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## Twenty-Five Years in South America

A WONDERFUL day is coming, June 26, 1937, the Silver Jubilee of the world-wide-known Thirteenth Sabbath Offering plan. With heart-thrilling anticipation and feelings of joy we look forward to this Jubilee celebration. And there is a reason for our joy and anticipation of this day.

Contemplating this Jubilee, we can but let our memory wander back over the twenty-five years since the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering plan was first inaugurated. Well, perhaps only a small percentage of our present Sabbath-school membership can really do this, for the great majority of our more than half a million members have joined our Sabbath-schools since 1912. But permit me to take you back through memory's halls to view these twenty-five years. No, wait, I must first take you back just fifty years, back, back to 1887, when for the first time our Sabbath-schools gave their offerings to missions. To be sure it was only a paltry sum then; but it was the beginning of greater things.

Well, twenty-five years passed by and our Sabbath-schools entered the millionaire class, having raised a million dollars for missions during those first twenty-five years of giving. A millionaire! Yes, and that was a time of rejoicing, inasmuch that in June, 1912, just twenty-five years ago, the editor of the *Sabbath-School Worker* wrote the following striking words:

By N. P. NIELSEN

"The Sabbath-schools of this denomination are now in the millionaire class. In 1887 by their gifts to the Lord's work in mission lands they opened up a deposit account in the bank of heaven. Regularly each

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### SILVER JUBILEE

#### of the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering Plan

It may seem early to call attention to the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering on June 26th, this year, but there is a reason. We have a series of articles on this subject, prepared by leaders from all over the world, and these will appear during the quarter, some in this paper and others in the *Leader*.

It is desired to make this "Silver Jubilee" of the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering plan a "double offering" day. It is a great opportunity to bring advancement to our large but needy mission interests. If we plan ahead and make the growth of God's cause a matter of prayerful consideration, we can succeed. H. W. LOWE.

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week every school has made a deposit, and on Sabbath, December 28, 1911, they had \$1,085,551.54 (£217,110) to their credit.

"This large sum has been distributed in almost every country on the globe. It helped start the work in Australia; ten thousand of it went to South Africa, and an equal amount

to England; it built the ship *Pitcairn*, that carried the message to the islands of the Pacific; it gave substantial aid to the establishment of the work in Hamburg and other places in Europe, fields now self-supporting. The West Indies, Mexico, and Central America each had a share; India, Japan, and China received gifts for a length of time; the countries bordering on the Mediterranean received a portion; and in these later years in whatever part of the world the need has been the greatest, the Sabbath-school money has been speedily sent."

That same year, now twenty-five years ago, the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering plan was suggested and the following notice was sent out to all our Sabbath-schools:

#### "A NEW PLAN

"Our Sabbath-school offerings have increased so splendidly that it is thought we may have a special object for which to set apart the gifts of one Sabbath each quarter. The General Conference has voted to allow us to select the last Sabbath in each quarter as a day when we may donate to a special object. . . . A leaflet setting forth all the features of this plan has been prepared. Copies have been mailed to the schools; but if any have been missed, address Sabbath-School Department, Takoma Park, Washington, D.C."

This was twenty-five years ago, and now what have been the results? Did the plan succeed? Oh yes, for during these twenty-five years the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering plan has brought in nearly £1,400,000 toward our world-wide

mission work! Surely there is a reason for our rejoicing and for holding our Silver Jubilee!

What has this Thirteenth Sabbath Offering plan done for our work in South America? Much in every way, so much that the story is too long to be completely told in this brief article. It has helped to build and equip our Collegio Adventista, located near Sao Paulo, Brazil, where many of our Brazilian young people have received their training and to-day are faithful workers in this cause.

It has helped to build the East Brazil Union Mission headquarters located at Nictheroy, Rio de Janeiro, and without which this Union would be greatly handicapped. It has aided in building the South Brazil Union headquarters in Sao Paulo, Brazil, headquarters so greatly needed. It has helped to establish and support the Araguaya Indian mission work in the interior of Brazil, where dwell the Caraja tribe.

It has helped to build the Juliaca Clinica in the highlands of Peru, enabling hundreds and other hundreds of the poor Indians to receive much-needed treatment; and without which many would have perished, not knowing the truth. One doctor writes about this clinic: "If any of our medical institutions are needed and appreciated; this one is."

It has enabled us to build mission homes among the Indians around the world-renowned Lake Titicaca, where thousands are now rejoicing in the truth.

It has helped to establish the Coniba and Ucayali Mission stations, as well as the Sandia mission for the Indians living in the lower altitudes of Peru, many of whom were in densest darkness of superstition.

It has helped to furnish means for the establishment of our Indian training school, located at Cochabamba, Bolivia, where our Aymara and Quechua Indian young people receive their training to become teachers and evangelists among their own people.

It has helped to buy land, erect a mission home, and carry forward our medical missionary work in

the Yungas district of Bolivia, where the needs are so many, and the poverty is so great.

It has helped us to build—

But what shall I say more, for space and memory will fail me to tell of the many places in the different sections of our division field that have received help through the plan of the Thirteenth Sabbath Offerings! Where would our work have been to-day if we had not received this help? No one can tell. Eternity alone will reveal the good that has come to this cause through the plan adopted twenty-five years ago.

We notice that during the year 1911, the last of this preceding

twenty-five year period, the Sabbath-schools raised £31,293 for missions. Now, may it not be possible that our Sabbath-schools on this Silver Jubilee Sabbath will be able to raise an amount equal to what was raised during 1911? Yes, can we not make this *one Sabbath's offering* equal to the *whole year's offering* twenty-five years ago? What do you say? Shall we not show our appreciation of this plan by bringing our largest gift ever made to the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering? With deep interest we shall watch for the final results. We wish you a special blessing from heaven on this Silver Jubilee day!

## A Unique Occasion

By F. W. GOODALL

THE Stanborough Park Sunday-school Anniversary on Sunday, March 21st, was indeed an unusual occasion for the Stanborough Park Church. Never before perhaps in the history of the church have so many children and friends from the homes of non-Adventists been present. The children had been gathered together through the Sunday-school, and had been attending regularly for a year. The superintendents, Brother Raitt and the late Brother B. Craven, along with the teachers, have done splendid work.

A full programme had been prepared of suitable hymns and recitations and Scripture memory verses. Under the leadership of Brother H. Pearce, the children sang their songs. The opening hymn:

"Sing, for the world rejoiceth full of thankful mirth,  
Sing for delightful music filleth the heaven and earth"

expressed the feelings of the children.

The chairman, Pastor H. W. Lowe, introduced the items and made favourable comment. He spoke of the splendid work which had been done, and of the prospects that lay ahead. Brother Raitt, the superintendent of the Sunday-school, introduced his remarks by speaking to the children as "My friends the children." He gave a

hearty welcome to the parents who were present.

It was a pleasant sight to see some seventy children on the platform, taking their part in this anniversary. One item especially was attractive and impressive. Sixteen tiny tots from the kindergarten department marched on to the platform and presented their item entitled, "Ten Naughty Little Birds."

One of the songs went with a splendid swing. I do not think anyone will forget the words of the chorus, in which they were invited to join. It runs:

"Be a hero, be a hero,  
Stand up bravely for the right.  
Be a hero, be a hero,  
Be a hero in the fight."

A recitation entitled, "Are all the children in?" must have left an impression upon the parents and friends who were present. A duet, "Jesus bids us shine," by two of the young girls was also very ably rendered.

The talk by the superintendent was illustrated in a very impressive way from Luke 6:38. He told how God gives good measure to all, and as we endeavour to be kind and generous we shall also receive good measure, shaken together, pressed down, and running over.

An offering was taken up for the benefit of the youngest member of the Sunday-school, just three years of age, who had been seri-

ously ill. The little one had been given up by the family doctor. Then the parents were invited by the Sunday-school officers to let their little one come into The Stanboroughs Hospital. She was so benefited by the treatment that was there given that, under the blessing of God, she was restored to health and strength. It was fitting, therefore, that an offering should be taken up to help defray the cost of the very expensive treatment that had to be given.

The afternoon programme ended all too quickly. In the evening we gathered together again for community singing, under the leadership of Brother H. Pearce, followed by a further anniversary service. Pastor H. W. Lowe took the Scripture reading and gave the address. He introduced his thought in a very homely way, showing how all mothers desire the best for their children, but sometimes have favourites. God overrules, however, in each life, as he did in the case of Jacob. He mentioned that when Jacob was left alone he found God in his loneliness. He closed his address by making an appeal to all friends present to attend regularly the Stanborough Park Church—"the church in the woods"—and find a home where they could worship God.

Miss Hadley rendered an impressive solo, which had been dedicated to the children, the chorus of which left happy memories in the minds of all present:

"Life has pleasant sunshine,  
Life has fragrant flow'rs.  
Life has happy music  
In the morning hours.  
Life has pleasant sunshine,  
Life has fragrant flow'rs.  
Life has happy music  
In the morning hours."

We are sure that such work among the children will not go unrewarded. We believe that in all our churches throughout the land special work could be done among the children by organizing Sunday-schools or children's meetings, thus helping to win them for Christ. Here is an avenue of service that should appeal to many of our young people, as well as to older members who are interested in children's work.

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### Notes from the Superintendent

CERTAIN changes have been effected in the staff of the Welsh Mission since our last contribution to the MESSENGER. The Irish Mission called for Brother Nicholson for work in Cork, while the North England Conference requested the services of Brother Edwards for work in the Tyneside area. For Brother Nicholson it meant wrenching himself away from the field of his adoption since his graduation. The Welsh Mission members will follow Brother Nicholson's future activities with prayerful interest. Brother Edwards was given a great "send-off" by the Newport church. The friends there were loathe to part with one whose ministry was so much appreciated.

WE have already welcomed one of the two workers who are to replace these brethren. He is Brother Paul Cumings, and is stationed, temporarily, in Newport, pending the arrival of Pastor Munson at the end of April.

RECENTLY we had an encouraging letter from Brother R. T. Bolton, of Shrewsbury, where, in addition to his pastoral activities in North Wales, he is seeking to enlarge the membership of the Salop church. For this purpose he is using our own church hall plus a newly-acquired lantern outfit. A few people are showing signs of real interest, which we pray will develop so as to fulfil expectations. Brother Bolton has a number of helpers who serve on the "plan" for that area, viz., Sisters Cooper, Smith, and Bolton, and Brethren Davies, of Rhos, and F. Davies, of Rhyl.

SISTER COOPER reports some very interesting and hopeful developments in the Rhyl area. Homes are opening up for Bible studies and there are encouraging signs of an awakening in homes

and hearts which augurs well for the future.

IN Cardiff, Brother Smart reports that two of his *Good Health* readers, a husband and wife, have accepted the message, and that others are having Bible studies. This is welcome news. We hope to hear of many such experiences in Wales. Remember, dear fellow-members, that "they that be teachers shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever."

WHAT did you do in the Tract Campaign? We are glad to pass on the fact that the Cardiff church excelled itself this year by taking 1,500 copies of the *Present Truth* "special."

MAY we remind you of the date of the Welsh Annual Conference in Cardiff. It is May 14th to 17th, including the whole of Whit-Monday. Now is the time for every church and company to appoint their delegates and send the list in to us. And will you please send in, at an early date, your apartment applications. We would like them in before the end of April. Let us make the 1937 annual meeting the best ever! S. GEORGE HYDE.

### Railway Facilities for Campers

THE announcement in a recent issue of the MESSENGER respecting reduced fares for campers was not quite correct. The concessions are as follow:

Young people under sixteen years of age will travel at half single fare for the return journey.

From sixteen to eighteen, single fare for the return journey.

Over eighteen, the ordinary single fare and one-third.

Then one adult travelling with eight juniors is allowed to travel at single fare for the return journey. F. W. GOODALL.

## A Busy Year at Newbold

By W. G. MURDOCH

THE greatest treasure this denomination has is the young people, and as a church it is our solemn responsibility to see that they are trained according to God's programme of education. Reports from all our schools and colleges the world around tell us that never before have we had so many of our youth in our own schools. Over one hundred thousand Seventh-Day Adventist young people are being sheltered in our cities of refuge and from day to day are receiving instruction and guidance from God-fearing teachers.

At Newbold we have had an unusually busy year. As we look back upon the three quarters that are passed, we can see the prospering hand of the Lord upon us, and many of the younger members who came to us last August without a knowledge of this truth have testified that here they have found their Saviour. After Christmas we organized our baptismal class and several interested members from the village around have joined and are planning to be baptized and to fellowship with our College church.

The increase in the enrolment of students has brought a corresponding increase in spiritual activities. The Week of Prayer was a great blessing. The Harvest Ingathering exceeded anything the school has done before by the sum of £100. The number of papers sold during the Tract Campaign has almost been doubled, and now we are preparing for the Missions Extension drive. From our tithe, offerings, and Harvest Ingathering we disbursed last year to the North England Conference the sum of £1,060. Every Sunday a band of some twenty-five students has gone out with literature and their sales have kept up remarkably well. The prospects for the summer colporteur work are encouraging; seventy have already joined this class, so we are looking forward to many scholarships this year. The open-air efforts in the city of Coventry have been well attended. As many as one thousand people

have heard the message on a Sunday evening, and we are sure the seed that has been sown will bring an abundant harvest.

We plan to have a graduating class of sixteen; eleven young men and five young ladies. This will make a total of seventy-one graduates from Newbold Missionary College, most of whom are at present in the work and all, with but one exception, have remained faithful to the truth. As teachers we feel that our labours have been blessed of heaven. These young people are "our joy and crown of rejoicing in the Lord; they are our reward."

From a scholastic standpoint our work was never stronger. We have a staff of fully qualified teachers and the grade of work expected of the student is of a high quality.

The industrial departments are progressing and furnishing more profitable labour to assist the young people with their finances. By the kind help of the Board great improvements have been made in the dairy department. A modern milking plant has been installed and is giving every satisfaction. At present there is a milk yield of sixty-five gallons a day. Our gardener is kept busy getting his soil and seeds prepared. Already 1,200 tomato plants are almost three feet high and it looks as though an early crop is assured. An out-of-season crop means greatly increased prices for the product. One of the old stables has been remodelled and is now a first-class textile factory. We have four Auto Swift knitting machines installed. This was made possible by the British Union and also by a kind donor who is a very great friend and patron of the school.

Newbold is beginning to play a larger part in our Northern European Division. Young people from other countries are constantly making application to attend, but our accommodation is limited. We have many needs, but we are thankful for the kind and sympathetic Board that is giving study to our

## Newbold Missionary College

### A Training-Ground

problems and are hoping for great things in the near future.

All prospective students who plan to come next year should make early application. The graduation exercises will be held on Sunday, May 9th. Last year

### Student-Colporteurs

We have just finished a most inspiring and profitable Student Colporteurs' Institute at Newbold Missionary College. One could not help feeling impressed by the fine group of students this year who are planning to go out into the field and work on the Scholarship Plan. As we mingled with the students it was evident that they were eager to do all they could to get a good Christian experience during their summer's vacation. We are confident that God has a rich blessing in store for our young people as they engage in house-to-house work with our truth-filled literature.

Prior to the institute several Gospel salesmanship classes were held and talks given at chapel exercises. A great challenge was presented to the students in these devotional periods. The young people of the world are attempting great things these days. Surely God wants us to launch out and expect great things in His service. The number of volunteers for service was such that several of the students had to be asked to stand by until next year.

The institute was greatly enriched by the presence of Pastor L. A. Vixie, Field Missionary Secretary of the Northern European Division, and Pastor Weak, General Conference Publishing Department Secretary. Their wise

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approximately eight hundred people were present, and from the reports that are coming to us it looks as though this year that number will be exceeded. We extend to all a very cordial welcome to be present on this occasion.

## Institute at Newbold

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counsel and instruction was more than appreciated, and their practical help did much in making the institute a real success. With the splendid co-operation of the College faculty, some of the classes were dropped each day so as to give this time to the students for the preparation for their summer's work.

Practical demonstrations were a special feature of the institute, together with instruction on the canvass. After some four days spent in this way forty-three students were accepted on the Scholarship Plan, and assigned definite territory. The students chose their own territory and we were happy in being able to comply with their wishes. Twenty-one will work in the South England Conference, fourteen in the North England Conference, four go to Scotland, four to Ireland, and two to Wales.

On Sabbath morning Pastor Weak's gave a most interesting report of our publishing work throughout the world field. Stories were told of how God is using the printed page in transforming lives of all nationalities. In the afternoon a student colporteurs' symposium, with special music, made a fitting close. Eight took part in the service and the experiences related will not easily be forgotten. God's leading providence was clearly

seen, and all were impressed that the experience gained in the literature ministry was of the highest order and of the greatest importance in obtaining an all-round Christian education.

It is interesting to report that no less than seventeen young ladies are entering the field in quest of scholarships this year. The prospects are bright and encouraging for the summer's work. The past institute has been termed by many as "the best student institute of recent years." This was due

largely to the splendid spirit of co-operation among all who took part. We invite you all to pray for our student colporteur-evangelists. Remember them constantly before the throne of grace. Add their names to your prayer list. We are expecting great things from our student colporteurs, for with their faith and consecration in the seemingly impossible, backed by your prayers and interest, together with practical help in the field, this year should prove the best student scholarship year of all.

## An Open Letter to the Student-Colporteurs

By F. J. KINMAN

Dear Student-Colporteur,

I UNDERSTAND that you have recently held a very successful institute at Newbold and that a large number of students contemplate going into the battle against the enemy with our truth-filled books this summer, and are looking forward to returning to school at the end of the canvassing period with the whole or part of your scholarship showing on the tabular report.

I know that a number of you are perhaps a little apprehensive about your prospects. It is true that in some districts times are pretty hard, but, my friends, I want to tell you that you have no need to get anxious if your heart is right with the Lord and you carry out the excellent principles of Gospel salesmanship in which you have been instructed.

The successful colporteur to-day needs to be full of ideas, and those ideas need to be put into practice. Someone has said, "When a good idea comes into your head, don't give it a seat, put it to work." It has become really necessary nowadays that the colporteur should be constantly seeking new ideas and putting them to work. Not because the world has any less money, but because people have used themselves to a stereotyped phrase, "Economy."

Do not, my friend, however, accept the idea that times are bad, for the regularly employed man was

never better off than he is at the present time. The price of food commodities was never lower, generally speaking, than to-day in comparison with the wages that are being paid. Indeed, even the unemployed man is well off compared with what his position was in the years gone by.

You can rest assured that there are still some more scholarships awaiting you if you care to go after them. But mind you it needs a little extra hard work. As the end of time draws near it will become more and more difficult, therefore it will need more effort. In these times the colporteur needs to study his Bible, he needs to study his book, and he needs also to study the art of Christian salesmanship. Personally I believe it is the finest calling in which a young Christian can engage.

I have spent a number of years working among military men and have always been treated with the greatest respect.

Previous to that I had the pleasure of canvassing among the racing fraternity. I found many of those jockeys real little gentlemen (I say little because of the small stature which is necessary to their riding success).

I am quite ready to agree that the colporteur has his ups and downs, sometimes more downs than ups, because he often has to meet people with a brain superior to

his own. Then some people will engage him in a discussion quite irrelevant to his work so that the canvasser will quite forget what he went to the house for.

I had an experience like that one day: I called upon an admiral who was so voluble that whilst I was taken up with his fluency of speech, I was shown out of the house before I had realized that I had not even shown him my book.

But let me remind the student-colporteur what kind of a man Sister White expected and even demanded of the colporteur-evangelist. She said:

"The canvassing work, properly conducted, is missionary work of the highest order. We cannot too highly estimate the work. Our books should be handled by consecrated workers.

The intelligent, God-fearing, truth-loving canvasser occupies a position equal to that of the Gospel minister." —"Colporteur-Evangelist," page 15.

Then listen to what the Lord expects of you: "Ye are My witnesses, saith the Lord, and My servant whom I have chosen." Isa. 43:10.

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

The word of the Lord to His people is that we lift the standard higher and still higher. If we will obey His voice He will work with us and our efforts will be crowned with success.

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### Notes from the President

WE all have been startled lately to learn that so many of our faithful members have been laid to rest. As a boy, I remember hearing them say that the Lord would return during their natural expectancy of life. With that remembrance comes the thought, "Have we who followed hindered the return of the Lord by our negligence and half-heartedness in 'publishing' His saving truth?" What results are you expecting in your church this year? Or are you expecting nothing at all? By present methods, and at the present rate of progress, in our human thinking, the work will not be finished in our day. We have two great needs: Firstly, a larger number of men and women in every church who will engage actively in missionary endeavour; secondly, gifts to help us to enter unentered places—gifts large or small. It would be a splendid thing if those who could, would pay the expense of entering a new town, and then follow the workers in that town with their prayers and definite interest. I do not know of

a more satisfying way of laying up *heavenly* treasure.

### HEALTH LECTURES

DURING this quarter, plans have been made for health lectures to be held in eleven different centres in London. We hope our members will avail themselves of the privilege when the doctor visits their district. Make these lectures a means of advertising our truth to the neighbourhood. The health laws given to the children of Israel were far in advance of anything the world knew. Our health message to-day stands in the same position. "Keep therefore and do them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes, and say, Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people. For what nation is there so great, who hath God so nigh unto them, as the Lord our God is in all things that we call upon Him for?" Deut. 4:6, 7. This should be said of us. We all know that our health work has suffered when our members have

fostered fads. In these lectures you will hear common-sense principles which will appeal to any who are interested in true health reform.

IN Ealing, only an evening meeting was held, and one hundred attended. In Holloway, one hundred attended the afternoon cooking demonstration, and the same number were present for the evening lecture. East Ham was blessed with an attendance of 275 at the cooking demonstration, and 150 at the evening lecture. Let us pray and work to bring our message before the masses in this valuable way. There is a great future for our health work if presented wisely.

### LAY-EVANGELISM

You will be glad to hear that Brother G. V. Hall, one of our laymen, actively engaged in health and church work, has recently started mid-week meetings in Morden. On his opening night, fifty non-members attended, and thirty left their names for further information.

### EAST ANGLIA

A FEW weeks ago I had the pleasure of speaking in every church in East Anglia, and of visiting many of our members who are not often privileged to meet in these churches. We found them happy in the church life and interests. Brother and Sister Watson have gained the confidence of the people, and have every opportunity to lead them to greater heights of achievement than ever before.

### WESTERN DISTRICT

IN Bristol the services were well attended. We enjoyed meeting with earnest young people who re-dedicated their youthful efforts to more active service for God. In Croscombe the leader and members had been busy in advertising the meetings, and we enjoyed preaching to an enthusiastic audience which filled the beautiful and spotless little church.

### BAPTISM

IN the South-eastern District we joined in the baptismal service conducted by Brother J. B. West,

**Attendances in South England Evangelistic Campaigns**

Name	Place	Sunday	Sabbath
A. K. Armstrong	Southampton	750	10
F. C. Bailey	Croydon	120	...*
L. G. Hardinge	Torquay	435	47
J. M. Howard	Ipswich	920	65
F. S. Jackson	Parkstone	175	10
C. A. Reeves	East Ham	650	41
B. E. Sparrow	Margate	100	13
D. M. Swaine	Cheltenham	280	8
A. G. Tapping	Eastbourne	300	...*
L. D. Vince	Swindon	800	19
L. A. Watson	Lowestoft	23†	9

\*Commencing Sabbath services this month. †Church campaign.

when four candidates—three from Gillingham, where Brother Girling has been conducting a layman's campaign, and one from South-end—were baptized.

**EVANGELISM**

You will be interested in the table above showing the non-member attendance figures which we will call the "high points" of our evangelistic campaigns for this year.

This only includes the names of those who have budgets, but there are fourteen other workers conducting campaigns without budgets. God is blessing them also. It is certainly cheering to see new names being added to the list of places being worked.

**FINANCES**

THE first quarter of 1937 is ended so we can now compare it with the first quarter of the three previous years in the table below.

You will notice that the trend is in the right direction. But for the Easter holidays coming on the last week-end of the quarter, the increases would be even greater. Our confidence is in God. We have the assurance that the Lord who has led us thus far will complete the work He has commenced.

**COLPORTEUR SALES**

You will be glad to know that Brother Cook has led the colporteurs in South England to show a £90 increase in sales for the quarter.

**CHANGES OF WORKERS**  
 We have had some changes in our workers this past quarter, and as we know you are all interested in their movements, we want you to remember them in their new spheres of labour.

BROTHER P. CUMINGS has joined the working force in South Wales. Brother W. J. Newman has been called to work in West Africa. Sister Eva Raitt, who for a number of years has served the cause in this country, first as Bible-worker and then as church-school teacher in Plymouth, has been called to West Africa also, to connect with the girls' school in Aba. Her sister, Miss Ruth Raitt, is taking her place in this field, and we give her a hearty welcome.

PRAY for these workers as they leave the homeland, and for the families which they leave, and join with them in pointing men to the Light of all men. It is the most soul-satisfying work in the world. To quote from the book of our childhood: "Do you see yonder wicket gate?" The man said, 'No.' Then said the other, 'Do you see yonder shining light?' He said, 'I think I do.' Then said Evangelist, 'Keep that light in your eye and go directly thereto: so shalt thou see the gate.' . . . So I saw in my dream that the man began to run."

MAY God's promise go with

every runner. "When thou goest, thy steps shall not be straitened; and when thou runnest, thou shalt not stumble." R. S. JOYCE.

**Wedding Bells**

CHAD-BLAY.—On Easter Sunday, March 28, 1937, a goodly number of churchmembers and friends gathered to witness the marriage of Sister Catherine Esther Blay and Brother Alfred Chad. The ceremony was conducted in the Holloway church by the writer. Both of these young people are members of the Wood Green church.

May they know that true, deep happiness which is found in a home where love reigns and where Christ is exalted. C. ANGUS REEVES.

WESTWOOD-WOODHOUSE.—On Sunday, March 28, 1937, in the Edmonton Baptist Church, Clifford George Westwood, of Bristol, was united in marriage to Lillian Mary Woodhouse of London.

We trust that their home, and all their future interests, will be blessed by the God they have always served. R. S. JOYCE.

STOKES-PADMORE.—On Easter Monday, March 29, 1937, in the Norton Lees Church, Sheffield, Frank L. Stokes, who has for the past ten years been associated with the Gold Coast Mission, was united in marriage with Ella Padmore, of the Editorial Department of The Stanborough Press and well known to all "Sunbeams."

Following a reception at the home of the bride, the happy pair left for the South Coast where they will live until they leave for the Gold Coast in the summer.

We wish for them both health, happiness, and the abundant blessing of the Lord as they labour for Him among the millions of Africa.

W. L. EMMERSON.

**Appreciation**

BROTHER F. J. KINMAN would like to thank the members of the MESSENGER family for their kind expressions of sympathy during his protracted illness. He hopes soon to be on his feet once more, and into harness.

**SUNSET CALENDAR**

	Lon'n	Not'm	Car'ff	Edin	Bel't
April 23rd	8.09	8.19	8.22	8.37	8.43
April 30th	8.21	8.31	8.34	8.51	8.56

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**Tithes and Offerings in South England Conference**

	Tithe	S.S. Offerings	Y.P.S. Offerings
1934	£3,164 19 8	£577 12 8	£ 16 18 2
1935	3,772 17 10	680 15 1	21 9 6
1936	4,015 3 3	686 6 11	23 6 10
1937	4,032 13 0	730 8 5	24 10 4



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## Notes from the Union President

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### Mission Appointments and Exchanges

SOME time ago a call came from the Nigerian Union Mission for the services of Brother Walter Newman, who has been working in Hastings. After prayerful study, Brother Newman has accepted this invitation and plans to sail shortly. We wish him success and blessing, trusting that he may develop into a strong leader in the cause as he takes up departmental and evangelistic work in Nigeria.

Nigeria recently lost the experienced help of Miss Ruth Raitt, who returned to the homeland in ill health. She has made a good recovery, but medical observations suggest she should not return to the tropics. She has therefore been appointed headmistress of the Plymouth Church School. Her sister, Miss Eva Raitt, who has well served the Plymouth School for a number of years, has accepted the opportunity of service in Nigeria. This exchange will, we feel, bring helpful experience to both these sisters, while serving both the home and foreign fields efficiently. We are sure the divine blessing will rest upon this exchange of workers.

### "Shops (Sunday Trading Restriction) Act, 1936"

OUR members who are shopkeepers should note the provisions of this Act carefully before assuming that any Adventist is now permitted to open any kind of shop on Sunday.

Regulations under section 7 of this Act are not yet completed, but are expected to be issued by the Home Secretary shortly. In the meantime, shopkeepers who think they may be entitled to the special provisions relating to persons observing what the Act calls "the Jewish Sabbath," should seek out their local Shop Inspector. He is usually located through the Customs and Excise office, or through the Town Hall. Information can

then be obtained regarding the application of the said Act of Parliament as provided in Home Office regulations. The full title of the Act as shown at the head of this paragraph should be quoted. Not all shops may open on Sunday, but a fairly wide range of business is covered by these provisions.

H. W. LOWE.

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### At Rest

DAKIN.—It is with much sorrow that we report the death of Theodora Grace Dakin, who fell asleep on January 8, 1937, at the early age of nineteen years. Grace was an orphan, her mother having died three years previously, and her father about twelve years ago. She was brought up in the Adventist message, and was baptized by Pastor Reeves at the Wimbledon church just after her mother's death. During last year she developed tuberculosis, and the last eight months of her life were spent in the Ware Park Sanatorium, where she passed away peacefully. The funeral service was conducted by Pastors H. W. Armstrong and W. H. Meredith and Brother E. Ashton, in the Stanborough Park Church, after which she was laid to rest in the North Watford Cemetery. She will be remembered by all who knew her as a bright, unselfish Christian, always ready to help others and patient in her suffering. She leaves one sister to mourn her loss, but we know, if we are faithful, there will be a happy reunion when Jesus comes.

F. M. TURNER.

SAVAGE.—Our dear Brother Savage passed away on March 12, 1937, and was laid to rest in the little churchyard at Moneyrea, the writer officiating at the service. Our brother accepted the truth in the city of Worcester and just before his fatal illness he handed to me his birthday offering which revealed the fact that he was seventy-eight. Here in Ireland we will miss our dear brother. We can truthfully say that he was "faithful unto death." His reward is certain. Our hearts go out to his faithful daughter Sister Johnston and her husband.

E. E. CRAVEN.

SAVAGE.—The dearly beloved wife of the late Brother H. Savage passed away on March 25, 1937, within a few days of her husband. Our sister was a child of God and loved by God's people in this part of His vineyard. We laid her to rest in the little cemetery at Moneyrea in sure and certain hope of the resurrection morn.

E. E. CRAVEN.

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