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Our Relationship to War

FROM time to time, Seventh-Day Adventists have expressed themselves officially on their relationship to war. Perhaps the most comprehensive statement was that forwarded to the Prime Minister on March 13, 1935. It read as follows:

Sir,

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

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

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

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

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

Issued by the Executive Committee
of the British Union Conference
of Seventh-Day Adventists

It is clear from the foregoing that Seventh-Day Adventists take the definite position that, as Christians, disciples of the Prince of Peace, they cannot conscientiously participate in any activity directly contributing to the taking of human life. On the other hand, as loyal citizens, believing that "governments are ordained of God" (Rom. 13:1), they consider it their duty in national emergencies, as in times of peace, to render willing obedience to all laws, save only where such may conflict with the higher law of God.

As to the nature and extent of non-combatant service rendered by individual members, they hold that these are matters for personal decision.

THE PRESENT POSITION

During the World War of 1914-

ALTHOUGH the established non-combatant principles of Seventh-Day Adventists are generally well known, in response to requests for counsel on this subject from younger members, and others who have joined the church in recent years, the Executive Committee of the British Union Conference considers that a re-statement of its position may be of help and guidance to such inquirers. This article may be obtained in pamphlet form, free of charge, from the conference office.

18, His Majesty's Government, in the Military Service Act of 1916, conceded exemption from combatant service on the ground of conscientious objection, leaving to local tribunals the duty of deciding whether or not applications were made in good faith.

The clause providing for such exemption read as follows:

"On the ground of conscientious objection to the undertaking of combatant service."

As a result of this provision, Seventh-Day Adventists were able to serve their country in various capacities, some in civilian service, others in the specially provided Non-Combatant Corps.

In view of the fact that the Military Service Act of 1916 was repealed in the year 1927, and the voluntary principle of recruiting re-established, this provision for conscientious objectors has naturally lapsed. What the attitude of the Government may be in the event of war breaking out anew, no one can predict. The next war will differ in so many respects from the last, particularly in the

swiftness of its onset, and the immediate appalling results to the civilian population, that all forecasts are futile. In any event, however, Seventh-Day Adventists would again stand by their non-combatant principles.

Whether or not some form of Non-Combatant Corps will be re-established, no one can say. It would be preferable if all persons having conscientious objection to war could be employed in a civilian capacity on works of national importance. This would certainly be the choice of Seventh-Day Adventists.

PREPARATION FOR NON-COMBATANT SERVICE

It is but right that those who claim exemption from military service on conscientious grounds should be prepared to render the most efficient service within their powers in a non-combatant capacity. We suggest, therefore, that those normally engaged in lines of work which, in war, would not be regarded as of national importance, would do well, in their spare time, to make themselves proficient in one or more of the following forms of service:

Medical, Nursing, First Aid, Farming, Carpentry, Cooking, Shoe Repairing, etc.

Because of the large place given by Seventh-Day Adventists to health and welfare work, it is but natural that they should prefer, wherever possible, to render assistance in hospital and other medical service.

Training for such duties may be obtained through the St. John Ambulance Association, which offers special courses in First Aid, Home Nursing, Hygiene, and Sanitation. The British Red Cross Society also gives instruction in these subjects. Inquiries concerning classes conducted by these organizations may be made either locally or from their head offices in London.*

Those receiving certificates for such studies should preserve them carefully so that they may be produced in time of need.

*The St. John Ambulance Association, St. John's Gate, E.C.1. The British Red Cross Society, 12 Grosvenor Crescent, S.W.1.

ATTITUDE TO AUTHORITIES

Needless to say, Seventh-Day Adventists, if called upon to serve their country in any capacity, will maintain a respectful attitude to all in authority. Though always standing firmly for their religious convictions, they will present their requests for special privileges with the utmost courtesy.

Both on and off duty, they will, of course, be circumspect in their deportment. All their tasks will be performed promptly, cheerfully, and to the best of their ability.

As in the case of the prophet Daniel, it should be impossible for the authorities to find any fault with them, save only "concerning the law" of their God. (Dan. 6:4, 5.)

Where difficulties arise by reason of religious convictions being ignored, those involved should present their appeals respectfully before their superior.

SABBATH-KEEPING

Faithful observance of the Sabbath during periods of national emergency will inevitably be attended by many difficulties. Seventh-Day Adventists will, even at such times, maintain their loyalty to the divine law, and, by the grace of God, "remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy."

Questions will arise as to what is permissible on the Sabbath. Works of mercy and necessity may rightly be performed. Other tasks must respectfully be refused.

It would be impossible to attempt to enumerate all the duties which should or should not be undertaken on the Sabbath. Circumstances will vary. Everyone will have to decide these matters conscientiously for himself, praying for the guidance of the Holy Spirit, that God may be honoured.

Sometimes an offer to work on Saturday night and Sunday, instead of on Friday night and Saturday, is appreciated.

It is always best to explain to the authorities at the outset that God's law requires the observance of the Sabbath from sunset Friday to sunset Saturday, for unless the time is definitely understood, conflict and embarrassment are certain to arise.

All who ask for Sabbath privi-

leges will, of course, be most careful how they observe the day. Carelessness in keeping the Sabbath under such circumstances would be quickly perceived, and result, in all probability, in a withdrawal of privileges and discredit upon the cause of truth.

SPIRITUAL PREPARATION

The outbreak of war will bring all men face to face with stern realities. Inevitably, it will be a time of great trial and perplexity. Everyone, both young and old, will need a living connection with God, "a faith that will not shrink."

In any crisis God is the one sure refuge; and nothing is of greater importance to-day than a deepening knowledge of Him. If any are conscious of having drifted from God, let them return to Him now. Only the genuinely converted will be able to stand for God when the winds of strife are raging.

In the World War of 1914-18 many remarkable evidences of God's power and loving watch-care were seen, and thousands proved the certainty of His promises. As He is "the same yesterday, to-day, and for ever," we may rest assured that, whatever may befall in the future, God will still be for all His people "a very present help in trouble."

If we trust Him fully, He will assuredly give us wisdom for every emergency, grace to keep us faithful through trial, courage to endure to the end.



Newbold Missionary College Graduation Exercises

THE Graduation Exercises this year at Newbold Missionary College will be held from May 1st to 3rd. The diplomas and certificates will be presented at 4 p.m., Sunday, May 3rd. We take this opportunity of extending an invitation to all our members and interested friends.

W. G. MURDOCH.

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Notes from the President

Two companies of believers have been added to this conference this month, making a total of three new companies this quarter. Carlton Colville was organized in January, and Gravesend and Enfield Wash in March. In Gravesend we have eleven members, and nineteen in Enfield Wash. The majority of those in Enfield took their stand for the truth under the ministry of Brother L. D. Vince last year. We might mention, for the benefit of visitors, that in all these places there is a Sabbath-school and preaching service each Sabbath morning.

BOTH Luton and Cambridge, while continuing their afternoon Bible study, now have their Sabbath-school and preaching service on Sabbath morning.

WE are constantly receiving requests for young women who would like to enter domestic work. Non-members, as well as members, greatly appreciate the work and conduct of Adventist maids and so, when in need, write to us asking us if we know of anyone we can recommend. If you want to take up domestic work or know of anyone who does, please write to us.

You will be interested to know that a few weeks ago a baby girl was born into the home of Pastor and Mrs. J. G. Bevan.

THERE is a wide field for young women in our book work. You should have heard some of the colporteurs at their Institute early this year tell of their growth in faith and confidence in God. Their testimonies could be summarized in Job's words in Job 5:8, 9, 12 (R.V.): "As for me, I would seek unto God, and unto God would I commit my cause: which doeth great things and unsearchable; marvellous things without number. He frustrateth the devices of the crafty, so that their hands cannot

perform their enterprise." Let others join this band of men and women. Do *you* think you could not make a success of this work? Identify yourself with Christ in Paul's words, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me," and He will make Himself responsible for the success of your work. A leading evangelist once said, "You cannot test the resources of God till you try the impossible." Have you ever read Psalm 68:11 in the Revised Version? It reads: "The Lord giveth the word: *the women* that publish the tidings are a great host."

WE are glad to report an upward trend in the sale of periodicals this year. If you cannot go out with the bound books, at least sell some periodicals every week. We are very interested to learn that one of our sisters has brought ten persons to a knowledge of Christ and into the church through the sale of literature.

WHAT are *you* going to do during the Big Week Campaign? All conference workers are invited to give one day's pay, and the colporteurs the proceeds of sales on their best day. Let us all do all we can by selling as much literature and giving all we can to make this week a great success in advancing the cause of Christ.

You will rejoice, too, to know of an increase in tithe for February. The Lord is truly blessing this conference, as individuals and as a whole. You will be inclined to shout for joy when you learn that ninety-one young people were baptized into the church last year.

SOME time ago we called a special committee to investigate thoroughly our evangelistic work and to lay plans for the future. We believe that God has a far greater work for us to do. The committee is now meeting as often as possible, and under the direct guidance of the Lord, seeking to find the most economical way, in

time and money, to enter every unentered city, town, and village. Pray with us that the committee may receive heavenly wisdom.

God is using His message to prepare His people spiritually and physically for the stress of these last days. Two of our members, after serious illness, were told by their doctor that their recovery was little short of miraculous, and only because of their belief in vegetarianism and the other principles of health reform.

CASES of healing, following the instruction given in James, come to hand from time to time. This month a sister who suffered with partial paralysis and was unable to lie down or walk without assistance rejoices that she can now walk without the aid of a stick.

LET us all identify ourselves more closely with the light given to us in all its varied phases in God's Word and through His servant. Then surely, "the Lord . . . will send His angel with thee, and prosper thy ways." Let us contribute to the answering of our own prayers by personal consecration to Christ and to His truth in this age of denial and opposition.

R. S. JOYCE.



Evangelism for Youth in South England

"Why should not labour for the youth in our borders be regarded as missionary work of the highest kind?" —"Gospel Workers," page 207.

WE believe that it should be regarded as such, and what is more, we have reason to believe that it holds its rightful place of importance among our workers.

We are happy to report ninety-one baptisms among our youth (up to the age of thirty) for the year 1935. This is splendid, and we do pray that these young folk may be blessed and strengthened moment by moment that it may be truly said that they have risen with Christ in newness of life.

What of 1936?

In checking up our records, we find that there are about one hundred young people in our conference whom we might think of as being of an age to accept the re-

sponsibilities of full membership with the church, and for whom we should pray in a special way that they may step out boldly on the side of truth.

It is too early yet for us to say how many made a decision to this end during Missionary Volunteer Week, but we do know from the reports which are coming in that it will be a good number.

Our Missionary Volunteer societies represent a vast field of ripened corn awaiting the hand of the reaper. Who will step in and reap the harvest? Parents, ministers, young people's leaders, teachers, church elders—all can help. Remember, the church that neglects its youth destroys its future!

Another great field of labour which challenges our workers is the large number of young people under the age of thirty who are connected with members of the church but who never attend the meetings. These young people should be sought out. Go to the homes and compel them to come in!

Let us all be up and doing for the youth within our borders so that in the end there may be no regrets for work left undone. It has been said, and that truly, "No man can do a full work in the ministry who is not in a most complete, sympathetic touch with young life." H. T. JOHNSON.

Plymouth Young People's Convention

THE Plymouth Young People's Convention was held over the week-end March 6th to 8th. We were pleased to have Brethren H. T. Johnson and C. L. Kelly with us for these meetings.

Brother Kelly gave a stirring address on the Friday evening, his subject being, "Life with a Purpose." In view of the seriousness of the times in which we are living we certainly need to have a purpose, a high purpose; that of winning others to Jesus.

A great blessing was received by those who attended the prayer meeting at 9 a.m. on Sabbath morning.

"God's Call to the Advent Youth" was the title of the mes-

sage given by Brother Johnson at 11:15 a.m., and as we listened our hearts were stirred and we felt drawn to answer God's call to us.

In the afternoon Brother Johnson again spoke on "The Relation of the Church to its Youth." Youth is the greatest asset the church can have. Take away youth and the church will soon die out.

The talks and papers given by various members on different subjects relative to young people's

work were listened to with interest. Helpful suggestions were made and much instruction given by Brother Johnson on the carrying out of the work of the young people's society.

We thank God for the visit of these brethren, for the timely instruction given, and for blessing received during this convention. It was a time of refreshing and encouragement to all.

GLADYS ANDREWS.

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News from Rhondda

WE very much appreciate what has been done by our members for our brethren and sisters in the depressed areas. The gifts received when the recent offering was taken in our churches throughout the Union, have brought cheer to many homes and our poorer members have been able to obtain warm underclothes during this cold weather.

The gifts of clothing which we have received from time to time have given us cause for gratitude, and it has given us great joy as workers to distribute these garments around, because we know the needs of our people and are glad that because of these kind gifts we can help to meet the needs.

It has also caused us great joy in our ministry to see the response to our recent appeal for back numbers of our church papers. We are glad our people are able to read the *Review* and our young people to receive the *Youth's Instructor*.

To come into contact with the poverty and hardship in this part of the vineyard causes our hearts to ache for our loyal members who are so patient under the burden. May I tell you one experience? A member, with his wife and two children, one of whom is an invalid, has a total income of 32/6, out of which 5/6 is paid in tithes and offerings, 11/- for rent, and the remainder must suffice to feed and clothe four people. This is but one

of the many cases which we constantly meet.

It is with real pleasure that we tell the readers of the MESSENGER that our people in Wales are of good courage, despite the depression, and joyfully look forward to the advent of our Saviour.

One word regarding our work here in the Rhondda Valley. In October we began work in Tony-pandy, a centre of communism and its attendant atheism. Already we see signs of a harvest and on Sabbath last we were pleased to see twelve strangers at our meeting. We have felt the blessing and power of God and know that He has gone before us preparing the way.

During the next few weeks Pastor G. D. King will be away at the General Conference. Should any of our members desire to send further gifts of clothing, copies of the *Review*, *Signs of the Times*, or *Youth's Instructor*, we would request that these parcels be sent to W. G. Nicholson, 31 Davies Street, Porth, Rhondda, Glam., where they will be gratefully received.

We ask an interest in your prayers for our work in the Welsh Mission. W. G. NICHOLSON.

Know the true value of time; snatch, seize, and enjoy every moment of it. No idleness, no laziness, no procrastination. Never put off till to-morrow what you ought to do to-day.—Lord Chesterfield.

Church Schools

THE duty of the church with regard to children and youth has been clearly put in the words of the Master, "Feed My lambs." It seems that the Master would especially associate Himself with the lambs, for He says they are *His*. In speaking of His kingdom he says, "Suffer little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not: for *of such* is the kingdom of God." And lest anyone should deem lightly the value of a child, He says, "It were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depths of the sea."

The church must needs obey the injunction so clearly laid down, and it does so in the many activities and plans which it prepares for the young within its fold. The Children's Service, the Junior Sabbath-school, the Missionary Volunteer Society, and the Church School—all these and other activities are its answer to the divine command. Of these activities just mentioned, perhaps the church school, because of the length of time that it holds the children, may be considered the most important. While the Sabbath-school and children's service hold the attention and guide the thoughts of the child for an hour or two one day a week, the church school modifies and moulds activity for five days in the week. How important it is that the school should be a house of God and that its teachers be imbued with the Spirit of God that the young minds, at the most impressionable period of life, may be led to a knowledge of the true God. The school is to fit, not only for "occupying" in this life, but also for the life to come.

When the Master took the child upon His knee—what a contrast to the action of the disciples!—and blessed it, He showed the care and attention which a child should receive. He endorsed the example of Hannah in bringing her boy to the tabernacle and signified His acceptance of such a dedication. He would have agreed with the proverb that "as the twig is bent, so the tree will grow" and blessed every effort to help the young to

remember their Creator in the days of their youth. The church school, in a special way, seeks to do this.

The great interest that the world is taking in education is significant. Psychologists are turning to child psychology. Educationists are try-

The Parents' Prayer

FATHER, our children keep!

We know not what is coming on the earth;

Beneath the shadow of Thy heavenly wing,

O keep them, keep them, Thou who gav'st them birth.

Father, draw nearer us!

Draw firmer 'round us Thy protecting arm;

Oh, clasp our children closer to Thy side,

Uninjured in the day of earth's alarm.

Them in Thy chambers hide!

Oh, hide them and preserve them calm and safe,

When sin abounds, and error flows abroad,

And Satan tempts, and human passions chafe.

Oh, keep them undefiled!

Unspotted from a tempting world of sin;

That, clothed in white, through the bright city gates,

They may with us in triumph enter in. —*Horatius Bonar.*

ing to fit the curriculum to the child instead of fitting the child to the curriculum. Statesmen and politicians are looking to the schools to instil particular ideas of citizenship and state-craft. Social workers are building their faith on the younger generation and seek to modify environment accordingly. This age has been called the age of the discovery of the child; and with that discovery governments have elaborated a vast network of schools and educational institutions that the youth of the nation might not be left to chance in their growth and development, but might grow up to be useful citizens. Schools are no longer regarded as "knowledge shops" as they used to be; they are founded "to form

and strengthen the character."

Church schools are established to form and strengthen character, too; but that character is the heavenly; and the citizenship that is taught is not this world's but the citizenship of the world to come. While the world is concentrating its efforts on the youth in its schools to bring up the younger generation "in the way it should go," the church conducts its schools to teach a sense of proportion and lay stress on eternal truths.

Church schools have a special mission to fulfil in these last days:

"As the children sang in the temple courts, 'Hosanna! Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord,' so in these last days, children's voices will be raised to give the last message of warning to a perishing world. When heavenly intelligences see that men are no longer permitted to present the truth, the Spirit of God will come upon the children, and they will do a work in the proclamation of the truth which the older workers cannot do, because their way will be hedged up. Our church schools are ordained by God to prepare the children for this great work." —*"Testimonies," Vol. 6, page 203.*

Are our children going to fail because they have not had the training which will fit them for such a tremendous task?

"When properly conducted, church schools will be the means of lifting the standard of truth in the places where they are established; for children who are receiving a Christian education will be witnesses for Christ."

G. A. KEOUGH.



The Value of a Church School

DAVID prayed "that our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth." Psa. 144:12. The childhood of Christ is also likened to that of a "tender plant." Isa. 53:2.

Tender plants need the special care of the gardener. He must study them closely, watch their individual growth, guard them from cold and wind, from destructive grubs and insects, and give them just the amount of light, water, and heat that they require. If he fails in any one of these duties,

his plants are likely to be stunted, blighted, or even destroyed.

Our children are tender plants of wondrous beauty. They are the gift of God. Are we tending them as God would have us, or are we allowing them to be stunted and destroyed by the wiles of the evil one?

Church schools are ordained by God as "a refuge of safety" for God's children to-day. The devil is often spoken of as a roaring lion, "seeking whom he may devour." This is not the devil whom we fear the most, but rather the unseen, silent, subtle, seducing spirits. In many, if not all schools to-day many subjects are taught from the evolutionary standpoint. Educationists are eager to impress upon the children the doctrine that the wonders of science are conclusive proof that man is evolving into something higher and nobler.

In many schools the Bible is not taught at all; in others, it is taught merely as a wonderful piece of literature which cannot be believed, but which makes excellent reading; and even in the few schools where it is taught in its simplicity, the teachers have not the light of the Advent message to illumine the pages and make them grip the heart and proclaim the last warning message to the world.

God has promised that in time of need He will bring back to our remembrance those things which we have learned. If we neglect to learn, this promise does not apply to us. In our church schools we teach the Bible daily. The children also commit passages to memory, thus storing their minds for the time when there shall be a famine in the land of hearing the Word of the Lord.

In worldly schools children are trained for a place in this world. The desire for wealth, position, fame, and personal enjoyment is fostered. By dramatics, dancing, etc., the love of dress, display, and unnatural excitement is engendered and leaves its mark for life.

In church schools we train for the life to come. The children are encouraged to accept responsibility. They are the leaders of the J.M.V.S. held in the school every Wednesday morning. As each in turn takes his part, self-conscious-

ness flees and self-respect and confidence take its place.

The school is evangelical. Every child is cordially invited to the Sabbath-school and other services. Some respond and through them their parents are won to the truth. Even those who do not, apparently, appreciate the spiritual blessings of the school have received the Word

intelligent as to the reason for their health.

We strive to train the children, body, soul, and spirit for a place in the Master's kingdom and as we strive we pray confidently that He will reward our efforts by the salvation of the children.

E. RAITT.

Newbold College Hosiery Department

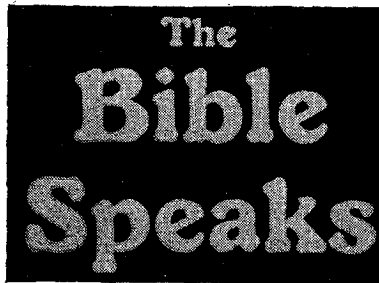
It is now about four months since this department made its first pair of half-hose. Before that was possible, there was a great amount of work necessary in preparation, and several months were spent in working and waiting, but the adaptation of the room in which we work, as well as other necessary details, was carried out with the minimum of expense.

The machine which we have installed—while by no means new—makes socks after the most modern practice. The brand-new equivalent of this machine is priced at £130, but by spending a few days in a factory in Leicester we were able to examine and purchase a machine which is giving excellent service and satisfaction, for the sum of £40. Other auxiliary machines were bought in the same way. In this way we have made many connections with business men in Leicester who have proved real friends to us and have taken a personal interest in the College. We are expecting some of them to pay us a visit shortly and learn more about the College.

One great problem we had to meet was in buying yarns ready for the machine. It has proved very difficult to obtain satisfactory supplies, as this business is done to a very large extent through agents with the spinners. Our first real order placed early in December was received on February 12th. We are hoping to make direct contact with the spinners soon and so avoid the recurrence of such difficulties. It is only since that date that we have been manufacturing socks in full swing and have been able to see more clearly the possibilities that lie before us.

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and we believe it will bring forth fruit for His kingdom.

So far we have thought only of the spiritual advantages of the school. These are, naturally, the most important, but physical and mental advantages are also apparent.

Every child in our schools receives individual instruction. He is encouraged to think for himself and to study on his own. Our teachers watch each child's progress and give encouragement and extra help where necessary. The children are not without achievements, either. In the past few years quite a number have passed recognized public examinations with credit and in most cases they have been below the average age of those competing.

Every week instruction is given in hygiene, including the care of the home and the body, the prevention and cure of disease, the value of a proper diet, exercise, sleep, and fresh air. Regular rhythmic exercises are also given. Thus our children are healthy and

an hour and has been producing them ninety or ninety-five per cent perfect. This is remarkably good, comparing it with the theoretical manufacturing standard of sixty or seventy per cent.

Within the past few days a few of our students have been visiting shops in nearby towns with samples of our work. On the whole they have met with a very good reception and we have been much encouraged as we have listened to their reports. On the first afternoon two of our students did exceptionally well in obtaining orders.

In considering this department as a suitable industry for the school, we view it with increasing confidence, and believe it will be a real asset to the school for many reasons. Firstly, men are in constant need of our productions and we do not depend upon fashion for the success of our sales nor for the time when there happens to be a little surplus cash in our customers' purses. Serviceability is our chief selling point rather than attractiveness, and whether times are hard or prosperous, men always need socks.

Further, the work we provide for girls is skilled work, but fairly easily learned, and productive. It costs us about forty shillings to train each girl before she becomes useful to us, but there is always a demand for such workers in outside factories and their services are well paid. So the girls who work in this department will always have a means of earning a good living if circumstances prevent them from entering God's work as full-time workers.

In the work which we have done for this department we have been conscious of God's leading hand, and pray that His blessing may

continue to make it a real help to the school. H. COHLER.

Anonymous Contributions

We feel it necessary to point out once more that it is quite impossible for us to consider the publication of anonymous contributions. Usually such contributions are placed immediately into the waste-paper basket. Occasionally they are preserved a short time in the hope that the contributor will forward his name.

At the present time we have in hand a contribution entitled, "Quiet Times" which we could use in *Present Truth* if the author would send his or her name. If this is not forthcoming, then this useful contribution will, unfortunately, have to be destroyed.

May we, while writing on this subject, emphasize that notices of births, marriages, and deaths should also be signed in the same way as other contributions.

Attention to this important point will save the editor a lot of time and the contributor no little regret.

A.S.M.

At Rest

BAIRD.—The Stoke Church has suffered the loss of one of its oldest members, Sister Baird. She accepted the truth some seventeen years ago under the labours of Pastor A. K. Armstrong. Always a loyal member, she was greatly missed from the small company when she was taken ill a few years ago and compelled to take to her bed. In all her great suffering she maintained a cheerful manner and a steadfast hope in the second coming of her Lord. A fortnight before she passed away she asked the Lord to let her sleep and her prayer was answered. We laid her to rest in the quiet church-yard of the little country village of Caverswall, assured that our sister will be numbered among those in the first resurrection. A service was held in the home of her daughter and words of hope were spoken to the sorrowing husband and grown-up family by the writer. H. K. MUNSON.

PITMAN.—It is with regret that we announce the death of Sister Pitman, on March 16th, at the age of 63, after a long illness patiently borne. She was a respected member of the Newport Church. Sister Pitman heard and accepted the message under the ministry of Pastor A. F. Bird about eight years ago. At the funeral service Pastor G. D. King spoke words of comfort to the bereaved. She leaves four sons and three daughters to mourn their loss. R. JACQUES.

SUNSET CALENDAR

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The 1936 Young People's Camp

THE year 1936 promises to be a year of outstanding events, and not the least among these will be the Quadrennial Session which is to be held at Stanborough Park from July 30th to August 9th. Days of great spiritual blessings these will be, days that will mean much to us individually and to the cause that we love so dearly.

The task of organizing this large meeting is going ahead splendidly. A special-marquee will be provided for Missionary Volunteer meetings, and although it is too early yet to say who will be conducting the services, nevertheless we are confident that we shall have a real refreshing from the Throne of Grace.

Arrangements are being made for a Young People's Camp to be held in conjunction with these meetings.

The British Union has very kindly placed at our disposal a delightful section of the estate, the last remaining piece of Kingswood, at the back of the spinney near the church school. Here some thirty bell tents will be pitched to accommodate the junior and senior young people in attendance.

We plan to run this camp along lines similar to those of our regular camps, and the charges will be the same as you have been accustomed to paying, and will include food and accommodation.

In connection with this camp, three trips are being planned which will be of great interest to all, for even those of us who live in the great hub of the universe still have not seen all there is to see.

Make your plans now to join us for this will be a unique occasion and we all need the help and counsel which these meetings will afford.

We suggest that you plan with your Home Missionary Secretary to have a regular supply of *Present Truth* and *Good Health*, and perhaps some shilling books, to sell so that by the time camp comes round you will have earned sufficient to pay all your expenses.

We should like to have some idea of the number who are plan-

ning to come to this gathering, so will you please fill in the form below and post it as soon as possible to:

F. W. Goodall, B.U.C. Offices, Stanborough Park, Watford, Herts. (for *Wales, Scotland, and Ireland*).

J. H. Parkin, 22 Zulla Road, Mapperley Park, Nottingham (for *North England*).

H. T. Johnson, Midland Bank Chambers, 506 Holloway Road, London, N.7 (for *South England*).

We shall look forward to seeing you all, not only those from South England, but from North England, Wales, Scotland, and Ireland.

H. T. JOHNSON,
Camp Superintendent.

Missionary Volunteer Camp Quadrennial Session 1936

I AM planning to attend the Young People's Camp at Stanborough Park (D.V.) July 30th to August 9th.

Name

Address

Age

I enclose registration fee of 6d.

Newbold College Week of Prayer

It was ten o'clock on the evening of Friday, March 20th, and a few young men were walking from the College to one of the cottages, when one of them said: "It has been a good week, hasn't it? You know, those good, homely talks of Brother Meredith's have made a deep impression on me; and wasn't it a fine idea to start off last Friday by laying the foundation on the surety of God's Word?"

"Yes," replied another, "That's what appealed to me, too, and in all the chapel talks when he showed us different phases of the Christian's life and when he asked us, 'What think ye of Christ?' during the evening worships, I somehow felt a deep urge to give myself to God again. It seems as though we all did, too, by the testi-

mony meeting to-night. Do you know, people were testifying for over an hour—wasn't it an inspiration?"

"Rather, and wasn't I happy when those folk from the village took part, too! They seem to have enjoyed the meetings as much as we have, but I wish they could have joined in one of the Prayer Bands; I had a fine time in mine. One of us spoke for five or ten minutes each day and then we had a chain prayer. Nearly everybody took part. It seemed that the Spirit of God was working in a very marked way, and a number of us gained very definite victories. These Weeks of Prayer do help us and I am looking forward to the service to-morrow morning."

The next morning, Pastor Meredith, who had led out during the week, spoke to us on how we might keep up our present experience, and as the week closed we all felt drawn nearer to God and were ready, by His strength, to follow in His steps.

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