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# Calm in Distress, in Danger Bold

THE year 1939 will be remembered as one of the crisis years in the history of the world. As the weeks and months passed we beheld the thrones totter and fall; we saw countries overrun by the oppressor and full play given to the forces of devastation. Thousands lost their lives; still larger numbers have been bereaved and persecuted; thousands more have been rendered homeless, and are now in penury and want. What a sad commentary on our modern civilization with all its achievements in science, and its hopes and prospects for the betterment of the human race! Yet, while the daily press has been full of these happenings, the great God of heaven has His hand upon His own work. The message of God marches forth to victory, triumphs of grace are to be seen in mission fields, and large numbers of people have turned from darkness to light.

What does the New Year hold in store for us? Are there brighter days ahead so far as this old world is concerned? None of us can penetrate the veil of the future; this is wisely held from our gaze. But to the child of God and to those who are looking for the blessed advent of the Son of man, all these things are signs which say in unmistakable language that the day of the Lord is near at hand. It is at such a time as this that the Saviour bids us "look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh." Luke 21:28. Amid the strife of nations, amid the turmoil and perplexities all around us, we are to "know that the Most High

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ruleth in the kingdom of men." Dan. 4:32.

For such a time as this God has a message for His people, a message which brings comfort and cheer to their hearts, a message which shows the way amid the doubts and scenes of perplexity on every hand. Centuries ago the God of heaven spake through the sweet singer of Israel: "Be still, and know that I am God." This counsel comes to our hearts to-day. In days of crisis the psalm in which these words are found has been a source of courage and confidence to God's servants. Think of what it meant to Luther when he faced the hosts of evil in his day! Think of what it will mean to the remnant of the church of God in the time of Jacob's trouble. As the Saviour brings assurance to their hearts, their faces "are now aglow with wonder, faith, and love. Their voices rise in triumphant song: 'God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof." -- "Great Controversy," page 639.

In the hour of crisis the peace of God takes possession of their souls; they rest on Him, and be-cause of the victory He has wrought in them, they stand un-

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moved amid the threatenings of evil men and face danger with a fortitude and courage born of God. Let us observe the following :

1. The meaning of the "Word." "Be still"-the expression means to give in, to be still, to let go, to cease, to stop opposition, to yield. Leeser's translation is "leave off," and in a footnote we find "leave off war and contest." Moffatt translates the term as "give in," and in a note in the Companion Bible we find "desist or cease your efforts." How full of meaning are these words! Where we have sought our own way, to yield and seek His way. Where we have tried in our own strength to do the will of God, we cease our own efforts and "give in," we surren-der and let Him work in us "both to will and to do of His good pleasure."

2. The example of the "Word." "What a wonderful example Jesus set before us! What calm, restful confidence He had in His Father's care! Even when on the sea, amid the storm and tempests, with the waves lashed into fury, He was undisturbed, for there was a deep peace in His soul.

"He stands in the midst of His disciples, while the tempest rages, the waves break over them, and the lightning illuminates His countenance. He lifts His hand, so often employed in deeds of mercy, and says to the angry sea, Peace, be still.'

"The storm ceases. The billows sink to rest. The clouds roll away, and the stars shine forth. The boat rests upon a quiet sea. . . .

"When Jesus was awakened to

meet the storm, He was in perfect peace. There was no trace of fear in word or look, for no fear was in His heart...

"How often the disciples' experience is ours! When the tempests of temptation gather, and the fierce lightnings flash, and the waves sweep over us, we battle with the storm alone, forgetting that there is One who can help us. We trust to our own strength till our hope is lost, and we are ready to perish. Then we remember Jesus, and if we call upon Him to save us, we shall not cry in vain. Though He sorrowfully reproves our unbelief and selfconfidence, He never fails to give us the help we need. Whether on the land or on the sea, if we have the Saviour in our hearts, there is no need of fear."-"Desire of

Ages," pages 334-336. 3. The Counsel of the "Word." Amid trials and difficulties; in days when dangers threaten on the right hand and on the left, it is the purpose of God that we be restful in Him. What beautiful promises the Lord has given to us in His Word! From Isaiah, the evangelical prophet of the Old Testament, comes the word: "In quietness and in confidence shall be your strength." Isa. 30:15. And, again, "The work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of rightcousness quietness and assurance for ever." Isa. 32:17. And still again, "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee." Isa. 26:3. What comforting words come to us from the lips of the Saviour:

"Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you. . . . Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." John 14:27. What joy will come to our hearts as we enter fully into the heritage that is ours in Christ Jesus! If during the year that is before us we can learn the lesson of casting all our care upon Him, knowing that He careth for us, and let Him bear our burdens, and recognize that the government is upon "His shoulder," what might we not see in growth in grace in our Christian experience, and what wonderful triumphs might we not see in the work of God!

"We must individually hear Him speaking to the heart. When every other voice is hushed, and in quietness we wait before Him, the silence of the soul makes more distinct the voice of God. He bids us, 'Be still and know that I am God.' Here alone can true rest be found. And this is the effectual preparation for all labour for God. Amid the hurrying throng, and the strain of life's intense activities, the soul that is thus refreshed will be surrounded with an atmosphere of light and peace. The life will breathe out fragrance, and will reveal a divine power that will reach men's hearts."-"Desire of Ages," page 363. "Let the peace of God rule in

"Let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful." Col. 3:15.

"The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." Phil. 4:7.

## Report of Winter Council

OUR Winter Council was restricted by force of circumstances to those members of the Division Committee who were resident in England, and it was also unusually brief. However, it was a time of rich, spiritual experience. The proceedings began with the study of the appeal coming to us from the Autumn Council, printed in last SURVEY, and this was adopted as our own, not only by vote but by individual expression of unreserved dedication to the Lord, and entire dependence on His enabling grace to fit us for service and leadership in such a time. Our subsequent proceedings, as a council, took their keynote from that appeal. Brother Jesse Clifford, Gold Coast,

was present on the committee, and there were also present F. H. Thomas and M. Murdoch from Kenya, W. T. B. Hyde from Nigeria, while two new appointees met with us, Dr. L. G. Ermshar, going to Kendu Hospital, and T. L. Gillett, shortly leaving for Nigeria. Brother A. Carey, R. S. Joyce, and G. D. King were present from the British Union. Other workers were present at the devotional exercises each morning, which were all marked by timely messages and earnest prayer.

Messages were sent from the council to our membership in the Division, to our young men, and to our missionaries. The one to our members read as follows: Dear Brethren and Sisters,

Our Winter Council is assembled in troublous times. Four of our home unions are not personally represented, because of the difficulties that make travel almost impossible. For this reason we are not able to meet in Finland as planned, but are holding our Council in England, where the largest number of the Division Committee can get together. Although so weakened as a Council we cannot omit sending our annual message. The solemnity of the crisis through which we are all passing must add weight to our words, and we are sure that every absent member of our Committee is in spirit united with us in what we write.

There is no question in our minds that the Lord is at the door. The convulsions now shaking the nations are the clearest token we could desire, read in connection with the plain fulfilments of prophecy, that the time has now fully come to throw every energy into the finishing of the work committed to us. We are passing on to you the Appeal of the General Conference issued by the recent Autumn Council. All of us accept this appeal without reserve, as God's will and purpose for His church and His ministry at this time. We invite you also to receive it as from the Lord, and join us in the wholehearted dedication for which it calls.

We feel that in these dark days you have already given expression to your own decided consecration by the work you have done in the Harvest Ingathering. Many fields have gone far beyond the goals accepted and, in the face of unusual difficulties, the campaign has ended in victory throughout the Division. You greatly cheer our hearts by this loyalty, and we know our missionaries in Africa will be strengthened in courage and zeal by your example.

This crisis is proving for us a great, perhaps a final opportunity to proclaim the Advent message on every hand. Many are expecting light from us. According to our course of action at this time, many will make up their minds as to the inner significance of the crisis. Now is the time for us to stand clearly before the world as a people, born of prophecy, understanding the times, and set for a light of the Gentiles. Our earnest and continual prayer is that God will help us with you to employ every faculty in the service of the truth.

Pray for the latter rain, for it is high time the showers were given. Seek righteousness, seek meekness. pray always, that you may be found worthy of your high calling. God's Word must be speaking to your conscience in these days, calling on you to arise and shine, before gross darkness swallows up the peoples.

May God help us one and all that in this day of trial we may stand before heaven and earth, having the perfect patience of the saints, walking blameless in every commandment of God, holding even unto death the faith of Jesus.

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Much thought was given in the Council to our young men in all lands, and prayer was offered con-tinually on their behalf, especially for those to whom the demand for military service has come in these days. The Council addressed the following words of encouragement to our young men throughout the Division:

'God calls young men in the vigour and strength of their youth, to share with Him self-denial, sacrifice, and suffering."—"Testimonies," Vol. 5, page 87.

In this unparalleled hour we send out an earnest appeal to all our young men throughout the Division to stand firm and loyal to the principles of this Advent movement. As leaders we believe and have the greatest con-fidence in you. The Lord is counting on you to stand as monuments of His saving grace and by your godly example to lead others to the cross. The way before you may be steep and hazardous, but He who led His people of old will not forsake you.

"Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of My righteousness." Isa. 41 :10.

God always honours those who will not allow anything to cause them to deviate from the straight and narrow way, those who have a singleness of purpose and would rather die than compromise with their conscience.

In earth's darkest hours young men have stood loyally for God and His truth. Think of Joseph down in Egypt with everything seemingly against him, of Daniel and his three companions in exile in a strange land. We are sure our young men to-day will follow their worthy example.

Be strong and courageous in the face of every difficulty. We are pray-ing for you that your faith fail not, and we are assured that He who keepeth Israel will keep you in the trials of these last days and finally save you in His everlasting kingdom. W. E. READ.

All will read with interest the message sent by the Council to our missionaries in Africa, and will rejoice with them and us in the highest number of souls won yet recorded. Our message reads :

We are sorry that so few of you could be with us this year in our Winter Council, but though you have been absent in body you have been present in our thoughts and in our prayers. Since our last council the clouds of war have cast their deepening shadows over our Division. As we meet this year we have been made to realize that the war has brought

all our home and mission fields into perplexity, and is making our work more difficult in every land. But we know that there can be no crisis with the Lord, so we feel confident that even in the midst of war and distress the third angel's message will go on to its triumph.

We have been thrilled again as we have heard the story of our mission-ary advance in Africa. It was reported that this past year has been the best in the history of our African missions in soul winning. This has cheered our hearts, and we thank God for the success that has attended your efforts in winning 1,703 souls during the past year. But we know that your hearts are burdened as you look at the millions of souls still lying in darkness and who have never even seen a ray of light. We pray that God will give each of you a full measure of His Spirit as you press the battle on to greater victories during the year to come, and that He will make you bright and shining lights in the darkness of Africa.

We are glad to report that although war has disrupted our work to a certain extent and will, we fear, affect our mission offerings in certain lands, we have not found it necessary to cut the appropriations to any of our mission fields, and we have been able to answer some of the calls for special appropriations for new buildings and other enterprises. These appropriations are made in faith, but we feel confident that our loyal people in the homeland, who have proved their love for our mission work so often in the past, will now during this crisis stand by you to their utmost and help to raise the funds necessary to allow you to go forward in spite of the war now raging.

We pray that God will bless and keep you during the coming year and that the success of heaven may attend your efforts, sending the message on to every corner of your field. We would like to assure you that we continually remember you at the throne of grace. When we hear of the obstacles which you must meet as you wrestle with the powers of darkness, and of the success that, in spite of these difficulties, has attended your efforts, our hearts are encouraged and we thank God for our loyal, faithful band of missionaries who are serving in our African missions.

We have been impressed at this Council that the great day of God is near and hastening on with rapid steps. We have but a short time in which to work and what we do must be done quickly. And so we trust, dear fellow-workers, that as you dedicate your lives anew to the Master for the finishing of the task, that the rich blessing of God may be with you and His power attend you in vour ministry.

"And now, brethren, [we] commend you to God, and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified." With Christian love and greetings, W. E. READ, J. I. ROBISON.

As usual at a Winter Council a number of resolutions were adopted, and we are printing them in this SURVEY. These were passed in the full realization that resolutions are often forgotten as soon as voted, and that it is the vital impulse from Heaven that alone makes a resolu-tion effectual. We did not vote them lightly and we hope that these will be read with a new sense of actuality and put into vigorous effect wherever they are made known.

#### Resolutions

#### THANKSGIVING

THANKSGIVING WHEREAS, This year as we gather in Win-ter Council we face a world perplexed by war which has seriously involved our Division, and WHEREAS, In this crisis hour we have seen the protecting hand of God over our work and workers, especially in Poland, in the midst of the devastation of war, and WHEREAS, During the year we have realized the blessing of God in all depart-ments of our work, *Therefore Resolved*, That we express to our heavenly Father our sincere gratitude for His manifold blessings: (a) In protecting the lives of our work-ers in all lands both in their service midst dangers seen and unseen, and in travel from place to place; (b) For the blessing of God on our evangelistic efforts resulting in the winning of 3,492 souls to the truth during the past year;

of 5.492 sources that has attended the efforts of our missionaries in bringing in the largest number of souls ever won to the truth in one year in our African mis-

(d) For the willing support of the cause by our people in all lands, and for the faithful efforts in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign, bringing in to the treasury in tithes and offerings the largest amount ever raised in our Division in one year. (e) For the increased sale of literature, for the growing interest in our young people, and for all other rich blessings bestowed on His people during the past year.

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## MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER DEPARTMENT

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER DEPARTMENT Resolved, That we endorse and pass on to our home Unions the request emanating from the M.V. Congress at Veilefjord, that in connection with the coming M.V. Week, as many conference workers as pos-solve be released for full-time service, and that so far as possible their help be local-ized so that the benefit may be progressive and the deepest results achieved. That we suggest to our conferences, in their planning for the M.V. Week, that they study how far they can utilize the help of the Master Comrades. That every M.V. Society in the Division endeavour to appoint a responsible com-mittee of the members for planning and supervising every activity, that such com-mittees of the members for planning and supervising every activity, that such com-mittees meet fortnightly, and that once a quarter there be a thorough review of the work accomplished, and of the progress made by the individual members. Further, That a column be added to existing M.V. reports indicating how many societies. That we request all our Unions that were represented at the M.V. Congress to give careful study to the four-year plans drawn up by the leading M.V. workers of each field, and so far as these are ap-proved, to co-operate in the working out of the plans. That in the monetary goals assigned to our M.V. Societies we include as one of

our objectives for 1940 the assisting of poorer fields to translate and publish in their languages the book, *Messages to Youny* Pachte People.

#### SABBATH-SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, The Sabbath-school has been established among us as an indispensable aid in preparing our membership for the time of trial, and as a training school for active, soul-winning service, and WHEREAS, Many of our members are not enrolled in the Sabbath-school and others who are enrolled are irregular in atten-

Who are enforted are integrate in definition of We Recommend, 1. That all our Sabbathschools aim at enrolling every missing member during 1940, and that every Sabbathschool take upon itself the definite responsibility of doing what is necessary to this end end.

(a) That conferences endeavour to un interest in our Sabbath-school to build up interest in our Sabbath-school work through Sabhath-school rallies and

build up interest in our Sabbath-school vork through Sabbath-school rallies and conventions.
(b) That all Sabbath-school rallies and conventions.
(b) That all Sabbath-school officers be encouraged to send invitations to missing members and also make personal visits to invite them to Sabbath-school.
(c) That a Home Department secretary be appointed in each Sabbath-school and efforts be put forth to enrol members unable to attend, thus bringing to them the privileges of the Sabbath-school and efforts be nouraged to announce the Sabbath-school from the pulpit at the Sabbath morning service and tell something of its activities and give an invitation to attend.
(c) That new converts be introduced to the Sabbath-school and encouraged to join at the time they accept the message. That with a view to strengthening the work of our Sabbath-school teachers, we urge on every school the importance of a regular, weekly Teachers' Meeting.
WHEREAS, The General Conference Sabbath-school Department is issuing a course of Teacher Training in three yearly sections of twelve lessons each, Resolved, That we ask every field in this

of Teacher Training in three yearly sec-tions of twelve lessons each, *Resolved*, That we ask every field in this Division to give careful study to the Train-ing Course, with a view to determining how much of the said course can be utilized in its territory, and further, That every Union study how it can utilize its working force in launching such Course strongly.

Course strongly. WHEREAS, The Investment Fund idea is being widely adopted and approving itself as practicable wherever taken up with en-

as practicable wherever taken up win cu-thusiasm. As the call upon our Sabbath-school workers throughout the Division to adopt this plan which enables our children and poorer members, in co-operation with Heaven, to raise money for the prosecution of our mission enterprises.

#### RELIGIOUS LIBERTY DEPARTMENT

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY DEPARTMENT WHEREAS, Our work in the proclamation of the Advent message is one that calls for unswerving loyalty to God, and develop-ments in many lands are tending to ob-scure the line of demarcation between what is due to God and what to Cæsar, *Resolved*, 1. That we impress upon every responsible leader in our Division the solemn duty of so instructing our member-ship that if there should arise a conflict of loyalties, those concerned will have a clear perception of what God expects of His people, and 2. That to this end we prepare suitable literature, in a form convenient for use, making plain the vital importance of assert-ing spiritual freedom and loyalty at all costs to the Most High. *We Recommend*, To our Training Schools:

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Schools: 1. That a careful study be made of how all students preparing for public work can be grounded in: (a) Our denominational stand on all questions affecting religious liberty. (b) Necessary but consistent applications of the principles because of local condi-tions

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2. And that to this end our Training Schools study:
(a) The preparation, where necessary, of reliable textbooks on the subject as far as possible from national sources.

(b) The training of students for journal-istic effort along religious liberty lines.

#### MATIC SPIRIT OF PROPHECY READING PROGRAMME SYSTEM

**READING PROGRAMME RECOGNIZING the seriousness of the time** in which we are living and the need of our believers having a better knowledge of the information, instruction, and counsel which God has been pleased to give through the volumes of the Spirit of prophecy, and with a view to promoting among our people a systematic reading of these books, *We Recommend*: 1. The inauguration of a reading plan for our members to be designated "A Systematic Spirit of Pro-phecy Reading Programme." 2. That this plan call for the reading of approximately twenty pages a week from

2. That this plan call for the reading of approximately twenty pages a week from the Ellen G. White books. 3. That the volume for 1940 he *The Great Controversy*, but that where this book is not available in the respective language areas, another book from the E. G. White collection be chosen in counsel with the Division Division.

4. That the promotion of this plan be placed under the care of the Home Mis-sionary Department in the Division, and the Union and local presidents in the fields.

#### SPIRIT OF PROPHECY PROMOTION

Voted, 1. That we suggest to each union field that a Spirit of prophecy Sabbath be provided in the 1940 Calendar Dates to come in either January or February, at which time the reading plan of the Spirit of prophecy be presented and the value of this gift be stressed. 2. That during 1940 special articles on the need of a deeper study of the Spirit of prophecy be presented in the union and conference papers.

## YOUNG PEOPLE AND COLPORTEUR WORK

WHEREAS, We read in the Spirit of pro-

WHEREAS, We read in the optime of the phecy: "In many instances, if promising youth were wisely encouraged and properly directed, they could be led to earn their own schooling by taking up the sale of [our books]. In selling these books, they could be acting as missionaries; for they would be bringing light to the notice of the people of the world. At the same time they would be arning money to enable them to attend school, where they could continue their preparation for wider use fulness in the cause of God."—"Counsels," page 526,

them to attend school, where they have the continue their preparation for wider use-fulness in the cause of God."—"Counsels," page 526, We Recommend: 1. That suitable young people be encouraged to take up the col-porteur work with a view to: (a) Deepening their spiritual experience. (b) Giving the truth to the people. (c) Gaining an experience in meeting people and influencing them for God. (d) Earning funds to enable them to attend our denominational schools. 2. That young people desiring to enrol in one of our schools, who have not suffici-ent fees, be encouraged to enter the col-porteur work to earn a scholarship before entering upon their course even if it should require a year's delay. BIG WEEK LITERATURE

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WHEREAS, The Missions Extension Cam-paign has been the means of great blessing in bringing the literature into the homes of the people and in raising funds for missions extension, *We Recomment*, That special care be exercised in the preparation of attractive and suitable literature for this campaign. We would stress the importance of getting out something *new*, with well-chosen illus-trations:

(a) In simple language, adapted to the class of people who buy our literature.
(b) At a popular price so that the majority of our members can take part success.

fully in the campaign. (c) Sufficiently early to give time for

(d) With articles sufficiently varied so as to appeal to the youth as well as to those of mature age.

#### LITERATURE GOALS

WHEREAS, This movement is to be ever pressing on to higher achievement, We Recommend, That our Unions adopt a goal for 1940 equivalent to five per cent increase on the 1939 sales.

## MAINTAINING OUR COLPORTEUR WORK IN TIMES OF CRISIS

WHEREAS, The importance of our work demands that there be no diminution in the number of those engaged in the color-teur work, even in times of crisis, *We Recommend*, That efforts be made to encourage our sisters and older people to take up this work as a whole or part-time work, in order to make good any losses sustained through our young men being taken away for various kinds of war-time service. service.

#### HOME STUDY

HOME STUDY "MEN of God must be diligent in study, earnest in the acquirement of knowledge, never wasting an hour. Through persever-ing exertion they may rise to almost any degree of eminence as Christians, as men of power and influence. . . Minds have been crippled and dwarfed for want of zeal and earnest, severe taxation."-"Gospel Worker," hage 278. WHEREAS, All who desire to make a suc-cess of their work must not neglect study and self-improvement, setting apart certain hours each day for intellectual develop-ment, and WHEREAS, The Home Study Institute at Washington and its branch at Newbold Missionary College, England, offer a large and varied programme of studies by cor-respondence and are prepared to make liberal terms with all who enrol from our Division.

liberal terms with all who enfor from our Division, We Recommend, 1. That all our workers look to the Home Study Institute as a helpful means of pursuing private study. 2. That each Union give study to assist-ing their workers who complete the study courses taken.

#### LAY EVANGELISM

WHEREAS, In these closing days of earth's history, the followers of Christ are called upon "to combine in a strong effort to call the attention of the world to the fast fulfilling prophecies of God;" and WHEREAS, It is only to the degree that the individual members respond to this call, giving themselves whole-heartedly to soul-winning endeavour, that the Holy Spirit in the power of the latter rain will be given, therefore

winning endeavour, that the Holy Spirit in the power of the latter rain will be given, therefore
Resolved, 1. That as conference workers of all ranks, and especially those upon whom rests the immediate responsibility of shepherding the churches, we seek to bring to our people on every appropriate occasion the urgent claims of God in respect to personal soul-winning effort.
2. That in order to promote and intensify this soul-winning real we follow closely the counsel of the messenger of the Lord in such things as

(a) Adjusting of the daily programme so as to make available consecrated periods of time for prayer and missionary effort.
(b) Acceptance of the Bible principle that the most urgent and important of all missionary work lies nearest to hand.
(c) Availing ourselves of the power of our turth-filled literature when systematically and prayerfully used.
(d) Seizing the possibilities which lie within reach of every believer to open up the Scriptures in a simple way in the homes of their neighbours.
(e) Practising the sad and lonely ones.
(f) Carrying forward the work that can be done by lay brethren of consecration and suffering, and the sad and lonely ones.
(g) Proving the value and power of seasons of prayer and counsel in all the churches even if only two or three are engaged in this work of lay evangelism.

#### GOSPEL ECONOMY

GOSPEL ECONOMY That the following action taken at the recent Autumn Council held at Lincoln, Nebraska, and adapted to meet the situa-tion in our own Division, be adopted: In view of the Gospel commission, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations," and in the light of the present marvellous opening providences of God for the ad-vance of the message in many lands, we would earnestly and seriously recommend: I. That in view of the present world conditions and the difficulty of meeting the financial needs of the ever-expanding Ad-

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vent movement, we urge on all, both workers and our church membership generally, the need of exercising the utmost economy in our personal expenditures, thus making it possible for greater gifts to be contributed for the proclamation of the Gospel.
2. That all our leaders and workers do their utmost to exercise the strictest otheir utmost for the proclamation of the Gospel.
3. That all our denominational institutions and organizations, union, and local, carefully review their expenses at this practical economies in order that more money may be made available for needy for the subject of economy. As an illustration of what the Lord has told us on this imely topic, we quote the following senters:

timely topic, we quote the following sen-tences: "Use your inventive faculties in seeking to economize."—"Testimonics for the Church," Vol. 6, page 451. "Draw as little as possible from the treasury. Men of faith and financial ability are needed to plan economically."—Ibid., Vol. 6, page 113. "In the erection of school buildings, in their furnishing, and in every feature of their management, the strictest economy must be practised."—Ibid., Vol. 6, page 208.

208. "Some think it beneath their dignity to look after small things. They think it the evidence of a narrow mind and a niggardly spirit. But small leaks have sunk many a ship."—Ibid., Vol. 7, page 207.

#### LOCAL SABBATH-SCHOOL GOALS

WHEREAS, Statistics on which the weekly

WHEREAS, Statistics on which the weekly-per-capita goal is computed serve for general goal promotion and WHEREAS, Changes in local church mem-bership make necessary an up-to-date goal basis for computing Sabbath-school goals, *We Therefore Recommend*, That the Sabbath-School Department use the average membership of the preceding four quarters ending September 30th each year as the basis for computing Sabbath-school mem-bership and offering goals in the individual churches, in order that these goals may apply promptly with the ensuing year.

BUDGET PLAN IN INSTITUTIONS

Is harmony with General Conference re-commendations that all our institutions work to a regular budget, carefully and conservatively prepared, giving the preview of the probable financial situation for the

of the probable financial situation for the coming year. We Recommend: 1. That all our educa-tional, publishing, and health institutions adhere strictly to the Budget. plan, and that when the budget has been adopted by the Board, it be recognized as the operat-ing financial policy of the institution for the period it covers. 2. That if during the year it be found that the income is larger than budgetted, the management keep to the adopted budget for the year, it being understood, however, that a percentage of the increased income may of necessity be needed to meet in-creased expense, but that the disposition of the extra income be by action of the Board.

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budget. 4. That periodical departmental budget control statements be issued and sent to the members of the Board. 5. That the managers, before the regular annual meeting of the Board, prepare, in addition to the operating budget, an equip-ment and improvement budget, making pro-vision for emergencies, this to be sub-mitted to the Board for its adoption, and that this budget, when adopted, become a part of the working policy of the institu-tion for the year.

#### DEBT REDUCTION

Voted, That we reaffirm our action con-cerning debt reduction taken at our last Winter Council, and that we aim at reduc-

ing our liabilities by ten per cent during 1940.

PROMOTION OF MISSION OFFERINGS

WHEREAS, The critical and complicated conditions prevailing in Europe to-day bring greatly enlarged burdens upon the Treasury Department of the Division and icongrifue our mission construme there jeopardize our mission programme, there

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forces to the end that there be no retrench-ment but rather an enlargement in the great mission programme committed to this people by God. 2. That as workers' and church officers' meetings are held in the various fields, one of the chief features be an earnest and comprehensive study of the status of our work throughout the world in order that all of our membership, workers and people alike, may clearly understand their respon-sibility for the support 'of our work in mission lands, and thus be given an intelli-gent incentive to provide a substantial per-centage of increase in all of their mission giving.

centage of increase in all of their mission giving. 3. That the Division arrange, so far as possible, to send representatives to these meetings to give information, inspiration, and instruction regarding the developments, the needs, and the present perplexities con-nected with our mission work. 4. That our people be called to a supreme effort to reach all the mission goals in 1940, and that in order to accomplish this there be kept in mind the development and enlargement of the following sources of supply.

enlargement of the following sources of supply. (a) That greater emphasis be placed upon increasing the weekly Sabbath-school offer-ings. In this connection we urge that earnest study be given to Sabbath-school objectives in all workers' and church officers' meetings. (b) That conference leaders give careful thought to plans to unite our people gener-ally with our working force in making the Week of Sacrifice a real week of sacrifice in the gift of an entire week's income to the mission treasury, and in such cases where members cannot possibly do this they all be encouraged at least to join in the effort by giving to the full extent of their ability.

the effort by giving to the full extent of their ability. (c) That study be given to ways and means of enlarging our regular mission offerings.—those taken at the annual meet-ings, together with the Week of Prayer offering, in order that these may be made more productive. 5. That our people everywhere be asked to give serious consideration to world con-ditions as these affect our mission work, and pray much in their homes and in their churches that our mission programme may be steadily and gloriously maintained through and notwithstanding these perplex-ing times. ing times

#### INCREASING OUR TITHE

INCREASING OUR TITHE WHEREAS, The events of these last days have in God's providence prepared the masses of the people as never before to listen to the proclamation of the third angel's message, and WHEREAS, In every field in our Division there is a deep desire in the hearts of our workers and people to arise and reconse-crate themselves for the finishing of the Lord's work in the earth, and WHEREAS, In every field in our Division there is: "The light of the Gospel shining from the cross of Christ rebukes selfishness, and encourages liberality and benevolence. It should not be a lamented fact that there are increasing calls to give. God in His providence is calling His people out from their limited sphere of a cition, to enter upon greater enterprises."—"Tosti-monics," Vol. 9, page 254. "As God's work extends, calls for help will come more and more frequently. That these calls may be answered, Christians should heed the command, 'Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in Mine house.' If professing Christians would faithfully hring to God their tithes and offerings. His treasury would be full."—"Acts of the Apostles." Therefore Resolved, That we will earn-setly user the code for day.

*Therefore Resolved*, That we will earn-estly seek the Lord for added power to lead the whole church into greater faith-fulness in tithe paying and the bringing of

offerings into the treasury, bearing in mind the following tried and successful methods for attaining these ends: I. The devotion of at least one Sabbath in the year to a special tithe programme in all our churches at which times oppor-tunities may be given for a recital of providential experiences in tithe paying and the offering of prayers for the greater faithfulness of the whole church in this matter.

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2: The use of a tithe appeal card at certain services when our members who are under conviction in this matter may sign their names as an evidence of their desire to be more faithful to the Lord in the support of His cause.
3. The careful study by treasurers, elders, ministers, and conference presidents of statistics in each church showing the percentage of tithe-paying members.
4. The regular visitation of non-tithe-sonal appeal and prayerful study of the Word to increased faithfulness to God in this matter.
5. The issue of monthly bulletins or leaflets which may be given to our members sometimes without comment at the close of church services, such bulletins to contain simple Bible and Spirit of prephecy statements on the spiritual value of tithe paying.
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statements on the spiritual value of thic paying. 6. The continued emphasis in all these efforts on a deeper spiritual consecration to God, care being exercised to avoid stressing unduly the giving of money and the commercializing of our service to God. 7. That in working out the above sug-gestion, we aim during 1940 to increase the tithe-paying members by at least five per cent.

#### MISSIONS EXTENSION FOR 1940

WHEREAS, Under the blessing of God the plan of Missions Extension has greatly assisted in building up and maintaining in a strong way our medical, educational, and publishing interests in both the home and mission fields:

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 We Therefore Recommend. 1. That for the year 1940 our Missions Extension goal be £1,442. And that the offering be taken April 13th.
 2. That all conference and institutional workers and other churchmembers be invited to dedicate a day's income or its equivalent to the Missions Extension Fund.
 3. That all our colporteurs be invited to enter into the plan by taking part in the special Literature Week and, as has been the custom, to contribute the proceeds of the best day's sales to the fund.
 4. That the educational and publishing departments unite with the Home Mission-ary Department in all the promotion work.
 5. That the funds received be devoted to the upbuilding and extension of the missions Extension Literature Week, and that in their missions Extension of the ubbilding and extension of the medical, educational, and publishing interests in the mission fields of our Division.
 6. That April 6th to 13th be known as Missions Extension Literature Week, and that in their missionary work all our people as well as our workers, be encouraged to sell or use literature especially prepared for that week, donating the profits to the Mission Extension Fund.

Missions Extension Fund. Resolutions were adopted expressing gratitude to The General Conference for the unexpectedly good provision they had made for 1940 in their appropriation to our Division, also to the British Union for their much appreciated hospitality extended again this year to the Winter Council. During the days of our session two parties of missionaries sailed for their fields: Sisters C. Olsen and G. Clarke for Kenya, and Brother W. T. B. Hyde and family for Nigeria. Our prayers accompany them daily.

tamily for Nigeria. Our prayers accompany them daily. We were all glad to make the acquaint-ance of Dr. L. G. Ermshar, and to hear of his conviction that God has definitely led in directing him to Kendu Hospital. We look confidently forward to prolonged pros-perity for our hospital in the Kenya Union.

Union. Sabbath was a missionary day at Stan-borough Park. On Friday evening Brother L. A. Vixie told of his good experiences in East Africa, also during his enforced stay at Cairo: at the Sabbath-school Brethren J. Clifford and T. L. Cillett made mission appeals, and in the afternoon there was a missions symposium of which Brethren F. Thomas, M. Murdoch, and J. Clifford were the principal speakers. The

morning sermon was a strong appeal for full consecration by Brother W. E. Read, culminating in a response by the whole congregation, first the ministers, then the youth, then the adults, to the appeal that had come to the entire church from the Autumn Council. W. T. BARTLETT.

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#### Sabbath-School Department

DURING the first nine months, with several incomplete reports, we show gains of 103 more schools, 2,224 more members, and an improved average attendance of 3,456, as compared with the same period in 1938. There is also a gain of £239, 4s, 6d, in Sabbath-school offerings. Birthday offerings for the period amounted to £140. 15s. 2d, and £42. 5s. 7d, comes into the treasury from the Investment Fund.

#### M.V. Department

REPORTS are incomplete, and the totals of those to hand indicate a falling-off in activity. For instance, according to the figures, while we have forty-two more societies, there is a fall of 1,440 in membership. Accordingly, the number of Bible readings given in the nine months is diminished from 73,911 to 69,351, the missionary visits drop from 73,035 to 57,462, and the number of people helped from 97,408 to 73,785. Books and papers distributed decline from 174,407 to 150,815. Missionary letters also go down by 1,416. The mission offerings show a gain of \$324.53. There is a gain in most of the fields in respect of Morning Watch and Bible Year, and a steady stream of Friends, Companions; Comrades, and even Master Comrades coming along. An incomplete report shows fifty-nine of the latter in 1939.

of the latter in 1939. Our M.V. Congress was a great impetus which should carry the Young Peoples' work vigorously forward. The war, which seems especially to threaten this department, should open many doors of opportunity. W. T. BARTLETT.

#### Extracts from Home Missionary Department Report

HOME Missionary Conventions and Lay Preachers' Institutes have been held in various sections of the Division, and strong plans have been laid along the lines of lay evangelism in every field. During the early part of the year seven or eight Home Missionary Conventions were held in Poland, where Bible-training courses were given great prominence. We pray that the 18,894 missionary visits made in that field during the first six months, the 45,613 Bible readings given, and the 13,514 pieces of Eterature distributed, will be as seed, bringing forth in time to come a harvest both rich and abundant.

#### Extracts from Educational Keport

The outstanding event during 1939 was the educational convention at Onsrud Mission School in August. About sixty delegates and visitors from all parts of the Division gathered in this convention and spent a week in an intensive study of our educational problems. It was the first since 1932.

Christian education is a subject too often neglected. Only as Christian education is strong in any field will the work grow. Christian education is not a department or room of the superstructure of this Advent building. If we would build for time and eternity we must be sure that our

STATISTICS	OF EUI	OUR S	SCHO	DLS IN			
				Teachers Emp'd			
Latvian	12	21	33	5			
Newbold	52	51	103	9			
Vejlefjord	39	19	58	9 7			
Onsrud	54	41	95	6			
Swedish	43	29	72	8			
Finnish	15	19	34	7			
Polish	Temporarily suspended						
Estonian	12	25	37	4			
Totals	227	205	432	46			

The Onsrud school this year has opened with its largest enrolment, viz., ninety-five.

#### MISSION SCHOOLS

We list below the 1938 figures for our mission training schools and other schools in Africa:

	Training Schools No. En't		Station Schools No. En't		Out-Schools No. En't		Girls' Schools No. En't	
Kenya Union Mission	1	128	7	686	117	4929	2	57
Gold Coast Mission	1	120	2	160	19	491		
Nigerian Union Mis'n	1	92	2	273	11	496	1	24
Upper Nile U'n Mis'n	1	22	3	81	10	240		
Sierra Leone Mis'n	1	186			12	608	1	8
Liberian Mission			2	89	1	61	ĩ	17
Cameroons Mission			1	20	ī	14		
Totals	5	548	17	1309	171	6839	5	106

foundation of Christian education is strong, that its stones go down deep and rest upon the eternal rock, Christ Jesus.

All too many youth in the Northern European Division are seeking their education in the world. We see many of them being led farther and farther from the principles of truth. At our educational convention the hope was expressed by many delegates that this convention might prove to be a turning point in the history of our educational work in Northern Europe. For seven years we have been carrying on our existing schools with an enrolment almost stationary. Our churchschool work is at a standstill. Even though the war will make it very difficult to carry out some of the plans laid at Onsrud, I trust that the resolutions adopted by both the convention and the Division committee, looking forward to the strengthening of our educational work, may receive careful consideration in each union field.

During this past year we had a larger number of students attending the theological seminary in Washington. There were two from the Baltic Union, one from the East Nordic Union, two from the West Nordic Union, one from the British Union, one from Nigeria, and one from the Division office, making eight in all.

This year we have six students attending our colleges in America on the Bursary plan, four from the West Nordic Union and two from the East Nordic. One teacher from the Onsrud School is also taking advanced training at Emmanuel Missionary College. During 1939 one new training school has been opened at Bekwai in the Gold Coast. This is the first unit of our Educational Development scheme for our mission fields. C. A. Bartlett, formerly of Nigeria, is now in the Gold Coast and is leading out in our educational work in that field. Funds are in hand for the building of a new training school centre in Nigeria and for the development of the educational work in East Africa.

We have the same number of church schools as last year, namely twelve, with one less teacher than in 1937, the number now being twentyfour. The curolment in 1938 was 364, which was thirteen less than in 1937. We are glad for the few lambs of the flock who are being cared for by the faithful group of twenty-four church school teachers in the Division. But where are the two or three thousand other children in our ranks who should be in our own schools? My prayer is that the church of God in Northern Europe may soon gather in the children under the shelter of our own schools in these days of preparation that we may take them over into the kingdom of heaven with us at His coming.

J. L. Robison.

#### Extracts from Publishing Department Report

"As long as probation continues, there will be opportunity for the canvasser to work.... Let every human intelligence who professes the name

of Christ testify, 'The end of all things is at hand; prepare to meet thy God."

Certain enterprises must be suspended in time of war, but our litera-ture work is not included in this list. On the contrary, it is a time when every member of the church should bilities are greater to-day than ever before. As Pastor Howard stated in a recent newsletter: "To-day people are wanting the truth more than ever before. If they do not get it there is something wrong with us. . . Neighbours who have lived side by side for ten or twenty years without knowing each other become friends in five minutes in an air-raid shelter. As colporteurs we shall find that As collaborations we shart mu that stirred hearts are open hearts. We have stood manfully by the task when hearts were closed; let us 'put in the sickle' now with inspired energy and reap the harvest awaiting us." In 1938 the British Union made a

gain of approximately £3,000 over the preceding year. In spite of the unsettled conditions, the Union thus far has made a gain of approximately £1,000 over the corresponding period of 1937. Fifteen scholarships were earned.

The leaders in the West Nordic Union have worked against tremen-dous obstacles. This has resulted in a loss in Denmark of Kr.10,000, and Norway has also made a slight loss. Norway has had a banner year in scholarships: seventeen full scholarships, six partial. This is twice the number earned last year. Denmark reports eleven and a half in comparison with seven and a half for last year.

East Nordic Union: During the summer fifty-eight students were canvassing. The result was that twenty-three returned to Ekebyholm with either a full or part scholarship. Our Wonderful Bible proved to be an excellent seller. Finland's report shows that they have earned thirteen. Brother Heikkinen writes: "One of the richest ladies in Finland was visited by one of our sister colporteurs several times. This lady bought many of our books. She told our colporteur that her approach was so impressive that it gained her immediate sympathy."

Baltic Union : Estonia has been responsible for the greater portion of the sale, but they have worked against tremendous odds. Brother Laimets, their field missionary secretary, has been sick in hospital for months. However, they have now appointed another leader, and he is taking hold in a very earnest way.

Latvia have increased their band of colporteurs from five to fourteen.

Polish Union : Splendid gains were made during the first half of the year and excellent plans were made to build up their magazine work. We can only pray that the work there will continue to grow.

West Africa: Nigeria increased their number of colporteurs. However, they have had a slight loss,

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whereas the Gold Coast has made a nice gain.

East Africa: I have just returned from a visit there, where it was my pleasant privilege to conduct two colporteur institutes. The one in Uganda was attended by twelve earnest colporteurs and a few other workers. The experiences they related of souls saved again convinced me that the colporteur work is one of the most effective means of winning souls in the mission fields, especially among the educated classes.

The Kenya Institute was attended by twenty-four earnest men. Their plan of operation is to have twelve colporteurs in the field at a time, alternating every four months, thus giving them an opportunity to look after their home interests, which is an important thing in the mission field. These two mission fields get out a new book each year. There is a dire need for a leader who can devote his time to assisting these colporteurs.

For some time Kenya has been calling for a self-supporting colporteur to work among the Europeans. While there I tested out three different sections. I am fully convinced that Kenya is ripe for a colporteur-evangelist. In one section I visited thirty homes and secured thirty orders. Brother Sparrow writes that three of these families are already deeply interested and two are keeping the Sabbath as best they can. L. A. VIXIE.

#### Extracts from the Treasurer's Report

At the beginning of this quadrennium we launched out on a fouryear plan of restoring our Operating Capital which, at that time, was more than £4,000 overdrawn. This seemed to most of us a stupendous task, especially in view of the great needs along educational lines which faced us both at home and abroad. We believe, however, that we would have been able to realize this goal had not war broken out.

Our mission offerings, after making allowance for alterations in exchange rates and transfers of territories, are for 1937, showing an increase of about six per cent; while the time receipts have increased by a little over eleven per cent. The incomplete mission offering figures for the first nine months of 1939 reveal a 1.3 per cent increase over 1938, as against a 2.6 per cent increase in tithe. We are fearful, however, that what during the last three months of this year. Great Britain shows a very small decrease, but if we compare the first ten months of 1938 with 1939 we find a drop of 9.6 per cent, or,  $\pounds 1,459$ . The tithe for that union, however, shows just a slight increase for the same ten months. We are confident that other home unions in

the Division will help to maintain our general average, as there are still large sections of our home territory not directly involved in the war.

E. R. Colson.

#### Extracts from African Missions Report

At the close of the second quarter this year our mission field membership stood at 10,648, which was a gain of 546 for the first six months of this year. In fact, during the last four years the membership in our mission fields has increased almost exactly fifty per cent.

The membership in the different union fields for the years 1937 and 1938 is given in the following table :

1937	1938	Gain	% of	
Kenya U. Mis'n 5082	5516	434	Gain	
Gold C't U. Mis'n 949	1096	147	8.5	
Niger'n U. Mis'n 2026	2461	435	15.5	
Sierra Leone M'n 431	501	70	21.4	
Upper Nile U. M. 312	411	99	16.2	
French Equa'l Af. 25	25		31.7	
Liberia Mission 70	92	22	31.4	
	10102	1207	13.1	•

The net gain of 1,207 is the largest we have ever had in our mission fields.

We are glad to report that on the whole our missionaries have kept well during the year.

One advance step in our mission work during 1939 was the opening of our new mission training school in the Gold Coast. C. A. Bartlett has been transferred from Nigeria to the Gold Coast and has now begun his work at Bekwai, where Brother Clifford has this year built up a fine new training school unit.

Another advance step has been the selection of a site for the new hospital in Nigeria. Application for a tract of land, thirty acres in extent, near the town of Ife, has been made and work on this hospital will soon begin. Dr. Ermshar, who is under appointment to take over the work at Kendu Hospital, Kenya, has successfully passed his qualifying cxamination in Edinburgh and will be leaving for East Africa in the near future. He will relieve Dr. Madgwick who will be going out to Nigeria after his furlough to pioneer the new medical enterprise in that union.

J. I. ROBISON.

### Extracts from Gold Coast Report

THE most noteworthy event in our experience this year has been the opening of our training school for African evangelists at Bekwai. The buildings have been completed, and the school is in operation. We are indebted to the Nigerian Union Mis-sion for releasing to us Brother and Sister C. A. Bartlett, who are now in charge.

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The site is opposite to our Bekwai headquarters and in a relatively healthful situation. The local chiefs willingly gave the land, but before the deeds of lease could be completed the Commissioner of Ashanti Chief stepped in and cancelled the grant. Finally, he stated that it would be at least two years before money could be available for a survey, and seeing that we were prepared to start building at once, he would allow our leases to be completed. Within six months our buildings were erected. To our surprise, while we were at work on the buildings, the government surveyors came and surveyed all the land around us. The money for the survey must have been available at the time of our interview, but the Lord overruled.

Our educational work has been, and still is, beset with many problems because of an unusually restrictive government educational Code. At times it seemed as though our church schools would be closed. But it is now found that this Code has not produced all that was expected of it. Influential African leaders are crying out for a more practical form of education for their people, and a committee is now sitting to modify this Code. We believe that our denominational principles of cducation are being vindicated, and that if we can keep up our own standards we may at length have freedom to train our children in accordance with our own principles.

Each of our European missionaries conducts at least one evangelistic effort each year. African workers and the students of our training school are associated with us in these efforts. In the smaller towns the services are held under a shady tree, but in the large towns halls must be rented. Public halls are rare in West Africa, and a good strong tent would be an invaluable asset to city evangelism.

The baptized membership of our field reached the thousand mark early this year. More than another thousand are in baptismal classes. The earthquake of this summer produced a great effect on the minds of the people. In two months more converts were won than during the previous twelve months.

The visit of Pastor W. T. Bartlett last April gave great help by encouraging our workers to more earnest and regular Bible study. New plans were worked out for the Sabbathschools. These plans are being taken up whole-heartedly by our membership.

The erection of a church building has been commenced in Kumasi. Valuable land was obtained in this metropolis for a rental of one shilling a year. We ask that through the Church Extension Fund £50 may be granted to assist us to complete this building, provided our local membership raises £175, the first sevenninths of the cost. J. CLIFFORD.

#### Extracts from Kenya Report

OUR church membership at the end of the past year stood at 5,516, giving a net gain of 434 for 1938. The drop would seem to be due to higher losses by letter, the baptisms and apostasies being approximately equal respectively for the two years. Of our thirtyseven churches five were added in 1938.

For the present year our baptisms will possibly be somewhat lower as three European families are on furlough, leaving two fields without arresident white worker. The baptismal classes have an enrolment of over 1.600, so that the prospects of a good increase for coming years are bright. No less than 15,245 Sabbath-school

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## SPECIAL DAYS 1941

#### SABBATH-SCHOOL RALLY DAY January 11th

TITHE SABBATH January 25th

SPIRIT OF PROPHECY PROMOTION February 1st

> M.V. RALLY DAY March 1st

M.V. WEEK March 1st-8th

BIG WEEK RALLY DAY April 5th

> BIG WEEK April 6th-13th

WEEK OF SACRIFICE May 3rd-10th

WEEK OF SACRIFICE OFFERING May 10th

> EDUCATION DAY May 31st

MEDICAL DAY June 28th

CHRISTIAN HOME DAY July 12th

> H.I. RALLY DAY August 23rd

H.I. CAMPAIGN August 23rd-October 26th

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY DAY October 4th

> COLPORTEUR DAY November 1st

WEEK OF PRAYER

December 5th-13th

Please note that the first three days are given incorrectly in the Council Minutes.

Missionary Volunteers increased by over 500 to a present total of 2,244. This army of youth makes weekly visits to the surrounding villages.

The two girls' schools show fiftyseven girls at present receiving Christian training. These girls will exert a powerful influence for good as they work among the villages and seek to raise the standard of Christian womanhood.

Our hospital with its dispensaries enjoys an ever-increasing patronage and its work is well reported by the Government, who recently submitted to us plans for taking over the whole of the leper work of the district.

For the first time in its history our Training School at Kamagambo has commenced a regular Evangelistic Course this year, and we look forward eagerly to the time when the sixteen students at present in training will be able to augment our present overburdened and untrained staff. Ten colporteurs are doing full-time work, and we are confident that this work of seed-sowing will not be without its harvest. Book sales for 1938 increased by about £60 to £633. The West and South Kenya fields,

The West and South Kenya fields, in which are located our oldest stations, report between them the baptism of 519 souls thus far this year, and we thank God for this splendid increase. With our other three newer fields yet to report we confidently anticipate that our total baptisms for the Union will not fall short of 600.

Our virile South Kenya field has two difficult tribes surrounding it, the Lumbwa and Masai, and in spite of persistent effort over a number of years it seems impossible for us yet to gain a foothold among these people. The lay members of this field are particularly active in evangelism and are responsible for much of the increase in the old field.

In the Central Kenya Mission, Pastor W. W. Armstrong has recently had to relinquish his work on health grounds. It is still impossible to obtain permission for an Adventist school in this part of the field.

tist school in this part of the field. For several years it was impossible to get permission for schools in the Coast Mission field, but barriers are slowly crumbling. A building suitable as a dormitory has been secured at small cost to the mission, and now it is hoped that some training work can be done for this needy but promising field, the membership of which was thirty-six at the end of 1938. F. H. THOMAS.



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