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"The Church with the Neon Sign"

"THIS is the last service that we shall hold here!"

Some forty people packed into a room that holds only twenty-eight comfortably, gave as big a sigh of relief as the closeness to their neighbours allowed, and smiled happy smiles of anticipation. At last we could say good-bye to the set-backs and inconveniences of holding our services in hired rooms.

Just a year ago the first handbill was given out, one of 150,000 invitations distributed to attract Torquay's sedate population to hear the Advent message in the Odeon Cinema.

During the months following, 8,000 personal visits were made to the hundreds of persons whose names we received, and who, at the three hundred services held, heard God's way of salvation unfolded.

Then came the greatest day in the lives of the interested ones. One Sunday afternoon, late in the summer, a coach filled with baptismal candidates drove to the Plymouth church. Here Pastor R. S. Joyce was waiting

By F. Barr-Hamilton

to conduct the service, at which twenty-five followed the example of their Lord.

After the baptism the necessity of finding a fixed place at which to have our services became acute. At last a suitable building, which had once been a school, was discovered.

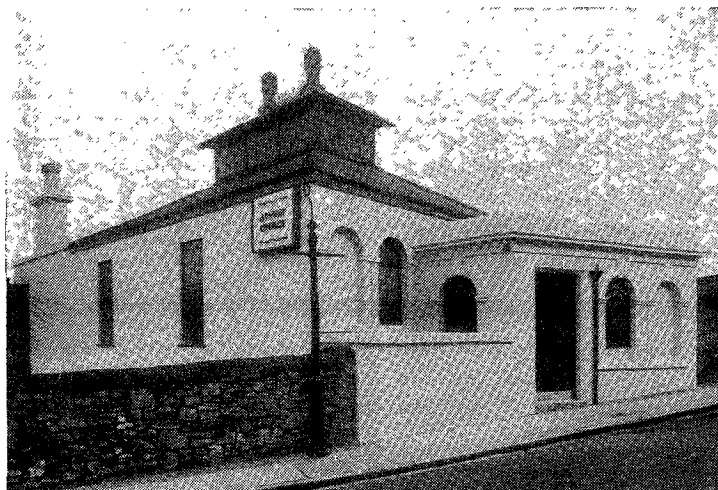
On Boxing Day we started our renovations. The walls had to be punctured to let in more light, for four windows were needed. A new floor had to be laid, partition-walls erected to make a vestry, an extension to the lobby, a cloak-room, the children's room, a glass porch—all

were gradually completed, and oak panelling and furnishings finished the scene.

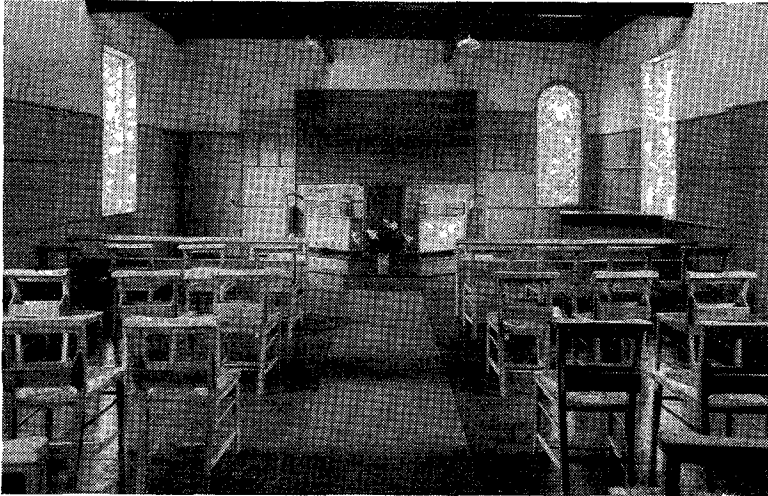
Too slowly—and yet too quickly—Friday, February 11th, came. Shall we ever forget it? Pastor Joyce opened our church, which was packed. Sabbath! What a happy company! There were members from Croscombe and Brixham, and our good friends from Plymouth, who helped and stood by us from the beginning of our work. The company from Exeter came to us nearly in its entirety. Not only did Pastor H. W. Lowe organize us in actual fact, but he also drew us nearer into the Advent fellowship as he showed us the privileges and responsibilities of the

"C o m m u n i o n
of Saints."

The church itself—how shall we describe it? Its ivory walls outside, its neon sign, its —. But there! we would much rather you come to lovely Torbay for your holidays and see it for yourself. Look at the photographs. Don't you think we have added another attraction to Torquay? We'd like you to come to our services, too!



Exterior of the new Torquay church.



Interior of the new church at Torquay.

Sabbath-school is at 10 a.m., followed by the preaching services at 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Sabbath. There are also services on Sunday at 6.30 p.m. and Wednesday at 7.30 p.m., with a Y.P.S. meeting at 7.30 p.m. on Friday. Our address is S.D.A. Church, Warren Road, Torquay.

We love our church for all the usual reasons. We helped to build it. We worked to clean it. We

gave ourselves headaches trying to devise ways to raise money! We made jam. We stirred toffee and fudge. We knitted jumpers and gloves. We sold *Present Truth* and wrote verses. Our juniors ran errands and went without pocket money, and we saved here a little and there a little to add to the funds. Sister churches, pray for the youngest member of the South England Conference.

“How Shall We Order the Child?”

THESE words were spoken by Manoah many hundreds of years ago, “How shall we order the child, and how shall we do unto him?” If we read the context, we shall see that to Manoah and his wife this was a matter of great importance. It *was* a matter of great importance, and the question is *still* of great importance to parents. Do they all realize it? Apparently most of them do not.

Your little children are in the formative period now. Have you studied how to “order” them? Are you attending to the formation of their habits? Remember his character is the “sum of his habits,” and his character decides his destiny. Will he be saved in the kingdom of God? If so, it will be because he has a right character.

The child *begins* forming habits the day he is born. Shall they be right habits? Who decides that question? Obviously not the child

till he has added some years to his age.

We cannot help noticing that in this case it was the father as well as the mother that sought help as to how to “order the child.” He was the one who was in the lead. But the mother thought it important enough that her husband be with her to get the instruction when the angel came back that she “made haste and ran” to get him. Evidently he was some distance from her, but the angel honoured the wife’s desire to have her husband present. The heavenly messenger waited; he well knew that both needed the instruction that he was about to give. Probably we have recorded but a small part of what the angel told Manoah and his wife that day. But if you will notice, it will be evident that the Lord wanted right habits formed in the child from the very beginning.

It is the duty of every one of us who are parents to consider this matter of “how to order the child.”

The Lord has given us a large amount of wonderful instruction on child training. It is found in the Bible, in the books given by the Spirit of prophecy, and also in the *Christian Home Series*.

“Parents may lay for their children the foundation for a healthy, happy life. They may send them forth from their homes with moral stamina to resist temptation, and courage and strength to wrestle successfully with life’s problems. They may inspire in them the purpose and develop the power to make their lives an honour to God and a blessing to the world.

“The mission of the home extends beyond its own members. The Christian home is to be an object lesson, illustrating the excellence of the true principles of life. Such an illustration will be a power for good in the world. Far more powerful than any sermon that can be preached is the influence of a true home upon human hearts and lives.”—“*Ministry of Healing*,” page 352.

The Home Commission, Takoma Park, Washington, D.C., stands ready to help and guide parents in their study. Write for further information.

MRS. FLORA H. WILLIAMS.



“I Am Nineteen Years of Age”

“I AM nineteen years of age,” writes one of our prospective students from England, “and I would like to invest my spare moments in something worth while. Will you please send me your Home Study catalogue?”

It is a wonderful thing in this year of our Lord, 1938, to be nineteen years of age, and how natural the desire on the part of such a young person to make a wise investment of the spare minutes! Disraeli said, “Youth is genius.” Every young person of average ability has in himself or herself that which, with proper training, will make a splendid success of this life and also of that which is to come. But training is necessary.

We hope that this little note will be read by thousands of young people nineteen years and over who will resolve immediately to write for our Home Study Catalogue and get started before long on that pleasant road, winding over hill and dale, but leading at last to the goal of a successful life career.

HOME STUDY INSTITUTE,
Takoma Park, Washington, D.C.

On the King's Highway

Evangelistic Progress in the British Union



With Our Soul-Winners

THIS brings you reports of evangelistic endeavour in North and South England and Ireland. They are of great encouragement, and should be read by all, and their call to sustained prayer should find ready response in our hearts. There are three ways in which we may extend our soul-saving activities.

The first is by unremitting, earnest daily prayer for the men and women who are doing the hardest task confronting us—soul-saving.

The second is by feeding those little Brown Evangelistic Boxes with weekly funds as the Lord permits. We have estimated on receiving the following incomes from these boxes, and unless these figures are reached, we shall be short of funds to keep our evangelistic forces at work.

South England	£200
North England	75
Wales	30
Scotland	20
Ireland	15
	£340

Reflect that if our 5,600 members each put one penny per week into these boxes we should raise over £1,000 for soul-saving in one year, and there seems no reason why we should fall short of £600 from this source this year.

The third way to help is by special donation, where this is possible. It ought to appeal to a few of our people that £100, £50, or £20 could not be invested in

any better way than in bringing the soul-saving principles of the Advent message to the public at a time like the present.

H. W. LOWE.

Good Prospects for Souls in the North

PASTOR W. MAUDSLEY has begun an effort in Warrington, a new centre for our work where we do not have a Sabbath-keeper. He reports an attendance of 200, a good class audience, and an offering of £2. 7s.

Pastor S. G. Joyce has started a second effort in Darlington. Being unable to obtain a suitable hall for Sunday evening, he is conducting a Sunday afternoon effort with an attendance of 250, and an active interest of seventy.

Pastor W. R. A. Madgwick reports an increased attendance and interest in his services at Rotherham. Four hundred were present the first Sunday in March. The collection was £3. 2s. 7d. They now have a revised visiting list of over 200.

Pastor W. M. Lennox reports, in old York, a continued attendance of about 300, and more work than he and his Bible-worker can adequately manage. A number of people are already asking about the Sabbath and seem quite troubled. One young man has begun its observance, although the subject has not yet been presented in the effort meetings.

The effort meetings in Nottingham are being held in the usual Sabbath meeting-place. The attendance averages about 100, including our own members. A very keen interest is being manifest by the strangers who attend. Some have already welcomed Bible studies in their homes. O. M. DORLAND.

Souls for the Glory of God

THE Duke of Wellington once overheard a group of Christians debating whether they should go and work in a certain field. It was a hard place and results would be uncertain. The duke inquired, "What are your marching orders?" They replied, "Go ye into all the world." Then said Wellington, "You go, and leave the results to your General who gave the order."

It is our grand privilege and duty thus to obey and Christ does give the increase. We could no more create a star or raise a dead body to life than we could convert one soul to Christ. But the zeal of the Lord of hosts is doing great wonders, and men and women are being won to the Advent truth in a way that should gladden and encourage every heart—and this in a world that is getting worse and worse, just as the Bible says it would before our Lord's return.

After a period of years in north and south London, Portsmouth, Dublin, and Aberdeen—in each of which places souls were born into the kingdom—we came to Middlesbrough.

Eager queues formed to enter the large cinema. Over 200 came to the mid-week services, and around ninety to the Sabbath meetings. More than fifty were added to the church. Last year forty-seven were added. Now a new church awaits organization in Darlington. This is the third within the past few years.

This year we continue to work in Darlington. Its total population is not as many as a suburb in a decent-sized city, and it is predominantly Quaker and conservative. Once again we can only get a hall on Sunday afternoon and yet the people attend in good numbers and the prospects are good for

many more additions to the church.

Yes, how we praise God for the glorious Advent message! It *will* win souls anywhere. It is only ignorance of the truth that keeps men and women out of the church. If only more had the opportunity to hear—that is all that is needed for the increases in this union to be many, many more than even the good growth of the past year. And it is only failure to appropriate the distinctive, soul-enlightening, and saving truths of the message that causes apostasy. We need to keep our doctrines before the members to guard them against apostasy.

A glistening bubble in a sparkling glass of mineral water was so proud of its appearance that it thought it would do better alone. So out at the top it went and, lo, it disappeared! Surrounded by the wonderful faith and teaching of the Advent church, the worker for God is an attractive force in this world. It is our soul-saving doctrines that win men and women. It is a pity when the devil holds up the work by causing people to withhold the money they could give, for even the devil knows we have the saving truth for these dark days.

S. G. JOYCE.



Advance in Reading

It was on October 24, 1937, that we launched our campaign for the 90,000 souls of Reading.

Much was said, which had we heeded it, would have discouraged us, but we knew that this was not our work alone, that the Saviour of souls was calling us into partnership with Him.

With what anxious hearts we waited to see the result of the advertising! This took the form of handbills, faithfully distributed by our churchmembers, tram posters and a car, the property of a churchmember, tastefully decorated and illuminated.

Some time before the hour for opening a long stream of people waited to enter the Vaudeville, Reading's most select cinema.

The second Sunday evening found Brother Bonney too ill to conduct the service, but in answer to prayer, he was not only given strength to carry through, but to

preach with convicting power, born from above.

Now after some four months, what are the results?

One of the leading families from the Four Square Gospel community have closed their shop on the Sabbath, and now join with us in the Sabbath-school. They tell us that there is a great stirring among that people. Many are seeing the Sabbath in its true light, in spite of those who have prayed in their meetings that the Adventists might be turned out of Reading.

Another family comes a considerable distance regularly on Fridays to our Young People's meeting, also on Sabbaths and Sundays. They are anxious that Brother Bonney should start meetings in their town, too.

A dear soul who has felt the workings of the Holy Spirit on her heart has said that for three years her mind has been exercised over the Sabbath, but no one was able to help her or answer her questionings. Since her contact with us she feels that we have been brought here especially to help her.

Now we ask your prayers on behalf of those who are still grappling with the many difficulties the enemy places in their pathway.

Like other workers, we find that through lack of means our work has to be curtailed; but we are very grateful to the one or two members who have come to our help voluntarily.

As workers we can say, unhesitatingly, that those who give of their means for evangelizing the British Isles are surely laying up treasure in heaven in the form of souls saved.

The time will soon be here when, at the presence of our Lord in glory, all earthly treasures will be valueless.

M. JOHN.



Evangelism in Croydon

THE early part of our campaign in Croydon brought much that might have discouraged, had we not believed in the promises of God. In fact it was the most disquieting beginning of a public effort we had ever experienced. For five successive evenings we had

tempestuous rain, and all through there was the counter-attraction of Sunday cinemas.

Our budget allowance, being also smaller than usual, restricted us to a cheap hall at the Public Baths, which was uncomfortably cold, so that many who came once failed to return because of the unavoidable currents of cold air. Our largest advertising scheme had to be kept up to get an audience, and so our available money was quickly consumed.

After six weeks we of necessity transferred to a cheaper hall, but bitterly cold weather and a minimum of advertising did not help us, and our non-membership attendance dropped to less than twenty; then came a really fine Sunday evening which raised our hopes of a good audience, but on arriving at the theatre we found, to our great dismay, that it was already occupied by an amateur theatrical company. There had been a mistake on the part of the secretary in booking us the hall for that particular evening.

We all felt that this was the worst blow of all. Brother Bonney, who had been early on the scene, got busy seeking alternative accommodation, which he found in a small club-room nearby. This was in a large building in which rooms were let off to Socialists, Spiritualists, and Christadelphians. It so happened that this room was vacant that evening, and feeling very humiliated, we were obliged to invite those who were waiting entrance to the theatre into this bare and unattractive room. A special soloist had arrived to give her voluntary services, but there was no musical instrument to accompany her. A local brother had fortunately brought his violin with which he led the singing, but we all felt naturally at a great disadvantage, particularly when the Christadelphians began singing in the adjoining room in a way which was distinctly audible and distracting.

This seemed our blackest hour! Nevertheless the hall began to fill, and by the time we started our service fifty people had crowded in, and some of our members stood outside the door. We had a great blessing that night. The Lord came in to help us at the time

when all our efforts had seemed to point to failure. For the first time we realized that we had a keen and sympathetic following, and this proved quite an inspiration to us at this time of disadvantage. Our soloist, Miss D. Hadley, rendered noble service entirely unaccompanied by any instrument.

It was also under the blessing of God that the secretary of the theatre not only cancelled the cost of the theatre, but saw that we had the alternative room without cost and refunded the cost of our fifteen-shilling advertisement in the local paper.

The following Sunday we moved into our church meeting-hall, behind West Croydon Railway Station, and here we continued for the remainder of the year. We had commenced our campaign in January, and now it was March. We had not yet been able to commence week-night lectures, as the cost of available halls was prohibitive. A circular letter sent to all names and addresses received for literature—about 120—brought us the cheering number of sixty-five in attendance, our largest for over a month and without advertising in a public way.

The time soon came to present the testing truths, and by July we were holding mid-week and Sabbath afternoon meetings, largely through some financial help that came to us from our local membership. During the summer months and after the Sabbath truth had been given, our attendance fell by one-half, but on October 31st we held our first baptism, at which time twelve souls were added to our Croydon membership. A second baptism is planned for Easter, when we hope for an addition of quite half that number.

Sister Davies, our Bible-worker, has been a valuable helper and a great inspiration both in the church and among the newly interested ones, and it was with much regret that we released her for work in another district of London.

We now have a membership of over forty and are well equipped with officers. Among all there is a kindly, cheerful atmosphere. Our

tithe for 1937 is almost double that for 1936, and our offerings show a substantial increase.

As we think over the experiences of the year, we feel most grateful to Him who giveth the increase, for "though thy beginning was small, yet thy latter end should greatly increase" fitly describes His blessing in Croydon during 1937. F. C. BAILEY.



The Spirit at Work in Northern Ireland

"SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISM EXPOSED." So ran the announcement in the local paper. Accordingly, at the time specified, we went along to hear what the young Baptist minister had to say. He used the well-known arguments of a certain Mr. P—, and after speaking for thirty minutes, threw the meeting open for questions.

Ah! here was an opportunity to contend for the faith once delivered to the saints. A young man stood to his feet and shot question after question to the speaker. Then, undoubtedly moved by the Spirit of God, he so painted the glorious Advent truth in its beauty and reality that the accuser of the brethren was silenced.

But the story does not end here. There was in the audience that evening a lady who had never heard of the Adventists and had never heard Brother W. G. Nicholson until then. But she was so impressed by his fervour and sincerity and the wonder of the truths she heard, that she came along to the meetings. And from that time, steadily and surely, she has accepted every point of truth. About a fortnight after she had begun to keep Sabbath she began to pay tithe, and is a devoted lover of the truth.

Already she has taken part in the tract campaign, showing a kindly and willing spirit. Her daughter, an accomplished and ardent worker in the Elim movement, became interested and has definitely taken her stand for the truth. Another daughter and her fiancé are also interested and have spent two Sabbaths with us. Brother Nicholson

studies with the family every Friday evening, sometimes using the projectorscope to explain difficult subjects.

There is a good interest in Dromore. A number of men, steeped in horse-racing and such things, who have not been known to attend a place of worship for years, come to the meetings regularly. A woman, driven to drink and despair by the tragic death of her husband, is steadily being reclaimed as she hears the message from week to week. Two other women have been praying for some time that God would send someone to Dromore to preach a full Gospel. As they hear the Word explained they are convinced God has sent Brother Nicholson. As the time draws near for the presentation of the Sabbath, remember these dear souls earnestly in your prayers.

There is bigotry, hatred, and prejudice here in Ireland, but we believe that the turn of the tide has come, when God is breaking down, to some extent, the opposition against us.

Pray for the work in Ireland. Unite with us and let us prevail with God together so that the work may soon be finished and the faithful gathered home.

B. CLEARY.



Dublin Baptism and Dedication

ON Wednesday, February 2nd, we were glad to witness in the Dublin church, the baptism of three candidates.

The service was conducted by Pastor E. E. Craven of Belfast, and was most impressive throughout. The candidates were received into church fellowship the same evening. We pray that God may bless these His children as they walk together with the Master and with us along the way.

The infant son of our young people's leader and his wife was dedicated to God at the same service. We are sure that God will watch over this child which has been given to Him and the home which is united in His service.

M. H. HEALEY,
Church Clerk.

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Spend Your Holidays in Glorious Devon!

THE bright sunshine at the beginning of this month no doubt made us think of the summer days—and holidays! Of course that means Camp for all Missionary Volunteers who have tasted the joys of such a holiday as only our camp can provide. But we hope that this year we shall also have the attendance of a number of young people who so far have been unable to attend our annual seaside camp.

Where will it be? Well, in glorious Devon, the beauties and charms of which have been so often told. Devon has a peculiar appeal, and we have secured a wonderfully good site of over twenty acres, next to the sea, about seven miles from Ilfracombe. Have you ever heard of that splendid stretch of sands at Woolacombe? Well, that's where we are going. Safe bathing any hour of the day,

and those of you who came to Swanage last year know what happy hours that means.

When will it be? Why, the very best time of the year—the first two weeks of August. Camp charges will be as in former years:

10-14 years: 20/- a week; 37/6 a fortnight.

Over 14 years: 25/- a week; 45/- a fortnight.

Of course we shall arrange for the special cheap railway tickets for all under eighteen years of age. Write to us for details. Three of our young people in Yarmouth are selling *Present Truth* regularly to raise the necessary funds. Why not follow their good example?

You will enjoy the bathing at Woolacombe Sands, the walks in the Devon lanes, the trips to Exmoor. Arrange now to have your holidays July 31st to August 14th, and save now for the happiest of holidays with the most congenial companions. E. R. WARLAND.

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A Convention in Pontypridd

MANY members will read our title with joy. Once there was a strong church in Pontypridd. Its members are now scattered throughout the British Isles. Wales, beautiful land of mountains and valleys, is to-day a land of shadows. The cruel depression causes a ceaseless exodus to more prosperous places, and death, too, claims many of the faithful. Thus four isolated members of Pontypridd hailed with special joy Sabbath, February 19th.

A spacious room in the Y.M.C.A., Taff Street, was well filled at ten o'clock with a representation from the surrounding churches and companies. Aber-

dare, Merthyr, Caerphilly, Ystrad Mynach, and Porth were all there in good numbers and several isolated families. Sickness claimed some absentees, and many times during the day these were remembered before the heavenly throne.

Sabbath-school, cared for by the writer, ably supported by Brother J. H. Dobbs and Sister Mary Ford, brought the first of the day's blessings. Every item is worthy of mention. Little Elsie White, daughter of one of our interested local *Present Truth* readers, preached a sermon in her recitation "For Others." Brother Hyde illuminated our minds on the divine truth of baptism in our general lesson study. Miss Ford

appealingly outlined the mission history of Madagascar and the generous Welsh spirit was well evidenced in the Sabbath-school offering.

A welcome visitor, Brother H. W. Lowe, led out in our morning study. His experiences in the Welsh Mission caused him to see a real message for us in his recent continental journeys. In Rumania the hand of oppression was already pinning down our activities. Giving us interesting details and sidelights on the Edinburgh Church Council, Brother Lowe dealt with the subject of "The Fellowship of the Saints." Studying our Bibles with him we found that with God poverty and liberality go hand in hand (2 Cor. 8:1-4).

Brother S. G. Hyde took the afternoon study hour and outlined modern religious tendencies. He pointed out the perils of departing from the great fundamental truths of apostolic Christianity, and reminded us that true fellowship must always be through the pathway of sorrow (Hosea 2:14, 15), the experience through which John the Baptist, Elijah, Paul, and many others have gone.

At 3.30 p.m. Brother Lowe again spoke. Reminding us that we are not a new religion, but a people observing eternal principles, he showed that God has ever been the leader of His people though He uses the instrumentality of men. God's pillar used to lead ancient Israel. God (Christ) was in that pillar and it was His covering for His people. This pillar is described elsewhere as the light, the law (Psa. 1:9; Prov. 6; John 6; Psa. 91:1-4). A brief testimony and experience meeting followed.

Refreshing drinks were provided at the lunch and afternoon intervals by Miss Ford and other willing helpers. We wish to thank each for their share in the excellent day which was concluded with a lantern lecture by Brother Hyde.

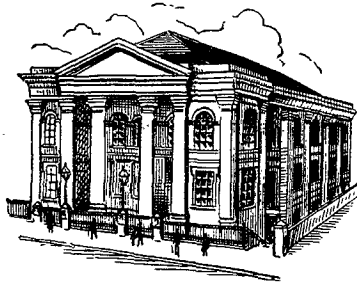
We now look forward twenty-two weeks to the larger Welsh Annual Meetings in Cardiff and pray for a tenfold blessing—though not forgetting to thank our heavenly Father for the sweet joys of united fellowship just passed. PAUL CUMINGS.

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Our Annual Meeting

At a recent meeting of the conference committee careful consideration was given to the time and place of the conference session to be held this year.

The Time. Friday, July 28th, to Monday, August 1st, inclusive. You will notice that this is August Bank Holiday week-end, which should make it possible for a large number of our membership to attend.

The Place. Certain alternatives were suggested by the committee as suitable places for the annual session. It has finally been decided to

hold the meetings in Nottingham, and negotiations have already been made for the use of Circus Street Hall. Those who attended the conference meetings in 1935 will recall this building by the picture. It is well appointed, has a large pipe organ, and is admirably suitable for our purpose. Whereas on the former occasion we hired the Circus Street Hall for a conference session it was necessary to remove to another building for the Sunday meetings, the trustees have kindly consented this time to allow us the use of their hall for the full period which, of course, is much more satisfactory.

Further Details. From time to time additional information will appear in the MESSENGER concerning the conference session, but it is not too soon to commence planning now for successful meetings, and the success will depend to a large extent on the membership of the conference. We wish to see a large representative attendance, so please begin to think about it, talk about it, and above all, pray about it.

N. H. KNIGHT.

Notes From the Union President

UNION MINISTERIAL INSTITUTE

It has been decided, in answer to various requests from the field during the past few years, to hold a special meeting for the field workers in the British Union. This meeting will be held at Watford and will commence on May 9th, and will probably last until the 16th or 18th. We are hoping to have the presence of one of the General Conference brethren in addition to brethren from the Northern European Division.

We are asking our members to take this matter upon their hearts, praying that God's blessing may be so richly with us that a deeper spirituality and greater efficiency

may take possession of us all as a band of workers in this field.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

OUR members will be glad to know that our tithe income is just about level with the amount recorded at this time last year; in fact, there is a very slight increase. It is not possible to make good comparisons for the first two months of the year, so we hope that the report for the first quarter will show that there is a growing faithfulness on the part of our membership, which will be reflected in a greatly increased income for the support of the Lord's work.

H. W. LOWE.

At Rest

WOOD.—We regret to announce the passing of Sister Wood, an aged member of the Leeds church, on February 19, 1938. Although deafness robbed her of the joys of attending church service, she was a good and faithful soldier of Christ. Our sister was led into the truth by Pastor E. E. Craven, being baptized thirteen years ago by Pastor A. E. Bacon. The funeral service was conducted in the home by Brother J. C. French, and the interment took place in Holbeck Cemetery on February 22nd.

G. CLEE, Church Clerk.

READ.—Sister Sarah Read, a member of our isolated church, fell asleep in Jesus on February 8, 1938. She was the oldest inhabitant of her parish, being ninety years of age, and she leaves three daughters and two sons to mourn their loss. It was always a pleasure for the Ipswich workers to call at her home and study the Sabbath-school lesson with the family, for Sister Read was a mother in Israel. She first heard the message through Brother Green, the veteran colporteur, in 1913, and the good seed was still further encouraged to grow by Brother A. B. Cheesborough. She kept her first Sabbath eight years ago. She fell asleep happy in the message.

J. M. HOWARD.

JACKSON.—On December 26, 1937, Sister Sarah Jackson, of the Newcastle church, passed peacefully to rest, after a prolonged illness, patiently borne, of over a year. Her hope and strength were in her Lord. She was baptized nine years ago by Pastor F. C. Bailey. She loved the church and was always pleased to support it in every possible way. She often provided the flowers which adorned the house of God. We extend our sympathy to her brothers and sisters who are left to mourn. Brother F. Edwards conducted the funeral service, and spoke words of comfort at the graveside. We sorrow, but not as those without hope. We are sure we shall see our sister when Christ shall come to call His own.

M. F. SMITH.

Wedding Bells

DAVIES-JONES.—A very pretty wedding took place at the Cefnmeiriadog Methodist Church on March 1, 1938, when Robert Russell Davies, second son of Mrs. Davies of the Rhyl church, was married to Miss Elizabeth Eurwen Jones, S.R.N., Sister of the Birkenhead Municipal Hospital. The service was jointly conducted by the local minister and the writer.

We welcome Mrs. Russell Davies into our fellowship in the North Wales area and pray that the blessing of God may rest upon the union that has been effected.

S. GEORGE HYDE.

MANY THANKS to all the S.D.A.'s who have responded to our advertisement for Printing. Our expansion will help the movement. "Success" Printing Service, Portslade, Brighton.

WANTED.—Middle-aged S.D.A. sister willing to help in home of semi-invalid sister and husband in exchange for comfortable home. Write: J. T., 22 Zulla Road, Mapperley Park, Nottingham.

YOUNG man (twenty-eight) seeks employment. Will gladly do any kind of manual labour. Work lost on account of the Sabbath. Apply in first instance to: A. F. Bird, 67 Rothbury Terrace, Newcastle-on-Tyne, 6.

ELEVEN charts for sale, illustrating the kingdoms brought to view in Daniel and Revelation, including the dark day, the falling stars, and the sanctuary. Write: Pastor J. B. West, 31d Spencer Road, Chiswick, London, W.4.

The Ministry of Literature

"Holidays With Pay" for Our Colporteurs

"HOLIDAYS with Pay" is an attractive slogan which seems to have captured the imagination of many of the leaders in British industry. An increasing number of employees are now enjoying this happy privilege, and undoubtedly wise employers know that such a plan makes for contentment and increased efficiency.

Everybody who has the opportunity enjoys a holiday, and the escape from the daily routine which a holiday affords seems to be almost a necessity in these days of hectic rush in which we live. Certainly it is not always wise economy to miss the holiday which may mean so much in building up reserves of physical, mental, and spiritual energy. Our Lord clearly recognized this necessity when He said to His disciples, "Come ye yourselves apart, . . . and rest awhile." Mark 6:31. The very busyness of their lives and the urgency of their task demanded that they should take time for recuperation.

Surely as this was true of our Lord's early disciples, it is equally true of our faithful colporteur-evangelists to-day. Certainly those colporteurs who apply themselves diligently to their arduous task stand in as much need of an annual holiday as do any workers in our denomination.

Our members throughout the British Union will be glad to know that a plan is now in operation whereby the colporteurs in this field can secure at least a week's holiday this August—moreover it will be "A Holiday with Pay." The plan was launched at the recent Colporteurs' Conference, and needless to say was received with much enthusiasm. It is a new departure and its success will depend entirely upon the co-operation of the colporteurs themselves. The evidence so far clearly indicates that the plan will be a great success and that a large number of our colporteurs will qualify for this special privilege.

The conditions for qualification make it possible for every colporteur of average ability and physical fitness to receive the benefit—

the main requirement is full application to the task, surely a legitimate requirement that is made in any line of endeavour.

Each colporteur qualifying will receive during August opportunity to take a week's holiday, with payment equal to his or her average weekly earnings during the previous six months. In the case of married men there will be an *extra £1 note for his wife*.

Our colporteur ministry is an honourable profession which calls for highly-skilled and properly-trained men and women who are engaged in it in answer to a divine call. Conditions are such to-day that only workers of this calibre will succeed, and it is a source of considerable encouragement to know that our colporteur force in Britain to-day is reaching a standard of which we have no need to be ashamed.

During recent months the earning capacity of our colporteurs in this field has been following an upward trend which is full of inspirational significance. While fully conscious of the spiritual nature of this important work we are not unmindful of its economic necessities.

The most critical scrutiny would seem to indicate that the economic security and the terms of service now offered in this important work were never brighter than they are to-day. "Holidays with Pay" is but another benefit that is added to the many now enjoyed by our faithful colporteurs.

The spirit and courage of our corps of workers are good, and the results in sales thus far achieved in 1938 indicate that wonderful things are ahead of us.

Constantly remember these faithful men and women in your prayers.

G. D. KING.



Resistance Broken

As a beginner I felt deeply the words of Sister White in the *Colporteur Evangelist*:

"Pray, oh, pray for a rich, deep experience in the work of the Lord."

This expression has appealed to my heart and has become the keynote of my prayers.

During door-to-door canvassing

recently, I came across a dear old soul who was pleased to see *Our Wonderful Bible*, and promptly ordered a copy, also recommending me to see another lady living fairly near.

I called on this lady, who promptly said, "Come inside, you are just in time for the prayer meeting." Imagine my surprise on entering to find a women's prayer-meeting in session. However, taking in the situation quickly, I settled down to this Plymouth Brethren gathering.

The leader requested me to give a talk. So I decided to speak on the importance of the colporteur-evangelistic work.

At the close my prospectus was soon in action, and the whole company was canvassed together. This resulted in about fourteen orders.

My visit and work became the subject in the church. The leaders knowing us as Seventh-Day Adventists warned their flocks from the pulpit to have nothing to do with us, declaring that we were bringing around a perversion of the Word of God, and advised them that it would be in the interest of all if the orders were cancelled, no matter how much deposit had been paid.

This resulted in the dispatch of a number of cancellations, and of even being hailed in the street to do so.

However, the whole matter was taken to the Lord in prayer, and all the books were taken along, as if nothing had happened.

Imagine my joy on meeting the people to find all resistance had broken down and not a single order was lost.

Truly the hand of the living God does work.

A. J. MUDFORD.

SUNSET CALENDAR

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March 25th	6.20	6.25	6.33	6.35	6.45
April 1st	6.31	6.37	6.44	6.49	6.58

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