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Sunday Bills in Parliament

A Call to Prayer and Action

By ARTHUR S. MAXWELL

ON Friday, February 21st, two Sunday Bills were given a Second Reading in the House of Commons. One was the Shops (Sunday Trading Restriction) Bill, and the other, the Retail Meat Dealers Bill.

Both of these Bills were rushed into the House with unseemly haste. Members of Parliament, during the debate, protested that Bills that had only been printed on Tuesday should be brought before the House on Friday of the same week.

The more important of the two Bills is, of course, the Shops (Sunday Trading Restriction) Bill, which aims at closing all shops on Sunday, with certain exceptions. Its Second Reading was passed by 191 votes to 8.

This does not mean, of course, that the Bill has now become law. The Second Reading merely indicates that the House of Commons has approved the general principle of the Bill, and referred it to a committee for further study.

The Standing Committee to which this Bill has been referred will probably take several weeks to study it, and during this period numerous amendments will no doubt be made.

HOW WOULD THE BILL AFFECT SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS?

Should this Bill become law, it would result in the closing on Sunday of all Seventh-Day Adventist shops which now close on Saturday and open on Sunday. Furthermore,

it would be a new triumph for the Lord's Day Observance Society, and encourage it to promote further legislation for the restriction of all secular work on Sunday. It is of the utmost importance that everything possible be done to restrict the application of the Bill, and also to secure exemption from its provisions for all observers of the true Sabbath.

WHAT HAS BEEN DONE?

On the day that the Bill was discussed in Parliament, telegrams were sent to the Prime Minister, the Leader of the Opposition, and other important persons in the House, requesting them, in the name of religious liberty, to oppose the Bill, or at least to make provision for the exemption of persons wishing to observe some day other than Sunday as the Sabbath.

Immediately on receiving a copy of the Bill, we drew up a list of amendments, calling for the recognition of the rights of the Sabbath-keeping minority, and took this personally to the Chairman of Ways and Means at the House of Commons, who assured us that it would receive careful attention.

THE NEXT STEP

During the next few weeks these amendments will be considered by the Standing Committee appointed to examine the Bill. All our people should make it a matter of prayer that these amendments may be adopted.

It is of special importance that this victory should be gained at the present time, for if recognition of the rights of Sabbath-keepers be obtained in this case, it will form a strong precedent upon which to base a similar claim whenever Sunday Bills of any description are introduced in the House in the future.

HOW EVERYBODY CAN HELP

Besides praying, however, let us act. Here is something which you can do. Write to your member of Parliament and ask him to do his best to see that the amendments in favour of all observers of the seventh-day Sabbath are adopted by the Standing Committee.

In view of the fact that the Bill is being promoted by Mr. Loftus, M.P. for Lowestoft, members in East Anglia should be specially active in this matter.

Here is a suggestive letter to your member of Parliament which you may like to copy in your own handwriting:

Dear Sir,

I understand that in the Shops (Sunday Trading Restriction) Bill, while provision is made for the exemption of Jews, no such exemption is granted to Christians who conscientiously believe that they should observe Saturday as the Sabbath. There are to-day thousands of Christian Sabbath-keepers in this country, and scores of them would suffer severely if the Bill should pass in its present form. To require such Christian Sabbath-keepers to close their shops on Sunday, after they have already closed them on Saturday, thus giving them only five days out of seven in which to conduct their business, would be grossly unjust and a denial of the principle of religious liberty on which I have always understood our British Constitution to rest.

May I ask, therefore, that you will give your personal attention to this matter and use your influence to see that suitable amendments are included in the Bill to protect the rights of all observers of the seventh-day Sabbath.

Yours very faithfully,
(Signed)

This letter, after being copied carefully and legibly, should be addressed to your member of Parliament, c/o The House of Commons, London.

If you do not know the name of your M.P. call at your local library, or the offices of the town council—or ask a policeman!

If five thousand Seventh-Day Adventists communicate with their members of Parliament in this way, our legislators will begin to realize that we really do exist as a people, and that, though comparatively small in number, we expect that our right to religious liberty shall be recognized.

For further information read the editorial in "Present Truth" Number 7.

Notes from the Union President

It is none too early for us to begin thinking of the Missions Extension Campaign. Ere long, this will be with us once again. The date set is April 11th to 18th, but Big Week Rally Day comes on April 4th. Special literature is being prepared not only in the form of periodicals, but also a new shilling book, which should prove to be a real help to us in our Missions Extension activities this year.

It is hoped that, in the course of a week or two, definite announcements will be made with reference to the Young People's Camp this summer. Plans are under way for this to be held in connection with the Quadrennial Session of the Union, and we are looking forward to meeting a large number of our young people under canvas at that time.

Two helpful laymen's conventions have been held recently, one

in Glasgow and the other in Belfast. We hope to have a larger meeting over the Easter week-end, to which our church elders will be invited, and also some of our other lay-brethren who are ministering to our churches on the Sabbath. We are hopeful that this Church Elders' Council will prove to be a real spiritual blessing to all who attend.

LET us continue to pray earnestly for the evangelistic efforts which are now in progress. Large numbers of people are attending the public meetings, and many at this time are facing a real crisis in their experience. Let us pray for our ministers, that they may be given heavenly wisdom as they seek to lead souls to know Christ; and let us also pray for the people, that they may find the help and the strength they need as they step out from darkness into light.

A COUPLE of weeks ago our hearts were made very sad at headquarters when the news reached us that Sister Boyd, the wife of Dr. Boyd, who is with us temporarily at the Sanitarium, had met with a serious accident. This happened on the main road outside the Sanitarium. Sister Boyd was knocked down by a bus and sustained severe injuries. She was taken to the Sanitarium but never recovered consciousness. After receiving all the kindly care which our medical institution could give, she quietly passed away five days later. We all certainly tender to Dr. Boyd and his little girl our deepest sympathy in this severe trial which has come to them.

In times of crisis and deep sorrow, it is good to know that the Lord sympathizes with us and comforts us. He has been tempted in all points like as we are, and He ministers to us in our great need. When the clouds hang heavy, let us remember that beyond is the sunshine of His grace. May our faith pierce the clouds and realize the genial warmth of His love and His kindly, tender care.

Are You a Shop-Keeper?

If so, please fill in the following questionnaire immediately. Cut it out, put it in an envelope, and post it to the Secretary, Religious Liberty Association, Stanborough Park, Watford, Herts.

Name of Shop

Address

Nature of business

Are you opposed to the Shops (Sunday Trading Restriction) Bill in its present form?

Do you regularly close on Saturday and open on Sunday?

If not, do you wish to close on Saturday and open on Sunday?

Do you consider that exemption from Sunday closing should be given to all observers of the seventh day?

Signed

LET us keep in mind Sabbath, March 28th, for this is the first Thirteenth Sabbath of the new year. Let us plan for it and aim to bring in a good, liberal offering for our missions overseas.

W. E. READ.

South England Conference

President: Pastor R. S. Joyce.

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Notes from the President

LOCATION OF WORKERS

PASTOR W. J. YOUNG has been called to minister to the members and interested in Walthamstow. Pastor A. K. Armstrong, while continuing to care for the Holloway church, will, with the aid of Brother A. J. Mustard, foster the work in Wood Green. Pastor G. W. Bailey has accepted a call to Reading. Brother L. D. Vince, who is in charge of the Edmonton church and Enfield Wash district, will minister to the Tottenham believers.

DEDICATION

ON February 15th the Portsmouth members had the joy of dedicating their church building free from all debt. Pastor A. E. Bacon and the members had sacrificed time, energy, and money, and had transformed the building. The happy occasion will long be remembered by all who attended the special services.

EDMONTON

A FEW months ago the Edmonton members and interested ones were faced with the need of finding a hall as they could not remain in the one which they were using. After weeks of fruitless searching, they realized that it was impossible to find a hall anywhere in the district. Finally they hired a dilapidated warehouse, and by much sacrifice of money and labour they converted it into an acceptable place of worship. Last Sunday evening the hall was comfortably filled with an interested audience. Surely God must be pleased by such determination to build up His cause in face of difficulties.

TRACT CAMPAIGN

You will rejoice to know that South England shows an increase of 4,000 copies of *Present Truth* sold in this special campaign. Pray that both papers and tracts will be blessed of God.

TITHES

THE tithe in South England for 1935 increased by £891 over the total tithe for 1934. The month of January, 1936, shows a further increase of £291 over the same month in 1935. God will surely open the windows of heaven and bless His faithful people.

MID-WEEK MEETING

It is a tragic fact that in too many churches the proportion of attendance at the prayer meeting to the church membership is appallingly low. Far too many members never attend. Most of the causes may be summed up in the words, "I pray thee, have me excused."

Where such a condition exists there is something wrong. Did you read the Foreign Secretary's statement made in the House of Commons last week? It was a solemn pronouncement, reminding all of the growing peril of war. Surely the tragic world situation should bring the divine command awe-inspiringly near, "Prepare to meet thy God."

Did you go to the prayer meeting this week? If not, will you not go next week and lend your influence to the building up of the movement in this hour?

PERSONAL WORK

WE must be prepared to throw ourselves into new enterprises with

new enthusiasm if we are to reach and influence the unwarned masses. The evangelists are declaring the Gospel of the grace of God, but we want the individuals who form our ranks to use personal methods to win men. If a man loves Christ, it is his duty to speak to someone else. We appeal for the use of the latent talent in our churches. Let us make all our churches busy hives of service. There must be a new march of God's people upon the hosts of darkness. Let us throw all our energies into the enterprises of the church.

R. S. JOYCE.

London Yields Its Treasures

OUR hearts are filled with gratitude to our Heavenly Father as we make this brief report. Every week we are witnessing His power to save, and since Christmas nineteen more precious souls have been baptized into Jesus, sixteen on Sabbath afternoon, December 28th, and three on February 15th. Among these were complete families, parents and children. How inspiring it is to lead such through the waters as did the apostle Paul when the jailer and all his house were baptized! But sometimes the lonely one who isolates himself or herself from loved ones for Christ's sake needs our prayers more. While we write we recall some who deserve a special interest in our prayers. We would remind these that the Lord does not say "Well done, good and successful servant," but "Well done, good and faithful servant." Altogether ninety dear souls have united with us by baptism and vote since we commenced in Chiswick, making a total of some 160 during the past year and a half.

Our interest in Ealing is very encouraging and by His grace we are hopeful of a good harvest. We conduct two meetings every Sunday night, Brother A. Lacey leading out in our own chapel in Chiswick, and here some are deciding for the message. We appreciate the valuable help that these good brethren are rendering the cause. Brother Lacey is a colporteur for six days a week and is carrying heavy preaching work every week-

end. But the Lord is blessing such sacrificial service. Already a number of new Sabbath-keepers from Ealing meet with us and we are praying that we may be guided to the right place to organize a new church in this area in the near future. We know you are praying for us; may God answer your prayers. R. ALLAN ANDERSON.

Portsmouth

WORK in connection with the Advent Fellowship has been conducted for a good many years in this world-famous old naval port. In the summer of 1903 a tent effort was held on Southsea Common, the interest aroused being followed up in the Albert Hall, Commercial Road, Southsea. It was on Sabbath, May 14, 1904, that Elder O. A. Olsen commenced the task of organizing the fourteen members into a church. On Sunday, May 29th, when a further nine members were received in, the work of organization was completed, and officers duly elected for the different departmental activities of the church. The late Elder E. W. Farnsworth, with his wife, laboured here quite successfully from November 16, 1904, to March, 1905. In all some twelve conference ministers have laboured here at different times for varied periods of service.

For many years the church had no real home of its own in which to worship, its services being held in a number of different halls in various parts of the city. Eventually a building fund was started, and in the year 1930 a start was made to purchase the Allensfield Hall, in Margate Road, Southsea. A supreme effort was made in 1932, coupled with very generous help from the British Union Conference, to clear the debt on the church. This was almost accomplished by the end of the year. When the writer returned to labour in this city at the end of September, 1933, after an absence of many years, he found a small sum still owing. By the loyal help of members and friends, and the blessing of God, this was all paid off by December 31st of that year. During 1934 and 1935 a number of necessary outside and inside repairs and

decorations were carried out, so that now, in the words of our conference president, we have "a comfortable, presentable building in which to worship."

The week-end, February 14 to 15, 1936, the occasion of the dedication of the church, was a time of great blessing that will live in the memories of the members for a long time to come. On the Friday evening Pastor W. E. Read spoke to a fair-sized representative gathering on the great need of the Holy Spirit and the dedication of ourselves before dedicating the building. The young people gave a musical item. Sabbath saw the church well filled with an eager, expectant congregation. There was first a well-attended and interesting Sabbath-school, and then in the interval before the morning service the young people sang impressively the hymn "Tread Softly." After the opening exercises of the service one of the young people sang a solo, "How Lovely are Thy Dwellings," following which Pastor Read gave the dedication address, pointing out that at the dedication of both the sanctuary and the temple the glory of the Lord filled the house of the Lord. The writer gave the dedicatory prayer. At the afternoon service our president, Pastor R. S. Joyce, gave a most interesting address on the price paid for our redemption, and our debt in return to dedicate ourselves to God and His service. The young people gave another musical item. With the singing of hymn 224, "From all that dwell below the skies, let the Creator's praise arise; Hallelujah!" a memorable and blessed week-end was brought to a close. ALFRED E. BACON.

East Anglia Young People's Rally

AT Lowestoft Advent Church, January 31st to February 2nd, a Young People's Rally was held, when representatives of young people's societies from Carlton Colville, Yarmouth, and Norwich met with the Lowestoft Society to welcome Pastors W. G. Murdoch and F. W. Goodall, Brethren H. T. Johnson and C. L. Kelly, who had so willingly accepted our invita-

tion to enlighten East Anglian young people regarding young people's work.

On the Friday evening at 7.30 p.m., a goodly company gathered to hear the "Purpose of the Convention" by Brother H. T. Johnson, who told us that if we accept the responsibilities God gives us, we must counsel together.

Pastor W. G. Murdoch's message inspired the young people to higher service. "There is a place for every young person in God's plan," he said, and "His purpose for the youth of to-day is to open opportunities in which they may be instrumental in helping the work forward. Let us then be ever alert, resolving to give ourselves, body and soul, in His service."

On Sabbath morning, February 1st, at 9.30 a.m., a short season of prayer was held, followed by the regular Sabbath-school. At 11 o'clock a brief missionary service was conducted by Brother H. T. Johnson, and at 11.15 the preaching service at which Pastor F. W. Goodall left with us the thought that we must "launch out into the deep." Brother C. L. Kelly, who followed with a message on the Tract Campaign, gave us the challenge, "Do not wait for opportunities, make them."

In the afternoon Pastor Murdoch spoke of the young people as being the greatest treasure of the church.

At the council held in the evening, Brother Kelly enlightened us considerably regarding the correct manner of approach when canvassing the literature.

Pastor Goodall followed with a Bible study, using the ingenious little film apparatus, which will, without a doubt, prove a source of great help to those societies fortunate in obtaining one.

Sunday morning, at 10 o'clock, a party of young people, headed by the visiting brethren, dispersed to various parts of the town for the tract campaign.

In the afternoon a further young people's council was held, six papers which caused considerable discussion being given, dealing with the various phases of young people's work. At the close all stood to rededicate their lives to fuller service.

CHURCH CLERK.

A Forward Move in Edmonton

IN October last Brother L. D. Vince began a series of meetings in the Town Hall, planning to transfer later to a smaller hall that had been promised him. To our dismay, when the time came to use the new hall, it was closed to us. A thorough search and the sending in of various applications proved fruitless. No hall could be obtained.

Meanwhile the Edmonton Church had no meeting place either. In fact, until Brother Vince began his campaign in the Town Hall, there had been no meetings actually in Edmonton for some time. The church met on Sabbaths in a school at Ponders End, and the members who could do so attended the meetings at Enfield Wash.

It seemed that the work must suffer seriously unless a hall could be found soon. Surely God had not led His work so far, only to abandon it!

At last a place was found near "the Green," Edmonton's well-known market. And such a place it was! Once a blacksmith's shop, it still boasted the huge beams studded with nails, to which the horses were tied years ago. Cobwebs festooned the corners and dangled from the rafters in rich profusion. The walls were ugly, and the floor was rough and uneven, and the roof leaked in a dozen places, making the whole atmosphere damp and dismal in the extreme.

Only a super-optimist would have dared hope to transform such a wretched place into a house of worship of which no one need be ashamed. But it was either that or nothing, and so Brother Vince and an energetic and enthusiastic group of members and friends applied themselves to the task of making a "silk purse out of a sow's ear."

For nearly three weeks they spent most of their spare time pulling down old partitions, lining the roof and walls with plywood, repairing the floor and the roof, painting, distempering, wiring, etc.

When they had finished the sisters did their share, scrubbing, polishing, staining and varnishing

chairs, and adding those essentially feminine touches that mean so much.

Already the hall is becoming known in the district and we hope and believe that it will prove to be a centre from which will radiate beams of truth and helpfulness to the neighbourhood.

Plans are being made to enlarge the scope of our work in various ways. Sister Wallace, who so ably cared for and taught the children at Enfield Wash, has now commenced a similar work in Edmonton, aided by two other sisters.

In a few weeks we hope to launch a small welfare society which we know will be a means of blessing to ourselves as well as to those whom we seek to help. One sister is a very energetic *Present Truth* worker and has a large list of regular readers. Her activities do not stop here, however, for she is constantly searching for those who will listen to the truth. It is a pleasure to look around the church and see there a number of earnest members whose first contact with the truth was made through the efforts of Sister Heywood.

As we look back over the experiences of the past few months we rejoice to see how God has fulfilled His promise to "bring the blind by a way that they knew not," and we press on, strengthened in faith and confident of victory.

The meetings at the Advent Mission, 1 Town Road, are as follows:

<i>Sabbath.</i>	
Sabbath-school	10.30 a.m.
Preaching service	11.30 a.m.
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<i>Sunday.</i>	
Preaching service	7.00 p.m.
<i>Tuesday.</i>	
Special children's meeting	6.30 p.m.
Bible study	8.00 p.m.
<i>Wednesday.</i>	
Women's meeting	3.00 p.m.
<i>Friday.</i>	
Young People's meeting	8.00 p.m.

Visitors to Edmonton are invited to worship with us and may be sure of a warm welcome.

W. BUCKLE.

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Report of Young People's Convention Held in Cardiff

February 21st to 23rd

THIS Young People's Convention was specially arranged for the young people of South Wales. On Friday evening there was quite a good attendance, many young people having come in for the weekend from other parts. After a few words of welcome from Pastors King, Cooper, and Bartlett, the message of the evening was presented. A definite appeal was made based on Rev. 3:20. On Sabbath morning our first meeting was at 9.30, when quite a good crowd of young people were gathered together. Following this we had an open Sabbath-school, and then the morning service, when Pastor W. T. Bartlett gave the address. His thoughts were centred on the words "Defer Not." At the close of his inspiring address a definite appeal was made to the young people, and six signed the decision card.

During the following sessions of the convention the various topics were introduced by different speakers from Cardiff, Newport, and Swansea. The young people entered into the discussions with keen interest, and much practical instruction was given. The meeting on Saturday night was given over entirely to a special programme prepared by the young people themselves, each society contributing a part. Much youthful talent was shown in the items, and altogether it was a most enjoyable meeting. The film slide lantern was demonstrated, and two films were shown; one on a visit to Giant's Causeway, and the other the life of David Livingstone. On Sunday evening again we had an illustrated Bible lecture on the Signs of Christ's Second Advent.

Delegations of young people came in from the following places: Swansea, Newport, Barry, Porth, Llanelly, Aberdare, Gaerphilly, Bridgend and, of course, a good number from Cardiff itself.

The subjects considered were as follows:

The Young People's Society: Its Organization. Standards for Advent Youth.

Examples of Youthful Achievements.
Study Courses for Young People.
Programmes for Society Meetings.
Social Life of Advent Youth.
What Youth Can Do.

We feel that this convention has been a great blessing to our young people, and has helped the young people's leaders to grasp the possibilities of so organizing the work in South Wales that our young people will become a mighty force

How to become a

Colporteur-Evangelist—2

"Lord, what wilt *Thou* have me to do?" We believe that many of our dear people, especially those newly converted to the faith, have this question pressing upon their minds. It is surely the only consistent attitude. That a Seventh-Day Adventist should take any other is almost inconceivable. Nowhere but God's appointed place can satisfy in days like these. In this connection we should remind ourselves that

"Not more surely is the place prepared for us in the heavenly mansions than is the special place designated on earth where we are to work for God."—*Christ's Object Lessons*, page 327.

The Lord will guide His children in various ways, no doubt, until they fit into His plan to fulfil the divine purpose.

But turning to His Word there is this definite pointer, "Whatever thy hand findeth to do, do it." If we are longing for the privilege of spreading the Gospel, we need not search far. Our hands will gladly seize upon a wonderfully effective line of service, all ready and awaiting—the literature ministry.

How shall one proceed? It is well first to consult your minister, for his experienced counsel will be helpful. If he considers you suitable he will be glad to recommend you, although it may mean the church eventually parting with one of its strongest officers. Perhaps you think your post will be difficult to fill, but know of a certainty the Lord will attend to that. Your pleasure is to follow where the Saviour leads.

Send to the Publishing House

for the carrying forward of the message.

It would have done your heart good to have listened to the Welsh young people sing the Advent choruses. The favourite chorus of the convention was Advent Anthem No. 13:

"This my prayer, dear Lord, to-day,
As I travel life's pathway;
May I brighten, guide, enlighten,
Those I meet along life's way."
F. W. GOODALL.

for an application form. Fill in all the items called for. The information furnished enables the leaders to follow closely the instruction relating to the choosing of persons for the literature ministry.

This inspired counsel reads:

"The canvassing work is more important than many have regarded it, and as much care and wisdom must be used in selecting the workers as in selecting men for the ministry."—*Colporteur Evangelist*, pages 56, 57.

Having completed your application (do not forget a medical certificate) hand it to your pastor or local elder for his signature. The form then passes to the conference president, for the executive committee shares, with your church, the responsibility of calling you to represent the Advent message and cause in the vanguard of its evangelism.

The conference field missionary secretary now has the matter in hand. At the first opportunity he will arrange an interview at which the main principles involved in starting out as a colporteur-evangelist will be presented.

In this interview a number of definite facts are discussed and decided upon, such as:

1. Domestic Situation.
2. Period of Training and Trial.
3. Territory.
4. Book.
5. Canvassing Companion.
6. Reporting.
7. Relation to Conference and Publishing House.
8. When to Commence.

You are embarking on a new and wonderful life that is to pulsate with marked providential experiences, and everything possible is

done to ensure that success shall be yours.

We hope to carry these considerations further in future columns of the MESSENGER.

B. BELTON.

Successful Scottish Colporteur

WRITING of his work in the literature ministry, Brother A. Innes says:

"The conviction that I must be obedient to the commandments of God led me some years ago to give up my work on the Glasgow Corporation Tramways and to devote my life to making known the Bible truths I had embraced."

Consistent success has attended his door-to-door visitation with our various publications and he has firmly established himself in the confidence of the people in and around the city of Glasgow.

Brother Innes further states: "Success in the colporteur work depends on the grit and the will, and upon our living connection with God." He has surely exemplified these principles in distributing to date approximately £500 worth of bound books, 50,000 copies of our shilling series, beside magazines to the value of about £250.

We pray that there will be an abundant fruitage at last from the faithful sowing of the Gospel seed by our Scottish brother.

B. BELTON.



Brother A. Innes.



Stanborough Park First Aid Class

THE picture shows a group of young people at Stanborough Park who have just completed a course in First Aid.

Dr. Nelson gave seven lectures and the necessary practical experience was kindly arranged by the Watford branch of the St. John Ambulance. A police surgeon of St. Albans gave the test. The majority passed satisfactorily all the requirements and received certificates.

Well done, Stanborough Park!

F. W. GOODALL.

At Rest

GREEN.—Mrs. Eliza Green of Boston, Lincs, fell asleep on February 10th, having reached half-way through her ninety-first year. Pastor O. M. Dorland and Brother N. H. Knight conducted the service at the house. Sister Green accepted the truth in 1886, the year the pioneers of the work in Britain came to Grimsby and commenced the publication of *Present Truth* in that place. Under the teaching of Elders John, M. C. Wilcox, and S. H. Lane, she regularly attended Sabbath-school and continued to study the lessons faithfully to the end of her long life. On the occasion of Mrs. E. G. White's visit to Grimsby for a conference in 1887, Sister Green had the pleasure and privilege of entertaining her. She also came in contact with a number of pioneers, among whom Elders J. H. Wagonner, S. N. Haskell, J. H. Durland, W. White, and Miss Jennie Thayer. She held the torch of truth high during all these years, always fearlessly contending for truth and righteousness. There are many who can testify to her earnest spiritual and material help. By her consistent Christian life she won great respect and love from many. Right up to within a week or two of her death she continued her missionary work of circulating denominational literature, etc. Her last words to the writer, gasped out a few days before her death, were to echo the portion from the 103rd Psalm, just read to her: "Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless His holy name." Thank God He has "devised means" to recover His saints from the land of the enemy (2 Sam. 14:14), and through Him who is "the Resurrection and the Life," we may confidently expect to greet her again "in the morning." Her daughter, Miss Clara Green, is left to carry on her witness.

J. H. PARKIN.

THOMPSON.—Sister Bertha Mary Thompson fell asleep in Jesus on February 10th, at the age of seventy-one years. She had been a long and patient sufferer, but her end came suddenly. Her hope was bright to the end. Our dear sister had been many

years in the blessed truth, accepting the message under the ministry of Pastor Douglas Armstrong whilst at the Grays church, Essex. She afterward became a member of the Romford company. Our dear sister awaits her Lord's return with the full assurance that she would rise on the resurrection morning and behold Him face to face. A short service was conducted at the home of her son, Mr. Ivor Thompson, afterward Brother Jefferiss spoke words of comfort to the sorrowing mourners, assuring them of her faith and confidence in God. She leaves one son and daughter to mourn their loss. On February 14th she was laid to rest in South Ockenden church burial ground. Well we may say of her, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord." The service was conducted by Pastor H. W. Armstrong and the writer.

ALFRED JEFFERISS.

COOMBS.—The Bournemouth Church has suffered yet another severe loss by the death of Sister (Miss) Ada Coombs which occurred on Sabbath morning, February 8th. Our sister was in fair health until within five days of her passing, when she had a seizure. Miss Coombs was a faithful, devoted, and wonderfully cheerful Seventh-Day Adventist, and this in spite of years of suffering and ill health. Her devotion to her Lord and the Advent message was instanced by her unflinching regularity and joy with which she passed in to the treasury her tithes and offerings, and on the Sabbath before she died, she sang through that lovely Advent hymn, "I could not do without Thee, O Saviour of the lost, whose precious blood redeemed me at such tremendous cost." Truly our sister's life was an inspiration to all who knew her. We laid her to rest in the North Cemetery, Bournemouth, in the sure and certain hope of a joyful resurrection to eternal life when Jesus comes. At the funeral service, which was conducted by the writer, words of comfort were spoken to the two surviving sisters, Mrs. Mary Bailey and Miss E. A. Coombs, and to the other relatives and fellow churchmembers.

F. S. JACKSON.

BOYD.—Sister Ruby Esther Boyd, aged 35 years, fell asleep in Jesus on February 18th at The Stanboroughs as the result of injuries received in a motor-bus accident just outside the Park gates. Her husband, Dr. George Boyd, was acting superintendent of the Sanitarium at the time, and was called in haste to the scene only to discover that the injured woman was his own wife. Sister Boyd was a graduate nurse from Portland Sanitarium, Oregon, where her parents still reside. For two years she was in charge of the Social Service Department in the White Memorial Hospital. Brother and Sister Boyd were married in 1930, since which time they have laboured in the cause, and when the tragedy occurred were under appointment as missionaries. The doctor was filling a vacancy at the Sanitarium for a short time before sailing for West Africa. A New Zealander by birth, he left his native land to train for larger service and graduated from the Medical Course at Loma Linda and later at Edinburgh. He and a little girl Loann, four years of age, are left to mourn their great loss. Hundreds gathered at the church and later at the grave, a token of the affection in which these dear workers were held. Truly when one member suffers we all suffer. Pastor E. D. Dick, of the Northern European Division, and a number of ministers and leaders associated in these sad services. How brightly the Advent hope shines at such times! We can catch a vision of the day when we shall understand the meaning of our tears. To these sorrowing ones and their relatives we extend our sympathies, praying our Heavenly Father to sustain them in this hour of trial, and hasten that day when "sorrow and sighing shall flee away."

R. ALLAN ANDERSON.

KNIGHT.—Sister Irene Knight, passed peacefully to her rest on February 19th, at Dr. Shone's Hydro, after a short illness. She had been ailing for some weeks when a sudden collapse hastened her end. Born in Hawkes Bay, New Zealand, thirty-nine years ago, she had been brought up in the message. She married Brother Frank Knight, well known throughout the Australasian field, as for seven years he carried the Young People's Department for the Division. Through those years Sister Knight shared her husband's heavy toils. Ill health, however, compelled them to leave the organized work and eighteen months ago the family came from Sydney to London, where they united with the Chiswick Church, Brother Knight being appointed an elder this year. Business called him to America for a short visit and while away Sister Knight fell asleep. She leaves her husband, two sons, and two daughters to mourn. Let us commit these dear ones to the God of all comfort. We laid her to rest in the New Kensington Cemetery, Gunnersbury Park, after a service at the church. A large number of friends gathered at these services and sang their confidence in the Advent hope and the resurrection. She sleeps in Jesus amid the opening flowers "until the day dawn and the shadows flee away."

R. ALLAN ANDERSON.

DR. BOYD wishes to express his appreciation for all the sympathy that has been shown toward him in his recent bereavement.

SUNSET CALENDAR

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March 13th	6.00	6.05	6.13	6.13	6.24
March 20th	6.12	6.17	6.25	6.26	6.36

BRITISH ADVENT MESSENGER

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The Emerald Isle Calling

Your Opportunity to Help Ireland

"LIFT up your eyes, and look on the fields!" said Jesus to His disciples as He met with them round the well at Sychar. As they looked, following the outstretched hand of the Saviour—there, coming over the hill were the people of the village. Right near at hand were the fields white to harvest.

Ireland—the Emerald Isle—is one of the fields—right at our door looking to us for help. Here is a field which we believe will yield a precious harvest of souls.

The Irish Free State has a population of some three millions, while North Ireland has about one and a quarter millions. About eighty per cent of the population of Ireland are Roman Catholics. Among these, four millions, or more, we have only 150 odd members. What a mission field! How can we reach these people who are so needy for the message that we love? Some efforts have been put forth in the past, and at present our very small army of workers, with the co-operation of our loyal members, are toiling on. What can we do to supplement their efforts? How can we reach the people? Surely ways and means will yet be found.

Who can estimate the full value of an idea? Ideas are the germ of all successful enterprise. They are full of wonderful possibilities. Someone had an idea, plans have been developed, and after careful consideration at our Winter Council, it was voted: "That we supply *Present Truth* for three months to 1,000 homes in Ireland, and that we invite our members in the British Union to help make this possible."

Here is the plan: In each church our members are invited to adopt one or more of these thousand homes. If you wish, we can supply you with the names and addresses. For convenience, and in order to make sure that the papers are sent out regularly, we are asking The Stanborough Press to handle this for us, sending them direct to the homes.

THE COST

For three months (six issues)—one shilling.

How will this shilling be paid? The plan is simplicity itself: sixpence from you and sixpence from the British Union Conference.

In other words, all members who feel they would like to help bring the message to Ireland in this novel way are asked to give one or more sixpences for each home they would like to "adopt." You may, of course, adopt any number of homes you please—at sixpence each.

Think of it! You may send *Present Truth* to five Irish homes for three months for only 2/6; and that without any trouble to yourself, not even folding up the papers or sticking on the stamps.

Already we have received some donations. One brother has adopted twenty homes, another ten. Here is an opportunity for us to help reach one thousand homes in Ireland. The first hundred names and addresses have just arrived. How many will you take?

Remember, we need 1,000 sixpences, so send yours at once. Donations for this Irish Literature Campaign should be handed to your church treasurer or sent direct to your local conference office, or to

F. W. Goodall, Stanborough Park, Watford, Herts. Do it now and make this splendid plan the success it deserves to be.

The Emerald Isle is calling; let it not call in vain.

F. W. GOODALL.

Annual Legal Meetings

THE Annual Legal Meetings of the following Companies will be held at Stanborough Park, Watford, on Wednesday, March 25th, at the times named:

British Advent Missions Ltd. 10 a.m.
Granose Foods Ltd. 11.30 a.m.
The Stanborough Press Ltd. 2.30 p.m.
Good Health Assn. Ltd. 4 p.m.

A. CAREY.

WALTON-WHEELER.—On December 20, 1935, at 10.30 a.m., a number of friends gathered to witness the marriage of Sister Rona Wheeler and Brother Christopher Walton. The ceremony was conducted in the Stanborough Park Church. For some time these young people have been employed at our institutions—Sister Wheeler at the Press and Brother Walton at the Food Factory. Such ceremonies mean much to our cause for they are building strong Adventist homes. Our prayers will certainly go with these faithful workers as their young lives unite to serve the Lord they love. May God add His sweetest blessing.

R. ALLAN ANDERSON.

News From Ethiopia

EXPRESSING thanks for the encouraging telegram sent to our workers and people in Ethiopia by the Winter Council of the British Union Committee, Brother and Sister Hanson write from Addis Ababa:

"It is true we are having difficulties here, and have passed through a special time of trial. But we are of good courage, and pressing on as best we can.

"The way the Red Cross units have been hacked to pieces during the past few weeks makes us feel that the Red Cross on a roof is a target rather than a protection. . . .

"We are glad when evening comes, as we feel quite safe in the night so far as bombs are concerned. In the city all is quiet, and we can still get all that we need.

"We have no school now, but the hospitals are doing their work of mercy everywhere. We are biding our time, hoping almost against hope that things will soon become normal again so we can do other work. For the present we must stay where we are and wait, hoping and praying that we may not be hindered too much. We ask for a continued interest in your prayers."