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South Wales Day of Fellowship

By S. G. HYDE

By the courtesy of the minister and officers of the Unitarian Church in Cardiff, South Wales members recently spent a very full and happy Sabbath day together. The church proved to be a veritable Bethel, delightful for situation, carrying an atmosphere conducive to worship and praise. An unusually good pipe-organ aided the musical side of the day's spiritual exercises. Members came from Aberdare, Merthyr, Mountain Ash, Swansea, Newport, Blaenavon, Barry, Porth, Caerphilly, Gelligaer, Risca, Bridgend, Tondy, Henllan and Broughton Wick.

Pastor W. T. Bartlett, the principal speaker, not only delighted the congregation with his messages and studies but he himself, thoroughly enjoyed the association with the Lord's people in this southern portion of the Principality. Pastor Harker also shared the day with us and took the opportunity of speaking on behalf of those invaluable activities with which he and his department are primarily concerned.

The day began with the usual Sabbath-school service presided over by Miss Doreen Hyde, the principal items in the programme being the review by Brother R. Jacques; missions talk by Brother F. E. Powell; recitation entitled, "Tell Me the Old, Old Story," by Mrs. Gregory; and lesson-study by Pastor S. G. Hyde.

An unusually good Sabbath-school offering was received on behalf of the cause of missions.

The last service of the day was, in many respects the best. Then Pastor Bartlett presented the story

of our Advent Missions showing the prophetic and historical back-ground of the movement and something of its present-day activities and accomplishments. As a prelude to this evening service Mr. Edgar Lewis, A.R.C.O., gave an inspiring organ recital, while during the service he accompanied the Isabelle Davies' Singers in their recital of sacred choral selections.

This closing service proved the best of the day and the church was packed with an appreciative audience. The Spirit of the Lord was present and much blessing received.

Children's meetings were held during the day, Miss W. Reed, with others, supervising.

In the fine Lecture Hall of the church with an excellently equipped kitchen adjacent, the friends of South Wales gathered for their meals, refreshments, and social intercourse. Mrs. J. Smith had a committee of helpers to provide where-withal for the thirsty!

Everybody enjoyed a real day of refreshing. This day of fellowship proved one of the best in the long history of such meetings. May God bless the seed sown that day as well as make fruitful all those plans and decisions made under the leading and convincing influence of the Spirit of God.

Holloway Advent Church

SABBATH, July 12th

**SPECIAL DAY
OF FELLOWSHIP**
for London churches

Visiting Ministers

W. T. Bartlett
H. W. Lowe
G. D. King

Music by Stanborough Park

Male and Mixed Choirs
Under the direction of W. Idris
Owen, A.R.C.M., M.R.S.T.

PROGRAMME OF SERVICES

Sabbath-School 10.00 a.m.
Preaching Service 11.15 a.m.

Bible Study 2.45 p.m.
Baptismal Service 4.00 p.m.

Special Praise Service 6.30 p.m.
Hymn of Praise by Mendelssohn
Rendered by Stanborough Mixed Choir

**Have You Got
Your Goal Yet?**

**If not "Go
To It" Now!**

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Notes from the President

LONDON DISTRICT MEETING

ANNOUNCEMENT is made in this MESSENGER of the special services to be held at Holloway on Sabbath, July 12th. It is reasonable to hope that by that time Pastor H. W. Lowe, president of the British Union, will be back with us. We are hoping he will be able to attend these special services, bringing us a message direct from the large and important General Conference recently convened at San Francisco.

Members of the churches in the London area, and isolated believers within access of London, are urged to make an earnest effort to be in attendance. These are days when we need to prize the fellowship in the Advent movement and to take every opportunity for upbuilding and strengthening each other. It should be a good day for all who attend.

ORGANIZATION OF NEW CHURCHES

ON Sabbath, June 14th, an inspiring meeting was held at Cheltenham when the company of believers there was duly and properly organized into a fully-functioning church. Thirty-four were listed as charter members and an able body of men and women were elected as church officers. Brother R. A. Vince and Miss M. M. John have worked with energy during the past year to make this development of the work at Cheltenham possible. Further details of this good day may appear later.

Church organizations are also contemplated at Wembley and Chelmsford within the next few weeks. Thus we shall have the joy of adding three new churches during this present quarter.

EVANGELISM

THE work of evangelism is being pressed energetically throughout the conference. Every conference worker reports a good visiting list, and the active interest being maintained is most encouraging. Probably no phase of our organized work has

been so greatly affected as the result of war conditions as has evangelism. We must ever remember that this is the sole purpose of our existence, to proclaim the everlasting Gospel and to give warning of our Lord's return. In spite of hindrances in the matter of halls and advertising, every worker in the conference is seeking to make evangelism his first work, and intensive personal evangelism is being pursued in every place where a conference worker is located. At the present time at least seventy persons are keeping the Sabbath as a result of this (evangelistic) work.

You are asked to remember these persons especially in your prayers, and all who are now attending services and receiving special visits. Remember also that *you* are called to evangelism by personal word and witness, for the privilege of evangelism is the task of the whole church. Neither should we forget our special gifts for the work of evangelism in our own field.

HARVEST INGATHERING

A GRAND beginning has been made in this year's Ingathering campaign. Already two facts this year have impressed us: the response of our faithful members to the task, and the cheerful willingness of the British public to give. As never before we need to take advantage of our opportunities and press forward into the wide open door before us. The government licence granted to us for collecting is undoubtedly one of the greatest privileges ever extended to us, and every member is urged to capitalize this to the fullest extent. GO TO IT—NOW is surely appropriate counsel for us in this campaign. Half the Union goal is South England's responsibility and we are depending on YOU.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THIS is an amazing year of financial blessing. Already the tithe income for the conference is more than a thousand pounds in advance

of the same period of 1940 which was a record year for tithe income. Our mission offerings are maintaining a steady increase. Last year for the first time in the history of the conference we more than reached our Missions Extension (Big Week) goal. The final figures are not yet available for this, but again the goal has been reached and last year's record figure is in sight. The constant loyalty and support of a faithful membership is one of the great inspirations of these difficult days. Amid toil and tears the witness for God's truth is being maintained and soon the final goal of all goals will be reached. G. D. KING.

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Adventist Youth Takes Part in Abbey Broadcast

(Report from the Balham, Tooting, Mitcham *News and Mercury*, May 30, 1941, by courtesy of the Editor)

SPEAKING in a clear, steady voice, a Clapham schoolboy broadcast, from Westminster Abbey on Sunday, May 25th, a call to prayer to the youth of the Empire and the world.

The occasion was the Empire Youth Service, attended by representatives of youth organizations and the fighting services. The Abbey, scarred by the vandalism of enemy planes, was crowded.

Chosen for the onerous duty of making the call to prayer was seventeen years-old Victor Hayward Hall, 36 Fishponds Road, Upper Tooting, who is a pupil at the Henry Thornorton School, Clapham Common.

Hall spoke his words well and unhesitatingly, though a last-minute change involving the incorporation of words referring to the recent damage to the Abbey might well have caused him to stumble.

He did not. In a firm voice he called upon "young men and women in lands afar, who are comrades in the cause of truth and freedom, justice, and charity, to join with us, as we gather here for worship in the dedication of our lives to God."

Already Hall has received evidence from overseas of the admirable way in which he carried out his task. A cable from Canada states that reception of the service was excellent. It congratulated Hall and the young airman who gave the address upon

the manner in which they performed their duties.

Among the congregation in the Abbey was Mr. W. R. Johns, headmaster of Hall's school.

When Mr. Johns was asked by the London County Council education authorities to choose a boy to pronounce the "Call to Prayer," he selected three of his pupils. The final choice was made by the Dean of Westminster after interviewing the boys.

Keith Weston, one of the three pupils, attended the Abbey service as Hall's deputy.

Hall, who is captain of his school, was for four years at the Bec School, Trinity-road, which is now evacuated to Lewes. He has taken part in declamation competitions, and has ambitions of becoming a minister of the church of the Seventh-Day Adventists, of which he and his family are members.

In addition to being a good scholar, he is a keen sportsman, and active alike on the playing field and in the swimming pool. He has earned a life-saving bronze medallion.

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A Double Event in Torquay

THE windows had been blacked out, but here and there beams of the bright June sun found their way through and pierced the gloom.

However, the gloom was only physical, for an air of pleasant expectancy pervaded the church as members and friends gathered to see and hear what the Advent message is doing in heathen lands.

"What will you do if he doesn't come?" someone asked. "It's 2.45 p.m. now." "Pastor Warland's come." An answering smile overspread the face of the minister as he went to make the final adjustments to the lantern.

Just a hymn and a prayer, and then before we were aware of it, we were in East Africa: watching the natives at the mission school, at work, at play; watching the transformation wrought by the Gospel on darkened minds and diseased bodies; watching the children grow up and take their place in the service of God and their fellow men.

Presently the vision faded. The voice of our guide died away and we

found ourselves back in the church surrounded by familiar faces once more.

The beams of light that fell across the floor seemed symbolic of the heavenly light that we had seen penetrating the darkness of Africa's spiritual blackout.

"I wouldn't have missed it for anything," said one afterwards. "Nor I," said another, "I could have gone on listening for hours."

And no one regretted that the meeting was longer than usual or that there was another to follow in the evening.

Seven o'clock came, and members and friends had gathered again, all eager to witness the first Investiture

service ever to be held in the Torquay church.

There weren't many candidates, to be sure, only four Friends and a Companion, but each did his or her part of the programme well without making a mistake.

Pastor Warland's enthusiastic address and evident pleasure of the successful candidates combined to inspire several others to enrol, including some newly-interested friends.

Those who have already been successful are determined to go on to further successes so that soon Torquay may have a larger and more representative band of Progressive Volunteers. W. BUCKLE.

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Notes from the President

AT the beginning of 1941, objectives were suggested for every church and company that would enable the North England Conference to make real progress. Reports show goals reached and passed.

HARVEST INGATHERING

THE response to our soliciting this year has been wonderful. The name Seventh-Day Adventist is beginning to mean something godly and progressive to those who are not of our faith. Last Sunday, one member was asked if she were a Seventh-Day Adventist as soon as the paper was produced. She said she was, and asked if the gentleman knew our work. He said he had just finished thirty-five years' service in Burma, and had heard of and seen our work there. In one district, he confessed, he and others had openly discredited any good a Seventh-Day Adventist Training School project, then in its infancy, might accomplish. But he had lived there many years and seen it expand. "Your people do a splendid work in training young men," he concluded, putting a good donation into the collecting box.

By the way, remember this story when you think of your thirteenth Sabbath offering, which is for Burma.

CITY EVANGELISM

IN Handsworth, Pastor H. W. McCrow last Sunday began a series of meetings. Although the church is one of our oldest in the country, it was crowded, and sixty non-members were present.

In Southport, Pastor J. E. Bell had thirty-two non-members present at a new series of meetings he has just commenced.

While our eyes should be on the mission fields, our vision should also take in the needs of our work in Britain.

"God is displeased with the lack of appreciation and support shown our faithful workers in our large cities by His people in our own land. The work in the home field is a *vital problem* just now."—*"Testimonies,"* Vol. 8, page 32.

LITERATURE

WE need many more women colporteurs.

"Women may take their places in the work at this crisis, and the Lord will work through them. If they are imbued with a sense of their duty, and labour under the influence of the Spirit of God, they will have just the self-possession required for this time. The Saviour will reflect upon these self-sacrificing women the light (Continued on page 6.)

The Will to Win— £400 in 4 Weeks

INGATHERING seems to affect people in different ways; some accept it as a necessary evil, others see in it a glorious opportunity to spread the message, while yet others find excuses for not partaking in it.

When the Stanborough Park church gave consideration to the goal suggested to it by the conference there were very real difficulties rising out of the national emergency to be met. But in faith the officers determined to aim for £550 by the end of the campaign.

A church with such a large membership needs a good deal of organizing but on the first field day two coaches were filled with enthusiastic collectors and all departments have responded.

It is good to see the Young People's Society taking their share of the load. They aimed to collect £100, but have over passed that already and are devising all manner of means to obtain a good overflow.

Enthusiastic cycling parties in the evenings have discovered an immense amount of real fun in collecting for missions; many young people have also joined the parties who have spent all Sunday in some part of the vicinity, and an open-air concert has been arranged to help swell the total.

The double Summer Time has provided an opportunity for those whose work does not permit them to ingather on Sunday, to spend at least two hours on an evening on the task. The average from these pioneers has been good and totals of about £10 have been brought in for an evening's work.

Granose Foods Ltd. have not been able to devote so much time to door-to-door collecting this year because of the need for workers in the Factory, but nevertheless they have reached their goal in the short space of three weeks, and are carrying on for a good overflow.

The Stanborough Press has not yet been able to do its part but look out for July when we expect a bumper report from their two concentrated field days!

The Union office is setting a noble

example; accepting a goal of over £6 per member it is now after three weeks fifty per cent in excess of even this abnormally high goal.

The Sanitarium, working against exceptional difficulties, is making steady progress and will get its quota.

The churchmembers also are working well to raise the goal for the "unattached" as they are called. Up to date this church has raised over £400 in twenty-two days of effort and the goal is well in sight.

People seem even more willing than in past years to give, and our work for the progress of God's work has been rewarded by His blessing as we have gone to meet the people. Never before has so much been done in so short a time. Government restrictions, curtailment of the period of collecting, special permits, etc., instead of being hindrances have all acted as a spur to effort, and have enabled us to accomplish this annual task with real pleasure. We send this brief report of our activities to encourage you, and to inspire others to shoulder the burden in their district so that the goal may be quickly reached.

"Somebody said that it couldn't be done'
He started to sing as he tackled the thing
That couldn't be done, and he DID it."

E. E. WHITE.

Ireland

SINCE the compilation of figures found on these pages, reports have come in from Ireland. These indicate substantial progress in the Appeal work over there. The field total is now £105, and represents thirty per cent of the goal.

The amount reported includes Belfast, £41; Shankill, £24; Londonderry, £35; and Lisburn, £5. We will be glad to hear from the smaller groups. We know they are busy. And for Dublin, too, we wish in some way our good people there might be represented.

J.H.

BRITISH HARVEST Campaign

TOTAL TO DATE

South England £1,510 31%

North England £1,244 37%

Ireland

GOALS REACHED

	To Date	Overflow
<i>Second Week</i>		
*SLOUGH	£48	£20
<i>Third Week</i>		
*LEICESTER	100	26
*GREENOCK	15	7
<i>Fourth Week</i>		
*GLASGOW	211	11

In the grouping of churches and companies to the accepted goal in each case, rather than ship are not listed, except under "Goals Reached."

STANBOROUGH

Standing of

				Per Cent
<i>GROUP 1</i>				
Newport	55	0	0	37
Hull	69	14	8	35
Bristol	63	12	7	31
Plymouth	44	13	8	28
Newcastle	8	12	8	5
<i>GROUP 2</i>				
Nottingham	121	15	3	86
Darlington	80	18	10	58
Edinburgh	71	2	8	50
Bournemouth	56	19	4	43
Manchester	56	1	9	43
Cardiff	54	6	5	42
Leeds	53	10	0	40
Watford	50	7	8	38
<i>GROUP 3</i>				
Reading	72	19	4	63
Norwich	51	19	6	53
Birmingham S.	48	4	8	48
Derby	41	4	11	40
Sheffield	33	6	4	33
York	40	3	11	33
Southampton	29	12	8	29
Belfast	28	15	9	27
Handsworth	30	13	2	26
Liverpool	21	2	8	21
<i>GROUP 4</i>				
Torquay	46	0	11	65
Swansea	47	0	0	59
Coventry	38	19	4	57
Middlesbrough	44	0	0	52
Luton	35	0	0	50

UNION GATHERING 1941

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Wales	£282	32%
Scotland	£364	60%
£34	10%	

AND OVERFLOW

*EXETER	53	3
*TAUNTON	51	11
*HIGH WYCOMBE	40	4
*ROCHDALE	29	7
*FOLKESTONE	20	2/-
*ST. MABYN	14	50/-
*ACCRINGTON	11	3
*WALLASEY	15	10

own in these reports, consideration has been given membership. Groups below sixteen in member- J.H.

K £412 75%

Churches

Stoke	25	5	2	38
Portsmouth	26	15	0	33
Aberdeen	20	5	0	32
Kettering	23	18	11	32
Stretford	18	13	5	24
Bradford	14	11	0	23
Newbold (No report)				

GROUP 5

Wolverhampton	42	15	10	86
Cheltenham	42	16	8	73
Barry	41	9	5	72
Killmarsh	34	10	9	70
Rhyl	32	14	0	65
Romford	38	4	10	61
Southend	35	3	2	58
Cambridge	17	2	1	28
Rotherham	7	2	2	14
Croscombe	6	7	0	12
Shankill	6	0	0	9

GROUP 6

Chelmsford	23	3	8	77
Ipswich	27	13	6	76
Dundee	27	13	4	69
Lowestoft	18	0	0	45
Scarborough	20	10	1	44
Worcester	19	5	7	41
Colchester	17	18	0	39
Lincoln	10	18	3	39
Yarmouth	10	0	0	33
Sutton	9	11	6	31
Stockport	10	5	0	23
Barnsley	7	7	10	22
Wakefield	3	13	7	9

How We Stand

WE can truthfully say that for the period already passed, the 1941 Ingathering campaign is the best we have ever had. All the reports simply bristle with encouragement. The big fact is that more than one-third of the amount which we set for ourselves as a goal has been collected. True, we have had similar sums in the same time, or even less, in other years, but in all such cases there were some hundreds of pounds in hand before the opening date. This year we started at the first pound when the campaign was due to begin. And we have to reckon with the fact that during the period covered by this report, all the London churches, representing about one-third of the South conference membership, have not been able to work. They will be free to start in full strength on July 1st.

Everywhere we see a new speed up of effort. Scotland has 60 per cent of her quota already in hand. The full amount should be accounted for in six weeks. South England, without London's help, has provided 43 per cent of the Union total thus far. North England has been accelerating from the start—£84, £293, £393, £475. The North has 37 per cent of her quota. Wales set the pace last year. Up to the present for 1941 she is behind a little, but can still report 32 per cent. Possibly Northern Ireland is in the same position. Unfortunately, due to the war, we are not informed beyond the second week of the campaign.

Some of the churches, big ones at that, are rejoicing in a finished task.

Who would have predicted that a church with a £200 goal would do the job in three weeks? This is Glasgow's record. Who would have expected Stanborough Park to raise £400 in four weeks, or Nottingham £40 in a single week with the prospect of the full goal of £142 by the time this issue of the MESSENGER is in circulation? Leicester, too, is in the new speed line. £100, including £26 overflow in three weeks is a new thing for this Midland town. Slough did it in two weeks. Well, these are some of the encouraging things connected with the campaign from the monetary standpoint.

With this acceleration in getting

the money, should we not seek God for a quickening in spiritual life that will result in a large number of fruitful contacts with the people. This blessing will come if we seek it earnestly. Ingatherers should pray for special help before starting out, and then continually look out for an opportunity to speak a word in season for the Master. J.H.

Figures That Speak

THE following list of figures which have been translated from dollars and cents to our own coinage, have been provided by the General Conference Home Missionary Department. They represent the total amount collected in the 1940 Harvest Ingathering Campaign for the world field. They should impress our hearts with the importance of the work in which we are engaged.

Year	£316,930	8	0
Month	26,410	17	4
Week	6,094	16	4
Day	870	13	8
Hour	36	5	7
Minute	12	1	

Reminders

JULY is here. Please remember you need a fresh permit from your local agent this month. Be sure also to hand in the one you have been using during June

THERE are no more 1941 magazines available, but we can supply leaflets in reasonable quantities.

WILL isolated members please bear in mind that conference treasurers will be glad to hear from them regarding their success in the Harvest Ingathering work. J.H.

PRINTING.—C. Russell, Newton Street, Macclesfield.

WANTED urgently for work in new societies: copies of the following two books sent out by the South England Conference about four years ago: 1. 33 Suggestive Programmes and Advice for Senior M.V. Services, 2. The Juniors—21 Programmes and Material for J.M.V. and Children's Services. Postage refunded. Address: R. S. Joyce, 22 Zulla Road, Mapperley Park, Nottingham.

BADLY needed by three Adventist young men doing forestry work: Old clothes for their rough work. Kindly send, carriage forward, to: L. Denne, c/o "Etheldene" Villa, Cashes Green, Stroud, Gloucester.

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of His countenance, and this will give them a power which will exceed that of men."—"Testimonies," Vol. 6, pages 117, 118.

We invite you to join the ranks of the colporteurs in North England. Brother B. Belton will gladly show you the secrets of successful salesmanship.

PROPHECIES

It is just a hundred years since William Miller and our pioneers were bringing before the people for the first time the meaning of Bible prophecies.

What would they think to-day?

The angels are still at the four corners of the earth. Their Commander says, Hold! "till we have sealed the servants of our God." When their hold is loosed, our minds cannot imagine the result. Then the work of God will actually be finished. For us now, with the furious gusts of the winds of strife blowing, there is a special word:

"Let us cry to God that the angels may hold the four winds until missionaries shall be sent to all parts of the world, and shall proclaim the warning against disobeying the law of Jehovah."—"Testimonies," Vol. 5, page 718.

But I can never pray that prayer unless I am doing my part to send the missionaries. I must lift with all the others. Let us, each one, pray that prayer with our hearts and our hands.

R. S. JOYCE.

Rochdale

It was on Sunday January 28, 1940, that the first Adventist public meeting ever held in Rochdale was conducted. It was a blizzard night and snow covered the town, in some places several feet deep, and on several main roads there were drifts up to sixteen feet. Yet in these weather conditions twenty-one strangers came out to hear the truth presented. Some of these are to-day church-members.

In this town one does not find it hard to picture the life of Athens of old. Here, too, we have representatives of almost every sect and cult even to some of the old Persian faiths. Little wonder, then, that, as we started our meetings, we were considered "just one more" Only by untiring plodding and faithful

visitation has come the reward of our labours.

No outside assistance could be hired. With the help of Miss A. F. Clarke we ourselves distributed the handbills and visited the people in climatic conditions that only those who know these parts can fully understand.

Of course, we must not forget our faithful Brother Jenkinson, the solitary member to whom we could turn for help. For thirty years he had been praying for an effort in this place, and having that prayer answered, his zeal was unbounded. Despite his seventy-five years he struggled to the hall that first night. He came through tremendous obstacles for the several miles he lives from the town. We can never understand how he could have done it. He has always been at his post and his faithfulness has been a constant source of inspiration. It was a pleasure to see the happiness that illuminated his face when last autumn we organized our company of eleven members. But there was even a brighter beam in his eyes when, on May 31st we added five more members to the church roll. This makes our membership here now sixteen.

A change is coming in Rochdale. The old feelings of indifference in some quarters and even hostile prejudice in others, are giving way to friendliness and confidence. Only this week a prominent lady doctor called on one of our new members and asked if she could learn more of what we teach. By the time you read this she will be well supplied with literature. A large church in the town, with an influential following of leading business people asked us to take their Sunday meeting. We were able to do this without interfering with our own work. After a sermon on the second coming of our Lord they asked for more. Let it be noted these people know who we are and our peculiar beliefs.

Some experiences have encouraged us and show the Lord's leading hand. One Sunday evening one of our new men with his wife decided to attend another church meeting. They were feeling uneasy about the truth. They planned a circuitous route to avoid meeting anyone attending the meeting. Was it an accident that Miss Clarke missed her

way to the hall and came across their path? They did not feel so but decided that the Lord's hand was in it and came along and are loyal members to-day.

More recently, another of our menfolk lost his work for the Sabbath. His last employer made difficulties over getting new work. He tried for several posts but always with the same result. Other problems were presenting themselves and everything did look dark. However, that Tuesday evening the young people's meeting decided to pray each day at a set time. The very next day five offers of employment came to his door and in two cases the Sabbath was offered without question. Surely "God is just the same to-day" as in times of old.

We are planning another baptism soon and we hope in the near future to ask for church organization. Many are interested and a good harvest of souls should result. Dear fellow-members in your prayers for evangelism we ask a corner for Rochdale that "when He cometh to make up His jewels" there may be many precious gems from this mill town of the north.

Some months ago Miss Clarke was called to Nottingham and now Miss Himsworth has joined our forces. Already Miss Himsworth has won the hearts of the people and we appreciate her loyal assistance.

W. J. CANNON.

Leeds District Convention

WHITSUN week-end, May 30th to June 2nd, will long be remembered in the hearts of the Leeds church. For weeks beforehand we had been planning to hold a convention over the holiday period when Pastor J. M. Howard would be with us. A full programme had been prepared and the Lord came and dwelt among us, as we sought to get nearer to Him.

The first meeting on Friday evening held in The Tramways Hall was but a foretaste of the good things we all enjoyed. On Sabbath morning a good number assembled for the devotional service at 9 a.m. followed by a united Sabbath-school and the preaching service which brought blessing to all present as we studied the 144,000 and the coming of our

Saviour. A Bible-study in the afternoon by Brother Casson attracted a large number in spite of the beautiful summer weather outside. Pastor J. M. Howard's address in the evening inspired everyone to rise to their feet in consecration to the Master's service.

Sunday morning found the church officers having a consultation, and it is hoped that the Lord's work in this corner of the field will profit thereby. The subject of Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit was the theme of Brother Casson's address which followed.

The hall was filled for the lantern service in the afternoon on *Pilgrim's Progress* conducted by Pastor Howard. A song service preceded the preaching service in the evening when Pastor Howard again took

charge. His audience was spellbound as he pointed out very clearly that God has and always will take care of His children.

As a fitting climax to our weekend we gathered on Monday at one of Leeds' beauty spots, Temple-Newsam, and had a good healthy time in God's great out-of-doors.

As we look back, and think of the work that our convention entailed we indeed thank all who ministered to us the Word of life, rendered musical items, provided hot drinks and accommodated our dear people, and all the other cogs without which the machinery could not have worked so smoothly. We pray that the spirit of the convention may live in our hearts and lives till He come.

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Notes from the Superintendent

At the time of writing, we find ourselves in the sun-shine of North Wales, where almost the only reminder of the war lies in the quest for certain unrationed foods which are managing to become a rarity. There seem to be plenty of holiday makers—mothers and children being in the majority.

Along the North Wales coast, Miss Hanna and Miss Foster, graduates of Newbold, are busily engaged in circulating truth-filled literature and making a success of it. They also are making contacts wherever possible with a view to developing an interest which can be fostered by an evangelistic campaign.

In Rhyl, "cottage meeting" evangelism continues with interest unabated. Ingathering activities are conspicuous. Mrs. Vernon, showing the spirit one might expect of one whose daughter has been for many years a prominent missionary in West Africa, has collected £25 in three weeks! And Mrs. Vernon might well be excused if only on grounds of lengthening years!

A QUICK WORK

THE status of our Ingathering ef-

fort in Wales indicates a rather slower tempo than we are accustomed to. Like the national emergency and the call for more speedy action, so we in Wales must speed the "collecting box" if we are to shine with our usual brilliance. £192 in two weeks (three Sundays) is not at all bad, but to get £1,000 in eight weeks the rate will need to be increased.

REPORTING FAILURES

THERE are still too many who do not report on time. Will agents be faithful and render a report *every week* even though you think the report is not worth while. Do encourage us and encourage one another by keeping the Harvest Ingathering campaign activities to the fore and with banners flying. May the Lord help each of us to do the best possible and to rejoice in final triumph.

THE LAST MONTH

JULY is before us—the last half of the assigned period. We have now "got going" and July will see Wales moving up into its proper place—leading the Union! So, brethren, with a long pull and a strong pull—on to £1,000! S. G. HYDE.

LITERATURE MINISTRY

NO HAWKERS CANVASSERS TRAVELLERS

We have no maid, and we are too busy to keep answering the door, so please leave us in peace.

SUCH was the notice displayed on the door of a large house.

I had not had a particularly good day and this was the last call.

Paul had been teaching publicly, from house to house, and his work caused him many tears because of the coldness of some of his hearers.

But none of those things moved him.

When I saw that notice I remembered Paul's words after teaching publicly and from house-to-house and experiencing a cold reception from many: "None of these things move me." So this discouraging notice did not move me, and my rat-a-tat-tat brought the good lady of the house to the door in person.

"Didn't you read that notice there?"

"Well, yes Madam, I did, and the first thing that struck me about it was that you were very busy, and so I intend to be very brief. I cannot lay claim to any of these which you have named, but am engaged in Christian work and so I have called to see you with my wonderful volume here."

"Well you seem different from the usual run of caller, but I am pestered every hour of the day with such. I am alone, having lost my mother a week or so ago and there does not seem much in life to care for."

"Permit me, Madam, to draw your attention to this section of my work which shows at least that there is indeed much that we can care for, and that there is also One who cares for you as well as for me. But there, I asked you for two minutes only and I have gone beyond that."

"Which binding do you like?"

"Just wait a moment and I will get you the money for that Red one."

We are, my brothers and sisters, not hawkers, not canvassers, not travellers (in the commercial sense), but colporteur-evangelists, and as such none of these things should move us until our object has been achieved. F. J. KINMAN.

In Lithuania

THE Adventists of Lithuania are indeed "a little flock." There are scarcely two hundred of them at the present time and these have had many difficulties already.

Our literature work is not forgotten in this Baltic country with its two million of people. We have a book depository for Adventist publications in the city of Kaunas and a stock of literature in the Lithuanian language. This city is right in the path of the German advance.

Some time ago the Lithuanian field missionary secretary was working a certain town along with a colporteur and at one of the homes a Catholic lady promptly asked: "Would you like to buy two Bibles which I do not care for? You may look at them; they are just like new." We looked at these two so-called Bibles, said the field missionary secretary, and readily saw that they were not Bibles, but books printed by the Russelites. She then stepped back in the room and brought out another book. It was *Steps to Christ*. She said, "This is the best book. It is written for us and it is our Bible. These other two Bibles I do not care for."

A good testimony from a Catholic lady.

On another occasion one of our sister colporteurs approached a prison and found the watchman was determined not to let her enter the administrative building. However with a good approach she was able to secure permission to go inside

where she had the opportunity to see the director of the prison. As she spoke to him and his associates the Lord helped her to sell ten books in ten minutes. May these books that have been placed in this prison bring light and blessing and freedom.

A.W.

Shortage of Paper for Present Truth and Good Health

DUE to more severe paper rationing we are compelled to reduce still further our editions of *Present Truth* and *Good Health*. We have ascertained from our members and regular colporteurs that they have now over 10,000 regular readers and our paper ration does not allow us to print quite the required number. It would be very regrettable if our members should, through this shortage, lose touch with regular readers, and it has been suggested that an arrangement should be made with some regular readers to take the paper monthly instead of fortnightly.

The arrangement would work this way: If you have 100 regular readers and the Press could only let you have ninety papers, you would arrange with twenty of your readers to take their copy on a monthly basis. You would then supply ten readers the first fortnight and the other ten the following fortnight.

The remaining eighty customers would receive the paper regularly every fortnight, of course.

A. WARREN.

At Rest

CLARKE.—With deep sorrow we announce the death of Sister Agnes Clarke, beloved wife of Brother H. D. Clarke, past secretary-treasurer of the South England Conference, on Sabbath, June 14, 1941, at the age of sixty-nine. Sister Clarke accepted the Advent message in the very early days of the work in this country through the ministry of Pastor Washburn and was baptized at Bath in 1893. In 1897 she was married to Brother Clarke, who was then engaged in colporteur ministry. Since 1908, when her husband was called to administrative work she associated with the North Kensington and Stanborough Park churches and latterly, after Brother Clarke's retirement, with the Harrow company. For some years Sister Clarke's health had been failing and an operation had been necessary. It was soon after admission to hospital for further treatment that she peacefully passed away. On Tuesday, June 17th, she was tenderly laid to rest in the Harrow Cemetery in the presence of members of the family, relatives, and a goodly company of members and friends from nearby churches. The service was conducted by

Pastor W. L. Emerson. Of her it can truly be said, "She hath done what she could," for all her four children have grown up in the church and have found their place in the work of the Lord. To Brother Clarke and the children who are left to mourn we tender our sincere sympathy. With confidence we await the resurrection morn when we believe our sister will rise to meet the Saviour she loved and served so long.

W.L.E.

SLATER.—Brother Slater passed peacefully to rest on May 29, 1941, at the age of eighty-one after a very short illness. He and his dear wife, who passed away in January, 1938, were brought into the church by Pastor Hyde in Mansfield in 1920. He has been a faithful member and always spoke comfort and courage to all he came in contact with. It can truly be said of him, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord." He was laid to rest in Sutton-in-Ashfield Cemetery to wait the soon-coming Saviour he loved so well. The service was conducted by J. Lewis.

M. SAVAGE.

Wedding Bells

OGBORNE-BOLSH.—On Wednesday, June 18, 1941, Ronald Frederick Ogborne and Lilian Maud Bolsh were united in marriage by Pastor O. M. Dorland. The marriage took place in the Bristol church, and beside the relatives, there were many church-members present. The sun was shining brightly, and there was an air of joy and peace pervading the church, as the simple yet impressive ceremony was conducted.

As the friends gathered round to see the bride and groom depart, many prayers ascended to God, that He would bless them and make their union a blessing to others.

Both young people are devoting their lives to ministry for the sick during this time of distress.

PEGGY GRAVES.

SAVAGE-STODDART.

"The voice that breathed o'er Eden
That earliest wedding day,
The primal marriage blessing,
It hath not passed away."

So we sang, as Ralph Leslie Savage and Queenie Stoddart stood together to plight their troth before Pastor G. D. King and their relatives, friends, and fellow-members at noon on Whit-Monday.

Carnations, sweet peas, and roses gave their beauty and fragrance to enhance the sanctity of our church and a service beautiful in its simplicity and order.

After the luncheon-reception at the Dudley Hotel, the happy pair left to honeymoon amid the natural beauties of Newbold.

"That theirs may be the love that knows no ending

Whom Thou for evermore dost join in one"

is the sincere wish of their many brethren and sisters in the Lord.

REGINALD SMITH.

WANTED.—Boy, aged 14-17, for painting and decorating trade. Live in. Sabbath privileges. Write: W. Mutch, 101 Yorke Street, Mansfield, Woodhouse, Notts.

UNFURNISHED self-contained flat, three rooms, in country bungalow in Hampshire. 8/6 a week. Suit S.D.A. husband and wife. Apply in first instance: 41a Palmerston Road, Bowes Park, London, N.2.

SUNSET CALENDAR

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