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A Feast of Good Things

By S. G. HYDE

THE 1937 Welsh Conference is past. But its memory will surely abide a long time, while its influence will be felt in all parts of our Welsh field. If we say, "It was the best conference yet," we cannot be accused of using exaggerated language, for that was the expression heard on all sides and was the unanimous opinion of all those privileged to be present.

There was one regret. We wanted the rest of the membership to be present with us to enjoy that which we enjoyed—a feast of good things!

Yes, we not only enjoyed a feast of good things; we enjoyed fellowship—what a beautiful experience that word expresses! — fellowship with kindred hearts. We were just one big family, ministers, workers, delegates, and members. That fact was specially impressed upon one by a visit to the refreshment rooms where Postum was made as it should be made by Mrs. Lewis, and refreshing lemonade by Mrs. Tucker, and served by a group of unselfish sisters of the Cardiff church to many groups of thirsty

friends enjoying — fellowship.

There was a complete absence of any harsh critical note. All the necessary business proceeded smoothly and in an atmosphere of complete goodwill with an addition, at times, of a little of the spice of good humour. Of course, the inevitable resolutions came along, but were treated so well and the contributions to their discussion were so pointed and helpful that even these were enjoyed and, as should be the case, turned to profitable account.

The well-filled programme covered a long week-end, from the

Friday evening until Whit Monday night, when Pastor W. L. Emerson delighted the large audience by taking them for a 7,000-mile trip through Bible lands in the amazing time of less than ninety minutes!

All the meetings, excepting those on Sunday, were held in the Salem Chapel, by kind permission of the deacons. The Sunday meetings were held in the Cory Hall, where in the evening 600 to 700 people enjoyed a full programme of a Coronation service, which included an address by the writer entitled, "Crowning the King of Kings," choral singing by one of the Cardiff Juvenile Choirs under Madame

Phyllis Aschild, so beautifully rendered as to bring tears to many eyes, and a series of beautiful lantern illustrations suited to the occasion. What a thrill to hear these large Cardiff congregations sing "Cwm Rhondda" and other Welsh hymns!

Friday evening saw the seating and roll-call of the delegates, the meeting of the Recommendations Committee, and the appointing



Mr. David Young, of Pitcairn Island, with a group at The Stanboroughs, where he has been staying during his visit to England.

of the usual working committees. These were as follows:

1. *Nominations*: Pastor H. W. Lowe, Mrs. Vernon, W. C. Smart, R. Jacques, J. Rawlings.

2. *Credentials and Licences*: Pastor G. E. Nord, Pastor T. H. Cooper, W. Fairfax.

3. *Plans*: Pastor F. W. Goodall, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Watts, Pastor H. K. Munson, J. Smith, W. E. Powell, R. T. Bolton.

The Nominating Committee reported as follows:

Superintendent: S. George Hyde.

Secretary-Treasurer: W. G. Baldry.

Departmental Secretary: F. W. Goodall.

Field Missionary Secretary: G. D. King.

Advisory Committee: S. G. Hyde, H. K. Munson, J. H. Dobbs, D. Francis, J. Rutherford.

The following Credentials and Licences were granted:

Ministerial Credentials: S. G. Hyde, T. H. Cooper, H. K. Munson.

Ministerial Licence: R. T. Bolton.

Missionary Credentials: Miss K.

Mahon, P. Cumings, D. Conroy.

Colporteur Credentials: C. L. W. Cooke, W. C. Smart.

The Plans Committee were responsible for various timely resolutions, but which, for lack of space, cannot be reproduced in full in this report.

In no small degree the success of the conference was due to the instruments chosen to minister to us, whom the Lord used to bring help and blessing to His waiting people.

There was Pastor G. E. Nord, of the Division, who, though having just returned from prolonged visitation to our West African Missions, unselfishly came to our help. And how glad we were that he came! The friends were so helped that a vote of thanks was passed to the Division for sending him. The Lord used him mightily. The Sabbath morning message he brought was one long to be remembered. It was a mountain-top experience of a sevenfold character.

Our beloved Union president was also with us to guide and counsel. It was like "coming home" to him. His messages were greatly appreciated. The praise service which Pastor H. W. Lowe conducted on the Sabbath afternoon was one of the "high spots" of the Sabbath feast. Another was the Bible study

conducted by the principal of the college, while another was the presentation of the Sabbath-school lesson by Pastor Emmerson.

On the evening of that memorable Sabbath we had a Missions Rally. At that time another of God's servants came prominently into the programme—Missionary W. C. S. Raitt, who, with his good wife, visited us just before returning to his mission field in East Africa. Brother Raitt shared with Brother Nord the burden of that missionary meeting, which everybody so thoroughly enjoyed.

Then Dr. Cairncross came on the Monday and ministered very acceptably to us both in the conference assembly and in the consulting-room upstairs!

The Welsh Mission Superintendent's Report for 1936

My association with the Welsh field covers but a brief period—a little more than six months.

Of that time, three months were spent in getting settled and visiting the field, while the remainder has been shared between the requirements of the field and a major evangelistic campaign.

At the outset, let me say how much I have enjoyed this brief period of association with a body of people as loyal as can be found anywhere.

Many of our dear people have known little else than unemployment and deprivation during recent years, yet their faith, courage, and sacrifice for God's cause have proved equal to every test.

We have church leaders who are ever willing to co-operate and who endeavour to lead their respective flocks in the Lord's appointed way.

We have church officers and members who wish to give of their best for the Master and who are willing to give of their time and talents to further the interests of the kingdom.

During the year 1936 there were thirty-four baptized, while two others were voted in. These, with nine who were transferred to Wales, made a total addition of forty-five. Over against this num-

There were early morning prayer-meetings conducted by Brethren Bolton, Cooper, and Munson; children's meetings in the charge of Misses Anderson and Mahon, and youth services piloted by Pastor F. W. Goodall.

And so we pass to another year of service. We, in Wales, have consecrated ourselves to more diligent service. We invite the prayers of our brethren in other parts of the Union. We need your help in this land of loyal hearts where problems and difficulties, together with the economic situation, call for stout hearts and great faith. We thank God for the inspiration of the Annual Meeting and we press on, we pray, to more fruitful endeavour.

ber were eight deaths, an unusually large number for a small field, seventeen apostasies, and eighteen transferred to other fields in the Union, making forty-three in all. Thus we are left with a net gain of only two.

Migration continues to be one of the reasons why Wales does not grow very quickly. The economic situation continually occasions a drain upon our membership. Already this year two have gone to Watford, two from Porth to England, three from Dowlais to London. Two leave us shortly from Swansea, in the persons of Brother and Sister Cooke. This loss we regret very much, for we are thus deprived of one of our two colporteurs and one of the best large book-workers in the Union. Apostasies, too, continue to trouble us. During the past ten years Wales has lost by this means more than 150 souls. How hardly souls are wooed and won, and yet how easily they slip away. Oh, that we might have the flame of love to help the fallen, to win the backslider. May God bless the ministers, workers, and church leaders, and help them to labour unceasingly for those whose love is waning.

We are very anxious to see our

Welsh constituency become a soul-winning one. Some are busy and getting results. In Rhyl and Cardiff we have encouraging Bible study work going on with hopeful results. Our great hope is that all of you dear people will join us in a great evangelistic crusade for the saving of souls.

In our staff, changes have taken place. Brother W. G. Nicholson, after spending some five years with us in Wales, "graduated" from the Welsh "school" for the work in Ireland. Brother F. Edwards, whose ministry in Newport was so much appreciated, has gone to the Tyneside. In their place we have Pastor H. K. Munson, who is to centre in Newport and Brother P. Cumings, a last year's graduate of Newbold College. We have lost, too, Miss Seagrave through marriage, while Miss A. Anderson, our "veteran" Bible-worker, leaves us for a similar reason at the end of May. Needless to say we wish these two workers much happiness and joy in their new sphere of life.

Soon we hope to welcome to our ranks a new recruit in the person of Miss Pinch, a graduate of 1937.

In the field of evangelism we have a mixed report to bring. The attempt that was made to establish the work in Neath for some unaccountable reason failed. We cannot think that Neath has no prospective members of the remnant church. Some day, soon, they must be found.

Pastor T. H. Cooper has been carrying forward public work in Barry, with Miss Anderson as associate. There, too, the results have been less encouraging than had been anticipated. All the same, the Barry workers expect to gather some fruitage for the kingdom.

In Cardiff we have tried to carry a major campaign with meagre funds. We used one of the biggest and best appointed cinemas in the city. We had most unhelpful weather—yet with the help of a very loyal membership, together with Miss Mahon and Dennis Conroy as associates, we had some wonderful crowds and meetings. Now with a minimum of advertising we are carrying on our meetings in the Cory Hall and the Salem Chapel.

Soon it will be necessary to move into another hall, since the Cory Hall is too large for the needs of the summer work. We have a splendid interest and the workers are busy visiting and giving studies, and we are hopeful of tangible fruitage. Will you pray for this work in the capital of the Principality?

Brother R. T. Bolton has been caring for the interests in the northern section—Rhyl, Rhos, Shotton, and Shrewsbury, as well as doing something to strengthen the work in the latter town.

Brother Paul Cumings has been given a wonderful opportunity of showing his mettle by caring for our largest church during the interim period from the departure of Brother Edwards to the arrival of Brother Munson.

We would like to say how pleased we are with the graduates the College has given to us. In our three youngest workers we have workers of promise.

No leader could wish to have a more loyal staff of workers, and I feel particularly happy that such an old friend as Pastor Cooper, so well acquainted with the work and people in Wales, is here to help and encourage.

The tithe for 1936 amounted to

£1,766, a little less than 1935, but almost £200 more than 1934. In Wales we more than reached our Ingathering goal, altogether £941, or £91 more than the goal, a splendid achievement. Offerings continue to come in well. Three years ago the total was £1,181. Last year it was nearly £1,400. We were able to save £86 on operating during 1935. This sum was passed to the Evangelistic Fund for 1937.

I must express my deep appreciation to my brethren and sisters in the churches for their loyalty and faithfulness, for their prayers and co-operation; also to our lay preachers and leaders for sharing the burdens of leadership. I must also thank two of my predecessors for their ready counsel and kindly interest. To Pastor H. W. Lowe, our Union president, and Pastor G. D. King, my immediate predecessor, this 1936 report chiefly belongs.

What of the future? Are we to move forward more strongly? Then let us seek God as never before. Let us seek to hold our more than 450 members and to find at least another fifty before our next Annual Meeting, if the Lord shall tarry. Let this be our prayer as well as our inspiration.

S. GEORGE HYDE.

SCOTTISH MISSION

Superintendent: Pastor L. Murdoch

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Corstorphine, Edinburgh

Glasgow

LAST November we started a Sunday evening effort in Clydebank; since then we have also held special meetings on Wednesday evenings in Uddingston. From the beginning we did not have very large attendances in either place.

We were sorry to lose the good services of both our Bible-workers a few weeks after these meetings started. Sister McRorie left us to assist in the effort in Dundee, and Sister Fraser received and accepted a call to the foreign mission field, so we were without any help for a good part of the time. We were glad, however, when an arrangement was made, making it possible

for Miss McRorie to return and assist us in the work in Glasgow and district.

On Sunday evening, May 2nd, a goodly number of members and friends assembled in our church to witness a baptismal service. We are thankful to God, and give Him the praise, that seven have been led to take their stand with us, five by baptism and two by vote. Others are interested.

We do earnestly ask all to pray for us that God will vouchsafe unto us His help and Spirit, that we all as workers and members may be used by Him to lead others to take their stand for the truth "as it is in Jesus."

D. MORRISON.

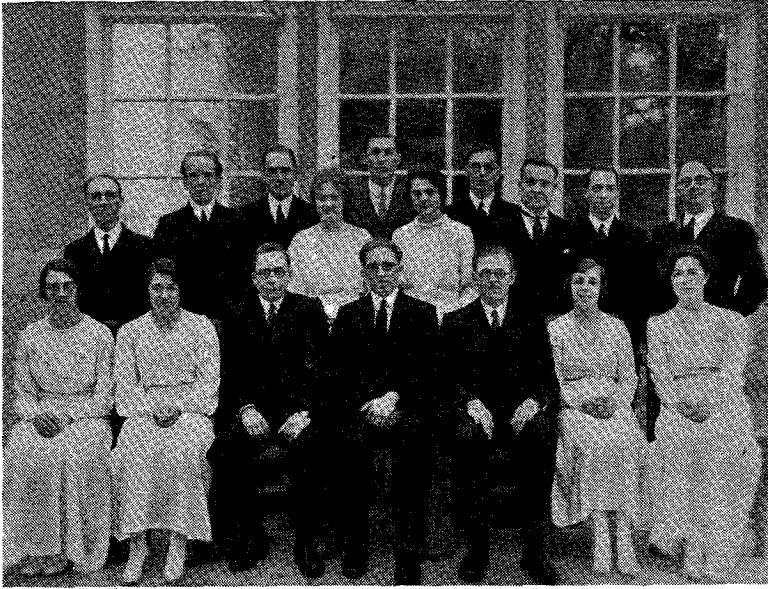


Photo: E. Zins

The 1937 Graduates' Class.

A good beginning is both commendable and inspiring, but who can measure the supreme satisfaction which accrues from a good ending?

It was these thoughts which stirred the minds of the Newbold students as they crowded the examination room for the year's final tests. Though the spring sun shone brightly outside, and the greensward stretched invitingly away into the distance, all thoughts of leisure and pleasure were put sternly aside as we set ourselves to wrestle with mathematics, and puzzle over history, or struggle with translation. In most cases we had begun our studies well; we had progressed even better; but now our finish must be best. Many a graduate in that crowded room was striving specially with might and main to change that coveted diploma from a conditional promise to a well-earned and undisputed possession.

At long last the "exams" were over. The last paper was passed in either for weal or woe, and the students gave themselves up to the work of intensive preparation for the most important and exciting week-end of the whole year, known affectionately both in College and out, as "Grad." "Grad" is a wonderful time when old friends meet, and new friends are made—when Newbold forgets for once to be an austere hall of learning, and be-

comes, for a few happy days, a hospitable home of rejoicing.

What a wonderful influx of visitors we had on that Thursday and Friday! And the kindly old College somehow absorbed them all and never turned a hair; for the motto of faculty and students alike at graduation is always, "The more—the merrier!" All sorts of possible accommodation was found. Stately old classrooms, which for months had known nothing but the wisdom of the ancients, were now made to house the slumbers of the "Moderns."

On Friday night we gathered for the opening service of the great week-end. The gymnasium—the scene of many a magnificent graduation—was yet more gaily, but tastefully decorated than ever before. It was fitting that the royal colours of purple and gold should emphasize the predominant note of coronation. High above the rostrum was suspended a gilded crown, beneath which was the Class Aim: "To crown and be crowned," and the Motto: "After the cross—the kingdom."

The College male choir, which sang immediately before the sermon, certainly excelled itself. Even our exacting music-master was visibly gratified as it poured forth the exquisite harmonies of "Deep River." We all listened with rapt attention as a timely message of inspiration and consecration came

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from the lips of Pastor A. K. Armstrong, and from our hearts we joined with the graduates as one by one they rose and gave themselves anew to more efficient service in the cause.

The following morning at nine-thirty found the gymnasium almost full for the graduation Sabbath-school. We all received a welcome to the school from the overseas students, who, in over a score of different languages, more than made up for their unintelligibility by their obvious sincerity. After the missions appeal by Brother Woodward, from India, and the lesson from the pulpit, we regretfully witnessed the close of the last Sabbath-school of the College year.

In the preaching service which followed, Pastor C. A. Reeves struck anew the note of unreserved consecration in his baccalaureate address. With great force and power he proclaimed again the necessity of our placing our all on the altar of service, for, as he said, "The death of the seed is the life of the harvest." We can never become fully alive to Christ, and to our widest opportunities, until we are dead to selfishness and sin.

The Graduates' Class Night deserves more than a word of praise and commendation. We all felt extremely proud as we viewed that

FARE

As young people who have studied under Pastor Murdoch's principalship, we would like here to record how sorry we are to lose, if only for a short time, the inspiration of his presence and leadership. We shall miss, much more than we can at present realize, the unfailing kindness of his demeanour, and the sympa-

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at Newbold College,

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long line of promising young people on the platform. When the highly interesting programme was completed we all felt that the Class of '37, besides being splendid in appearance, and modest in manner, were also very capable in execution; in fact, all that Newbold could desire.

But what pen is adequate to describe the doings of the great day that followed—the day of Graduation? How that the first visitor to arrive was the drenching rain—the only unwelcome guest of a great gathering—and how though it stayed with us practically all day, it miserably failed in dampening our ardour! Can we ever forget how our guests began to come, in tens, and twenties, and hundreds—bus-loads, expected and unexpected! Can we ever forget how the throng in the College rooms gradually increased until nearly every available space was filled and there was scarcely room to walk about! Even the library, where we, as students, were wont to speak with bated breath, was filled to its capacity with friends, both old and new, all cheerfully partaking of the refreshments conveyed with praiseworthy dexterity from the kitchen regions.

And then, after a preliminary concert by the College Brass Band, we crowded the great hall of the gymnasium for the graduation

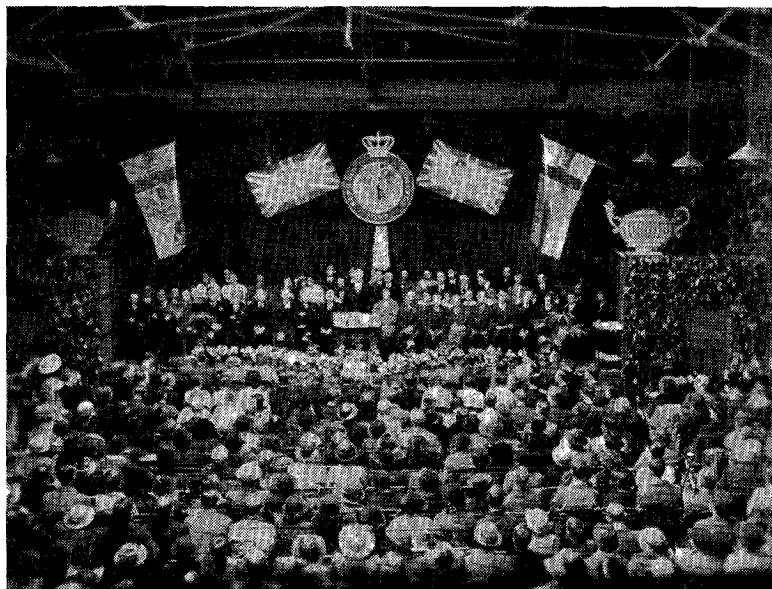


Photo: E. Zins *The graduation service in the Gymnasium.*

service. From the platform one looked down upon a veritable sea of faces. Over nine hundred people were crammed, with varying degrees of comfort, into the hall. But the same good spirit prevailed throughout, and in all that immense crowd, by God's grace, we did not suffer even a minor misfortune.

Adventists usually do not need to be encouraged to sing. And how we sang! Under the direction of Brother Racker, and the superb leading of the orchestra, the very roof seemed to quiver with the majestic cadences of "All hail the power." The anthem by the College choir, Mendelssohn's Ninety-fifth Psalm, was a fitting introduction to the sincerity and practical wisdom of Pastor Lowe's graduation address. He showed that the urgency of the times in which we live calls for the utmost response on the part of everyone no matter what may be his place in the Advent message.

Pastor W. G. Campbell Murdoch, on behalf of the College Board and Faculty, then presented ministerial diplomas to the following students:

J. H. Bayliss (West London)
 Christopher Buckle (Alberta Conference)
 E. A. Butters (West London)
 Kenneth Elias (Glasgow)
 T. L. Gillett (Newbold)
 D. J. Handsides (Newcastle)
 G. Roper (Neath)
 O. H. Rosier (Handsworth)
 R. H. Smith (Plymouth)
 R. A. Vince (Stanborough Park)
 R. Wilson (West London)

Diplomas for the Bible-workers' Course were also presented to:

Ida Basher (Leeds)
 Joan Cluett (Barnsley)
 Amy Mallery (Walthamstow)
 M. Mason (South Birmingham)
 E. B. Pinch (Watford Town)
 E. E. Pratt (Sittingbourne)

This ceremony, together with the Class responses, occupied the second part of the service. Earnest and impressive appeals were made by Pastor W. G. Murdoch and Pastor G. W. Baird for funds to begin extensive and much-needed alterations in the College building; and we were indeed grateful to see such generous giving from the Division and the Union conferences, as well as from many of our ministers and members privately.

Well over £1,300 was raised in cash and pledges for the strengthening of our educational work in the British field.

When the service was over, the College, as usual, was pleased to entertain its guests to tea, and as this was done with system, and satisfaction to all concerned, it was appreciated as an enjoyable conclusion to a happy day.

As, some hours later, we heard the last farewells being said, we felt sad that so many friends must part once more. As we turned regretfully back to the now deserted halls, we could not but feel in our hearts what one student expressed later that same night as his head sank drowsily to the pillow, "We've had a wonderful school year, and it's been a glorious finish."

thetic wisdom which he invariably brought to bear on our student problems.

Now, as Pastor Murdoch crosses to America, we most sincerely trust that his stay there will be happy and congenial in every sense, and we pray that God will prosper him abundantly in all his ways.

THE NEWBOLD STUDENTS.

The Ministry of Literature

Five Hours' "Wonders" Selling in Ipswich

PASTOR J. M. HOWARD was of the opinion that I had some spare time which I could use to advantage for the furtherance of the truth in Ipswich and suggested I should try to sell a few copies of *This Century of Wonders*.

I decided to tackle my tradespeople first, so as to get some idea of the reception I would receive, and started out forthwith, although it was Wednesday morning and early closing day. At my first call I spoke to one proprietor, sold him a copy, and was delighted when he suggested I should speak to his assistants and customers; the result was fifteen copies disposed of in about five minutes. Other shops in the same street cleared my remain-

ing sixteen copies within the space of about a quarter of an hour.

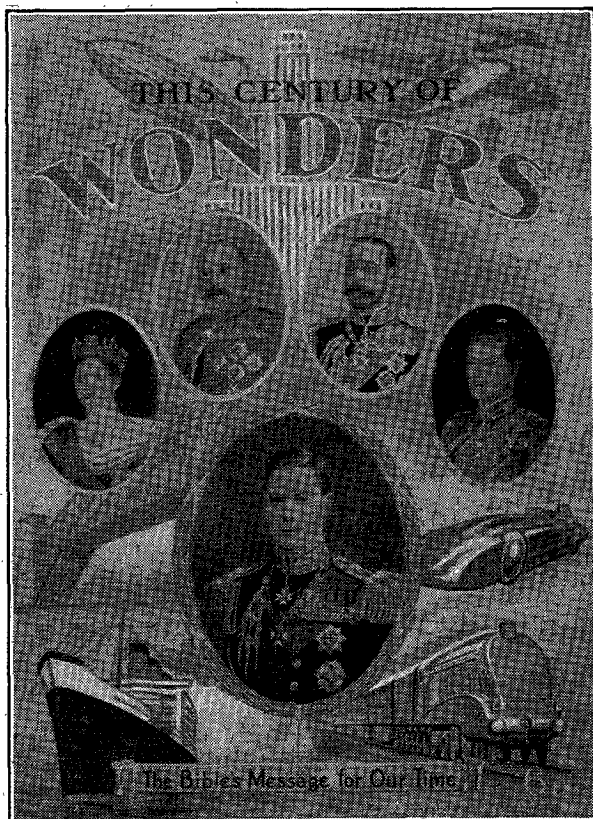
Pastor Howard sent to The Stanborough Press for a further 100 copies, which I received on the Friday morning. I started work again on the same lines but soon found I was not so welcome to the shopkeepers this time, the reason being that it was one of their busy days; week-end shopping was in full swing. So I altered my tactics, went home to lunch, and during the afternoon worked various blocks of offices.

Here I had a very mixed experience; in some large suites of offices I had to rely upon the office boy taking a copy round to the clerks, and the general result was either a blank or one copy sold to the office boy and paid for in pennies

and halfpennies. In others, where I could speak to the employees, the results were much happier. For example, I went into a timber broker's office and spoke to a clerk. He bought a copy, called some of his colleagues over to the counter and told them to buy copies, and, to remove any excuse on the ground of financial stringency, he gave them their pay envelopes there and then. The 100 copies were sold by 5.30 p.m., or in less than five hours.

I had some of the other publications, such as *Bedtime Stories*, *Steps to Christ*, *The Bible Speaks*, and *Good Health*. At a doctor's house the maid said she was a Sunday-school teacher and would like to look at the books. In the course of conversation I took the opportunity to point out which day was the Sabbath and the importance of keeping it, and I pray my few words will bear fruit in due season. To this household I

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sold three copies of *Bedtime Stories*, two copies of *Steps to Christ*, one copy of *The Bible Speaks*, one copy of *Wonders*, and one copy of *Good Health*, with an invitation to bring any others I might have from time to time. In these few hours my total sales were:

131	copies of	<i>Wonders</i>
25	" "	<i>Good Health</i>
14	" "	<i>Bedtime Stories</i>
7	" "	<i>The Bible Speaks</i>
6	" "	<i>Steps to Christ</i>

To any reader who may try to sell any of our books as a voluntary worker like myself, I would just say this: it is difficult yet easy; you will meet with many refusals, but against them you can set off those who are ready to buy.

Don't be nervous. Knock or ring as a visitor would; a timid, apologetic knock will probably not bring an answer. Don't apologize for offering these books for sale, give the other party the impression you are not only offering good value for money but you are giving them the opportunity to help forward a good cause.

Don't make up your mind a particular house will be no good to you.

Always take your Bible with you because you will sometimes call at houses where there is illness and you can offer to go in and read a passage of Scripture to the invalid.

Above all other things, before starting out kneel and ask God's help and guidance as to the right thing to say or do at each call you are about to make, and you may be surprised at the marvellous answers you will receive to those prayers.

RUTH CROLL.

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At Rest

STANDEN.—Stanley Standen fell asleep in Jesus in Sheffield on Wednesday, April 28, 1937. Thirty-one years ago he was born in Kent. There he spent the earlier part of his life, being brought up in the Adventist faith by his parents. After graduating at Stanborough Park Missionary College, six years ago, he commenced his evangelistic career in Scotland, first assisting Pastor L. Murdoch in Hamilton and Falkirk and then Pastor S. G. Joyce in Aberdeen. Four years ago he was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Jones of Wales and thereafter continued his ministerial labours in Kirkcaldy, Scotland. Upon his return to England he assisted Pastor A. F. Bird in Birmingham and then conducted an evangelistic campaign in Nuneaton. Later he assisted Pastor W. Maudsley in Liverpool, and during the last seven months, the writer in the city of Sheffield. Staunch Adventist as he was, he worked hard and faithfully and endeared himself in the hearts of all with whom he laboured. We in Sheffield have grieved as a family of believers about our brother's sudden illness and unexpected death. While seeking to understand the purpose of God in this heart-rending tragedy, we have bowed in reverent resignation to the will of the One who, seeing the end from the beginning, is working all things well. Almost as if he sensed the early end of his earthly life, our brother made earnest efforts to make all right with God and man. The very day he was taken ill, just ten days before he fell asleep in Jesus, he wrote a touching letter to his mother in which he testified of his perfect peace and complete surrender to God. The funeral service was held in the Stanborough Park Church on Wednesday, May 5th, and our brother was interred in the North Watford Cemetery, the service and the interment being conducted by Pastor O. M. Dorland assisted by Pastor W. H. Meredith and the writer. To his young widow, father, mother, brother, sister, and all sorrowing loved ones we extend on behalf of the Advent family

sincere heartfelt sympathies, sharing with them the consoling joy of a soon-coming Saviour.

W. R. A. MADGWICK.

[MRS. STANDEN (JUNIOR) wishes to thank all the kind friends for their deep sympathy in her recent sad bereavement. She is very grateful for the kind letters and beautiful floral tributes. Owing to the large number of letters received would friends kindly accept this acknowledgment.]

MELLOR.—Our dear Sister F. Mellor of the Sheffield church passed away on April 6, 1937, and was laid to rest in the General Cemetery, Sheffield, the funeral service being conducted by Pastor W. R. A. Madgwick. Sister Mellor was baptized into the truth in November, 1929, after being brought into contact with this message by one of our faithful lay members. Our sister was a quiet follower of the Master, and we are sure she will have a part in the first resurrection.

F. Wood, Church Clerk.

MOLL.—Our dear Sister Moll fell asleep on March 6, 1937, in her eighty-ninth year. She was a very faithful member of the Leeds church. Our sister came to a knowledge of the truth some fifteen years ago, and was baptized on October 8, 1922, through the labours of Pastor E. E. Craven. Although she was almost blind, she loved to attend church, and did so as often as she could. Our hearts go out to all relatives and friends of this dear one, and we are looking forward to meeting her again on the resurrection morning.

Mrs. M. VAUGHAN, Church Clerk.

BUSKILL.—Mrs. Buskill, of Walthamstow church, departed this life during a visit to Romford, on Tuesday, May 4, 1937, and was buried at Hornchurch Cemetery on Friday, May 7th. Our dear sister was of advanced age. May we meet her in the day of the great and joyful resurrection.

R. T. E. COLTHURST.

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The Present State of the Calendar Reform Question

By H. W. LOWE

A NUMBER of persons have requested further information (1) as to the present state of this question, and (2) as to literature that would provide information on the subject.

We recently sent to workers and others seven suggestive press letters. It should be noted that in "Calendar Reform Letter No. 4" paragraph 3, line 3 should commence with the words "into twelve months," not "into twelve equal months."

BEHIND THE SCENES

On January 25th last the representative from Chile communicated to the League of Nations Council a recommendation (League of Nations Publication VIII Transit, 1937. VIII,1) whose provisions, briefly, were:

Article I. That a reformed calendar known as the "World Calendar" be put into effect as from January 1, 1939. This World Calendar has equal quarters of 91 days, or 364 days in the year, plus "Year-end Day," or a blank, undated day, following December 30th each year. In leap years there would be a "Leap-year Day" or another blank, undated day, following June 30th.

Article II. "The present Convention shall be ratified and the ratifications thereof shall be deposited with the Secretariat of the League of Nations not later than December 1, 1938."

This means that each government of the members of the League is asked for its opinion on the subject during the present month, following which a public council would doubtless be called at Geneva at which protests might be registered (the time suggested is September of the present year), and a vote of the States members and of certain non-members taken.

The matter would then be referred to each government for legislation to be introduced through their respective parliaments.

If, in seventy-five per cent of

these cases, approval is obtained by December 1, 1938, it is proposed that the World Calendar become law by January 1, 1939.

WHY JANUARY 1, 1939?

This date is chosen because (1) no scheme of reform can work unless January 1st falls on a Sunday, which it does in 1939, and (2) not for another eleven years (1950) does January 1st so fall.

This will show why the reformers are so desperately anxious to rush this thing through in such inordinate haste.

On the face of things, it might appear unlikely that governments would allow themselves to be precipitated into such a great change. But it seemed equally unlikely that the reformers would get anything approved by the League of Nations Council in January. These reformers are desperately in earnest. We Adventists must be desperately in earnest!

WHAT WE SHOULD REMEMBER

We should not allow ourselves to be trapped into admitting that we are opposed to *all* reform of the calendar.

Any scheme of reform that would fix Easter on the same date each year, for example, but which would leave us the weekly cycle unchanged, would not be opposed by Seventh-Day Adventists. Reformers may fix all holidays and festivals, if they can, but they must not change the sequence of the days of the week.

Any reform embodying "Year-end" or "Blank" or "Leap-year" days immediately throws the days of the week out of order, and thus the Sabbath comes a day earlier with each succeeding year. That would be a colossal calamity, and an intolerable hardship for such people as Sunday-keepers, Orthodox Jews, Seventh-Day Adventists, Seventh-Day Baptists, Orthodox Mohammedans, and for any other

observers of a fixed weekly sacred day.

LITERATURE ON THE SUBJECT

There is in existence a certain amount of Adventist literature, such, for example, as *The Story of a Lost Day*, in the shilling book series, but some of it is now a little out of date, especially since the scheme of reform at present in favour is the twelve-month World Calendar, and not the Cotsworth thirteen-month plan as was the case when most of our existing literature was written.

Very shortly an entirely new booklet should be ready and advice will be published in due course.

Meantime, to prayer and an alertness that will lose no opportunity to propagate information on this vital matter.

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