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At the Winter Council

By H. W. LOWE

WE are at the Winter Council of the Northern European Division. Skodsborg has a wintry aspect, but it is not a severe winter here. There is the usual cordial welcome which one appreciates always at this great institutional family. Dr. Anderson, the general medical secretary of the Division, and superintendent of this large institution, takes each of us in hand as we enter, with his inimitable kindliness.

About fifty men are in attendance, including Pastors McElhany and Nelson, president and treasurer respectively, of the General Conference. Four men, including the writer, are present from the British Union. English, Swedish, Danish, Norwegian, Polish, Latvian, Estonian, German, and Finnish are the languages one hears in this cosmopolitan group, but most of the delegates understand English which is used at all the meetings. There is a good spirit of brotherliness, which breaks asunder all national barriers.

There are the usual council activities, reports from Union presidents, setting forth progress and needs, reports from mission fields calling attention to the enormous unentered territories and wide open gates in the Dark Continent.

Reports from some of the fields in Europe indicate that slowly but surely our work is being circumscribed, and attempts are being

made to throttle all religious influence. In one country the Adventists are actually a proscribed body. In others, cities are divided into blocks of streets with a supervisor over each block for the purpose of ascertaining the interests, occupations, and whereabouts of

every person living in every house. This is largely in order to control the activities of the youth, and to wean them away from the religious influence of parents. In still other countries, as we know, horrors of war have brought ghastly experiences to our members. So far as we know, none of our members have been killed in the war in Spain, but information is very scarce.

The New Year

*The old year's form lies in the past;
Time's silent tread has reached the day*

*Which ushers in the future vast,
And who its onward march can stay?*

*The moments pass, and gliding on
We find our life, just started, gone.*

*We linger with the dying day,
And scan the past, no longer here;
With ruthless hand we'd brush away
From mem'ry's page the things we fear;*

*But conscience now aroused from sleep
Brings back the past—and lo, we weep.*

*A new year dawns. Ah! who can say
But that this one may be the last;
A new heart seek from Christ to-day,
Forgiveness for the sinful past;
If then His will you'd understand
Just hold, by faith, His pierced hand.*

*'Tis not the time for dark despair,
However black the past may seem,
For e'en now dawns another year,
Oh, lift your eyes to catch the gleam.*

*Now bring your sins to Calv'ry's tree
And in Christ's blood wash and be free.*

STANLEY COMBRIDGE.

All these things constitute a mighty call to prayer. Our people and other honest Christians are in dire need of divine grace in this darksome hour. How thankful we should be, and how prayerfully engaged we should constantly be, in this favoured land of England. We should work, as also we should pray, in an unprecedented manner. Our progress has been slow, far too slow, and we need to arouse ourselves that God may pour upon us such power of the Spirit that our energies may be redoubled, and powers rekindled from on high.

There has been the usual difficulty, perhaps a little more than the usual difficulty, in balancing the budgets, but budgets are not the most important things in life, nor in our work. There is a large programme of missions extension to be carried throughout the whole Division, and the council is essentially a foreign missions council, somewhat after the lines of the

General Conference. There is a fifteen per cent reduction in funds available for our work in the home Unions, and of course, we shall face a serious problem in that respect when we come to our own Union meetings at the close of January. We ask our people to pray that we may know how to plan and operate our work that a reduction of funds may not lead to a reduction of energy. We must increase our own internal resources, we must seek God more earnestly, and work more faithfully, and God will surely give us enlargement in the matter of soul winning and a deeper spiritual experience.

Greetings are sent from many at

this council to the believers in England. It is hoped that the conference presidents throughout the Division may be able to have a conference presidents' council in 1937, and the general desire is that it may be held in England. If such is the case we certainly should welcome these leading brethren into our midst, praying that this gathering may be a source of mutual blessing and uplift.

We extend to one and all our prayerful, sincere Christian wishes that 1937 may be the most blessed year yet experienced. May God give us all greater joy in the Spirit, greater confidence in each other, greater success in His service.

there are signs of trouble for the Advent people. Our only hope is in God's almighty protection, for the good intentions of statesmen seem too weak to contend with the forces of evil. When the storm breaks our work will become more difficult than we can imagine.

We shall not enjoy much longer our opportunity to work in peace and freedom. Peace may quickly disappear, and freedom may go with it, never to return. To-day we still have opportunity to work, if we will. God grant that when the coming storm breaks, our work may have been speeded up, and by God's help, almost finished. Some of us would, we trust, face a whole world of enemies for Christ's sake and prove faithful to the very last. No matter how difficult the task might become through the defect of others, we would not waver in our loyalty. If that spirit is ever to characterize the Advent ranks, *it is needed now.*

The day has come for which we have long looked. It is time to be wholly on the Lord's side, to withhold no sacrifice by which we can advance the Advent message. We must put on the whole armour and close up the ranks. The day of the Lord is at hand. Let not 1937 be as other years. Our hope is that we shall not need to wait till another Winter Council to see if we can answer the calls that to-day must go unanswered. We ask that you will come to the aid of God's suffering cause in such a manner as to make it soon possible for us to supply the needed means. As you in personal consecration as well as in your tithes and offerings and special gifts respond to this earnest appeal, we believe that God will do great things for us, and make 1937 a new beginning in our experience.

Brethren, pray for us. It is our earnest petition that God will unite you with us in the experience of full surrender and unreserved dedication that this time demands of God's remnant people.

NORTHERN EUROPEAN DIVISION.

A Message to Churchmembers

from the Winter Council of the
Northern European Division

Dear Brethren and Sisters in Christ:

We are gathered here in Winter Council from the various parts of the Northern European Division, and desire to send you our cordial greetings. We ourselves have been blessed and strengthened by the fellowship enjoyed in this council, and we rejoice that this same fellowship takes you all in, even to the uttermost parts of the Division; that in Christ we are one people, bound together in one blessed hope, and united in working for its speedy realization.

Proof of this is seen in the fact that, as a Division, we have taken another forward step in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign, passing the total of 1935, and reaching the goal considerably earlier. We rejoice together in this victory and while we give thanks to God for the blessing bestowed on our united endeavour, we wish to express to you also how grateful we are for your self-denying co-operation. It encourages us to look and plan for steady progress when

we see your loyalty to the cause.

It will grieve you, as it does us, that we are not able to respond to some very pressing calls that are coming to us from African mission fields. We are as certain as man can be that God by His opening providences is testing our faith and sincerity by these calls, and the home fields of Europe are willing to make every sacrifice that the calls may be answered, but we have already exhausted the Division's financial resources and are positively unable to do more. We are united, however, in dedicating ourselves to the proclamation of the message with greater efficiency and zeal, and invite you to join us in an entire consecration to the finishing of the work.

As we contemplate our work to-day, you and we face a situation full of peril. You do not need to be persuaded that a world-wide crisis is now upon us, a more threatening one by far than mankind has seen since the days of Noah. Our work is being restricted in many lands, and in others

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Progress in the British Union

Report for 1935 Presented at the Winter Council

By H. W. LOWE

THE blessing of God has rested upon His labourers in the British Isles during 1936. True, the results have not been phenomenal, but in the measure that we have surrendered ourselves for the Spirit's use, the Lord has given His increase.

At the time of writing we have only three quarters' figures available, and these show a gross membership gain of 493, and a net gain of 222 throughout the Union. Our total membership is 5,580. These figures are far too small. We have a conservative people, it is true, but in these late days of the Second Advent movement, we should be winning at least one thousand souls per year. We are conscious of our great need of more abundant spiritual power for soul-winning.

It seems incredible that we are practically an unknown people in Britain. We have scores of towns where the Advent message has never been heard. We have Ireland at our doors; this little island is as difficult and needy a mission field as can be found anywhere, yet we have little or nothing there. Not much more has been done in Scotland.

The visitor to our shores looks at London and concludes there must be a lot of money in England. Doubtless that is true, but our handful of Adventists are a poor people. We have not reached the better classes. One wonders whether our approach to the evangelistic problem in this Union of 50,000,000 people has been altogether the right one.

There are ninety-two ministerial and Bible-workers in our ranks, practically the same as a year ago. Our workers are loyal to the Advent faith and earnestly desire to see God's work finished in this old land. Evangelistically, things are becoming more difficult, especially in the larger cities. Halls are more expensive and cinemas are opening more and more on Sundays. Sunday is our best day for

evangelistic services and the large halls, theatres, and cinemas have been our only means of public evangelism. The secularizing of Sunday is narrowing the number of these places hitherto open to us. It is also increasing the rental value of those left open to us, so that our evangelists have to pay exorbitant prices for hall rents. Our evangelistic budgets are not equal to this increasing expense and we shall have either to increase them or find other means of publishing the good tidings.

Institutionally, with the exception of our College, we have for several years been beset with problems belonging to these trying times. But our Press and our Food Factory are now turning the corner into a place where they should again be making good profits in addition to performing their own peculiar functions in this cause. Indeed, it seems as though both the Granose Foods Factory and The Stanborough Press will make some financial gain for 1936.

Our Sanitarium is not so favourably placed. But plans already in operation should have the effect ultimately of increasing the patronage, as that, combined with a curtailment of operating expense, seems to be the only way of solving present problems. Courageous, prayerful faith will surely bring this institution into the place where it should be.

Great encouragement comes to us when we think of our Newbold College. The enrolment is about 140, and the spiritual environment of the place is unusually good. So crowded has the building become that some of the male students are living in undesirable conditions above stables, and derelict out-houses have been utilized for this purpose also. We are glad to have some thirty students from the Continent this year. Calls for missionaries of various kinds are coming so frequently that, along with the needs of our own Union, they are beyond us to answer. Plans

are contemplated for providing additional facilities for laboratory and library work, as well as for dormitory expansion. Newbold is doing a good work, but it should be doing higher grade work and giving us more and even better recruits for service.

Our total offerings to missions were £11,294 for the first nine months of 1936, and our tithe £20,769. Both these figures are somewhat above the corresponding nine months' figures.

It would appear that our 1936 Harvest Ingathering will come up to the record for 1935 (£10,500), with the exception that we reached our objective for the year in the record time of ten weeks. But it should be pointed out that this has meant extremely concentrated work to the exclusion of practically all else.

Our British lay members and workers are of strong courage in God and send greetings to fellow-believers throughout the Division.

To God be glory and thanks for continued mercy and blessing throughout another year. May our hearts be ever toward God and our energies ever bent toward the conclusion of His soul-saving service on earth.

“I Read a Tract and—”

SOME time ago a collection of experiences was published under the title, *I Paid My Tithe And—*. This tract has been so popular that we would like to issue another called, *I Read a Tract And—*, showing what has been accomplished by such simple means. No doubt many of our members first became acquainted with the truth through a tract, and many more have been blessed in some special way in their Christian experience by this means.

We shall be glad, therefore, if those who have had such experiences would write them out briefly and send them to: The Editor, The Stanborough Press Ltd., Watford, Herts., *immediately*, so that we can prepare the new booklet without delay.

Many of our members must also have had remarkable experiences in their work of tract distribution.

If gathered together, these would give us another very valuable tract which might be called, *I Gave a*

Tract And—So please also send any such experiences to us *at once*. W. L. EMMERSON.

to talk with every individual on earth about the message. If we gave ten Bible readings a month, or circulated two tracts a day everywhere in the various languages on earth in which we now have literature, or if we wrote a letter once a week, what would not the result be? If this church would rise as one man and all do their best for the Lord Jesus, it would not be many years, and scarcely many months, before all mankind could know of the Lord's return. To-day it is as true as it was of Israel of old when Caleb said, "We are well able to go up and possess the land." The truth is, the work may be much more nearly finished now than any of us understand. The great impelling need now is that every member take some part in God's work.

The "Win One" plan is of divine origin. Personal witnessing is the highest duty and the most glorious privilege of every child of God. It is now the strength of the Advent movement, and has been from the start. Oh that during 1937 every Seventh-Day Adventist on earth would adopt this plan!

A Personal "Win One" Message

By L. H. CHRISTIAN

It seems especially appropriate just at this time to call attention to the admonition of the apostle Paul when he said, "Neglect not the gift that is in thee." 1 Tim. 4:14. Many men, and more women, fail in life because they underestimate their own abilities. Not seeing these resources, they do not harness them up for use. Thousands of Christians, too, have an up-and-down experience because they are blind to the rich store of power God has placed within their reach. They are weak and uncertain where they might be strong and definite, if they would let the Lord help. What would not the Lord do for us, if we would only exercise faith! (Mark 6:5, 6; Psa. 81:13-16.)

In the same way the Adventist church to-day comes short. God has given us marvellous light. He has placed within our hands spiritual resources for work beyond that which was ever committed to His church in any previous age. But very often we fail to take stock of these possibilities and to see the marvellous things God would do for us. The Lord has given us a distinct truth and a definite goal. Our task is to bring this everlasting Gospel to all the world in this generation. When that work is finished then shall the end come.

Many times we find people saying that they do not think this is possible. They claim that it will take us hundreds of years to accomplish that task. We believe it could be done within months. Think what tools God has given us with which to work. We can write letters; we can make missionary visits; we can sell books; we can give away papers; we can nurse the sick; we can visit the poor; we can hold cottage meetings; we can talk the truth through the radio; we can print signs about the message on our gates and along

the roads, or even by aeroplanes up in the sky. We can do other things. Above all, we can testify personally to the love and goodness of God and thus make plain present truth. One thing is as sure as the Rock of Ages—the preachers alone cannot warn the world in our day, but the church can. It is not God's plan that so-called Gospel workers only are to give this truth to mankind. Every member has the privilege and duty of sharing in this glorious activity.

Think for a moment of what we as a people could do. Counting some of the young people not yet baptized, we have about half a million members. If every one of these personally contacted an average of five souls a day for Jesus, it would be possible in two years

Past, Present, and Future

By F. W. GOODALL

As we turn the pages of the old year we cannot help but think of the wonderful achievements of 1936. Our minds go back to the opening days of the past year, when we laid our plans for the various departmental activities. We set our goals, we prepared our promotion material, and set our aims to do greater things than ever before.

And now as we review the past, the first question which arises in our mind is, What have we accomplished? Have we reached our aims? Have we achieved all that we set out to do? Well, we can answer that question by a very positive answer. We have indeed been surprised at the wonderful co-operation from our whole membership in carrying out these plans. With such whole-hearted support from all our officers and leaders in the churches, and a full response

from our membership, we have been able to achieve great things. Under the blessing of God we have accomplished that which we set out to do.

First, we think of the Tract Campaign, which was an overwhelming success, so much so that we wondered how we might meet the extra expense involved, because of the larger sales of *Present Truth*, which resulted in a larger number of tracts being made available for the churches. This problem, however, has been overcome, though it has been a little difficult. Yet the fact that our churches have been provided with such excellent tracts has indeed been a great encouragement to us.

Then we think of the circulation of our literature by our members—*Present Truth*, *Good Health*, as well as small books and tracts. Never before has there been such

a wonderful response to literature ministry.

Then we think of the good success attending our Missions Extension Campaign, or Big Week. As we look at the figures we can hardly believe that we have increased almost £50, and still the figures are not complete.

Then, when we come to the great campaign of the year, the Harvest Ingathering, we can truly say that never in the whole history of our work in this field have we seen such whole-hearted support by our members. As this was the twenty-first year of this campaign, the appeal was made that we should break all records. As we write, we have before us the figures which, though incomplete, tell us the wonderful story that we have gone beyond the record of 1935, and exceeded all the figures through the years. We wonder what the final figure will show.

Then in our Sabbath-school Department we are greatly encouraged by the good progress which has been made through the year. We expect that when our report is made up for the last quarter we shall be able to report the highest Sabbath-school membership yet attained—almost 5,600. Then in our offerings we are also able to show a good increase, and that in spite of the wonderful increase made during the previous year, so that we expect to reach over £5,000. In addition, of course, our members have been studying the wonderful lessons prepared, and who can tell the results that have already come to us and that will come to us in the years that lie before us?

Then we think of our young people's work. We have now 1,700 or more young people and children in our ranks, and the numbers are still increasing, so that we hope that we shall go beyond the 2,000 mark that we have set as our goal.

Space forbids giving the full story of the wonderful experiences which have come to us in our departmental work. Here is one page from our book of experiences. One of our veteran members, who is doing faithful work, sends in this report. During the year he has circulated 2,681 copies of *Present Truth*, 635 copies of *Good Health*,

36 *Bedtime Stories*, 6 copies of *The Bible Speaks*, and in addition he has collected £36 in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign.

This is not bad for a member who is over eighty years of age, is it?

These wonderful reports, which are still coming in, fill us with gratitude and with confidence that the future will surpass all that has been accomplished before. We therefore lift up our eyes and view the untrodden path before us in this new year 1937. In the words of the poet we would say:

Heaven is not reached at a single bound;

A Message to Young People

By C. LESTER BOND

As the old year slips into the past and the new year dawns, there are some things which we should forget. Among these are the sorrows we have known—the dark hours, the days of pain and anguish, the days of disappointment and defeat. They are all in the past. Let us not live in them any longer. Let us know that these things have their place in life; let us hope we have learned the lessons they would teach, and then let us go forward.

The clean pages of a new year lie before us—pages representing new opportunities for serving the great army of youth in our ranks, pages representing new inspirations that will come through our association with the fine boys and girls and youth of the church. They are your boys and girls—and mine—and God is counting upon us as their guardians to help them catch a vision of the opportunities which lie before them. What a challenge this is! God would have every one of them come to know Him as an intimate, personal Friend and Saviour. He would have them grow daily in the Christian life.

"Beginning in the morning of life, controlled by the laws of nature and of God, the Christian moves steadily onward and upward, daily drawing nearer his heavenly

But we build the ladder by which we rise
From the lowly earth to the vaulted skies

And we mount to its summit round by round. —J. C. Holland.

May we also in the words of a leading writer experience this prayer:

"God, give me hills to climb,
And strength for climbing."

May we take this opportunity of expressing to our church officers and leaders and every member, including our isolated believers, our warmest thanks and appreciation for the good help they have given, and our best wishes for success and blessing in the new year.

home, where await for him a crown of life, and a new name, 'which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it.' Constantly he grows in happiness, in holiness, in usefulness. The progress of each year exceeds that of the past year." —*Messages to Young People*, page 95.

This experience should be that not only of our fine Christian youth, but also of ourselves. And as we enter the new year, may God help every one of us to keep our hearts and lives yielded fully to Him and dedicated to the work to which we have been called.

We greet you from the Young People's Department of the General Conference. Every worker here is interested in you and in your problems, for your problems are our problems. We remember you in our prayers, and we beg an interest in your petitions before the throne of grace. During this new year let us work shoulder to shoulder and hand in hand, that by the grace of God greater things may be achieved for the youth of the church.

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"He who beholds the Saviour's matchless love will be elevated in thought, purified in heart, transformed in character. He will go forth to be a light to the world."

Field Missionary Department

Secretaries:

Union	G. D. King
South England	A. W. Cook
North England	B. Belton

Twenty-one Souls Won

I AM glad to see by the Union goal chart that twenty-one have been won through our efforts this year.

Brother C. B. Holloway just tells me that in addition to the two persons recently brought to obey the commandments through his house-to-house work in Ilkeston, *the mother of one of them has now commenced keeping the Sabbath* and is paying tithe. Still another friend of theirs is becoming very interested and is attending the meetings.

B. BELTON.

Maid again returns and says: "Mrs. Blank will see you *now*."

The lady arrives and her interest is soon awakened. Then Brother Smith states: "You will readily see I could not have explained this without a personal interview, Mrs. Blank."

MRS. BLANK: "No, of course not."

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Consecration, plus skill and tact. That is how the colporteur-evangelist works. And what a wonderful fruitage there will surely be at last in the kingdom of God!

B. BELTON.



Colporteur A. Smith

only been able to supply literature to this one searching soul she said she would have felt amply repaid.

On Sabbath she gave out *Tidens Tale* and *Evangelists Sendebud*. Oh that more would get the burden of being colporteur-evangelists. Again and again this lady was approached on the street and asked for more of those good books. What a joy, what a privilege, what a pleasure it was for her to be able to do so.

Among the 200 houses in Spitzbergen, this sister left 156 large books and twenty small ones. The sister has returned to her own country, but the silent messengers are continuing to preach. Only eternity will reveal the results.

We need more faithful colporteur-evangelists! L. A. VIXIE.

The Colporteur at Work

GETTING past the maid at the large houses is often a matter that requires consecrated selling ability and tact.

A few days ago it was my privilege to accompany Brother A. Smith of Grimsby to residential territory seeking orders for *Our Wonderful Bible*. We were blessed with success at many homes.

I was interested in the following experience at one house:

BROTHER SMITH (to the maid): "Good morning, will you please tell Mrs. Blank that Mr. Smith has called to speak with her for just a moment or so."

The servant retires and the mistress is overheard to say with some emphasis, "I can't see him."

Return of the girl, who says, "Mrs. Blank is so busy that she cannot see you this morning, so will you give me the message?"

BROTHER SMITH: "Will you please take this message then. Mr. Smith says that his visit is of such unusual interest that it necessitates a personal interview of two or three minutes. If, however, it is not possible *now*, we could arrange a later appointment."

A Wonderful Experience

It is very difficult to enter Spitzbergen and much more difficult to gain permission to sell books. Applications for selling anything had been refused so many times, but still one of our sisters was determined to bring the printed page to Spitzbergen. Fortunately she had a sister living there and through her she was admitted into Spitzbergen and allowed to sell books.

Only two hours after landing in Spitzbergen, our sister was so eager to circulate the message that she began taking orders. In one hour's canvassing she secured twenty orders. At the end of fifty-six hours she had 155 orders for *In the Master's Service*, seventeen for *Bedtime Stories*, three for *Steps to Christ*, and one for *A Glimpse of Our Day*. The total amount in value was £57. 1s. 6d. After a few days they were not only orders taken but orders delivered. Some who had ordered books were on holiday, but neighbours took them and paid for them. One man whom she met had heard Pastor Tillgren's lectures in Tromsø and was eager for literature. If she had

At Rest

DYBLE.—James William Dyble, born at Dersingham, Norfolk, departed this life on December 18, 1936, at the age of sixty-eight, and was laid to rest in the Great Northern Cemetery, New Southgate, on December 23rd. The service was held in the Cemetery Chapel. Our brother was a quiet, much esteemed member of the Wood Green Church of North London. His faith in the soon coming of the Lord gave him much spiritual calm and inward happiness. He never missed bringing home the gist of the sermons to his dear appreciative wife, whose health and advanced age prevented her attendance at times. The call of the Lord was very unexpected, but our dear brother was "ready" to answer the call. His decease was quite painless. Brother Dyble leaves a widow and one son. They and his relatives, who greatly mourn their loss, have our deepest sympathy in their loss, which is equally our own. They and we however look forward to the day when they shall see him again at the great resurrection.

R. T. S. COLTHURST.

Pentecostal Experiences in Nigeria

By W. McCLEMENTS

OUR recent camp meetings in Ibo country have been excellent. A spirit of courageous enthusiasm pervaded the gatherings. Our two Yoruba pastors returned to their own field much encouraged. It was a new experience for them to attend a camp meeting with five thousand believers present. Today a new record of the Acts of the Holy Spirit is being written. Perhaps a few experiences may be of interest.

Africans generally indulge in long sermons, but our worker told how he had preached a "short but scaring sermon," which resulted in the conversion of several fetish worshippers. Another related the story of a young woman who had been possessed of evil spirits for a long time. Tortured by these spirits she had no peace and lived mostly in the forest. Finally she came into contact with our teacher, and through earnest prayer was delivered from the evil spirits and converted to the third angel's message. Now her mother, sisters, and others have joined our church.

A poor woman had been seriously ill for nineteen years. She had spent large sums of money paying fetish doctors and making expensive offerings to the displeased gods. Still the disease continued unabated until Teacher Marcus told her of the Great Physician. Prayer was offered and a remarkable cure took place. The Lord is honouring the strong faith of these simple people. Answers to prayer are widely spoken of throughout the surrounding villages, and are followed by the conversion of many.

Two years ago I reported the conversion of a notorious medicine man. He burned his idols publicly, gave up seventeen wives, built a prayer house, and has given himself to lay evangelism. This has resulted in many of his former colleagues consigning their idols to the flames. Teacher Ukebu said: "One man burned his big ju-ju and sent one of his two wives away. She was unwilling, and proceeded

to take out a summons against him, but he said he could not keep two wives any longer, took her by the hand, and led her home to her parents."

The message exerts a strong influence on our young people. Boys go without food for days rather than partake of food offered to idols. This is a test, for African boys are generally ready for a meal, and food prepared for an idol feast is of a very choice kind. However, these young people stood firm.

Stephen Obonna told us that fifty people were won to the message in his district as a direct result of the Ingathering work.

B. I. Tikili, an African pastor, said: "Budo was a man-eating country not long ago, but now we have twenty believers there. The truth had been carried by some of our faithful members who had gone to that village to trade in fish." Following the camp meetings, when over a hundred people were baptized, we visited Budo and had the privilege of immersing three souls. These people wanted to keep us over-night, but we were pressed for time.

Brother Edmonds recently had a chief and some men come to see him. These told of a company of forty Sabbath-keepers who were wanting an Adventist missionary. Pastor Tikili has visited the village and reports over eighty observing the Sabbath. For a long time they did not know that there were any other people keeping the Sabbath other than the few at Budo.

We ask God's people to pray for our workers and believers, that they may be filled with the Holy Spirit and prepared to do their part in finishing the work in Nigeria.

Ibadan, Nigeria, West Africa.



"THE self-sacrifice, the sympathy, the love, manifested in the life of Christ, are to reappear in the life of the workers for God."

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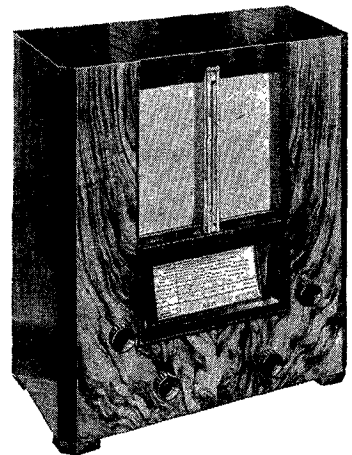
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Notes from the Superintendent

THE Week of Prayer was a great blessing to our people, the meetings never were better attended and all appreciated Brother Emerson's visit.

WE are conducting three fairly large evangelistic campaigns and five small efforts this year. As workers we have unitedly set our goal to increase our membership considerably.

It has been a great privilege to have Dr. Marcus and family with us and we feel very sorry that the time has come for us to say good-bye, but we shall ever remember

them before the throne of grace, that the Lord will continue to bless them mightily as they go back to their field of labour.

THE medical students are all making good progress in Edinburgh and Glasgow. Pastor S. Bull, a returned missionary from Egypt, is also doing advanced work in the Edinburgh University. Our students are taking an active part in all church work and are ever ready to assist, in any way, so far as their time will allow.

WE ask for a continued interest in your prayers that the work may advance rapidly during the year 1937.

L. MURDOCH.

Notes from the Union President

DURING the closing days of the old year we were privileged to have in the British Union Elders J. L. McElhany and W. E. Nelson, the president and treasurer, respectively, of the General Conference. They were just able to visit Newbold, Stanborough Park, and London. We believe that this short visit has been of great blessing to the field and has given our brethren a little insight into some of the possibilities and problems that we are facing in this land.

ELDER W. G. TURNER, recently appointed a vice-president of the General Conference after years of service as president of the Australasian Division is, at the moment, in England and is rendering efficient help at the Colporteurs' Institute now in session. He plans to leave shortly with his family for Washington.

A VERY good spirit indeed is pervading the Colporteurs' Institute, and we are expecting a very

definite forward move in our colporteur work as a result. It would be a wonderful thing if, in thinking of new recruits to the colporteur ministry, we could have the thought of "One a Week" for 1937. At all events we certainly should have twenty-five new colporteur-evangelists in our ranks during the year 1937.

ARRANGEMENTS have been made for featuring a larger number of mission articles in the MESSENGER during 1937. These articles will be short and designed to bring information and inspiration to our membership. We need to increase our mission gifts as we think of the great advancement that must come to the cause of God everywhere.

It is specially requested that all mission gifts go through the usual channels, which means either through the local church, or the conference or the Union office. The reason for this is that there is a

special arrangement whereby the General Conference appropriates, for work in the British Union, a certain proportion of the total amount we raise for missions in any one year.

ENCOURAGING reports come from our evangelistic force. Some of the preachers are now meeting with the usual opposition. We should therefore remember them the more earnestly and constantly in our prayers.

H. W. LOWE.

Wedding Bells

SHARPE-SHENTON.—On December 28, 1936, at Cambridge, Brother Arthur W. Sharpe and Sister Gladys M. Shenton were united in marriage by Pastor L. E. A. Lane of Holloway, London, assisted by the minister of The Hills Road Methodist Church. The ceremony was witnessed by a large number of members and friends of the Advent Church, where Sister Shenton had been Sabbath-School superintendent for some time.

The ceremony was conducted in the Methodist Church and the reception was in the hall at the back of the church. It was indeed a very pretty wedding.

Brother Sharpe is an isolated member, living at Manea, Cambridgeshire. Sister Shenton formerly came from the Stoke-on-Trent church.

We all wish them both God's richest blessing and much happiness in their united service for His cause.

E. S. RULE.

"WORKERS for Christ are never to think, much less to speak, of failure in their work. The Lord Jesus is our efficiency in all things; His Spirit is to be our inspiration; and as we place ourselves in His hands, to be channels of light, our means of doing good will never be exhausted."

SUNSET CALENDAR

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Jan. 15th	4.20	4.19	4.33	4.12	4.34
Jan. 22nd	4.29	4.28	4.42	4.23	4.42

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