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## *A Notable Victory in Parliament*

THURSDAY, March 12th, was a great day in Seventh-Day Adventist history in the British Isles. For the first time our rights as a Sabbath-keeping minority were recognized by a Standing Committee of the House of Commons.

By a unanimous vote it was agreed that the exemption proposed for Jews should be extended to "members of any other religious body regularly observing Saturday as the Sabbath."

The members of Parliament who championed our cause did so with great ability and forcefulness. It was indeed an encouragement to discover that we had such strong and staunch friends in the place of the mighty.

Though there was some opposition at first to our amendments, this was finally withdrawn, everybody admitting that the Christian Sabbath-keepers had "made out a very good case."

It was a thrilling occasion from the first moment to the last, and we counted it a rare privilege to be present. For nearly two hours Seventh-Day Adventists—as at Geneva in 1931—held the centre of the stage and were the chief subject of discussion.

Time and again members referred to us as "this highly respected people."

Fortunately, the letters and literature, which we had forwarded to members of the Committee the previous afternoon, arrived in

Recognition Won  
for Christian Sabbath-Keepers

By ARTHUR S. MAXWELL

time, and we enjoyed the thrilling experience of watching the envelopes being opened and the pamphlets discussed. Perhaps the most effective item of literature sent—certainly the one which made the deepest impression—was the new pamphlet (written especially for this occasion) entitled, "Christian Sabbath-keepers: Why thousands of earnest Christians are now observing Saturday instead of Sunday as the divinely-appointed weekly rest day."

This pamphlet was constantly in the hands of the members of the Committee, and reference was made to it on several occasions. Our own people should certainly

send for copies for distribution to their interested friends.

Perhaps we should point out that this Shops (Sunday Trading Restriction) Bill is still in the Committee stage, and some weeks must elapse before it is ready for its third and final reading in the House of Commons. Furthermore, unless the Bill is altered, it will not come into operation until the first of January, 1937. Seventh-Day Adventist shop-keepers, therefore, should be careful not to take advantage of the amendments referred to above until the Bill has become an Act.

We feel sure that all our people will rejoice that this recognition of our conscientious convictions has been secured. How great an advantage this will be to us may not fully appear at the moment, but we believe that it has created a precedent which may be of incalculable benefit to us as a people in years to come. Certainly we believe that it has come about at this time in the direct providence of God, to whom be the glory and praise.

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The Tract that Impressed the House  
of Commons

### CHRISTIAN SABBATH-KEEPERS

*Why thousands of earnest Christians are now observing Saturday instead of Sunday as the divinely-appointed weekly rest day.*

Price: Three a penny; 36 for 1/-.

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# The Coming General Conference

By L. H. CHRISTIAN

THE doctrines and truth we hold make plain that this Advent message is of God. The transformed, sanctified lives of many members rescued from sin and vice testify to the presence of the Holy Spirit working in mighty power both abroad and at home. But the system of organization and ordered planning manifest in the Advent movement reveal its divine leadership. From the very first it has been almost an instinct with the Advent people not to be exclusive, and not to devote their time to work in one land. The very spirit of the movement seems to be one of a world-wide endeavour. Thus is fulfilled the prophecy that the Advent message was to be preached to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people (Rev. 14 :6, 7.)

Now to carry on a world-wide work entails both much travel and frequent gatherings for counsel. This, too, is set forth in symbol of the angel of Revelation ten standing with the open book of truth, but with one foot on the land and one on the sea. If the Advent cause is to hold together as one great message and movement, if it is to be well-balanced and strong in every part of the earth, if God's children in one land are to learn lessons from His providential leadings in other parts of the land, it is imperative that large meetings be often held for meditation, prayer, Bible study, and mission counsel.

At first the General Conference met every year. Later, as the work increased, we held the sessions every two years, and then, again, some thirty years ago, it was thought best to have these meetings every four years. During the world war the General Conference was postponed a year. Thus the session that should have come in 1917 did not convene till 1918. Three years ago, in view of the mission fund shortage, it was decided to delay the General Conference two years, or from 1934 until the spring of 1936. In some ways this postponement has been

a great loss to the work, yet it could not well be avoided.

This coming quadrennial session of the General Conference will convene at San Francisco from May 26th to June 11th this year. It will be one of unusual and urgent importance. The conditions in the world itself make this a compelling fact. The nearness of the end, the rising tide of persecution in many lands, the new doctrinal errors, philosophical controversies and racial issues beginning in many countries, as well as the great need of seeking God for a last strong, united advance to close up the work, call for a large attendance at this coming General Conference. Before the war, with a membership less than one-fourth of what we now have, Europe sent a much larger delegation to the General Conference than we have in post-war years. This should now be changed.

The delegates to the General

Conference are chosen by the Union conferences in counsel with the Division committee. This is the policy we have followed for years. Because of conditions mentioned above and others that are known to all, the Northern European Division has counselled the British Union to send as full a delegation to the General Conference this year as consistent. To do this will take time and money. But the investment of both will prove a great help to God's work in the British Isles themselves, as well as to the work of God in all the world. We are grateful that some of our strong men, who carry heavy responsibilities in the Advent cause in the British Isles, are planning to go on to the General Conference. We believe that our people everywhere will look forward with deep interest to the good reports they will bring on their return. We should all unitedly pray that the General Conference may in a signal manner be guided and blessed of God, and that every decision made may be to His glory for the welfare of the Advent cause.

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## THE SCOTTISH MISSION

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### Convention at Glasgow

THE MESSENGER family will be very sorry to learn that Pastor L. Murdoch, the superintendent of our field, has been laid aside with an acute attack of scarlet fever. We are glad to say, however, that the doctor reports that he is now out of danger, and although still feeling very weak we can all be thankful that the Lord has restored him so far, and we earnestly pray that he may soon be able to take up his duties again.

It was Pastor Murdoch's intention to write to the MESSENGER on one or two matters. Seeing, however, that on account of his illness he has not been able to do so, I am writing briefly on his behalf

During the week-end, January 31st to February 2nd, a laymen's

convention was held in our church in Glasgow, and we were glad that so many of our lay brethren from different parts of the field were able to be with us for the convention. On the Friday evening, after a few introductory remarks by Pastor Murdoch, our Union president spoke to us, taking for his subject, "Leadership and Relationship." Much good instruction was given to us during this hour which was very much appreciated by all present. The Sabbath morning and afternoon addresses were appropriate for the occasion, Pastor Read speaking to us in a very comprehensive way on "The Place of Evangelism in the Work of God," and "The Shepherding of the Church." A number of helpful and very impressive illustrations were used.

On Saturday evening Pastor Murdoch gave us a very helpful and practical address in which he emphasized the qualifications and the spirit necessary for leaders in our churches.

We had a full day on Sunday, commencing with a devotional meeting at 9.30 a.m., which was followed by a most interesting talk by Pastor Murdoch on the subject of conducting public efforts, principally relating to how this work could be done by the lay brethren. In the afternoon of the same day, Pastor Read's address on the "Preparation of Sermons" was highly appreciated by all in attendance. Other related topics were considered and time was allowed for discussion. Many ideals were set forth, and it was evident to us all that if only we lived up to them the church of God would be greatly strengthened.

The convention closed with a testimony meeting when many took the opportunity to express their great appreciation for the privilege of being present, and for having received much help and rich blessings during the week-end.

In regard to the work in the field, there are a number of people in Dundee who are preparing for baptism, as well as a few in Edinburgh. From the effort here in Glasgow a few have started to attend the Sabbath services and we are hoping that they, and others, will come along in the near future for this sacred rite.

We ask an interest in your prayers for the work in Scotland, and we know that you will especially pray that our superintendent will speedily gain strength.

D. MORRISON.

### Edinburgh

It seemed a particularly dark November day when we received notice to quit "Picardy Hall" at the end of the May term. Such news, after being tenants for twenty years, came as a "bomb-shell," to say the least.

When we grew calm enough to think, however, we felt sure that the Lord's hand was in it. Sometimes we do reach the place where He has to stir up the nest, and

when He says, as it were, "Ye have compassed this mountain long enough" We began to feel that perhaps we had stayed too long in "Picardy Hall" and that a fresh location would be advantageous.

Our first thought was that the time must have come for us to purchase a church of our own, but after considering our slender resources, we felt that the task of raising £2,000 or £3,000 inside six months was beyond us, so we set our aim for a suitable hall that we could rent during the time that we might be raising our building fund.

We prayed that the Lord would lead us in our search and set out, thinking that we had quite a simple task before us. Days of search passed by, weeks lengthened into months, and still we seemed no nearer our goal. We viewed scores of places and interviewed most of the property agents, but could get nothing suitable for a Seventh-Day Adventist church.

However, we continued to make the matter the burden of our prayers and re-doubled our efforts. Brother Murdoch spent several days with us to help in the search. One morning, Brother Murdoch and the writer set out early with the feeling that something must be done that day, as we had just about combed the central portion of the city. We started by viewing several places that we hoped might prove suitable, but still with no success. In desperation, almost, we turned to the agent, to whom we had just returned some keys, saying, "Have you really nothing on your books that you think might suit us?" "Well," said he, "there is a place belonging to a client of ours, let at the moment, but the present occupier wants the premises divided." We obtained the address (in Lothian Road) and lost no time in seeking it out. Somehow we felt that this was the end of our search. On the way Brother Murdoch remarked how he had always wanted to see the Edinburgh church in the Lothian Road, and there we were going to see a place situated there. It was surely more than coincidence.

We found the premises dirty and in need of much repair, but, in spite of that, we saw great possi-

bilities. They consisted of two rooms having all necessary conveniences, kitchen, etc. The larger room, we judged, would seat well over one hundred people, and its windows look right upon the "Usher Hall," the best-known hall in Scotland. The situation could not be more central. Lothian Road is a very busy thoroughfare now, and if all the city's proposed schemes are carried through it will be the very hub of the city.

The present occupier we found a most amiable man, and, when we inquired if the singing would interfere with his work, he assured us that he would rather enjoy it.

A committee of churchmembers looked over the place and expressed entire satisfaction. The landlord, then being approached, accepted us as tenants, and has promised to put the place in good repair and do all the decorating. The work is now proceeding, and in a few short weeks we hope, with God's blessing, to move in.

We thank the Lord for His goodness and guidance and pray that He will continue to go before us, that this new location will bring new contacts with souls who are seeking truth. We ask an interest in the prayers of all our brethren and sisters, that the torch of truth will ever burn brightly in this city of John Knox.

F. J. WILMSHURST.

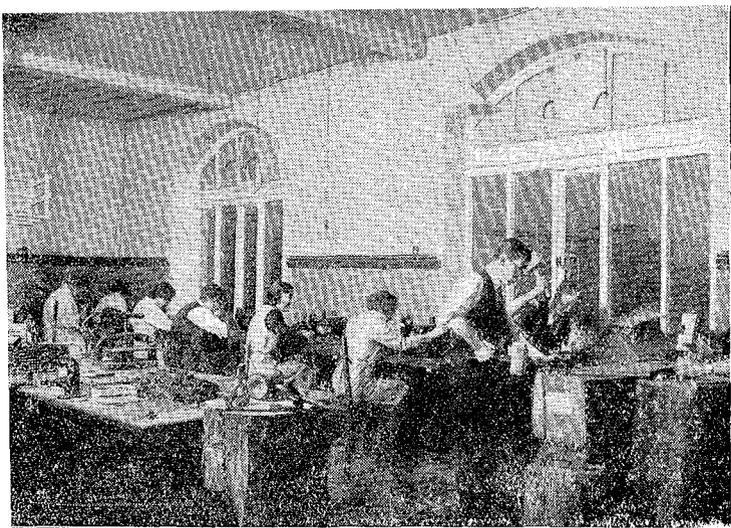
### Out of the Fire

At a recent camp-meeting eight boys from Portuguese East Africa reported that twice their prayer houses had been burnt down.

"There is one advantage," they said, "in having them burnt down. When our enemies do it, they let the flames of the third angel's message shine that much higher for others to see. The first time they burnt us out, five joined our company. The second time they burnt us out, eleven joined; and now there are twenty-seven of us keeping the Sabbath. I hope if I get back and find our prayer house burned down again, there will be twenty-seven more ready to join us."

Surely the enemy can do nothing against the truth.

H. M. SPARROW.



Group of students busy in the leather industry

We believe that the success of the College is not measured by the stateliness of its buildings, the furniture of its classrooms, the decorations around the names of its faculty, the apparatus in its laboratories, nor the number of books upon the shelves of its libraries; but by the character and high ideals of its leaders and by their power to mould and guide aright the lives of those who enter its halls.

#### SPIRITUAL

This year the spiritual development of the students has been to us of paramount importance, because we believe that should the Lord be given His rightful place in their hearts, other problems naturally solve themselves. Problems of intellectual attainment, of a disciplinary nature, and even of finance, appear in a more favourable light when we have talked them over with God. We are happy to report that many spiritual victories have been gained in our

The Friday evening testimony meetings have been of an unusual character. The spirit of freedom and readiness to testify to the goodness of God has been manifest throughout.

One special feature which has given us all greater spiritual power has been the Wednesday morning prayer meeting. Instead of the regular chapel hour we have separated into prayer bands and have presented a large list of requests before the Lord from week to week.

Many missionary activities have been carried on by the College. The Bible-teacher, with several of the advanced students, has been caring for the work in Nuneaton. Correspondence bands have sent out almost one thousand letters. Visiting bands to hospitals have been greatly appreciated, while our open-air work has been blessed in bringing souls into the truth.

#### INTELLECTUAL

The scholastic progress has, in the main, been satisfactory. In most cases students have been successful in passing their examinations. Many of our scholars, however, are labouring under heavy financial

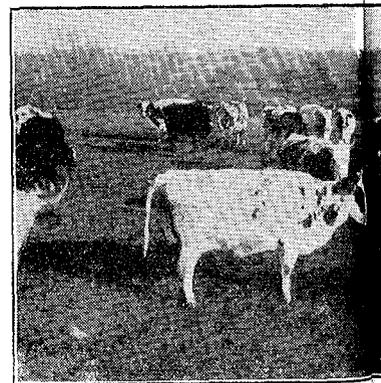
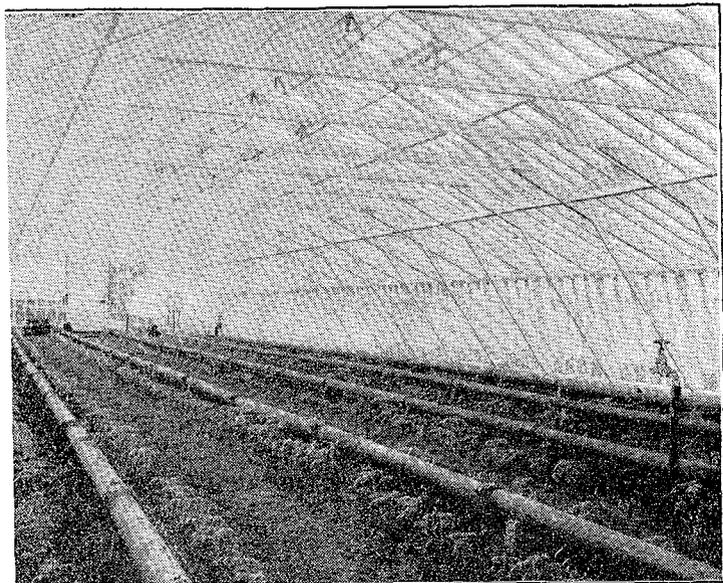
burdens, and do not have the time to devote to study. Consequently their course will, of necessity, need to be spread over a longer period. One young man is spending his twelfth year with us this year, but is hoping to graduate.

#### INDUSTRIAL

For many years we have laboured with the question of industries for our school, and at last I am happy to report that light is breaking on this difficult problem. We have adopted the policy of taking our own young men and putting them in as supervisors, and the results have been more than gratifying. We are of the definite opinion that one regular supervisor is necessary for each department, and that it is false economy to expect any business to succeed without such key men.

#### FARM

The dairy herd has produced £100 worth of milk each month



Right, top: The milking herd  
Left: The new tomato house

# Newbold Mission

Encouraging Report

By W. G. C. M.B.C.

# inary College

Departments

MARCH

since last June. With the increase in our crops there has not been such a large outlay in supplies to get this return, consequently this has given more labour for students. We have plans on hand which, if carried out, will enable this output of milk to be greatly increased, and see no reason why, during the next twelve months, we could not produce £2,000 worth of milk. But we need to modernize our dairy. We ought to have farm buildings and equipment that others in our neighbourhood would desire to come and inspect.

## GARDEN

The future of the garden was never brighter. The new greenhouse is filled with about twelve hundred early tomato plants, and looks as though we shall have an abundant harvest. The garden work is especially suitable for our younger boys from fifteen to seventeen. Here again if we could erect two more houses we could employ upward of twenty boys in this de-



partment. There is no better way of getting riches from the soil than the growing of tomatoes. One plant occupies about one square foot, and will yield approximately six pounds of tomatoes at sixpence a pound.

## POULTRY

The poultry department has had a good year. There are three young men employed here. Orders are now coming in from the folks around for day-old chicks, and we have at the present time four incubators filled, with a capacity of 900 eggs. We have already over 500 chicks hatched. It is our plan to increase our incubation and sell more day-old chicks, thus increasing the income to this department.

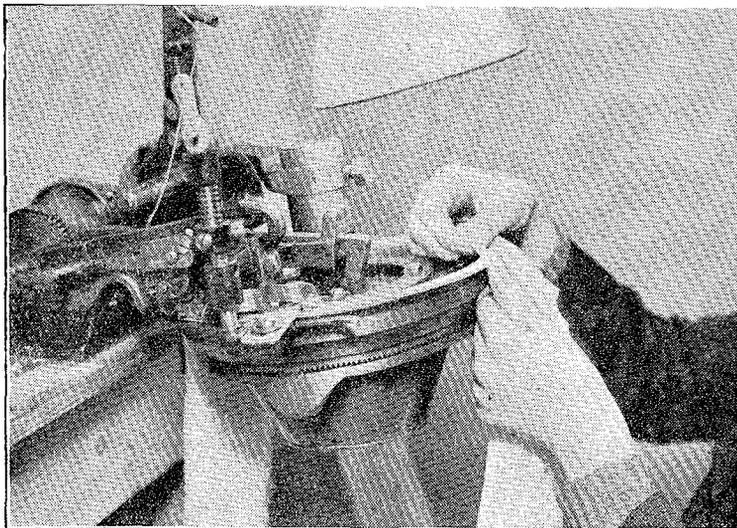
## LEATHER INDUSTRY

The leather industry has had phenomenal success in its door-to-door sales. Four young men from four short afternoons a week have maintained an average sale of £20 worth of the products of this industry. This is not only giving employment to those who are working in the department, but these four young men are earning their way in selling these leather bags in the four afternoons and canvassing on Sundays.

## TEXTILE INDUSTRY

Our infant industry, the textile, is

Left, bottom :  
*An open-air meeting at Harborough Magna*  
Right: *The boot repair shop*

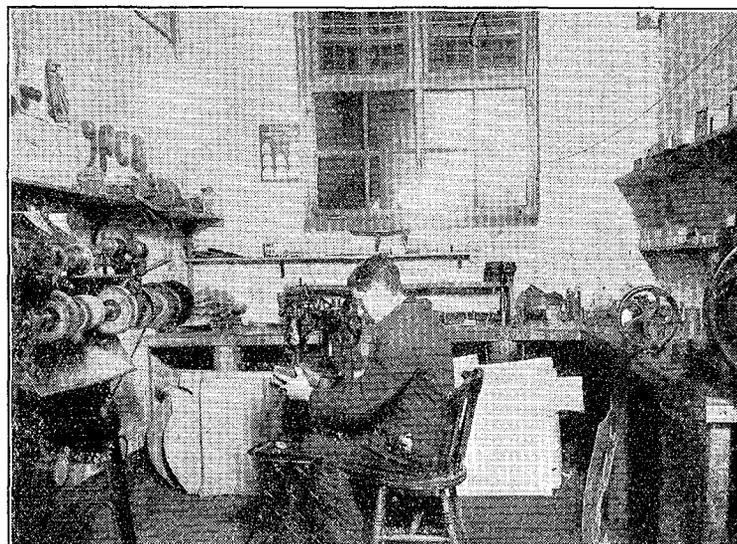


*Student at work on the linking machine in the new textile industry workshop*

showing good progress. Customers speak very highly of the work which is done, and several shops in Coventry and Rugby have been visited and there is no difficulty whatever in disposing of all our socks. The problem here is that we need three more machines. This would find employment for more students, both in the producing and in the selling, and a ready market is waiting for us.

## THE FUTURE

From now on we think the school should take on larger proportions. We ought to plan to add two years to our curriculum, to increase our student body to 200, and our faculty accordingly. This would necessitate a regular boys' dormitory to accommodate one hundred, and the existing building could be adapted to care for the girls' dormitory accommodating one hundred, and also administrative buildings, classrooms, offices, chapel, library, dining-room, etc.



We believe the future is bright for Newbold and our courage is good. The Lord is on our side and we are assured that many of the things we have been able to accomplish are due entirely to His blessing resting upon us.



### Newbold College Garden

(Report for period June 1, 1935 to February 29, 1936.)

IN making a report on the Newbold College garden at this time we are considering the period commencing June 1, 1935, to the end of last month, and we are pleased to be able to say that the garden is now on a much sounder basis than ever before and prospects are bright for the future. So far this year our output of produce is double last year's total.

But our assets may not all be calculated in financial terms, for the experience gained this year is proving invaluable to us in making our plans for the forthcoming season. We have learned where to find the best markets and the produce most in demand in these markets, and so, for the coming season we are planning to grow for sale, in addition to tomatoes, early potatoes, lettuce, cucumbers, cauliflowers, and cabbage, for all of which we have found a constant demand exceeding our present ability to supply.

The work in the garden this year has largely been done by young students. We believe that the garden is admirably suited for this class of labour, and proves a healthy place in which the younger students may be profitably employed from the school's standpoint and enable them also to earn their way through school. We would also like to express our satisfaction with the work that has been done by them.

Apart from the garden itself, we have two fields under cultivation, with a total of about seven acres. One of these fields lies on the right as you leave the College by the main drive to Brinklow. In this one we propose growing our green vegetables such as cabbage, cauliflowers, sprouts, etc. The other field is situated to the left of the

drive to the farm and is to be planted with early potatoes. In addition, the inside garden will be used for growing school supplies such as onions, parsnips, and beet, etc, and in the former flower-beds in the front lawns we hope to repeat this past season's good production of over thirty hundred-weights of carrots.

This year we are making the glasshouse at the bottom of the garden into a propagating and seedling house, and it promises to serve well for this purpose. The other houses are being used as well as possible for growing late tomatoes and cucumbers. Last, but by no means least, we wish to thank the College board for making it possible for us to have a glasshouse, which as it stands is the admiration of all visitors well acquainted with this type of work, who never fail to speak of it in the highest terms, many qualified men asserting it to be the finest within

at least a thirty-mile radius. It will enable us to grow tomatoes on an equal basis with any other grower—in proportion to the amount of ground under glass for tomato growing. Although it was late in the season before the house was finished and has been planted only seven weeks, yet so far, good progress has been made despite the very adverse weather we have experienced from the start, and we are hoping for good returns for our work. In this house there are over 1,150 plants, which under ordinary circumstances should yield at least two and a half tons of tomatoes, selling at a reasonable estimated average price of sixpence per pound.

So we face the future with confidence and believe that the garden under the continued blessing of God holds excellent prospects of becoming a profitable and expanding school industry.

H. CROCKER.

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## NORTH ENGLAND CONFERENCE

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### Notes from the President

WE have been encouraged by the good interest manifest in the public efforts throughout the conference. Although the weather has affected the attendances, we are hopeful of a rich harvest before the close of the year.

PASTOR A. F. BIRD, labouring in Newcastle-on-Tyne, has over 500 names. He is being assisted by Nurse Handysides and Sister Jackson. Because of Sister Jackson's illness, it has been necessary to send temporary help to care for the interest.

PASTOR S. G. JOYCE has begun another effort in Middlesbrough, and reports attendances of 700. Considering the good effort held last year, this is very encouraging. Sister E. D. Brown is acting as Bible-worker.

PASTOR E. E. CRAVEN has begun

work in the difficult racing town of Doncaster and we are hopeful that the company there will be further augmented as the result of his labours. Sister E. Adair, who was transferred to us from North Ireland, is giving help in this work.

PASTOR GEORGE HYDE, in Manchester, has suffered a setback in his work just after the presentation of the Sabbath, Sister Ford, the Bible-worker, who came to us from South England, falling ill with rheumatic fever due to exposure in the severe weather. She is now at The Stanboroughs' Hospital. We have not been able to send anyone to take her place.

PASTOR W. R. A. MADGWICK has a good interest in Sheffield and a number have taken their stand for the Sabbath. Here also sickness has handicapped the work. Brother Mervyn Hardinge had to undergo an operation in a London hospital

which incapacitated him for work during the month of February.

IN the midst of Pastor W. Maudsley's effort at Wallasey, the Bible-worker, Sister Preston, slipped on the ice and broke her leg. This made it necessary for us to transfer Sister Hamblin from Middlesbrough to Liverpool. There is a good interest in this effort and we hope again to see a company of Sabbath-keepers established on the south side of the Mersey.

WE hope these sick ones will soon be able to take up their work with renewed vigour.

BROTHER W. LENNOX has encouraging interest in Hull and Brother H. Munson has a fair interest in the pottery district of Staffordshire.

PASTOR G. KEOUGH, with some of the young men of the College, has been caring for the work in Nuneaton. He reports quite an interest which they hope to bring to a full fruitage.

BROTHER R. A. FREETH has been transferred to Birmingham to care for the work in that city.

MAY I invite you to pray daily for the blessing of heaven to rest upon our colporteurs, Bible-workers, and ministers. Troublous times are before us and we know not how soon our freedom to work may be taken from us.

THE finances of the conference so far this year are quite encouraging and we expect that the first quarter will show a considerable gain in tithes and offerings.

WE hope you are planning to attend the Union Conference session to be held at Stanborough Park during the first week of August. We would be glad to know the names of our members in the churches who plan to attend so that the conference committee can select those who might act as delegates.

O. M. DORLAND.

## Wedding Bells

DOVE-COOKE.—On Sunday, March 15th, in our Newport Church, a large company of friends witnessed the marriage of Miss Alice Ethel Maude Cooke and William Henry Dove. As they take up residence in the Stanborough Park district the thoughts of many friends in South Wales will be with them, praying that God will bless them with a future bright with happy service for the Master.

G. D. KING

## At Rest

AGACE.—Mrs. Annie Agace fell asleep in Jesus at her home in Addiscombe, Croydon, London, on February 6, 1936, and was buried on Tuesday, February 11th, in the Mitcham cemetery in the ninety-first year of her age. Sister Agace accepted the truth about twenty-four years ago during an effort conducted by Pastors Fitzgerald and Douglas Armstrong in Finsbury Park, London. Sister M. F. Bradley, her daughter, gave in their names for literature, and Sister Hilda Green gave them Bible studies, when both accepted the truth, becoming members of the North London Church, their names afterward being transferred to the Croydon company. Although through infirmities she was not able to attend the services, Sister Agace was a faithful member in tithes and offerings, and was constantly sending our literature to friends and relations. She was steadfast in her love of her Saviour, and the glorious hope of His soon coming was her comfort and stay. There are five daughters and two sons to mourn their loss. The service was conducted by the writer.

H. W. ARMSTRONG

FORD.—Mrs. J. W. Ford, aged sixty-seven years, formerly of Pontypridd, passed away suddenly at Pembroke Dock on February 13th. Sister Ford had been in indifferent health for some time and after the death of Brother Ford, about sixteen months ago, went to live with her sister in West Wales. It was under the ministry of Brethren Shafer and Penrose many years ago that Sister Ford accepted the message and about twenty-two years ago was identified with the church in Pontypridd, her practical Christian service being much appreciated by all who knew her. Our sister was laid to rest in Llanion Cemetery, Pembroke Dock, on Monday, February 17th. To sorrowing relatives and friends our deepest sympathy is extended.

G. D. KING.

SISTER A. J. BECK and family wish to thank all the members and friends of the Watford Town Church for their many prayers and sympathy for her during her recent illness in the Fulham Road Hospital. God bless you all.

A. J. BECK.

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## SUNSET CALENDAR

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March 27th	6.24	6.30	6.37	6.42	6.51
April 3rd	6.36	6.43	6.49	6.57	7.05

# Missions Extension Campaign Literature

## Special Issue of "Present Truth"

A SPECIAL Number of *Present Truth* has been prepared for sale during the Missions Extension Campaign. Special care has been given to make it a blessing to the people, and to make it easy to sell.

As the magazine will be sold largely in the week before Easter and during the Easter Week, it has been prepared as a "Special Easter Number." The cover design is a beautiful representation of the scene at the sepulchre of Christ the Lord on that first Easter Sunday after the crucifixion.

Just say pleasantly at the door, "Next Sunday is Easter Sunday and so I have brought you the Special Easter Number in connection with our church. Just 2d."

## A Special "Good Health"

with two-colour cover is also being prepared. Bright and attractive. Should sell easily. "The magazine in connection with the health and welfare work of our church. Price 3d."

## Fine New Shilling Book "The Bible Speaks"

David Dare's lectures to atheists, infidels, agnostics, and other unbelievers have been reprinted from the *Youth's Instructor* in the form of a new shilling book. By God's blessing it should turn thousands from the path of unbelief to faith and joy in the living God.

All the land is virgin territory for this new book. Order a good supply for Big Week. Full discounts to churchmembers. Order supplies through your home missionary secretary.

## How to become a Colporteur-Evangelist—3

By B. Belton

GENERALLY it is not wise for a man to engage in the regular colporteur work if his wife is not an Adventist, or if, while sharing in her husband's beliefs, she is not altogether convinced of the advisability of his entering upon such a calling.

So when the field missionary secretary visits an applicant he carefully investigates this side of the matter. Happy is he if he finds husband and wife perfectly united in their desire to enter the Lord's service. He knows that it means wonderful strength to a man if his partner carries with him the burden of reaching the souls in his allotted territory. From personal experience we believe that the wife's earnest and timely prayers can turn otherwise unpromising canvassing interchanges in many a prospect's home into occasions of outstanding victory with orders safely booked.

Going through the list of our colporteur-evangelists often calls forth our deep gratitude to God for the faithful partners in service of our successful men. To them much of the credit belongs and in the day of final awards they will unquestionably share in the Master's grateful "Well done!"

We will assume that the field missionary secretary finds such a favourable domestic situation as he commences to assist his prospective recruit.

The applicant's church elder and conference president, in signing his form of application, have recommended him for a period of trial. Not until the field missionary secretary has had him under his tutelage for perhaps three or four weeks or even longer can it safely be determined that a man is being called to the sacred vocation of literature-evangelism.

"He is a born colporteur," you hear it said of this or that experienced and successful man. But in all probability this is only half the truth. After he was born he had to be made! While it may be true

that men in the past have registered success in the colporteur work with little or no preliminary tutoring it is generally courting trouble to trust merely to a consecrated life, a pleasing appearance, and a "natural" aptitude for selling. Especially now is it necessary to give careful study to the principles of Gospel colportage so as to work with intelligence and precision. These new times demand it.

"Canvassers are to be educated and trained to do the work required in selling the books upon present truth which the people read."—"Colporteur Evangelist," page 22.

"Mechanics, lawyers, merchants, men of all trades and professions, educate themselves that they may become masters of their business. Should the followers of Christ be less intelligent, and while professedly engaged in His service be ignorant of the ways and means to be employed?"—"Testimonies," Vol. 4, page 67.

The field missionary secretary now proceeds to give this season of instruction and coaching. Other preliminaries incidental to his recruiting visit being over, he will ascertain if the prospective colporteur has a burden for a particular book. And it ought to be stated here that the viewing of his call from this angle is not without importance. When a man can vouchsafe that he and his wife have been securing much personal help from their study of, say, *The Desire of Ages*, or *This Mighty Hour!* or *Our Wonderful Bible*, and they have a burden to circulate the book that is proving a blessing to themselves, there is likely to be a power in his presentation to others that will move them to possess and study the work.

Of course the field missionary secretary will prayerfully direct with regard to this choice of the book to be sold, also respecting a canvassing companion and future territory, but it is very desirable that the recruit, who is to work for the heavenly Master, also seeks His guidance in vital matters like these.

In all his counselling and planning generally with his recruit as

he develops, the colporteur leader will gladly recognize such a prerogative.



### The Bishop and the Book

WHEN Brother Smart was canvassing one day he was recommended to go across the road to the big house.

"The name is Moss," said the lady.

When the colporteur knocked at the door the butler came and after hearing the request to see Mr. Moss, he showed Brother Smart into a very large room, the walls of which were lined with book shelves. From something he saw in the room our colporteur made the discovery that he was in the bishop's palace. "Right in the lion's den," he meditated.

Then the bishop himself came in and Brother Smart introduced his book, *Bible Readings for the Home*. He had scarcely turned over the first few pages, however, when the bishop turned away in an agitated manner and began to pace the room.

Suddenly he turned to the colporteur: "That book is a devilish book. It is a masterpiece of devilish cunning and full of error."

The colporteur was staggered. He had thought himself in the den of lions and now, behold, here was the "lion" himself.

The bishop turned, "My boy, do you wish to do God's service?"

"Yes, I left my work to do that very thing," answered the colporteur stoutly.

"Then drop this devilish thing and devote your life to circulating this book," and he reached over to his book-case and handed Brother Smart a copy of—*Steps to Christ*.

"Why, that is exactly what I am doing," and from his capacious colporteur's pockets he produced half a dozen copies of *Steps to Christ*, the very book the bishop was urging him to circulate. A.W.

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