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At the Dawn of the New Year

By H. W. LOWE

TIME is the relentless current that bears us all toward eternity. It is one of the many things in life against which man is powerless. Resist how we may, still onward we go. Dislike it as we do, time is the one thing that we must spend, and few use it wisely.

All men are followed by their yesterdays, and some are haunted by them. The servant of God should so spend his time that few regrets live to torment him.

The dawning of this New Year could not better be spent than in considering our habits and pursuits in relation to our use of time. Bagster once said, "Spend your time in nothing which you know must be repented of; in nothing on which you might not pray for the blessing of God; in nothing which you could not review with a quiet conscience on your dying bed; in nothing which you might not safely and properly be found doing if death should surprise you in the act."

When faced, as we often are in this strange world, with events difficult of explanation, let us not waste time in doubt and useless questioning. The psalmist in his introspective moments wondered if God had forgotten him, if divine favour and mercy were withdrawn from men, and if God's promises had failed. But mature reflection showed these things to be but human infirmity. (Psa. 77:10.) A better subject for meditation then suggested itself: "I will remember

the years of the right hand of the Most High." Time spent this way, and in talking of God's works and in the study of His ways (verses 12, 13) is of immense profit.

Could we not resolve, in this ominous year, 1940, to spend more time in Bible reading, and in prayerful devotion. Only so can we live in an atmosphere of spiritual repose and mental calm. Elsewhere all else is unrest and distress. Who reads God's Word does not reproach the Almighty for the baffling events of life. Who communes with God through prayer and in habitual meditation will feel the life of God constantly in his soul.

For us time is both short and solemn. "We have a little space of time left," the servant of God has said. (*Early Writings*, page 47.) And again, "We are living in a most solemn time." (*Testimonies*, Vol. 1, page 608.) We must be among the few who will be sanctified by God's truth. We must not get above its simplicities, for, though the world may think us foolish, it is by the simple verities of God, that the world is once again to be put to confusion.

Perhaps no previous year has ever offered opportunity like the present for personal witness to the truths we love. As at Pentecost, so now people are asking, "What

do these things mean?" Time spent in personal work will result in souls saved for eternity. A unique opportunity is ours now for renewed effort with our literature in scores of ways. The black-out is making people read more and we should seek to get them to read the message of truth.

Then, as we launch forth into the stream of 1940, could we not spend more time in the house of God? Our Sabbath-schools, where we study the Word together, should be better attended. What are we doing when we are absent from the services? More than ever we need to come together for worship, for spiritual inspiration.

Do we always spend time wisely in our homes? How many parents take sufficient time with their children? How many fail to give time to family worship? Time chosen for such things is not lost; it is time saved. It may make all the difference between children lost and children saved. Remember "Time will discover everything to posterity," even if "posterity" means the judgment.

Time is lent us to be laid out in God's service. Time is short, precious, uncertain, passing. It cannot be recovered, as the last words of an English queen reveal, "All my possessions for a moment of time!"

It is ours to use to the glory of God and for the extension of His kingdom of truth in 1940. By pre-

arranged method in the use of our time, by constant communion with God, by daily and systematic reading of the Word, by engagement in selected forms of personal spiritual service, by using all our moments to God's glory, let us

make 1940 the peak year in our relation to our Master.

We wish all our members a year filled, by divine grace, with the blessings that come to him whose time, talents, and possessions are given utterly to the service of God.

New Year in *Special Testimonies for Ministers and Workers* No. 7: "Let the neglected tithes be now brought in. Let the New Year open upon you as men honest in their dealing with God. Let those that have withheld their tithes send them in before the year shall close, that they may be right with God, and never, never again run any risk of being cursed of God."

H. W. LOWE.

Notes from the Union President

EVANGELISM UNDER DIFFICULTIES

It is no light problem to reach the public in our evangelistic campaigns to-day. Halls are unnoticed in the darkness. "Bring them in" is taking on a new meaning to the preachers and stewards who stand in their halls and look anxiously into the darkness. Yet our men continue bravely and are getting congregations who show keen interest.

Pastor Munson has made an encouraging start in Wrexham, where we have no believers at all. Pastor Hardinge has an interest in Taunton, another new centre to be opened. Others are doing well and reports of their work will appear later.

We need funds to open more campaigns. People are searching for light. Could we not hope to raise by special gifts enough to commence work in three new cities in 1940? We should like to hear from persons interested in such a plan. We trust a burden to make gifts for this purpose may be laid by God upon some who are able to further the work just now.

Then, too, special opportunities are here for distributing the Services Edition of *Steps to Christ* to the troops, and gifts for this purpose would be well spent. Donations would mean eighty copies for free distribution for every pound received by us.

NORTH ENGLAND WORKERS' MEETING

An excellent meeting of the conference workers took place in Nottingham in mid-December. There was an increasing unity among us and a deep desire to seek God for added power for daily consecration and for larger soul winning. We believe large returns will come from this gathering and that

the work in the north will reap added blessing in every way.

FAITHFULNESS TO GOD

As we go on into 1940 we might bear in mind a reference to the

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Covered

A BEAUTIFUL little story of trust and deliverance was sent over the radio recently in Shanghai. There had been an air raid on Chengchow, a city of over 10,000 in the province of Honan. Among other places struck by bombs was one of the units of a mission compound. When the building fell in, three little orphan lads were buried beneath the falling bricks and mortar.

The raiders passed. As quickly as help could be summoned missionaries and workmen hurried to the spot and worked with desperate haste to remove the mass of debris, hoping against almost vain hope of reaching the boys before life should be extinct.

At last the bodies were discovered, gradually uncovered, and lifted out—alive! They were hurried to the mission hospital for examination and medical care. Then the astonishing fact was revealed that not only were the children unharmed, they were even unscratched.

Questioned separately as to their knowledge of what had happened, each lad in turn told the same story. When the bomb struck and the building was about to fall in on them, they saw standing by them a beautiful person clothed in white who said, "Lie down quickly on your faces, and I will cover you." And they did as they were told.

That was all; but how verily was the promise of the Word fulfilled to them: "He shall cover thee with His feathers, and under His wings shalt thou trust!"

MINNIE H. CRISLER in *Australasian Record*, October, 1939.

NEWBOLD COLLEGE

ANOTHER term has closed at Newbold Missionary College. It has been a time of real blessing to all who have attended. Seldom have we seen such a serious-minded group of students. The Lord has greatly blessed their devotion to duty.

Our school commenced two days after the declaration of war and it was with mixed feelings that we began this school year. We did not know whether our young men would be able to remain with us during the term but we are very thankful that all of them have been excused from military service and are being allowed to continue their theological course.

The Harvest Ingathering Campaign was a remarkable success. We raised the sum of £420. The first Sunday we collected £120, the largest amount ever obtained in one day by the school.

The Week of Prayer was a time when all of us received rich showers of the "latter rain." Both teachers and students made new vows to follow the Lord more

closely and to give their lives wholly to His service. The last Friday evening testimony meeting will long be remembered by all who were present.

Our enrolment is 102. We miss having with us this year our students from overseas, but it is difficult for them to get passports to come to England. Because of the reduced enrolment, we have had to re-organize our staff somewhat. Brother and Sister Johnson were called to evangelistic work in Scotland, and Brother and Sister Raitt have taken over the work of preceptor and preceptress.

The health of the students during the term has been very good. We have been fortunate in having with us Dr. Monica Druitt, whose medical services have been much appreciated.

Here in this quiet retreat, the work of preparation for the Master's service has continued unhindered, and we desire to thank the Lord for His gracious dealings with us during the term.

W. G. MURDOCH.

IN Norwich, Clacton, Taunton, and Canterbury, Sunday afternoon meetings have been held. The attendances have not been as large as those usually registered on Sunday nights. However, the evangelists report good interests developing, and in spite of the smaller attendances, it is confidently expected that a good harvest of souls will be gathered.

At Chelmsford a Sunday night meeting is being conducted, and Pastor Reeves had the joy of greeting over a thousand persons at his opening service. Since then a good attendance has been maintained, and already about 700 names have been received for literature.

Remember these campaigns especially in your prayers. The Bible-workers as they now visit in the homes stand in need of wisdom and spiritual power to deal with inquiring minds and earnest souls seeking for light. Early in the year other campaigns will begin, probably in Bristol (Pastor O. M. Dorland); Bournemouth (Pastor G. R. Bell); High Wycombe (Pastor C. R. Bonney); Cheltenham (Brother R. A. Vince); Eastbourne (Brother R. H. Smith); Cambridge (Brother E. Cox); Wembley (Brother J. H. Bayliss); Swindon (Brother O. H. Rosier), and possibly in one or two other centres as halls become available. This means that thirteen or fourteen strong evangelistic campaigns will be in progress in South England by the close of January. Pastors located with churches will also conduct special services for the public. Thus 1940 should be one of the strongest years for evangelism the conference has ever experienced. Will you pray and work that it may be the best year ever in soul-winning results? G. D. KING.

South-East London District

ON December 2nd a baptismal service was held at the Lewisham church, when ten souls were received into fellowship, the first-fruits of the evangelistic effort at Bromley, conducted by Pastor F. C. Bailey, with Sister E. Donaldson as Bible-worker.

Pastor Bailey is continuing his labours in this section during the

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Notes from the President

ALREADY old 1939 has slipped away, probably with few regrets as far as most of us are concerned. It has been an eventful year in the world of international politics, and the year leaves us with the darkness of strife thickening around us. The year 1940 comes in full of perplexities and problems, but in spite of that we must greet it as a "new year" full of possibilities for service and brim full of opportunities of helpfulness in the cause of God.

Of course, 1939 has not been without its victories and accomplishments, and when the year's records are complete we shall undoubtedly see it as a year of advancement and progress. Detailed

figures will be given later on various aspects of achievement in the South England Conference.

At this time we wish to record our thankfulness to God for His goodness and blessing; for His protecting and guiding hand, and for His loyal and faithful children scattered throughout the conference territory. What has been accomplished has been because of churchmembers, officers, and conference workers pursuing consecratedly their appointed tasks. Now we enter 1940 full of confidence in the Lord, encouraged by the spirit of unity in the field, knowing that whatever the year holds for us God's cause will triumph, for "victory belongeth unto our God."

winter, where a follow-up work, it is anticipated, will add to this number. A company is now being organized which will be suitably officered and take its place among our churches and companies of the South England Conference. Another company is also to be organized at Leatherhead, Surrey, to be composed of some isolated evacuees and members who live at a considerable distance from our Croydon meeting hall.

Owing to our Croydon meeting hall's being changed and to its being nearer to Beckenham, the Beckenham members have amalgamated with the Croydon church and meet with them at Bensham Hall, Bensham Manor Road, Whitehorse Road, Croydon, on Sabbaths at 10.15 a.m. and 11.15 a.m. and on Sundays at 3 p.m. Our Bromley services are held at the Kent School of Motoring Lecture Hall on Sabbaths at 2.30 p.m. and 3.30 p.m., and on Sundays at 6 p.m. Visitors are heartily welcomed. The Leatherhead company meets on Sabbaths at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. at "Sheilmartin," Cobham Road, Fetcham, Leatherhead.

F. C. BAILEY.

JEHOVAH-SHAMMAH—mind you, that wasn't its *real* name. The folk that walked about outside just knew it as the Sherwood Social Club. And so did we, when first we groped for its door in the dark. But, when we closed those doors behind us at the end of three full days, the name had changed. Externally, that place was the same. Internally, it was different. We felt it was "Jehovah-Shammah"—The Lord had been there.

The One whom we worship had spent thirty-two precious hours with thirty-six North England Conference workers. He graced the early morning moments with the freshness of His presence. He guided successive discussions throughout the livelong day. He came quietly, intimately near as night drew on. We came to know Him as an ever-present, omnipresent, Master of Ceremonies.

As, at a few days' distance, we

Held at Nottingham,

look back upon those meetings, our hearts more readily record and analyse those blessings. Devotional periods must take first place. They stood like sentinels at the going in and coming out of each day's duties. And how they moved us! Barriers broke down. Sins were removed. Lives were changed. Of themselves those morning and evening hours would have made the gatherings worth while.

Time spent on our knees was not in vain. The all-prevailing spirit of prayer made every discussion profitable. Evangelism, in most of its many phases, was thoroughly discussed. Church life, and all it now involves, received due prominence. Relationships of man to man, Bible-worker to minister, worker to conference office—these, and countless other



Workers of the North England Conference.

Reading from Left to Right: FRONT ROW.—R. A. Freeth, J. C. French, D. J. Clarke, J. R. Lewis, S. H. Parkin, D. J. Handsides, B. F. Kinman, K. Elias.
SECOND ROW.—B. E. Sparrow, F. D. Buckle, J. I. Robison, W. T. Bartlett, R. S. Joyce, H. W. Lowe, J. Harker, B. Belton, J. E. Bell.
THIRD ROW.—F. W. Coppock, H. W. McCrow, W. J. Cannon, L. Murdoch,

ance Workers' Council

December 11 to 14, 1939

topics, came up for consideration. Through them, many were more "thoroughly furnished unto all good works." All were determined to make full proof of their future ministry. Everyone, without exception, acknowledged the glorious happiness and practical usefulness of those memorable days!

In some respects the council surely was unique. It met in a "blacked-out" hall. Thus the world was shut out, and we were shut in—shut in with our Lord in an upper room. Electric lamps had to do full-time duty, but that scarcely mattered since it ensured constant light on all subjects at all times. There was, we can assure you, no feeling of "depression." If this be doubted, one only need recall the strong, invigorating harmonies that filled the build-

ing whenever one of the well-chosen hymns was sung. There was not one labourer who did not feel that greater consecration could achieve infinitely greater results, in spite of—nay, in some cases because of—war conditions.

Since previous workers' meetings, new situations had arisen, new conditions had to be faced. But the varied evangelistic problems were approached in no iconoclastic spirit. Rather, it was felt that new difficulties demanded not new and drastic methods so much as an adaptation of the old and proven ways. Consequently the discussions builded on past foundations. All that was good from previous years was taken as a base from which greater achievements could be reached.

This progressive spirit burst through many points in the well-filled programme. Most significant was the unanimous acceptance of a high soul-saving goal for 1940.

Your ministers are going to attempt great things for God during the next few months, dear members, so constantly uphold them by prayer! Help them, too, as they seek to establish teachers' meetings for every Sabbath-school. Encourage them as they work for one hundred per cent faithfulness in tithe-paying. Aid them as each looks for one new colporteur. In other words, so co-operate with your ministry that their workers' meeting may prove a tangible success.

They were good days, were those. But they had to end. Slowly we rose. The feet lagged sore. The handshakes lingered long. We were loath to leave the sacred Presence. We had drawn so near to Him during those full, short days. But we had to go. Some went 150 miles north, others travelled south and east and west. As we went we cherished one desire—a desire that consumes all others. We want, dear members, to bring more souls to that city whose name is "Jehovah-Shamah"—the Lord is there.

B. E. SPARROW.



S. G. Joyce, A. F. Bird, W. Maudsley, W. R. A. Madgwick, W. M. Lennox, F. Edwards.
 FOURTH ROW.—Miss J. Handsides, Mrs. E. G. Jackson, Miss B. Cleary, Miss E. Pratt, Miss E. Adair, Miss E. A. Buck, Miss I. Himsforth, Miss J. Mitchell, Miss A. F. Clarke, Miss A. M. Beazley, Miss E. M. Stendall, Miss H. M. Ford.

Some of the North England workers seated in the Council Room.

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News from a "Northern Irish Parish"

As in the overseas mission fields, so similarly in Ireland, the "mission field right at home" in the British Isles, the conference workers usually have the oversight over an extended parish. We here in Londonderry, the Maiden City in the far north of Ulster, are busily engaged in bringing the advent message before new friends, and winning additions to our company. By the time these lines appear in print we shall have begun a new series of evangelistic meetings in the Central Apprentice Boys' Memorial Hall, and we ask for the prayers of our Irish believers especially, that much success and fruitage will be seen in these new endeavours.

Our duties also take us a few miles outside the city into a country cottage recently occupied by one of our members. There we have made a start to present the truths of God's Word to others in the district.

A warm welcome awaits us every time we travel to Draperstown, a small town nestled away in the mountains, where Brother and Sister Millar, who accepted the Advent faith years ago when they lived in the States, and Sister Millar, senior, are upholding the banner of truth amid often strong opposition. Draperstown lies on a direct motor road less than thirty miles south from Londonderry, but as we do not have the use of a car it means a round-about journey of over three hours by train and bus to reach these dear friends. Our sincere prayer is that the seed which is being sown will bear good fruitage in God's own time.

Then we have on our visiting list, Miss Kennedy. Though well over the four-score years she is our sole and faithful witness for the message in Portstewart on the

North Atlantic coast. It is like a tonic to talk to her and note her deep trust in God.

After our visit to Sister Kennedy, we go farther east, altogether about forty miles from Londonderry, and we find our vigorous company of believers in Kilmoyle and Ballybogie. Away from the main roads, in the quietness of the peaceful Irish countryside, our Sabbath-keepers faithfully meet week after week, and it is a great joy to spend a Sabbath day with them. Grandmother McAfee cannot be with us these days by the big open turf fire in the room where we worship. Yet she manifests a strong faith and longs for that better life where all her earthly pains and sorrow will come to an end. Brother and Sister J. McAfee, their sister and their two children are strong in the advent message. In their busy life on the farm and in the fields they find time, when opportunity arises, to give a reason for their faith to others.

Brother and Sister Dogherty are also busy on their farm. They must have been thrilled with their special "Christmas gift" this year. Shortly before Christmas we were privileged to see the remainder of the family unite with the advent family. Father, mother, and the six boys (which includes Bertie, who is finishing his ministerial course at Newbold College this year) are all now baptized members. It was indeed a great joy for Pastor E. E. Craven to baptize the four young men who in their youth made the sacred covenant with their Saviour. They had built their own baptismal tank in the farmyard. Although it was a frosty winter's morning Daniel, Joseph, John, and George—and Pastor Craven!—soon forgot the chill of the cold water in the tank when we gathered by the brightly burning peat fire for a study of God's Word.

We do wish to thank God es-

pecially for these new additions to our company in Kilmoyle which, with thirteen members, apart from our churches in Belfast and Dublin, now has the largest membership. We pray that God will give special strength to those young men to live, in the midst of the temptations of this evil world, such Christian lives as will be to the glory of God.

Ireland presents many real mission problems, but God gives us many opportunities to taste of His great goodness. We are strong in Him, and we invite the prayers of God's people everywhere on our behalf, as we wish to do faithful service in this northern area of Ireland entrusted to our care.

ERIC ZINS.

Annual Legal Meeting

NOTICE is hereby given that the Forty-Sixth Ordinary Annual General Meeting of the shareholders of The Stanborough Press Limited will be held in the offices of the British Union Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists at Stanborough Park, Watford, Herts., on Wednesday, January 31st, 1940, at 2.30 p.m.

On behalf of the Board of Directors,

J. C. CRAVEN, *Secretary.*

Wedding Bells

WILLEY-YEATES—Miss Mildred Grace Yeates and Mr. Tom Willey were united in marriage in the Lewisham church on December 24, 1939. Miss Grace Yeates is a granddaughter of Mrs. Spicer of Watford and thus represents the third generation of Adventists in that well-known family. Mr. Willey is a member of the Sheffield church who has wholeheartedly accepted the Advent faith during recent years.

We wish the happy couple an abundance of the divine blessing on the road they will travel together in the days to come. H. W. LOWE.

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That the books are getting known and appreciated I am often reminded.

Canvassing one morning, a lady answered my knock. On presenting *Our Wonderful Bible*, she said: "Oh, it is that beautiful book!" She was soon in possession of a copy in the blue binding. Another copy was taken to a factory and shown round the works. Several orders resulted. One old lady of seventy-eight years was converted through reading *Our Wonderful Bible*. This was told me by a person when working in a district some miles away. She recognized the book and said: "I have that book in my home. It belongs to a friend who comes down twice a week and we study it together."

Then she said: "You must be the man from whom she purchased it." I asked for her friend's name and found it was so.

This work is not only for the young or those in middle life, but also for men who have retired from ordinary occupations and feel they would like to give the few remaining years to the spreading of this glorious truth. I am sure there is no better way than by entering the colporteur ministry.

I have found health and strength, a new adventure in life, an added zest, and an experience which no other calling can give.

W. JONES.

At Rest

GOLDSACK.—After an illness of three weeks, Sister Sarah Goldsack fell peacefully asleep on December 5, 1939, aged ninety-five years. She was a member of the Clapham church and came into the truth about thirty-five years ago, under the labours of Pastors Washburn and Meredith. Hers was a beautiful Christian life, full of prayer and good works; loving the Word and rejoicing in the Sabbath. She rests in the little cemetery at Wallingford, Berks.
A. F. STEWART.

COBB.—At the ripe age of eighty-eight years the Edmonton church has lost its oldest member both in age and years of fellowship in the Advent faith. Sister M. Cobb accepted the truth along with her husband during the labours of Brethren Schafer and Mussen, and for some years the first meeting-place of the new church was their home. During the years that followed, Sister Cobb was ever an active worker for the Lord, using our literature and every opportunity for kind and loving service. She rests, but the memory of her loving service remains. We laid her to rest in the Edmonton Cemetery on December 15th in the presence of sorrowing relatives and friends, to whom the sound of the "last trump" will be the herald of a glad reunion.
R. T. BOLTON.

CLARKE.—At the age of sixty-four years, Brother Gabriel Clarke passed to rest on November 30, 1939. In February, 1938, he had a complete nervous breakdown but recovered by the end of June and worked quietly through the winter. In February, 1939, he took a severe chill which developed into pleurisy. After a month's illness he recovered and worked until August, when his health failed again. Finally, his medical advisers at the Newport hospital said that an operation was the only thing that would prolong his life. He consented, but only lived seven days after the operation. He was quite resigned to go and prayed that God would take him. Brother Clarke accepted the truth under Brother Ballenger about thirty-five years ago, and became a member of the Newport church. About 1906 he entered the colporteur work and during the following two years he placed hundreds of copies of *The Great Controversy* in the agricultural districts of Cornwall. Later, he built the Newport church, which is still used by the Newport members as their place of worship. Brother

Clarke was always eager to testify of his belief in the truth and continued to testify in the hospital unto the end. The writer laid him to rest in the Penhow Parish Churchyard on December 6th, to await the call of the Life-giver. We extend our sympathy to Sister Clarke and her daughter, Bertha, who mourn their loss but who sorrow not as those who have no hope.
T. H. COOPER.

KNIGHTS.—Southend church has lost yet another member by the death of Brother John T. Knights, aged eighty-five. He accepted the message and was baptized on September 10, 1935. Soon afterward he had a serious illness, and had since remained a confirmed invalid. He fell asleep in Jesus on December 15th. After a service conducted by Pastor Wilmshurst, who also officiated at the graveside, our brother was laid to rest in Sutton Road Cemetery on December 20, 1939. He leaves a dear wife and daughter, who mourn, but not without hope, looking for the return of their Lord to call forth His own to life-
everlasting.
E. E. WALKINS.

CASH.—On December 11, 1939, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Saunders, of Sheepcote Drive, Watford, our dear Sister, Mrs. Cash, fell suddenly, but peacefully asleep, after a busy day, while preparing the evening meal. She accepted the advent message during a tent effort held in Hull over twenty-six years ago, and with her children, remained faithful to the truth. One of her last actions was the laying aside in envelopes of her tithes and offerings ready for the church treasurer. Her son and three daughters, all married to Adventist partners, are left to sorrow, but with the Christian hope of a sure resurrection when Jesus comes to claim His own. Our sister passed away in her sixty-third year and will be missed by her loved ones and the members of the church who knew her well. The funeral services held in Stanborough Park church and at the Garston Cemetery were conducted by the writer. We who love the truth and are looking forward to the coming of the Saviour know that in that glad day there will be a grand reunion of all who remain faithful to the end.
W. H. MEREDITH.

ROWE.—Aged seventy-four, and afflicted with blindness and other bodily ailments for the past two years, Sister Rowe passed quietly to rest on Sabbath, August 26, 1939. Sorrowing friends and members joined with the family the following Tuesday at Astwood Cemetery, Worcester, in a meditation of the resurrection hope. Mrs. Rowe was full of this hope, which she took to her heart some fifteen years ago from Sister Benbow (now Mrs. S. Joyce) and Brother McAvoy. We cherish her memory.
J. LEWIS.

WILSON.—On October 13, 1939, Sister B. Wilson, a faithful member of the Weston-super-Mare company, fell asleep in Jesus. Our sister accepted God's message for these times nine years ago under the ministry of the late Pastor A. E. Bacon. She was for some time the mainstay of the company and will be greatly missed by the believers. We laid her to rest in the Weston-super-Mare Cemetery to await the resurrection morning when we shall meet those who sleep in Jesus.
O. M. DORLAND.

SUNSET CALENDAR

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Jan. 12th	4.14	4.11	4.27	4.04	4.22
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Inspiration from the Past

THE history of the Advent people is a very precious heritage. The story of the sacrifices of the pioneers spurs us on to new deeds of courage. Unfortunately little has been done to preserve the story of the past. Many men, still living to-day, have a wealth of pioneering experiences. One by one death is snatching these pioneers away and their story is lost to the denomination.

In an endeavour to preserve the

heritage of the past the Seventh-Day Adventist Historical Association was organized, by the College teachers of the denomination, at the Asheville Educational Council with Professor H. O. McCumber, head of the history department of Emmanuel Missionary College, as president and the writer as secretary.

Those interested in uniting with this Association as charter members, for the purpose of preserving the records of the past, should write to the secretary. The association desires information concerning historic documents, old letters, or the whereabouts of pioneers who would give their story for preservation. Direct communications to the undersigned.

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Sabbath-Keeping Showed a Dependable Man

RECENTLY the principal of a printing works called at my office. Conversation naturally turned toward missionary work and recent events. My visitor deplored the present-day schools of thought, lamenting the fact that his own church was fast becoming Roman Catholic in its forms of worship, and his own children developing modern ideas. He had been a Sunday-school teacher and superintendent for over thirty years.

He then told me about a young man in his employ whom he very much admired, both as a worker and Christian. Not long ago he had a vacancy on his staff and one of the applicants in his letter asked for the privilege of Sabbath-keeping, i.e., from sunset Friday to sunset Saturday. This employer was very much impressed, and said that if a young man could ask for such a privilege on religious grounds in his application for employment, he must be a man of sound character.

Needless to say the subsequent interview was successful so far as our brother was concerned. This employer also said he hoped he would always retain the services of that young man as he valued him as an employee. A.W.

What Leaders Have Said About the Spirit of Prophecy

The Spirit of prophecy is like a microscope focused upon the open Book of God. It does not change the Word, but magnifies and reveals new details of wondrous beauty and sparkling gems of truth that mortal eye unaided could never behold.—N. P. Nielsen, General Conference Vice-President for South America.

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The Seventh-Day Adventist home that does not possess the writings of the Spirit of prophecy sustains a great loss. These precious books were given by God to enable His people to grow in grace.—F. C. Gilbert, General Conference Field Secretary.