



The Winter Council at Riga

By W. T. BARTLETT

THE Council is now drawing to a close. It has been a happy gathering, marked by brotherly love and a spirit of courage and consecration. God has blessed the fields during the past year. At the close of September the membership stood at 27,458, being made up as follows:

Baltic Union	4,495
British Union	4,658
Polish Union	3,020
Scandinavian Union	9,198
Iceland-Faroes Conference	351
East African Union	3,940
Ethiopian Union	261
Nigerian Union	760
Detached Missions	775

The Harvest Ingathering goal for the Division has been reached, through the special help of God and the loyalty of the membership. In some fields the brethren and sisters went out to solicit, not knowing what would befall them, but with much reason to expect blows and imprisonment. One sister was so severely ill-used that she returned home with only two teeth left in her mouth. Yet in such fields the work grows marvellously. In Riga we held our evening services in the large church belonging to our people. This seats about 700 in the main hall, and another 300 in the lower hall. Two different churches occupy these premises on Sabbath morning, and two others use them on Sabbath afternoon, so that the building furnishes a home for four separate churches. An effort is being conducted on Sundays and three week-night evenings, in the large hall, with good attendances. Brother T. T. Babienco, the president, heads a force of strong, hearty workers.

Brother C. H. Watson, President of the General Conference, is with us in the Council, and his suggestions and talks are highly prized. His Bible studies are particularly refreshing. Brother Watson plans to be with us in our Union Session in March,

just prior to his return. You must come to that meeting, if at all possible. It may be long before you get another opportunity, and you ought to know the leader whom God has raised up to guide the Advent movement forward.

Dr. A. W. Truman, the Medical Secretary of the General Conference, is also with us for a few days. His clear, convincing presentation of the health message is unusually winning in its appeal.

The Budget distribution is a main feature of a Winter Council. In spite of further cuts, we are all looking forward to a year of marked progress in all departments. We must, however, cut out all expenditures that can possibly be dispensed with. In some fields the number of conferences is being reduced. Wages are pruned all round.

Brother Jesse Clifford is present from West Africa, and gives a very encouraging account of the work in that field. Although one of the first territories entered by our missionaries, progress was slow for many years. Now the tide is turning and the Gold Coast is taking its place among the prosperous fields. Unfortunately the missions and the missionaries have to be subjected to the general reduction, but they know that only stern necessity could influence the home bases to take such a step, and they will set us a good example in steadfast heroism.

Indeed, the financial stringency will prove a blessing by teaching us to make fuller use of our invisible resources. We see more clearly that the end of all things is at hand, and are expecting that the same Lord Who made a handful of poor disciples in Jerusalem the unconquerable agents of a mighty spiritual reformation will endow His humble, faithful servants to-day with gifts that far transcend in value the golden hoards of a perishing civilization.

It is interesting to talk with those who were present at the recent League gathering to consider the

Reform of the Calendar. They would not have missed the occasion for anything, and feel that the Lord most signally set His hand in Geneva to exalt His own Sabbath, and His loyal witnesses. Brother Babienco has lectured on the subject with telling effect, and multitudes are amazed to learn the facts about our stand, almost alone among the churches, for the divinely appointed rest-day. The brethren feel that we cannot be too thankful for the lift given at Geneva to the message.

It has been decided that the other Unions in Northern Europe shall follow the example of the British Union and organize Religious Liberty Associations.

The Appeal of Poverty

By H. W. LOWE

WE had a very sad experience on Christmas Eve, and it kept us thinking almost the whole holiday period. In our visits among the very poorest members for some days prior to Christmas, we actually met a loyal couple who had not a penny in the house to purchase a single extra for their seven little children during Christmastide. In another case there were ten in the family and they could not obtain anything beyond what their meagre dole allowed them. In all we met about forty cases in three days, and in not one case was the total family income above 35/- per week. Sometimes it was only 15/- per week (and that in the form of a food card) for a family with from one to eight children. We felt like the poet who wrote: "Whene'er I take my walks abroad, How many poor I see!"

Perhaps there is no greater depression in the British Isles to-day than in the mining and shipping and sheet mill areas of South Wales. Everywhere one sees groups of down-at-heel, gaunt-looking men, hollow-eyed women, poorly-clad and often hungry little children. It is pitiful to see cold little children hovering hour after hour around the doors of bakeries and restaurants in the often vain hope of getting stale bread or buns. There are many among our own members who suffer silently in this way. They are the salt of the earth, who say, with Tennyson: "Our hoard is little, but our hearts are great."

A sister wrote us recently from the midlands asking, "Why do we not do more for our poorer brethren? Why do we not have a fund to assist them?" Well, we do have a fund, and we have done our utmost for the poor with the means at our disposal. Our fund now is practically exhausted, yet conditions were never worse. Appalling indeed is the poverty in such places as Swansea, the Rhondda, and in the dock areas of Newport, Cardiff, and Barry.

We make this appeal to you, not because we think you are prosperous. We are ready to admit that most of the Advent people are comparatively poor, but we know, at the same time, that "None but the poor feel for the poor." We are all servants of Him Who, though the "greatest Man in history," was, in the words of Emerson, "the poorest." He could not close His heart to the needs of the poor.

Our greatest need at present is for cash gifts. If you can send other gifts, however, they will be gratefully received. What we do NOT want you to do is to send us consignments of clothing long ago relegated to your rag cupboard! We can only use clean, serviceable garments. We thank all who have helped in any way to relieve our poor, including anonymous donors in Birmingham, and elsewhere.

H. W. LOWE.

WELSH MISSION

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PASTOR T. H. COOPER has recently baptized the firstfruits from his labours in the Pontypool district, and, including two added by vote, eight members were received some days ago. Brother Cooper leaves for work in Hereford in a few days, and we trust the good work begun in Pontypool may prosper yet more in days to come. Prayer is requested for the work in Hereford, which is regarded as a very conservative city.

SHREWSBURY is hearing the third angel's message through the campaign now being held in the Theatre Royal and conducted by Pastor A. F. Bird, with Miss Seagrave's assistance. Though the attendances have not been abnormally large, yet we understand a good interest is manifested. We trust to see many good souls won there.

BROTHER MURDOCH has been working for some months in Swansea, and with Brother Powell's valued help, meetings have been held in Morriston as well as Swansea on Sundays. On December 23, 1931, the writer had great joy in baptizing four persons from these interests, and two others were added by vote. Pray for the blessing of God on the work in the depressed areas.

H. W. LOWE.

North England Conference

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Manchester Public Effort

WE are glad to report to the readers of the *MISSIONARY WORKER* another successful baptism. Through the kindness of the Union Baptist Church of this city we were able to conduct our baptismal service on Sabbath afternoon, December 19, 1931. We did not advertise it except in our regular meetings in the Memorial Hall and consequently only the ones acquainted with the meetings were made aware of the occasion. They, however, with their friends and relatives, were present, and witnessed one of the most impressive services it has ever been their privilege to see. We believe that the influence of that one scene will enable many who were there to decide for the truth.

We are glad to report an addition to the Manchester Church of forty adult members, thirty-nine of whom were baptized, one other brother being accepted on his former baptism. We regret that five others were sick and under the care of the doctor either in the hospital or at their homes. These were all planning on this baptism and were disappointed because they could not participate. They will, however, be among the candidates for the baptism which we plan to hold in the near future. There are over fifty who have signed the pledge to obey and we hope these all will be among the next to be baptized. We are also glad to report a fine interest that we plan to take immediate care of. Among the candidates who were baptized are eleven good, substantial men and of all, both brethren and sisters, we can truthfully say they are real, earnest Christians.

These new believers have been fully instructed in all the points of the message and know they are Seventh-Day Adventists and are proud of it. We are sure the conference officers will be able to find them here when they come to look for them. We cannot boast of having large crowds all through the series; for even though we had only three hundred at the first meeting in the theatre and, after two months, had succeeded in raising the attendance to fifteen hundred, yet because of having to leave the theatre for the small hall due to lack of finances our attendance immediately dropped. It has been my custom to stay much longer in the theatre and I am convinced that if we could have done so here our accessions would have been as great as in other larger efforts. However, even though we began so late in the season through waiting for finances, we regard it almost a miracle that so many have accepted the message. We hope we can begin the next effort at an earlier time and reap a larger harvest.

We are glad to report the faithfulness of Sister Bastow and Brother T. Fielding in the splendid assistance they have given. Also we wish to thank the North and South Manchester Churches who have given their very best help. Finally, we must thank the Division, Union, and local conferences for their excellent support both material and spiritual. But we must not forget to thank the Lord without Whom we could never have succeeded; for even though we may present the argument, it takes His Holy Spirit to convict and convert. We hope the brethren and sisters throughout the conference, whom we desire to thank as well for their lifting up of the work before the throne of grace, will continue to do so in the future.

F. W. JOHNSTON.

Just a Word from Bolton

WE are glad to report substantial progress in the work at Bolton. The tithe, as was shown at the recent business meeting of the Bolton Church, is keeping up well, the church having sent in since the time of its organization about £200. They went beyond their goal in the Harvest Ingathering, having obtained over £80, and this, together with their Sabbath-school, Young Peoples', Big Week, and Annual offerings, Students' Aid Fund, etc., totals together nearly £350. This, we believe, in these hard times and in the place where some of the hardest experiences in England have been realized, is very encouraging for a new church. We were able to elect another set of officers for 1932, all of whom are of good courage in the truth. Let us not forget Bolton in our petitions before the Lord.

F. W. JOHNSTON.

"Gem" Promise Box

You will be pleased with the new style Promise Box prepared by the Home Missionary Department. It contains one hundred and fifty texts carefully selected and classified. These are printed on coloured cards. To each text has been assigned an appropriate quotation from *Desire of Ages*.

The box itself is made of satinwood with a sliding lid on which the new college has been photographed by an entirely new process.

Only a small supply of the boxes is available. Send your orders to the Home Missionary Department, Stanborough Park, Watford, Herts. (not to the Publishing House). Cash should accompany orders.

Price 2/9 each, post free.

J.H.

The Ministry of Literature

His "Daddy Book"

HERE is a letter of great interest to WORKER readers:

"Dear Uncle Arthur, I am writing to ask if you will kindly let me know the price of the small books of *Bedtime Stories*, and where I can get one. Just let me explain I am a widow left with three tiny tots and without friends in London. While out working one day, a lady gave me some papers, and among them was your book (copyright, 1929). The back was off, but I took it home to my baby, four years old, and each night I read him one of your lovely little stories. There is a picture of Uncle Arthur and his children in it, and the poem 'When I'm as Old as You, Daddy.' So he calls it his 'Daddy Book.' I have read it through dozens of times, but oh, how he loves them. He never gets tired of hearing them.

"I want to send one of your little books to a little girl next week in Newcastle-on-Tyne. It is 280 miles north—her mother was very kind to us while Daddy was ill. I cannot afford an expensive toy, and I know they will value your book, more so as the stories have such beautiful meanings."

Who Sold "Our Paradise Home" Around Sheffield?

"RECENTLY," writes A. Tesh, "I called upon two of my customers, one of whom is in a Pentecostal family which I am trying to win. I sold two copies of *Wonders of Christ's Return*, and had a third one ordered. But what pleased me so much was that she said, 'I have a beautiful book I bought a long time ago, and I do love to read it.' I found it was *Our Paradise Home*.

"The other one is a reader of *Good Health*. She said, 'I have a book I bought a long time ago, and I often fetch it out at night and read it after my husband has gone to bed.'

"I asked, 'May I look at it?'

"It was *Our Paradise Home*.

"She opened it to the 'image' and said, 'I can never quite understand this.'

"'Oh,' I said, 'I believe I can help you a little,' and I began to explain.

"She was most interested when I said, 'We are taught to understand the prophecies.'

"I felt the one who put these books into their hands would rejoice to know that they were being read and appreciated so much."

Wall Calendars—Reduced Price

WE have still available some copies of the beautiful Home Missionary Wall Calendar. It has been necessary to raise the price this year, but now that the Christmas season is past we are offering these calendars at 10d. each, post free, while they last. Order at once.

Morning Watch Calendar. Now reduced to 2d. each.

"Present Truth" Testimonials

"USUALLY I find that forty per cent of my readers purchase *Bible Readings*, also besides *Bedtime Stories*." Brother E. G. Wood, November 4, 1931

"THANK you for sending *Present Truth* for the past year. I enjoy reading them very much and shall be glad if you will still send them."

Miss S. Tanner, March 5, 1931.

"A LITTLE girl said to me yesterday, 'Can we not have *Present Truth* every week? Can you write up or do something about it?' She is nine years old and likes the children's pages very much. She had *Little Angels Unawares* and told me last week that she had read it twenty times."

A.W.

Warmth and Life



Hope and Comfort

Can you keep a good fire without plenty of fuel?

NO! But if there is a good draught and the fuel is put on regularly, then the results come.

It's the same in the spiritual world.

YES! If you visit your neighbours regularly with *Present Truth* you will start fires of interest that will bring spiritual warmth and life, hope and comfort.

Sell Present Truth

What Happened when He called with "Present Truth"

BROTHER PRICE, of Plymouth, called on a lady one day with *Present Truth*. She purchased the paper and since that day has become a regular reader of *Present Truth* and *Good Health*, also the *Review and Herald*. She has purchased *Bible Readings*, *Christ Our Saviour*, *Steps to Christ*, and all our *Bedtime Stories* for her grandchildren. She gives £4 0s. 0d. to the Harvest Ingathering every year besides helping the local Sabbath-school offerings and Building Fund.

Perhaps you may have a similar experience if you call on your neighbour with *Present Truth*.



Progress in Nigeria

IT is now some months since we returned to our field, and I feel sure that all the WORKER family will welcome fresh news from Nigeria.

During the past year seventy-five souls were added to the church by baptism and 1,183 new members were gathered into our Sabbath-schools. Tithes and offerings continue to make steady progress, while our Harvest Ingathering goal of £150 was passed by the sum of £9. The boys in the school did remarkably well in the Ingathering Campaign. They raised over £17, one boy leading with almost three pounds to his credit.

I have just come away from Aba and Elele, where we have held two camp meetings. Twenty-five souls were baptized in the Elele district and fifty-four at Aba, making a total of seventy-nine for the first months of 1931. At the Aba meeting we had about fifteen hundred Sabbath-keepers present over the week-end. Last year we were pleased to see about seven hundred at the meeting, but this year we had twice that number present! We had a most inspiring time together throughout the camp meeting. Our African believers are enjoying these annual meetings more and more as the years pass by. The majority of these believers came from churches six to ten miles distant, but many were there from churches and companies eighteen, thirty-five, forty, and even seventy-five miles away. One energetic member had large posters, advertising all the week-end services, printed and posted up all over Aba town. We discovered one of these occupying a prominent place on the railway station notice board. Adventists are becoming well known down in that district.

We were particularly pleased to see one young man present from a long distance. He is a clerk in the office of the District Agent of the largest trading company on the Coast. He came into contact with the truth, and accepted it, through the work of one of our colporteurs. Of course he was threatened with dismissal from his position, but he had taken a firm stand for the message and told his employers that he could not work on Sabbath even though it meant giving up his salary of ten

pounds per month. Eventually he was given the privilege of keeping Sabbath on condition that he would make up his time on Sunday.

Brother J. Clifford presented a report of the Aba district, showing that the African work, including the operating of the school, had been self-supporting during the year. The great increase of Sabbath-school members brought about this very satisfactory state of affairs, and we thank the Lord for the blessing thus bestowed upon the faithful labours of our brethren in this district.

As workers and members we were very sorry to say good-bye to Brother and Sister Clifford at this meeting. Brother Clifford is returning to the Goli Coast after spending eight years in faithful service in the Ibo country. Their unsparing labours have been greatly appreciated by all the members and workers throughout the field, and our prayers go with them as they take up their new duties in the Gold Coast. The responsibility of caring for the growing work in the South-eastern Mission now rests upon Pastor L. Edmonds, who has been associated for some years with Brother Clifford.

We will have more to write about our needs later, but in the meantime we are glad to pass these items of news along for the encouragement of our fellow-believers throughout the British Isles.

WM. McCLEMENTS.



The Home Study Institute

WE would like to call the attention of our workers and our people in general to the advantages that may be obtained from a course with the Home Study Institute, formerly the Fireside Correspondence School. We have received a good testimony from one of the young people of Great Britain who after studying with the Home Study Institute for about two years has now entered the colporteur field. He writes saying that he expects to earn three scholarships this summer, and is especially grateful for having taken a course in "Christian Salesmanship," which has been a great help to him in the sale of his books, even in difficult times.

We thought it might be well for our people to understand that young people in Great Britain may get help from courses offered by the Home Study Institute, while preparing to enter the College later, and we are writing so that all may know something of the benefits obtainable.

The Institute is willing to grant to any student taking one or more courses with them twenty-five per cent off the original fees. If anyone wishes to learn further concerning this, we would be glad for them to correspond with us, or they can write direct to the Home Study Institute, Takoma Park, Washington, D.C., U.S.A.

W. H. MEREDITH



Her Rheumatism Disappeared

BROTHER SMART presented *Good Health* at a house near Swansea and the lady said, "Of course, I will have one. You sold me one which had an article on rheumatism. At that time I was a cripple with it in my hands and legs. I read the article, wrote for advice and followed the diet, and in three months I have lost every sign of it."

A.W.

"Wonders" in Singapore and South Africa

LETTERS appreciative of *Wonders* have come in from east and west and south. Just read this one from South Africa:

"Will you please send *Present Truth, The News Interpreter*, to me for six months. I enclose 2/6 in payment. Postal Note 3/- is enclosed as I do not know if your advertisement in *The Bible and the Wonders of Christ's Return* refers to South Africa, or just the home country. The *Wonders* has the right name, because it contains the wonderful happenings predicted in God's Word."

Then look at this from Singapore:

"My niece, Miss Foo Si Moi, has enjoyed *The Bible and the Wonders of Our Age* which I purchased from a group of Chinese ladies (most probably attached to some church here) who came to my office and sold some to me, and she has now decided to subscribe to it for her church library.

"I made inquiries from all local leading bookshops, but they do not sell it.

"I shall, therefore, be glad if you will kindly add the name of my niece to your list of subscribers and forward her a copy of the magazine of each issue for the next six months commencing upon receipt of this letter.

"Upon advice of the amount of subscription payable, I will make the necessary remittance to your good selves.

"In case *The Bible and the Wonders of Our Age* is not published regularly, please send to my niece a copy of *Present Truth* for a similar period instead."

No wonder that in our own land a good sister writes:

"I wish to write you a few lines re the new magazine which has been published, *The Bible and the Wonders of Christ's Return*. I feel quite interested in the spreading of this magazine. I sent up for twelve copies and one lady told me she was so touched with the reading of it that it sent her to her knees weeping in prayer. She wishes to have another copy to lend out among her friends.

"It is twenty-one years since I gave up colporteur work and I feel so impressed with this magazine that I wish to do what I can to spread around the news of a soon-coming Saviour. Had I been younger and had more strength I would have gone ahead. But like the woman that our Saviour commended, I will do what I can, it is all missionary work."

Wonders will sell in your neighbourhood. Why not try it?

"Greatly Missed"

HERE is an interesting letter received from an industrial town in the north of England.

"Will you please send to Mrs. — the *Present Truth* for six months beginning with January. The agent ceased calling some time ago and as Mother sends her copy away we had lost the address for the moment. However, I shall be very much obliged if you will send it, as it is a loss and greatly missed in our home."

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Order through your Home Missionary Secretary.

The Colporteur's Delivery in Leeds

A COLPORTEUR'S delivery list always contains some interesting names and Brother Woodfield's is especially fine. It contains the names of:

The Town Clerk of Leeds City.

A leading surgeon of Leeds City General Hospital.

House Surgeon of St. James' Hospital, Leeds.

An Ex. M.P. for Leeds.

Dr. Tyro, Leeds Parish Church.

A Christian Science Practitioner.

Master of a Boys' Home.

Principal of Young Men's Christian Association, Leeds.

The Welsh Minister's New Year's Greetings

FROM down in South Wales comes a most interesting letter.

A minister of the Gospel discovered the value of *The Morning Watch* and sent in an order for four copies.

Evidently he was well pleased with the little booklet for he then sent a further order for ten shillings' worth!

Then he had an afterthought—and sent five shillings for some more.

Sixteen shillings' worth in all! Wasn't that a remarkable testimony to the value of our fine little calendar?

A.W.

Wedding Bells

ON Thursday, November 12, 1931, Brother A. W. Allen and Sister W. D. Clifford were united in marriage, the ceremony taking place at South Stoke Parish Church. We all wish much of the blessing of God on these valued workers now under appointment for East Africa.

A.W.

WANTED—An experienced general maid, good home, Sabbath facilities granted. Write, making appointment for interview, to: 79 Callcott Road, Brondesbury, London, N.W.6.

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When the Lantern Arrangements Went Wrong

A LANTERN lecture for children had been announced at the local Salvation Army hall. The boys and girls had streamed in and were waiting expectantly.

But something had gone wrong. No lantern service could be held that night. It looked as though everyone was going to be disappointed.

Just then one of the Army men whispered quietly in the ear of the chairman a solution of the difficulty.

The chairman arose, "Mr. Fumpson will tell you some stories," he announced to his audience.

Mr. Fumpson arose. He took from his pocket a book with a coloured cover and for three-quarters of an hour the children listened with pleasure to the adventures of the boys and girls in *Bedtime Stories*.

It was a real success!

"We *did* like those stories, Mr. Fumpson," they told him afterwards

A.W.

At Rest

BARHAM—On the evening of December 21, 1931, Newbold Missionary College was plunged into deep sorrow by the accidental death of one of the students. Brother Edwin Barham and Brother Arthur Ford left the School on a motor-cycle on Monday afternoon to go for their Christmas vacation. While on their way they collided with a motor-lorry, and Brother Barham was instantly killed, while Brother Ford, suffering from a fractured femur, was taken to the Bute Hospital in Luton. On Tuesday, December 29th, Brother G. Keough conducted the funeral service at St. Leonards-on-Sea, where we laid our young brother to rest until the resurrection morning. On the opening day of the new term at College we had the Memorial Service when, as a School, we extended our sympathy to the parents, two brothers, and one sister of the deceased. Brother Barham was a very promising young man, just seventeen years of age. He was an excellent canvasser, having been successful in obtaining his scholarship for the past two years. His life, though short, was filled with service for the One Whom he greatly loved. We all feel that we have lost one who was a real *Christian and friend, one whose cheery countenance and willing helpfulness inspired us all.* We feel this bereavement very keenly and look forward to the coming of the morning when the shadows will flee away.

W. G. MURDOCH

TOMLINSON—The funeral service of Sister Hannah Elizabeth Tomlinson, who died December 12, 1931, took place at 26 Ossory Street, Manchester, on the following Tuesday at one o'clock. The writer officiated, speaking a few comforting words from the words of 1 Thess 4:17. The blessed hope of the Lord's soon coming and the glorious resurrection of the saints and the reward awaiting those who went to sleep in Christ was the theme on this sorrowful occasion. Sister Tomlinson was a faithful member of the church, having first learned the message under Pastor J. E. Bell in Manchester in 1911. She was baptized by Pastor W. H. Wakeham the same year. She has been active in the church ever since her acceptance of the truth and has occupied the office of Home Missionary Secretary since 1918. Her patient, unselfish service has been recognized by all who knew her. Mrs. Donnelly and her departed sister have ever been attached to each other by the bond of warmest affection. We extend to all the members of the family our heartfelt sympathy in this their time of bereavement.

F. W. JOHNSTON.

DOBBS—We regret to record the death of Sister Clara Dobbs, the eldest daughter of Brother and Sister Clara Dobbs of Ynishiu, Porth. Miss Dobbs was a sister in St. George's Hospital, Wapping, where she was much loved and respected. Her call to rest came very suddenly on December 19, 1931, at the early age of thirty years. The funeral took place on December 24th at Treallow Cemetery, in the presence of a large company of relatives and friends. The writer was assisted by Pastor Overton, a friend of the family, who spoke appropriate words of consolation at the graveside. Our deepest sympathies go out to the sorrowing family, whose hope is in the great reunion of the resurrection morn.

R. T. BOLTON

SUNSET CALENDAR

	London	Nott'ham	Cardiff	Edin.	Belfast
Jan 15th	4.18	4.17	4.13	4.9	4.29
" 22nd	4.30	4.29	4.43	4.22	4.42

Give the New Year a Chance

THE end of the year brings us up short. It is like the rein being pulled to shorten us in our stride and finally stop us before we plunge forward with renewed vigour into the New Year. We review the past year, count up the losses and estimate the gain from all statistical angles, balance one against the other and are happy or otherwise about the result. Whatever the result, it is always with hopefulness that we plan for the New Year. Sometimes we have to admit that we have missed our opportunities in the Old Year by not pressing forward; we have lacked the courage and the initiative to attempt what has needed faith; we delayed too long and the opportunity was gone.

Nineteen hundred and thirty-one has to be marked down as having been depressing to trade and employment. A study of statistics reveals that many millions have been unemployed, the adverse fluctuations of the balance of trade, the intense competition, and the struggle of some staple industries for existence. But there is something greater than statistics, it is the moral well-being of the nation, the right-mindedness, the spirit that makes men and women "play the game." Of this we must not lose sight. A man is not a man because he has a large bank balance, but because he has qualities that make him trustworthy, honestly progressive, and a producer who shows his accomplishments in a richness of direct results.

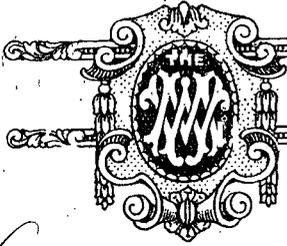
In times of gloom and depression men and women can readily lose the vision of the high calling of citizenship. Undoubtedly much of the trouble has been caused by organs of public opinion continually dwelling on the pessimistic side of the question. The public began to think "depression," dream it, and finally live it. Yet how strangely paradoxical it all is when we know that there is more money than ever in the banks, that raw materials are more plentiful than ever, and that there is certainly over-production of food!

What, then, is the trouble but lack of faith? Faith that will give the direct impetus to get under the burden, finally (even if it causes a great struggle), shoulder it and turn it to good account. The life of a nation is only the life of every individual moulded into one and the nation works out its salvation as does the individual. When the musician Beethoven realized he would soon be stone deaf, he at first gave way to deep despair and thought his career was suddenly ended and his life's work ruined, and, the most tragic thing of all, he had just begun to feel the Olympian strivings of his power. But, after the first years of gloom, full of bitter remorse, he again tackled his work of composition. The burden of his affection was ever present, never again would he hear the sounds of music, but he found he could visualize the tonal effects in his inner mental ear. A deaf master musician, what a contradiction in terms! But he wrote in music—masterpieces for all time—the great struggle of those bitter years of his life in such spiritual and dynamic force as to make it the most glorious and abundant period of his musical life.

GRANOSE FOODS LTD faces the year nineteen hundred and thirty-two with faith and confidence. We expect it and plan for it to be a progressive year, and our contribution to the public faith in the British industries and trade revival is our confidence in the purity and health-giving properties of our "Granose" products.

We extend to all readers of this column our best wishes for a successful year. We have made many friends during our business life and hope to make more during the New Year as we work on for the cause of Health.

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Note: Copy for the next issue must reach us
not later than Thursday, January 14th.

THE Quadrennial Session of the British Union Conference will be held in the Holloway Road Baptist Church and Lecture Hall.

EFFORTS had been made to secure accommodation in the Kingsway Hall and the Central Hall, Westminster, but owing to the very short notice this was found impossible. These well-known halls are always booked up many months, and sometimes years, in advance.

WHEN our dilemma became known to the Baptist authorities they extended every possible courtesy, offering us immediately the use of their central church in Bloomsbury. Dates, however, conflicted, so we approached our friends in Holloway Road where the South England Conference sessions have been held on several occasions. Again a most friendly spirit was manifested and the minister and secretary agreed at once to let us have the use of their church for our evening meetings (Wednesday excepted) and their very fine Lecture Hall for the six days of the Conference.

USED in conjunction with our own hall on the Holloway Road these premises will afford ample accommodation for all the interests that call for attention at the time of a Union meeting. In addition there is abundant provision in the neighbourhood for comfortable lodgings for those who come in from the field.

WE appreciate very much the interest shown by many of our people in the proposal to establish a Colporteurs' Training College. Every letter re-

ceived has spoken in enthusiastic terms of the idea. We would have been glad of more opinions from ministers and church elders, but we trust these will come along shortly. In the meantime the plan is receiving very careful study and a further announcement will be made before long.

OUR suggestion in a recent issue of the WORKER concerning goal charts for *Present Truth* has also met with very general favour. We are working on the charts and hope to have them ready in the near future.

SOME days ago we attended a meeting of the Jewish Historical Society at the London University to hear Dr. Hertz, the Chief Rabbi, deliver his address on "The Battle for the Sabbath at Geneva." It was a most interesting occasion, Dr. Hertz giving full credit to the value of the Adventist witness before the League of Nations. The applause of the distinguished assembly at the mention of the name "Seventh-Day Adventist" was most heartening. Among other celebrities present was Dr. Sokolow, the head of the Zionist organization.

ON December 31, 1931, we received a telephone message from the Chief Rabbi reminding us of our promise to show him over Stanborough Park. Accordingly we called for him at his London home, and he spent three hours with us looking round the estate. After dining at The Stanboroughs, he inspected the treatment rooms, etc., and later visited the Stanborough Press. He expressed himself afterwards as being delighted with all he had seen. We hope he will come again some day.

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