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## God Above the Shadows

By H. W. LOWE

WHEN Pastor Maxwell sailed away to the west we little thought that the cloud of Calendar Reform would loom so large or so suddenly on our horizon. The interviews, correspondence, and other propaganda work undertaken by Brother Maxwell bore such valuable fruit that we felt the whole subject of Calendar Reform had been stored away safely for a long time to come.

But the enemy never sleeps! He rather allowed us to feel it would be safe to take our rest, the while he was more active than ever.

Scarcely had Brother Maxwell left us when we noticed scores and scores of references in the Press to the question of our antiquated and inconvenient calendar. Some were in the form of short editorial comments, others were brief contributed paragraphs, a few were long propagandist articles. From all over the world they came and with persistent regularity. One felt instinctively that subtle and skilful propaganda was afoot, yet we had the assurance that Calendar Reform was not on the agenda of the forthcoming Ninety-sixth Session of the League of Nations Council.

Then some of our non-Adventist anti-Calendar Reform colleagues began to write and telephone us. It was reported that subtle influences were at work to get the

question put down on the supplementary agenda for the League Council.

Many persons, who are normally well informed, did not seem to have any real information on the subject. Even officials of the League were unable to inform us at first. Finally, however, we received official information that the question really was on the supplementary agenda.

AT GENEVA

We were urged on all sides to go to Geneva as the Council of the League was due to assemble about January 18th. Something had to be done. Consultations and interviews in London followed and then our own committees felt someone should go to Geneva. We felt an intense desire to have our old friend "A.S.M." here, with his knowledge of the subject, and with his valuable personal contacts already made; but "Uncle Arthur" was 6,000 miles away!

It was an inspiring thing in Geneva to have interviews with friendly non-Adventists, who stood on a common platform with us. One of them, in particular, proved himself a real brother as we prayed and counselled together daily about our problems. Morning by morn-

ing our eyes looked out upon the golden glory of the sun-bathed, snow-capped mountains which ring the city, and we felt attuned to the cry of God's saints in bygone ages: "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help."

Strange how this old city has, through many ages, been such a strategic centre in God's plan. One feels that the very air here is congenial. The entire setting of the city is definitely important and inspiring. No wonder John Knox, after years of exiled wandering and suffering in the early sixteenth century, found at Geneva "a more congenial" atmosphere, and did a great and godly work as a reformer. Has God still some great work to do for His saints here by defeating the enemy's attempts to change the times and to destroy the validity of the Sabbath law?

Many interviews were sought and obtained. Many letters were prepared, translated into French, and sent to members of the Council and other appropriate sources.

IN THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS  
COUNCIL CHAMBER

At the public sessions of the League Council none but the fifteen official members were allowed to speak. But we were intent ob-

servers of the august assembly. The setting was a marvellous hall in gold, black, and amber, modern but dignified. Facing the fifteen Council members were some four hundred persons, composed of secretaries, pressmen, and the public.

The subject of Calendar Reform was introduced by the official rapporteur, who happened to be M. Litvinov, the representative of the U.S.S.R. He showed no signs of undue bias. His report showed that our opposition had been noted. Certain delegates were apparently indifferent to the matter but one or two, among them a representative of a certain South American republic, were extremely enthusiastic. Eventually a motion was carried which means in effect:

(1) That the League is to communicate with the various governments to ascertain the possibilities of unanimity on the subject of a reformed calendar, and,

(2) That some early decision must be arrived at in the matter, as the draft of such a reformed calendar, which is to be submitted by the League to the governments, must be accepted to go into force by January, 1939. This date would allow the new calendar to commence on a Sunday and on January 1st. Such an opportunity will not occur for another eleven years. It can be seen, therefore, why there is so much urgency from the reformers' point of view.

#### THE FUTURE

It is unquestionable that there will now follow a remorselessly intense campaign of propaganda to influence governments in favour of such a reform. Chambers of Commerce, church assemblies, all press organs, will be subjected to intense pressure in order to get them to pronounce in favour of a reformed calendar. The fight is likely to begin all over again in dead earnest. Calendar Reform may never come; but if it does, it may well be the greatest blow yet aimed at God's cause.

The present is a moment that calls for most earnest prayer on the part of every Adventist. It seems inconceivable that any such tragedy as a reformed calendar,

that would disrupt the weekly cycle, should be allowed to come upon the world. Our position is not that we oppose any reform of the calendar, but that we definitely oppose any scheme that would break the continuity of the weekly cycle. A reform that would fix the date of Easter and provide for equal months in the year, if that were possible, would find no opposition from Adventists, but any reform that gives us a Sabbath day that is not the identical seventh day of the Decalogue would launch us into a tragic situation. The reform at present suggested would mean our observing a different Sabbath day each year. Our children's schooling, our business affairs, our employment would all be confronted with confusion and jeopardy.

Doubtless we must organize and make our opposition known. Our world headquarters will, no doubt, co-ordinate and direct our efforts. As laymembers and workers we must acquaint ourselves with all arguments for and against Calendar Reform, so that we are able to discuss the question intelligently in our respective communities. Those who can write should send short letters to the local press embodying arguments against Calendar Reform. Interviews with responsible and fair-minded persons should be sought. Above all, we must pray.

#### OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST AT HOME

Turning to other matters of religious interest, our members will be glad to know that Government officials have sought interviews with us in their endeavours to make adequate provision for Seventh-Day Adventists under the application of the Shops (Sunday Trading Restriction) Act, 1936. This will allow Seventh-Day Adventists to keep their shops open (apart from a few already exempted occupations) until 2 p.m. on Sundays, provided they can produce a certificate, supplied by the British Union Conference, proving that they are bona fide members of the Adventist community.

Further, if certain cases should require adjudication by a tribunal, it seems evident that the British

Union Conference Committee will be permitted to nominate all or most of its members to go to the part of the country concerned to act as the official tribunal. Definite word on this is promised shortly.

Then, too, in the Factories' Bill, at present before Parliament, there is every hope that consideration will be given which will enable our factories to do certain work on Sunday, if so desired.

How deeply grateful we should be that we live in a land where reason, toleration, and liberty are by no means dead!

These things surely demonstrate that above all the shadows, which the activities of the enemy may cast upon the world, stands our God, who guides unerringly the destinies of His church and the welfare of His people.



#### Fruits of the Sabbath-School

MANY years ago a little neighbour girl was taken to Sabbath-school in Shanghai by a sister who had several small children of her own. At that time the only place of meeting in this city was a little upstairs room in an old-fashioned building. After a time our sister moved to another location, and the little neighbour ceased to attend Sabbath-school. Years passed, and the little girl—now grown to womanhood—became ill and was taken to the Shanghai Sanitarium Clinic.

When she discovered that she had found the religion taught her as a child in the little upper-room Sabbath-school, she was overjoyed for, although a Christian, she had never become a churchmember because she could not accept the doctrines of any church save the one of her childhood recollections. She is now a faithful member of both church and Sabbath-school, and her six children are attending our schools. Her husband's business is in Nanking, and our evangelist at that place is studying the truth with him also. Doubtless there are children living in the vicinity of every Seventh-Day Adventist home who would respond to an invitation to attend Sabbath-school. Let us not neglect nor overlook them while seeking to win other souls. —*Sabbath-school Echoes.*

# African Faith

By S. G. MAXWELL

It was Sabbath morning. The sun shone brightly. The Christian village was clean and tidy. The waving maize gave assurance of a bountiful harvest. The bell was calling to Sabbath-school.

Suddenly the sun is darkened. What is this strange sound? Anxious eyes read the portent. *Locusts!* The air is soon alive with flying forms, and the ground covered with creeping things.

At once all think of their growing crops. Famine stares them in the face. "Let us shout and beat empty tins to drive off the locusts," cry many. But above the noise is heard the bell, calling to worship, to remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

All enter the church. Following Sabbath-school the minister exhorts all to a study of the third chapter of Malachi. "I will rebuke the devourer," promises God to His faithful. Had they been faithful in their tithe? Hearts are examined and earnest prayers offered. The meeting continues far into the afternoon. At the setting of the sun the gardens are visited. The locusts rise and disappear. Lo, what hath God wrought! Not a green leaf eaten. Not a stem destroyed.

The heathen crowd round expected to see desolation. Open-eyed and astonished they inquire the reason for the miracle. Again the promise is repeated and the message of a prayer-answering God retold. An old pagan father, wrinkled with age, steps forward. "If this is the way your God helps you," he said, "we want to know Him. Our hearts are ready to hear His message. Come to teach us."

The camp meeting had been held and showers had dampened the proceedings with unwanted frequency. The missionaries eyed the weather with misgivings. Surely the rains were working up, and the following camp would be spoilt. They discussed the prospects and sent out word that the camp had better be postponed.

Then the teachers and evangelists came to them, "What is this word you give us?" they asked. "We have been praying for fine weather for our camp for many weeks, and now you say the meetings cannot be held. We have *faith* to believe that God has heard our prayers." The camp was held, 160 were baptized, and *not a drop of rain fell!*

It was the last day of the camp meeting. The morning service was over. The missionary had appealed to all to seek a new experience. The large congregation of 1,200 souls had been on its knees before God. Over 100 had arisen as appeals had been made. The Spirit of the Lord had been there to bless. We felt encouraged with the results. But more was to follow.

An evangelist came up a little later and said, "There is a young man here who was struck dumb in

the meeting. Will you come to see him?" Sure enough the poor fellow could not speak. We gave him a pencil and paper and asked for answers to our questions. "When had it happened? In the main meeting. Did he feel he should get up to testify? Yes. What kept him down? Knowledge of many sins. Had he broken the fourth commandment? Yes. Where? By working for some Europeans. Had he broken the seventh commandment? Yes. The tenth? Yes. Since this special visitation of divine disapproval, had he made confession? Yes. Did he believe God had forgiven him? Yes. Should we then seek the Lord for deliverance? Yes, certainly."

Several workers knelt in prayer for him. At the close one of the Europeans said to the young man: "Now praise God for what He has done for you." We heard a sound deep down in his throat; the next instant he spoke. That evening, before a crowded meeting, he praised God for his deliverance, and re-consecrated his life to His service.

*Nairobi, Kenya Colony.*

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### Young People—Save 1/- Per Week Now

ALREADY the days are beginning to lengthen, and our thoughts are turning toward the warm sunny days of summer—and the delights of the summer holidays. For these, most of us have to plan and save well ahead, and so we are now sending out our first notice about the plans for the 1937 Missionary Volunteer camp for the South England Conference.

Each year a growing number of our young people attend the camp. For previous campers it is a time of glad reunion, and for new recruits an opportunity to make the acquaintance of other Adventist young people.

As the South England Conference session will be held during the August Bank holiday, the camp dates this year are from August 8th to August 22nd. Once again we are going to the Bournemouth district on the sunny South Coast, to a spot not far from the delightful 1931 camping place. We wonder how many of those who attended our first South England camp will be present with us again this year. We have indeed been blessed in being able to secure an ideal camp site, next to the sea and overlooking Swanage Bay. Within a few minutes campers can be on the beautiful sands, or bathing in the warm waters of the English Channel.

In due course we shall be giving

further information, but as in previous years the charge will be only 25/- per week for seniors and 20/- per week for juniors. The usual railway concessions will be available, and as Swanage is fairly centrally situated for all societies we hope the attendance will be even better than in previous years. So plan ahead, young people, for the

August camp. If in employment try to arrange for your holidays between August 8th and 22nd. Save a little regularly. If you put aside a shilling a week from now until the beginning of August you will have enough for a week's glorious holiday with Adventist young people of your own age.

E. R. WARLAND.

famine they shall be satisfied." Psa. 37:19.

The young people were urged to fill their minds with the Word of God, studying it daily by means of the Sabbath-school lesson. Then, in the time of trouble or temptation, they will be fortified.

In the evening we gathered together for counsel and discussion on the various phases of Sabbath-school work. An excellent paper was given on the "Work of a Teacher," and a helpful and interesting discussion followed. Realizing that God is calling for better, and still better teachers, all were urged to take the Sabbath-school Workers' Training Course that is being launched this year. We also discussed the work of the Sabbath-school superintendent and secretary. Emphasis was laid on the need for work with the juniors, the lambs of the flock.

Truly we spent a profitable time in counsel together, and we pray that as a result of this convention we may see the Sabbath-school work in this corner of the vineyard lifted up on to higher ground.

H. T. JOHNSON.

## NORTH ENGLAND CONFERENCE

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### Nottingham Sabbath-School Convention

ON Friday evening, January 22nd, a large number assembled in the Nottingham Church for the opening meeting of the Sabbath-school Convention. Pastor O. M. Dorland addressed us, and as he spoke of the importance of the Sabbath-school institution, and pointed out that God led this people in its establishment and its organization, all were filled with a new determination to study the Sabbath-school lessons more diligently and to attend the Sabbath-school, the university of the church.

The prayer meeting at nine o'clock on Sabbath morning was well attended, and representatives from the Derby, Ilkeston, Sutton, and Mansfield Sabbath-schools were present, joining in prayer that God might give us a new vision, and that the Sabbath-school work might become more proficient.

The Sabbath-school session was ably cared for by the local Sabbath-school officers.

Pastor W. G. Murdoch was with us in the morning and afternoon services, and his inspiring talks awoke in our hearts a longing for a greater knowledge of the Word of God. He directed our minds to that passage in Amos 8:11, 12: "Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord! and

they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the Word of the Lord, and shall not find it." There will come a time, we were reminded, when the Word of God will be taken away, but if we have it in our hearts, it can never be taken away from us. "And in the days of

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Av. Hrs. per week in previous 6 m'ths	First four weeks	Four following weeks
48	18 0	9 0
44	16 6	8 3
40	15 0	7 6
36	13 6	6 9
32	12 0	6 0
28	10 6	5 3

24	9 0	4 6
20	7 6	3 9

#### "Sales" Benefit

On basis of average weekly sales during previous six months

Av. weekly Retail Sales over 6 months	First four weeks	Four following weeks
10 0 0	15 0	7 6
9 0 0	13 6	6 9
8 0 0	12 0	6 0
7 0 0	10 6	5 3
6 0 0	9 0	4 6
5 0 0	7 6	3 9
4 0 0	6 0	3 0
3 0 0	4 6	2 3

If, for example, a colporteur had worked an average of forty hours per week, and sold an average of ten pounds' worth of books weekly, he would be entitled to £1. 10s. 0d. per week sick benefit for four weeks—15s. on Scale "A" and 15s. on Scale "B."

If he had worked an average of thirty-two hours weekly, with sales of £5 weekly, he would be entitled to 19s. 6d. weekly—12s. on his hours (Scale "A"), and 7s. 6d. on his sales (Scale "B").

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In the case of single workers return fares and Sick Benefit scale of allowances are paid.

A. WARREN.

### Modern Miracles

DOES God work miracles to-day? Does He remove mountains?

A few months ago I came face to face with a crisis. A coal strike was threatening the Welsh field and I was working colliery districts. I had taken a large number of orders during the preceding weeks.

The day came when the colliers' notices were handed in, and the following Sabbath was to begin the strike. On the Monday following that Sabbath I had a big delivery of more than £20 to make.

As I faced that week the Enemy suggested to me that I would have to finish my work there, and move to another field, because all my orders would be lost. About the very last thing I felt like doing was to go out and expect orders that week. I thought it impossible, for miners' wives would not give orders when a strike seemed certain.

There is a text, however, in Zechariah 4:7 that proved true: "Who art thou, O great mountain? . . . thou shalt become a plain, . . . crying, Grace, grace unto it." I started out that week; almost every home I visited questioned giving an order, for fear of the strike, but I told each one that God would

avert the strike on Saturday! What do you suppose happened? Well, the Lord gave me almost £20 in orders that week, and about the best week's deposits.

On the Saturday night the headline of the papers read, "Coal Strike Averted." This was indeed an answer to prayer, and on the following Monday I delivered more than £20 worth of books. When I delivered my books I was able to say, Didn't I tell you God would avert the strike? My faith made a good impression on the minds of the people, which will mean much to them in the reading of the books, I believe. Yes! God does work miracles and remove mountains to-day.

C. L. W. COOKE.

### How the Spirit Guides

I HAD sold *The World's Quest* to a dear old-young lady of eighty-three summers, who had succeeded her late husband as the pastor of the Baptist Church a few years previously. Her faculties were unimpaired, she possessed a wonderful memory, and a happy and joyful Christian outlook. She was truly a mother in Israel.

Two months later I felt impressed to call on her when passing the house. She was glad to see me and after some conversation asked me this question, "What do you think is the condition of our departed loved ones?" I asked what had caused her mind to dwell on that. She replied, "Reading *World's Quest*." So I asked her if I might present what I believed to be the Biblical explanation. "Yes," she replied, "that would be very helpful." And so I spent the next two hours explaining and discussing this theme from the Word.

At the close the dear old soul was absolutely convinced and greatly comforted, but expressed amazement that in all her years of Biblical study she had not seen so clear a light. She said, "Next Sunday I shall preach my first sermon in that light." The Sunday after that she had passed peacefully to her own rest.

Only this morning I received an invitation to speak at their service. Is there any work in which the

Holy Spirit so definitely guides as in that of the colporteur-evangelist?  
B. H. C. DAVIES.

### Wedding Bells

ANNABLE-MCCROW.—A pretty wedding took place at the Stanborough Park church on December 14, 1936, when Brother J. J. Annable was united in marriage to Miss Edna V. H. McCrow, the eldest daughter of Pastor and Mrs. McCrow. The writer, associated with Pastor W. H. Meredith, officiated at the ceremony, in the presence of a large number of churchmembers and friends and relatives of the bride and bridegroom. After the church service, about eighty guests were entertained at The Stanboroughs Annexe, which had been suitably decorated for the occasion. Immediately afterward the happy couple left for a honeymoon in Scotland. We wish them both the blessing of God, and ever greater usefulness in His service.

HAROLD W. McCROW.

### At Rest

BROWN.—Brother T. Brown, who accepted present truth about thirty years ago at Watford, fell asleep in the blessed hope on December 28, 1936, in his eighty-third year, and was laid to rest in Bradford (where he had lived for many years) on January 1, 1937. He leaves to mourn his widow and eleven children, many of whom are either engaged in the Lord's work or are preparing for it. In addition to his own family many of the neighbours showed their respect by attending the funeral, which was conducted by the writer.

J. E. BELL.

MUDIE.—On Sunday, January 10, 1937, Sister Mudie passed away at her home in Dundee, at the advanced age of eighty-seven years, and was interred at Barnhill Cemetery on January 13th. Sister Mudie accepted the Advent message under the labours of Brother F. L. Chapman, and was baptized in November, 1924. Up to the last her confidence in her Saviour was strong, and her happy smile betokened the peace within. Her illness was very brief, and her end quiet and peaceful. We look forward to meeting our sister again on the morning of the resurrection. Words of comfort were spoken to the mourners by the writer before leaving the home.

HAROLD W. McCROW.

UPSON.—Sister Mrs. Upson, a member of the Grimsby Church, fell asleep in Jesus on January 20, 1937, at the age of seventy, after a short illness. Pastor Lennox conducted a service at the house, after which we laid her to rest in the Scarthoe Road Cemetery, Grimsby, on January 23rd. Sister Upson accepted the truth in 1935 under the ministry of Pastor Lennox. Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to her daughter, granddaughter, and all who are left to mourn. We feel sure that if we remain faithful we shall see our dear sister again in the day when Jesus shall claim His own.

F. RUSSELL, Church Clerk.

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NAME OF CHURCH OR COMPANY	Mem- bership	Tithe	Tithe per Capita	Sabbath-School Offerings Inc. 13th S.	Young People's Offering	Harvest Ingathering	Annual Offerings	Miscellaneous	Week of Sacrifice	Big Week	Total Offerings	Offerings per Capita
Bath	25	60 15 3	2 0 7	5 18 0	3 3	25 8 5	1 15 5				33 0 1	1 6 5
Bournemouth	67	153 6 10	1 15 3	99 10 10		107 7 4	5 7 6				141 18 8	1 12 8
Brighton	73	137 15 2	1 17 9	85 14 8	2 9	11 5 7	8 12 6				58 15 6	1 17 6
Bristol	94	83 11 7	1 17 7	17 18 6	7 7	64 5 5	3 2 9				85 9 3	1 8 2
Cambridge	25	29 9 9	1 8 0	3 11 11		11 17 4	2 17 6				18 6 9	1 4 8
183	208	12 1 1	1 11 4	25 12 2	1 18 7	87 16 4	13 12 1				78 14 2	1 11 10
Chiswick	30	25 11 8	1 17 1	6 18 4		11 19 11	2 12 6				21 9 9	1 4 2
Croscombe	98	16 6 8	1 11 8	6 14 7		15 2 1	4 2 6				25 9 2	1 8 7
Croydon	46	40 12 7	1 17 5	11 9 5	10 3	3 17 0	2 19 6				17 9 2	1 7 7
Edmonton	8	13 15 6	1 14 5	4 12 0		3 17 0	1 6 6				9 15 6	1 4 5
Exeter	26	81 14 7	1 4 5	3 19 18		17 0 1	4 0 7				30 3 6	1 3 1
Forest Gate	25	40 11 4	1 12 5	8 0 0	12 9	10 18 5	4 2 17 5				22 0 8	1 7 9
Gillingham	31	55 12 11	1 15 11	12 8 7		46 5 11	4 14 9				63 4 3	2 0 9
Harlesden	29	28 14 0	1 19 10	8 6 3	3 10	19 19 10	2 6 0				11 10 4	1 7 11
Hastings	21	27 19 8	1 6 8	4 7 9		19 19 10	2 6 0				25 12 0	1 4 5
H. Wycombe	192	197 18 4	1 0 7	31 19 6	4 4 5	98 9 7	20 9 6		3 0		151 8 9	1 15 10
Holloway	61	72 4 11	1 17 10	12 4 0		27 18 0	9 7 10				49 18 1	1 2 4
Lewisham	60	47 10 5	1 15 10	4 0 4	1 0 0	24 4 8	13 4 4				29 18 10	1 0 0
Lowestoft	24	17 7 0	1 4 6	2 19 4		15 0 6	10 8 8	15 0			19 11 1	1 6 8
Luton	48	42 16 5	1 10 1	6 1 8		11 3 3	1 10 0				3 2 11	3 5 5
Norwich	113	172 15 8	1 10 1	35 7 3	15 0	123 19 4	17 3 9			4 0 0	181 4 10	1 12 1
Plymouth	52	53 0 8	1 0 5	19 8 2	2 9	45 11 11	1 11 9				55 8 1	1 1 4
Portsmouth	29	38 4 9	1 6 4	15 8 2		21 12 9	2 8 3				36 9 2	1 5 2
Reading	53	70 16 9	1 6 9	15 9 2		59 6 2	7 13 8				76 9 7	1 8 10
Southampton	62	61 13 5	1 16 9	14 5 9		45 6 6	5 15 8				65 7 9	1 1 1
Southend	11	31 14 4	2 16 9	15 3 2		70 6 1	11 8 0				97 3 8	8 16 8
Stanhope	248	795 16 8	2 1 9	102 13 9	3 10 0	514 2 5	48 12 8		12 6		669 11 4	1 18 1
Tottenham	29	28 6 9	2 19 9	8 0 0		53 8 11	1 4 0			5 0	62 12 11	2 3 2
Walthamstow	88	20 18 9	1 10 5	25 13 3	8 3	59 8 1	141 1 11				226 16 6	2 11 7
Watford	71	107 18 9	1 10 5	16 9 8	2 18 11	127 1 11	4 11 9				149 2 5	2 0 0
Wimbledon	110	168 7 9	1 2 10	25 17 3	2 1 11	33 14 5	11 9 9				121 15 4	1 2 2
Wood Green	34	75 3 4	1 2 10	7 13 11	4 4 4	24 19 0	2 6 9				35 4 0	1 1 0
Yarmouth	56	51 4 1	1 8 9	10 9 10	16 9	124 2 2	1 7 7				136 16 4	2 8 10
Companies												
Carlton Col.	16	15 10 4	1 3 0	3 9 11	1 3 4	22 10 8	1 13 8				5 14 11	9 7 7
Cheltenham	16	15 10 4	1 3 0	5 18 0		22 10 8	1 13 8				29 2 4	16 5 5
Clapham	88	100 10 4	1 2 10	19 9 4		25 17 3	5 2 3				50 9 0	1 1 6
Dereham	8	13 4 7	1 13 1	2 16 3		16 10 3	14 0				84 0 6	2 10 1
Ealing	79	74 18 4	1 1 4	10 6 10	6 3	22 1 8	1 6 6				20 10 0	9 9 9
Enfield W'h	20	11 10 10	1 2 2	3 10 2		1 0 0	1 0 0				4 10 2	4 9 9
Gloucester	11	8 13 10	1 5 0	2 2 8		18 9 6	6 3				15 11 11	15 7 7
Gravesend	11	13 14 10	1 5 0	1 18 0		2 12 6	3 4 5				4 14 11	8 7 7
Medstead	6	17 17 2	2 19 6	5 13 9		6 16 6	3 7 0		8 0		15 17 3	2 12 11
Romford	7	15 9 0	2 4 2	1 4 6		15 4 3	1 6 6				18 3 8	2 11 11
Salisbury	9	4 15 1	1 0 8	1 2 5		5 5 5	1 7 0				7 8 9	15 9 9
Torquay	10	17 8 2	1 14 10	8 3 3		4 3 0	1 0 0				26 16 3	2 13 8
W.S. Mare	10	12 17 0	1 5 8	6 9 2		16 16 2	3 10 11				26 16 3	2 13 8
Isolated	881	750 1 11	1 19 5	114 10 7		102 16 0	74 9 7		8 19 3		300 15 5	15 9 9
Totals	2859	4148 4 0	1 9 9	727 6 7	16 18 2	2152 7 9	445 13 11	15 0	10 7 9	4 0 0	3957 3 8	1 3 8
Totals 1935	2715	4071 17 5	1 10 0	655 3 7	25 15 4	1784 1 1	433 18 9		26 2 6	5 3 2	2930 4 5	1 1 7
Increase	126	77 6 7	-9	72 3 6	-9 2 2	368 6 2	11 15 2	15 0	-15 14 9	-1 32 2	426 19 3	2 1 4

## NORTH ENGLAND CONFERENCE

NAME OF CHURCH OR COMPANY	Mem- bership	Tithe	Tithe per Capita	Sabbath-School Offerings Inc. 13th S.	Young People's Offering	Harvest Ingathering	Annual Offerings	Miscellaneous	Week of Sacrifice	Big Week	Total Offerings	Offerings per Capita
Birmingham S.	64	45 19 1	1 8 1	9 3 1	6 6	50 0 4	3 12 0				65 2 5	1 3 4
Blackburn	12	7 15 11	1 2 11	2 4 5		12 15 7	1 10 0				16 10 0	1 7 6
Bolton	9	7 6 3	1 6 3	2 2 10		9 2 0	7 6 6				12 2 4	1 6 0
Bradford	22	17 2 2	1 8 6	4 7 2		34 11 1	1 13 1				40 11 4	1 14 10
Coventry	28	41 1 5	1 15 2	5 15 2		32 16 1	1 13 1				40 5 10	1 15 0
Derby	47	61 5 4	1 6 0	11 10 6	8 2	58 1 7	5 11 9				75 10 0	1 12 1
Grimsby	23	14 12 10	1 12 8	4 18 2	10	4 10 9	3 13 10				10 3 7	8 10
Handsworth	51	16 11 1	1 10 1	9 1 4	12 6	58 18 10	5 5 4				73 18 0	1 8 11
Hull	76	113 16 1	1 9 11	22 18 9		86 4 10	3 13 5				112 17 0	1 9 8
Kettering	48	52 13 0	1 1 10	12 17 2	19 2	36 9 6	3 13 10				53 19 8	1 2 5
Leeds	78	80 17 3	1 2 1	17 12 2	1 3 2	60 15 6	5 12 10				85 3 8	1 3 4
Leicester	37	24 6 11	1 4 9	5 19 5	6 11	19 15 11	16 1				18 12 11	1 1 3
Lincoln	13	7 3 5	9 5 5	4 18 4		5 0 0	3 3 0				22 2 3	1 6 0
Liverpool	105	73 10 10	1 4 1	11 15 5	8 4	74 13 11	3 6 0				90 8 6	1 7 2
Manchester	95	96 17 4	1 0 4	16 8 8	16 7	11 11 1	1 19 9		10 0 0		130 16 1	1 7 6
Newbold	122	97 4 0	1 5 11	21 10 0	1 2 10	24 5 3	7 16 8			16 0	64 14 9	1 10 10
Newcastle	67	68 9 5	1 7 5	12 5 3	7 0	112 9 10	12 4 4				130 13 5	1 19 0
N. Shields	23	7 3 0	6 2 3	3 1 2		19 15 5	1 3 0				23 13 7	1 0 10
Nottingham	69	72 18 1	1 1 1	15 7 3	14 9	79 0 10	3 15 9				98 18 7	1 8 8
Rotherham	29	24 12 6	1 16 11	4 4 9		22 15 10	12 4 4				27 1 3	1 19 0
Rushden	14	18 8 0	1 6 8	2 13 10	2 6	17 10 3	2 10 0				22 16 7	1 12 7
Sheffield	55	57 1 1	1 0 9	11 17 1		43 12 0	2 17 9				68 6 10	1 1 2
S. Shields	28	2 9 3	2 5 2	2 4 3	6	62 8 11	1 6 6				54 15 2	1 19 1
Stoke	26	29 18 3	1 3 0	6 16 7	6 0	40 2 5	1 11 5				48 16 5	1 17 6
Stretford	63	79 17 11	1 5 4	7 16 8		72 0 6	2 16 6				62 13 8	1 6 1
Wellington	22	20 19 3	1 19 1	6 3 1		18 18 7	1 0 0				26 0 3	1 8 8
Worcester	18	24 13 11	1 7 5	2 7 8		48 10 9	5 12 6				157 0 3	5 12 2
Wolverhampton	18	24 13 11	1 7 5	2 7 8		16 7 7	1 2 0				19 17 3	1 2 0
York	25	42 1 6	1 13 7	16 14 9	10 0	60 4 5	1 0 0				73 9 2	3 2 9
Companies												
Barnsley	21	7 0 3	6 6 3	3 7 1		16 4	1 0 0				4 3 5	3 11 11
Bromsgrove	8	9 19 0	1 4 11	2 0 8	3 9	12 15 8	10 6				15 10 7	1 18 9
Darlington	9	8 1 0	16 9	2 9 0		11 5 9	6 8				14 1 5	1 11 3
Doncaster	8	16 12 4	2 1 6	1 13 6		11 6 6	15 0				2 15 0	6 10 0
Kidminster	11					7 0 0					7 0 0	12 8 8
Killamarsh	13	15 1 6	1 3 2	2 9 2	2 6	15 1 7	5 11				17 19 2	1 7 7
Mansfield	12	14 12 8	1 4 4	5 6 0		20 13 4	6 0				26 5 7	2 3 9
Midbrough	46	83 5 11	1 14 5	6 19 4	1 0 1	30 12 7	1 10 1				40 1 13	1 17 5
Scarbro'	11	21 0 9	1 18 3	10 6 4		36 13 2	1 18 1				45 17 7	4 8 10
Skegness	10	10 19 10	1 1 10	3 15 0		22 0 10	10 0				26 5 10	2 12 7
Southport	8	1 19 9	4 11	2 8 0		11 5 0	3 0				11 16 0	1 9 6
Sutton	12	7 10 6	12 6	2 7 8		17 9 0	8 2				20 4 10	1 13 8
Uxerston	34	18 18 9	19 10	2 10 5		1 0 0	8 0				3 18 5	8 8
Wakefield	94	19 9 0	11 5	3 16 0			1 2 6				4 18 6	2 10
W. Hartlepool	7	6 3 9	17 8	7 11		10 10 3	3 6				11 1 7	1 11 8
Isolated	299	870 9 1	-1 5 4	-52 17 10		50 1 4	13 0 0		5 15 0	5 0	121 19 9	8 2
Totals	1755	1840 15 5	1 0 6	364 10 7	9 15 1	1621 12 9	101 8 0		15 15 0	1 1 0	2114 2 5	1 4 5
Totals 1935	1755	1774 6 4	1 1 3	350 3 10	9 1 11	1624 8 1	92 10 2		8 14 10		2084 18 10	1 4 1
Increase	40	66 9 1	-9	14 6 9	18 2	-2 15 4	8 17 10		7 0 2	1 1 0	29 3 7	4 4

# Conference for the Quarter ended Dec. 31, 1936

## WELSH MISSION

NAME OF CHURCH OR COMPANY	Mem-ship	Tithe	Tithe per Capita	Sabbath-School Offerings Inc. 13th S.	Young People's Offering	Harvest Ingathering's	Annual Offerings	Miscellaneous	Week of Sacrifice	Big Week	Total Offerings	Offerings per Capita
Barry Dock	18	28 18 2	1 12 1	4 17 11		23 9 6	8 6				28 15 11	1 12 0
Blaenavon	11	13 16 6	1 5 2	2 19 7		5 16 6	10 6				9 0 7	16 5
Cardiff	59	195 11 5	1 15 9	18 16 1	18 6	78 15 8	10 6 4				168 16 7	1 16 11
Hereford	15	16 14 6	1 2 4	5 0 4		16 8 6	12 0				22 0 10	1 9 5
Milford Haven	6	8 6 0	1 7 8	4 3 3		2 0 0	3 0 0				9 3 3	1 10 7
Newport Mon.	96	82 13 4	1 7 3	10 0 0	19 0	79 1 6	4 16 1				94 16 7	19 9
Porth	15	11 15 1	1 5 8	3 2 7		5 9 6	2 0				8 14 1	11 7
Swansea	34	36 7 10	1 1 4	6 15 6		16 19 5	2 1 9				25 16 8	15 2
Companies	Aberdare	9	18 2 11	2 0 4	4 7 2	15 10 0	2 2 0				21 19 2	2 8 10
	Abertillery	7	2 17 3	8 2 2	1 3 9	5 0 5					6 4 2	17 9
	Dowlais	6	4 16 0	16 0	1 1 9	2 10 9	2 0				3 14 6	12 5
	Henllan	5	4 0 0	16 0	1 9 6	1 18 10	12 6				4 0 10	16 2
	Llanelli	10	7 2 9	14 2	2 7	6 14 7					7 6 5	14 8
	Rhos	10	9 0 1	18 0	2 14 4	9 18 10	1 7 6		9 8		14 0 8	1 8 1
	Rhyl	19	32 1 10	1 13 9	6 5 5	24 16 9	2 12 8				33 14 10	1 15 6
	Risca	8	11 9 1	1 8 8	5 1 11	3 0 0	6 0				8 7 11	1 1 0
	Shoton	10	2 3 8	4 4	1 13 8	11 18 9	5 0				13 17 5	1 7 9
	Shrewsbury	15	15 2 11	1 0 2	2 1 8	2 7 8	13 0				5 1 11	6 10
Isolated	102	113 11 2	1 2 8	9 11 5		140 10 3	4 1 11		2 0		154 5 7	1 10 3
Totals	455	524 10 6	1 3 1	91 2 0	1 17 6	452 7 5	33 19 9		11 8		579 17 11	1 5 6
Totals 1935	453	464 2 6	1 0 6	85 2 6	1 17 11	541 11 5	28 9 8	13 0	3 17 0		661 11 6	1 9 2
Increase	2	60 8 0	2 7	5 19 6	-5	-89 4 0	5 10 1	-18 0	-3 5 9		-81 13 7	-3 6

## SCOTTISH MISSION

Aberdeen	29	21 12 10	14 11	8 19 6	7 2	57 17 0	1 0 0				63 8 8	2 3 7
Edinburgh	61	42 8 0	17 2	10 12 0	15 0	49 1 1	2 4 0				62 12 1	1 0 6
Glasgow	91	75 11 9	16 7	16 19 0		69 6 11	3 4 0				89 9 11	19 8
Kirkcaldy	10	14 10 3	1 9 0	4 0 8		18 6 7	1 2 6				23 9 9	2 7 0
Com.	Dundee	19	16 10 1	17 4	7 1	82 3 2	1 1 6		8 6		90 14 2	4 15 6
	Stirling	14	54 18 6	3 18 6	17 10 5	17 12 9	15 1				36 2 10	2 11 8
	Uddingston	11	16 1 0	1 9 2	2 3 0		5 6		2 6		2 11 0	4 8
Isolated	38	73 12 9	1 18 9	8 11 3		253 19 4	9 10 0		4 8 0		276 8 7	7 5 6
Totals	273	325 5 2	1 9 10	71 1 5	1 2 2	548 6 10	19 2 7		4 19 0		644 12 0	2 3 3
Totals 1935	279	303 3 8	1 1 9	74 12 8	19 6	524 6 9	19 17 5		5 18 9		625 15 1	2 4 10
Increase	-6	22 1 6	2 1	-8 11 8	2 8	24 0 1	-14 10		-19 9		18 16 11	-1 7

## NORTH IRELAND MISSION

Belfast	54	87 15 8	1 11 4	28 3 11	2 6	43 1 9	7 5 9	3 6	1 8 0		80 5 5	1 8 8
Com.	Kilmylee	7	4 9 0	13 9	1 2 7	7 4	11 6	5 7 11			7 9 4	1 1 4
	Larne	4	1 17 6	9 5	2 18 18		5 0 0	7 6			8 6 4	2 1 7
	Isolated	50	35 1 7	14 0	9 3 6	5 0	29 19 10	2 13 0	10 0	1 0 0	49 16 4	17 6
Totals	117	129 3 4	1 2 1	41 8 10	14 10	78 13 1	15 19 2	13 6	2 8 0		133 17 5	1 3 11
Totals 1935	121	146 0 4	1 4 2	42 5 7	10 10	110 19 10	11 19 1	1 0 0			166 15 4	1 7 7
Increase	-4	-16 17 0	-2 1	-16 9	4 0	-32 6 9	4 0 1	-6 6	2 8 0		-16 17 11	-3 8

## IRISH FREE STATE MISSION

Dublin	34	89 9 8	1 2 8	12 5 9	6 5	76 16 4	3 2 0				91 10 6	2 13 10
Isolated	12	16 1 1	1 6 9	1 17 2		2 6	18 3				2 17 11	4 10
Totals	46	54 10 9	1 3 9	14 2 11	6 5	78 18 10	4 0 3				94 8 5	2 0 11
Totals 1935	37	71 5 6	1 18 6	18 0 7	1 2 10	47 9 5	7 1 6				73 14 4	1 19 10
Increase	9	-16 14 9	-14 9	3 17 8	-16 5	28 9 5	3 1 3				20 14 1	1 1

## UNION TOTALS

B.U.C.		1 0 0										
Stan. Press												
Gran. Foods												
Stanboroughs												
Grand Totals	5525	7023 9 2	1 5 7	1309 12 4	30 9 2	4929 2 6	620 3 8	1 8 6	34 1 0	5 1 0	6930 1 10	1 5 1
Grand Tot. 1935	5358	6851 6 3	1 5 7	1225 8 9	39 8 4	4632 16 7	598 16 7	1 13 0	44 12 1	5 3 2	6542 19 6	1 4 5
Increase	167	172 2 11	-2	84 3 7	-8 19 2	296 9 7	26 7 1	-4 6	-10 12 1	-2 2	387 2 4	8

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## SUNSET CALENDAR

	Lon'n	Not'm	Car'ff	Edin	Bel't
Feb. 26th	5.34	5.37	5.47	5.41	5.53
March 5th	5.46	5.51	5.59	5.56	6.17

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# A Welsh Lay-Preachers' Council

By S. G. HYDE

THE Welsh field, though only carrying the status of a "mission," comprises some twenty churches and companies, besides a large group of isolated members.

These churches and groups need shepherding. But two ordained ministers, three licenced ministers, and one graduate could not be expected effectively to shepherd such a large flock. Other shepherds must be found.

So, under previous administrations, there was created a group of lay preachers, and a monthly "plan" came into being. Consecrated and willing laymen (and women, too!) now go out from Sabbath to Sabbath (and in some cases from Sunday to Sunday) to minister to these twenty groups, separated and as far apart as Llanely and Swansea in the southwest to Rhyl and Shrewsbury in the northern parts.

There are some twenty-four of these lay preachers, and we felt there was a real need for these men to get together for counsel and study. The suggestion was circulated and met with immediate acclamation.

The council convened on a recent Sunday, and twenty-four men spent a full but happy day together in our Cardiff Church. Pastor H. W. Lowe had promised to share the burdens of the day, but an urgent call to Geneva prevented this, so Pastor R. S. Joyce, the president of the South England Conference, deputized — a n d v e r y admirably. We had a really inspiring time and the brethren were full of appreciation both of the plan and the benefits therefrom.

What did we do? What were the topics considered? After the opening devotions and a prayer season, Pastor Joyce gave the major topic of the day: "The High Calling and Responsibility of

the Preacher," while later in the day he gave a talk on "The Sermon."

"Suitable Subjects for a Lay Preacher," and "Relationships of the Lay Preacher (1) To his congregation; (2) To the organization," were presented by two of our most experienced brethren, the first by Brother F. E. Powell, the elder and district leader of the Swansea section, and the latter by Brother R. Jacques, the elder of the Newport church.

The writer dealt with three other subjects: "Essentials to a Successful Ministry," "What to Avoid," and "Perils of the Preacher."

Ample time was given for discussion and questions, and it was the free use of such opportunities that helped to make the day so successful.

We all appreciated the help and counsel rendered by Pastor Joyce and we hope that he, in turn, received a real inspiration from contact with such an earnest and zealous body of men.

May the Lord use these consecrated laymen not only in "shepherding the flock," but also in finding some of the "other sheep" which the Lord has in the "highways and hedges" of the Principality.

## A Profitable Council

We have just returned from a

visit to our believers in South Wales. We have always looked forward to the time when this privilege would be ours, having read and heard of their devotion to the third angel's message, their hospitality, and their fervent singing. We were not disappointed.

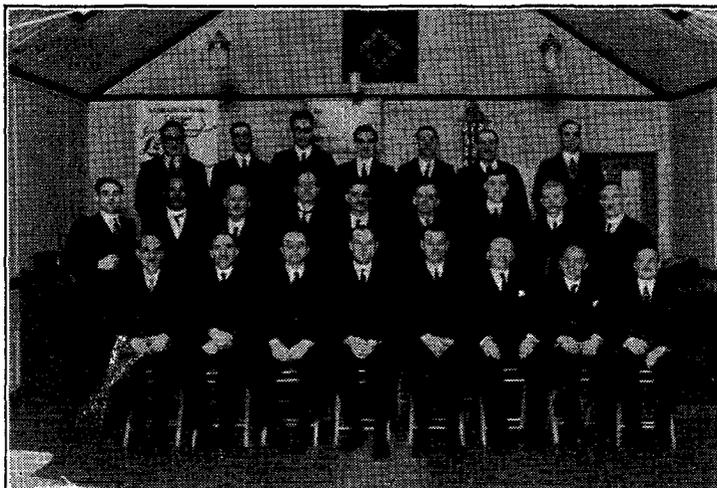
We found the Sabbath-school in Cardiff a live one and well attended. The church was crowded for the preaching service, and in the evening the small room at the rear was filled to overflowing when the children had a social evening.

In the afternoon we visited Newport. It was good to meet so many of the believers, and to see them in a solid church building of their own, built in a most prominent position. We believe this is one of the reasons for the good success attending campaigns in Newport.

The real purpose of our visit was to co-operate with Pastor S. G. Hyde at the Preachers' Council which he had organized. The preachers from each church and company were present, as well as most of the conference workers. Much of the time was spent in discussing ways and means to increase the membership. The speakers in the short time at their disposal could but throw out thought-provoking ideas. Earnest discussion then followed. Wales certainly has her share of able and zealous lay-preachers who, wisely directed, should move forward to great victories in soul-saving this year. The council served its purpose admirably. The presence of God was felt in our midst.

On every hand we found that the workers and believers were filled with a new ardour to win souls and were looking forward to a greater advance than ever before in the history of the work in the Principality.

R. S. JOYCE.



Lay-preachers and workers in the Welsh Mission at the recent Lay-preachers' Council.