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"Finally brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely,

WHATSOEVER THINGS ARE OF GOOD REPORT,  
THINK ON THESE THINGS."—Philip iv. 8.



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## Our Visit to England

To all officers and members of the I.O.B.U. in England.

A letter from Holland ; though it is late, we hope with all our heart that it is not too late to have this letter inserted in The Good Report. That this letter is so late is because of the fact that on returning to Holland I caught pneumonia, and that was not quite healed when a second attack followed and I was taken to hospital with high fever. But now, thank God, I am healed again.

How wonderful it was when we received the letter inviting us to visit England. It was something to read, but we could hardly believe it could be true until we received the documents for the voyage ; then we clapped our hands and said: "We go to England to visit the brethren and sisters." Now, that visit excelled everthing that we had imagined. Rev. H. T. Newman met us at the station and the reception was very cordial so that we felt at home immediately. Also at their home, Mrs. Newman had everything ready to offer us a weloming meal. Everything was enormous, and when we came into the church everything exceeded our thoughts. There, standing forth as a standard in the midst of all the brethren and sisters was, "Welkom in Sion!" *That* welcome has spoken to us in a powerful way. We were astonished as we gazed at everything that was done for us. In that house of God we experienced that "there is one body and one Spirit" in our hearts, and by one baptism we are united. The hymns of praise and the addresses will remain with us till the end of our days.

The Conference was the climax for us, where we heard from so many mouths wonderful melody to the glory of God, and also that we were welcome in England. It made us silent and we could only silently thank the Lord and you all.

The Rev. and Mrs. Newman were very busy with us from Holland ; they liked to show us everything there could be shown. One of those things that moved us most was our magnificent headquarters church at Enfield, of which Rev. Jeffery is the minister. We stood speechless for some time ; and when Brother Jeffery played the organ I thanked the Lord in my soul and said: "Praise the Lord, my soul, and all that is within me bless His holy Name!"

Also we were received by the Mayor of Lewes, through the kindness of Elder John Hughes, and we thank him too. Thus, altogether, it was for us a feast that we stayed in England.

Then, too, I shall not forget how, in the evening, our International President talked of the time, 25 years ago, when he visited us in Holland and I was ordained as a minister in the International Old Baptist Union and what I preached about then. And now, to Dr. Squire, Rev. Sargeson, Rev. Newman, and to all who made our visit to England possible and so pleasant—our heartfelt thanks.

May the Lord's blessing be upon you, His favour shine upon you. Praise, praise the Lord of all lords, Who created the universe, to the honour of His Name!

Yours in the service of the Master, Rev. H. van Osenbruggen.