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Annual Meeting Afterthoughts

By H. W. LOWE

OUR annual meetings are now in the past, but it is pleasant to look back over the whole series, and to gather up the high points of the five meetings that were held in this Union.

It would be strange if in these times we could say anything other than that these meetings had been the best we have ever attended. Certainly there have been no larger meetings held in the different parts of our Union, with possibly one exception. Ireland without doubt had its largest meeting, and an outside hall had to be used for every occa-

sion. The recently renovated Glasgow church was as full as we have ever seen it on any occasion, and those present at the Holloway meeting will never forget the uncomfortably crowded meetings even in the Baptist church. This latter building, together with our own Holloway Hall, is now quite inadequate for our needs. Altogether these large attendances indicated that God is working for His people,

and that new believers are being born in increasing numbers into the family of God. That is the great object for which we exist.

It must be many years since we were able to report eight new churches organized in one year. In one field two of our evangelists raised up two new churches each.

The spirit of all the meetings was that of devotional unity. Things that might divide seemed to be noticeably absent, or at least they receded into a dim background, which is their proper habitat. Ministry and laity alike



A recent photograph of the British Union Committee and Union office staff.

seemed to concentrate on the great fundamentals of the message, and the spirit of the Master seemed to be in every meeting and in every discussion. In these days of tremendous world happenings, we cannot afford to do other than to press together, and to concentrate on the major phases of God's work for this last generation.

When we came to the meeting in Nottingham we were faced with the fact that the tenure of office policy meant a change in leadership, and it was unanimously voted that a call be made for the services of Pastor R. S. Joyce as the president of the North England Conference. Brother Joyce has been greatly blessed in his administration in South England, where the membership and financial gains have been a source of great encouragement and strength to us all. In the London meeting it was decided to call for the services of Pastor G. D. King, who for three years has been doing successful work as our Union Field Missionary Secretary. As Brother King steps into the presidency of the South England Conference, and assumes larger responsibilities, we shall doubtless follow him with our prayers and be ready with our counsel, as we shall also in the case of Brother Joyce as he journeys northward.

Pastor O. M. Dorland, who has for some fifteen years been in administrative work as a mission superintendent and conference president, will be followed with our prayerful interest as he takes charge of the work in the large district of Bristol. The Lord has blessed the services of Brother Dorland, and we are sure He will continue so to do. It is a wonderful thing in this Advent message to see the spirit of love and unity that prevails among the brethren as they move about faithfully in the service of the Master.

To fill the place vacated by Pastor G. D. King the Union Committee has called for the services of Pastor J. M. Howard, who has been doing pioneer evangelistic

work, and raising up churches year by year in South England. We feel sure Brother Howard's evangelistic fervour, coupled with the fact that he has maintained a deep interest in the work of the literature ministry, will preserve a progressive evangelistic spirit in our colporteur leadership.

We are now entering upon the last year of the quadrennial period. It seems incredible that three years have flown over our heads since we were at our recent Union Session. It all shows how quickly we are speeding toward the close of time. As the servant of the Lord has said:

"We are at the crisis of the world's history. The Christian

soldier, armed for the conflict, engages in the fiercest battle that the world has ever seen—the battle that closes six thousand years of the great controversy between Christ and Satan. Let us, as good soldiers of Jesus Christ, be fully armed and equipped for every conflict, and in the power of His name let us conquer."

We must march straight on, loyally serving our Master until the kingdom is established.

"We bless Thee for the bygone years,
with love and mercy sown;
The future years are calling now, all
shadowed by Thy throne:
Oh guide us by Thy wisdom, Lord;
oh keep us by Thy grace;
And bring us, when our task is
wrought, to see Thee face to
face."

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President's Notes

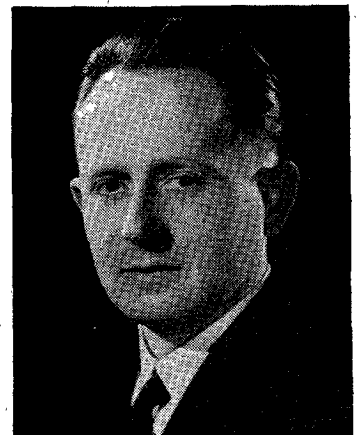
It is just four and a half years since I learned that I had been elected as president of the South England Conference. I was sorry to leave the work I was doing then, and I am sorry to leave the work I am doing now, but it is always good to go where the Lord calls.

I am happy in your choice of your new president. Under Pastor G. D. King's leadership, with his experience as missionary, mission superintendent, and Field Missionary Secretary, and with God's continued blessing, the work in this field will surely move forward. With workers and members all striving to answer the clamorous call of the unentered towns and cities of South England, advance must come. God has blessed us greatly as workers, church officers, and members, and the progress made would have been impossible without your splendid spirit of whole-hearted co-operation.

Like a finger flipping pages, my

mind flips over, one by one, the events of those four and a half years—the committees, the conferences, the church services, baptisms, the visits in the homes of workers and members, the office, with its letters, finances, and goals, and busy office workers who have often given generously of their spare time and energy as we planned and worked out our ideas for advance in our objectives as a conference—full hours and happy contacts—and "All's to do again" . . . !

The work draws us like a mag-



Pastor G. R. Bell.

All Hands to the Harvest!

(See back page)



Pastor C. R. Bonney.

net, because at the end, our minds, like Paul's, can go only so far when we think what this world will be when the whole earth is filled with the glory of its Creator and Redeemer. There is nothing in which we can have a part that is greater than the hastening of that day when the promise given thousands of years ago will be fulfilled.

"Now therefore, if ye will obey My voice indeed, and keep My covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto Me above all people: for all the earth is mine: and ye shall be unto Me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation."

R. S. JOYCE.

Conference Recollections

"We shall be satisfied with the goodness of Thy house." Psa. 65:4.

THIS account is written primarily for the benefit of those of our brethren and sisters of South England who were prevented by various circumstances from attending the conference. Although we knew you were with us in spirit and prayer, to you were denied those direct contacts at our annual gathering which are always such a source of blessing and lasting inspiration. I want you to come with me in thought, and we will attend again some of the conference meetings, and endeavour to catch something of their spirit and blessing.

The president has invited us to attend a Workers' Meeting, so we will make our beginning there. These meetings are to convene the Monday afternoon to the Thursday morning before the conference proper. As we ascend into the gallery of our Advent church at Hol-

loway we catch the voice of one of our experienced ministers expounding the mysticism and the rich imagery of the hitherto neglected book of Ezekiel. The whole of the Workers' Session, apart from devotional periods, when we are to study the writings of the Spirit of prophecy, has been given over to the elucidation of Ezekiel's mysteries. As we listen, joining in the general rapt attention, we see that there are mysteries no longer, but Ezekiel is gradually revealed as a powerful prophet, with a definite and stirring message for these last days. The prophet's purpose is to show that the presence and abiding glory of the Lord are always and everywhere dependent on the loyalty of His people. We can see that the Ezekiel message comes now with a new meaning and impressiveness to those called by God to lead His cause in South England.

EARLY AUDIENCE

A conference of Adventists may not be a restful holiday, but it is always an abundant spiritual feast—a feast which begins early and finishes late. Seven o'clock, we see, is not too early for many of our faithful believers to gather for praise and prayer. As we listen to the brief messages and the earnest petitions at the early meetings, we see one reason why the conference is so greatly blessed and the Spirit so markedly manifest. A people so early in prayer *must* throughout the day be rich in blessing.

DELVING DEEP

Adventists not only gather

annually for inspiration and administration, but also for instruction. We find that this year again solid Bible study is made a special feature. Periods each day are set aside for searching the Scriptures, and it is an inspiration to watch the large congregation following point by point, as one of our leading brethren "shows the way through the Book." The "lamp unto our feet" shines ever brighter the more we come to its illuminating rays.

THE CHURCH'S TREASURE

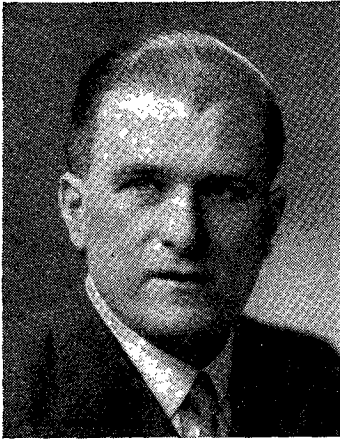
But now let us slip away for a moment. I want to show you the place where the president has put the church's treasure. No, it is not in Brother Parkin's safe—secure as that is. It is in an appropriately adorned part of the tent, at the back of the building. If we go in quietly we can attend unobserved one of the children's special services. There, while their parents are studying the deep things of God, the children are eagerly imbibing the "sincere milk of the Word" aye, and undoubtedly "growing thereby." If their close attention is any indication, they will soon not be far behind their elders in Biblical knowledge. In all our busy conference activities it is good to suffer the children to come unto Him.

OUR FATHER'S BUSINESS

One of the main reasons we gather annually in conference is that there is certain important temporal business to transact. This year again the business sessions



South England Conference workers, July, 1939.



Pastor A. J. Mustard.

are crowded with interest and encouragement. On Thursday night especially, it is a great joy to see seven new churches added to the list in South England as a result of evangelistic ventures. To listen to the stirring words of the evangelists as they commend their hard-won trophies to our care, is to give grateful thanks to God that His work is speeding onward.

All business sessions, unfortunately, cannot be equally happy. It is with sorrow we learn, at a later meeting, that our president, Pastor R. S. Joyce, has been called to fill a similar position in the needy North England Conference. He has endeared himself to us by his capable and zealous administration. South England has made marked progress under his guidance, and we shall miss his hand on the helm.

But with the unanimous support of all our southern believers, Pastor G. D. King is welcomed to the vacant position. Pastor Joyce is the first to shake hands with him in a most hearty welcome.

MUSICAL MOMENTS

We are always greatly indebted to those who bring us the Gospel in song. Brother Wynne's limpid notes and Miss Hadley's rich contralto remain with us. But when to these are added the harmonies of the mixed and male choirs we are blessed indeed.

Although we may not be able to shine very much as solo performers, every good Adventist likes to do a bit of singing on his own account—it's in his blood! Pastor Leslie Hardinge, himself no mean musician, leads us in community singing. So what we may lack in

artistic technique, we certainly make up in devotional fervour as Brother Hardinge skilfully teaches and leads us in the new songs.

INSPIRATIONAL PEAKS

We read often of ancient Israel's "high days." And surely if there is one day that is outstanding in the Adventist's year, it is the conference Sabbath. This Sabbath is no exception either in expectation or realization. As we sit tight (very tight!) waiting for the Sabbath-school to begin we are filled with pleasant anticipation. This Baptist church building is far too small for us now. Indeed all our usual conference halls are too small. We cannot use them again; we must find larger quarters. We are like a Granose baby who persists in growing out of all his clothes with quite bewildering and expensive rapidity! The stewarding of the conference has become a fine art, and for the various committees to find space and privacy is a veritable problem.

The Sabbath-school begins. Brother E. R. Colson, recently returned from Africa, at once captures our hearts and a large portion of the contents of our pockets by his earnest appeal for the missionary cause. Brother Baird, from Newbold College, intent also on collecting men and money, conducts an inspiring lesson in his usual scholarly and vigorous style. We are impressed once more with the fact of the constant divine care as it is so feelingly presented.

Pastor D. A. Ochs, from the General Conference, speaks in the subsequent service with solemnity and power. By means of telling illustrations he reminds us that we are on our way to the heavenly Canaan, almost within sight of those pearly portals. We are moved to deep heart-searching and renewed consecration as Brother Ochs speaks to us, as it were, almost individually, of God's need of us, and of our great need of God.

The evening service is a season of special gladness. The church sets aside three more of her young men for the sacred work of the ministry. To a definite degree, Brethren Bonney, Bell, and Mustard have already given proof of their holy calling by their fruitage in the Lord's vineyard. Before a

large congregation of God's people, they are solemnly ordained to the Gospel ministry. Their brief testimonies further show that the Lord has found in them ready channels of blessing whereby He may reach and save the lost.

GO FORWARD

On Sabbath afternoon the evangelists claim our attention. They come with thrilling stories of hardship, trial, but ultimate victory in their soul-winning work. We would not mind having to sit even closer (it would be impossible) if these brethren can attain the goals in souls they have set themselves. Brother J. M. Howard tells us how he has succeeded in preaching in two places at once—almost, and Brother C. A. Reeves, how he is following the Pauline policy of holding forth on the modern Mars Hill—Hyde Park. They inspire us with courage and enthusiasm to go forward. Indeed the whole keynote of the conference is one of progress, spiritually and materially.

On Sunday night, Pastor Ochs, at the last meeting, delivers a deeply spiritual message. He urges us, in the future days, to commit our way unto the Lord, and He will surely bring us at last to the desired haven.

These spiritual feasts are good for us. They strengthen our faith, they confirm our hope, they enoble and uplift our souls. So we will return to our churches and our homes, bearing a strong witness to our neighbours and friends, that once more we have been abundantly blessed and "satisfied with the goodness of Thy house."

E. Cox.



President's Report, 1938

"Thou shalt remember all the way which the Lord thy God led thee." Deut. 8:2.

ONE can never tell—that is, I know I could never tell—the full story of God's blessings in the year's programme of the work in this conference.

What a year it has been! We often hear it said that we are living in unprecedented times, and no one will deny that for the year 1938—war on our threshold; persecution in countries just across

the Channel; ravages by storm, pestilence, and war in our mission fields. Against all that we write that enormous interests have been awakened in dark lands; that our oft-repeated prayer, "Oh for a thousand tongues to sing our great Redeemer's praise," has been fulfilled in the fact that the Bible is now speaking in one thousand languages in all the earth, and that each copy says, "Behold, I come quickly."

But the chief thing to watch is the progress of God's work of saving men. The aim of every department in the machinery of our conference is to prepare men who will be "sealed" as "the servants of our God."

MEMBERSHIP

In this field this year we passed the three thousand mark, and our membership stands now at 3,108; one to every 62,220 of the population. The net gain was 139. During the year we organized two churches and six companies. We now have thirty-eight churches and twenty companies.

With sorrow we report the death of forty-five members. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." Psa. 116:15.

We believe that much could be done to decrease the number of apostasies if those who were growing discouraged were visited as many times before their names were taken off the roll as they were before they were received into church fellowship. "What man of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, *until he find it?*" Luke 15:4.

Among the eighteen millions in this large field, we have 310 scattered members who are loyal to their stand for the truth, and in their support of its growth. It is interesting to note that during the past ten years our membership has increased by 918. Of this number, 406 became members during the first six years, and the 512 in the remaining four years. Thus the message is speeding on its way.

EVANGELISM

There are no "full-time evangelists," as they might be called. Each evangelist has a church and district

to oversee, and for which to plan. This year seven campaigns were held in new cities. A record Sunday attendance was set in the provinces and in London in mid-week attendances. Every worker held a baptismal service. We are not dependent on any one worker for results, but expect all to bear the load. The young men are carrying large responsibilities in many churches and districts. The older men, though in most cases working without budgets, have cared for their districts and all have held baptisms. After all—

"Age is a quality of mind;
If you have left your dreams behind.
If your ambition's fires are dead—
Then you are old.
"But if in life you keep the zeal . . .
No matter how the years go by,
No matter how the birthdays fly—
You are not old!"

We are planning for fourteen workers to conduct first-class campaigns commencing this autumn. It is our policy to secure and train as many young men as possible for evangelism. We have budgeted for this. We now have a splendid group of young men in training for this work. In the autumn of 1940 we should see South England's strongest attack launched against the unentered places.

WORKERS

We have a loyal and hard-working corps of workers. We can truly say, "How good and how pleasant 't is for brethren to dwell together in unity." The office workers give all their time and energy to the field workers, and these in turn pool their ideas, and have even given of their resources to help their fellow-workers.

Two councils were held in the year to promote the work. Brother W. A. Spicer once said, "The spirit of counsel is the spirit of the kingdom of heaven." Solomon tells us, "With the well-advised is wisdom." Prov. 13:10. We believe that the benefits of these gatherings can already be seen and felt in this field. It is obvious that our total working force is inadequate when compared with the total population of our field—eighteen millions—eight million of whom are situated in the tremendous city of London. Never-

theless, we received calls for, and parted with, three of our workers: B. E. Sparrow for North England; L. D. Vince for Scotland; and L. A. Watson for Ireland. These brethren baptized a total of thirty-five persons in one year, so our loss can readily be seen.

LITERATURE MINISTRY

I wish we could all get a bird's-eye view of our colporteurs at work. We cannot cover the entire trail, but we find them at work in the large cities—London, Bristol, Exeter; in the country districts of Somerset, Suffolk, Hampshire—everywhere the colporteurs are finding honest hearts. This is the work of the Lord's "hunters" and "fishers" who hunt and fish in all weathers and conditions. We are quite unable to report the work in all its fullness, as it will only be when the redeemed stand on Mount Zion and recount redemption's stories that we shall know of souls won who received their first knowledge of this message through the visit of the colporteur, or the influence of the literature he left them. The figures are as follow:

| | 1937 | 1938 | Gain |
|---------------------------------|---------|--------|-------|
| Aggregate sales | £10,652 | 12,167 | 1,515 |
| Colporteurs: full and part-time | 33 | 35 | 2 |
| Subscription books sold | 5,972 | 7,219 | 1,247 |

Sixty per cent of the colporteurs show an increase over their achievements for the past year.

Another special Training Course was held this year in London. We are glad to report that it proved even more successful than the first one in 1937. Six trainees took the course, and six completed it. The territory worked was Walthamstow—hard training-ground under normal conditions—but they worked during the crisis. All the trainees are now meeting with success as full-time colporteurs.

Three students canvassed the Channel Islands during the summer, and met with success. Two worked in the island of Jersey, and before leaving to return to College, two people had definitely taken their stand for the truth, and others have now joined them.

The following gained scholarships:

- FULL.—K. Lacey, A. W. Howard, G. M. Hyde, E. Luukko, J. D. Maffey.
HALF.—S. H. Parkin, A. Watson, C. Watson, Miss N. Rasmussen, Miss I. Nord, Miss P. Bell.

HOME MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT

The outstanding feature in 1938 was the organization of the Bible Service Training Course. This plan has been presented in each church and company and all have either organized or are planning to organize a class. The Home Missionary Department has raised thousands of pounds in years past through which the work has spread, but with this scheme it will add many souls to our membership.

John Wesley attributed the success of his movement to the whole-hearted response of its members to the Gospel call. He said, "They were all at it and always at it. They were set to work and kept at work."

At last we are definitely harnessing the lay-power in our churches in direct soul-saving work. "Weakness is a reproach when might is at our service." With this scheme we trust the reproach will be removed.

In the Harvest Ingathering Campaign we not only raised the large goal of £4,800, but had an overflow of £500. It is our policy for the workers to encourage the churches to reach the full goal. We do not give any worker special time for Ingathering—we could not spare them from their work with the interested whom they were preparing for baptism. Of course, every worker did some actual collecting, but not to the extent that their regular work would be disturbed.

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER DEPARTMENT

The sane and salutary objectives of this department are very beneficial to our young people.

A large number have joined the Bible Service Training Course. The M.V. Progressive Course has also been undertaken enthusiastically. They lend their activities wholeheartedly in the Harvest Ingathering, and in most churches help substantially in all field days. Many are holding positions of responsibility in our churches, while others are just as surely blessed as Elisha was when he humbly gave his time to "pour water on Elijah's hands."

CHILDREN

We are glad we can report a few more churches holding Sab-

bath services for the children. In the adult meeting the spiritual food crib is placed too high for them to reach. Oh for a children's Sabbath service in every church!

CAMP

In 1938 we had a record attendance at the M.V. Camp at Woolacombe, North Devon. Camps have obviously come to stay. Just as obviously we need better equipment in these camps. Why must we return to conditions of the Middle Ages when we wish to entertain and help *progressive* young people? We trust that improvements will be made.

CHURCH SCHOOLS

We still have three church schools! This means more than you might at first think. It is often a struggle to keep the three healthy, let alone alive! In these schools they are not only taught that which makes them able to cope with secular standards, but as Paul advised in Romans 16:19, they are taught those things which will make them "wise unto that which is good, and simple concerning evil."

SABBATH-SCHOOL

Seven more Sabbath-schools have been organized. No one should miss the influence of the Sabbath-school. Here it is that we are "anointed with fresh oil" of which David speaks in his psalm for the Sabbath day. The faithful members of the Sabbath-school, in attendance and study, are preparing themselves for the time when Israel is to be sifted "as corn is sifted in a sieve." In *Great Controversy*, page 600, we are told, "Temptations often appear irresistible because through neglect of prayer and the study of the Bible, the tempted one cannot readily remember God's promises and meet Satan with the Scripture weapons." May the Sabbath-school members grow by many scores during this coming year!

FINANCE

The total increase in income amounts to £1,958; the tithe increase by £1,675; the offerings by £283. Without exception all offerings show an increase. We sent £9,584 to help our work in the mis-

sion fields; we gave £1,225 to assist balance the Union budget. Although we had such a large increase in income, we kept our operating within £20 of the budget. We did not give our evangelists one penny more than the sum agreed by the full Union Committee, so that inter-conference comparisons at all times might be pleasant.

During the year we increased our capital by £282 so that we now have two months' salaries in hand. This is the first increase of capital for many years.

The income for 1938 enabled us to bring the 1939 evangelistic budget into the year's operating budget, thus giving evangelism its proper place in our finance. We increased the amount by £200. The 1939 budget has been prepared to enable us to take on new workers. The gain in operating amounted to £1,164. This is after deducting tithe to the Division and the Union, and gifts. We gave the large sum of £14,445 to assist the work of God outside this conference.

In 1879 the work began in England. To-day the South England Conference is self-supporting, and has never been in a stronger financial condition. To reach this position our tithe income has been increased during the past four years by over £4,000. "Who hath despised the day of small things?" Look back through the years, and you will exclaim, "What hath God wrought!" "Surely there is no enchantment against Jacob, neither there any divination against Israel." Num. 23:23.

EVANGELISTIC BOXES

Last year we told you, "Like Jeremiah, our evangelistic boxes have fallen into a pit. Some of them are well sunken in the mire. We need many Ebed-melechs to rescue these boxes with painstaking effort. What a power the resources from the boxes could be! The field stretches before us. We are utterly unable to answer the calls that come. What are *you* going to do about it? A penny a week from all our members would not be missed by anyone, but would give no less than £600 yearly to evangelism. Please be an Ebed-melech and rescue your box!" This year we have reached our goal.

SO FAR THIS YEAR—THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 1939

For the first six months of this year we are glad to report that the membership shows a net gain of eighty-eight, tithe a further increase of £246. All offerings show an increase. The colporteurs have sold £260 more literature. Nine new lights have been kindled in heretofore unentered places. We are happy in that there is now a group of workers who have demonstrated their gift, under the blessing of God, to enter new places and establish new churches and companies. We rejoice that our working force has laboured unitedly. Loyal to God, His truth and His organization, not one has stepped aside, even for a moment. We truly thank our heavenly Father for the deepened spiritual life of the whole conference.

THE FUTURE

Ninety-four years have passed since what we call the "Judgment Hour" began. Solemn thought! A thrilling thought to look over the continuous growth and spread of this Advent message and to see its progress over seemingly insurmountable difficulties and hindrances. We cannot fear its future when we contemplate its past. The new plans and aims will grow and bear fruit as the old ones did, and the thought that half a million fellow-believers have these plans and aims as their own, and are gaining every muscle to the finish—of the task, strengthens me.

I believe this mighty movement was pictured in Jacob's dying words, "Joseph is a fruitful bough, even a fruitful bough by a well, whose branches run over the wall." May we see these branches grow and multiply till the day when the great Husbandman shall appear, and until then

"I only know
My present duty, and my Lord's
command [post
To occupy till He come. So at the
Where He hath set me in His provi-
dence, [face to face—
I choose, for one, to "meet Him
No faithless servant frightened from
my task, [harvest calls,
But ready, when the Lord of the
And therefore, with all reverence, I
would say,
Let God do His work, we will see
to ours."

R. S. JOYCE.

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The Annual Business Session

FROM 4 p.m. on Thursday, July 20th, until about 5.30 p.m. on Sunday, July 23rd, the delegates were from time to time in business session, with refreshing interludes at Bible study or devotional service. Every meeting opened with hymn and prayer, and closed with prayer and formal adjournment.

OPENING MEETING

On Thursday the attendance was unfortunately small, but seventy-eight delegates answered the roll call. The chairman, Pastor O. M. Dorland, introduced the visiting brethren; from the Gen-

eral Conference, M. E. Olsen, the representative of the Home Study Institute, and D. A. Ochs, Secretary for the Young People's Department; from the Northern European Division, W. E. Read, the president, and W. T. Bartlett, Sabbath-school and Young People's Department Secretary; all of whom brought messages of greeting from other fields in which they travel. H. W. Lowe, the British Union president, was also present.

Whilst the Recommendations Committee retired to deliberate, Pastor Dorland conducted a Bible study. Having previously read a

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During September

TWENTY colourful gummed labels in yellow, red, and green, as shown below, will be given free during September to each member applying for these useful interest-bringers.

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passage from Acts, chapter 26 (Paul's defence before Agrippa), he drew attention to Zephaniah, chapter 1. To stand in the time of trouble such as never was we need the imparted righteousness of Christ.

The Recommendations Committee brought in the following report, which was accepted:

Nominating Committee.—H. W. Lowe (Chairman), J. E. Bell, P. Binks, W. G. Murdoch, R. Handysides, W. M. Lennox, E. Merchant.

Committee on Licences and Credentials.—W. T. Bartlett (Chairman), O. M. Dorland, W. Maudsley, A. F. Bird, S. G. Joyce.

Committee on Plans.—G. D. King (Chairman), W. H. Fletcher, W. Slow, B. E. Sparrow, Miss J. Handysides, L. Murdoch, W. J. Cannon, E. Coupland, H. W. McCrow.

FRIDAY MEETINGS

All listened attentively to the president's report. Pastor Dorland thanked God for the blessings of the twelve months. By baptism and vote ninety-seven new members had joined the church. He regretted the loss by death of no fewer than thirty-seven dear members, and our transfers outward had exceeded the number added by letter of transfer inward. There had also been losses by apostasy. The prospects for a membership gain during 1939 were excellent. Recently ninety had been added, and there was reason to expect a further sixty by Christmas. The 1938 tithe had exceeded that of 1937 by £1,060. He greatly appreciated the faithfulness of the members. Under the experienced leadership of our Field Missionary Secretary, B. Belton, the literature sales had improved by £2,000. The Y.P., H.M., and S.S. work was strongly led by B. E. Sparrow, the secretary of those departments. At Hull and Stretford new church premises had been dedicated free of debt. Speaking of general progress, he believed that we would see increasing gains until Jesus comes. Following the reading, discussion, and adoption of a very satisfactory balance sheet and statement of accounts the Resolu-

tion on Thanksgiving was read and adopted.

The Committee on Nominations submitted a partial report: "For President of North England Conference, Pastor R. S. Joyce; requesting the British Union Committee to negotiate with the South England Conference for his release." This was adopted.

HOME STUDY

Pastor M. E. Olsen briefly outlined the functions of the Home Study Institute, inviting as many as possible to avail themselves of its facilities. Particulars may be obtained from Newbold College.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND BIBLE SERVICE TRAINING COURSE

Rendering his report, B. E. Sparrow reviewed the church of tomorrow (Y.P.), the church at study, the church in action, the church in the wilderness (isolated members), the church in training. Comparative figures for 1937 and 1938 showed both increases and decreases. He hoped that the latter would be received as a challenge, and that the former would be a spur to greater effort. Then the church of 1939 would be the strongest and healthiest we have yet seen. Resolutions 1 and 2 were read and adopted.

The 1938 results for Harvest Ingathering, and the large hopes for 1939 were also put before the meeting, and Resolution No. 3 carried.

A partial report was rendered by the Committee on Credentials and Licences, which the delegates accepted.

For Ministerial Credentials.—O. M. Dorland, W. Maudsley, S. G. Joyce, A. F. Bird, W. R. A. Madgwick, W. M. Lennox, J. E. Bell, L. Murdoch, W. J. Cannon, H. W. McCrow.

For Ministerial Licences.—R. A. Freeth, F. W. Coppock, F. Edwards, J. C. French, J. R. Lewis, B. E. Sparrow, D. J. Clarke, B. F. Kinman.

For Missionary Licences.—B. Belton, K. Elias, F. D. Buckle, D. J. Handysides, Miss J. Handysides, Miss A. F. Clarke, Miss I. Himsforth, Miss E. Adair, Miss H. M. Ford, Miss J. Mitchell, Miss E. A. Buck, Miss B. Cleary, Miss E. Pratt, Mrs. E. G. Jackson.

SUNDAY MEETING

The Committee on Credentials and Licences brought in its final report at the morning meeting.

For Colporteur Credentials.—T. G. Belton, P. Binks, S. G. Cowley, D. Davies, B. H. C. Davies, Mrs. S. Hamblin, C. B. Holloway, C. L. Kelly, Miss M. Lees, W. C. McLeod, W. H. Woodfield, A. Phillips, G. J. Schulz, M. Roe.

For Colporteur Licences.—Mrs. Binks, J. O. Connolly, A. J. Clarke, W. Jones, Mrs. L. Jones, J. Cundey, Mrs. Cundey, G. Pows, Miss R. Taylor.

For Ministerial Credentials.—R. S. Joyce.

All other names to be referred to the Conference Committee.

This report was put to the vote and accepted.

Pastor Dorland then put to the meeting

A SPECIAL RESOLUTION that the North England Conference dispense with the holding of its Annual Conference Session in 1940 in view of the fact that the British Union will hold its session that year. This was carried.

LITERATURE WORK

A most interesting hour was devoted to colporteur matters. B. Belton, among other things, recounted experiences at Selby with two students, ending with a story of prayer for the discovery of a lost boy, and of the quick answer to that prayer. Books are finding their way into otherwise unentered towns, and a bound book enters some home every four minutes. £2,021 more literature was sold in 1938 compared with 1937. One canvasser sold £658 with only one leg to stand upon; what could he not have done with two legs?

One of the recent recruits to colportage, M. Roe, told of several interesting experiences, including that of working among soldiers.

A. Warren, Manager of The Stanborough Press, gave a talk illustrated by banners carried by some of the juniors, urging us to give an opportunity to our own home counties equal to that already enjoyed in foreign parts. G. D. King, the British Union Field Missionary Secretary, told

THE HARVEST INGATHERING NEED

of a courageous canvasser who visited the homes of the great and succeeded in placing some books there. Resolution No. 4 was carried.

The delegates then adopted the final report of the Committee on Nominations, which read as follows:

For Secretary-Treasurer.—F. D. Buckle.

Field Missionary Secretary.—B. Belton.

H.M., S.S., and Y.P. Secretary.—B. E. Sparrow.

Executive Committee.—R. S. Joyce, F. D. Buckle, B. Belton, G. Baird, W. R. A. Madgwick, W. M. Lennox, F. Normington, E. Merchant, A. E. Knight-Rawlings.

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT

We had an instructive talk from Dr. J. E. Cairncross, the superintendent of The Stanboroughs Hydro and Hospital. After a good report of progress in the maternity and other departments, and a call for young people to train for the medical profession and nursing, he brought out much information on dietetics, the use of foods rich in nutrition and vitamins, urging all to give careful thought in selecting food.

EDUCATION

Members of the College staff next took the floor. The preceptor, H. T. Johnson, appealed for young people to attend our institution at Newbold, and for parents to help them to do so. The manager, N. H. Knight, presented the financial needs, and described the industrial functioning at Newbold. G. W. Baird set forth the teachers' point of view, and W. G. C. Murdoch, the principal of the College, urged the building of "living monuments" by investing in earnest and consecrated students. A collection was taken up for the Students' Aid Fund, and pledges were received for the same purpose. Resolution No. 5, on being read, was adopted.

EVANGELISM

Time did not permit as full a presentation of this all-important topic as one would wish to have. Resolution No. 6 was carried. We

recommend a thoughtful consideration by every member of the matter contained in that resolution.

CLOSE OF SESSION

A motion to adjourn *sine die* was received, and the business of the conference thus ended. A most happy spirit controlled throughout, and we pray God to bless all decisions made.

F. D. BUCKLE,
Secretary.

Report of Colporteur Work,
1938

How interesting and full of variety is the life of an Adventist colporteur, and what scope there is for doing good.

Just a few days ago I was reminded of this. It was my privilege to accompany two of the young people of Newbold College into the colporteur work, and we had a series of experiences which illustrate once again that this work is not mere book-selling, but is something much more and much higher. We were working just outside the little Yorkshire town of Selby, which lies between Doncaster and York. I was endeavouring to initiate these young people into the arts of Gospel colportage, and in turn they were seeking to secure their scholarships.

The beautiful new publication, *Bible Certainties*, so convincingly written by Pastor W. L. Emerson, was our book. We took the first order at a village post office a few miles outside the town. The lady was very interested and said she would have a copy at 11/6, in the red binding.

In approaching the village we had noticed away on the horizon, towering above the trees, a large building which looked like a cathedral. After making inquiries, we found that this was the country home of Baroness Beaumont, and it had the appropriate name of Carlton Towers. As we proceeded up the long drive, I had the impression that the young people were not feeling very brave just

at that moment. I took them into that palatial home and in a short time had an order for a leather copy at 16/6. We thought: how wonderful that we can bring the cutting truths of the message into such homes as this!

About half a mile away from that large house there was a little cottage—I should imagine the rent would be about 3/6 a week—and we were admitted into this cottage very quickly. I should say that I was trying out a new plan. I was taking both the students into each home, both together. Well, we had an order for the cheap style in this cottage. Then the lady said that the next cottage was the birthplace of the well-known Cardinal Hinsley. Gaining ready admission, we soon had the satisfaction of seeing another name in the prospectus for a copy of the book.

Then we went to canvass the doctor. He lived in a lovely home, larger than most of the houses there, and he received us very kindly. How he listened as we went through the book! In this new work is a chapter entitled, "Does God Care?" and after briefly describing this, I went on, "Naturally this brings us to the priceless gift of Jesus, and surely 'none other Name' can soothe our sorrows and drive away our fear. That is what the old hymn says, isn't it, doctor? 'Any lingering doubts as to whether God is love vanish as we look at Jesus.'"

"What is the price?" he inquired earnestly. On being told, he quickly produced 11/6, ordering a copy in the red style.

After securing two more orders with deposits, we then had a different kind of experience. We came to another large house, where the lady received us most courteously. We went through into the sitting-room and she began to tell us some of her troubles. She said her husband had been a great sufferer since being in the war and had never fully recovered. Just then he came in and was there with us as his wife placed an order.

Then they said, "We are having

YOU. YOU NEED THE CAMPAIGN



Carlton Towers, where Brother Belton delivered a copy of "Bible Certainties."

people living in one of our cottages are overcome with sorrow, for their only son is missing. The matter is in the hands of the police, but they have not found him. He tried to join the navy some weeks ago, but failed. The parents are in great distress, weeping night and day."

Well, we listened to the story and then I suggested that, because the man himself was ill through his trying experience in the war, and because of this trouble which they were sharing with that family, we have prayer together. They agreed and after we had sought the heavenly Father's help, they gratefully shook our hands, seeming reluctant to let us go.

Eventually leaving them, we proceeded to a large hall, Snaith Hall. The maid ushered us into the reception-room and we were told that the lady was out on the lawn with the vicar. So that seemed hardly promising. Well, it wasn't long before she came in, and was so interested in our story that she swung round to her desk and brought out 11/6 to pay "spot cash" for a copy of *Bible Certainties*.

Returning into the village, there, about a hundred yards away along the main street, was the gentleman with whom we had prayed, waving to us. "Just the people I have been looking for," he panted, as he hurried toward us. "Some good news for you. Your prayers have been answered. We have just had a 'phone message from Nottingham to say that the boy has been found."

We took £5. 4s. 6d. worth of orders in eight hours, and were extremely thankful for this, and for

being instrumental in meeting the people in their need.

That is the kind of work that your colporteurs are doing. It is not mere book-selling or a battle for bread, but the vital connecting link between the homes of the needy and this Advent message, and in the majority of cases, the only connecting link. As we find hearts being prepared in many ways, the fallow ground of people's hearts being broken and prepared for the message, I think that we need to get our eyes away from our little Adventist world, to which we sometimes confine ourselves, and look out to these wide expanses beyond. There the streams of God's abounding grace are running deep and broad, and what we need are more messengers to take advantage of the many opening providences. The urgency is for more strong, consecrated, willing messengers to take and plant the message.

When we think of evangelizing the 20,000,000 people of our conference territory, we are inclined to classify the many towns and cities. We say, So many have not yet been entered. "These have never heard the Advent message," we are accustomed to say. But we do need to be careful, brethren and sisters. By means of the printed page thousands upon thousands of homes across our territories have the truth within the covers of the books, no doubt in due time to be perused and appropriated. No less than 106,000 books were set in circulation in the past three years, figures that are pregnant with meaning when you stop to think. They represent these (displaying books)—*Desire of*

great trouble in this village. The *Ages, Bible Readings, Our Wonderful Bible, Steps to Christ, Bed-time Stories*, etc.—you are familiar with these beautiful works—106,000—and sometimes, brethren and sisters, a man has to go to five or ten or twenty or forty homes before he can get one sale. There is much prayer and hard work behind these figures. We are thankful, I am sure, for such good work. Ten million pages of truth—and just one page might lead to a conversion to the Gospel message.

I heard from Brother Woodfield just a few days ago. He is working in Liverpool. On Sunday morning he sold a copy of *Present Truth* to a lady who had taken one some weeks before, and in reading it she had noticed on one page an article dealing with the seventh-day Sabbath. She was so convinced by that one article on that page that she had started in her own way to keep the Sabbath. Ten million pages in the past three years, brethren and sisters. What possibilities lie there! And notice further—"One book every four minutes." While we are doing other things, in the office perhaps, or in the home, or going about our usual routine, every four minutes one new Adventist book passes through the hands of an Adventist colporteur into a North England home, bringing light and truth to the people.

| | SALES | | | |
|----------------|-------|------|-------|------|
| | 1936 | 1937 | 1938 | Gain |
| Books | £4820 | 5102 | 6394 | 1292 |
| All literature | £8372 | 9237 | 11258 | 2021 |

QUANTITIES BOUND BOOKS

| | 1936 | 1937 | 1938 |
|--|------|------|------|
| | 6075 | 8908 | 9519 |

INTERESTING FACTS

Sixteen colporteurs each sold more than in 1937. The five most successful were:

| | 1937 | 1938 | Gain |
|--------------|------|------|------|
| C. L. Kelly | £532 | 723 | 191 |
| J. Benefield | 596 | 658 | 62 |
| W. Smith | 380 | 428 | 48 |
| A. Phillips | ... | 379 | ... |
| G. J. Schulz | 250 | 363 | 113 |

EVANGELISTIC REPORT

| | |
|-------------------------|----|
| Persons taking studies | 34 |
| Persons keeping Sabbath | 13 |
| Persons baptized | 9 |

Sometimes people say, "Don't you think that a colporteur is born and not made?" I have to admit that he is born first, of course, and then made afterward. I will go further and say that he must be born twice before he can be made into a successful colporteur—

evangelist. Give us a good man who has had the second birth, with all that it involves, and who has a willing heart and a strong body, and he can be developed into a colporteur.

Toward the close of 1938 I had a very pleasant surprise one Sunday morning. One of our well-known brethren in the North of England came to me in the office and said that he had decided on the previous Friday to give up his ordinary occupation and join the colporteur work. He had been doing well in the field of commercial selling, topping the sales list week after week, so I was very glad. We got down to studying the question concerned in starting, and it wasn't long before he settled to his new task.

Thrilling Colporteur Experiences

WHEN Brother Belton asked me to give you a few of my experiences, I did not feel at all equal to doing so, and asked if it were not possible for him to manage without it. I would like to say how I came into the colporteur work. I had known the message for quite a number of years before I finally took up the truth, but after a period of time in my own work I felt that somehow I was not getting the full blessings of the truth. There came a period when I had to decide. I must come into the truth more fully, or get out. I think most of you brethren and sisters have had that experience. I felt that it meant I had to leave the work in which I had been engaged since I was fourteen. I had had a wonderful experience in the commercial world in meeting men and women, but the Lord is blessing me, I am sure, in this work of taking the Advent message from door to door.

I would like to tell you quite a lot of experiences I have had, but time will not permit. But I can tell you this, brethren and sisters, that I never really knew God until I became a colporteur. I mean by this, that this work is solely carried on by the power of prayer and faith. Many times the work goes slowly, but we just pray and pray on, and work on, and God blesses us with success.

Now one or two experiences.

During the six months I have been in Leeds, one or two stand out, and the first is a connection I have with an Industrial School. I felt that I should go there and see the governor. I saw him and he referred me to the head teacher, who in turn referred me back to the governor, so finally it was agreed for me to interview them together. After the canvass, they requested to look through the book themselves, and asked me to take a walk and come back in half an hour. So I went to a farm and spoke with the farmer for half an hour. Whilst there, I sold a book without the prospectus! Then I came back to the governor. "We have decided to have the book," he said.

Last week I canvassed all morning from nine until 12.15 without an order, and then I came across a gentleman who later told me that he was now a head teacher at one of these schools. I told him my experience with the governor. "What would you like me to do for you?" he asked. "Well," I replied, "we have some other books—the boys would be thrilled with them—*This Mighty Hour* and *Bible Readings*."

"Bring them along," he said, "Next month I shall be given so much money with which to replenish the library and we will have those two books." I thought that was worth while. The morning appeared to be a blank, but after all, two more books were placed in that school.

They have been holding in Leeds a military tattoo. I felt that I

ought to be doing something with that; and so I went to the commanding officer and asked permission to visit the troops. "Oh no," he said, and began to tell me why. I told him of my experience in the army as a sergeant. "You aren't a bad fellow," he exclaimed, and sent for the administering officer.

"Do you think we could allow him a pass to go among the troops?" he inquired.

"No," was the reply, "not under the present ruling. We have had twenty-three such applications and they have all been turned down."

I assured them that I would not do anything they did not wish me to do—I just wanted to go round and try to interest the boys. At last the administrative officer said, "You just give him a pass, and if there is any trouble about it, refer back to me."

I sold him a book later, and the experiences I had there with the troops were wonderful. I appealed to our church in Leeds for literature. They responded most wonderfully and I gave out no less than 500 *The Bible Speaks* and 1,500 tracts. I was prompted to go to each tent and leave one of the books, saying to the soldiers, "I want you to read one of these books, and I shall be round again and if you would like to keep the book for yourself you may. But do not destroy it, and if you do not want it, I will take it back." They all wanted one.

One officer saw a boy reading the book.

"What are you reading there,



Brother M. Roe among the soldiers.

George?—*The Bible Speaks*—what is the matter with you?"

"Why," the boy replied, "it is as exciting as Edgar Wallace!"

The officer read two chapters.

"When that fellow comes into the camp again, I would like one of those books," he said. I went to see him and canvassed him for *Our Wonderful Bible* and sold him a copy.

All these boys that have the book are keeping it. Many of them are going to India and Palestine and many other places, and they have these books with them.

Later I saw the chaplain of the Church of England and sold him *Our Wonderful Bible*.

I can assure you, brethren and sisters, and the young men particularly, if you will come into the colporteur work you will be fully blessed. I have never enjoyed life better than I am enjoying it now, and I sincerely hope you will pray for the colporteurs and also for a blessing on this literature that is being scattered everywhere.

M. ROE.

Investiture at Worcester

THUNDER rolled ominously and rain pelted earthward last Sunday (July 16th), but Brother Bee and his eight companions under the roof of the newly-decorated Worcester church were too excited to notice that. A six-months' struggle with bandages, books, needlework, and texts was over at last, and now their Master Comrade was present with gold, red, and blue badges in his pocket to invest them. Friends, too, had come in from as far as Bromsgrove, Birmingham, and Kidderminster. There was the promise of a good service.

It was a surprise to see three young ladies in the dress, cap, and apron of a nurse, and the young men with the armlets of the St. John Ambulance Brigade. They could have chosen no better way of impressing the congregation, and inspiring other young people to take up the Progressive Course. They told Brother Sparrow during the service they could serve God and man far more effectively through this form of practical study.

The investiture service began at 3.30 p.m. A patient with blood spurting from his wrist called for Brother Rees to stop the flow. As our leader applied pressure and bandages to stop bleeding, we had a discourse on the circulation of the blood and the various ways of treating hæmorrhage. The wisdom of young men taking up ambulance work was made very obvious when Brother Bee said, "If we can save just one soul from bleeding to death the study and practice will have been well worth while."

The young ladies were just as proficient. Sister Gracie Bee had to treat Sister Lewis for a sprained wrist. It was the first time that some folks had seen a



Worcester Investiture Class.

cold compress. But nurse's explanation of cold and hot water treatments and their benefits showed what splendid curatives these could be. I was told that the three young ladies spend four hours a week doing duty at the local hospital, and could not help feeling that this was Christian service of the highest order, and a line of activity that all our young people could take up.

Seventy-five minutes were thus crammed with items of the Progressive Course attainments by the young people in turn—recitations of scripture, a nature talk, an outline of the J.M.V. law, and musical items. The climax came when Brother Sparrow gave an inspiring address and stepped from the platform to pin badges on five Comrades, one Companion, and three Friends.

An invitation was then given to ascend the stairs to the church's

upper room. The reason was soon discovered. Yes, you can guess. Refreshments were being served, and amid the clinking of cups and saucers was the animated chatter of the members seeking to find out how much the J.M.V.'s really knew. There was abundant evidence of activity. Around the walls were evangelistic posters, graphically depicting the plight of the Jews and the coming of the Spirit, all the work of Sister Lewis, who had saved the conference effort budget something like thirty shillings this year. Neat, white-draped tables attracted attention to their displays. There were wild flowers and leaves with a prize offered for the one who could name the most. Woodwork, painting, garden and other produce attracted others. There was a Granose stall, and needlework to show what new things the ladies had learned and done. Many of the items were sold, and nearly £2 was raised toward the Denmark Fund. Brother Bee represented us at Denmark.

Worcester now has six young people working for the Master Comrade badge. J. LEWIS.

At Rest

MAYES.—It is with deep regret that we announce the death of Sister Violet M. Mayes in her twenty-sixth year. Our sister was baptized in Norwich and joined the church in Dereham on October 4, 1928. Subsequently she was transferred to the Norwich Church on November 28, 1936. Sister Violet was in ill health for the past two years. After much suffering, patiently borne, she passed away in the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital on June 22nd, and was laid to rest in the Norwich Cemetery on June 27th, there to await the Life-giver on the resurrection morning. An impressive service was held at the church, Pastor Lane officiating in the absence of Brother H. Humphries, and many members and friends being present. Our sister was an active church worker and remained faithful to the end. She will be missed very much. We must pray that the Lord will sustain her mother and sister in their great loss. Church Clerk.

FLETCHER.—It is with regret that we record the death, on June 4th, of Mrs. M. Fletcher, who was a faithful member of the Liverpool church for thirteen years. Our sister learned of the Advent truth through the labours of Pastor A. S. Rodd and remained true until her death, although bedridden for a considerable time, and suffering great pain. It was always inspiring to visit Sister Fletcher, and to witness her quiet confidence in God and supreme patience. She loved to listen to the songs of Zion, and it was a great sorrow to her that she was unable to meet with those of like faith in church fellowship. The funeral service, conducted by Pastor W. Maudsley, was held in the Liverpool S.D.A. church on June 7th, and Sister Fletcher was laid to rest in the Anfield Cemetery until that glad day when her Master shall call her forth to everlasting life. There are two sons and four daughters left to mourn their loss of a dear faithful mother. Church Clerk.

WELSH MISSION

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Superintendent's Report, 1938

We are glad to report progress for the Welsh field during the year 1938; grateful to the Lord for enabling us to add twenty-four new members to the church roll and introduce this wonderful message to an ever-widening circle of friends.

These additions to our membership came as a result of activities in Swansea, Cardiff, Newport, and North Wales. Unfortunately our membership did not advance by twenty-four. We lost as many as ten by death in the year 1938—a large number for so small a field. There were also eight who elected to sever their association with God's remnant people. But in spite of losses the membership moved in the right direction and now stands at 466, the highest recorded.

While Wales is regarded as a "depressed area" we must not allow the cause of God to be "depressed" or render to God a service which is marred by a "depressed outlook." The very conditions in Wales constitute a challenge both to us and to God. The Lord will not fail to meet His challenge, but what of ourselves?

Here I would like to pay a tribute to the faithfulness of our members in the Welsh Mission. The longer I stay among them, the more I learn to value their loyalty to this cause. It is surprising how many of our members daily fight victoriously against ill health and poverty through their reliance upon God and His precious promises. In spite of widespread unemployment the tithe for our field in 1938 amounted to £1,862, the highest for many years, and the Sabbath-school offerings of £385 reached the highest since 1929. For the third year, too, our people have "ingathered" over £1,000—£150 more than the allotted goal. This year, in an attempt to put forward the period of campaigning, our faithful collectors have already netted not far short of

£300. In all other campaigns and offerings our Welsh people take an active part. Lay evangelism is yet in its infancy in Wales so far as results are concerned. Quite a deal of effort has been given to this important phase of church activity, but so far the fruits have been negligible. Oh for a flame of living fire, and for more power so as to see a "breaking forth" in this direction!

Tribute must also be paid to a fine group of men and one or two women whose names appear on the preaching plan from month to month. With so many of our companies lacking preachers, and with so small a staff of mission workers, I do not know what we would do without the help of these good folk who seek to keep the church "fires" burning!

Last but not least, tribute must be paid to our small staff. They give very faithful service. Together we press on to larger things and to a new consecration.

As an enlargement to our staff we welcome Mrs. D. Conroy, recently married to Brother Dennis Conroy, and who is the daughter of a former friend and leader in Wales—Pastor A. E. Bacon.

It is our plan to conduct six campaigns in October, and it is our belief that when we come to the summer of 1940 we shall be able to report much greater success. Our two younger men have both had sufficient experience to justify us looking to them to set the pace for the field. It should be so, and we pray it may be so.

In the colporteur work we regret that no advancement has been made. Instead of three regular colporteurs we should have many more. These three sold £1,231 of books and magazines. But what a tragedy that in a field that provides ample scope for a dozen or more good Gospel salesmen, only three can be found!

As a mission field, we were made very sad to learn of the early death of Pastor F. W. Goodall, the one who did so much to inspire our departmental activities. We owe a lot to his faithful service. It was a Newport convention that was almost the last week-end effort that our brother made prior to his illness.

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Churchmembers and young people of Swansea.

Many of the youth of Wales are in our institutions rendering good service or receiving an education for higher service. Recently Marion Martin and Eunice Powell graduated to the nursing and Bible-work profession respectively; Olive Selby was appointed to the General Conference Transportation Department in London; while three others—young men—are training for the ministry at Newbold. Three of our young people are receiving a university training—Miss Morfydd Jones at Exeter, and Miss Doreen Hyde and David Phelps at Cardiff.

In conclusion, shall we not ask ourselves, "What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits toward me?" How can I serve Him and the cause of truth to better advantage? Will it be in the special campaigns all launched with the one idea of winning souls? or will it be by greater faithfulness in my church life and activity? Shall I go from this conference determined to be one of the 466 members who will, by any means in my power, seek to win a soul for Jesus?

Pray, brethren, for the work now being done by your ministers, that there shall be happy issues to all that is being done in a public way, and that baptisms soon to take place in Newport, in Swansea, in North Wales, and in Cardiff, may be larger ones than we even now anticipate. Pray for your field committee, that they may be guided aright in their decisions and plans, pray for and encourage your church officers, and so help forward the work of God

in your church or district. Pray for a larger outpouring of the Spirit of God for a revival of true holiness, that we all may be ready to share, with all the saints, in the great eternal conference soon to convene

S. G. HYDE.

Swansea's Farewell to a Beloved Bible-Worker

SUNDAY, July 31, 1939, will long be in the memories of our Swansea church folk and their young people, for it was then that we said farewell to our faithful Bible-worker, Miss E. Pinch. Miss Pinch has toiled hard and long in the fight to rescue souls from the hand of the enemy in Swansea. She has enjoyed success and the full confidence and love of all our churchmembers. The date referred to was chosen for our annual summer outing and social and coincided with Miss Pinch's departure. For several days before, it rained and rained as it only can in Swansea! We asked the Lord for a fine day. Right on into the early morning it poured as though the Lord was testing our faith. But by eight o'clock the rain ceased, and the sun shone. Truly the Lord answered our prayer, and we had one of the best of days. The church set out for lovely Caswell Bay on the Gower Coast where the glorious sea, cliff, and hill scenery ravished our eyes. We filled the day with innocent delights. Supper was served at a nearby roadhouse, after which Pastor Jackson, on behalf of the Swansea church

and young people, presented Miss Pinch, our guest of honour, with a handsome timepiece as a token of our gratitude and loving esteem. Miss Pinch responded with a neat little speech full of deep feeling, after which we repaired to Swansea for the regular public service.

We are indeed sorry to lose such an exemplary Bible-worker from our midst in Swansea, and we pray God's richest blessing upon her in her new life of service.

F. S. JACKSON.

Some Ingathering "Best Days"

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do. On returning home weary and rather footsore, I was made extremely happy on counting up the day's collections—I had received £8. My largest donation was 5/-. Apart from the money I had received I had many opportunities of telling the people of the kind of work we are doing in the world. This is important I think. It not only helps in the appeal we make, it gives us the chance of impressing the hearts of the people that God is still working through the church for the uplift of mankind. An appeal of this kind coupled with prayer and persevering effort is our best assurance of success.

E. ADAIR.

Wedding Bells

WALKER-PERRIN.—Leonard Robert Walker and Evelyn Mary Perrin, members of Holloway, were united in marriage in the Holloway Advent church on Sunday, July 9th, in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends. We all extend to them sincere wishes for a happy useful life together. R. S. JOYCE.

CONROY-BACON.—On Sunday, June 11th, in the Holloway Advent church, London, Dennis Albert Louis Conroy, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Conroy of Bristol, and Alfreda Florence Bacon, only daughter of the late Pastor and of Mrs. A. E. Bacon, were united in marriage. The ceremony was witnessed by a large number of relatives and friends. We wish them abundant success and much joy as they work together to forward the cause we all love. R. S. JOYCE.

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Notes from the Union President

SOME members are concerned over legislation which they seem to think may affect our Harvest In-gathering Campaign. In actual fact a Bill called the "House to House Collections Act, 1939" has just been passed by Parliament, but all our people should note that, in the wording of the Bill,

1. "This Act shall come into operation on the first day of January nineteen hundred and forty," and

2 "This Act shall not extend to Northern Ireland."

The position, therefore, is that our missions campaign this year is not affected. We shall later publish details of this and other legisla-tion that will affect us next year, but we must first negotiate with official sources.

Meanwhile, let us proceed coura-geously. Truthful, dignified, prayerful methods in presenting our work before the public will bring a continuance of God's bless-ing. The Lord has already blessed many now at work. The cause of missions must go onward.

NEWBOLD COLLEGE opens Septem-ber 6th at 4 p.m. It is good to re-

port substantial progress with the construction of seven classrooms and a science laboratory in the pre-cincts of the gymnasium building, which has itself been pleasantly re-decorated. This plan brings into use a number of heretofore disused rooms and outhouses, thus avoiding entirely new construction work.

KIND friends of the School have taken a practical interest in the science laboratory. We wish some such friends would now complete the purchase of some modern kitchen and cooking equipment. Some funds have come in already. We should like another £100 for this purpose.

DR. J. E. CAIRNCROSS, our Stan-boroughs Medical Director, has ob-tained his F.R.C.S. (Edin.), for which we are all glad. The Sanitarium is enjoying a good year thus far, and the Maternity Home ex-pects to exceed 200 cases this year.

PASTOR E. B. PHILLIPS, of New-bold College, has obtained his Master of Theology degree, Lon-don. H. W. LOWE.

membership was characterized by faithful-ness at all times, and the Cardiff church has lost a true disciple and one who will share in the triumphs of the resurrection when the Lord "makes up His jewels." S. G. HYDE.

SNOWDEN.—The Grimsby church has ex-perienced a great loss through the death of Brother Benjamin Snowden, who passed suddenly to rest July 5, 1939. Brother Snowden accepted the truth under the ministry of Pastor Hyde, October, 1917. All through the years he remained a faith-ful and loyal member, serving for many years as deacon, church elder, and tithe treasurer. Our brother fought a good fight, and awaits the coming of Him whom he loved to bestow the crown of glory that fadeth not away. On July 8th we laid him to rest in the Clethorpes Ceme-tery in the presence of relatives, churchmem-bers, and friends. Pastor Dorland, presi-dent of the North England Conference, officiated. Our deepest sympathy is ex-tended to his sorrowing wife and family. A. WESTON (Mrs.), Church Clerk.

MURDOCK.—Sister Alice Morton Murdock, who embraced the message under the labours of Pastor J. Cannon, passed away very suddenly on July 16, 1939, at the age of seventy-two. Her death came as a great shock to the Shrewsbury company, for she was fully dressed ready to go out when found dead. She was very patient and cheerful and will be missed by members. She was laid to rest in Shrewsbury Ceme-tery on July 20th, when Brother D. A. Conroy officiated. She now lies awaiting the call of the Life-giver, and we look forward to meeting her in the kingdom which Christ is preparing for all who love Him and where there is no pain, sorrow, or death. Church Clerk.

BRYAN.—George Thomas. Brother Bryan had been slowly failing in health for about three years. The end came peacefully on Sunday, July 30th, at the age of seventy, at his home in Lozells, Birmingham, in the presence of his family. Our brother accepted the Advent message under the labours of Brother V. Walkden and the late Pastor W. A. Hall, and was baptized by Pastor J. J. Gillatt on November 9, 1918. For many years he served as the elder of the Handsworth church, and was also a member of the North England executive committee from time to time. Prior to his acceptance of the truth, he had been for twenty-three years secretary of a men's Bible class in the Church of England. Brother Bryan was laid to rest in the new Handsworth Cemetery on August 3rd, after the funeral service in our own church, which was conducted by Pastor O. M. Dorland, assisted by the writer, a large number of members and friends being present. Words of comfort were spoken to the mourners. Brother Bryan's favourite hymn "Transformed" was sung impres-sively by the congregation. He leaves to mourn their loss, his companion of about forty-five years, one son, two daughters, and a grandson, who was recently bap-tized. The love and esteem in which our brother was held was seen in the many beautiful floral tributes which were sent. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord." HAROLD W. McCROW.

Committees on Nominations

THE following are the reports adopted at the recent annual meet-ings of the Welsh and Irish Mis-sions.

Welsh Mission

Superintendent.—S. G. Hyde.
Secretary-Treasurer.—W. G. Baldry.
Departmental Secretary—J. Harker.
Field Missionary Secretary.—G. D. King.
Advisory Committee.—S. G. Hyde, J. Rutherford, R. Jacques, F. E. Powell, F. S. Jackson.

CREDENTIALS AND LICENCES

Ministerial Credentials.—S. G. Hyde, T. H. Cooper, F. S. Jackson, H. K. Munson.
Ministerial Licences.—P. Cumings, D. A. Conroy.
Missionary Credentials.—Miss E. R. Pinch.
Colporteur's Missionary Credentials.—C. L. Cooke, W. C. Smart.
Colporteur's Missionary Licence.—Miss J. Green.

Irish Mission

Superintendent.—E. E. Craven.
Secretary-Treasurer.—W. G. Baldry.
Departmental Secretary—J. Harker.
Field Missionary Secretary.—G. D. King.
Advisory Committee.—E. E. Craven, W. G. Nicholson, J. G. Bevan, Dr. J. Houston, A. Johnston.

CREDENTIALS AND LICENCES

Ministerial Credentials.—E. E. Craven, J. G. Bevan, L. A. Watson.
Ministerial Licences.—W. G. Nichol-son, E. Zins.
Missionary Credentials.—Miss M. Kirby, Miss J. Cluett.
Colporteur's Missionary Credentials.—A. Reeve.

At Rest

YOUNG.—The Cardiff church has lost yet another of its valued members by death. Sister Mrs. Young, who learned of the message through the labours of Pastor Dorland and Sister Guntrip some years ago, died on June 28, 1939, and we laid her to rest in the Chapel graveyard at Morganstown on July 3rd, in the presence of a very large gathering of members, relatives, and local friends. Sister Young's

SUNSET CALENDAR

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Some Ingathering "BEST DAYS"

Don't Give Up!

It had been "hard going" all morning. After nearly four hours collecting three long roads had only yielded 3/2. Was it really worth while going on any longer in this neighbourhood? Surely I could spend my time more profitably collecting some miles away where the people were of a different class. The fourth road was steep and many of the houses unfinished. Should I bother calling here? Such were my thoughts as a scorching sun added to my discomfort. I sat down a moment, mopping a perspiring brow. Then I started in on that road. The response was just as poor as before.

I reached the top of the hill. There was a shop standing about one hundred yards farther on. Should I bother going that extra distance—Yes, No, Yes. I went. The gentleman in the shop listened to my appeal, held out his hand for some literature and then disappeared behind some rows of bottles. Ten minutes, fifteen minutes passed. Twice I coughed to remind him of my presence. Finally he emerged. What was that he held in his hand? Why, to my astonishment and joy, it was three pound notes! Passing them over the counter he expressed deep interest in medical missionary work. Somehow the weary journey and the heat didn't seem to matter any more. Was I glad that I had gone on!

C. A. REEVES.

A Good Day in Africa

IN Kenya Colony it has been my privilege to visit a certain town in connection with Harvest Ingathering for the past three years. This involves a journey of some 300-350 miles.

Once I arrived there late in the afternoon on a November Sunday. On getting settled in the hotel, at which it was necessary for me to stay, I observed that everything was unusually quiet. I inquired the reason, and was informed that the town had had its annual ball in aid of the local hospital the night before. Over 300 people had attended and stayed on into the early

hours of the morning. It was the big event of the year.

I need hardly say that my courage rapidly fell to zero, and many questions were soon suggested by the evil one. What was I to do after the people had spent heavily in having a good time and inci-

their own institution, and he was one of the few people in the town who did not give. All through those few days I was impressed with the thought that they had forgotten what had just been done for their local needs, although I based my appeal largely on our own medical work. Is it too much to believe that the Lord had a hand in helping them to forget?

F. H. THOMAS.

An Important Date

SEPTEMBER 3rd

Dear Reader,

Will you please mark this date, and resolve to do three things :

1. Take your collecting box, card, permit, and some literature and spend as much time as you can Ingathering.
2. Hand over to the church treasurer all the money you have on hand on this particular Sunday evening, if at all possible. We are trying to raise £5,000 on our first official report.
3. Pray for the success of the campaign. Encourage somebody else to take part. Watch for opportunities to speak a word in season to some needy soul.

J.H.

My Best Day's Ingathering

LAST year I visited Nairobi, Kenya Colony, to obtain my Ingathering goal. I had done most of my territory when I decided to visit a man who had refused to give anything for three years and whom I, in consequence, had missed for two years. I soon found that he had been a physical sufferer for some time and had come to find out diet was an important matter. I was able to speak of the place this question occupies in our work, which greatly attracted him. After this I found him a ready listener to other points of our message. Finally, after an hour's conversation, I returned to the chief reason for my visit—a subscription. Imagine my surprise when he readily gave me a cheque for £6. 5s. 0d. *Moral*: Don't be nervous to visit even those who have previously refused. People's needs and viewpoints change with time.

W. W. ARMSTRONG.

One of My Best Days

ONE of my best days in Harvest Ingathering was spent in a small town in the South of England. I had prayed that God would be with me and make it a good day. I knew the town, having collected there before with a friend. This time I was alone. Could I do it all in one day? What would I get for my labours? Starting about 9.30 as the shops were beginning to get busy I worked on hour after hour, with the exception of an hour in the middle of the day, until six o'clock. This time passed quickly, and I knew God was with me. He enabled me to do what I wanted to

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