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Graduation Services at The Stanboroughs

"THE happy day dawned bright and fair," the story-books say, and indeed one could not have wished for brighter weather than was experienced the week-end. The Stanboroughs School of Nursing held their graduation exercises. Each year some few student nurses finish this course and are awarded their diplomas. It was with great pleasure that The Stanboroughs were able to present diplomas this year to six nurses.

Sabbath morning found the graduating nurses gracing the platform during Sabbath-school, when the lesson review was given by Nurse S. Cannon, graduating male nurse. Graduating Nurse Mabel Wood sang a solo, "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," whilst her colleagues ably supported her by offering the prayer and announcing the hymns.

During the last hymn these nurses gathered together with both senior and junior members of the nursing staff in the sub-gallery. At the appointed time, led by Matron, the graduating class filed to their seats in the first row of the congregation, whilst the rest of the staff followed in due course.

By MATRON I. A. WILLIAMS

Pastor H. W. Lowe gave a very helpful study on the nurses' motto, "In the Shadow of the Cross." When he had finished his discourse, one and all felt spiritually refreshed and uplifted and sang with fervour the last hymn, "In the Shadow of the Cross." Many friends and relations were present and truly felt that the cross is indeed to them as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land. The choir ably rendered the beautiful anthem, "Nearer, My God, to Thee."

At the evening service the

graduating nurses were on the platform with Pastor W. J. Cannon, who gave a very eloquent study of the aim, "To Heal Body and Soul." The graduates then testified to the congregation how much the Lord had helped them through the trials and difficulties which had beset their pathway during the past three years; and how much they had been surrounded by loving watchful care and happy companionship of those who also worked in the cause of God. The beautiful song, "O for the Wings of a Dove" (Mendelssohn), was feelingly rendered by The Stanboroughs Octet.

Sunday was a busy day for all concerned. Many were the activities taking place in the Hydro where weary patients needed either attention or treatment. Maternity celebrated by adding two or three babies to its already busy department, and down below in the Annexe kitchen a merry throng of workers, ably guided and helped by Sister Standen and supported by willing friends, worked busily to produce the graduation tea preceding the evening exercises.



The 1939 class of graduate nurses at The Stanboroughs, Watford.

Truly, the dining-room looked most attractive with blue and gold blooms pendant from the green boughs on the pillars. The graduation colours, royal blue and gold, were carried out in the iced cakes, the gold-coloured drinks, and the marvellous graduation cake on which it was Dr. Cairncross' fate to operate. Mr. Rylah surely surpassed himself this year; it was a delicious confection! Blue and gold irises adorned the tables with their loaded dishes of sandwiches, cakes, and fresh-looking salads. The golden ducklings of fruit and cream, which were invented by Mrs. Standen specially for the occasion, certainly deserve commendation, and they looked very handsome sitting in their golden pools of jelly.

After the tea, Pastor Lowe was happy to express his congratulations to the graduating nurses and gave them words of encouragement. Then after the bouquets of irises had been presented to Matron, Sister Standen, and Sister Thompson, the feast was over and instantly preparations for the service at seven o'clock were in progress.

The church was very festive with the blue and gold irises, and the Motto and Aim successfully carried out in the appropriate colours by Nurse Casey. The cross, with a nurse, a child patient in her arms, in its shadow, was well executed by Nurse Casey, whose talents in this direction only seemed to come to light on the eve of her departure for other spheres of work. The graduating class, in their uniform as graduates, preceded the faculty down the aisle of the church on to the platform, the rest of the staff filling in the choir seats behind.

Dr. Cairncross presented the diplomas and Matron the blue staff belts. Miss Hadley sang in her delightful way a consecration hymn entitled, "Give." Pastor Williams gave a very fine address, offering words of advice and encouragement to the graduating class. He spoke on their motto and aim. Nurse Casey gave an excellent class response, well delivered, ending with a beautiful poem which we reproduce here:

The Christian Nurse

Only a figure dressed in white,
Only a common, every-day sight,
Quietly doing each day her part,
With ever a loving and gentle heart.

Giving a treatment and dressing
wounds,

Smoothing a pillow in her rounds,
Hearing the secrets of a troubled
soul,

Always to be kept while ages roll.

Blessing the babies' new-born breath,
Closing the eyes of the one in death,
Sending a prayer for the one in need,
Binding the hearts of those that bleed.

Keeping sweet when all goes wrong,

Smiling through all the whole day
long,
Serving the doctors as best she can,
Caring for patients with a willing
hand.

Only a figure dressed in white,
Yet serving her master with will and
might.

The next day the graduating class and friends set out for a day at Folkestone. The weather was perfect and the trip brought to a thoroughly satisfactory end the graduating exercises of 1939. We wish all the class the very best of journeys through life.

A Church-School Teachers' Institute at Watford

A VERY helpful Church School Teachers' Institute was held on May 30th and 31st at Stanborough Park, all the teachers of our schools in South England being in attendance. We were very glad to have with us Pastor J. I. Robison, educational secretary of the Northern European Division, as well as Brethren H. W. Lowe, W. G. C. Murdoch, and R. S. Joyce of our own British field. Almost every phase of church school life and activity was considered, and we believe this institute marks another milestone in the progress of educational work in the South England Conference.

At our devotional periods the

guest speakers brought to us from the Bible and the writings of the Spirit of prophecy inspiring and instructive messages concerning the relationship of the church school teachers to God, to the pupils, to the parents, and to the church. We were reminded of the necessity to keep close to the Lord and to have that living connection with Him which is vital to success in all Gospel work. The importance of co-operation between teachers, parents, and churchmembers in this important work of fitting youth for a place in the Lord's service was also emphasized.

Pastor J. I. Robison brought to us the following helpful message:



Church-school teachers with Division and Union educational leaders at the recent Teachers' Council.

"You are dealing with these children in their character-forming days. These little ones from six to fourteen are forming habits and developing characters that will mould their future destiny even for eternity. I believe this is by far the most important period of a child's life. The teacher who has largely the directing of their destiny in her hands, should see in the children under her care not naughty boys and girls that need discipline, but children of the King; some, in the near future, to be workers in this cause, possibly called into foreign service; others maybe to suffer for the Master behind prison bars or in concentration camps; but in all of them we should see heirs of His grace and subjects of His kingdom which is so soon to be established.

"Our church schools are ordained by God to prepare the children for this great work. Here children are to be instructed in the special truths for this time, and in practical missionary work."

The Round Table discussion periods were both interesting and lively. About fifty different questions of intense interest were freely discussed, and we believe that the individual contributions to our discussion proved stimulating to all of us. Appreciation of the support given by the churches in places blessed with church schools was evident, and we are sure that our schools are proving a distinct blessing, not only to those children who attend but also to the church in general.

Considerable study was given to the curriculum in all schools, and each of the teachers prepared papers on various phases of it. As a result of this institute there will be, we are sure, greater co-ordination between the three schools, and decided progress in the various lines of study. The keenness of our teachers to improve themselves and to build up the schools was very marked, and we believe that this is reflected in the increased enrolments reported from each place.

Not only did blessing come to us in the meetings themselves but also in our association together in the beautiful surroundings of Stanborough Park. The special tea on

Wednesday evening brought us together in a social capacity, and proved an opportunity for recount-

ing old College days and happy experiences of past years.

E. R. WARLAND.

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Annual Meeting Notes

- JULY—and the conference only a few weeks ahead! Have you made your plans? As your mind goes back over the last twelve months crowded with events, many of which fulfilled prophecy, do you not feel that we need to take special time for "holy convocation" and prayer and Bible study? We all need the blessings of this year's annual gathering. Make your plans now. Pray earnestly that God will guide in the preparation of the plans so that He can abundantly bless us as a people.
- THE Apartment Committee is carefully selecting accommodations. Please use the special "Apartment Form." A supply has been sent to each church. The Reception Committee will work in conjunction with the Apartment Committee. You will receive a warm welcome by brethren and sisters who are well acquainted with the Holloway district and will gladly give you every assistance.
- THIS year's programme is a full one. Every day will be crowded with good things for old and young. Apart from the time given to prayer, Bible study, preaching, and business you will enjoy a number of special meetings such as a health demonstration, young people's rally, foreign missionaries' experiences, ordination service, evangelists' programme, baptism, and communion services.
- WE will have the pleasure of listening to a full choir and also the male voice choir, as well as solos and other musical items.
- Do not forget to bring your Bible and *Advent Hymnal*.
- Those who have difficulty in hearing will be glad to know that arrangements have been made for a number of acousticons to be available all day on Sabbath. If you would like to have one reserved for you kindly write to the conference secretary without delay. Requests will be attended to in order of receipt.
- Special care has been taken over the arrangement of the children's services. Please bring the children with you. They will have a thrilling and beneficial time in their own meetings.
- Babies will be under the care of nurses kindly sent by the Hydro in Watford. Cots will be available.
- A large tent will be erected at the back of the Holloway Advent church for the institutional displays. Plan to visit these exhibits. They will interest you.
- For your own advantage study the "Lunch Scheme" to be found on page 7 of this issue. This idea was "hatched" out one day when we were discussing the Granose Foods Ltd.'s display with Brethren Rigby and Benwell. It should help you to enjoy to the full all the Sabbath and Sunday services.
- Free drinks will be supplied during the dinner and tea hours on Sabbath.
- The opening service on Thursday evening, July 27th, will be of special interest. You will be sorry if you miss it. It will commence at 7.15 with community singing. Part of the programme will deal with the requests from seven newly-organized churches to be

received into the sisterhood of churches in South England.

■ The Holloway Advent church has been completely redecorated and improved. We are counting on and planning for a considerable increase in attendance. There will be a special message for you at each meeting. Pray that the Lord will give you the ability to recognize it and to receive it.

R. S. Joyce.

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Two Inspiring Week-Ends

COLCHESTER

NEVER shall we forget the time of spiritual refreshing we experienced during the week-end which terminated in the organization of the Colchester church. Pastor R. S. Joyce, our president, and Brother A. Carey, secretary-treasurer of the British Union, were with us. Space does not permit us to give a detailed account of all that happened from the first service on Friday until the close of that ever-to-be-remembered Sabbath afternoon service.

Brother Carey, in his opening address based on the text in Acts 19:20, "so mightily grew the Word of God and prevailed," visualized the conquering Word and the triumphant church.

Our Sabbath-school was well attended and Brother Carey led out in the study of the lesson. Our own members ably assisted in the programme.

I still seem to see those intensely interested little people—the juniors of Colchester—as they listened on Sabbath morning to the story given by the president before he addressed the church generally. It was a service of consecration and we sensed the power of the Holy Spirit. In the consecration prayer at the end all rededicated themselves to God.

Our hall, seating one hundred, was almost filled at the Sabbath afternoon service. After prayer the choir sang very feelingly that inspiring hymn, "The Beautiful Land."

Pastor Joyce stirred our hearts again as he renewed the imperishable doctrines of the church, and all prayerfully and gratefully

watched as twenty-nine new believers, were organized into a church and solemnly yet joyfully went forward to sign the charter. How eagerly the request was voted that the new church in Colchester, the oldest town in Britain, might be accepted into the sisterhood of churches at the coming conference.

Personally, I thank the Lord for faithful and untiring co-labourers, men and women who never give up in spite of the difficulties and disappointments which frequently come to us in the work.

The early work in Colchester was hard—it is hard to-day. This ancient military town never seemed an easy proposition. However, we took comfort from the passage in Ecclesiastes 9:11, "The race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong."

Just over a year ago it seemed that we were meeting a crisis in our work here. The truth did not appear to make much impression. Our first Sabbath meeting with six adults could not be called an inspiring success, but God wonderfully intervened and turned apparent failure into glorious victory.

We are grateful for the faithfulness of the believers in this town. Our members have given in tithes and offerings already over £130—more than the original cost of the campaign. To-day we are grateful to the Lord for a hundred per cent tithe-paying membership. This is an honour to be coveted and cherished through the years.

CLACTON

The setting of the organization of the Clacton church was, to say the least, charming. For reasons which will be given later we met in a marquee and we were grateful for glorious weather. The tent was fragrant and beautiful with the scent of a thousand blooms—a token of the affection for the message which these new believers feel.

Brother Carey opened with a Bible study on the remnant church, showing us the exalted standard God has set for His people.

After an interesting Sabbath school, in which Brother Carey conducted the lesson study, Brother Joyce addressed the meeting on the greatest of all themes: Love.

The thoughts expressed greatly strengthened this youngest of all our churches.

We followed similar proceedings in the organization of the church as we did the previous week-end in Colchester. Twenty-seven members signed the charter and just as eagerly voted to be received into the sisterhood of churches.

The words of David in 1 Samuel 21:8, "The King's business requires haste," occurred to us some eight months ago when we were considering further work for the Master we all love so much. It was impossible for us to move from Colchester and I suggested a plan to the committee that we thought might be successful. It was to run for three months a dual campaign, holding the ground in Colchester with an after-church meeting at 8 p.m. and breaking up new territory in the town of Clacton some seventeen miles away with a service at 6.30 p.m. It meant leaving our co-labourer, Brother G. Roper, at Clacton to conclude the meeting while I departed by car in order to get to Colchester in time to give out the announcements!

We were not privileged to have a young male worker at Colchester, but we possess an efficient Bible-worker in Miss Clements, and with the help of Brother Hardy from Ipswich, who opened the meeting at Colchester for us, we are grateful to the Lord that our united efforts were successful.

Never shall I forget those hectic weeks. So many things could happen to bring failure. How we prayed for clear nights without fog, and open gates at level crossings! In January we were able to ease up when Brother Roper began to care for the Colchester Sunday night services.

The Clacton campaign has been an inspiration to us all. Eight short months ago an unentered town, to-day it has a church with a membership of twenty-seven, and others going forward in baptism at the first opportunity.

When seeking for a hall in that town, we were shown scores of places we could gladly have, but in every case we should have to vacate at Easter, or at the latest by Whitsun, as they were required

for the summer season. We prayed, but the way seemed closed up. At last in faith we took the hall in the "Sunshine Home" and hoped that by Whitsun we could find other accommodation. A fortnight before Whitsun we were told that we should have to leave for the season. We had been preparing for this contingency and because of the kindness of the North England Committee, a tent was loaned us. Before it arrived we were forced to hold two open-air meetings, as we had no hall. Again the Lord heard our prayers and gave us glorious weather. We were grateful that the "Sunshine Home" stands in extensive grounds, and the authorities gave us permission to pitch our tent very near the hall we occupied.

We praise God for many evidences of His guiding hand. In a fortnight we plan to run a Summer Tent Campaign in Clacton and thereby hope further to increase our membership. We invite our believers to spend an exhilarating holiday at Clacton—the East Coast's sunniest resort—and see the newest baby in the family of Adventist churches.

J. M. HOWARD.



Come to Clacton-on-Sea

A WARM welcome awaits you at The Advent Tent, Alton Park Road, off St. Osyth Road, Clacton. Services: Sabbath-school, 10 a.m.; Preaching Service, 11 a.m., and 3 p.m.; Sunday, 6.30 p.m.; Tuesday, 7.30 p.m.; Friday, 7.30 p.m.

If you would like accommodation with Adventists Brother G. Roper, c/o Mrs. Smythe, 30 St. Osyth Road, Clacton, will be pleased to advise you.



Faith in Folkestone

No. That fence was not *too* high. Just a hop and a jump, and there we were, perched on the top. Our eager eyes surveyed the details. Space—none too much of it. Shape—a bit awkward. Surroundings—could have been more encouraging. Position—absolutely central—could hardly have been better. Would it do? A thousand times "Yes"—it was *our* land, the very piece we wanted.

Faith came peeping over our shoulder. Soon she had climbed the ramshackle fence and was down among that pile of bricks and rubbish. With sanguine, skillful hands she cleared the site, dug foundations, and reared a building neat and clean in which her followers might worship in peace and piety.

Faith then climbed back again, over that fence, into the highways and by-ways of Folkestone. She knew as well as we did, that "faith without works is dead." She realized, too, that the first works must be concerned with £. s. d. That explains those weeks of searching, searching, searching until she found that generous, loving soul, who gave £600 so freely.

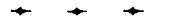
Was it in faith or with knowledge that we then approached the British Union Committee? Never mind—the results were the same—they uncomplainingly bought the land that faith had spied out. Plans were drawn, estimates were obtained, a contract was made, the land was cleared—building had actually begun. How slowly those bricks were laid! Faster, faster, faster, we wanted the walls to grow. Whenever would that roof go on? When would that baptistery be finished? Which day would have the water running through those pipes? When could the first baptismal service be confidently announced?

Notice that word "confidently," for it hides the tale of several frustrations in our attempts to conduct a baptism. Every door seemed closed, and we had to leave Folkestone before the first believers were baptized. In January, however, we returned and those candidates were immersed in the first Adventist baptistery in Kent. Since that day many others have followed until, with the faithful, fruitful work of our successors, living stones have been built into an Adventist church in Folkestone.

On Sabbath morning, June 17th, came the peak of evangelistic happiness. No more flimsy dreams. Faith was lost in sight. We were actually looking at the neat grey walls of the beautiful little church. Soon we were listening as Pastors Lowe and Joyce dedicated the building to the One who gave it.

Soon with bowed heads and reverent hearts we were praying that God would make it His own dwelling-place. Now we beseech the Master-builder that it may stand intact—except for extensions—until Jesus comes.

B. E. SPARROW.



Folkestone J.M.V.

A DELIGHTFUL hour was spent recently at the Folkestone Seventh-Day Adventist church, when the Junior Missionary Volunteers prepared and conducted their own Sunday afternoon service.

Jean made a bright and capable "chairman," while Daphne was responsible at the organ.

Joan led in prayer, and Ray followed with a review of the last service. The collection was taken by Len, brother to Roy, after which Daphne read with fine expression Psalm eight.

Minnie made her contribution in verses which she recited with a glad smile, and the address was given by the "chairman." This was on "David and Goliath," and the paper revealed a careful study of the story.

Three of our girls sang together an old favourite, "When He cometh, to make up His jewels," and Zillah read to us an interesting story, which she selected from *Present Truth*.

The children are learning to memorize the books of the Bible, and during the service these were repeated by each child. Zillah closed with prayer.

We value the ready response of our children to the service asked of them, and we are praying earnestly that these little ones of ten and eleven years old may answer Christ's call to give Him their hearts, that their whole lives may be spent in His service. Will our readers pray for them also?

MRS. E. DUNNETT.



Folkestone Dedication

SABBATH morning, May 20th, was the happy occasion of the dedication of John Duncan, baby son of Brother and Sister Mustard. Pastor R. S. Joyce offered the dedicatory prayer.

W. F. BUCKLE.

Investiture Service at Stanborough Park

FIFTEEN happy candidates seated in the choir stalls, the leaders of both Watford Town and Stanborough Park M.V. Societies with Pastor E. R. Warland on the platform, a church appreciably filled with a good congregation, and the scene was set for a happy investiture service on Sabbath evening, May 27th, at Stanborough Park.

The preliminary part of the service was conducted by the members of the Progressive Class. The younger boys and girls entertained with recitations and songs; a nature talk was given by Miss C. Throssell; and Miss G. Meredith gave a compressed study of astronomy. This was followed by a solo entitled, "The Lord is my Light and Salvation," beautifully rendered by Mrs. R. Hamblin. A violin solo given by Miss E. Throssell, and an inspiring recitation by Miss L. Futcher, preceded the distribution of the Reading Course Certificates by Brother S. Bevan and the awarding of the badges to the class.

We at Stanborough Park feel very proud of the fact that we were privileged to witness the investiture, as a Master Comrade, of our leader, Pastor E. R. Warland, and as Brother A. Warren conducted this happy ceremony, our hearts were filled with admiration and appreciation for the work which he has done.

A few words of encouragement from Pastor Warland brought to a close a very happy service. He reminded us of the need for personal preparation and personal service, and the challenging question rang in our ears, "Are all the faculties that we possess used to the glorification of God?"

In the words of our leader, "May the knowledge already obtained be but a stepping-stone to greater usefulness for the Master."

Here is the list of the successful candidates:

FRIEND CLASS

Doreen Selby Joyce Selby

Derek Lowe

COMPANION CLASS

E. Throssell	A. Blackburn
C. Throssell	L. Brooks
L. Futcher	Mrs. I. Hamblin
G. Brooks	Mrs. Standen
G. Meredith	F. Thomas
W. Hyde	R. Hamblin

G. MARJORIE BROOKES.

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Notes from the President

WE request the prayers of God's people that His blessing and guidance may rest upon this thirty-sixth Session of the North England Conference, to be held in Nottingham, July 20th-23rd. If at all possible, you should attend this important gathering. What pleasure it brings to meet with God's people.

BROTHER W. T. BARTLETT, a former leader of the field, as well as many other brethren from the Union, Division, and General Conference will be present.

WE call the attention of the isolated to the ordinance service to be held at 5 p.m. on the Sabbath of the conference in the Assembly Hall, Norfolk Place.

THE conference baptism will be on the Sabbath at 3 p.m. in the George Street Baptist Chapel.

WE would call your attention to the offer of lunches made by the Granose Foods Ltd. in this issue.

A BAPTISM was held in our

Handsworth chapel on Sunday, June 25th. The Lord came very near when seven young people consecrated themselves to the Lord, five of them being young men: one from Stoke, four from Handsworth, and two from South Birmingham.

WE trust that the churches and companies are all perfecting their organization for Harvest Ingathering and that we shall get an early start. There never was such a need for funds to maintain the present work and push on into new fields as there is to-day. We should be on the look out for souls as we do this work, for each year some are found and brought into the message by this campaign.

O. M. DORLAND.



York Church Address

THE new address of the York church is 41 Micklegate. The times of meeting are as follows:

Sabbath-school, 10.15 a.m.; Preaching service, 3 p.m.; Sunday 6.30 p.m.; Prayer meeting, Wednesday, 7.30 p.m.

W. M. LENNOX.

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You Must Come!

OUR friends of the Welsh Mission will receive this copy of the MESSENGER just in time to make last-minute arrangements to attend the Swansea conference next week. Programme booklets will be in your hands before you leave home. Please bring your copy with you as there will be only one copy per member.

Our conference will be largely

a spiritual one in that there will be but two short sessions for business purposes. We need this spiritual uplift, and if you were as keen to attend these meetings as we are to have you come, you would brush aside those indifferences and those "little things" which serve as excuses, and come along.

We appeal to more of our dear people not to come just for the one day—much as we would rather it be one day than none at

all—but for at least two days. The meetings begin on Thursday night and continue on Friday morning—all of the kind you like. Then there will be a break during Friday afternoon, resuming again at 7 p.m. The conference ends on Sunday night.

If you can do so, send a line to Pastor F. S. Jackson asking for a room for one, two, or more nights. His address is Roca, Lon Masarn, Sketty, Swansea. If you fail to write you will be able to secure a room when you arrive.

Please bring your *Advent Hymnal* with you.

Remember we have one of the General Conference leaders of our world-wide youth movement coming to minister to us in the person of Pastor D. A. Ochs. Also two old friends of Wales in the persons of Pastors H. W. Lowe and G. D. King, beside our friends Pastors J. Harker and W. G. Murdoch. Missionaries will be there, too, and a host of friends. Come along in a prayerful spirit and help to bring a blessing to others. Then there will be no mistaking the fact that you will return home with a special blessing.

Will all delegates endeavour to be in their seats promptly on Friday by seven o'clock for the first part of their duties.

The meetings will be held in the S.D.A. Church, Gower Road, Sketty Cross, Swansea. Take a bus from the town centre to Sketty Cross. The church is at the bottom of the Gower Road hill a yard or two from the traffic signals.

We are particularly anxious that our isolated friends should take advantage of this annual opportunity of meeting with God's people.

S. G. HYDE.

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At Rest

WITHERS.—The Chiswick church has experienced a sad loss in the death of our dear sister, Mrs. Edith Evelyn Withers, who, after a long illness, fell asleep in Jesus on June 21st. Our sister accepted

the message under the labours of Pastor R. A. Anderson five years ago, and lived a faithful, loyal, and consecrated life. She was a zealous worker in the cause of God, doing all she could to win souls for the Master. We all feel that we cannot spare her; that her work could hardly have been finished—she was only fifty years of age—yet our loving Father knows best. At least we know she will have part in the first resurrection. Our hearts go out in deep sympathy to the husband, the son, and the daughter, who with other relatives are left to mourn. Words of comfort were spoken at the funeral service by the writer.

F. A. SPEARING.

two daughters are left to mourn. She rests from her labours in the joyful hope of the resurrection.

O. M. DORLAND.

Wedding Bells

BENWELL-ALLEN.—A charming little wedding at Stanborough Park church took place on Sunday, March 26, 1939. It was the occasion of the marriage of Miss Doris Fanny Allen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen of Watford, and Norman Benwell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Benwell of Reading. There were two bridesmaids in powder blue and a page boy and little girl in primrose.

The reception in the assembly hall of Granose Foods Ltd., kindly made available by the manager, was well planned for the comfort of the sixty guests. We pray God's blessing will follow Brother and Sister Benwell all through their lives together.

J. M. HOWARD.

Conference Meals

For the convenience of members attending the local conferences this year, at Nottingham and London, Granose Foods Ltd. is arranging the following special lunch and tea packets for use on Sabbath and Sunday. These must be ordered in advance and orders accompanied by remittances will be accepted up to July 19th and 27th respectively.

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Value of Calling Back

"OUT of 120 orders for *Bible Certainties* taken so far," writes Brother John Dean, "you will be glad to know that ninety-five have come from friends (yes, many of them are real friends) who over many years have purchased books from me.

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SURELY the reason why men and women are persuaded to purchase our books is because of the messages contained therein.

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That letter is worth preserving. If, at the outset of his canvassing career, the colporteur had thought to chronicle all the events associated with his work, what a wonderful tome it would make.

Here I am at Windsor again (somehow we cannot keep away). In the castle grounds dwells a certain titled gentleman, and through a little judicious inquiry we are able to meet him. A copy of *Bible Readings* will soon find its home with him.

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Who, for instance, would expect to find in the archives of the local public library a volume of *Bible Readings* reposing among other religious works? Upon examination we find this inscription on the brochure—Capt. —, Royal Engineers. From F. J. Kinman, Birdshaugh, Knaphill, Woking. This very fact would seem to suggest that the original owner must have been desirous of that silent messenger offering the greatest good to the greatest number.

Let us trust, then, that the reason may justify the hope.

F. J. KINMAN.

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HERE are some comments which I have noted down from my *Present Truth* readers in Weymouth and Portland:

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"I think a lot of the *Present Truth*."

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"It brings the Bible into a modern setting." MISS BRIGGS.

Twenty-Five Baptisms a Week

THE following note of interest comes from the Far Eastern Division. It shows how God's work goes forward despite the war, and also the great possibilities there are in laymen's soul-winning efforts:

"Twenty-five baptisms a week, equalling a total of 657 souls won during the first six months of 1938! This is the average revealed by the two quarterly summaries of the Laymen's Missionary Movement in the Far Eastern Division (Chosen, Japan, Malayan, and Philippine Union Missions). Thus the equivalent of a new church of twenty-five members has sprung into being every week between January 1st and June 30th. Our ordained ministers have had the joy of baptizing these 657 precious souls who are the fruitage of the personal efforts and home missionary work of our dear lay members. Surely this is a bountiful harvest in which both sowers and reapers can rejoice together."

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