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Delegates Flock to San Francisco

A BABEL of voices surrounds me as I write these lines in the reception hall of the Civic Auditorium at San Francisco. Indeed it seems as though there must be present here "devout men out of every nation under heaven."

From Europe, Asia, Africa, Australasia, and America they have come in their hundreds and thousands. By rail, road, and air they have travelled—some from nearby towns and villages, others across continents and oceans over ten thousand miles and more.

You can see men here of all colours and races, from all parts of the British Commonwealth of nations, the Americas, China, Japan, and the islands of the sea. All manner of trades, professions, and classes are represented. Here are not only evangelists, pastors, presidents, doctors, authors, editors, nurses, colporteurs, but many a man who was once a lawyer, judge, sailor, soldier, mechanic, carpenter, engineer, salesman, and whatnot—including the son of a one-time cannibal chieftain, with bare feet and the typical "fuzzy" hair after the south sea fashion—all men who, under the influence of the Spirit of God, have turned from the pursuit of worldly gain to dedicate their lives to the preaching of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus.

Symbolical of the international character of this great World Conference are the thirty-four flags of the nations draped from the

balcony of the vast auditorium. A giant illuminated globe, constantly rotating, further adds to the impression of "the whole wide world" being lightened with the glory of God's last message to mankind.

One meets many old friends at a gathering of this kind. Perhaps the one most familiar to us all, and certainly the most dearly beloved, is Brother W. A. Spicer, looking younger than ever and perhaps the most sprightly soul in this vast assembly, with no trace left of his recent serious illness.

Moving about among the growing throng one recognizes the familiar faces of our Northern European Division delegates—what is going on behind those solemn imperturbable features of the president?—now and then features we "loved long since and lost awhile" come into view. Why, there are Dr. and Mrs. Ruble, well and happy, and with their affection for England keener than ever. And here is Brother W. R. White, one-time book-keeper in the old International Tract Society at Stan-

borough Park, quite unchanged by the hand of time. And who's that? Why, "Father" Haining, also once of the International Tract Society, and now looking twenty years younger and still exercising his artistic gift. (There must be something in this American climate after all.) Here, too, is Dr. Robert Haining—remember him as a curly-headed boy?—now a well-known, highly respected physician and surgeon in the great new County Hospital in Los Angeles. This continent of opportunity!

And who else? Why, E. E. Andross, one-time president of the British Union, ageing now and with his arm in a support after a motor accident. And here's Brother M. N. Campbell, another former British Union president, and Mrs. Campbell, a little whiter perhaps, but very well and cheerful. Their son, too, M. V. Campbell and wife, with Brother and Sister H. H. Howard of church school memories, seem delighted to see old acquaintances from the homeland again.

Friends innumerable shake us by the hand. F. M. Wilcox of the

Review, "Lonnie" Baker of the *Signs*, G. McCready Price of anti-evolution fame and—but space forbids our mentioning any more by name at the moment. Surely, however, this is the largest and happiest family that ever gathered on the face of the earth.

At the moment of writing, the pre-conference departmental sessions have just closed and all are waiting eagerly for the main session of the General Conference to begin.

For the past week special sessions have been held of the Young People's, Educational, Publishing, Home Missionary, and Medical Departments. Moving from one to another of these meetings we have been impressed with the universality of many of the problems which some have been inclined to think were confined to our own territory. Indeed, perhaps the most useful function of such meetings is to develop a wider sympathy in the hearts of all for the difficulties of brethren in other parts of the world field. Quite evidently there is no royal road to the solution of many of the problems which confront us as a people. They crop up in all parts of the world as the cause advances and its various activities are established among "all nations, kindreds, tongues, and peoples." More and more it becomes clear that what is needed is a wider understanding and a larger vision of each other's difficulties and a greater readiness not to criticize but to pray.

Some inspiring messages have already come to us from the tried and faithful veterans of the cause. On Friday evening, May 21st, in the nearby Methodist church, Brother L. H. Christian addressed about 2,000 delegates and friends on the paramount need for guarding the doctrines, faith, and soul of the Advent movement. His text was, "Hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown." Rev. 3:11. He made the solemn statement that it was his impression that there would not be another General Conference before the world had passed through another baptism of blood; and in view of the extreme solemnity of the times he urged all present to take a firmer hold on the Lord and

the great truths of the Advent message.

On Sabbath morning, May 23rd, Pastor W. A. Spicer gave one of his delightful heart-to-heart addresses, using as his text the familiar words: "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day." 2 Tim. 1:12. Laying great emphasis upon the words, "He is able," he sought to encourage God's people to go forth with new zeal to accomplish the divine purpose of God. "Christ," he said, "is able to keep us here and now, able to keep us from sin, able to keep us faithful, able to help us in every problem of life, able to finish the work."

With such a plenitude of divine power available, there could be no doubt about the final triumph of God's people if they would but live in touch with Him. Indeed, said Brother Spicer, quoting from Sister White, the work will be finished "with the speed of lightning."

Another of the most inspiring messages delivered during the pre-conference meetings also came from this revered servant of the Lord. Speaking at the Home Missionary Department devotional hour on Monday, May 25th, he emphasized the fact that only by the spirit of love could the work successfully be completed. Basing his address upon 1 Corinthians 12

and 13, he stated that, though we may preach like angels or excel in other lines of work, if we have not love in our hearts as the basis of all our ministry then our activities can be but as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal.

"The love of Jesus," said Brother Spicer, "is the dynamic touch." Using many moving illustrations, he demonstrated that herein lies the secret of all true success in this spiritual service which we have undertaken. Unless all our departmental machinery is motivated by the love of Christ it will be valueless to accomplish the purposes of the kingdom of God.

He told one story of a blind man in London who, on hearing that Jesus "took the blind man by the hand," remarked: "People who take me across the road hold me by the sleeve." It is for us, said Brother Spicer, to get close to people, to take them by the hand, not by the sleeve, and so convince them of the genuineness of our interest in their eternal welfare.

He told also of a native chief in a certain country who sent a message to the mission board containing the expression: "Send us a man with a hot heart." That, said Brother Spicer, is the sort of heart we all need in order to bless and inspire this cold, hard world. We need hearts hot with the love of God.

(To be continued.)

New Leaders of Our World Work

By the time this issue of the MESSENGER reaches our members the first of the special General Conference issues of the *Review* and *Herald* will no doubt also be to hand.

In case of delay, however, and for the benefit of those who do not have access to the Bulletins, we are glad to announce the following appointments in connection with our world work and especially the Northern European Division, for the ensuing quadrennial period:

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President.—J. L. McElhany.

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Nurses' Graduation at The Stanboroughs

By G. Rawson

"FORTH in His name" was the motto selected by Irene Baldwin of Southampton and Edward and Roland Parry of Liverpool on the occasion of their graduation which took place on Sunday, May 24, 1936. After three years of diligent study coupled with faithful service, these young people succeeded in satisfying the examiners of their ability to become connected with the nursing profession.

The opening service of the graduation week-end took place in the Stanborough Park church on Sabbath morning, May 23rd, when a goodly number assembled to praise God for the success which had attended the efforts of the three graduates. Prior to the baccalaureate address, the Stanborough Park Male Voice Choir rendered the beautiful and inspiring "Comrades' Song of Hope." Pastor A. K. Armstrong chose as his text Matthew 25:40, "And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me."

He spoke of the world's sickness, physical and spiritual, and of the call of God for workers to minister to the needs of suffering humanity. The graduates, he declared, had dedicated their lives in answer to this call, and would, in the days to come, have the high privilege of helping to alleviate some of the suffering with which they come into contact, of teaching the God-given principles of health, and above all, of leading those to whom they minister to a knowledge of eternal life.

In closing, Pastor Armstrong exhorted the three young people not to seek for worldly fame or popularity,

but "to see precious souls gathered out of this dark world and translated into the kingdom of God."

On Sunday afternoon a special tea was provided in the Annexe dining-hall. The decorations and tables were daintily arranged in shades of old rose and gold—the graduation colours—and it was a happy gathering of graduates, faculty, staff, and friends which met to celebrate the auspicious event.

Bouquets of roses were presented by Nurse Baldwin to Matron Williams, Mrs. Druitt, the late matron, and Sister Watts; each of whom responded to the words of gratitude for help and encouragement received by the graduates during their course of study.

The same evening the graduation exercises were held in the Stanborough Park church, which was attractively decorated. The rostrum and choir stalls were occupied by faculty, graduates, and nurses. Brother E. Ashton led us to the throne of grace, after which the hymn, "Guide me, O Thou Great Jehovah," was sung with much enthusiasm by the large congregation.

A solo, "God Bless the Morning of My Life," was most ably rendered by Mrs. R. M. Rodgers,

L.R.A.M. The chairman, Dr. Cairncross, after welcoming all present, said, "To-night we are here to rejoice in the success of three young people and wish them God-speed, whatever the future holds in store. As representatives of the Hydro and Hospital we feel proud of the graduates who have always proved courteous, efficient, and helpful." He then introduced Dr. Druitt who had kindly consented to give the graduation address.

Dr. Druitt laid down some of the essential principles underlying successful medical ministry, among which were a soul at peace and a body and mind perfectly balanced and controlled.

In presenting the diplomas Dr. Cairncross wished success and God's blessing to the graduates, and pronounced them qualified nurses.

Edward Parry responded on behalf of the graduates, stating that their sentiments could be summed up in two words: gratitude and determination. They desired to express their whole-hearted thanks to God for their success, their gratitude to parents for their love and self-sacrifice, and their thanks for help and encouragement to doctors and teachers and all who contributed to the success of the day.

The service was concluded with the appropriate hymn, "Forth in Thy Name."

On Monday morning a happy party set out on the customary graduation outing, the destination this year being Hastings. The day was attended with many pleasurable experiences which contributed to making it one of the most enjoyable of similar occasions.



Graduates, faculty, and some of The Stanboroughs staff at the graduation service in the Stanborough Park church. The three graduate nurses are in the front row.

The Place of the Layman in the Advent Movement

Sermon Preached at the Elders' Council

By E. D. Dick

I WISH to study with you this important subject along the following lines: 1. the obligation of fruit-bearing; 2. the need of labourers; 3. methods of witnessing; 4. results of faithfulness; 5. relationships.

The idea of fruit-bearing has been applied to the ministry or the leaders, but this obligation rests upon all. We need to realize this. The relation of the branch to the vine involves fruit-bearing, "the same bringeth forth." Christ expects every person to bear fruit. (Verse 8.) We need to lay emphasis upon this. Is it too much to say unless we bear fruit then we are not abiding in the vine?

This work of fruit-bearing is also mentioned in the parable of the fig tree. After a night of prayer our Lord, being hungry, saw a tree with a promise of fruit. He looked for food and found none. We read how He rebuked the tree. In this act He gave an illustration of the Jewish nation. In many ways we are the true Israel of God, called to do a similar work as was entrusted to them. The Saviour desired to make plain the cause and certainty of Israel's doom. "Herein is My Father glorified," said Jesus, "that ye bear much fruit."

It has been thought that this fruit-bearing refers to souls alone, but it also means the fruits of the Spirit. Some are so zealous in their soul winning that perhaps they overlook the importance of the fruits of the Spirit. But if we have the fruits of the Spirit we must certainly have the fruits of service. "Behold, what manner of love. . ." Here is expressed the privilege of sonship. "Every man that hath this hope, etc." Love constrains. It helps to take all sin out of the life. (Verse 7.) You that recognize sonship must also recognize that God takes all un-

righteousness out of the life. What does love do?

When I was head of a school in South Africa an experience came to me that I shall never forget. Alongside the school ran a river. In the rainy season nearly two inches of rain may fall per hour for almost a week. This river in flood would rise to a height of forty-four feet above normal. At such times we would forbid the boys to go swimming. But some wanted to be brave. Word came through that there was a boy in the river. We saw that he was in trouble. We got a log to try and save him, and ran down along the bank. He went under once, then twice, then disappeared. There were two boys drowned at that time—two of the best.

As I have stood on the bank of the stream of life I have thought of the people we should be driven to try and save. Could Christ look on while the world perished? No, there was only one thing He could do. That was to give Himself to save us. There is only one thing that we can do if we love Him, and that is to give ourselves in service to save. We must be constrained to go out and win souls. Professor Prescott once said, the way to spell love is g-i-v-e. If we are to keep the commandment that we should love as He loved us, we cannot sit still.

Then think of the results of this fruit-bearing. In Proverbs 11:24 is the statement, "There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty." Tell over and over again the blessings God has bestowed. "For the liberal soul shall be made fat," or prosperous or happy. "He that watereth shall be watered also himself." Some say we have to give, give, give; but what does the truth do for us? In

verses seven and eight of Jeremiah seventeen we read, "Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is. For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit." That is what happens to the one who makes the Lord's business his business. By sending the roots down we draw nourishment up and bear fruit. He does not know when trouble comes. Great happiness is his. Our happiness is in those we help as the result of our witness for Him.

In Madame Tussaud's Gallery famous men in all walks of life are shown. You will find the man who won the war. He is a small man, old, in dirty, mud-covered clothes. He is unshaven, his beard has grown. He is old Tommy just out of the trenches. What a truth. Not some general in a fine uniform, but the man in the ranks. So in *Testimonies, Vol. 9, page 117*, we are told, "The work of God in this earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work, and unite their efforts with those of the ministers and church officers." There are wonderful, latent possibilities in the lay workers in the church. If we can marshal all our forces as the result of this council it will accomplish much, for the work of God on earth will never be finished until all rally to the work. The men in the ranks are going to win the war against sin. The leaders must rally the church membership. As the members go out, people will believe the message. We are going to see thousands accept this truth in the way God has appointed. May the Lord help us with zeal to press forward.

When Moses complained to God, "O my Lord, I am not eloquent," what did God say? "I will be with thy mouth." This is a rebuke to every one of us. I do not think the work will be finished by eloquence or oratory, but by the witness for God on the part of all His people. In Acts 1:8 we read,

"Ye shall be witnesses." Eloquence or oratory and great efficiency are all good, but a witness must tell of that which he has seen.

There was once a young minister who, standing in the pulpit for the first time before a large congregation, could not speak. Finally he had to retire. As he came down from the pulpit an old brother said to him, "Tell what the Lord has done for you." He went back and witnessed. It was one of the most powerful meetings in his ministry. That is how success comes. It is the living witness which counts most and it is surprising how little a person needs to know to be a blessing to another. The natives in Africa understand only the simple truths of the Gospel, but they rejoice in their experience and delight to tell others of it. Of what did Paul testify? Why, of the things that God had done for him. So God calls upon us to be His witnesses.

A blind native in Africa was led around by a little boy. This native carried with him a small pamphlet. He would hand the pamphlet to a native and say, "What does it say?" This other native would read, and then the old native, whose name was Pogo, would ask questions. In this way he gave a Bible reading out of the book, teaching the people the truth by their reading it to him. It was not oratory but a living conviction in the heart. Power for witnessing is given to everyone who has an experience. Just as soon as a man becomes a Christian he begins to witness for Christ. Paul at his conversion immediately said, "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?" It is a willing spirit that is needed. The simple principle that should govern our lives is to bear a living testimony to what the Lord has done. The love of Christ will shine forth as we talk out of the depths of our experience. Oh, that the Lord would make us mighty in such witnessing.

In Psalm 126 we read, "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." In another school where I was principal there

were two wayward boys who decided to leave and join the Air Force. It almost broke my heart. I reasoned with them, but they decided they must leave the following day. We walked and talked together but I could not persuade them. As we neared the school, I broke down, there was such a burden on my heart. I knew what was involved. One of the boys took out his handkerchief and wiped my eyes and said, "We did not know you loved us like that. We won't go; we will stay." We must go out like that. God will

support that kind of appeal. We have the promise of results. "He shall come again rejoicing." "He that winneth souls is wise." "They that turn many to righteousness" shall shine "as the stars for ever and ever." Dan. 12:3. There is something fascinating about the stars shining on and on and on. There they are testifying continually to the love and keeping power of God. Churchmembers whom God is counting on will also shine. May the Lord help us that everyone here may come bearing precious sheaves into His garner.

NORTH ENGLAND CONFERENCE

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Sheffield's New Meeting-Place

SABBATH, May 9, 1936, will be an outstanding date in the history of the Sheffield Advent Church. On this Sabbath we opened and dedicated to the glory and honour of God our new meeting-place in the centre of the city.

Happy were the faces of the members and friends who had given freely of their means for the furnishing of the hall. Radiant were the faces of those who had laboured so willingly in preparing it for occupation. Their works of love for God's house have not been unnoticed by the Lord. His recording angel has written in the Book of Remembrance of our decorators, painters, and joiners, who have used so ably their professional skill in beautifying the building. He has written also of all those who cleaned, scrubbed, polished, and helped in many other ways.

We wish to express to God our gratitude for His unmistakable guidance. Ever since we launched our evangelistic campaign, it became more and more apparent to all of us that, with the prospect of new members joining from several sections of the city, it was imperative that the Sheffield Church move from the Woodseats Baptist Church schoolroom (which for several years our Baptist friends

have so kindly rented to us) to a more suitable and more centrally-located place. Our contract for the hall engaged for our evangelistic services was due to terminate on April 30th. We earnestly prayed that the Lord would lead us at the right time to a suitable hall. Week after week Brother Hardinge and the writer walked up and down the streets in Sheffield's centre, highways and byways, searching for a hall or room. We found nothing suitable whatsoever. On Friday, April 3rd, we sallied forth again. "Surely God has some place for us," we said. We tramped around and around when suddenly the "walls fell"! We noticed some rooms above a bank. We went to the agent. No, the rooms were not of suitable size, but he knew of a hall vacant. In a few minutes we were interviewing the landlord. In a few days terms were agreed upon, the tenancy to commence, at the landlord's suggestion, on May 1st—the very day following the termination of our evangelistic hall tenancy! Yes, the Lord undoubtedly guided.

Long may the Advent banner fly in Sheffield's centre, winning more and more souls for the kingdom of God.

Visitors to the city and district will be gladly welcomed at our services. Kindly note the address and times of meeting:

Sheffield Advent Church, Devonshire Hall, Devonshire Street, Sheffield 3.

Sabbath, 10.15 a.m., 11.15 a.m., and 3 p.m.; Sunday, 7 p.m.; Tuesday, 7.30 p.m.

W. R. A. MADGWICK.

A Story and an Appeal from Manchester

RECENTLY a young man, who had been under conviction for some little time, decided to take the step into the path of obedience. To do this faith had to be exercised to a great degree and the spirit of sacrifice manifested. At Whitsuntide he was to be married and all plans had been laid accordingly, and house, furniture, etc., all settled upon.

Two weeks before Whitsuntide our brother made his decision and, with the full approval of his fiancée, cancelled the wedding plans, gave a week's notice to his employers, and decided to launch out in faith in business for himself, and obey God.

I am communicating these facts to the MESSENGER family because we feel that here is a case which calls for our practical sympathy and prayer. Our brother is an articulated Insurance Broker. All classes of insurance—fire, burglary, motor, etc., are undertaken by him.

Would you like to transfer your insurances to him or take out your new insurances with him? By so doing you will be aiding one who has given up all to start afresh as an obedient follower of the Lord Jesus.

Please write for information in the first place through the writer, Pastor S. George Hyde, 252 Rye Bank Road, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester.

S. GEORGE HYDE.

A New Opening in the Manchester District

IN conjunction with our two colporteurs, Brethren McLeod and Hamilton, and to develop interests in the district, a meeting was begun in the town of Hyde in the middle of April.

Hyde is a centre of the hat-making industry, and is situated seven or eight miles from Picca-

dilly, Manchester, at the foot of the Pennines.

A small room in the Y.M.C.A. is being used for a series of Friday evening services and, already, through these meetings, five people have embraced the Advent message.

Brother and Sister Hilton, of

Ashton-under-Lyne, are also taking an active interest in these meetings and we feel, judging by the fruitage so quickly obtained, that the Lord led us to follow up this interest which is, of course, additional to our work in Manchester and Stretford.

S. GEORGE HYDE.

WELSH MISSION

Superintendent: Pastor G. D. King

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Baptism at Newport

It is just over a year ago that Pastor G. D. King, with his fellow-labourers, Brother W. G. Nicholson and Sister A. Anderson, began work in the town of Newport. Space does not permit in this brief report to tell of all the wonders of God's grace which have been wrought during this eventful year. Since the opening service in the Tredegar Hall thousands of the populace of Newport have been acquainted with God's message for this generation. Not alone from Newport, however, but from the outlying districts, some from places fourteen miles distant, have souls come to hear these heart-searching truths.

On a recent Sunday evening we had the joy of seeing another eight dear souls confess their faith

in the ordinance of baptism. The hall was crowded, and several strangers expressed their pleasure in having witnessed this beautiful service. This brings the total added to the Newport Church, during this year, to twenty-eight. This, we believe, is just the first-fruits of a great harvest which the Lord is gathering out from this district.

We regret that Pastor King will not be able to continue his ministry here during the summer, but are glad that Brother Nicholson, with the help of Miss A. Anderson and the writer, is to continue the good work during the absence of Pastor King at the General Conference. Pray for the work here that still greater wonders may be wrought, and that the many souls who have an interest in the message may be led to give themselves to the Lord.

F. EDWARDS.

SCOTTISH MISSION

Superintendent: Pastor L. Murdoch.

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Frae Aberdeen!

IN response to invitations previously written and delivered by the Junior Missionary Volunteer society, our meeting-place saw an encouraging attendance on Sunday evening, May 24th, when a service of song entitled, "The Plan of Redemption," was given by the above-mentioned society. It was good to see these eager young faces giving of their best to the

Master, beneath a banner boldly portraying their aim and motto, painted by themselves. Sister Archibald kindly gave the reading, the message therein being instructive and timely.

Although a small society, our number is increasing, and as we grow we hope, with God's help, to grow in further service for the church here in Aberdeen.

I. S. REDHOUSE,
Y.P. Leader.

Young People!—A Request

We have just received a most interesting letter from one of our young Missionary Volunteers who is stationed in Egypt. He is in the Royal Air Force, and is taking studies in aeronautics. He has been very successful in passing several examinations. The subjects that he is particularly interested in are Mathematics, Chemistry, Theory of Engineering, Theory of Flight, Rudiments of Aircraft Research, and Aircraft Engineering. He is also interested in medical work, and is hoping to take a B.Sc. degree one day in Bacteriology. He is interested, too, in Journalism, and would be glad to correspond with young people who have an interest in any of the above subjects.

Will young people write to him at the following address:

515752, A.C.I. E. Baker, 3, Air Stores Park, Royal Air Force, Mersa Matruh, Western Desert, Egypt.

We might mention that he comes from Leeds, and would be most happy to correspond with young people about his own age, which is twenty-three. Letters would be welcome, as he is somewhat isolated. He sends his Christian greetings to all the young people in the British Isles.

F. W. GOODALL.

At Rest

Norr.—Mrs. Emily Nott, of the Nottingham Church, passed to her rest in the early hours of Christmas morning, 1935, at the age of eighty-six. She fell asleep cherishing the blessed hope of the soon return of Jesus for His ransomed ones, which she had held, in company with her husband, for the past eighteen years. The interment was carried out by Pastor O. M. Dorland, J. H. PARKIN.

[We regret that the above obituary notice has been unfortunately overlooked.—J.H.P.]

ASHTON.—On Thursday, May 7, 1936, Sister Francis Hilda Ashton passed peacefully away at The Stanboroughs, Watford, after three weeks' illness. After a very busy morning at work in home and garden, Sister Ashton, while paying a friendly visit, was taken suddenly with a seizure from which she did not recover. Everything that love and medical knowledge, with faithful nursing, could do was done in the endeavour to restore her, but God in His providence allowed her to fall asleep. That she awaits the coming of Jesus we, who knew her good Christian character, have no doubt. This cheering hope takes away from our hearts the sting of death, while we look forward to the day when we shall meet again.

At a very early age Hilda united with the church after the first tent effort held in Leeds. A few years later she came to College and spent three years improving her education. Then she joined the first nurses' class at the Sanitarium at Stanborough Park, Watford. After graduating with this class, she was united in marriage with Brother E. Ashton. They were soon sent to West Africa where they spent seven years in missionary work. Here Sister Ashton suffered badly from the dread black water fever. Returning home, Sister Ashton always remained a real helpmate to her husband wherever his services were required, and many will remember her quiet, unselfish service. A faithful wife, a loving mother, and one of God's faithful handmaids has fallen asleep. Her dear mother, her husband and three children, and her sister remain to mourn their loss. They, and all who knew her, sorrow, but with the cheerful hope that at the grand consummation we will all meet again. Let us who remain see to it that we be more and more faithful, that when Jesus calls we, too, may be ready. The services at the church and at Garston Churchyard

were conducted by Pastor H. W. Armstrong and the writer.

W. H. MEREDITH.

[Sister Graves, Brother Ashton, and family wish to thank the many friends who so kindly sent messages of sympathy. Since these are too many for personal acknowledgement, kindly accept this as an appreciation of your love and prayers.—W.H.M.]

GRAHAM.—After enduring much suffering both before and after a severe surgical operation, our sister, Mrs. Graham, passed to her rest on May 14, 1936, and we laid her to rest in the Edge Croft Cemetery, Salford. Mrs. Graham was a patient sufferer, yet never in doubt of her acceptance by her Saviour. The Advent message came to her all too late, but she readily accepted all the truths she was able to learn. She was loved by all, more particularly by her husband and married son, who mourn her going, but do not grudge her her rest. Sleeping in Jesus, Mrs. Graham will hear His call in the not far distant resurrection day and arise to enjoy the blessings of a deathless land. Among other mourning relatives is a sister of Mrs. Graham, Mrs. Johnston, a member of the Edinburgh Church. S. GEORGE HYDE.

WARREN.—Sister Eliza Clark Warren passed away on Sunday morning, April 26, 1936, aged forty-three years. She was enjoying the association of "those of like precious faith" at a social gathering the previous evening. Her happy and patient spirit during much affliction won the affection of the Gillingham Church, with whom she had associated since January last. On Wednesday, April 29th, we laid her to rest in Gillingham Cemetery, sorrowing, though not as others that have no hope. She leaves a husband and five children to mourn their loss. Words of comfort were spoken to the mourners as she was laid to rest by the writer. W. A. GIRLING.

TOOGOOD.—Brother Wilshaw Toogood, of Bridgewater, passed away peacefully on the morning of May 7, 1936. He was laid to rest by the Baptist minister in the old cemetery of Bridgewater, in the county of Somerset where he was born. For twenty-two years he had been a member of the Advent faith, and now, after eight years of suffering, sleeps in Christ until that day when there shall be an end of all sorrows.

Wedding Bells

MCLEOD-HAZLEHURST.—Mr. William McLeod and Miss Marion Hazlehurst were united in marriage in the Denton Methodist church, near Manchester. Pastor S. George Hyde officiated in a very happy little service, the musical part of which was provided by Brother Edgar Halstead, A.R.C.O.

Both bride and bridegroom are members of the Manchester Church, in which they hold important offices, Brother McLeod being, in addition, a valued member of the colporteur force in the north of England. May the blessing of Heaven rest upon this new union. S. GEORGE HYDE.

Advertisements

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An elderly brother, Nottingham, has rooms, furnished or unfurnished, to let

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WANTED.—Two young men, about eighteen to twenty, for motor cycle delivery of shoe repairs, and a collector of shoe repairs by pedal cycle. Good pay and prospects for energetic young men. Write: Girling, 24c Livingstone Road, Gillingham, Kent.

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SUNSET CALENDAR

	Lon'n	Not'm	Car'ff	Edin	Bel't
June 26th	9.21	9.35	9.34	10.03	10.02
July 3rd	9.20	9.34	9.33	10.01	10.03

Quadrennial Session News

Come to the Conference Camp!

By J. H. Parkin

You will have read all about the conference camp in the last two issues of the MESSENGER. We make no apology for returning to this theme again in our desire that all our young people throughout the British Isles shall attend and enjoy the blessings of the camp and conference, and the glorious fellowship of the many who are planning to attend. We are anxious to provide the very best accommodation and programme, with nothing wanting in the case of anyone; but this can be assured only as we get early registrations from all who expect to come under canvas. Make use of the form provided.

May we remind you that for 35s. 6d. (seniors), or 28s. (juniors), you may secure a happy ten days in the association of the best young people in the British Isles, supported by the best of food to appease an appetite made keen by camping activities in and around the beautiful Stanborough Park, and eaten in the most congenial company. Furthermore, you may make your choice of viands in real cafeteria style. In addition, plans are being laid for a daily supply of rich spiritual food in the form of interesting topics specially for young people, to be delivered by speakers who particularly have the concerns of young people at heart. Then at the end of each full day you may count on a comfortable resting place under conditions that our veteran campers have learned to love. For summer sleeping they say, "Give us a tent every time." Regular campers prefer the usual straw palliasse, but for those who desire it, a camp bed will be provided for 5s. for the whole or part of the time.

Remember also that arrangements are being made for three most interesting trips during the period, to include a visit by the

seniors to some of London's principal sights, and to St. Albans, with its ancient cathedral and the recently-excavated Roman city. The third, in which the juniors will join, will be to the famous Whipsnade Zoo. The cost of these will be low, but plan for them in your budget.

Special railway facilities have been arranged which may be obtained by the presentation of a voucher. Those under sixteen may travel at half ordinary single fare for the return journey; from sixteen to eighteen at ordinary single fare for the return journey. Over eighteen the customary rate for a period ticket of a penny a mile obtains. Vouchers will be supplied to all registered campers. Post your form with 6d. without delay to Pastor F. W. Goodall (Missions), H. T. Johnson (South England), or J. H. Parkin (North England).

We welcome all young people who may be in attendance at the quadrennial session to participate in all the activities of the camp.

A Reminder

It would seem that quite a number of our people are qualifying for the special books of meal tickets for use at the Union Session in August. Others would probably like to do so, but may have forgotten the offer made by the Publishing House at the beginning of the year.

As there is still good time in which to sell the requisite quantities of *Present Truth* or *Good Health*, we are pleased again to call your attention to the stipulations governing the offer:

- For 500 copies of *Present Truth* you get meal tickets value 4/-
- For 500 copies of *Good Health* you get meal tickets value 6/-
- For 1,000 copies of *Present Truth* you get meal tickets value 8/-
- For 1,000 copies of *Good Health* you get meal tickets value 12/-

Don't hesitate to write if you need further particulars.

B. BELTON.

Missionary Volunteer Camp—Quadrennial Session, 1936

I AM planning to attend the Young People's Camp at Stanborough Park (D.V.) July 30th to August 9th.

Name

Address

Age

I enclose registration fee of 6d.

British Union Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists 1936 Quadrennial Session, July 30th to August 9th

PLEASE reserve for me the following accommodation:

Single bedrooms Double bedrooms Private sitting-rooms
for the period inclusive

I wish to take the following meals at my rooms

I wish to take the following meals at the Conference cafeteria

Name in full

Address

Fill up and cut out this form and send to The Secretary, British Union Conference, Stanborough Park, Watford, Herts., who will pass it over to the Location Committee.