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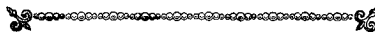
Strengthening the Stakes

RECOGNIZING that the church of God has been commissioned by the Lord to give the Gospel to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people as its work, the officers of the General Conference, previous to this session of the General Conference, engaged in a prayerful consideration of the ways and means by which this most solemn work committed to men might speedily be done. The sources of divine power available for our work were set before us, which, if appropriated, would enable us to quickly finish the work. The causes of weakness and the present heavy loss of members as they appear in our church life were viewed not only with deep concern, but even with much alarm. The responsibility and remedy for the present spiritual condition of some of our members rests not only upon the ministers, but with the whole church. This great second advent message will certainly be given to every tongue and people, developing a church united in brotherly love and motivated by the mind of Christ and His spirit of sacrifice.

We note these words: "Not upon the ordained minister only, rests the responsibility of going forth to fulfil this commission. Everyone who has received Christ is called to work for the salvation of his fellow-men."—*Acts of the Apostles*, page 110. "We are to be consecrated channels, through which the heavenly life is to flow

to others. The Holy Spirit is to animate and pervade the whole church, purifying and cementing hearts."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 9, page 20.

In view of the present threatening perils we call upon our fellow-



An Important Series of Recommendations Voted at the General Conference on "Conserving and Strengthening our Churchmembership"



believers throughout the world to join the delegates to the World Conference in entering anew upon the work of quickly preparing a people that can stand clothed in Christ's righteousness in His presence when He comes.

As the result of our study of conditions facing our people in their church membership, we are solemnly convinced that steps should be taken to bring about a great spiritual reformation, that our church may go "forth as the morning, fair as the moon, clear

as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners," "conquering, and to conquer."

1.—LEADERSHIP

Only those whose hearts God has created anew and who have "understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do," should be selected for leaders in any of our organizations or institutions. When those who have the selection of leaders are in communion with God, the Holy Spirit will guide them in the choice of Spirit-filled men and women. The choice of leaders should be made on the ground of holiness of life, unapproachable conduct, together with fitness of mind. Only those who are well grounded in the knowledge and faith of the third angel's message should be placed in positions of responsibility. This can be accomplished only through the leadership of church officers who will follow the exhortation of the apostle Paul to the elders: "Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock." Such men must be trained for their work by conference and mission officers through personal counsel and in church officers' conventions.

2.—BROTHERLY LOVE

We emphasize anew that the

Bible standard of brotherly love should be earnestly maintained by each churchmember seeking the welfare of every other member. The spirit of cordial Christian courtesy is certainly demanded of each for all in church fellowship, not only in form but in spirit. Strangers should be welcomed. We earnestly recommend that one or more persons be chosen in every church whose duty it shall be to welcome all strangers, inviting them into a Sabbath-school class, introducing them to brethren and sisters, thus making them feel thoroughly at home, and inviting them to come again. "If we would humble ourselves before God, and be kind and courteous and tender-hearted and pitiful, there would be one hundred conversions to the truth where now there is only one."—*"Testimonies," Vol. 9, page 189.*

3.—CONCERN FOR ABSENT MEMBERS

When members of the church, the Sabbath-school, or young people's organization do not attend regularly, the reason for such absence should be investigated and every possible effort made to encourage such to become constant in attendance at the services. In our larger churches a committee might well be chosen to assist the pastor and elder in looking after the spiritual welfare of each member. Each churchmember should be visited at least once a quarter and suitable persons be appointed to visit such as seem to be in need. The same care that a faithful shepherd shows for each sheep and lamb should be manifested by the church officers for the members of their flocks.

4.—THE HAND OF FELLOWSHIP NOT EASILY WITHDRAWN

No name should be taken from the church roll until every possible effort has been put forth to save the member. The instruction given in the Bible and in the Spirit of prophecy concerning this matter must be observed if our churches are to be soul-saving agencies.

5.—CHURCH DISCIPLINE

The welfare of the members of a church is affected adversely by

the presence in the church family of those who live in violation of the principles of the Gospel after faithful and Christlike efforts have been put forth to recover them from the error of their ways. The New Testament instruction concerning church discipline should therefore be carefully heeded.

6.—OUR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

The temptations on every hand to lead our young people away from the Lord are many. Alcoholic drinks, tobacco, picture shows, the theatre, the gambling devices, the dance, and worldly associations are taking a great toll from the youth of this generation who ought to be walking in the ways of everlasting life. The church should be the ark of safety for our children and youth. It should earnestly seek the Lord on behalf of these tempted ones and prove a shelter to their souls. No effort should be spared to educate them in the faith and to minister to their spiritual needs. They should be borne up before the Lord in our private and public prayers.

7.—A HIGH STANDARD OF MORALITY

Immorality in all its seductive and hideous forms is again and again pointed out in the Scriptures as not only a most vicious cause of the weakening of the church, but it is specifically set forth as a sign of the end of the world. This

awful disease of the soul, as it manifests itself not only in salacious literature and pictures but in a multitude of ways, must be guarded against by the church with far greater zeal than in the past.

8.—FUNDAMENTAL DOCTRINES MUST BE TAUGHT

The Scriptural evidences of the fundamental doctrines of our message should be so repeatedly taught that all our people will know the truth and be rooted and grounded in the faith. They must become so indoctrinated that they will be "steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord." Far greater efforts must be put forth to hold every member of our church steadfast in the faith.

It is high time that the leaders of this people "weep between the porch and the altar," and cry, "Spare Thy people, O Lord, and give not Thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them." If this is done, God promises, "Then will the Lord be jealous for His land, and pity His people. Yea, the Lord will answer and say unto His people, Behold, I will send you corn, and wine, and oil, and ye shall be satisfied therewith: and I will no more make you a reproach among the heathen."

The Health Platform

A Concise Statement of Denominational Teaching on Health and Temperance

WHEREAS, "The question of how to preserve the health is one of primary importance," and, "When we study this question in the fear of God, we shall learn that it is best, for both our physical and our spiritual advancement, to observe simplicity in diet;" and,

WHEREAS, "As a people we have been given the work of making known the principles of health reform" (*Counsels on Health*, pages 124, 443); and,

WHEREAS, "When the third angel's message is received in its fullness, health reform will be

given its place in the councils of the conference, in the work of the church, in the home, at the table, and in all the household arrangements" (*Testimonies*, Vol. 6, page 327); and,

WHEREAS, There is rich blessing in advancing with increasing light;

We recommend, 1. That the united leadership of the church keep the work of health reform to the front by studies in our churches and at camp meetings and in connection with tent and hall evangelistic services, by health education in schools, by parlour lectures in sanitariums, and by the

circulation of health literature, public lectures, and broadcasts.

2. That the Heaven-sent principles of healthful living be given their due place in our study, teaching, and practice, and that wherein we have departed from these principles, we earnestly seek by the grace of God to return to them.

We, the General Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists in session, adopt the following statement as representative of the principles of health and temperance which we as a denomination hold and advocate :

We recognize that it is in God that we live and move and have our being; that man is not his own, but belongs to God by right of creation and redemption; that the body is claimed by God for the indwelling of His Holy Spirit, and that man's mental faculties and physical powers should be used to show forth Christian character and service.

We believe that "whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap," and that a disregard for natural law and its violation are attended by physical penalty; that much of the disease from which man suffers could be prevented by obedience to the laws of health; and that as Christians we owe it to God and our fellow-men to observe these laws as fully as possible.

We believe that the difficult and serious times upon which we have entered make extraordinary demands upon our reserve of physical and mental energy; that good health is especially important to enable us to meet the emergencies of these strenuous times; and that if we would preserve our health, we must have an understanding of the laws which govern our physical well-being and follow them in all our habits of living.

We believe that God has given His people a special message for this time that will enable them to stand in the crisis just before them and to triumph in His kingdom. As an essential part of that message God has given instruction regarding the care of the body, which, if rightly practised, will bring health and strength, with increased vigour and energy for His service.

We believe that the light revealed in true science, in the Bible,

and in the Spirit of prophecy, is of benefit only as it is followed, and that all our people should with confidence accept the truth concerning healthful living, and practise its principles in their homes and in their individual lives.

We believe that the principles of health reform demand total abstinence from all intoxicating beverages, such as, beer, wine, and spirituous liquors, tobacco in all its forms, tea and coffee, and irritating spices and condiments.

We believe in sufficient and appropriate exercise and in proper and sufficient hours of sleep and relaxation.

We believe in the proper clothing of the body as relates to warmth, protection, simplicity, and modesty.

We believe in strict cleanliness of person and premises and protection against disease-bearing insects and against all disease-producing conditions.

We believe that we should always do our best to supply the body with wholesome and nourishing foods, used with simplicity in variety and amount, and properly prepared.

We believe that man's best diet is that originally provided for him: grains, fruits, nuts, and vegetables, to which may be added eggs and dairy products when obtained under assured health conditions.

We believe that flesh food at its best is only an emergency food; that while it has food value, it at the same time contains poisonous products of animal tissue wastes; and that its use as food under ordinary conditions is attended by risk to the health.

We believe that with the present great increase in diseases of animals the use of flesh as food is attended by an ever-increasing danger; that we should give serious heed to the urgent instruction given us to endeavour earnestly to provide for our tables that food which is most wholesome and best suited to health.

We believe that the principles of healthful living should be adopted by our people, and practised as fully as possible. We are not unmindful of the fact that there are in some countries conditions of

poverty or scarcity that may make it difficult or even impossible for believers to obtain a sufficient quantity or variety of those foods best suited to promote health, and therefore we would not urge diet standards impossible to attain. We also believe that no one should sit in judgment on others in matters of diet.

Scarecrows

WHEN you drive by a field and see a tall pole all dressed up in a coat, hat, and trousers, what do you immediately know? You know there is something worth while in that field. You know that the farmer is trying to keep the crows away from something that he wishes to keep. Now, Satan has taken a tip from that farmer. He has laid claim to the world, and to the territory in which you are working. He knows that there is something worth while in that territory which you will get away from him if you do faithful work. He has to do something, so, like the farmer, he begins making scarecrows. He has some very fierce-looking ones, such as crop failure, bad weather, dogs, prejudice, sickness, hard times, depression, and others. These are the devil's scarecrows.

But what are scarecrows? Did you ever hear of one hurting a crow? The crows can eat every grain of corn in the field if they wish to, and all that scarecrow would ever do would be to flap his coat tail. After all, aren't the crows foolish to fly away from the scarecrow? Of course, it looks dangerous, and since the poor little crow does not know any better he misses the chance to get a lot of nice corn.

So it is with Satan's scarecrows. They cannot hurt you. They are nothing in the world but make-believes. You can go right on and get all the orders you want to, and all those scarecrows can do is just flap their coat tails. Of course, they look bad, and if you are going to be as foolish as the poor crow, you will miss some fine opportunities. *Never* run away from a scarecrow!

F. B. MOORE.

SOUTH ENGLAND CONFERENCE

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A Retrospective Glance at the General Conference

THE largest and best world conference is now a thing of the past. By now all the delegates must have returned to their homes scattered among all the nations of the world. What memories all have of what they have seen and heard, memories that may dim but will never be forgotten.

It was wonderful to meet 15,000 brethren and sisters of like precious faith, to listen while they sang Advent hymns, to hear their prayers, and to know from personal contact that this is a world movement fulfilling prophecy.

The living reports of remarkable progress made in all the countries of the world thrilled all hearts day by day. The sight of the many delegates from distant fields dressed in their national costumes, including those from far-off isles where only a few years ago they were head-hunters, eating human flesh, was something never to be forgotten. All felt that the end is very near as before our eyes we saw Matthew 24:14 being fulfilled: "This Gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness; . . . and then shall the end come."

One of the most encouraging sights which thrilled the heart of every believer was the illuminated map of the world. It is impossible to do justice to this wonderful map in writing. It showed the world growth of our denominational work by progressive illumination. Gradually lights appeared showing the growth of our work, decade by decade, until the whole map was ablaze—1,035 lights in all. In the home countries only denominational head-quarters and institutions were shown. In mission fields, the leading mission stations were added.

Looking at the striking scene

one could not help but be reminded of some of the statements made in the *Testimonies*, such as: "I looked intensely over the world, and I began to see jets of light like stars dotted all through the darkness, and then I saw another and another added light, and so all through this moral darkness the starlike lights were increasing. . . . I saw then these little jets of light growing lighter, shining forth from the east and the west, from the north and south, and lighting the whole world."—*"Gospel Workers,"* pages 378, 379.

"I saw jets of light from cities and villages, and from the high places and the low places of the earth. God's Word was obeyed and as a result there were memorials for Him in every city and village. His truth was proclaimed throughout the world."—*"Testimonies,"* Vol. 9, pages 28, 29.

Even through the years of financial depression God has built up His world cause. To-day we have more workers saving more converts in the world field than ever before in the history of this movement.

You will be glad to know that there are prospects of every worker in South England conducting a baptismal service this year to gather in the fruit of the campaigns which commenced last autumn. What a wonderful thing it would be if every worker, without exception, should bring some definite fruit to the Lord this year. What we need is not greater evangelists but greater evangelism—every worker a soul-winner.

So far as we know at the moment the first six months of this year show an increase in the number of souls saved compared with the same period last year. Tithes and offerings also show a wonderful increase. This certainly means that the blessing of God is on our

conference when we remember that the gains for 1935 were the greatest in the history of South England.

On the round trip we travelled 18,000 miles, visiting our institutions and places of historical interest. As we stood in the vaults and looked at the many writings of Sister White, and as we stood by her grave, we could not help but thank God for the earnest woman who has meant, and still means, so much to the cause we have all learnt to love. We found the people of the great continent most hospitable and kind. Two things impressed us most, the first we have already mentioned—the rapid growth of this world movement. The second was the interest and amazing liberality of all toward foreign missions. They truly give until they feel the sacrifice. We have much to thank them for in that they have given liberally to build up the work in this land. In turn, we should show our appreciation by freely giving so that the light may continue to travel on into unentered places.

A number of changes were made in the personnel of the General Conference. The change nearest to us is the call of Brother Christian to act as vice-president and Brother Read to take his place in the Northern European Division. We will miss Brother Read. He has truly laboured untiringly in the interests of the British Union. Of course, as Division president, he will still have close contact with British Union affairs. We must pray that God will bless the Union Nominating Committee as it seeks to find someone to take his place. We were impressed by the wonderful spirit of unity and harmony which prevailed in the selection of the new General Conference leaders. Expressions of satisfaction were heard on every hand.

You are, of course, planning to attend our Union Quadrennial Session. It is going to be a unique experience to worship under canvas as in bygone times. Pray that God will bless our Union session as He blessed the World Conference in San Francisco.

R. S. JOYCE.

The Cambridge Church

WE met in our new hall for the first time on Sabbath, June 27th. There were a good number present and a very interesting programme was arranged by our new Sabbath-school superintendent.

Several recitations appropriate to the Thirteenth Sabbath were given and Brother G. Tapping gave a most helpful review on the quarter's lessons.

We met again at three o'clock in the afternoon when an inspiring Bible study was given by Brother Tapping.

The new hall is a bright, clean, cheery place in which to worship as well as being more centrally located. We thank our heavenly Father for directing us to such a place in this busy university town. We feel we shall soon be better known.

We shall always be pleased to welcome any Adventist friends visiting Cambridge. Our new address is 13a Park Place, Round Church Street, Bridge Street, Cambridge.
E. S. RULE.



First-Fruits at Hastings

WE have just had a very happy week-end at Hastings. On Sabbath evening, July 4th, following an examination on all points of faith, four persons followed their Lord in baptism, the public baths being used for the occasion. These four, with two others, were voted into the church, following the preaching service, on Sunday, July 5th, and received the right hand of fellowship and baptismal certificates. We are glad to add these six names to our church roll, being assured that they are also written in heaven. The services were conducted by Pastor F. A. Spearing. It was hoped that Brother B. E. Sparrow could have been with us, as he has been associated with Pastor Spearing in the work at Hastings and Brighton during the past nine months, but unfortunately he was unable to attend. We also regret very much that our president, Pastor R. S. Joyce, was absent from the field, and thus was prevented from being present.

Of the six new members, the parents of two of them are deacon and deaconess of the church. They wish it to be placed on record that their hearts overflow with gratitude to God for His love in saving their two children.

We shall look forward with joy to further additions to our membership.
CHURCH CLERK.

Changes of Address

CLAPHAM: Carpenter's Reception Hall, 3 The Pavement, Clapham (next door to the "Plough"). Sabbath-School, 10.15 a.m.; Preaching, 11.15 a.m.; Sunday, 6.30 p.m.

CAMBRIDGE: S.D.A. Hall, 13a Park Place, Round Church Street, Bridge Street, Cambridge.

GRAVESEND: c/o Smith's Boarding House, Milton Road, Love Lane Corner, Gravesend.

NORTH ENGLAND CONFERENCE

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Notes from the President

ON Friday evening, July 3rd, a baptism was held at Sheffield where Pastor W. R. A. Madgwick, Brother M. G. Hardinge, and Sister I. Himsforth have been labouring. Twenty-one new believers were added to the church—a few were from Rotherham and other districts. We rejoice to see this increase to the membership.

SABBATH afternoon, July 11th, witnessed a baptism in Hull. As a result of the labours of Brother Lennox and Sister Mitchell, fifteen were added to the church; others will go forward later. It was a most enjoyable Sabbath for the believers.

THE other efforts in the conference are progressing favourably. Several young people are prepared for baptism in Nottingham. Six other baptisms are in prospect in the coming months.

THERE has been a very substantial gain in tithe. The Sabbath-school offerings have also made a most encouraging advance. The offering from the Evangelistic Boxes shows a decrease on the previous year. We greatly appreciate the contributions from these boxes as this fund goes direct to evangelistic work in our own conference. May we look for an improvement by the close of the year?

WE especially appeal to our

membership to remember the Union session at the throne of grace, and daily pray for the latter rain, that the work may be finished and Jesus come.

O. M. DORLAND.



Good Stoking at Stoke

WE have received a very encouraging report from Brother A. Shackleton. Though lately come into the truth, this brother is the ardent and efficient secretary of the Stoke-on-Trent Sabbath-school. He writes of the doings of this lively little group on the recent Thirteenth Sabbath, which resulted in the cap-sheaf to the second quarter's reaping in mission offerings of £1. 13s. 10d.—3s. 10d. over the Thirteenth Sabbath goal. The total offering for the quarter amounted to £7. 18s. 1d. (or £1. 18s. 1d. over the goal), of which £1. 1s. was contributed in birthday offerings. This is very noteworthy in comparison with an average of £4. 17s. for the past four years.

A fitting prelude to the service was a fifteen-minute prayer service, in lieu of their customary praise service. In addition to the usual preliminary items and the class review of the previous twelve lessons, a number of interesting features were introduced as a stimulus to missionary zeal. For example, the young people's leader read a missionary story. A recitation, "North China Sabbath-schools" was given by a girl in

her teens, who, along with her sister, has recently stepped out to keep the Sabbath at some sacrifice. Another piece, "Freely we will give," was recited by a new member who could put his heart into it from first-hand knowledge of sacrificing for the Lord by the closing of his business on the busiest day of the week. The children did their part in recitation, dialogue, and song, and the church missionary leader appropriately

fitted in with a stirring missionary talk on the work in North China, which accounted for some of the liberal spirit manifested by the splendid offering.

The writer was pleased, a week later, to share with some of these earnest folk in this year's initial Harvest Ingathering effort as a preliminary to what we believe will be still another item to their traditional goal-getting record in past years. J. H. PARKIN.

NEWBOLD COLLEGE

Principal: Pastor W. G. C. Murdoch

Address: Newbold Missionary Training College, Near Rugby, Warwickshire

A Consecrated Student's Compensation

A STUDENT from Newbold College. A young lady. Far away from home and friends. Out for a scholarship to return to school. Just listen to her awhile.

"Not much money about—at least, for buying Christian books. Hot summer days. Yes, it is hot these days—at last! The going's hard. Wonder if I'll ever get a scholarship! The people seem nice though. Warm-hearted souls around this part. Plenty of 'Come insides.' They listen; that's a good thing. Questions often asked. 'Can you tell me what it means when the Bible says—?' 'Why are you doing this work?' 'Oh, you are a student training to be a missionary!' 'This is a lovely book, *Our Wonderful Bible*. How much is it?' 'Do you take meetings here in the town? We are not getting much of the Bible at our chapel, sad to say.' 'Do you think—but, there, I shouldn't keep you talking like this. Be sure to call again, won't you?' Encouraging to meet souls like that! Books not selling very fast though. Scholarship! Seems a long, long way off. Never mind! Work on. Pray on."

One Sunday this young lady was requested to take a Sunday-school class of some twenty young people. She spoke on "The Power of Prayer" for ten minutes. She was

then asked to speak for a further twenty minutes about her College. Nervously she told about Newbold and what the College stood for, how she became a Seventh-Day Adventist and why, pointing out the Sabbath truth. Everyone listened intently and she was invited to speak again at the Women's "Bright Hour."

One Friday evening, in a comfortable home, a cottage meeting was held. Five interested, earnest people listened to a Bible study on the Second Coming of Jesus. Quite a few others would have been present, but were prevented by circumstances, no doubt of the "prince of this world's" devising! She plans to continue this cottage meeting each week.

Every Sabbath this young lady has an open-air class of children, seven in number. She teaches them concerning "God's Great Garden." "Here a little, there a little," she brings a knowledge of Jesus and the truth to these young minds. Their parents will be sure to know about it!

And where will be seen the final results? In the fruitage of heaven. What compensation!

And where will this student-colporteur be in the near future? Back at Newbold, continuing to train for even greater service for the Master. May it be so!

AN ONLOOKER.

Quadrennial Session News

Baptism at Union Session

A BAPTISMAL service is to be held the afternoon of August 8th, the last Sabbath of the conference. Any believers desiring baptism at that time should get in touch with their field leader or write direct to Pastor O. M. Dorland, Stanborough Park, Watford, Herts.

It is also planned to hold the ordinances on the afternoon of Sabbath, August 1st, for isolated members and any others who do not often have the opportunity of enjoying this privilege.

O. M. DORLAND.

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Don't Miss the First Meeting

THE first meeting of the Quadrennial Session will convene at 7 p.m. on Thursday, July 30th. Be sure to be there from the very beginning.

Will conference workers kindly note that there will be no Workers' Meetings prior to the conference.

A. CAREY.

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A Request to Young People

WILL all young people attending the conference at Watford kindly bring copies of *Young Life Campaign Hymnal*. Spare copies also desired.

F. W. GOODALL.

Wedding Bells

BILLARD-KENT.—On Tuesday afternoon, July 14th, in the Southampton Church of Seventh-Day Adventists, before a good gathering of members and friends, George Benjamin Billard and Doris Winnifred Kent were united in marriage. The building had been tastefully decorated for the occasion, and one of the members provided some suitable music for the service. After the ceremony the bride and bridegroom entertained their relatives and friends at the home of the bride. Brother and Sister Billard are active members of the Southampton church, and we pray that Heaven's richest blessings may be theirs, that as the result of this union their united efforts may be more fruitful in the service of the Master.

ALFRED E. BACON.

At Rest

MURPHY.—We are sorry to record the death of our dear brother, Samuel Murphy, of Balmenoch Hydro, Crieff. He had been ill for some considerable time and passed away peacefully on May 14, 1936, at the age of sixty-four. Our brother accepted the message in Ireland over forty years ago. His parents were Covenanters, and in his early teens a knowledge of the truth was brought to him by one of our pioneer ministers. He did not accept the truth then but a few years later he bought a copy of *Bible Readings* from Brother Bell of Belfast. After having read this book he took his stand for the message and was baptized. Since then our brother was used by God to win for the truth others who have been faithful workers in the cause we love. Under his pleading Pastor G. Keough, who was for many years in Egypt, and is now a teacher in the College, took his definite stand; also one of our faithful Bible-workers, Mrs. Bolam, nee Robertson, Miss Middleton, who has taught in our church schools, and a number of others. He was one of the first Sabbath-keepers to work with our literature in Scotland. He spent some time in the old Duncombe Hall College, and in Manor Gardens. After having a good training under Dr. Bell in Ireland, he moved to Crieff and opened a hydro there, which he conducted on strictly health reform principles. At this institution many were brought in contact with our movement. Our late brother was known and loved by many of our people as a man, a friend, and brother. He now rests from his labours and his works do follow him. We feel that the cause in Scotland has lost a faithful supporter. It was the writer's privilege to see him a short time before his death. He was then fully trusting in the Lord and his faith was firm in the message. While we mourn the loss of an esteemed and beloved brother, yet we need not sorrow as those without hope. He sleeps in the blessed hope of a resurrection to life. We extend to his dear wife, his daughter, and son-in-law, our deepest sympathy. D. MORRISON.

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WANTED.—S.D.A. State Registered nurse. Apply: Dr. F. C. Shone, 17 Orford Road, Walthamstow.

ADVENTIST sister requires post as companion-housekeeper. Full responsibility. Write: E. Backhouse, 45 Graham Road, West Green, South Tottenham, London, N.15.

SISTER F. J. KINMAN knows of lady (bed-ridden with arthritis) who would like one of our members aged about fifty with knowledge of nursing. Charwoman kept. Washing put out. Wages no real object. Write in first instance to Mrs. K., "Birdshaugh," Knaphill, Woking, Surrey.

HOMELY permanent home (vegetarian) from 16/6 inclusive. Near Southend. Enclose stamp. Write: Miss Edmunds, First Avenue, Wickford, Essex.

In the Hands of the Law

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periences, and never will I forget the day when on leaving a house and walking up the street I heard a voice behind me, "One moment, please." Then the sound of hurrying feet, a heavy hand upon my shoulder, and for the first time in

my colporteur experience I was "in the hands of the law."

My arrester, a young constable, accompanied by a sergeant, subjected me to something akin to the third degree as practised in America, whilst gaping tradesmen and passers-by gathered round to watch events.

"What are you doing? Where do you come from? What is your name?" These and many more questions were put to me by the police, while I felt somewhat concerned and innocently guilty.

However, acting on my suggestion, that it would be well to proceed to the police station, we accordingly made our way there. How glad I was it was only a hundred yards away!

The inspector in charge listened while I explained the nature of my work, and after apologizing for the necessary interference with my movements, commended the book, *Our Wonderful Bible*, and wished me well, explaining that owing to so many suspicious characters being about, it was necessary to watch any stranger's movements.

With a prayer of gratitude in my heart that I could "carry on" I returned to my street once more, determined not to leave off, and with the blessing of God was able to take orders to the value of £25. 10s. 6d. in fifty-two hours.

May the seed sown mean a fruitful harvest. CHARLES L. KELLY.



Gospel Colporteur at Bisley

You see the Press asked us to take an extra 100 copies of

Present Truth. Not a great demand! But what a happy thought for Sunday morning at Bisley. The whole place is full up with picked men of His Majesty's Forces—Infantrymen, Royal Artillerymen, Royal Marines, Royal Air Force, Royal Navy, Territorials, and civilians to compete in small arm and rifle shooting.

But this is Bisley and our ordinary military pass does not permit us to canvass there. However, when we approach the quartermaster and head of the military police it is easy. "But," says he, "how do I know that it is Christian literature which you have? It may be bolshevik stuff."

"Exactly, sir, but the proof of the pudding is in the eating."

"Ah, but you don't want me to eat your papers, do you?"

"By no means, sir, but I am sure you would like to read them!"

"O.K. carry on; somehow I think I can trust you."

There is something about the appearance of the Gospel colporteur that makes all the difference.

And so after our morning's work we walked back a few hundred yards. There they were, lying on their backs, some in tents, some on the grass, devouring Seventh-Day Adventist literature.

A few days later an airman of the Royal Air Force requested further literature and the address of one of our churches nearest his home. Who knows what might be the outcome?

Yes, this ministry of the literature is worth while.

F. J. KINMAN.

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The Ministry of Literature

How to Become a Colporteur-Evangelist

No. 5.—Field Training

ON the day appointed the recruit on trial goes forth with the colporteur leader to have his first taste of approaching the people with a bound subscription book. This is one of the most important days in his life. His whole future may turn on its results, and the field missionary secretary himself should be alive to its far-reaching possibilities.

Quite properly the field missionary secretary will offer to make the first two or three canvasses. Having carefully witnessed these, the recruit will, if he is wise, then agree to try his hand, taking every other "prospect" in the next few calls.

There will be no undue haste from house to house. The experienced leader will frequently call a halt after leaving a home in order to analyse the canvass while the incidents are fresh in mind.

And so on through the day. And through subsequent days, too, with, of course, variations in the programme suited to the beginner's progress.

Some vitally important matters in which the budding literature-evangelist will be trained are:

1. Proper manner of getting into a home.
2. Controlling the interview.
3. Demonstrating the book to different classes of people.
4. Meeting objections successfully.
5. Answering questions on points of truth in a brief, intelligent manner.
6. Praying with those in special need.

This field work is often an "eye-opener" to the one being initiated into its specialized methods.

For the first time in his life he begins actually to feel the pulse of the world's spiritual temper. He can learn more of the vagaries of human nature in a few hours with a prospectus than he has ever understood from the textbooks. For getting to the very heart of

things there is nothing just like it.

As T. A. Mitchell aptly says:

"To-day you may be called foolish for entering such a 'hard' school. To-morrow you are at the top because you did. It is not just a round of daily routine, but mental, physical, and spiritual toil. Such work has the right influence on the life. You become original in your ideas. Having had to adapt yourself to so many situations, your mind learns to create. It is a university which will develop you quicker and advance you further than any other school outside the school of experience."—*"The Gospel Colporteur," May, 1936.*

And above everything else we should remember that the Saviour included all such workers when He prayed, "As Thou hast sent Me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world"—to cheer, to help, to lift and save. Such sacred toil is a priceless privilege.

We feel sure that many of our dear people who are reading this article and have read the previous ones in the series are "in the balance" as to whether they should enter the colporteur ranks. Perhaps uncertainty and even fear quench the urgings of the Spirit. To all such and to all who are interested in the holy calling of literature evangelism we wish to appeal.

Great is the need at this hour for colporteur-evangelists. Now is the opportunity to train. Don't hesitate longer, but to-day please write your name and address in

Training for Soul-Winning Service

BELIEVING in the literature ministry as a divinely appointed means by which Britain's unwarned multitudes are to be reached with the Advent message, I desire further particulars on how I may become a colporteur-evangelist.

Name

Address

(Please fill in and post to: B. Belton, Stanborough Park, Watford, Herts.)

the panel provided on this page and post it to head-quarters.

If you are coming to the Union session, the local field missionary secretaries, Brethren D. Davies and C. L. Kelly, also the writer, will be on hand to advise and assist you. This will be our pleasure.

B. BELTON.

In the Hands of the Law

It was with a slight feeling of hesitation and doubt that I embarked on an expedition into the outer suburbs of London to find out whether it was possible to sell Adventist bound books.

For years it has been the opinion of many that London as a residential district was uncanvassable with anything but the smaller literature, and while the acid test had not been applied this opinion held good, as many opinions do, merely upon assumption without proof.

Among the many tasks that fall to the lot of a field secretary is that of "trying out territory," and preparing the ground for the colporteur who is to take over.

So it was that on an April morning I found myself, prospectus in brief case (yes, it can be done, contrary to all the laws of selling), standing at the end of a street of the usual semi-detached type of middle-class dwellings.

Using the usual method of approach, and leaving it to the Lord to prepare the hearts of the people, I took the plunge, made my first, second, and third calls, and found that it was possible to take orders with consistency.

Many and varied were my ex-
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SUNSET CALENDAR

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August 7th	8.38	8.48	8.51	9.08	9.15
August 14th	8.25	8.34	8.38	8.48	8.56

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