In order to facilitate this, we will send to each company printed envelopes in which the gifts can be placed and taken up at the meeting appointed for this purpose. We earnestly desire that this season of prayer may mark the beginning of a decided advanced move all along the line in our work. Wishing you all the special blessing of the Lord, and being fully assured of your hearty co-operation in all these efforts, I am, Yours in the Master's service.

O. A. OLSEN.

Canvassing, No. 7.

ORDERING books for delivery requires care and forethought. Upon blanks supplied for this purpose, the name of book, style of binding, and number required should be plainly stated. Particular care should be exercised to give the correct address.

It is well to send in the order about ten days before the date of delivery, which allows time for the despatch of the goods. If any other supplies, such as tracts, report blanks, and order forms are needed, have them sent with the books.

The weekly report required of the agents serves a useful purpose at the office of publication. The essential points to be recorded are the number of hours worked each day, the num ber of orders taken for the several styles. binding, and the number of books delivered each week. If these items are noted down each evening, it is little work to make out a report at the end of the week. By thus knowing how the orders are running, it enables the Office to estimate how much stock to keep on hand, and to be prepared to fill orders promptly. Thus the canvasser is always able to secure books, and is never disappointed because of his failure to report. G. W. BAILEY.

North England Conference.

NOTTINGHAM.

NEARLY one month ago, being free to leave Leicester, I began work in Nottingham. The little company of believers, six in all, had been having one meeting weekly on the Sabbath in a private house. Brother Freeth and family moved here about the first of October, thereby increasing the size of the little gathering.

WE have now secured the use of a room in "The People's College" for three services weekly, and hold our prayer meetings in private houses.

I spend one day each week in Derby holding two meetings. The company there are of good courage, and are gradually growing in numbers.

As yet the outside interest in either of these places is not large, but we hope to see it increase. One lady has already begun to obey in Nottingham. Pray for the work in this part of the field.

M. A. ALTMAN.

ITEMS.

AFTER an absence of nearly four weeks from the Office, the Secretary has returned, and will be able to attend to the Office work more promptly than has been possible while away.

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A SABBATH-SCHOOL Convention was held with the Manchester Sabbath-school, Sabbath, Nov. 28. A session was held each in the foremoon and afternoon. Several of the friends from Bolton were present. All manifested a real interest.

BROTHER HENRI, of Birkenhead, one of the Good Health workers, is confined to his bed with illness.

THE Birkenhead company have taken hold of the tract work nobly. All seem deeply interested in the work.

WE are glad to report that the church at Liverpool has ordered a very good supply of tracts and envelopes. All seem to realise that this is an excellent work and are aiding both by means and personal effort.

WE had a good meeting in Birkenhead, Sabbath, November 7th. The Lord was present to instruct by His Word.

WE have been able to secure several new subscriptions for the Review and Herald and also the Bible Training School. Now is a good time to subscribe for these papers. Subscriptions will be gladly received by the North England Tract Society, or the International Tract Society.

BROTHER ANDROSS recently spent several days in London, attending a meeting of the British Union Conference Committee.

ARRANGEMENTS are now completed whereby meetings will be conducted weekly by Brother Haughey in Bolton and Wigan.

DR. SISLEY gave four lectures in Birkenhead, and had planned to remain a week, but was unexpectedly interrupted in her work, much to the disappointment of all:

THE Balkan Mission is composed of Roumania, Bulgaria, Servia, and Montenegro. Though we have done no work in Servia and Montenegro, we have an organised church in Bucharest, the capital of Roumania. We also have churches among the colonists on the Black Sea.

Scotland.

WORK AND WORKERS.

SINCE our last report the tent work has been brought to a close, and as we review the work, we can thank the Master for this means of furthering His truth.

The work with the tent has been hard on account of lack of men and means, and the burden on Brother Ritchie has been heavy at times, but the Lord has sustained us, and now we have a Sabbath-school of about thirty members and twenty five Sabbath-keepers. Many others are interested and studying.

On Wednesday, October 28th, a number came over from Kirkcaldy to Edinburgh, where we had procured the use of a nice baptistery, and there with two who had not been baptized from the Edinburgh company, sixteen were buried in the holy rite. About a dozen more are waiting who will soon be given the privilege.

Beginning the first Sunday in October the

work in Edinburgh was carried forward by the rental of a large half for Sunday evening services. This is a large expense, but the Lord has blessed in the raising of the means so far. The past few Sunday nights has seen an increase of attendance and a very good interest. Brother Miller has been engaged in Bible work, and has had several very interested parties. Brother and Sister Nethery have been doing faithful work with the books, which has been blessed of the Lord of the harvest. They have also rendered valuable assistance at the public services.

The Glasgow church is anxiously waiting the public effort now arranged to begin the first of January. A workers' institute has been arranged for the same time and place.

Brother Aplin and Brother Lamie have been doing faithful work there, and have kept up an interest in the public services.

The canvassing work is still onward. While some have dropped out for other lines of service there are still a goodly number who are hard at it. In Dundee, Brethren Scott and Haining are at work, and already have interested ones whom they are leading into the Message. Brethren Earll and Gauterau are at Aberdeen opening up work in that field. At Inverness Brother Mackay is alone, but his reports show him to be of good cheer and courage in the Master's service. Brother and Sister Ness at Dunfermline are striving to carry the light. Thus in many parts the faithful canvassers are showing their love for the cause of the Man of Calvary

While this is a hard field in many respects still when we see as we did at the last baptism, dear old souls seventy-three and seventy-five years of age, following their Lord, and testifying that they had been waiting for the truth for two score years, we cannot but think that God has a people here that will "keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus."

W. A. Westworth.

SCROGGIESIDE, WORMIT.

DEAR BRETHREN AND SISTERS:-

I don't just know how to begin, but I want to give you my first letter. I have no remarkable experiences to tell, but I do feel so glad that I have a hand in the carrying of this message. While I am sorry I am so unfit, my earnest prayer to my Heavenly Father is that He will make me more fit every day. I feel so unworthy, and I want you all to pray for me, for the "effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

I experienced this about two weeks ago. Brother Scott and I had canvassed hard, and at noon when we met he had one order for "Christ Our Saviour," and I none. We met again about four o'clock. He had some one or two more and I still had none. Brother Scott said, "Let us go into this close a moment." We had a word of prayer, and the Lord heard. I then had only one more close to do, and Brother Scott said, "Go right in there and take an order," I did so, and the first door I knocked at I took an order. The lady next door was out, but when I delivered my first order I took hers and had a long talk with her. I told her of the Sabbath, and she confessed that it was right. She asked questions about the mark of the beast, and the state of the dead. God alone knows what may come of that earnest prayer in the close.

Your brother in Jesus,

GEORGE HAINING.

Che Work in Wales.

NEWPORT.

"THOSE two seem to be interested; let us speak to them."

An earnest heart-to-heart conversation follows, and we say, "Good-bye."

"I say, Brother Ballenger, they seem nice people, don't they?"

"Surely they do. How did they come to the meeting, Brother Hancock?"

"Oh! they are relatives of mine whom I have not seen for many years, and as I had just come to Newport I thought the Lord might want me to bring the truth to them; so I hunted them up and told them of my deliverance from sin, of the Sabbath and other points of the message, and that we had a tent here in Newport. 'Where?' they enquired. 'Down yonder,' I replied. 'Why, they are Mormons!'

"'Don't you believe it; they are good people who believe and preach the Word.'" Mr. and Mrs. Perryman with their aunt began to come regularly; they heard the message, believed and decided to obey. But obedience means self-sacrifice, and the question is asked, "Can God furnish a table in the wilderness?" to which they themselves answer in the full assurance of faith, "Yes."

A manager may not leave his position until all accounts are squared. He has trusted out many pounds of meat upon which he cannot realise for months. How will he raise the money

with which to free himself? Gold rings are sold; overcoat disposed of, and at last the organ goes. The money is raised and they are free; but it is a step of faith. Here is a man out of work, a family depending upon him. Able to work only five days and obliged to get off before sunset on Friday, he goes in search of work. The wife is loyal; she declares that she is willing to live in two rooms rather than disobey God. The aunt is willing to share whatever self-denial shall follow faithfulness to God. A situation found, hard labour, small pay. God is honoured; conscience is at rest, and three faithful souls appear early at every meeting, hungry for every ray of light that shines from the Word of God.

This is one of the modern miracles of God's grace—one of the bright spots in the lives of those who are giving the last warning message of the Third Angel.

A. F. BALLENGER,

W. Robinson, Annie L. Robinson.

EBBW VALE.

WE have been in this place about two months, and the Lord has been working with us. One dear brother who had given up the truth is again rejoicing in it, and is out in the field scattering the seed. Another man who has been a constant reader of *Present Truth* has decided to obey. A good sister has also taken her stand.

One case especially touched our hearts; my husband and I were conducting a Bible study, and just before we began a poor blind woman groped her way to the door with a baby in her arms. She was timid, and said, "I heard you were having a Bible meeting here, and I would like to listen. She had heard Brother Meredith present some of these truth and was hungry for more.

We enjoy our work more and more. There is nothing which satisfies and brings such joy to my soul as to carry this message. What the people need is to see the real Christ in us. The people are often crushed with sorrow and bereavement, and we can carry them words of comfort, and help them seek the God of all comfort. So brothers and sisters, let us not get discouraged, for soon we shall reap if we faint not.

THIRZA BUCHMAN.

In the province of Aberta, Canada, we have four organised churches and several smaller companies as the result of two years' labour. Also a successful church school is in operation.

South England Conference.

WEST CROYDON.

AN endeavour is being made to open up a successful work here. Although I am experiencing some difficulty in securing a suitable meeting place, there are several friends with whom I am having readings, also others that are reading our literature. Brother Miles is still pushing on with his *Present Truth* and *Good Health* work, and by his efforts I have found an entrance to several homes.

You will readily understand the possibilities of a great work being done in this town of about 140,000 souls. Yet to all outward appearances our hands are tied. But I am confident that whatever befalls us God has led us here, and God is with us. I should like to appeal to all our friends for packages of tracts of all kinds for distribution from house to house, also envelopes for loan tracts. I would ask your prayers also for our small company here, which numbers eight souls, that encouragement, grace, and holy zeal may be given us.

S. Aris.

60 Sutherland Road, West Croydon, Surrey.

BARNSTAPLE.

DEAR BRETHREN AND SISTERS: We arrived at Barnstaple quite safe, but were discouraged to find that the place had been canvassed. We went into the country, however, and God blessed us with a few orders. We found the people very kind.

We are sure that God sent us here, because He has used us as an instrument in His hands of bringing two or three brothers into the light of the Sabbath-keeping. We have explained the Bible to them in a light in which they had never heard it explained before. We need your prayers very much, as we find it very hard indeed sometimes; but we are very cheerful with it all, knowing that God will bring us through safely.

Yours in the work,

SISTERS BEAMS AND WILLIAMS.

PLYMOUTH.

SISTER M. HALL, speaking of their Good Health League work at Plymouth, says that Sister Borrowdale was invited to give a talk on healthful living at a Church of England Mission. We had an excellent interest. The curate in charge expressed himself delighted with the meeting. He has been a subscriber to the Good Health since it first started, and said that he was the proud possessor of the first volume bound. He has arranged for a meeting for mothers on December 2nd. We are of good courage, and pray that all may be done with a single eye to the glory of God.

Ireland.

THE Lord is blessing and giving the victory here. Another large business was closed last Sabbath, and there are now four adults of a very solid family of drapers who are keeping the Sabbath.

One of these wants to canvass; also another man wishes to enter the work. He has been keeping the Sabbath for several weeks, and expects to be out of employment the last of this week. Brother Hutchinson wishes me to take these two men and train them. So I hope before another week closes to send you a new address.

I have not accomplished much in the book work this past week, as I was trying to keep in touch with some of the interested ones. But the week before I delivered four books more than the orders called for.

Ballyclare.

DAVID MCCLELLAND.

Our bealth Work.

SISTER CHERINGTON, of Birmingham, has recently gone to Leeds to take up work with our health paper. We trust that she will have the Lord's blessing in her labours, and enjoy the best of success. Brother Wilkinson has also resumed work in Leeds with the papers. We learn from Brother Brandt that the Leeds Good Health League holds its monthly meeting the present week.

OUR Good Health Leagues are prospering. The Westbourne Park League held its opening meeting in the hall of the West London Open Air Temperance Society. Interesting addresses were given by Brother and Sister Bartlett and At the North London League, Dr. F. Fleetwood-Taylor, of London, gave an inter-" Hygiene and Rational esting address on Methods of Treatment" at its meeting last The attendance was good, a large week. number of strangers being present. This League is also actively engaged in the circulation of Good Health, and has already raised a club of over 3,300 copies of the Christmas number.

THE patients in our Sanitarium at Caterham have shown much interest in the Christmas Good Health. One gentleman is taking 200 copies to use instead of Christmas cards. The following is a copy of the letter which we are printing for him to accompany the papers:—

Mr. and Mrs. wish you a very happy Christmas, and good health and presperity during the ensuing year. They believe a very careful perusal of the pages of *Good Health* sent herewith will be helpful to you:—

Better to hunt in fields for health unbought; Than fee the doctor for a nauseous draught. The wise for cure on exercise depend; God never made His work for man to mend.

-Dryden.

IT may be that many of our workers would like to have a letter somewhat after this order printed for use in place of other Christmas cards. If so, we would be glad to hear from you at once. We will supply these letters at actual cost to the office. They can be sent out with Good Health all for a halfpenny stamp, and such a Christmas card would certainly accomplish good in spreading the light of health principles.

The Christmas number of Good Health has met with a hearty reception. Brother and Sister Normansel, of Birmingham, have had 3,000 copies to begin with, and think they may be able to order more. Brother Davies, of Manchester, has had the same number. Borrowdale, Sister MacPherson, Brother and Sister McGregor, Sister Sparks and Sister Smith have each had a thousand copies. Many others have sent in orders nearly as great. It is truly encouraging to note the hearty response which our brethren and sisters have made to the call for help in the circulation of this number. The students are also doing excellent work, some of them taking as many as a thousand copies apiece.

The Isle of Man.

BROTHER COWLEY sends us an interesting account of a visit he made last summer to the Isle of Man. He went with his family to have a few days' vacation, but like other earnest workers have done, he took with him over 200 copies of our health magazine. He sold some copies on the sands; then the following day went out to a Y.M.C.A. camp, told the manager of his work, and found an immediate sale for all the papers that he had taken with him. The

evening after the Sabbath he sold a number of copies at the railway station, and on the streets-

On Sunday he visited a cousin in a village a few miles from Douglas. "In the evening," to quote from his letter, "I accompanied the family to the Methodist chapel, a very neat little place with a company of over thirty persons in attendance. The preacher for the evening did not turn up, and I was invited by the deacon to conduct the services for them if I would. I accepted the invitation, and gave them a Bible address on the Lord's coming in this generation. At the close of the meeting the deacon said how pleased they all were to have heard the words spoken, and he saw it was all 'sound Bible

truth,' but something which had been neglected, and he invited me publicly to come and visit them again when I would be over."

We are glad to pass this experience on to other workers, and to say that we received last summer several letters of inquiry from the Isle of Man, and knew that someone had been over there doing faithful work for the paper. How good it is, wherever we are, to scatter the seeds of truth, knowing that in due time the harvest will appear!

M. E. O.

BROTHER LEO LONGSTREETH has returned to London after a season of canvassing in Scotland.

"Present Truth" Agents' Record for Two Weeks ending Dec. 3, 1903.

AND "GOOD HEALTH" AGENTS' RECORD FOR NOVEMBER.

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