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Adventists and the Military Training Bill

By H. W. LOWE

By the time this reaches our readers the Military Training Bill will probably have passed its third reading in the House of Commons, and it is certain that its provisions will become operative in a very short time.

On reviewing the whole situation it seems that we should be grateful that a measure of this kind, which has become inevitable, should have come in a time of peace rather than after the declaration of war. We may be thankful that there are men in our land who have taken a noble stand in defence of those persons who have a desire to live up to their conscientious convictions under all conditions. We recall the following statements from the *Testimonies* on the subject of God's influence on our legislators:

"I saw that the Lord still has something to do with the laws of the land. While Jesus is in the sanctuary, God's restraining Spirit is felt by rulers and people. But Satan controls to a great extent the mass of the world, and were it not for the laws of the land, we should experience much suffering."—*Vol. 1, page 202.*

"Some, I saw, have a prejudice against our rulers and laws; but if it were not for law, this world would be in an awful condition. God restrains our rulers; for the hearts of all are in His hands."—*Ibid., page 203.*

The provisions of the Military Training Bill are just a little obscure as to the grounds on which

exemption may be secured, but in an effort to clarify the situation and also to make clear to the Government the attitude of Seventh-Day Adventists to war, and to the observance of the Sabbath, the following communication has been sent to the Prime Minister:

To the Right Hon. N. Chamberlain,
H.B.M.'s Prime Minister,
10 Downing Street,
Whitehall, S.W.1. May 4, 1939.
Sir:

The Executive Committee of the British Union Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists, having taken note of the introduction of a Compulsory Military Training Bill, beg respectfully to remind His Majesty's Government of the declared attitude of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church to war.

Perhaps the most comprehensive statement of our Christian convictions was that sent to the Prime Minister on March 13, 1935, as follows:

"Sir,

"We beg respectfully to draw your attention to the following resolution passed to-day by the Executive Committee of the British Union Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists.

"As a Christian church, believing in the undiminished authority and perpetuity of the moral law, given by God Himself in the Ten Commandments, we hold that we are thereby forbidden to take part in combatant service in time of war.

"We recognize that all earthly governments are ordained of God, and that such governments, in the exercise of their legitimate functions, bringing the blessings of order, justice, and safety to their people, should receive the loyal support of their citizens at all times.

"Obedience to law and government, where there is no conflict with the law of God, we hold an essential Christian duty and the various organizations of our work in all countries whole-heartedly offer consistent loyalty to the governments under whose jurisdiction they operate.

"While we have always held, as a denomination, the non-combatant position in relation to war, which was recognized in all parts of the British Empire during the Great War, we hereby, in this time of peace, reaffirm our position on this matter so that, in the event of any future outbreak of hostilities, there may be no question as to the sincerity of our convictions."

We therefore trust that, as His Majesty's Government has already respected the Sabbatarian beliefs of Seventh-Day Adventists in the Factory Act 1937 and the Shops (Sunday Trading Restriction) Act 1936, they will in the present national emergency again respect their sincere convictions, both as to military service and Sabbath observance.

We recognize our definite responsibilities as British citizens, and as Christians, and are more than willing to aid in the relief of distress and the mitigation of human suffering. Already our two medical institutions at Watford, Herts., have been accepted under the scheme for advanced base hospitals, and many of our churchmembers are active participants in the St. John Ambulance Association, the Red Cross Society,

and various branches of the A.R.P. services.

We would, therefore, greatly appreciate the opportunity of an interview with some official able to give us guidance as to how best we may harmonize with our convictions our desire to render maximum service to the community at this time.

Thanking you in anticipation of such an opportunity at an early date, I have the honour to remain,

Your obedient servant,
H. W. LOWE,
Chairman.

Our members will see from the above communication that there can be no reasonable doubt as to where we stand, both regarding combatant military service and the observance of the Sabbath.

We hope it may be possible for our men to discharge their duties to the State in a civilian capacity, for that is undoubtedly what they would all choose to do. It may, however, not be possible to do this in every case.

We are revising and reprinting the leaflet, *Our Relationship to War*, and we shall supply each of our young men affected by the provisions of the Military Training Bill with a card, a facsimile of which is shown on pages 2 and 3 of this issue, showing:

1. The attitude of Seventh-Day Adventists to warfare and to Sabbath observance.
2. That the bearer is a member of the denomination in good and regular standing.
3. That the bearer subscribes to the stated views of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church.

These cards will be valid for six months and will only be supplied on the personal application of the men concerned to the British Union office at Watford, accompanied by a letter from the resident worker, church elder, or the local conference president or mission superintendent.

Further information on the whole problem will be found in the current issue of the *Leader* in the form of advice to our church officers and workers.

H. W. LOWE.

No matter how small your lot in life, there's enough room on it for a service station.—*Prism*.

Notes from the Union President

It is gratifying to know that a total of forty-eight student-colporteurs will be in the field this summer; forty-three of these will be working on the scholarship plan, and five graduates will take up the colporteur work until placed elsewhere.

The location of these forty-eight student-colporteurs is as follows:

North England	18
South England	15
Scotland	6
Ireland	5
Wales	4

We should prayerfully remember these young men and women as they take our literature throughout the country during the summer months; and especially should we remember the regular workers in this department who, summer and winter, go from place to place with the written message of God.

THIS splendid little note occurs in a letter received from a couple who responded to our appeal for help in providing equipment to teach the young ladies at Newbold domestic science:

"We hope you have a good response to the appeal for £100 for the new cooking range at Newbold. We recognize that the training of the young is one of the most important phases of our work. The enclosed — we send with the prayer that God will bless the work it is sent to help. If only we could instal the range at our expense, how happy we should be!"

Surely there are others who will augment this humble gift to the point where we can do what is needed for the training of our young women for their life's work.

REPLYING to the suggestion that

Personal Declaration of Conscientious Conviction

This is to certify that I

.....
am a member of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church and share the conscientious convictions of this denomination against war.

Signed

Confirmation of Church Membership

(Valid for six months from date below.)

This is to certify that

..... is a member of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church in good and regular standing.

Signed President

..... Secretary

Date

Stanborough Park,
Watford, Herts.
Phone: Garston (Watford) 2251

Facsimile of card prepared for the use of young people called up under the Military Training Act.

if we should be permitted to put a larger acreage under the plough at Newbold, or elsewhere, in an endeavour to provide work of national importance for certain men, a good sister states:

"I should be very pleased to give £20 if such a scheme could be started and put into operation. No doubt many others would do the same, if it was a working proposition, for the sake of our young people. Praying that the Lord will guide in the matter and that He will keep us all faithful as the greater tests come to each one of us, etc."

This suggestion is being studied by the brethren concerned and any others of a similar nature likely to be of help would be appreciated. We are anxious to get into touch with employers of labour who might have work of national importance to offer those needing it.

THE current issue of the *Leader* containing the programme for

Education Day, June 3rd, contains a lot of valuable information on the subject of Christian Education. Especially do we desire to direct attention to the special offering which is to be taken for the purpose of providing extra classrooms, etc., at Newbold. The large and exceedingly well-built gymnasium lends itself admirably to the conversion of certain unoccupied rooms at one end into classrooms, laboratories, etc. This is a reasonably inexpensive proposition as compared with attempting to erect additional buildings on the estate. Those concerned feel that it is a feasible proposition and that the building in question would make admirable administrative offices, classrooms, laboratories, etc. We have perhaps fifty per cent of the necessary funds in hand, and we would greatly like to raise the remainder through the special offering on June 10th.

"CALM in distress, in danger bold," aptly describes God's true people in all ages. We draw great inspiration from the faith of prisoner Paul who wrote such letters as that to the Colossians. Hear him exhorting us to be "filled with the fullness of God," etc. How calm, how bold we can afford to be in these times with the fullness of God at our demand.

WE are sure our people will continue their faithful support of God's cause just now. The best investment is the cause of Christ. As we approach the middle of another year let us check up on our faithfulness in tithe and offerings, making our support and loyalty commensurate in some small degree with God's blessings. Every such investment weds us to the cause of truth, and lays up in store "a good foundation against the time to come."—*"Testimonies,"* Vol. 3, page 389.

H. W. LOWE.

The Seventh-Day Adventist Church and War

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Similar declarations were sent to H.M. Government on January 12, 1916 and May 4, 1939.

Sabbath Observance

[Extract from statement sent to H.M. Prime Minister on May 4, 1939 and acknowledged May 8, 1939.]

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*Seventh-Day Adventists believing in the perpetuity of the Fourth Commandment observe the seventh-day Sabbath from Friday sunset to Saturday sunset.

All Nature Invites Us to Join the Procession

ALL nature is on the move these days, and she invites us to join the procession of living, vital, growing things. Moreover, the Home Study Institute has something new and attractive to offer you.

"The best thing you have done yet," said one of our friends of the new course in NATURE APPRECIATION, which came out recently, and is being welcomed with enthusiasm by lovers of birds, and flowers, and stars.

Then there is our new course in SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP. How pleasant to get together a group of forward-looking men and women in order to study in concert the problems of one's own church and Sabbath-school and M.V. Society. Not seldom, seriously minded people worry over these problems, but here is an opportunity to study them in the light of the Bible and the writings of the Spirit of prophecy, and endeavour to arrive at wise conclusions.

This is also a good time of the year to enter upon an individual course of study. One always has a little leisure time during the spring
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Reverse side of card prepared to assist young people when called up under the Military Training Act.

Statement of Tithes and Offerings for British Union

SOUTH ENGLAND CONFERENCE

NAME OF CHURCH OR COMPANY	Mem-ber-ship	Tithe	Tithe per Capita	Sabbath-School Offerings Inc. 13th S.	Young People's Offering	Harvest Ingathering's	Annual Offerings	Miscellaneous	Week of Sacrifice	Big Week	Total Offerings	Offerings per Capita
Bath	22	14 19 3	11 1	2 7 4							2 7 4	1 9
Bournemouth	83	131 1 10	1 9 10	18 3 0							18 3 0	4 1
Brighton	66	117 11 3	1 12 3	28 7 9			1 0				28 8 9	7 10
Bristol	92	84 17 11	18 1	16 9 7	16 2	10 0					17 15 9	3 9
Cambridge	33	22 8 6	14 6	3 6 10							3 6 10	2 1
Chiswick	123	154 13 11	1 3 3	27 4 5	12 7	1 1 0					28 18 0	4 4
Clapham	70	66 11 6	14 10	14 1 10					10 0		14 11 10	3 3
Croscombe	29	17 12 1	11 9	4 7 2	6 2						4 13 4	3 1
Croydon	42	38 4 6	1 5 6	8 1 7							8 1 7	5 4
Ealing	61	62 12 7	19 0	10 10 1	17 3	18 0					12 5 4	3 9
Edmonton	43	33 13 6	14 4	7 12 1	11 1						8 3 2	3 5
Exeter	10	22 15 10	2 10 8	4 7 0							4 7 0	9 8
Forest Gate	45	50 11 7	1 4 8	9 16 1							9 16 1	4 9
Gillingham	33	42 15 9	1 7 7	11 19 7	9 0						12 8 7	8 0
Harlesden	42	40 10 4	1 7 0	9 15 5			10 0				10 5 5	6 10
Hastings	34	28 7 0	18 11	10 12 10							10 12 10	7 1
H. Wycombe	22	28 16 5	1 10 4	5 5 4	7 0						5 12 4	5 11
Holloway	216	266 17 8	1 7 6	34 17 5	19 1	8 0					36 4 6	3 9
Iford	67	122 6 4	2 18 3	17 13 8					12 6		18 6 2	8 8
Ipswich	44	22 2 7	12 8	5 12 5							5 12 5	3 2
Lewisham	70	104 12 10	1 9 1	14 2 8	11 0						14 13 8	4 1
Lowestoft	52	18 14 6	1 6 10	4 3 2	1 2 9						5 5 11	1 11
Luton	33	31 13 0	1 6 4	5 17 2							5 17 2	4 10
Norwich	44	40 15 0	17 9	5 3 9	11						5 4 8	2 3
Plymouth	93	111 10 5	1 0 1	25 0 1	15 0			20 0 0			45 15 1	8 3
Portsmouth	51	68 16 5	1 6 6	9 1 8	7 6						9 9 2	3 7
Reading	46	39 11 4	1 6 5	10 13 4							10 13 4	7 1
Southampton	60	63 19 0	1 3 3	14 3 2	15 2						14 18 4	5 5
Southend	56	34 1 11	12 0	11 3 5		4 8					11 8 1	4 0
Southstoke	9	15 14 3	1 8 7	9 1 9			1 0 0				10 1 9	18 4
Stanbor'h Park	351	721 15 6	2 1 2	111 17 3	4 3 6				2 7 6		118 8 3	6 9
Torquay	40	58 5 5	2 15 6	15 6 3			1 0				15 7 3	14 7
Tottenham	15	4 3 2	3 0	2 6 1							2 6 1	1 8
Walthamstow	74	266 19 7	3 2 9	55 0 0	12 10						55 12 10	13 1
Watford	60	81 7 0	1 4 8	14 4 5	1 7 4						15 11 9	4 8
Wimbledon	109	148 1 6	1 7 2	24 1 11	1 3 9				1 0 0		26 5 8	4 9
Wood Green	78	97 7 4	1 7 10	13 15 11	16 3				1 8 1		16 0 3	4 7
Yarmouth	53	36 17 5	13 0	6 11 6	18 4						7 9 10	2 8
Beckenham	8	10 0 3	1 5 0	2 14 3							2 14 3	6 9
Carleton Col.	9	6 5 0	10 5	2 18 2							2 18 2	4 10
Cheltenham	19	12 13 3	15 10	4 6 3	9 4						4 15 7	6 0
Colchester	26	18 13 9	15 7	3 7 5							3 7 5	2 10
Dereham	6	6 4 7	17 9	18 3							18 3	2 7
Enfield W'h	20	20 8 3	1 1 6	4 3 11							4 3 11	4 5
Folkestone	7	10 15 10	1 10 10	6 4 6							6 4 6	17 9
Gloucester	11	6 6 1	7 5	1 10 0							1 10 0	1 9
I. of Wight	9	12 2 0	1 7 0	1 10 0							1 10 0	3 4
Margate	8	7 2 0	18 0	2 3 0							2 3 0	5 4
Medstead	8	12 16 0	1 16 7	3 15 9							3 15 9	10 10
Poole	13	7 12 10	12 9	1 5 1							1 5 1	2 1
Romford	6	10 6 6	1 5 10									
Salisbury	12	13 1 11	1 12 7	2 15 2		5 4					3 0 6	7 6
St. Austell	10	22 5 1	2 15 7	3 6 4							3 6 4	8 3
Swindon	6	8 9 7	1 1 2	2 8 8		1 12 6					4 1 2	10 2
W-S-Mare	7	8 4 1	18 2	6 11 11							6 11 11	14 8
Weymouth	10	5 2 6	11 5	17 6			5 0				1 2 6	2 6
Isolated	420	683 1 1	1 14 7	72 5 0		6 9 4	2 9 0		1 13 3	1 6	82 18 1	4 2
Totals	3093	4195 6 5	1 8 11	725 6 1	18 2 0	11 8 10	4 6 0	20 0 0	7 11 4	1 6	786 15 9	5 5
Totals 1938	2941	4284 1 8	1 10 7	734 8 0	15 16 0	14 1 4	4 9 10		10 6 11	6 13 4	785 15 5	5 7
Increase	152	-88 15 3	-1 8	-9 1 11	2 6 0	-2 12 6	-3 10	20 0 0	-2 15 7	-6 11 10	1 0 4	-2

SCOTTISH MISSION

Aberdeen	25	21 15 8	15 7	4 5 6	4 11						4 10 5	3 3
Edinburgh	71	31 4 1	9 4	14 5 1	10 0						14 15 1	4 5
Glasgow	89	86 8 7	19 2	22 7 2							22 7 2	5 0
Kirkcaldy	10	13 10 0	1 7 0	3 19 11							3 19 11	8 0
Dundee	24	19 16 6	18 11	3 2 6			3				3 2 9	3 0
Stirling	9	22 15 4	1 12 6	3 17 10							3 17 10	5 7
Uddingston	8			2 0 0							2 0 0	3 1
Isolated	58	65 17 3	1 15 7	8 17 9		4 8 0					13 5 9	7 2
Totals	294	261 7 5	18 8	62 15 9	14 11	4 8 0	3				67 18 11	4 10
Totals 1938	300	352 0 1	1 5 2	80 16 6	13 4		13 4 6				94 14 4	7 0
Increase	-6	-90 12 8	-7 6	-18 0 9	1 7	4 8 0	-13 4 3				-26 15 5	-2 2

IRISH MISSION

Belfast	53	95 19 4	1 14 11	28 17 10	15 0		10 0				30 2 10	11 0
Dublin	32	53 18 0	1 11 8	12 15 0	4 0						12 19 0	7 7
Larne	8	4 11 0	1 2 9	2 15 7							2 15 7	13 11
Shankhill	36	31 7 0	17 5	5 15 8							5 15 8	3 3
Isolated	73	61 2 2	18 0	9 1 1					2 6		-9 3 7	2 8
Totals	202	246 17 6	1 10 8	59 5 2	19 0		12 6				60 16 8	7 7
Totals 1938	199	215 18 10	1 7 0	60 8 8	1 7 5					2 9 0	64 5 1	8 0
Increase	3	30 18 8	3 8	-1 3 6	-8 5		12 6			-2 9 0	-3 8 5	5

Conference for the Quarter ended March 31, 1939

WELSH MISSION

NAME OF CHURCH OR COMPANY	Mem-ship	Tithe	Tithe per Capita	Sabbath-School Offerings Inc. 13th S.	Young People's Offering	Harvest Ingathering	Annual Offerings	Miscellaneous	Week of Sacrifice	Big Week	Total Offerings	Offerings per Capita
Barry Dock	22	32 12 10	1 12 8	6 8 1	2 3						6 10 4	6 6
Blaenavon	8	7 5 1	14 6	2 0 3							2 0 3	4 0
Cardiff	66	53 2 2	17 2	19 4 0	6 6						19 10 6	6 4
Hereford	12	15 11 3	1 3 11	4 6 10							4 6 10	6 8
Milford Haven	6	10 2 3	1 13 9	3 11 0							3 11 0	11 10
Newport Mon.	103	62 12 9	13 1	10 16 9	10 9						11 7 6	2 4
Porth	10	10 1 5	14 5	2 6 4							2 6 4	3 4
Swansea	35	20 18 9	12 4	9 14 6	4 7						9 19 1	5 10
Aberdare	9	26 10 10	2 19 0	5 7 9							5 7 9	12 0
Abertillery	7	1 11 0	4 5	7 1							7 1	1 0
Dowlais	5	2 3 0	7 2	13 6							13 6	2 3
Henliffan	5	4 0 6	16 1	19 9							19 9	3 11
Llanelli	8											
Rhos	10	8 2 3	16 3	4 19 9							4 19 9	10 0
Rhyl	22	31 19 8	1 13 8	4 19 0							4 19 0	5 3
Risca	5	4 19 9	12 6	2 5 3							2 5 3	5 8
Shotton	9	1 15 3	3 6	1 6 6			2 0				1 8 6	2 10
Shrewsbury	14	23 18 8	1 8 2									
Isolated	104	124 0 5	1 5 7	9 12 0		1 0	1 3 3				10 16 3	2 3
Totals	460	441 7 10	19 6	88 18 4	1 4 1	1 0	1 5 3				91 8 8	4 0
Totals 1938	459	466 5 9	1 0 6	89 16 2	1 0 3	6 7 7	14 6			5 0	98 3 6	4 3
Increase	1	-24 17 11	-1 0	-17 10	3 10	-6 6 7	10 9			-5 0	-6 14 10	-3

NORTH ENGLAND CONFERENCE

Birmingham S.	52	46 1 5	16 5	9 12 4	9 0						10 1 4	3 7
Blackburn	13	7 15 9	12 11	1 5 0							1 5 0	2 1
Bolton	8	5 15 2	12 9	2 4 4							2 4 4	4 11
Bradford	35	58 19 6	2 13 7	7 2 5	12 7						7 15 0	7 0
Coventry	23	25 19 4	1 1 7	9 11 3							9 11 3	7 11
Darlington	58	27 6 3	1 10 4	4 19 10	13 10						5 13 8	6 3
Derby	45	66 8 8	1 7 3	10 0 0	12 0						10 12 0	4 4
Grimsby	18	31 3 1	1 9 8	4 8 7							4 8 7	4 2
Handsworth	60	96 4 9	1 15 7	13 19 9	10 10						14 10 7	5 4
Hull	73	184 4 8	2 6 8	36 14 7							36 14 7	9 3
Kettering	39	42 19 2	1 19 1	9 12 11	12 2						10 5 1	4 6
Leeds	67	74 3 8	1 1 2	14 5 3	14 6						14 19 9	4 3
Leicester	32	36 9 1	1 2 9	9 14 3		17 0					10 11 3	6 7
Lincoln	13	26 10 1	2 0 9	5 13 1							5 13 1	8 8
Liverpool	94	80 5 11	15 0	14 18 9	13 10	1 3 1					16 15 8	3 1
Manchester	88	83 10 0	16 2	20 0 0	1 0 7	1 10 3					22 10 10	4 4
Mid'brough	53	20 11 7	7 11	8 2 10	13 0						8 15 10	3 4
Newbold	126	113 11 2	17 4	26 14 11							26 14 11	4 1
Newcastle	78	58 1 4	15 3	14 3 1	5 4						14 8 5	3 9
N. Shields	22	12 15 9	1 13 5	19 14 3	1 3 1						2 0 1	2 1
Nottingham	71	115 10 3	1 12 6	19 14 3							20 17 4	5 10
Rotherham	38	26 0 0	18 2	4 16 8				3 5			5 0 1	3 5
Rushden	15	20 16 0	1 9 9	3 6 6							3 6 6	4 9
Sheffield	51	51 13 11	18 9	8 17 6	14 4						9 11 10	3 6
S. Shields	14	1 15 6	1 3 2	4 15 10							15 10	7
Stockport	23	26 13 10	1 3 1	5 16 3	10 6						4 12 5	4 0
Stoke	32	32 7 6	17 9	7 4 6							6 6 9	4 6
Stretford	56	59 9 7	13 4	3 2 2							7 4 6	2 2
Wakefield	27	18 13 1	13 4	3 11 0							3 2 2	2 2
Wellingboro	19	14 1 6	13 5	3 10 0							5 11 0	5 3
Wolverhampton	16	22 11 0	1 5 0	3 10 0							3 10 0	3 10
Worcester	25	27 0 10	1 1 7	7 1 4							7 1 4	5 8
York	35	42 9 1	1 8 3	13 9 9		1 2 6					14 12 3	9 9
Barnsley	23	4 10 5	1 3 7	2 14 8	3 10						2 18 6	2 4
Bromsg've	5	8 13 11	1 4 10	2 17 2	3 3						3 0 5	8 8
Doncaster	12	4 17 0		14 7							14 7	1 3
Kid'minstr.	8	6 10 8	14 6	1 8 1							1 8 1	3 1
Killamarsh	13	13 9 8	1 0 9	3 5 9							3 5 9	5 0
Mansfield	12	15 8 8	1 6 6	5 1 3							5 1 8	8 5
Scarbro	12	27 11 8	3 1 3	9 14 1			7 6				10 1 7	1 2 5
Skegness	12	12 13 10	1 5 4	4 18 1							4 18 1	9 9
Sutton	15	19 18 6	13 2	3 4 11	12 1						3 17 0	6 5
Ulverston	9	18 4 9	2 0 6	1 19 4							1 19 4	4 4
W. Hartle'	5	9 0 1	1 5 9	11 1							11 1	1 7
Isolated	289	418 2 7	1 8 2	40 18 11		4 12 11	13 6		14 0 6	2 0 0	62 5 10	4 2
Totals	1834	2117 18 2	1 3 0	390 1 10	10 12 8	9 9 2	1 1 0		14 0 6	2 0 0	427 5 2	4 8
Totals 1938	1858	2129 18 10	1 4 0	399 17 1	8 18 9		3 2 9		5 11 10	2 13 2	420 3 7	4 8
Increase	-24	-12 0 8	1 0	-9 15 3	1 13 11	9 9 2	-2 1 9		8 8 8	-13 2	7 1 7	

UNION TOTALS

Union Conf.								5 0 0			5 0 0	
Stanbo'h Press		103 4 11										
Granose Foods		100 6 4										
Stanboroughs												
Grand Totals	5883	7466 8 7	1 6 6	1326 7 2	31 12 8	20 18 0	7 5 0	25 0 0	21 11 10	2 1 6	1434 16 2	5 1
Grand Tot. 1938	5757	7626 11 4	1 6 6	1365 6 5	27 15 9	20 8 11	21 11 7	25 0 0	15 18 9	118 5 2	1569 6 7	5 5
Increase	126	-160 2 9		-38 19 3	3 16 11	9 1	-14 6 7	25 0 0	5 13 1	-116 3 8	-134 10 5	-4

All Nature Invites Us to Join the Procession

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and summer months, and if this time is devoted to some favourite study, such as Bible, English, History, Public Speaking, or Short-hand, it makes the hours pass pleasantly and profitably, and one is able presently to hie away to one of our resident schools with some good credits in one's pocket.

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devote some part of each twenty-four hours to pleasant reading and reporting, if they could just give the plan a fair trial.

While we prefer to have the students in NATURE APPRECIATION and SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP take the work in groups, we also accept individual students with the understanding that they will do what they can to get others to join. One dollar will put you in possession of the complete set of lessons in either of these attractive courses. For further information on any point send letter or postcard to

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M.V. Congress Notes

For the convenience of persons interested in the M.V. Congress in Denmark we list certain information which will be found useful.

Passports. No one can attend the congress without a passport. A new passport costs 15/-, and application forms can be obtained through local and union conference offices. Those holding a passport that is out of date may renew it for the sum of 2/- for each year of renewal, up to ten years from date of original issue. For convenience the conference offices are prepared to receive application forms with remittances, including sixpence extra for postage, and will obtain the passports in due course. Two passport photographs will be necessary with each application. Those intending to go through Germany will have to pay 3/6 extra. Do not leave application for passports until the last moment.

Cost of Trip. It seems that those under eighteen will have to pay a minimum of £9, and those over eighteen a minimum of £10 (from London). Details as to costs of travelling, board, lodging, and incidentals can be obtained on application to conference offices.

A deposit of £2 will be required from each applicant before the tickets are purchased. The latest date for applications and deposits should be Wednesday, May 31st.

Qualifications. In addition to the M.V. qualifications already an-

nounced, it has been decided to accept the Bible Service Training Course certificate as qualifying for attendance at the congress. In other words, a person holding any one of the qualifications will be eligible to attend. Conference workers will be eligible, provided the time so taken coincides with their holiday period by arrangement with conference offices.

There will not be official delegates whose expenses are paid for them by the church or the conference. While there is not actually an age limit, it is expected that persons attending will be those holding the qualifications, interested in M.V. work, and likely to be young people's leaders in time to come. Those able to pay their own expenses will be expected to do so. Only limited funds are available to assist those who need help. These cases will be handled through the conference offices according to circumstances, and information on this point can be had through conference M.V. secretaries.

H. W. LOWE.

God's servants are not to trust to themselves in this great emergency. . . . The programme of coming events is in the hands of the Lord. The Majesty of heaven has the destiny of nations, as well as the concerns of His church, in His own charge.—*Testimonies*, Vol. 5, page 753.

Field Missionary Department

How Do You Account for It?

THE stately mansion could be seen in the distance, probably half a mile up the drive, towering well above the tall chestnuts, but before approaching we must get some information concerning its occupants.

This is the gardener's cottage. What a pity, nobody at home.

The whole place seems to be totally deserted. Oh, but here is a handsome Studebaker coming this way.

"Good morning! Were you looking for anyone?" "Yes, sir, I was looking for you." "Well, could you just wait while I deliver Lady — up to the house?"

"I will await your pleasure, sir." "Good, then I'll come down in a few moments."

Dear me, what am I going to say to him when he returns?

"Take no thought beforehand what ye shall speak, neither do ye premeditate: but whatsoever shall be given you, in that hour, that speak ye." Mark 13:11.

"And so you wish to see me. What is it all about?"

"My name is Kinman, but, by the way, sir, perhaps it would be better if I just slipped into the other side of the car with you. I could then explain much more fully.

"As I was saying, sir, many feel that if the message of the Bible could be made more clear and attractive, it would help each of us to better understand the prevailing conditions in the world. That is so, is it not?"

"Well, what do you want me to do?"

"I want you to notice how lovely this section is. It teaches us the power of the Bible.

"Again when we have once grasped the plan of salvation, how it helps us to gradually grow in grace. . . ."

"Well, let me have one of these volumes bound in leather." And he handed me 35/-.

How do you account for all this? "This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes." Matt. 21:42. F. J. KINMAN.

Ministry of Literature

They Entered the Home Together—*Present Truth* and Prayer!

It was several years before I was born that a home missionary worker called on my mother with *Present Truth* and she, being a lover of good literature, promised to take the magazine regularly.

After calling for several months and talking over some of the articles in *Present Truth*, the worker said: "I feel sure that one day you will accept this truth and become a member of our church." This seemed a little vague at the time, and when my mother did understand what was meant by the remark, she said in her own mind, "I am not so sure!"

However she did consent to attend the services occasionally, but, on account of increased duties placed upon her by her own church, she dropped these very soon. But the worker would not give up hope. She kept up her visits regularly and every time left the home with the promise to continue to pray for our family.

Even though, a few years later, a serious accident caused her to become permanently blind and deaf, the visits were still kept up and the magazine brought regularly.

That so dreadful an affliction should be permitted to come upon such a godly person was difficult to understand and I, just a little child, became rebellious about it, but her beautiful Christian character, and the patient way in which she bore her suffering, never once murmuring under the terrible strain of the loss of sight and hearing, did much to calm my spirit and quell my irreverent feelings.

During all the years we children knew nothing about the Sabbath truth as my mother did not see the necessity of changing from Sunday-keeping to Sabbath-keeping. But the prayers of that worker, and her faithful witness for Christ, brought the light to us in an unexpected way. One of my sisters married and went to live about

three miles away, and she and her husband were brought into contact with an Adventist effort. After attending the services for several weeks, and praying earnestly over the matter, they were convinced of the truth and accepted it. Then they worked with and prayed for the rest of the family, and I, while still in my early teens, stepped out to keep Sabbath.

DO YOU KNOW

how a soul was blessed through the ministry of a tract, a periodical, or a book?

Then tell us about it Send your experience to the Editor that others may be encouraged

My mother was not agreeable to the step I was taking, trying to impress me with the fact that my future would be spoiled; in fact, she became very indignant with those who had influenced me. Perhaps this made me all the more determined to hold on! However, through my experience, and the fact that I was one of the last she had expected to accept the message, she herself took her stand and remained faithful until her death. The worker lived to see four of our family accept the truth.

K.E.F.

THE Stockport church now hold their meetings at Wellington House, 324 Wellington Road North, Heaton Moor, Stockport.

Times of meetings: Sabbath-school, 10.30 a.m.; Preaching service, 11.30 a.m.; M.V. meeting, 3.15 p.m. Sunday evening service, 6.30 p.m.

A. E. FREETH.

At Rest

HOWLETT.—Pastor O. M. Dorland laid to rest another of our elderly members, Mrs. Howlett, on April 8, 1939. She had been ill for some years and had been unable to associate with us in our public worship. Her first acquaintance with us was through *Present Truth*, delivered by one of our members, and after attending a series of meetings conducted by the late Pastor A. E. Bacon, she united with us in 1926. We look forward to that glad day when the Lord will raise His sleeping children to be for ever with Him.

CHURCH CLERK.

WINDROSS.—The Middlesbrough church has lost one of its oldest and most beloved members by the death of Mrs. Windross at the age of seventy-six. Our sister first heard the message for these last days from the lips of Pastor A. Armstrong in 1913. Later she took a definite stand for the truth and was presented for baptism by the writer in May, 1914. Sister Windross was a true mother in Israel. Many have enjoyed the hospitality of her home. She will be greatly missed at church and Sabbath-school, as she was most regular in attendance. On Tuesday, March 28th, we laid her to rest in Linthorpe Cemetery, where she awaits the coming of our Lord. Our sympathy goes out to her three daughters, one of whom is in the truth and has served the church faithfully in numerous offices.

J. E. BELL.

LESTER.—Mrs. A. E. Lester, an elderly member of the Nottingham church, passed away on February 24, 1939. She had been ill for a number of years, and so had been unable to attend meetings, but she was always interested in our activities, particularly in foreign missions, and the years that she was unable to collect for the Harvest Ingathering she sent a liberal donation to that fund. Her first contact with Adventists was about forty years ago, when Brother G. F. Jones was canvassing in Nottingham, but she did not join us until 1920, after attending meetings conducted by the late Pastor J. D. Gillatt. We extend our sympathy to her son, daughter-in-law, and grandson.

CHURCH CLERK.

DREWERY.—It is with deep regret that we announce the death on April 11, 1939, of Miss H. Drewery of the Clapham church. She came into the truth under the ministry of Pastor C. A. Reeves, and was baptized in June, 1935. Though never very strong, she was a faithful member to the last. Quiet and unassuming, she made every effort to be in her place on Sabbath. She will be missed by all who knew her.

E. VINE, Church Clerk.

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SUNSET CALENDAR

	Lon'n	Not'm	Car'ff	Edin	Bel't
May 19th	8.50	9.00	9.03	9.25	9.28
May 26th	9.00	9.11	9.13	9.37	9.39

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Bible Service Training Course

IS YOUR CLASS ORGANIZED?

CHURCHES AND COMPANIES

Name	Members in Class	No. Given 1 Bible Study	No. Given 5 Bible Studies	Number Passed Exam.	Name	Members in Class	No. Given 1 Bible Study	No. Given 5 Bible Studies	Number Passed Exam.
Aberdare	8				Lincoln	10			
Aberdeen	8	4			Liverpool	13			
Accrington	2				Lewisham	20			
Barnsley	6	1			Londonderry	2	2		
Barry Dock	11				Lowestoft	16			
Bath	6				Luton	6			
Beckenham	6				Manchester	16			
Belfast	14	5			Mansfield	1			
Birmingham S.	16	2			Medstead	6			
Bournemouth	10	4	3		Middlesbrough	17			
Bradford	6				Milford Haven	3			
Brighton	12				Newcastle	16			
Bristol	18				Newport	30			
Bromsgrove	1				N. Shields	13			
Caerphilly	1				Norwich	14			
Cambridge	16	1			Nottingham	10	2	1	9
Cardiff	9				Plymouth	30	1	1	
Carlton Colville	4				Poole	4	3	2	
Cheltenham	2				Porth	5			
Chiswick	34	3	2		Portsmouth	9	1		
Clapham	18	5	1		Reading	14	5		
Colchester	15				Rhos	4			
Coventry	12				Rhyl	10			
Croscombe	18				Rotherham	15			
Croydon	8				Rushden	8			
Darlington	13	6		5	St. Austell	1			
Dereham	1				St. Mabyn	1			
Doncaster	4	1			Salisbury	6	6	4	
Dowlais	3				Sheffield	15			
Dublin	18				Shotton	4			
Dundee	6				Shrewsbury	6	1		
Ealing	24	7	1		Southampton	21			
Edinburgh	32				Southend	16	3	1	
Edmonton	10	3	2		Stanborough Park	72			
Enfield Wash	7	1			Stirling	5	1	1	
Exeter	5				Stockport	2			
Forest Gate	9		1		Stoke-on-Trent	10	3	6	9
Fotherby	8				Sutton	9			
Gelligaer	4				Swansea	6			
Gillingham	11	3	2		Swindon	5	2	1	
Glasgow	9				Torquay	16	6	4	
Grimsby	14				Tottenham	5			
Handsworth	12				Ulverston	5			
Harlesden	8	3	2		Wakefield	18			
Harrow	7				Walthamstow	9	2		
Hastings	12				Watford Town	15			
Henllan	2				Wellingborough	5	2		
Hereford	7	1	1		West Hartlepool	5	5	2	
High Wycombe	15	1			Weymouth	4			
Holloway	30	3			Wimbledon	43			
Hull	27				Wolverhampton	7			
Ilford	16	4	3		Wood Green	29			
Ilkeston	5	2	2	3	Worcester	8			
Ipswich	15	1			Yarmouth	9	3		
Kettering	3	1			York	15			
Killamarsh	6		1		Isolated (S.) London	31	3		
Kirkcaldy	6				Isolated (N.) Nott'm	24		2	
Leeds	10				Isolated (Wales) Car'f	7			
Leicester	18				Isolated (Scot.) Edin'h	6			
					Isolated (Ire'd) Belfast	4			