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Annual Meeting Afterthoughts

WE have just concluded the last of our annual conferences and have been trying to collect our afterthoughts.

In each of the five fields attendances were higher than they were the previous year. This is as it should be, and indicates our appreciation of the need for such association with the Lord's people. There were generally but few resolutions, which allowed more time for spiritual exercises. There has been a spirit of unity among our people. Their devotion to the Advent message is becoming more and more marked. The times and their events indicate unmistakably the truth of the prophetic Word, and we are conscious of the nearness of the kingdom. Those who were privileged to attend the conferences will doubtless spread abroad in our churches this spirit of unity and devotion.

In every field there was gratifying advancement in the material objectives of our work. There is in general a good tithe increase. We hope this means (1) that all new members start out faithfully in this practice, (2) that an increasing number of members are paying a literal tenth to the Lord, (3) that the percentage of our members paying an honest tithe is rising above the present figure, which is about 75 per cent.

Mission offerings showed a healthy growth, and doubtless betoken the maintenance of a deep interest in the work of our mis-

By H. W. LOWE

sionaries. We would urge again that the recognized denominational plan is that all gifts to missions should pass through the local church, conference, or union treasuries. This is the best way to help the cause at home and abroad, and no gifts should be sent direct to mission fields.

In all fields, with one exception, good membership gains were recorded, and 1937 was the best in this respect for eleven years. Good though this sounds, we ought to be winning four times as many souls each year. Laymen and ministers should be winning many more souls for the kingdom, and for this we should pray and work in the Spirit day and night.

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Pastor W. G. Murdoch
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Babienco, Nord, and Robison has been much appreciated by our people, as well as the services of Elders Michael, Hurlow, Lake, J. Hyde, and other missionary brethren.

After the blessings of annual gathering comes Harvest Ingathering. Now to translate our resolutions into work for God! Let us clean it up quickly by getting right after our task without delay. While the spirit of devotion to God's work is upon us, let not the flesh be weak and lingering. Rather may we find added blessing in the speedy accomplishment of a worth-while task for the great missions cause.

The things we have hitherto done in this Union must now be outdone. Too long have we talked. Far too often have we been content and easy-going. The Christian faith, and especially the Advent message, must be militant if it is to triumph. "The Gospel of Christ is aggressive and diffusive. In the day of God not one will be excused for having been shut up to his own selfish interests. There is a work for every mind and for every hand."—"Christian Service," page 12.

If this old land is to ring with the message, we must find a new spirit of love and labour, the spirit of unqualified sacrifice. We must do new things for God. We must have larger visions, deeper surrender, and new-found spiritual energies for Christ and His cross.

South England Annual Meetings

Workers' Meetings

WHICH were they? The problem which confronted us then is with us now, and we feel constrained to solve it. Were they the Minor Prophets re-embodied, or the Twelve Apostles returned? We incline toward the latter and submit our reasons.

If you *must* be prosaic, we admit that they were only modern ministers giving "The Message of the Minor Prophets for the Men of To-day." But with a little shutting of the eyes we were easily able to imagine that Peter, James, and John were expounding Old Testament scripture to the assembled disciples. To complete the picture, let it be remembered that we gathered together in an upper room (of the Holloway church) and in introductory and concluding speakers had forerunner and rearguard who may be respectively likened to John the Baptist and Paul.

Who were they? you ask. Does that really matter? Suffice it to say that twelve ministers, young and old, tried and true, had been given the task of bringing the messages to the surface. Right well their work was done! Our previous knowledge of the Minor Prophets had been limited to isolated textual gems, but now it widened, and we knew where the prophets lived, when they taught, and why they spoke. The last thought we amplified, and in doing so discovered a remarkable, inescapable fact—the Minor Prophets were Adventists! In varied ways each speaker emphasized this point until in the last study we found our wonderful system of doctrine completely recorded in these Old Testament writings.

We truly thank God for this unique opportunity to spend the whole of two days in prayer and Bible study. The idea was heaven-born, and from the beginning was greatly blessed by God. Divine guidance was obvious! How otherwise could fourteen diverse minds range over so wide a field in perfect unanimity? There had been no previous collaboration between the men—it was a case of co-

operation with the Spirit on the part of each contributor.

Only those who were present will be able fully to appreciate the fullness of the blessings received. Fourteen studies were delivered in two days. The output was great. We trust the intake was proportionate. But, lest any should fear this was too concentrated fare, we would dwell upon the eight devotional talks that inspired our times of prayer. Those talks were cameos culled from the same source as the deeper studies. Little gems they were, leading us to prayer. We prayed for many needs; chiefly for power—not personal power—but for the power of the Holy Ghost to come upon us that He working through the ministry, might win the world to our Father.

We believe those prayers are even now being answered. We also know they were excellent preparation for the larger conference meetings that followed.

B. E. SPARROW.

The Great Day of the Feast

THE attendances have so greatly increased during the past two years that it is becoming increasingly difficult to accommodate the vast number of our people at the annual meetings. At some of the services scores stood throughout in order to hear the glorious messages which came from God's servants. At the closing meeting many could not gain admittance. This conference was the best we have ever experienced in attendance and many mentioned to the writer how blessed a time they were having. The Stanborough Male Choir gave us choice selections.

THE MORNING SERVICES

The early morning prayer meeting was well attended and after a few words of introduction spoken from the text, "These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth," the whole company divided into prayer bands and prayers ascended to the courts above. God indeed sent us

showers of blessing on this great day.

It was an inspiring sight to see from the platform the vast number at Sabbath-school. How we sang! There was much freedom in answering the questions in both the review and the lesson. W. G. Murdoch, recently returned from U.S.A., ably conducted the lesson for the day, while J. J. Hyde and W. T. Bartlett gave the missions appeal.

In the preaching service which followed, Pastor W. A. Spicer inspired all with a wonderful address based upon Matthew 24:44, "Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." God is pleading with us, he said, "My Seventh-Day Adventist children, you who are looking for the coming of the Lord, be ready, for it will be quicker than you think." [A full report of this address was prepared but space prevented its inclusion in this issue.]

ORDINATION SERVICE

In the afternoon an Ordination Service was held, the introductory address being given by Pastor H. W. Lowe, his text being, "As My Father hath sent Me, even so send I you." John 20:21. A fatal temptation of the preacher, he said, is to preach so as to attract to himself. When the Lord established the ministry, His plan was that God must be seen in human flesh. Men were to know how to suffer and die. The principles of the resurrection were to be seen in man.

The minister for God must not air private theories. He must learn to control his temper and study the Word of God. (See Titus 2:7, 8; 2 Tim. 2:24; 2 Tim. 3:15.) He must be a watchman and a shepherd. Truly the minister is a man that needs the prayers of God's people.

When the Lord set forth these ideals He said, "All power is given unto Me." Someone has said that the influence of the ministry on the laity is such that "when the ministry take one step the laity take two." Thank God all power is in Christ and in turn He offers

it to us. We need to pray for the Spirit of wisdom, of understanding, of counsel and might, and the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the Lord.

Following a brief talk by R. S. Joyce, the ordination prayer was offered over L. G. Hardinge by W. T. Bartlett, and the charge solemnly given by W. A. Spicer. The appropriate solo, "Be thou faithful unto death," was beautifully sung by T. B. Wynne.

MESSAGES FROM THE MISSION FIELDS

Pastors Lake and Michael briefly related some marvellous experiences showing the power of God in British North Borneo and India respectively. Pastor Lake reminded us of the failings of Israel when they limited God. (Psa. 78:41.) He admonished us to avoid the same failing and to have faith in the Lord.

Many idolaters are giving their hearts to God and casting away their idols. One such gave his testimony and immediately afterward his little girl who was born dumb gave hers. This miracle wonderfully impressed the people and the Spirit of God was greatly manifested in that place.

He related how the Lord opened some hitherto unentered territory—Sarawak. We were fascinated as he told his experiences in procuring an interview with the Rajah himself. Suffice it to say that to-

day we are granted freedom to work in that country and also given educational and agricultural grants.

Pastor Michael encouraged us concerning the work in India, which is rapidly going forward. In a city of 500,000 people three different campaigns were commenced at the same time. A large interest has resulted. The police sent representatives to all the meetings. A verbatim report was given to their officer in charge—Ras Khan—who came from Moham-medan stock but was not professing anything. As he read the sermons, his heart was touched. Before he knew we were Adventists he resigned his position and came to hear more. To-day he is a baptized member and a colporteur.

THE EVANGELISTS' MEETING

The last meeting of a very full day was given over to the evangelists. If only there were time for all the workers in the conference, to report how God had blessed and prospered them what a report that would be! As it was, the eight evangelists chosen found it almost impossible to relate even the high points of their campaign work because of the manifold blessings received. It appears that just as great miracles of grace are happening here in England as in the darkest heathen countries—men and women turning from sin

to accept this message; unbelievers confessing God; victories and triumphs all along the line. Look for these experiences as they are related from time to time in the MESSENGER.

A stirring appeal was given by R. S. Joyce at the close and God moved the hearts of our people in such a way that a large offering was contributed for evangelistic work in our conference, considerably in excess of the offering taken last year.

So ended a gloriously spiritual day. We had felt the power of God. His Spirit was with us. We prayed for His continued presence. J. M. HOWARD.

Bible Study and Devotional Periods

Prayer Meeting, 7 a.m. Friday.

W. H. MEREDITH

IN favoured England we can but dimly realize the restrictions and hardships experienced by believers in some other lands. When such becomes our lot, how shall we stand?

"The Lord is . . . a stronghold in the day of trouble" (Nahum 1:7), and we need to learn to trust in Him now and always for strength and guidance. We must be willing to lay aside our own plans and cherished ambitions and let God take control of our lives.



Workers at the South England conference session.

Study, 9 a.m. Friday.

J. I. ROBISON

While on earth, Jesus developed a perfect character, and though tempted in all points, remained sinless, by His life and death vindicating the divine law.

As He uttered the victorious cry, "It is finished," and died, the veil of the earthly temple was rent, and victory assured, betokened by the resurrection of "many bodies of the saints."

When Jesus closes His priestly work in the heavenly sanctuary, He will again cry, "It is finished," and again the law will be vindicated.

Victory will be complete. All the saints will arise. Satan will be defeated and at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow. As the fire of God destroys sin and sinners, the glad words will ring out, "Behold, I make all things new."

Study, 10.15 a.m., Friday.

T. T. BABIENCO

Men to-day do not know God. Satan, the traducer, the author of all evil, has deceived the world into blaming God, the Holy One, the author of all good, for the results of his own evil work.

Ignorantly, the world charges God with sending trouble and death upon them when it is Satan who destroys body and mind through sin. (John 10:10.) Jesus came that men might have life. He knows His sheep and is known of them. (Verse 14.) Do we know Him or are we also wrongfully regarding Him as the source of our trials and misfortunes?

When God desires to punish us, He does so with His own agent, the Holy Spirit. He never uses the rod of the devil.

Study, 2.30 p.m., Friday.

W. A. SPICER

God's people are to be distinctive. As the Sabbath is a sign so the Advent believers who keep the Sabbath are to be for signs and wonders.

In the Sabbath, memorial of creation, there is creative power. The Sabbath and all that its observance implies, makes people different.

Some people think that if it were

not for the Sabbath the Advent church would be more popular, but it is the Sabbath that makes us what we are.

Study, 6.30 p.m., Friday.

W. A. SPICER

The Seventh-Day Adventist Church is a moving church. It is constantly on the march.

God in ancient times called His people out of Egypt. To-day He is calling them out of all lands (Rev. 14:6, 7), irrespective of nationality and social status, and thousands are joining in the march every year.

Just as the harvest is potentially in the seed, so the increase of God's work is in His Word. Fruitage always results from the sowing of the Word. The Bible is our passport to heaven; our defence against sin and temptation.

On the overcomers God has promised to write His new name. (Rev. 3:12.) Shall we not allow Him to write on us and mark us as His, separate and distinct from the world?

Prayer Meeting, 7 a.m., Sunday

L. G. HARDINGE

Jehoram, king of Israel, brought himself and the kings of Judah and Edom with their combined armies into a position where they were in dire need of water. Like so many to-day, he blamed God for the consequences of his own folly. (2 Kings 3:10.)

Jehoshaphat, however, turned to God for help; through His prophet, and for his sake God brought deliverance.

Elisha received directions from God that the valley was to be made full of ditches, and at the time the meat offering was made, God caused the ditches to be filled with the much-needed water.

Likewise, when we offer to God our prayers on behalf of others, He will hear and answer.

Study, 9 a.m., Sunday.

H. W. LOWE

"The soul that sinneth it shall die," is the basis of the sanctuary question. Many chapters of Exodus are devoted to the subject and much detail is given by God, even to the stitches in the priests'

garments, teaching in prophetic symbolism the detailed truths of the Gospel of salvation by grace.

A number of Bible students agree with us on many points, but no other people make such a complete study of this important subject.

The priesthood of Christ, His divine and endless life, His sinless human life and atoning death should engage our thoughts. Paul bids us "consider Him." We may know the facts, but the theme is essentially for spiritual meditation rather than for analytical study. We need to realize that more is involved in sacrifice than the slaying of the lamb.

Y.P. Rally, Sunday.

To the young people of this movement, said T. T. Babienco, God has entrusted a great task. (Acts 26:16.) But great opportunities require great preparation and great sacrifice. We must give our best gift, our lives, to the service of God.

H. W. Lowe enumerated three great privileges enjoyed by Adventist youth.

1. To know and believe the truths of the Bible and accept it as God's Word.

2. The opportunity of finding a place in God's service.

3. Association with other young people of high objectives in the pleasurable environment of camping holidays.

W. T. Bartlett briefly outlined the scope and object of the Progressive M.V. Courses, normally occupying four years. About thirty received Friend badges, denoting the completion of the first year's study, and two, W. J. Bunting and N. A. W. Druitt, were invested with Master Comrade badges, having completed the full course. It is hoped that 100 young people will qualify as delegates for the forthcoming Young People's Congress.

W. A. Spicer told the meeting that there are 90,000 young people in our own schools training for service. God has a message for Adventist youth to give to the world. (Zech. 2:4.) It remains for them to study, pray and work that they may be fitted to accomplish that aim.

Study, 2.30 p.m., Sunday.

W. A. SPICER

The presence of the Spirit of prophecy in the exodus movement was a token that God would go before His people. Similarly, the giving of the prophetic gift in the early Advent movement was an evidence that God would lead them.

The object of the gift as manifested in Sister White, was to lead people to the Scriptures, not to take their place. In spite of pain and illness, that homely "mother in Israel" recorded faithfully the instruction given her by God, depending on Him for strength.

Her writings fill sixty-five volumes, totalling 30,000 pages, and make a pile higher than a man. Educated men of the world are at a loss to account for their inimitable quality.

In a marked way the gift of prophecy, in harmony with Ephesians 4:11, 12, has been the means of building up the three great branches of our work—publishing, educational, and medical.

Public Service, Sunday night.

W. A. SPICER

Revelation 14:6, 7 brings to view a world movement bearing the "everlasting Gospel" to men. Before Christ comes, a work of judgment must take place, our only hope being in our divine Advocate.

People scoffed at the small group of commandment-keepers who began in 1844 the gigantic task of warning the world, but since then the truth has gone around the globe. Modern modes of travel have made it possible to take the Gospel to all. A journey that took five days by mule can now be made in one and a half hours by plane. The whole earth is open to the last message. Everywhere our brethren are sounding the cry in spite of imprisonment and hardship.

God's Spirit is being poured out. Angels of God are with us to help and heal humanity. We have a message. Let us deliver it.

A Catholic priest warned his people, "Beware of Seventh-Day Adventists. Every one of them is a Martin Luther." May that be true of us.

The service ended with a strong appeal to be ready for the coming of the Lord. We shall never forget the thrilling consecration solo of Miss D. V. Hadley and the earnestness with which the large congregation sang the chorus:

"I'll take up my cross
I will walk by His side,
For the pathway of duty I see,
I will follow my Lord,
And abide in His heart,
The heart that was broken for me."

W. BUCKLE.

Business Meetings

Of all the twenty-eight meetings held during the conference session, only five or part thereof were devoted to conference business. Most of the time this year was given to prayer, praise, and Bible study. This was as near the ideal as possible. The essential business of the conference was kept down to the minimum.

The first of these meetings was at the opening of the conference on Thursday evening, when the majority of the delegates were seated. An inspiring feature of this gathering was the acceptance of the Ipswich and Torquay churches into the sisterhood of churches of the conference.

At this meeting also the president gave his report for the year 1937, which appears elsewhere in the columns of the MESSENGER.

Two sessions were held on Friday and two on Sunday, in the morning and afternoon respectively of each day. There was an unusual interest shown in all these meetings, judging by the splendid attendances.

The time was occupied with reports from the treasurer, the two departmental secretaries, and with discussion in which the delegates freely joined.

Each of the delegates, as well as other members present, was furnished with a copy of the financial statement for 1937, including the auditor's certificate, as presented by the treasurer.

Associated with the departmental reports, several resolutions on Progressive Study Courses, Bible Service Training for Lay Members, Harvest Ingathering, Education,

and Literature Ministry were passed.

The resolution on Literature was graphically supported by an ocular demonstration of the noteworthy results in book sales which had been achieved during 1937 by Brethren H. G. Hardy and A. Lacey. (See photograph in previous issue of the MESSENGER.)

The following officers were re-elected:

President.—R. S. Joyce.
Secretary-Treasurer.—J. H. Parkin.
Home Missionary, Sabbath-school, Missionary Volunteer, and Educational Secretary.—E. R. Warland.
Field Missionary Secretary.—A. W. Cook.

The Executive Committee appointed comprised:

R. S. Joyce, J. H. Parkin, E. R. Warland, J. Harker, C. A. Reeves, J. M. Howard, A. H. Williams, G. V. Hall, H. Benwell.

Credentials and Licences were granted as follows:

Ministerial Credentials.—R. S. Joyce, A. K. Armstrong, F. C. Bailey, J. Harker, J. M. Howard, C. A. Reeves, F. A. Spearing, E. R. Warland, L. A. Watson, J. B. West, G. W. Bailey, S. Joyce, W. J. Young, L. D. Vince, S. Bull, L. G. Hardinge.

Ministerial Licences.—E. Ashton, R. T. Bolton, C. R. Bonney, J. H. Parkin, A. G. Tapping, B. E. Sparrow, D. M. Swaine, G. R. Bell, A. J. Mustard.

Missionary Credentials.—J. H. Bayliss, W. J. Bunting, A. W. Cook, T. L. Gillett, H. Humphries, G. A. Keough, R. A. Vince, O. H. Rosier, R. H. Smith, Miss F. Barr-Hamilton, Miss W. Buckle, Mrs. D. Casey, Miss M. Clements, Miss O. C. Davies, Miss E. Donaldson, Miss E. Guntrip, Miss M. John, Miss M. L. Keough, Miss A. Mallery, Miss V. Warren, Mrs. M. E. Brooks.

Church School Teachers.—Miss E. M. Frost, Miss L. J. Clarke, Mrs. E. L. Bunker, Miss A. E. West, Miss W. E. Willis, Mrs. B. Osborne.

Colporteur Credentials.—H. Cannon, S. Combridge, H. G. Hardy, F. J. Kinman, W. H. Nicholls, W. Rowland, H. Welch, J. W. Dean, W. G. Chappell, W. C. Howard, A. Lacey, L. G. White, W. E. Gregory, E. J. Whiting, A. J. Mudford, L. E. Martin, Mrs. C. Sully, Mrs. F. J. Kinman, Mrs. A. Matthews, Mrs. E. L. Slight, Miss M. I. Welch.

Colporteur Licences.—James Dean, V. Walkden, G. Reid, H. G. Stark, R. J. Keough, A. Fleet, J. Frost, Miss A. Bedford, Mrs. M. A. Chappell, Mrs. W. Wilkinson, Miss E. Chamberlain.

A fitting close to the business

sessions was the passing of a resolution of thanksgiving in the following terms:

WHEREAS, God has greatly blessed the work in South England during the past year, preserving the health of our workers and church leaders, and has granted to this country a time of peace amid the unsettled world conditions, and

WHEREAS, It has been possible to open up work in an increasing number of new centres with good prospects, therefore

Resolved, That we express our gratitude to God and reconsecrate our lives to His service that the work in South England may go forward with increased and abiding results.

At the opening service the chairman, Pastor R. S. Joyce, stated that his prayer was that everything would run smoothly, that all would give liberally for the work at home and abroad, and that the attendances would be excellent, but most of all that the annual gathering would be a time of spiritual refreshing. His prayer was answered. Everything was organized to the last detail; the offerings covered the expenses incurred, the attendances broke all records, and the gathering will long be remembered as an outstanding spiritual success.

J. H. PARKIN.

President's Report

WE are glad to-night that as we look over the field wherein we live and work, we can bring you "good tidings of good."

WORKERS

At the beginning of 1937 we were concerned about the strength of our working force when compared with the vastness of our field. However, the Lord saw our need, and this report will show how His strength was made perfect in our weakness. We are thankful for the spirit of co-operation that exists between all the workers, and the relationship between the office and the field is sympathetic, close, and confident.

It is with regret that we have to record in these pages the death of one of our veteran workers, Alfred E. Bacon, who died May 6, 1938, having served in this work for forty years. We are told to "honour such." Many in this audience have been in close contact

with him at some time during his ministry. Let us express our sympathy to his wife and daughter in their bereavement by standing to our feet.

MEMBERSHIP

We praise God for a net gain in membership of 130. This is our highest gain for a number of years. Without doubt this is the most important part of our report, for our whole work is to prepare men and women for God's kingdom. Our membership at December 31, 1937, was 2,969, or one to every 6,221 of the population.

CHURCHES, COMPANIES, GROUPS

We have thirty-seven organized churches; sixteen companies and twenty-one groups. Last year two more churches were added and two companies.

ISOLATED

We have 396 isolated members. We are continually concerned when we think of the many towns and villages where as yet no Adventist may be found, and yet we are told in *Ministry of Healing*, page 355, that "A lamp, however small, if kept steadily burning may be the means of lighting many other lamps," and we like to think of these isolated Adventists as jets of light glowing in the darkness that lies between the unentered portions of this vast territory. A torch-light procession started from a country station to welcome a returning hero. One torch after another blazed into radiance, though one could not tell what lighted them, until a small child was discovered crouching behind a woodpile to keep away from the wind, with a lighted candle in his hand. Every torch-bearer came to him for light. Silent, happy, with one little hand sheltering the flame, this little fellow was lighting up the darkness.

This is a picture of the work of each isolated member who is lighting men for the returning Lord.

EVANGELISM

Last year, each conference worker, without exception, won souls for Christ. It was indeed thrilling at the close of the year to see from the records that dur-

ing the year each worker had had at least one baptismal service. To enter new places and yet pastor our churches and companies, strains our working force to its fullest capacity, but the workers have given themselves unremittingly to do this.

Solomon tells us, "Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be yet wiser; teach a just man, and he will increase in learning." Because we believe this, we have had two meetings of our workers during the year to discuss methods and to pray for added power. One cannot help but feel that much good was accomplished and that each worker returned to his work with renewed zeal, clearer vision, and deeper consecration.

FINANCE

Our membership as a whole showed its confidence in the truth and its love for its fellows by most sacrificial liberality. The increase in income amounts to no less than £1,409. The tithe and every offering, without exception, showed an increase. A total of £9,341 was sent abroad for foreign mission work, and £1,000 was sent to the Union to assist the other local fields.

LITERATURE

The call for a man to surrender his life to the colporteur service is a call from God. No form of organization promises his support. He is like Isaiah who was called to stand alone. We honour Isaiah who was called of God and responded. I know you join me in honouring the men and women whose work God has so abundantly sanctioned. Last year £262 more literature was sold by our earnest colporteurs. This broke all records for sales in South England.

HOME MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT

Paul tells us to have our feet shod "with the readiness of the glad message of peace" (Eph. 6: 15, Rotheram), and we thank God that the Advent people as a whole are a people whose passion for souls puts the Gospel really into their shoes. Our departmental secretary will tell you in detail how our labours this past year have been "more abundant." We

are confident that more effective work could be done if every church would see that during the coming year they have:

1. A Speakers' Class.
2. A Bible-Study Class.
3. The town divided into districts for detailed work by members.

Let us all make our slogan, "Our best, not our bit," and pray that God will "open to me the gates of right doing" and service.

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER DEPARTMENT

The conservation of our youth is one of the supreme questions of this denomination. It is not a departmental, but denominational problem. We are doing all we can to make our young people's societies inspirational and practical and to promote a special service for the children on the Sabbath in every church. In Jacob's care for the young is seen the ideal shepherd. He knew that should he over-drive them, they would perish, and so he said, "I will lead on softly according as . . . the children be able to endure."

CAMP

Camps have come to stay. We have realized that it is a good thing for our youth to gather together for the kind of holiday that our camps offer.

CHURCH SCHOOLS

The seven teachers in our three church schools need our prayers as they continue to train the minds of the children. We are thankful for the youth who have been saved by our schools and rejoice that some are now labouring directly for the Master at home and abroad.

MEDICAL AID

In *Testimonies*, Vol. 7, page 59, we have a strange and striking phrase used: "God has given our sanitariums an opportunity to set in operation works that will be as a stone instinct with life, growing as it is rolled by an invisible hand. Let this mystic stone be set in motion." We are glad to say that many of our sick members have received benefit because this "mystic stone" has been set rolling in this country. The Medical Aid Fund has proved a great boon. We

are happy to have our institutions in our midst and to receive help from them continually.

SABBATH-SCHOOLS

During the year under review, we found the Sabbath-school to be one of the strongest bulwarks against apostasy. It gripped all ages, and by encouraging the study of the Word held them for the kingdom.

EVANGELISTIC BOXES

Like Jeremiah, our Evangelistic Boxes have fallen into a pit. Some of them are well sunken in the mire. We need many Ebed-melechs to rescue these boxes with painstaking effort. What a power the resources from these boxes could be. The field stretches before us. We are utterly unable to answer the calls that come. What are YOU going to do about it? A penny a week from all our members would not be missed by anyone, but would give no less than £600 yearly to evangelism. Please be an Ebed-melech and rescue your box!

THE FUTURE

That is all I am going to say in retrospect. It has been a good year, and we can see progress everywhere. For every blessing and for all of them, we thank God and take courage. What are our prospects, or plans? We will make some resolutions here at this conference, and we hope they will include these three:

1. To enlarge the sphere of evangelism.
2. To work in more detail for the young people and children.
3. To encourage all to pray and study the Word more earnestly.

There are trees the spread of whose roots under ground equals the spread of their branches above ground. We cannot be soul-winners unless in our private lives we live and grow in the principles we try to teach others. We must be consistent before we dare to be insistent.

Let us pray for the grace of continuance. We are so fickle, so vacillating, so inconstant. We have our cares, but from that anxiety from which the worldling is not free we are free, and we are free because with all the commands of

God we have His own assurance, "I have spoken it, I will also bring it to pass; I have purposed it, I will also do it."

Pray for our leaders and every worker. A great responsibility is theirs as "they watch for souls as they that must give account." Christ's followers are to be "the salt of the earth," and salt creates thirst. May our lives create in others the thirst that only the water of life can satisfy as we work for them, so that next year our gains in membership may be doubled. Let us *expect* to be used, *pray* to be used and *consecrate* ourselves to be used to bring souls into this truth that others will say with us, "For this God is our God for ever and ever: He will be our guide even unto death." Psa. 48:14.

R. S. JOYCE.

Bible Lands Photographs

The photographs taken by Brother W. L. Emmerson, editor of *Present Truth*, in his journey through Palestine, Transjordan, Syria, Egypt, Mesopotamia, and Greece have been of much value in illustrating our publications. He succeeded in obtaining about 800 useful pictures.

Other publishers have also recognized the value of these photographs as they have been brought to their attention. The Amalgamated Press to date has used twenty of them in their much-advertised *Story of the Bible*, now being issued in weekly parts.

The Oxford University Press has also used one of the pictures in their new Bible which has thirty-two illustrations of Bible lands, described as the best collection ever used to illustrate a Bible, and highly commended in various religious journals.

Three well-known lantern slide agencies have requested permission to include our pictures in their collections. One of these agencies took thirty pictures, another 107, and another 132.

Many of the pictures have also been reproduced in our denominational journals in America and Australia, etc. The *Signs of the Times* (U.S.A.) has used forty of them.

A. WARREN.

North England Annual Meetings

Impressions of the Annual Session

ELSEWHERE in the MESSENGER you will have read the report of the actual business done at the conference sessions. What we want to do in this brief article is to say something about the even more interesting phases of those all too few and very profitable days.

When we can sit and listen to men of long and ripe experience, such as Elder W. A. Spicer, we are in for some refreshing. There he was, sometimes at a devotional meeting in the early morning, with the Word of God to unfold to us, or with thrilling experiences culled from the world field, which he has visited so often. Though the time was necessarily shorter, we enjoyed those devotional and Bible study meetings almost as much as his inspiring sermon on the Sabbath morning, or his talk at the public meeting on Sunday evening. He came to us on the Friday, his bright face beaming with encouragement, and left on the Monday, leaving behind him a warm glow.

Also there were the representatives of the Northern European Division and the British Union to give us the benefit of their experience along spiritual lines. Pastors G. E. Nord, H. W. Lowe, and G. D. King also rendered signal service.

Those who were not so fortunate as to be present, would like no doubt to hear particularly about the Sabbath and its activities. In the lower hall over one hundred of us gathered at 8.30 in the morning for special prayer. Pastor King, who led out in that service, spoke of the need of quiet preparation for these times, and suggested that our attitude in that prayer season would largely influence the whole of the period at the conference. That he was right, no one can doubt, for the attendance was splendid and the spiritual tone an inspiration from that time until the last members scattered on Monday night.

At ten o'clock Sabbath-school convened, with H. T. Johnson in

charge. The Stanborough Male Choir, conducted by L. Meredith, was there and rendered items which were very much appreciated, at all the services of the day. The review of the previous week's lesson was conducted by Brother B. E. Sparrow, who will shortly be taking up the reins of office at Zulla Road for departmental work. We sat up and took notice as he keenly questioned us; no one could slumber. Pastor Nord made the missions appeal, which resulted in an offering of over £16. The lesson for the day, dealing with Queen Vashti, was in the hands of Pastor W. G. C. Murdoch.

At 11.15 a.m. there was Divine Service, at which the speaker was Elder Spicer. Naturally all were looking for a rich blessing, and no one was disappointed. If any strangers were present, they certainly would lose any prejudices against Adventism that they may have had before.

There was an adjournment for dinner, until three in the afternoon, when an ordination service was conducted, the candidates being W. J. Cannon of this field and T. H. Fielding from the Gold Coast. This solemn service reminded us that the ministry is indeed a high and holy calling.

There was a song service at 6.30 in the evening, followed at seven o'clock by a Young People's Rally. Pastor F. W. Goodall, the Union Young People's secretary, was there to examine candidates for badges in connection with the Progressive Courses of study. We were particularly impressed with the intelligent answers of quite little ones. When it came to the turn of the senior grades, they exhibited, in addition to their proficiency, a marked consecration to the service of the Master. Like the services that had preceded it, this was a most enjoyable gathering.

It had proved to be a Sabbath full of good things. As quite a few could only attend for just that day, we were glad for their sakes that it was "the great day of the feast."

But not only the meetings and the speakers impressed us. The

people impressed us by their happy fellowship together. Surely the Adventists know the joy of being "children of the King." In North England they certainly do, for it shows in their faces.

I have asked a number of those present what they thought of the conference, and all said about the same thing—it was the best they remembered. F. D. BUCKLE.

Business Meetings

It was an expectant body of members that gathered together in the Circus Street Hall, Nottingham, on Friday, July 29th, at four o'clock in the afternoon, for the opening meeting of the thirty-fifth annual session of the North England Conference. Happy smiles of recognition flitted across faces as friends were seen in the entrances or in the hall, and many a hand was thrust out to give and receive a hearty handshake. "By this shall all men know that ye are My disciples," said Jesus, "if ye have love one to another."

FIRST MEETING

The words, "O worship the King, all glorious above," were more than a mere opening hymn; they were the real sentiment of hearts. After words of welcome, the roll of delegates was called and the conference was declared open. New churches at Darlington and Stockport requested to be received into the sisterhood of churches, and the delegates extended them a hearty welcome. The special delegates selected for the Recommendations Committee retired under the chairmanship of Pastor H. W. Lowe, and shortly afterward rendered their reports which were all approved.

Presenting his report as president, Pastor O. M. Dorland referred to this, his fifth year of office, as in many ways the best. We had been blessed with a net gain of seventy souls. Tithe and offerings were on the increase, but one of the most striking advances lay in the canvassing field. Praise,

he said, was due to Brother B. Belton and his band of colporteurs for this achievement. He alluded with regret to the loss of Brother H. T. Johnson, the departmental secretary, and Brother N. H. Knight, the secretary-treasurer, but extended a welcome to Brethren B. E. Sparrow and F. D. Buckle, their respective successors.

A special report from the Committee on Credentials and Licences was received on Friday, reading as follows:

"We recommend for ordination W. J. Cannon of this conference, and T. H. Fielding from the Gold Coast."

This recommendation was carried unanimously and the ordination service took place on Sabbath afternoon.

BALANCE SHEET

At the second meeting at 11.30 a.m. on Sunday, July 31st, the balance sheet was read by the treasurer, showing a tithe income of £8,057. 3s. 8d., and an appropriation from the British Union of £2,638. 8s., making a total income from all sources of £11,295. 4s. 4d. Questions were answered and the report carried unanimously.

The Committee on Plans then brought in its full report, the resolutions being taken up singly.

THANKSGIVING

WHEREAS, The spiritual and material blessings of our heavenly Father have been abundantly manifested to us in this conference during the past year, and

WHEREAS, Our confidence in the Lord has been strengthened by His blessing on evangelism, as seen by the encouraging number of baptisms this past year, and on individual soul-seeking work, and by the love of our established members as shown in their faithfulness,

Resolved, That we voice our sincere gratitude to God for His daily mercies and grace; and that we fully yield ourselves into His hands for service, for the rapid finishing of His work on this earth in this generation.

This resolution was carried with hearty acclamation.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORT

The report of the Sabbath-school, Home Missionary, and Young People's departments was rendered in the form of a dialogue

between Brother H. T. Johnson, the retiring secretary, and Brother B. E. Sparrow, his successor.

Sabbath-school offerings had increased by £69 over 1936 figures. Birthday gifts and Investment Fund offerings also were growing. Nine hundred and forty-three quarterly credits had been issued to members for perfect attendance and study. The Home Missionary report showed 1,550 Bible readings given, 8,497 missionary visits paid, and an increase of 329 in the number of treatments given. A number of cottage meetings had been held.

In the Harvest Ingathering, the conference in 1937 reached the goal of £3,400 by the eighth report, and altogether, £3,707 was raised. Special mention was made of the £500 contributed by the Newbold Missionary College. Brother Johnson pointed out that in every line young people's work was advancing and that the possibilities were unlimited.

The delegates then considered a resolution on Progressive Courses of Study for our youth.

After Brother Johnson had spoken in support of this resolution, it was carried. This was followed by a further resolution on Bible Service Training for Lay Members. Pastor Lowe explained that this is an up-to-date plan, tried out by the General Conference, which can be adapted to local needs. As evangelistic efforts are expensive, we needed active help from all our members. The resolution was carried.

Next, the Committee on Nominations rendered the following report:

President.—O. M. Dorland.

Secretary-Treasurer.—F. D. Buckle.

Field Missionary Secretary.—B. Belton.

Home Missionary, Sabbath-school, and Missionary Volunteer Department Secretary.—B. E. Sparrow.

Executive Committee.—O. M. Dorland, F. D. Buckle, B. Belton, S. G. Joyce, A. F. Bird, H. Rhodes, E. E. White, F. Normington, A. E. Knight-Rawlings.

These recommendations were carried unanimously.

A report was then received from the Committee on Credentials and Licences, as follows:

Ministerial Credentials.—O. M. Dorland, W. Maudsley, S. G. Joyce, A. F. Bird, W. R. A. Madgwick, W. M. Lennox, J. E. Bell, L. Murdoch, W. J. Cannon.

Ministerial Licences.—R. A. Freeth, F. W. Coppock, F. Edwards, J. C. French, J. R. Lewis.

Missionary Licences.—B. Belton, B. F. Kinman, K. Elias, F. D. Buckle, D. J. Clarke, D. J. Handysides, Miss J. Handysides, Miss A. F. Clarke, Miss I. Himsforth, Miss E. Adair, Miss E. D. Brown, Miss H. M. Ford, Miss J. Mitchell, Miss D. Taylor, Miss E. A. Buck, Miss B. Cleary, Miss E. Pratt, and Mrs. E. G. Jackson.

The names of J. A. McMillan, H. T. Johnson, and N. H. Knight were referred to the British Union Conference for credentials and licences.

Colporteur Credentials.—T. G. Belton, J. Benefield, P. Binks, S. G. Cowley, D. Davies, B. H. C. Davies, Mrs. S. Hamblin, E. Halstead, C. B. Holloway, C. L. Kelly, Miss M. Lees, W. C. McLeod, A. Reeve, W. H. Woodfield.

Colporteur Licences.—Mrs. Binks, J. O. Connolly, A. J. Clarke, A. H. Cowley, Mrs. L. Jones, A. Phillips, E. N. Bennett, G. L. Schulz, Miss J. Mulliner, V. Benefield.

All other names to be referred to the executive committee.

This report was carried unanimously.

The next business session was held at four o'clock on the Sunday afternoon when Dr. J. E. Cairncross, superintendent of The Stanboroughs Hydro and Hospital, outlined the progress of these institutions, including the Nurses' Training course and Maternity departments. He was also able to give advice concerning diet and health generally, warning against unproved remedies.

HARVEST INGATHERING

Subsequently attention was given to Harvest Ingathering matters. Brother H. T. Johnson, of this conference, Pastor F. W. Goodall, the Union departmental secretary, and Pastor G. E. Nord, for the Northern European Division, spoke in turn, impressing all to co-operate to get our goal, and instead of leaving the campaign to run itself, to get behind it and push.

LITERATURE MINISTRY

The discussion was opened by Brother B. Belton, the conference Field Missionary secretary. He in-

troduced to the meeting a colporteur of another denomination who had been won to this truth by one of our colporteurs and who now sells our literature. Extracts from letters were read aloud, expressing delight with the message found in our books. Some men of ability, formerly in the business of the world, and now engaged as colporteurs, regard this as the most important work of their life.

Sales last year exceeded by £865 the figures of 1936.

Pastor G. D. King of the British Union Conference, spoke of the need of business aptitude in the colporteur, and outlined the advantages of the three months' Training Course now offered to beginners.

Brother Warren, manager of The Stanborough Press, also speaking in support of the resolution, brought home the far-reaching effects of literature distribution, not only results for the public, but for the colporteur, our institutions, the conferences, and the members generally. His interesting tale of "the old indifferent giant" drove home the lesson. A splendid resolution on Literature Ministry was carried.

NEWBOLD COLLEGE

The conference session resumed at four o'clock in the afternoon, but with a tinge of sadness we saw many empty seats. The exodus had begun. Next morning it would be "business as usual" for most of us, and those from the greatest distances doubtless felt a burden to get home. It would have been encouraging if the large attendance could have been maintained until

the evening; especially encouraging to the college, whose turn to speak for itself had now come.

We were glad to welcome Pastor W. G. C. Murdoch after his absence of one year attending advanced courses of study.

Pastor Murdoch based his remarks on Job 36:22, "Who teacheth like Him?" Truly no one can teach like God, and no other educational system in the world can take the place of our own schools. He said that all our children should be in them. It is unsafe for the education of the world to come first. He appealed for financial help for young people desiring to enter the college or return to it. Some £25 was recorded in pledges and loose cash, as a result of this appeal. Had the attendance been as in the morning, a larger amount would have been forthcoming, and some students would have been spared a sad disappointment this coming college year.

On being put to the vote, a resolution on education was carried unanimously, and a motion to adjourn *sine die* was accepted.

So closed the business side of a conference which all present enjoyed immensely. Not a few have said that they think it was the happiest they remembered attending. Even the people from whom the hall was hired said how struck they were by our happy fellowship together.

Those who did not attend certainly missed a great blessing, and next summer it will rejoice our hearts if these unfortunate ones can also be with us for our thirty-sixth session, wherever it may be held.

F. D. BUCKLE.

convention. And it was good to see the faces of so many new believers. Well, I am sure next year the church board will have to decide on a large number of extra chairs—or get a bigger church building!"

Another conference week-end belongs to the past. The call had been sounded, and our dear believers from Dublin, Larne, Lisburn, Londonderry, and the isolated districts gladly came together to meet with old and new friends in Belfast for the annual meetings of the Irish Mission, July 14th to 17th.

Thursday evening saw an eager audience in our hall in the Shankhill Road area to welcome Pastor G. E. Nord. It was his first visit to Ireland, and as he unfolded once again the ever-satisfying story of the plan of salvation we were reminded of the wonderful privileges which belong to us who have as an anchor, in a world which is tossed to and fro by the devices of wickedness, our glorious Advent hope.

On Friday evening we assembled for a short business session, and listened to the exposition of God's Word by our Union president, Pastor H. W. Lowe.

A Sabbath bright with sunshine, doubly appreciated after the many days of rain, greeted us as we came together for an early morning meeting for study and prayer. In the Sabbath-school, which was ably presided over by our superintendent, Pastor E. E. Craven, we listened with much interest to the excellent presentation of the story of Ruth.

Pastor and Mrs. W. McClements gave us a very pleasant surprise by their unexpected appearance at our conference. Our hearts were stirred as our brother recounted some experiences from Nigeria, where they have laboured so many years for the salvation of precious souls. We were all very happy to see Brother and Sister McClements home on furlough, sharing with us the blessings of the Irish conference.

The Spirit of God touched all our hearts when Pastor W. A. Spicer, of the General Conference, in his Sabbath morning sermon, impressed on our minds, through

Irish Annual Meetings

"WELL, Brother 'New Member,' how are you enjoying this Sabbath day at the first Adventist conference which you have attended?"

"Splendid! Such a feast with God, to hear the timely instructions and goodly counsel from our visiting pastors. I wouldn't have missed these meetings for anything, and I am so happy that I did not spend my holidays elsewhere. Nothing could have served as a better tonic for a year's work

ahead than the heart-touching Sabbath morning sermon by good Pastor Spicer."

"And you, Sister. You have been a faithful member for so many years. Was it worth the little inconvenience and the train journey to see the Florenceville church once again, and meet with the friends whom you have known for years?"

"Yes, how delighted I am that God has spared me to attend this

the parable of the ten virgins, the necessity of our full surrender to God and being prepared in every way for the imminent glorious return of our Lord and Saviour. All who were privileged to hear Brother Spicer will ever remember his Spirit-filled message, which encouraged us all to reconsecrate ourselves to God and be determined, by the help of God, to be more faithful witnesses in the days to come.

Sabbath afternoon saw us united again to welcome nine new members into our midst. Five were newly baptized, and four accepted by vote. Pastor Lowe addressed and duly examined the candidates, and Pastor J. G. Bevan immersed them. We rejoiced that among these were the first-fruits of the work in Londonderry, the northernmost town in Ireland, where Brother Bevan has been labouring during the past two years.

After the baptismal service Pastor Lowe led out in one of his topical Bible studies. In the evening service Pastor Nord took us on a trip round our African mission stations. As believers in Ireland we felt grateful that we have a number of workers from Erin's Isle doing faithful service in the foreign fields for the Master.

Sunday saw another record attendance for the Bible studies and business sessions. The usual committees had been at work and reported as follows:

- Superintendent.*—E. E. Craven.
- Secretary-Treasurer.*—W. G. Baldry.
- Field Missionary Secretary.*—G. D. King.
- Sabbath-school, Home Missionary, and Missionary Volunteer Secretary.*—F. W. Goodall.
- Advisory Committee.*—E. E. Craven, J. G. Bevan, W. G. Nicholson, Dr. J. Houston, A. Johnston.
- Ministerial Credentials.*—E. E. Craven, J. G. Bevan.
- Ministerial Licences.*—W. G. Nicholson, B. Walton.
- Missionary Credentials.*—E. Zins, Miss M. Kirby, Miss J. Cluett.
- Colporteur Licences.*—Miss E. Logan, W. H. Yeates.

Resolutions expressing our thanks to God for His abundant blessings during the past year, and our desire to plan for greater things and better methods to finish the work of God in our island field, were passed unanimously.

Before we went to the West

Belfast Orange Hall for the evening meeting we gladly gave Pastor McClements another opportunity to inspire us with his mission enthusiasm. The message he gave will make us all work more diligently in our Harvest Ingathering activities so that we will reach the goal of at least £500 which we in Ireland have set ourselves for this year! May God bless our feeble efforts so that we faithfully do our share to keep the torch of truth blazing in all the world!

After supper (when Mrs. Craven and our Bible-workers showed, as on Sabbath, that they can well look after our physical needs, too!) we made our way to the Shankhill

Road area once again. To an audience of 300 people Pastor Spicer spoke on the subject of "God's Last Message," showing how this Advent movement was raised in the plan and purpose of God. As he recounted some of the victories won for Christ in various parts of the world field, we, who are members of this Advent movement, thanked God for the privileges which He has given to us. For those who show interest in our meetings our prayer is that they may ere long fully accept God's truth. May each one in Ireland live and act worthily of the great cause in which God has called us to have a part! ERIC ZINS.

Welsh Annual Meetings

Business Sessions

FOLLOWING the opening hymn, Pastor H. K. Munson offered prayer invoking God's presence and blessing on our meeting, not forgetting those who were unable to be present. The chairman, Pastor S. G. Hyde, made a few remarks relative to the programme of the coming meetings and extended a hearty welcome to all present. The roll of delegates was called, forty-four responding to their names.

The Recommendations Committee was appointed and met immediately under the chairmanship of Pastor H. W. Lowe, their report being rendered before the close of the meeting and unanimously adopted.

At the second business session held in the Y.M.C.A. Lecture Hall at 11.30 a.m. on Sunday Pastor S. G. Hyde, the superintendent, rendered his report reviewing the activities of the Welsh Mission for the year 1937. He mentioned the loyalty and devotion of the constituency in spite of the many difficulties and privations. The Harvest Ingathering Campaign for 1937, showed a splendid result, the goal of £850 being passed, and the grand sum of £1,028 being collected for the work of World-Wide Advent Missions.

Each of the evangelistic campaigns held in the Welsh Mission were showing fruitage. Our slen-

der forces seem to be very inadequate for the vast territory yet untouched in our mission. Charts were displayed showing something of the great task yet before us. "We have to go over the top in a very definite way, here in Wales."

The superintendent expressed his deep appreciation of the good work done by his workers, also the lay-workers, whose faithful labours are valued in helping to spread this glorious message of truth. "We face the future with courage," he said, "and look to the present year to prove one of the most successful years for Wales."

The chairman then called for the presentation of the balance sheet and financial statement, which after being read, was discussed and unanimously adopted.

The Committee on Plans presented resolutions on Education, Harvest Ingathering, and Literature Work, and a special resolution of Thanksgiving to God.

There were some very interesting and encouraging discussions on these resolutions.

At the third meeting, also held in the Y.M.C.A. Lecture Hall, at 3.45 p.m. on Sunday afternoon, the secretary of the Committee on Nominations, Pastor T. H. Cooper, rendered the following report:

- Superintendent.*—Pastor S. G. Hyde.
- Secretary-Treasurer.*—W. G. Baldry.

Sabbath-school, Home Missionary, and Missionary Volunteer Secretary.—Pastor F. W. Goodall.
Field Missionary Secretary.—Pastor G. D. King.

Advisory Committee.—Pastor S. G. Hyde, Pastor F. S. Jackson, R. Jacques, J. Rutherford, F. E. Powell.

The report of officers for 1938 was unanimously accepted, and after some discussion on the Advisory Committee report, this report was seconded and carried.

The Committee on Credentials and Licences rendered its report

through its secretary, F. E. Powell, as follows:

Ministerial Credentials.—S. G. Hyde, T. H. Cooper, F. S. Jackson, H. K. Munson.

Missionary Credentials.—P. Cummings, D. A. Conroy, Miss K. Mahon, Miss E. B. Pinch.

Colporteur's Missionary Credentials.—C. L. W. Cooke, W. C. Smart.

Colporteur's Missionary Licence.—Miss I. Green.

These names were unanimously voted on, after which the meeting adjourned *sine die*.

W. G. BALDRY.

A further evidence of the operation of God's Spirit is seen in the remarkable willingness to return to the Lord His own. All of the new members were tithing before baptism. Altogether we have sixty-five people who are proving the truth of Malachi 3:10.

During the past four months the new people have paid over £200 tithes into the Lord's treasury.

Home missionary activities are flourishing at this new centre. Hundreds of our magazines are being sold each month, and already the Ilford friends have collected £103 for the Harvest Ingathering Campaign.

There are others preparing for our next baptism in October. As we now look forward to the organization of a new church we invite your prayers that the foundations of the work may be strongly laid under the guidance of the Master-builder.

C. A. REEVES.

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Life-Changing Evangelism at Ilford

Two great facts become increasingly clear as time marches on:

God has made the world ready for the Advent message.

God expects us to give it to-day in the power of the Holy Spirit.

In the light of these facts the large cities with their surging masses of unwarned, unsaved humanity present a tremendous challenge to last-day evangelism. In this setting soul-winning work takes on an even more solemn aspect, a more pressing urgency.

With the inspiration of these thoughts we have laboured during the past nine months, to bring the truth to the East London district of Ilford. It has been a very happy, though busy time for our evangelistic team. All have felt the blessing of God resting upon our labours from the beginning.

We had to advance into Ilford upon our knees. There was no opening of any kind for the preaching of the message. Whilst working in another district of London we were praying during a whole year that the close-shut door might be opened. At last the answer came. A large theatre, newly-built, became available. The Holy Spirit added power and conviction to the preaching of the Word. Joyous reaping followed toilsome sowing. On Sunday afternoon, July 10th, during the South England Confer-

ence session, a crowded congregation witnessed the baptism of forty-two Ilford people at Holloway church. Two others had been baptized previously.

The following Sabbath morning sixty-eight new Sabbath-keepers took part in the first Adventist ordinance service conducted in Ilford. The Lord drew near in rich blessing as His children rose from the act of humble service to sit at His table. In the afternoon we held a victory service of praise and testimony. How our hearts rejoiced as the new members told of victories gained, of love for a new-found Saviour, of successful struggles to obey the truth. Truly the Lord caused His goodness to pass before us.

A number have faced severe testing for the Sabbath but we are happy to report that all the new Sabbath-keepers are now in employment, and some are getting higher salaries than before. An encouraging feature has been the large number of relatives—husbands and wives, brothers and sisters, cousins, etc.—who are a mutual strength in their stand for the truth.

For five months we have had a fully organized Sabbath-school in operation. Faithful study, regular attendance, and a spirit of sacrificial giving for missions has characterized this important department of the work.

Young People's Baptism at Stanborough Park

"LET us all stand and sing Hymn No. 378."

The words rang clearly through the church, and some 300 people, young and old, rose to sing our opening hymn.

The occasion was the Stanborough Park young people's service of Sabbath, July 30th, when we were all gathered together to witness the baptism of fifteen of our own young people.

Most of the candidates had been attending our church for several years, and were well known to all of us. Thus our hearts were full of joy as we saw them, clad all in white, listening to an inspiring message given by Pastor H. F. DeAth. It was with a wonderful understanding of the desires and ambitions of youth that Pastor DeAth emphasized the many lessons and potent thoughts to be gained from the life of Joseph.

A stillness passed over the assembly as Pastor S. Bull took the hand of the first candidate, and, saying a few words concerning her desire to serve God faithfully, baptized her in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

One by one the ten young ladies and five young men were baptized, as the congregation sang various hymns of devotion and Pastor Bull said a few words of prayer for their blessing.

Whilst we were waiting for the candidates to return to their pews, a programme of sacred music was conducted. Two Chinese young ladies, visitors from Malaya, sang to us, and Mrs. Denne played a violin solo. Brother Parry, Sen., sang to us, "Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling," as the candidates filed back to their seats.

After Brother Roland Parry had read a few words of exhortation from *Steps to Christ*, Pastor Bull rose, and taking a vote, welcomed the new members into church fellowship.

On behalf of the young people's society Dr. Williamson expressed joy at the step taken and Brother Hector Bull, as local elder, welcomed into fellowship two of the young ladies who were to be members of the Watford Town church.

The beautiful and impressive service was brought to a close with a joyous "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

Welcoming these new members into our midst, to each one we would say, "May the Lord bless thee and keep thee, and be very gracious unto thee."

RONALD E. FLETCHER,
Secretary.



The Granose Family

DURING recent years quite a number of changes have taken place in the personnel. Since 1934 twenty workers have left us, eight by way of transfer to other departments, seven on marriage, and five to take up other work. The replacements by transfer from other departments have been three and new workers fifteen. The development of the business has enabled us to work to the policy of introducing young people at an age which gives reasonable prospect of their staying with us a number of years and thus becoming valuable workers.

Generally, however, these young people are not baptized members of the church when they join our staff, but every facility is given

them to become fully acquainted with all phases of the Advent message, and it was a great joy to all of us when the group of ten shown in our picture went forward on Sabbath, July 30th, as part of the group of fifteen baptized by Pastor S. Bull at the Stanborough Park church. The average age of these ten members of our staff is less than seventeen years, so they have taken their stand quite early in life.

We feel sure that all our readers will join with us in welcoming such a fine group of young people to the Advent fellowship. We at Granose are particularly happy in the knowledge that every worker is now a baptized member.

JOHN RIGBY.

At Rest

KNIGHT.—Brother George Knight passed peacefully away at Stanborough Park, on Sunday, July 10, 1938, at the great age of eighty-nine years, and was buried at Vicarage Road Cemetery, Watford, on July 12th. Brother Knight accepted the truth at Bury St. Edmunds in the year 1912, under the labours of Brother W. H. Wakeham, and had been a faithful member of the church at different places where he lived. He sleeps now in the certain hope of a resurrection when Jesus comes to call His own. He leaves two daughters, three sons, one of whom is Brother Nelson Knight, now manager at Newbold. The funeral service was conducted in the Stanborough Park church by the writer. We pray that those who mourn may know the joy of looking toward the coming of the Saviour, who will give reward to all His faithful servants.
W. H. MEREDITH.

CARDEN.—On Sabbath, July 9, 1938, Miss M. J. Carden of Bath fell asleep in Jesus after a very brief illness. She was eighty years of age, and had been a member of the Bath church almost from the beginning—nearly forty-five years. Her devotion to the Advent cause, both in respect to its

work and teaching, was a marked feature of her life. She loved the work and people of God, both at home and abroad, and generously gave of her means. She will be greatly missed, especially by those who have fellowshiped with her so many years. In the presence of a goodly group of churchmembers and friends, our dear sister was laid to rest in St. Michael's Cemetery on July 13th, there to wait the call of Jesus at the resurrection of the just.
J. HARKER.

POWER.—It is with deep regret that we announce the death of Sister Jane Power, aged ninety-two years, of the Dublin church, who fell asleep in Jesus early on Sabbath morning, July 23rd. For almost thirty-three years she had been a faithful member, and though age and infirmity deprived her latterly of meeting with the church, her hope was fixed on Jesus and His return. The funeral service was conducted by Brother B. A. Walton. We extend our sincere sympathies to her son, but we look forward to the day when Jesus will call from the tomb all those who sleep in Him, and will reunite all His children in His kingdom where death will be a thing of the past.

M. H. HEATLEY, *Church Clerk.*

DAVIES.—Sister A. C. Davies was taken from us without warning. She was in her place at the Cardiff prayer meeting only the day before. She laid down her burdens on Wednesday, June 29, 1938. Exactly thirteen years before, to a week, Sister Davies was baptized by Pastor O. M. Dorland, who brought the truth to her. She was a faithful member in every way, active and liberal in the Lord's service, hospitable, and a "succourer of many." We laid her to rest on July 5th sorrowing, but not as those without hope.
S. G. HYDE.

CHAPMAN.—It is with deep regret that we announce the death of Sister Grace Chapman of the Romford company. She passed away on July 13, 1938, at the age of eighty years, after a long and painful illness. Sister Chapman accepted the truth through the labours of Pastor Douglas Armstrong in 1916. The funeral took place on July 18th at Hornchurch Parish Churchyard, where she sleeps in Jesus.
A. JEFFERISS.

BARTON.—Sister Mrs. Barton, also of Cardiff, accepted the message many years ago and after a long absence returned to the Advent fellowship in 1937. But it was not to be for long, for in June this year she was called to her rest after much suffering to await the dawning of the day when she will join the eternal inhabitants, none of whom will ever say, "I am sick."
S. G. HYDE.



Young members of the Granose staff, recently baptized.

Resolutions Voted at the Annual Meetings

OUR YOUTH (COLLEGE, M.V. SOCIETY, PROGRESSIVE STUDY COURSES)

WHEREAS, The seriousness of the day in which we live calls for more definite attention to be given to our youth and children,

We recommend, 1. That in every church plans be laid to gather in all the young people from fifteen to thirty in the Senior M.V. Society, and those from six to fourteen in the Junior M.V. Society, and

2. That we urge our young people's leaders to give special attention to the improvement of the programmes by using the *Church Officers' Gazette* and any material provided by the department.

3. That we give special attention to the training of our young people and children in the Progressive Study Courses.

(BIBLE SERVICE) TRAINING FOR LAY MEMBERS

WHEREAS, It is essential that "every church should be a training school for Christian workers," and

WHEREAS, The training of our members at this time deserves special attention, in order that we may reap a more abundant harvest of souls,

We recommend, 1. That a course of lessons be prepared by the Home Missionary Department, known as "Bible Service Training School," and

2. That we enlist the co-operation of our ministers and church leaders in a united effort to train our believers in this course of Bible evangelism; and

3. That arrangements be made for these classes to commence immediately following the 1938 Harvest Ingathering Campaign;

4. That where no class can be arranged, individual members who desire to take this course be permitted to do so by correspondence;

5. That wherever possible, our ministers organize a Speakers' Class for the training of suitable lay members in public speaking.

HARVEST INGATHERING

WHEREAS, The Harvest Ingathering Campaign has been wonderfully blessed of God in the gathering of means for the support of our missions programme, and

WHEREAS, The campaign is a very suitable method of bringing our work to the attention of all classes of people, as well as training our members to meet the public,

We recommend, 1. That we earnestly invite every member to take an active part in this annual campaign, endeavouring to reach the individual goal of £2, and to complete the task in every church by October 22nd.

2. That members keep a careful record, making up lists of regular subscribers, and that we follow up

interested cases with suitable literature and Bible studies, thus making the campaign fruitful in souls won.

EDUCATION

REALIZING, That our system of education has been founded under the direct guidance of God, and recognizing that the youth of the Advent movement should have the privilege of a Christian education that will prepare them, not only for a place of usefulness in this life, but also for the life to come,

We recommend, 1. That every churchmember give his full support to our system of education.

2. That we encourage our young people to enter Newbold Missionary College, and our children to enter our church schools where such are established.

3. That we give liberally of our means to the Students' Aid Fund.

4. That we continually hold up in prayer our teachers and all those who have been trusted with the training of our youth.

Notes from the Union President

WE are glad to announce that the principal of our College, Pastor W. G. C. Murdoch, who recently obtained his M.A. degree in the University of Ann Arbor in the United States has, on his return to England, succeeded in obtaining his B.D. (London). This should be an excellent thing for the College, for it means that the standard of education offered at Newbold can be raised under the guidance of the well-qualified faculty we now have.

WE have just made the last two grants from our Chapel Fund that will be possible at least for the remainder of this year. Unfortunately that fund is now depleted and we are not able to receive any further requests until 1939, and only then in the event of our being able to replenish the said fund. Church buildings are a great need with us in this Union, and it is somewhat disappointing that we have to curtail our activities in this direction.

WE desire to gather information for the preparation of a new tract on tithing. Any members or work-

LITERATURE WORK

WHEREAS, We firmly believe that conditions in the world clearly indicate that we have reached the time when the church of God must arise in God's power and finish its appointed task, and

WHEREAS, The scattering of the printed page is one of the mightiest, most profitable, and most economical means that God has placed in the remnant church for warning the people of His soon coming,

We recommend, 1. That our whole membership be encouraged to make more diligent use of our tracts, periodicals, and magazines in its missionary endeavour,

2. That in every church a systematic effort be made to secure regular readers of *Present Truth* among the public, on a basis equal to at least six copies per member.

3. That suitable young men and women in our churches be encouraged to enter full time colporteur work, taking advantage of the special Training Course now being operated by the Field Missionary Department.

ers who know of actual providential experiences in this matter should write them out briefly, and send them in to the writer. Care should be taken that every article thus prepared should be a personal experience, recorded faithfully without exaggeration, and with a view to inspiring others to faithfulness in this matter of duty to the Lord's cause.

H. W. LOWE.

"By praying we learn to pray, and the more we pray the oftener we can pray. . . . He who prays in fits and starts is never likely to attain to that effectual, fervent prayer which availeth much."

SUNSET CALENDAR

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Sept. 9th	7.30	7.36	7.43	7.49	7.58
Sept. 16th	7.15	7.20	7.27	7.30	7.40

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