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A Call to Our Young People and Their Elders

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WE believe that we are far advanced into those last days in which the Scriptures warn us of perilous conditions, because men love pleasure rather than God. We are made conscious every day of the strong attraction which evil in pleasant disguise has for the unwary and unstable, whether young or old.

God designs that we should have pleasure and joy in our lives, and this state is reached and maintained by living the normal life of useful occupation, earnest study, proper recreation, right social intercourse, and unselfish service to other's needs. But the world has gone mad in selfish pleasure seeking, misusing God's gifts, and thereby bringing upon itself crime, disease, and misery. To-day gluttony and drunkenness are common, licentiousness is rampant, and the diversion of mind sought in the game, the dance, the theatre, and even in music and literature, more often than not ministers to evils from which relief is sought. But men turn not to the Healer. A widely accepted philosophy is poisoning the public mind with the idea that these excesses and abuses are justified as a part of the social evolution of the race. Forgetting God, men perish.

It is natural that licence of manners and morals should most greatly affect the young, because they are but now forming their ideals, they are more easily influenced, and they have not before them the stricter example of former days.

Yet in the midst of widespread apostasy from truth and virtue, we rejoice to see among our youth a strong company of men and women who have chosen God, and who show in their daily lives the sobriety, judgment, and loyalty to principle which belong to Christian character.

There are others, less wise and stable, who are confused by the common lack of high standards, and are influenced to a degree by the evil practices about them, yet who truly desire to find the right way, and who may

by strong and sympathetic leadership be saved and trained in Christian life.

We call upon parents, teachers, ministers, and all who have to do with the youth, to pray for wisdom and love, and to make definite study of the nature and interests of youth, that they may gain that sympathetic attitude and ready helpfulness which will inspire young people with confidence in them, and fit them to be saviours and leaders of the youth whom God has placed in their charge.

We especially appeal to parents, who more than any others have in their power the shaping of the habits and ideals of their children, to align themselves definitely and with conviction, both in their example and in their teaching, with the principles of conduct befitting the profession of a people who look for the appearing in glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We call upon the young men and young women of the families of this church, whose strength and enthusiasm belong to God, to take their stand for Christ, not in profession merely, but in every activity of life, physical, intellectual, and social, disciplining themselves as good soldiers, seeking their pleasures in the pure atmosphere of God's ways, and consecrating themselves without reserve to the service of Christ.

To the end that there may be clearness and harmony, yet due liberty, in the maintenance of Christian ideals, we think it essential that there be presented for both adults and youth, a standard of conduct in matters in which the world shows licence. We are aware that custom has much to do with determining our judgment of conduct, and that too specific prescription of details might speedily be voided by time; but the basic principles of morality and virtue, which are in harmony with the nature of God, remain for ever unchanged. If we can rightly apprehend these, we shall have an unerring guide.

THE STANDARD.

"The greatest want of the world is the want of men—men who will not be bought or sold; men who in their inmost souls are true and honest; men who do not fear to call sin by its right name; men whose conscience is

as true to duty as the needle to the pole; men who will stand for the right though the heavens fall."—Mrs. E. G. White, in "Education," page 57.

For such men and for such women God is calling to-day. But such souls are not developed in a moment. They do not occur as an accident for a favourable occasion. Character is developed by the slow, persistent, day-by-day establishment of right habits of thought and speech and action. It is the daily tests and how they are met that determine what the character shall be.

Let this be the motto of those who would be true men and women: "To seek, to find, to love, to do the will of God."

HEALTH.

Our bodies as well as our spirits belong to God. If we preserve them in health, our bodily well-being will minister to our happiness and ability. Useful, interesting labour is an essential to health; its place cannot be taken by athletic games. Sufficient recreation is necessary, but recreation connected with physical labour, Nature study, or Christian ministry will be most lasting in pleasure and profit.

The appetite must be kept in control. A simple, nourishing diet will be made palatable by a rational life of hard work, recreation, sufficient sleep, and a great purpose. Luxuries and stimulants will not then be craved. The use of intoxicants and narcotics of any kind is forbidden by natural law, and overuse of luxuries which are the business of caterers, confectioners and drink purveyors is attended with danger to the physical and moral powers.

The great cause of Christ demands intelligence, self-control, and high purpose in the care of the physical life.

READING.

The mental habits should be checked up. Gain of knowledge should be balanced by doing of deeds. Books and other literature are among the most valuable means of education, but they must be well chosen and rightly used. Too much reading, without creative effort of hand or mind, is productive of intellectual feebleness. Vocational training and experience should accompany intellectual acquisition.

There is a wealth of good literature, both books and periodicals; but equally there is a flood of evil literature, often in most attractive guise. The general public is chiefly affected by the current newspaper and magazine; and the greater number of magazines upon sale contain matter damaging to mind and morals. The tales of wild adventure and of moral laxness, whether fact or fiction, which are the stock in trade of scores of these magazines, are unfit for the perusal of youth or adult.

Time is brief, and only that which is of highest value in the building of thought and ideal can be afforded by Christians.

MUSIC.

Music is one of the highest arts. Good music not only gives pleasure, but elevates the mind and cultivates the finest qualities. Debased music, on the contrary, destroys the rhythm of the soul, and breaks down morality. We counsel the greatest care in the choice of music. Any melody partaking of the nature of ragtime and jazz, any language expressing foolish or trivial sentiments, will be shunned by men and women of true culture.

We approve the use of good music in the home, the social gathering, the school, and the church; but, mind-

ful of the fact that unworthy music and words have sometimes crept even into hymn books, we counsel a prayerful and scientific scrutiny of the music which is used.

AMUSEMENT.

Recreation is necessary, amusement is not. Recreation is a purposeful refreshing of the powers of body and mind; amusement is the idle wastage of empty hours. The vigorous, well-aimed mind will not require amusement, but will find a renewal of strength in good recreation, physical and mental.

The theatre is no place for the Christian. The artificiality of drama in any place makes questionable its influence upon the life; but more than that, the history and present estate of theatrical drama shows it to be opposed to the highest ideals of morality. Its subjects are those of human passion; it graphically presents, by portrayal and by suggestion, the sins and crimes of humanity—murder, adultery, robbery, and every other evil. Even its attempted portrayal of virtue is feeble and frequently false. Its conception of love and of love making desecrates the most intimate and sacred relation of man and woman.

The moving-picture house has popularized the theatre, and millions are daily in attendance at this school of iniquity. In no small degree it is responsible for the present breakdown of morality. We earnestly warn against the subtle and sinister influence of the moving-picture theatre. In saying this we are not condemning the moving picture as such; for it is possible to have films of educational and scientific and personal value. Under right conditions some of these might profitably be viewed. But the run of pictures selected by theatre managements cannot be approved. Even though an innocent or really valuable film may sometimes be presented, it is but one in a series most of which contain evil. The atmosphere of the theatre is opposed to spirituality and to morality. We appeal to parents, children, and youth to shun these places of amusement.

Minds which have been trained to find delight in God's great world of nature, in the study of earth and sky, of birds and flowers and stars, and to find in the drama of neighbourhood and world society the romance of divine workings and human agencies, will not be attracted by the puerile portrayals of the theatre.

Another form of social amusement is the dance. We oppose the dance because of its wrong social influences. Dance music, especially of the more modern sort, is stimulating to the passions. The atmosphere of public dancing places is low and demoralizing, and dancing in the home tends to the same results. The modern dances exert much of their lure through the close physical contact between men and women. The practice of the dance is ominously clouded with the records of depravity and ruin. It cannot be countenanced in Christian society.

DRESS.

The outward appearance is a fair index of the inward nature. The dress of Christians should be neat and modest, avoiding the extremes of slovenliness and ostentation. That it may not be conspicuous, it should follow the conservative and most sensible styles of the time, having regard to the demands of modesty and good taste.

The adoption of fads and extreme fashions in either men's or women's dress indicates a lack of attention to serious matters, and creates in all thoughtful observers a suspicion of the ability and worth of the wearer. The

wearing of jewellery is a bid for attention which is not in keeping with Christian self-forgetfulness. In the same case is the exhibition of brilliant and flashy colours. A sincere mind will not seek the camouflage of showy dress.

We find much to commend in the present-day form of women's dress. Compared to some periods in the past, it is more healthful, convenient, and attractive. But there are ever present extremes in style which transgress the laws of modesty, and thus have a direct bearing upon the prevalence of immoral conditions. Many who blindly follow the styles are at least partly unconscious of these effects, but the result is not less disastrous.

Let our Christian mothers bring to bear the weight of their example, instruction, and authority, to lead their daughters in modestly attiring themselves, and thus winning the respect and confidence of those who know them. Let our young women consider themselves well dressed only when the demands of modesty are met. The dress should be such in material and form as to allow no suggestion of sex lure. Extremely short sleeves, low necks, and skirts that do not fall well below the knees fail to accord with the Christian standard of modesty and refinement. Such attire reveals its inadequacy in the nervous self-consciousness of unsophisticated wearers. Beauty as well as virtue requires adherence to the fullest conservatism in these particulars.

As a matter of health as well as of beauty and utility, low-heeled shoes should be worn. High heels, by throwing the body off balance, cause strain which often results in serious physical disorders; while it takes a distorted sense of beauty to find any grace either in the shoe or in the posture and walk of the wearer.

The head is the seat of intelligence, and should give evidence of it. The soul is expressed in the face; the elements of beauty lie not so much in feature and colour as in the expression of intelligence and benevolence. Let the mind and the soul be cultivated, and the face will be beautiful. The use of rouge, lipstick, and similar cosmetics is always false and usually disfiguring: their use we sincerely discourage. The hair should be neatly, but not elaborately dressed. Allowing it to remain in its natural unshorn state enhances woman's charm of femininity and shows a becoming sense of her distinction from man. The hats worn should be conservative in style and colour, and should be without striking ornamentation.

In all matters of dress and physical appearance, there should be wide distinction preserved between men and women.

SOCIAL RELATIONS.

God has placed in men and women the social instinct. Proper association of the sexes is beneficial to both. We approve of social intercourse conducted upon a high plane and with due regard to the conventions and restrictions which, for the protection of society and the individual, are properly placed upon it.

In our day, however, the ideals which make this social intercourse safe and happy have been terribly broken down. Under the influence of passion unrestrained by moral and religious principle, the association of the sexes has far and wide degenerated into a promiscuity and licence which rival the deeds of Sodom and Gomorrah. Divorce is on the increase, with its train of wrecked homes, orphaned children, and chaotic society. Marital infidelity and concubinage, with their sordid history reaching back through the ages, have

now the distinction of being justified on the ground of being a part of social evolution.

Among the unmarried a sadly great proportion have laid loose the reins upon the neck of lust. Boldness has grown with the loss of the sense of sin and with the false security offered by a sinister science, until it is the sorrowful knowledge of every student of social conditions that society, even to extreme youth, is honey-combed with immorality. Millions of youth are bartering the sweet and sacred experiences of parenthood for the bitter, remorseful fruits of lust.

Placed in this social environment, often separated from an adequate knowledge of a higher standard, and urged by their natural impulse to keep in favour with their fellows, the adolescent children of to-day face the same situation that was faced by the sons and daughters of Lot. Those of an older generation can with difficulty perceive the social concept formed in the minds of the youth of to-day by their environment.

It is incumbent upon the parents and the spiritual guides of the youth to face with no false modesty the facts of social conditions, to gain more fully a sympathetic understanding of the problems of this generation of young people, to seek most earnestly to provide for them the best environment, and to draw so near to them in spirit as to be able to impart the ideals of life and the inspiration and power of Christian religion, that they may be saved from the evil that is in the world through lust.

But to our young men and young women themselves we say, The responsibility is yours. No virtue of parent or teacher or minister can be substituted for the fault of youth. No neglect of the older can justify the folly of the younger. It is your privilege, in the midst of prevailing iniquity, to know and to hold the highest ideals of Christian manhood and womanhood.

Systematic, reverent study of the Bible, deep acquaintance with the works of Nature, stern guarding of the sacred powers of the body, earnest purpose in study, constancy in prayer, and sincere, unselfish ministry to others' needs, will build a character proof against evil and help to establish in your communities a society of purity and high purpose.

Social gatherings should be made occasions, not for light and trifling amusement, but for happy intercourse and improvement of the powers of mind and soul. Good music, elevating conversation, high-class literary numbers, games carefully selected for their educational value, and, above all, the making and using of plans for missionary effort, can provide programmes for social gatherings which will bless and strengthen the lives of the young.

In the personal association of young men and young women, especially in those experiences which, consciously or unconsciously, tend toward marriage, a thorough understanding is needed of the issues involved. Love comes from God. It is a sacred fire; it cannot be handled carelessly and commonly without danger of destruction. Let the relations and experiences of love never be made the subject of jest or evil innuendo. Let a Christian dignity and appreciation ever surround the thought and the manifestation of love, from the first introduction to the marriage altar. It is God's purpose that the young man and the young woman through the experience of love one for the other, shall come to a deeper appreciation of His divine love in their lives.

This sense of the sacredness of love and love's relations will guard both man and woman from every approach to illicit manifestations. The common customs

of youthful society, in seeking or permitting liberties of caress, and plunging on to the lowest impulses of passion, are abhorrent to the Christian mind. The practice of "petting" cannot be endured by any self-respecting Christian young man or woman. The unchaperoned motor rides which foster these practices are helping to destroy virtue, purity, and happiness.

The licence given to this sort of association does not constitute any "new freedom" for youth, however widely heralded that idea may be. There is nothing new about it. This "freedom" is the licence which has accompanied social decay in all ages in every nation which was about to plunge to its doom. It is a tremendous factor in the preparation of the world for its final ruin in our own age.

Let our young men and young women stand forth in their individual and collective lives as the representatives of purity and virtue. Let them hold their Christian manhood and womanhood too high to be soiled by the sordid practices of the world about them. Let them consecrate themselves, their love, and their society to God for His keeping and His use.

CHAPERONAGE.

We believe in the happy and cordial association of the old with the young, especially of parents and teachers with the children and youth. Not only is this companionship the opportunity for instruction, but it may be the means of safeguarding the youth from evil. We realize that the youth are no longer children, and their feeling of independence has a justifying basis in their developing powers. They should have recognition from their elders as growing men and women, with increasing experience and judgment. But on the other hand the youth should realize that they have not reached the end of learning, either in letters or in life, and they may well seek still the guidance and help of those who are older.

In social matters the common reluctance to make a mingling of the older with the younger is due to a double fault. On the part of parents and other adults there is a failure to be companionable; on the part of the youth there is an impatience of counsel and restraint. It is the duty of each to study how to associate happily with the other, and so to make the social life well rounded and protected.

We believe that social gatherings and excursions of the youth should have the presence of responsible older persons, not as spies or guards, but as congenial associates. Frequently the youth may by such means be spared unfortunate and unpleasant situations which their inexperience cannot foresee. Always the good name and standing of the youth are protected by proper adult companionship.

Chaperonage is not popular with the majority of our youth; and to those who are compelled to look beneath the surface of society, the sad results are evident of disillusioned romance, ruined lives, and the setting in motion of a train of evil influences. Many a girl and many a lad have mourned too late the parental neglect or their own impatient refusal of parental care which was responsible for the spolition of their unguarded virtue.

It is the duty of our schools and other institutions to care for the morals and the reputation of those placed in their charge. Chaperonage is an obligatory duty with them. It is equally the duty of the home. Parents should strongly sustain the regulations of the institutions in which their youthful children are placed, and should

institute in their homes equal safeguards. To make this possible it is their duty to learn how to be welcome companions of their children.

But it rests chiefly upon the young people themselves to make of chaperonage, not an irksome and repugnant association, but an honoured and happy relation. They have the power to initiate and to establish among themselves a standard of honour which takes pride and delight in associating with them older men and women whose lives and principles engage their respect. It should be the concern of every young person planning the association of young men and women, whether in house party, picnic, motor, or other travel excursion, to ask for the attendance of some of their parents or other adult friends. This is a crowning evidence of their good intentions and desire for perfection in the social relations.

CONCLUSION.

Standing amid the perils of the last days, facing a judgment that will culminate in the establishment of universal righteousness, and bearing the responsibility of carrying the last offer of salvation to the world, you and we together, youth and elders, are concerned to have God establish in our lives His purity, peace, and power. Let us with true hearts consecrate ourselves to Him, and make our personal and social experience to be evidence of His grace and power in a baptism for service.



North British Conference

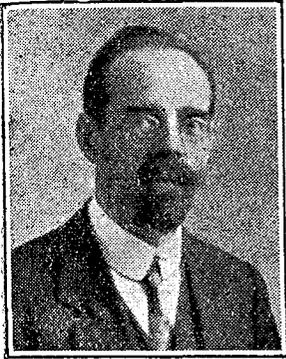
President: Alfred E. Bacon

Week of Prayer

As already announced, the annual Week of Prayer will convene from December 9th to 17th. In due course our churches and isolated members will receive copies of the special readings for this very important occasion. When we think of the experiences through which we are passing in the homeland, and the conditions as we find them in the other nations of the world, we certainly must realize that such things call to the people of God to seek Him as never before. Shall we not, brethren and sisters, make this season of prayer one of real heart-searching and intercession; determining, as individuals, that, as far as we personally are concerned, every sin shall be confessed, every wrong, as far as revealed by the Spirit, righted, and any hard feelings that we may have towards anyone banished from our minds.

Never in the history of our work was there a greater need for us, as a people, to seek God than at this very time. The Lord is waiting to be gracious, and if we will only come into the line of His purpose, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit will be ours. We urge our elders and leaders to do all in their power, by planning wisely for the services, to bring in every member, young and old alike, so that this coming Week of Prayer may be a season of great pentecostal blessing and refreshing to our entire constituency.

ALFRED E. BACON.



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Notes from the President

BROTHER F. W. GOODALL has asked me to call attention to the fact that in our larger churches it is customary for the nominating committee chosen to select officers for the coming year to select a missionary volunteer committee who shall care for the interests of the young people in a very definite way. This committee should be made up of the leader and the secretary of the young people's society, the church elder, the Sabbath-school superintendent, and the home missionary secretary. Will all nominating committees please have this in mind when planning for 1928.

A LETTER has just been sent out from our office asking for our churches and companies and isolated members to send in their Harvest Ingathering returns at the close of this month. In case any have not yet sent in their Ingathering report, may we ask them to do so immediately, as we want to prepare the final report at the close of November? Many thanks.

WE have just obtained a copy of an excellent little book entitled, "Studies in Ephesians: Thoughts on the Wonderful Epistle", by M. C. Wilcox. We heartily recommend this book to our people throughout the field, especially as the Sabbath-school lessons for the first quarter of 1928 are based on the book of Ephesians. The book, which is published in America, contains 106 pages, and is sold for 1/6. May we suggest that those who wish to obtain a copy of this fine help to the study of the Sabbath-school lessons, order without delay through the missionary secretary, or from the Stanborough Press Ltd., Watford. We believe our study of the book of Ephesians will prove very much more helpful if we have access to this little book than otherwise would be possible.

WE trust that the Week of Prayer, which covers the period from Friday, December 9th, to Sabbath, the 17th, will prove a great blessing to our members throughout the field. This is the time when all our people should seek the Lord for His help and blessing in a very definite way. Copies of the Week of Prayer "Review" and programmes of the services that are to be held during this time have been sent out to our churches and companies and isolated members.

WE are not yet sure of the date of the dedication of the North London church building, but imagine it will be sometime in January next. We are anxious to have the building entirely paid for by dedication day if that be possible. All who are willing to help towards the cost of this building should write to Brother J. H. Parkin, our conference treasurer, or to the undersigned. Some study has been given to the question of furnishing the building. It may be some members would be glad to contribute towards the cost of the chairs, for example. Who would like to buy just one chair for the new building? We hope by the next issue of the WORKER to learn just what these chairs will cost. Should any of our

people feel impressed to donate enough to purchase one chair or more, we shall be very glad to receive their gifts.
 F. A. SPEARING.



Plymouth Good Health League

THE Plymouth Good Health League held its first meeting of the season in Kinton Hall on Wednesday, November 9th. The excellent programme which had been prepared was enjoyed by an exceptionally large audience. Mr. F. B. James, a local schoolmaster, and an ardent enthusiast for the reform diet, occupied the chair.

"The Quack Doctor" was the subject of a dialogue which was well rendered and heartily applauded.

We were privileged to have, as the lecturer of the evening, Mr. Frank Wyatt, secretary of the London Vegetarian Society. He very ably championed the ideal diet for man, clearly proving that meat is not necessary for man's subsistence, ample provision having been made in the various cereals and nuts. His humour at the expense of the butcher's shop enlivened his remarks.

There was a practical side to the meeting in the form of a food demonstration. A very pleasing dinner had been prepared, including in its menu soup, entrée and dessert. The food was served to the people in their seats at a small charge per dish, and was so appetizing that everything was soon sold out.

Miss Hyde rendered a solo which was much enjoyed, as was also a recitation by Miss Willis.

The collection was a very good one. No small praise is due to Mr. Leigh, secretary of the league, for its success, and to Mrs. Leigh for the well-prepared food demonstration.

L. E. A. LANE.

Stanborough College

Students may now enrol for August, 1928

STANBOROUGH COLLEGE is now near the end of the first half-year. The enrolment has been one of the very largest in its history. At the opening of school every room on both the boys' side and the girls' side was full. Some rooms had four students each and a great many had three. About a dozen students were roomed in Kingswood. The Christmas examinations are almost here at the time of this writing, and we look forward to a very successful termination of the first half year of 1927--28.

But now is the time for students to make plans for entering in August, 1928. The present is none too soon for parents and students alike to begin making definite arrangements for entrance at the beginning of the next school year. We don't want any more students at present. Students cannot get much by entering at this time of the school year. But we have so many applications for posts where students can earn part of their way that it is high time to be making arrangements now if any student wishes to pay his way partly or wholly by work.

Plans are being made for the enlargement of the school at an early date. Our faculty is larger and stronger than ever in its history. And we are certain that Stanborough College is the place for young people to train for the work of the Lord for the British field and also for the mission fields served by the British Union Conference.

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The Call to Prayer

[This article was received from Pastor Meredith just as we were going to press and we were unable to give it its proper place on the front page—ED.]

I AM writing after two heavy days' work in the European Division Council in Vienna. I wish it were possible for all to hear the good reports given here and to listen to the messages that come to us, but here I can only say that God is present and His good Spirit is manifest in all our meetings.

My message is to all, but especially do I appeal to the workers and leaders to make the Week of Prayer a time of rich refreshing for all.

Was there ever a time when the enemy worked harder? Were our needs ever more apparent than today? What are we doing to frustrate the work of the enemy? Where are we seeking the help that alone can satisfy our needs?

Brethren, Jesus is soon coming, and we are to prepare a people ready to meet Him. Are we letting the enemy whisper in our ears "My Lord delayeth His coming"? Or are we going to seek the help of the Holy Spirit so that we may gain victories and help others to victory?

A failure at such a time as this may mean everlasting loss. The opportunity is ours to win the souls of those to whom we minister and be ready ourselves.

The readings for the Week of Prayer are timely and should be read carefully and prayerfully. Every effort should be made to reach all the members of our churches.

We must awake out of sleep and give the trumpet a certain sound. Let the true note of the advent message be heard. Let wrongs be put right. Let sins be confessed. Forget the wrongs that others have done. Forgive the sins against us and let the love of Christ rule in every heart.

"We are standing on the threshold of great events."
"Many of the prophecies are to be quickly fulfilled."
"Let this be the key-note of every message." "The return of Christ will not be long delayed."

These are solemn words written by the servant of God, and they should burn themselves into our souls till we ourselves become set on fire for the finishing of the work.

We have been much too easy. We have gone back on the true advent message, and the time has come to "wake up the watchmen", "review the message", and "get ready! get ready! get ready!"

Jesus, Who loved us and gave Himself for us, looks with sorrow on our backslidings. He longs to forgive all our transgressions. He wants to use every one to save others for Him. Shall we deny His love? Shall we grieve Him more? No! God forbid. We will arise; we will obey the call; we will watch and pray and work. We will make this week of prayer a very real time of preparation to meet Jesus. We will "press together" in unity. We must pray for our enemies. We will

love one another. We must help each other to be ready. We must not fail our Master at such a time as this.

Brethren and sisters, I appeal to all. Let this special season bring us all nearer to God and to each other. Let true Christian fellowship exist. Let the power of the Holy Spirit move us to the highest heights of service.

I would suggest that Sabbath, December 10th, be announced as a fast day and urge all to make it a day of solemn assembly. This will be the first day of the Week of Prayer. Let us make it the beginning of the best experience we have ever known.

That this may be ours, and that there may come to us a deep and mighty outpouring of God's Spirit in the latter rain is the earnest and sincere prayer of

W. H. MEREDITH.

"Give attention to reading."

"I understand by books."



The Ministry of the Literature



The Guinea Gift for the Best "Good Health" Canvass

FROM the various canvasses for "Good Health" which have been received in response to our offer of one guinea, that of Brother R. V. Curtis has been selected as the most meritorious. It is short, pleasant, and confident; it explains the magazine clearly and aims for regular customers—five good points.

The Canvass

Give a brisk knock and step back a pace, facing where the door will open. When opened, step up smartly, smile very cheerfully, and say heartily, as if you meant it, "Good morning, I am making a number of calls to introduce (then—not till then—produce "Good Health" and place it in prospect's hand) the Christmas number of 'Good Health', the *family magazine*."

Look at customer and he will look at the paper.

"The articles are written by well-known physicians and nurses (point to first article). At this time it deals with subjects uppermost in people's minds. Recreation, diet, simple treatments, cookery, free advice and even a children's page (point them out in the copy you hold). It is the very best health journal, and I am sure you would like to have a copy. (Say this very cheerfully but definitely—do not mention price until he asks.) If hesitation is shown, point to front page and say, "It has the largest circulation of any health journal and thousands receive it with gratitude.

"I am sure (more definitely) you would like to have a copy."

After sale say, "Thank you. We only call once a month."

Smile all the time, and keep sweet so you will be welcomed next time.

R. CURTIS.

Brother Curtis adds, "I have always found 'Good Health' sells very easily on this canvass."

Suggestive Canvass for "Great Issues"

GOOD morning! My name is——. I am engaged in Christian work and have brought you a great message in a great little book. It is called "Great Issues of the Age"—just off the press. It is written by Arthur S.

Maxwell, the "Uncle Arthur" who writes the "Bed-time Stories" that the children enjoy so much.

This work deals with such matters as [pointing to the table of contents] the talk about the next war, the trouble in industry, the conflict in the church and many other vital problems. And it deals with them not from man's viewpoint but from God's, so you can rely upon it.

Notice the wonderful cover picture in three colours. It depicts Christ, thorn-crowned and sad, shut out from the world He came to save. That is the great theme of this book, Mr.—. It shows what Christ would do for this world—and for each one of us—if we would but take away the bars and let Him in. It tells you, too, what He is going to do soon according to the Bible prophecies.

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WE publish the article on "Christian Standards" in this issue at the express request of the British Union Conference Committee. Though some have doubtless read it before in the "Review and Herald", the committee felt that the statement was of such importance that it should be brought to the notice of every member in this field. Some of the matters touched upon are necessarily of a delicate nature, but we do not remember having read a document of this kind prepared with such wisdom and good sense. We believe it will be welcomed by all our people, both young and old.

NEXT Friday yet another Week of Prayer commences. Events both within and without the Church indicate that we have come to a very serious time, and one in which we need, above all things, to keep in touch with God. In this special season of prayer this year let us especially remember the ministry of the Church, the administrators on conference committees, the young people in training at the College, the workers in our institutions, the children and teachers in our Church schools, all church officers, and the interests of God's work in fields abroad. Let this indeed be a time of heart preparation for the crisis which is silently but certainly approaching.

THE outstanding event of the past fortnight was the laying of the foundation stone of the Stanborough Park church building on Nov. 14th. Pastor Meredith performed the ceremony, the stone bearing this inscription: "This stone was laid by the President of the British Union Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists, November 14, 1927." Between two and three hundred people braved the mud and the dampness to be present and, after the stone-laying, many of these took the opportunity to lay bricks in the new building. In his address Pastor Meredith recalled the many vicissitudes through which the Park building scheme had passed since the estate was purchased twenty years ago, and expressed the hope that the new edifice would bring to the Park and the surrounding district those new opportunities of spiritual blessing for which the pioneers had hoped and prayed so long. Accordingly it was with fervour that the congregation sang "Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow."

PLANS are now being laid for the 1928 Colporteur Institutes. The first will be held at Bristol, January 6th--12th, and the second at Gateshead, January 13th--19th. Another institute for the student colporteurs will be held later in the year at the College.

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December 16th	3.52	3.38	4.4	3.48