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## THE AUTUMN COUNCIL CONVENES

A Condensed Report—By KENNETH H. WOOD, Jun.

THIS is the Autumn Council story, 1956. It is an interesting story—inevitably so—because it deals with the onward march of the remnant church as it approaches its day of final triumph. It is a story of divine providences, great opportunities, inadequate budgets, and men of faith.

The council opened Tuesday night, October 23rd, the meetings being held in the Takoma Park church, just across the street from the General Conference and the Review and Herald. Elder Figuhr welcomed the delegates, pointing out that since this Autumn Council is midway between General Conference sessions, a wider representation is present this year than was present last year. "Problems are increasing both in numbers and in magnitude," he said, "but we have the assurance that God will help us conquer them."

He spoke with feeling concerning the fact that recent contacts with our brethren in Russia indicate that the work has been onward in that land. R. Gerber, treasurer of the Southern European Division, brought greetings to the council from the 26,000 Adventists in the U.S.S.R. It was most cheering to realize that in spite of Russia's being cut off from our world organization for so many years, the cause of truth in that country has been moving forward.

H. W. Klaser, statistical secretary, presented his annual report. Statistics in the abstract are sometimes a bit hard to grasp, but the story they tell is most significant. For example, Brother Klaser pointed out that it took 62 years for us to reach the first 250,000 in membership; the second quarter million was added in fifteen years; the third came in just ten years; but the last quarter million was added in only five years' time. Present membership stands at 1,006,218.

He pointed out that the Seventh-Day Adventists are now using some 731 languages in spreading the message. We are publishing literature in 202 of these languages.

Treasurers' reports by C. L. Torrey and O. A.

Blake followed. The aggregate totals of income as well as the projected expenditures dealt in figures so large that I found myself exercising considerable self-discipline in order to follow the mimeographed statistics. Most of the amounts dealt in the millions. Surely God has greatly blessed His people. The rising tithe alone is one indication of that.

Wednesday was the first full day of the council. R. R. Figuhr was the speaker for the devotional service. Using Acts 14:25-27 as the basis of his message, he drew lessons from the experiences of the early disciples.

"They gathered together," he said, "not alone to give a report on the triumphs God had wrought through them, but also to maintain church unity, to move forward together."

Discussing the beliefs of the Christians during the first century, he declared that they believed in two miracles—the miracle of conversion and the miracle of a new life following conversion.

As the speaker came to the close of his message, he acknowledged that imperfections exist within the church and that a revival is needed in response to the Laodicean message. "However," he pointed out, "this revival will come. Before the final visitation of God's judgments upon the earth, there will be, among the people of the Lord, such a revival of primitive godliness as has not been witnessed since apostolic times," he said, quoting from *The Great Controversy*, page 464.

From 10.15 a.m. a large number of recommendations were considered. Many of the matters discussed had to do with our foreign missions programme. In fact, at least thirty-two out of the recommendations submitted touched on various aspects of this work, strong evidence that as a denomination our interests are very much mission-centred.

The evening meetings throughout the council were assigned to the presidents of the world divisions in order that they might give reports concerning the progress being made in their respective fields.

On Wednesday night M. V. Campbell, from Southern Europe, and George J. Appel, from the Middle East, shared the hour.

### Southern Europe

Elder Campbell brought greetings from the nearly 100,000 members in his territory. His report on baptisms was encouraging. "During 1955 we baptized twice as many people as in 1950," he stated. "Our work is growing most rapidly in Spain. The Voice of Prophecy is reaching into the homes and the hearts of the people and is winning them for the cause. Some 200 priests are studying our message through this agency."

Elder Campbell described briefly conditions prevailing in some countries in his territory. In one land all our ministers, as well as the laymen on our committee, were in jail. "We thank God that all are now free," he added, "and they are enjoying comparative religious liberty."

He related several experiences that show how the truth is spreading in his territory. He told of a young Adventist minister in Italy whose father had been a policeman, assigned to attend some Adventist meetings as an observer. At first the policeman was prejudiced, but as he attended night by night, he grew interested, and eventually accepted the message. Through this means his son also learned of the truth, and today as a minister is helping to spread the Gospel.

It was interesting to hear Elder Campbell tell of the work that is developing in the land of Israel, one of Southern Europe's mission fields. He said that plans are being laid to erect a church in Nazareth. "Somehow I feel that it would be pleasing to Jesus for us to have a church there where He lived as a boy and grew up," Elder Campbell commented.

Elder Appel of the Middle East began his report by stating that many people had asked him about the future of Suez. "I don't know what will happen," he said, "for the Lord hasn't revealed it to me. I do know that we are living near the end and that we should be prepared at all times. The final movements will be rapid," he added.

"The days of miracles are not past," said Elder Appel. Then he recounted several cases of conversion where in some countries of his division ninety-nine per cent of the population are of the Mohammedan faith. "It means something to become an Adventist when you know it will mean giving up your family and being cast out of your home," he declared.

Turkey, Iran, Egypt, Libya, Saudi Arabia—in all of these countries there are evidences that God's Spirit is working. "Souls are being polished as jewels for the kingdom," stated Elder Appel.

"No Compromise With Sin" was the title of the devotional message brought to the delegates Thursday morning by A. V. Olson, one of the General Conference vice-presidents.

After mentioning current trends in the religious world that show compromise, he declared: "It is for just such a time as this that God has raised up the Advent movement. The message that God has

charged us to carry to the world is one designed by the Lord Himself to meet the apostasy of our age."

It was a privilege during the service to hear Dr. R. G. Manalaysay, president of Philippine Union College, play his violin. During the war Dr. Manalaysay's hands were mutilated so severely that he thought he would never again be able to regain the skill in his fingers. However, he dedicated his hands to the Lord for service, and a loving heavenly Father restored them. As the notes of "Beautiful Garden of Prayer" sang out from his instrument, they seemed to carry with them the sweet influence of the Holy Spirit.

In the morning council session Dr. A. W. Johnson, secretary of our Religious Liberty Association, pointed out current threats to liberty both in America and abroad. It was reassuring to see how God has been using these men to safeguard our liberties and frustrate Satan's designs.

Recent successes in the temperance field were recounted by W. A. Scharffenberg and others. It is estimated that some five million people have seen the anti-tobacco film *One in 20,000*. Two hundred and seventy-five copies of the picture are currently in use.

The evening programme was divided between A. H. Roth, of Inter-America, and W. E. Murray, of South America. These two brethren are the presidents of their respective divisions.

Elder Roth brought greetings from the 112,000 members in Inter-America and gave a thrilling recital of God's providences. "The work is going forward in spite of persecution," he said. He told of conditions in Colombia. Within the past two months a number of our people have been killed. One brother was beaten to death in jail. Another was shot. Still another was executed and dismembered. Two boys were tide back to back and told to sing a Gospel song. While singing they were beaten and knifed to death.

"Scores have been imprisoned," said the speaker, "and more than 200 have had to flee from their homes. Yet today we have 8,000 members in that land compared with only 2,000 a short while ago."

When Elder Murray rose to speak he mentioned that 1956 is the fortieth anniversary of the South American Division. In 1916 there were only 4,900 members in that entire division. Today there are over 80,000. "We hope to reach 100,000 by the time of the next General Conference session," said Elder Murray.

Other evidences of God's blessing cited by the speaker included the fact that seventy-five churches are being dedicated this year and nearly 500 colporteurs are carrying the truth from door to door.

The Friday morning devotional message was presented by A. L. Ham, a General Conference vice-president. He recounted the leaders, both ancient and modern, who like brands in the midst of darkness have lighted the path of truth for others. He challenged us to keep our foreign missions objective clear, and work with a sense of urgency, recognizing that time is running out.

During the session that followed the devotional

period, more recommendations were considered.

On Friday night L. C. Naden, secretary of the Australasian Division, presented a mission report at the Takoma Park church. He illustrated his message by the use of Kodachromes. On Sabbath morning, his president, F. G. Clifford, filled in further details of that vast territory, which comprises so many of the islands whose names became household words during the fighting in the South Pacific area. Today in that field nearly 40,000 members rejoice with us in the knowledge of Christ's soon return.

#### **Africa and the Far East**

While Elder Naden was speaking in the Takoma Park church Friday night, a mile away at the Sligo church two division presidents were dividing the time—R. S. Watts from Southern Africa, and F. A. Mote from the Far East. The first Adventist missionary to Africa arrived in that country in 1898, but it was not until 1920 that the division was organized. Today it has a membership of more than 140,000, second only to North America in size.

Elder Mote's report followed. Within the territory of the Far Eastern Division live some 282,000,000, he said. Approximately 265 languages are spoken. It is not difficult to see how this would prove an obstacle in efforts to advance the truth. However, in spite of this and the wars and uprisings that have plagued the division during recent years, Elder Mote spoke with courage concerning the advances that have been made.

Of particular interest were the following facts: 80 ministers have been ordained during 1956; one brother in Korea has personally won 250 souls to the message since the beginning of the war in that country; more than 2,000 orphans are being cared for in 14 orphanages in Korea; 774 certificates were recently presented to Voice of Prophecy graduates at special exercises conducted in the Boundary Street church, Hong Kong.

The Sligo church was the focal point of interest for the council delegates throughout the daylight hours of the Sabbath. At the morning service O. O. Mattison, president of Southern Asia, and several of his fellow workers, charmed a capacity audience of more than 2,000 with a recital of God's providences in that great division. Within the borders of Pakistan, Burma, Ceylon, and India, some 485 million people await the call of the everlasting Gospel. Approximately 17,000 have accepted the Advent message.

Even Buddhist priests are studying the Voice of Prophecy. Three have already been baptized.

In the afternoon a symposium of three division presidents, under the general chairmanship of W. R. Beach, was presented.

#### **Northern Europe**

A. F. Tarr, president of the Northern European Division, spoke first. His territory is composed of twenty-six countries, in which forty languages are spoken. "Evangelism is strong in all parts of our field," he declared. Then he spoke particularly, and with appreciation, of Andreas Nielsen and the work he is doing in Greenland.

"He is the best-known personality in that country," Elder Tarr declared. "Why? Because he has visited every home and taken literature with him."

Moving along rapidly in his message, Elder Tarr referred to the great interest in the Adventist message now developing in Ethiopia. He also mentioned his friendly contacts with Emperor Haile Selassie of that country, the favour being shown to our work by a radio station in Sweden, and the good publicity as a result of Dorcas sisters in England sending three tons of bed linen to the needy in refugee camps on the Continent.

The Central European Division president, Wilhelm Mueller, brought greetings from the 25,000 members in Western Germany and 19,000 behind the iron curtain. "In spite of physical separation," he said, "we are one in Christ."

He illustrated the problem of gathering an audience for evangelistic services by telling of an experience in Berlin. There they advertised in the papers and distributed 14,000 handbills, yet succeeded in attracting only one visitor to the meeting. "Thank God, the pastor won him," Elder Mueller commented.

The third speaker of the afternoon was W. B. Ochs, vice-president of the General Conference for the Northern American Division. In clear language he made it plain that the members in North America intend to give full support to the overseas work until it is finished.

In North America, during the past two years, 37,821 have been taken into the church by baptism or profession of faith.

Saturday night the College of Medical Evangelists gave a report. Dr. G. T. Anderson, president, pointed out that CME is now entering its fifty-second year of service in training our denominational young people. Present enrolment is 809.

The school of dentistry was represented by the dean, Dr. M. W. Prince. "Our present enrolment is 185," stated Dr. Prince, "which is very nearly capacity."

The influence of the school has already been felt in the conversion of several students who, at the time of their application for admittance, were not Adventists.

The Sunday morning devotional message was brought to us by H. L. Rudy, vice-president of the General Conference. His topic was "Knowing the Time." He enlarged on three main points: (1) God's servants know what time it is, (2) they are to watch and be ready, and (3) they have full instructions as to how this can be done.

A number of important recommendations were brought in during the morning and afternoon council sessions. Some had to do with plans for the 1958 General Conference, to be held in Cleveland. Another affected the *Signs of the Times*. Beginning in January it will be a monthly magazine.

In the evening the church was well filled to hear R. Gerber's report, entitled "Journey to Moscow." By the use of Kodachrome slides he presented a fascinating account of this trip, in which he and O.

Uebersax made contact with about one thousand of our members.

After Elder Gerber's forty-five minute travelogue, the evening was devoted to reports from the secretaries of three world divisions. E. B. Rudge spoke for Northern Europe, W. Duncan Eva for Southern Africa, and L. C. Naden for the Australasian field.

Elder Rudge mentioned the work being carried on at the New Gallery in London. At present between 100 and 150 are in baptismal classes. The influence of this centre is being felt throughout the city, he said.

Elder Eva declared that one of the greatest problems now being faced in Africa is that there are so few workers available to care for the rapidly rising membership. During 1955, 19,462 candidates were baptized. Whereas two years ago there was one worker to each 165 members, now there is only one for every 319.

In Elder Naden's report of the growing work in Australasia, he referred particularly to developments in New Guinea, where God's Spirit is working mightily. He related one incident that deeply impressed the natives. Our colporteurs had been selling books in an area where a priest had considerable power. Determined to counteract the influence of our literature, the priest instructed the people to bring all the books together, so that he could burn them.

"But just as he started to light the fire," said Elder Naden, "somebody called out that the priest's boat was on fire. A few minutes later someone else shouted that the priest's house was on fire. And not long afterward someone else called out that the church was burning.

"This experience has aroused a spirit of inquiry concerning our truth," the speaker concluded.

A deep sense of solemnity pervaded the church Monday morning as the delegates listened to a searching devotional message by L. K. Dickson, a General Conference vice-president. Using the experience of Christ and Peter in Matthew 16:23, he declared that the church today is in danger of losing God's outlook.

"Just as Peter desired to turn away from sacrifice and suffering," Elder Dickson said, "so today there are some who think God's work can be accomplished without sacrifice. But this is not God's outlook; it is man's."

The speaker then went on to declare: "The cause of God does not need the service of those who will not bear the cross for Him. Christ has not called us to a crossless discipleship."

Just after the evening meeting was called to order, Earl H. Breon, director of first-aid training for the American National Red Cross, presented a special citation to the General Conference president, R. R. Figuhr, in recognition of the training programme carried on by the denomination during the past six years.

The last item to be brought before the council—one of great interest and tremendous consequences—was the budget for 1957. Everyone gasped just a bit after the mimeographed copies had been distributed,

for the total appropriations amounted to \$22,823,758.19—a record sum, more than \$2 million larger than that for 1956.

As might be surmised from the over-all total, the individual appropriations to the various world divisions were substantial. With hearts overflowing with gratitude, one by one the division presidents arose to thank the General Conference for its liberality. All were mindful that were it not for the God-inspired faithfulness of our churchmembers everywhere, such appropriations would be impossible.

A few final words were spoken by the General Conference president, then the assembled delegates arose and sang, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

With mingled feelings the brethren moved toward the exits. Reluctant good-byes were said, yet all were eager to get back to their fields of labour. The next morning quite a number were winging their way back to their posts at the far ends of the earth.

The Autumn Council story had ended for another year, but its influence would be felt until that glorious day when heaven's gates will open wide to the ransomed throng.

—R. & H.

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## Sabbath School Convention in Birmingham

THE programme said that "all roads lead to Camp Hill," and how right that was as far as we Midland Adventists were concerned on that last memorable Sabbath in October! We came in droves, by bus and by car, by coach and by train, by cycle or on foot, until not a spare seat was left in that capacious building.

And what was the attraction? Why, that peculiarly Adventist institution known as a Sabbath school convention. And why not? Has not the Seventh-Day Adventist Church waxed great on many things, not least of which is its Sabbath schools? Long may they live!

But conventions, of course, only hold the grip in so far as they are based on personalities, and Sabbath school conventions only in so far as those personalities are founded on Christ Jesus. No wonder that this one succeeded, for it was obvious from the start that the interests of laity and leaders alike were Christ-centered, and that the aim and determination of one and all was to lift up Jesus, the Word, through the ever-increasing efficiency of the Sabbath school.

But who, in particular, were the personalities concerned?

First the audience. Here were gathered the officers and teachers and Sabbath school lovers of the Midlands. They came from Stoke, Derby, Burton,

and Nottingham to the north; from Leicester, Coventry, and Rugby to the east and south; from Worcester to the west; and of course from the enthusiastic "Black Country" churches of Wolverhampton, West Bromwich, Handsworth, Erdington, and Camp Hill.

Then our guest speakers. The names alone gave promise of the good things to come. There was Dr. La Veta Payne, of Washington Missionary College, the popular liaison officer now serving at Newbold Missionary College; Pastor M. E. Lind, the live-wire Sabbath school departmental secretary of the Northern European Division; and our good friend Pastor A. C. Vine of departmental fame in the South England Conference. Linking the messages of these guests of honour and giving continuity and melodious inspiration throughout the day were four welcome visitors in the form of the Newbold Missionary College Male Quartet. Their ministry was greatly appreciated.

Lastly our chairman—the ubiquitous and enthusiastic Pastor E. H. Foster, Sabbath school departmental secretary of the North England Conference, whose drive and organizing ability had made this happy day possible.

So much for the personalities—what about the day itself? Sabbath school set the ball rolling before the expectant congregation and showed how interesting this beloved institution could be. Brother C. Brereton presented the moving missions appeal; Brother J. M. Cuthell gave a streamlined review tailored to occupy three minutes, neither more nor less; and Dr. Payne led us in a gripping, elevating presentation of the lesson of the day.

By now the church was filled to overflowing. Every chair was occupied, from the choir stalls through to the last row in the balcony at the rear, and to this massed audience Pastor Lind brought greetings from Africa, from the Continent, and from the Division office. His thoughtful, moving, living address, delivered in his inimitable way, was a stirring challenge to a study of the Word of God through the agency of the Sabbath school. Turning to Matthew 16:5 he read: "And when His disciples were come to the other side, *they had forgotten to take bread.*" This, too, after the feeding of the four thousand, and after gathering up seven baskets of crumbs! The word "forgotten," he told us, was one of the greatest stumbling blocks to the citizen on his way to the kingdom.

The Bread of life, of course, is the Word of God, and it is that Word that brings about our new birth, and then is our strength and guide from that day on. Surely we must follow it in these days when so many are led astray. The Word is our sure guide to heaven and through it firm reservations are made there. No-one will enter the kingdom by being a prominent man—only the grace of God through His Word will take us there.

In closing, Pastor Lind quoted Isaiah 55:1: "Come . . . buy wine and milk without money and without price." "Have you seen the Shop of God?" he asked us. "Yes? But have you gone inside and bought from that shop?" When we get to the kingdom, strengthened by the Bread of life, His Word, we will marvel that the clothes there provided for

us, fit us perfectly. "You see," Jesus will explain, "they were made for you." Yes, and our crowns will fit too. "They also were made for you," will say the Saviour, "but after I had made them for you, I was so afraid someone would steal your crown." Friend, let no-one steal your crown, will you?

During the lunch hour our hosts at Camp Hill worked manfully to make us comfortable by supplying hot and cold drinks to all who had come from afar. Our grateful thanks go to them, workers and members alike, who looked after our creature comforts so ably and so well.

The afternoon sessions, as well attended as in the morning, were devoted to the mechanics of our Sabbath school work. No school will progress without good teaching, and thus the first hour was devoted to a presentation of the essential techniques of this vital soul-saving science. Judging by the rapt attention given to the three instructors operating in the different sections of the building, they were teaching by example as well as by precept. If our "student" teachers carry this interest into their classes all will be well with our Sabbath schools for a long time to come. Dr. Payne counselled with the senior teachers; Pastor Lind demonstrated the art of junior teaching; while Pastor Vine catered for those who led out in the primary division.

Now the emphasis shifted to other aspects of Sabbath school work. Questions on building up attendance; improving programme appeal; increasing daily lesson study; providing equipment for the children, and many other facets of the practical working of this department were laid before a panel of "experts and others," to quote our chairman. Their excellent answers were supplemented by invited comments from the floor, to the encouragement and enlightenment of us all.

And so we came to the end of another worthwhile Sabbath. As the sun set and the evening shadows crept over the city, we met as one great family to close the sacred hours. What a glorious day it had been!

Soon the crowd dispersed and homeward went its way. The cars parked outside moved away northward, southward, eastward, and westward, their headlights illuminating the darkness of the Midland night. Spiritually, may our Sabbath schools do just that, and lead us Home.

K. A. ELIAS.

## Lincolnshire Visits

SINCE coming to Lincolnshire we have had the pleasure of visiting an aged member who at the age of fourteen saw Sister E. G. White, and of preaching and baptizing in the oldest church in the British Isles.

Sister Green is eighty-eight years old. She enjoys good health, although she is unable to leave the house. She loves the truth, and always has beside her the *Review*, her lesson book and, of course, her Bible. She loves to tell of how she saw and heard Mrs. White and of the early work in Grimsby and district. There is another family in Boston, Brother

and Sister Taylor and Malcolm, and one member, Sister Grindling, in Holbeach. It is only very occasionally that they can gather together with a minister to lead their worship. On October 6th nine met to celebrate the communion service. These good people request your prayers that they may shine brightly in their isolation.

When Pastor A. Norman was planning a baptism in his district we decided to join him in a joint baptism in the Ulceby church. This took place on Sabbath, September 8th. It was a great pleasure to baptize three candidates from Lincoln and one from Spilsby. One sister from Grimsby also was voted into church fellowship. A good company of members from Lincoln, Grimsby, Hull, and Ulceby witnessed the scene. We all felt we were on holy ground, for Sister White and the pioneers of the work in Britain had preached in the same church.

"The little stone church" stands at the cross roads in the village of Ulceby, the date 1888 clearly marked on the gable end, and a very prominent sign indicating that it is a Seventh-Day Adventist church. God give us many souls from the towns and villages of Lincolnshire, is our earnest prayer.

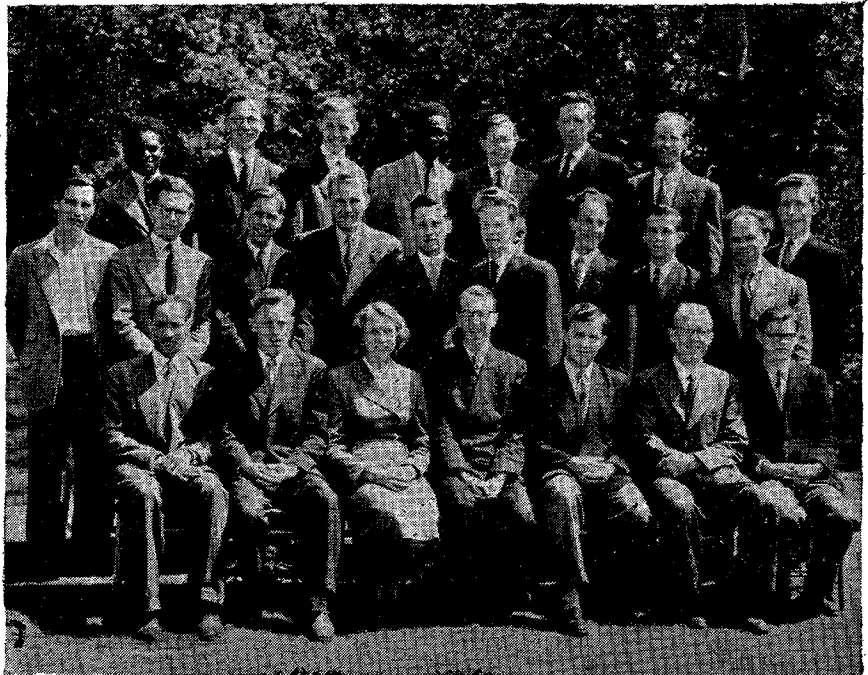
E. A. BUTTERS.

## News from Stoke

ON Sabbath, November 10th, we at the Stoke church were privileged to have a visit from Pastor G. D. King, from the Northern European Division, who was with us all day. Like the early apostles, he brought us encouraging reports of what he had "both seen and heard," and in the morning meeting his theme was from Obadiah: "Israel shall possess

# Around the College

J. D. Brailsford with his science students.



## The Biology Class

THE School year 1955-56 marked the beginning of a new era in the Science Department of Newbold College, for biology now constitutes the laboratory science portion of the new Ministerial B.A. Course and will be supplemented in the coming year by a class in astronomy.

The teaching of natural science is a financial burden to any college, so with rapid transitional moves concerned with the affiliation and development programme now being carried out at Newbold, it was clearly imperative that we should get started with as little expense as possible. By improvisation and adaptation and with the willing co-operation of

the members of the class we have been able to operate a functionally efficient laboratory and enjoy a good year's work. It is virtually impossible to improvise satisfactory microscopes, however, yet here God has enabled us to procure sixteen Watson "Kima" instruments in perfect condition at less than one-third of list price. These have twin objectives and provide a magnification of either 100 or 400 times.

Modern science more than any other factor has turned the minds of the young people of the world away from God; yet properly interpreted it can be even more potent to establish faith. This is surely a work we must not neglect.

J. D. BRAILSFORD.

her possessions." Although our possessions are really spiritual ones, yet in another way we did have a possession, a recently acquired organ, which Pastor King dedicated.

The Lord's hand has been revealed in many ways in the purchase, transport, and assembling of our organ, and many personal tributes could be paid to the skill, patience, ingenuity, and persistence of our members, and a brother from another of our churches.

The organ is an imposing one, eight feet tall, with pneumatic action and electric bellows, and is intricately carved in natural oak.

In his dedicatory prayer, Pastor King asked that the organ might be a blessing to the church as well as to those who shall have the privilege of playing on it; and that it might help to bring others closer to the Lord.

The A Capella ladies choir, which recently visited the New Gallery Centre, also sang. R. WILD,  
*Church Clerk.*

The last hour of the day was devoted to a discussion of a number of questions which had been passed in by those attending. These were presented to a representative panel of four members by Pastor Lind, the chairman. It certainly was both interesting and profitable to hear the opinions expressed on such items as the review, the secretary's report, mission offerings, equipment for the children's division, and the promotion of daily lesson study.

At the close of the Sabbath an encouraging number availed themselves of the special "half-price offer" for the text-book *Handbook for Sabbath School Teachers*, thus taking home with them not only a memento of a profitable week-end but also much further good counsel.

We believe that under the blessing of God this theme text of our convention was fulfilled. "The Words of the wise are as goads, and as nails fastened by the masters of assemblies." Eccles. 12:11.  
E. R. WARLAND.

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## Dublin Sabbath School Convention

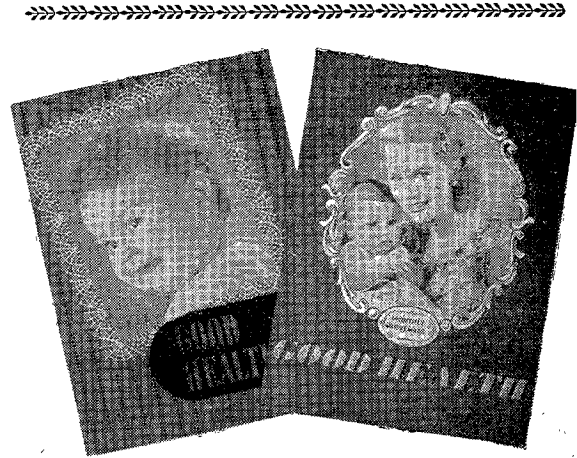
ON Sabbath, November 3rd, a Sabbath school convention for Ireland was held in our new and very beautiful church in Dublin.

The local church extended a very warm welcome to the delegation of teachers and Sabbath school enthusiasts who came down by road from Northern Ireland. This welcome was demonstrated in a very practical way by the provision of light refreshments for the visitors.

Special features of the Sabbath school hour were an interesting missions appeal by Pastor M. E. Lind, of the Northern European Division, and an ideal review by Pastor R. H. Bainbridge, and a spirited lesson by Pastor O. M. Dorland, the Mission president. The address in the divine service was given by Pastor Lind, on the important work of the teacher in our Sabbath school. He stressed the importance of a personal spiritual experience on the part of teacher and class members.

Following a very happy fellowship during the lunch hour, we met together again at 2.30 p.m. to consider briefly five important Sabbath school objectives presented by Pastor E. R. Warland, Sabbath school secretary of the Irish Mission.

The main purpose of the convention was to introduce a short course for Sabbath school teachers based on a new book by Pastor H. W. Lowe, a former president of the British Union. Pastors Lind and Warland each gave a lesson, with encouraging participation by those present.



## DEFEATING WINTER ILLS

ALMOST upon us is the peak season of colds, bronchitis, and 'flu—those dreaded destroyers of health and vitality. Apart from a miracle, tens of thousands will be stricken down this winter, with much loss of time, of money, and of efficiency. Learn how to resist, or to conquer, these common complaints the rational way, without the need to resort to drugs of any sort. Face the grey skies, keen winds, ice, and snow, of January, with zest—not dread.

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## South England Conference, Continued

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Barnsley	17	18	1	10	1	1	3	2	9	5	.....	.....	.....	132	11	7	.....	.....	.....	135	1	0	7	18	10	.....	135	1	0	
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Halifax	5	19	0	0	3	16	0	4	12	0		80	12	2	85	4	2	17	0	10	85	4	2
Keighley	13	59	18	2	4	12	2	5	18	7		41	14	7	47	13	2	3	12	6	47	13	2
Kidderminster	5	29	8	6	5	17	8	2	15	5		34	14	0	37	9	5	7	9	10	37	9	5
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Scarborough	8	107	19	3	13	9	11	13	7	9		17	12	7	31	0	4	3	17	6	33	5	4
Skegness	9	29	18	7	3	6	6	10	5	2		87	18	0	98	3	2	10	15	1	98	3	2
Southport	11	1	4	6	2	2	2	5	3	5		69	9	2	74	12	7	6	15	8	74	12	7
Ulceby	5	13	7	0	2	13	5	6	15	0		63	6	3	70	1	3	14	0	4	70	1	3
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## Welsh Mission

Aberdare	24	80	19	0	3	7	6	13	13	9	216	19	0	230	12	9	9	11	9	230	12	9	
Barry	21	107	14	8	5	2	7	20	12	8	310	19	2	331	12	5	15	15	10	331	12	5	
Cardiff	76	282	12	3	3	14	5	57	14	0	4 3 0	784	1	2	845	18	2	11	2	7	845	18	2
Hereford	11	43	1	6	3	18	4	6	1	6	194	9	2	200	10	8	18	4	8	200	10	8	
Newport	99	385	14	11	3	17	11	36	10	6	4 18 3	544	2	1	585	10	10	5	18	4	585	10	10
Rhyl	27	71	9	0	2	12	11	12	15	7	1 9 11	274	11	1	288	16	7	10	13	11	288	16	7
Shrewsbury	30	77	2	0	2	11	5	16	2	3	305	12	3	321	14	6	10	14	6	321	14	6	
Swansea	42	224	15	2	5	7	1	46	7	0	10 4 3	666	15	3	723	6	6	17	4	5	723	6	6
Trealaw (Porth)	19	78	0	7	4	2	2	7	12	6	180	2	9	187	15	3	9	17	8	187	15	3	
Abergavenny	12	21	0	0	1	15	0	8	12	10	182	14	0	191	6	10	15	18	11	191	6	10	
Buckley	13	33	2	6	2	11	0	2	5	9	73	17	6	76	3	3	5	14	1	76	3	3	
Caerphilly	20	34	5	11	1	14	4	4	18	2	64	3	1	69	1	3	3	9	1	69	1	3	
Gellygaer	26	91	5	11	3	10	3	9	14	10	138	1	11	147	16	9	5	13	9	147	16	9	
Rhos	4	15	2	1	3	15	6	1	12	8	30	3	9	31	16	5	7	19	1	31	16	5	
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## Scottish Mission

Aberdeen	50	125	11	0	2	10	3	21	10	9	545	0	0	566	10	9	11	6	8	566	10	9											
Dundee	76	246	6	1	3	4	10	24	10	1	1	5	5	424	7	0	450	2	6	5	18	6	450	2	6								
Edinburgh	107	221	9	0	2	1	5	40	12	11	1039	4	3	1079	17	2	10	1	10	1079	17	2											
Glasgow	164	422	6	4	2	11	6	68	11	3	6	14	0	1024	8	0	1099	13	3	6	14	1	1099	13	3								
Dunfermline	13	60	12	8	4	13	4	10	15	4	187	9	9	200	9	9	15	8	5	201	5	2											
Kilmarnock	15	56	6	11	3	15	2	10	13	8	50	0	0	60	13	8	4	0	11	60	13	8											
Kirkcaldy	12	27	13	6	2	6	2	3	5	5	61	8	10	64	14	3	5	7	10	64	14	3											
Stirling	10	30	0	7	10	0	1	7	9	2	349	9	8	356	18	10	35	13	11	356	18	10											
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## Irish Mission

Belfast	62	175	17	7	2	16	9	48	3	6	3	1	1	800	0	0	851	4	7	13	14	7	851	4	7				
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Kilmoyle	13	13	13	7	1	1	1	2	18	10	111	0	0	113	18	10	8	15	4	113	18	10							
Larne	14	See	Isolated	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	110	0	0	110	0	0	7	17	10	110	0	0							
Shankill	14	56	18	10	4	1	4	13	2	3	351	0	0	364	2	3	26	0	2	364	2	3							
Dublin	26	222	1	7	8	10	10	42	13	8	1	15	0	44	8	8	1	14	2	44	8	8							
Isolated	53	370	7	3	6	19	9	19	10	5	218	19	6	16	0	0	254	9	11	4	16	0	254	9	11				
TOTALS 1956	226	897	18	8	3	19	6	141	8	7	4	16	1	2001	19	6	16	0	0	2164	4	2	9	11	6	2164	4	2	
TOTALS 1955	223	825	17	11	3	14	1	141	19	3	3	3	10	1700	3	3	1850	12	4	8	6	0	1850	12	4				
Increases	3	72	0	9	5	5	-10	8	1	12	3	301	16	3	16	0	0	-5	6	0	313	11	10	1	5	6	313	11	10

South England Conf.	4203	19812	15	7	4	14	3	2650	11	2	88	1	1	27200	1	7	130	12	0	1	11	0	9	3	9	30078	9	7	7	3	2	30080	0	7	
North England Conf.	2525	11399	16	11	4	10	3	1235	2	7	22	15	6	21330	15	3	7	14	0	2	5	0	7	0	3	22603	7	7	8	18	2	22605	12	7	
Welsh Mission	547	1976	12	3	3	12	3	416	12	10	20	15	5	4214	4	11	4	17	0	1	7	6	4657	17	8	8	10	4	4657	17	8				
Scottish Mission	507	1567	11	7	3	1	10	196	14	1	7	19	5	3795	11	2	3	1	8	15	5	2	4	8	4005	11	0	7	18	1	4006	6	5		
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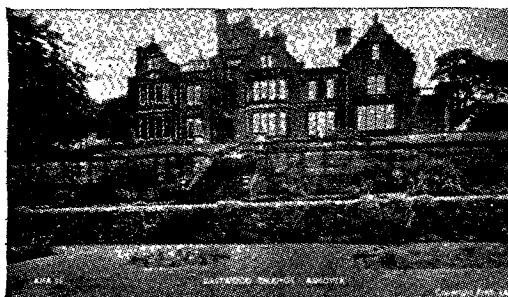
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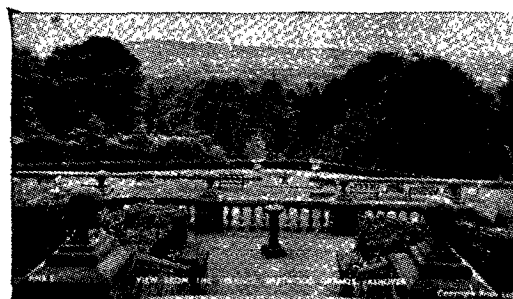
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### Wedding Bells

**THOMPSON-COOKE.**—Many members and friends attended the Stanborough Park church, Watford, on Sunday July 15, 1956, to witness the marriage of Miss Susan Cooke to Mr. Alan Thompson. It was a very pretty wedding. The bride wore a white ballerina-length dress of figured taffeta and net, designed and tailored by the Misses P. and E. Clay. The bride's bouquet was of white carnations and pink roses. She was attended by three bridesmaids dressed in blue and pink. The bride's brother acted as best man. The whole atmosphere was one of solemnity with joy.

After the reception the bridal pair left for a honeymoon in Devon.

We wish Susani and Alan, God's continual presence and blessing in their future walk in life. The service was conducted by the writer.  
A. K. ARMSTRONG.

**WELCH-ESSERY.**—On Sunday, July 29, 1956, a large number of relatives and friends gathered in the Stanborough Park church on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Shirley Essery and John David Welch, A.R.I.B.A., of Cosham, Portsmouth.

The bride, who was given away by her father, looked radiant in a dress of white Nottingham lace, and carried a spray of red roses and small white gladioli. She was attended by Miss Christine Emmerston, Miss Beryl Dockerill, a college friend, and her two younger sisters, Elizabeth and Allison, in charming dresses of white nylon with bouquets of pink sweet-peas. Mr. Ken Hammond was best man, and the ceremony was conducted by Pastor C. D. Watson. Miss Kathleen Joyce, who is the bride's cousin, rendered the beautiful solo, "O Love Divine," during the signing of the register.

Following the wedding service a reception was held at the Annexe, Stanborough Park, after which the happy couple left for a honeymoon in the Scilly Isles. Shirley has just completed a three-year domestic science course in London University and plans to teach in Bristol, where she and John have set up their home.

We wish for them both every happiness, and God's most abundant blessing in their new life together.

HAZEL NORRIS,  
Assistant Church Clerk.

**HAWKEN-MARSHALL.**— Amid bright sunshine on September 27, 1956, Miss Sylvia Jessie Marshall and Mr. Colin Taylor Hawken

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exchanged marriage vows in the beautifully decorated Grimby church. Sylvia is the elder daughter of Brother and Sister Marshall of Ulceby while Colin hails from Cornwall. A large number of relatives and churchmembers were present for this first wedding to be held in the church. The bride, dressed in white brocade with a nylon veil and carrying a bouquet of red roses, was attended by her sister, Miss Audrey Marshall, and a friend, Miss Doris Westoby, in pink and blue dresses respectively and carrying sprays of mixed flowers. Mr. Rex Riches, a close friend of the bridegroom, served as best man.

The ceremony was conducted by the writer. Both Sylvia and Colin have attended Newbold Missionary College and latterly they have been engaged in colporteur work. As they give their lives in united service for the Master, we wish them every happiness and blessing. May their home ever be a light in this dark world.

A. NORMAN.

## Till the Day Dawn

**BRETT.**—We regret to announce the death of another faithful member of the Stanborough Park church, Sister Brett, who reached the age of eighty-eight years, and passed to her well-earned rest on September 6, 1956. Sister Brett was a charter member of the Watford Town church, being baptized by the late Pastor W. H. Meredith about forty-seven years ago. She accepted the message at one of the first efforts held in Watford. She brought her six children to Sabbath school and was herself a teacher and an active member. Three of her children have been in active mission work abroad and one, Mrs. Bannister, is still in South Africa. The only time Sister Brett spent away from Watford was when she went to live with her daughter, Mrs. W. W. Armstrong, in Edgware about nine years ago. She leaves six children, seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren to revere her memory. She was laid to rest in the North Watford Cemetery to await the life that will know no sickness, pain, nor death. The service was conducted by Pastor J. A. McMillan and the writer.

A. K. ARMSTRONG.

**SELTH.**—It is with deep regret that we record the death of Mrs. Gladys Selth, of Cardiff, on September 20,

1956, after a prolonged illness, patiently borne. She was sixty-eight years of age. Sister Selth and her late husband, Brother Gordon Selth, accepted the truth in Sheffield in 1946, under the ministry of Pastor R. D. Vine, and she was later baptized by Pastor R. A. Vince. Brother Selth, after giving vigorous leadership to the local home missionary department, passed away shortly after removing to Cardiff in 1952. Sister Selth's last moments were sweetened by the resurrection hope, and with the thought not only of reunion with her departed husband, but of seeing the Lord she loved.

Mrs. FLORENCE HARRINGTON.

**JERVIS.**—It is with sorrow and deep regret that we record the passing away of Mrs. Christine Jervis, a devoted member of the church at Kensington, Liverpool. Sister Jervis, who had known the truth for over fifty years, was called to her rest suddenly on Wednesday, September 27, 1956, as the result of a motoring accident at the age of seventy-three years. She was the beloved mother of two sons and three daughters and dearly loved aunt of Mrs. May Cones, Flo, Elsie, and Pastor Bert Cowley, all of Liverpool. May God comfort them in this their sad bereavement and may there be a grand reunion on the resurrection morn. We shall miss our dear sister's genial smile and simple, loving service to the Master she loved so well.

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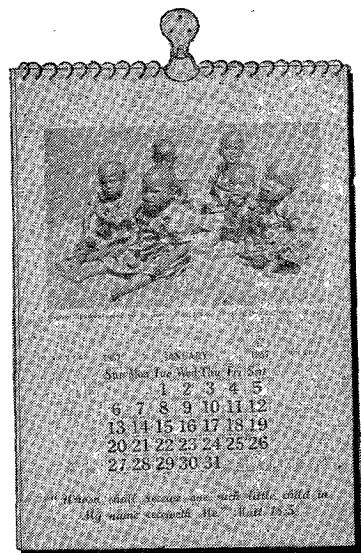
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**HENDY.**—On Sunday, September 23, 1956, the Cardiff church sustained the sad loss of Sister Hendy. Her health had been failing of late and we are thankful that she had accepted the message of truth. Sister Hendy was a regular reader of *Present Truth* for many years, and when Pastor D. J. Handysides held an effort here in Cardiff, she decided to take her stand, and was baptized by him. Our sister now sleeps in Jesus to await the morning of the resurrection, when we hope to meet her again in the earth made new. The funeral service was conducted by Pastor H. Bull, who, at the graveside, spoke words of sympathy to the family and friends. **CHURCH CLERK.**

**FIELD.**—We regret to record the death on October 20, 1956, of Brother E. Field, who was received by vote into the Lewisham church on December 19, 1953, during the ministry of Pastor R. E. Graham. Brother Field was a very sick man even at this time and unable to undergo the rite of baptism, but his acceptance of the truth was an outstanding example of the power of prayer, for it was principally the prayers and example over many years of his faithful wife which led our brother to give his life to his Saviour. To our dear sister, Mrs. Amelia Fields, and to his three daughters, we extend our heartfelt sympathy, and pray that we, with them, will meet their loved one in the everlasting kingdom.

MARGARET J. WIBER, *Church Clerk.*

**DALZIEL.**—On October 17, 1956, Sister Matilda Low Dalziel, of Dundee, quietly passed to her rest while sleeping. Following many months of being confined to her home she sustained injury occasioned by a fall and was being treated in the Dundee Royal Infirmary. Our sister joined the church late in life during the ministry of Pastor K. Lacey. She was an active missionary worker and was held in great esteem by the churchmembers. Her lifework as a school teacher endeared her to many, many people who remember her with affection. She leaves the church and city with a lasting memory of her gracious living. She leaves two sisters to mourn their loss. One, Sister Ramsay, has been a member of the church for many years. We sorrow not as those without hope. We laid our sister to rest in the beautiful hilltop cemetery of Balgay to await the resurrection call of our Saviour. "Yea, saith the Spirit, blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth . . . that they may rest from their labours, and their works do follow them." **CHURCH CLERK.**

**Cox.**—On October 25, 1956, the Richmond church received the sad news that Sister A. C. Cox had that morning been called suddenly to her last sleep. For the past few years she had suffered much pain, but she was always cheerful and had been able to attend church regularly up to the Sabbath before she died. She was a faithful

member and will be greatly missed by us all, but we know that she loved the Saviour whom she had served ever since she was baptized into the Advent church by Pastor W. W. Armstrong on December 12, 1942. The funeral service was conducted by Pastor V. H. Cooper at the Ealing Cemetery. Several members from the church were able to attend. We send our deep sympathy to her son and grandson. **CHURCH CLERK.**

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THE meetings of the Stirling company are now being held in The Y.M.C.A. Hall, Dumbarton Road, Stirling. Sabbath school, 10.15 a.m. Preaching service, 11.15 a.m. **F. ISAACS.**

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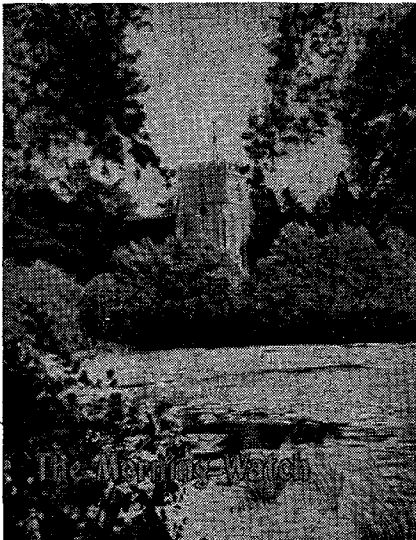
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