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## Graduation Services at Newbold

"THE sun always shines at Newbold," were the opening words of welcome from Principal Murdoch to the 800 visitors and friends assembled in the gymnasium, Sunday, May 3rd, for the graduation service. The beautiful Warwickshire estate was everywhere richly clothed in new spring foliage; the beauties of the lake and the woods fell little short of paradise. It would have been hard to find a more delectable haven for a week-end's holiday; the thickly-carpeted lawns, the gay primroses, bluebells, and daffodils, and the ceaseless song of the birds all proclaimed that God was near.

On the Friday evening at 7.45 a consecration service led by W. R. A. Madgwick, B.A., was concluded by between forty and fifty testimonies to the direct leading and protection of God. The lateness of the hour alone prevented many more from rendering thanks to the One who so continually supplies our needs.

Sabbath morning dawned with a perfect sky and warm sunshine. At 9.30 Brother F. D. Buckle opened the Sabbath school. He was ably assisted by the grad-

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By Paul Cumings

uates, one of whom, Brother W. J. Bunting, gave an excellent lesson study from the desk. His presentation of Matthew twenty-four rekindled the fervour that stirred our souls when first we listened to this blessed truth.

Promptly at 11 a.m. the graduates filed slowly out to take their places beneath the speaker. Following the singing of the hymn, "All hail the power of Jesus' name," and the Scripture reading, Pastor E. D. Dick led us still nearer God's throne in prayer. A very deep sorrow remained with us

throughout the week-end. One of the students was dangerously ill in Rugby Hospital and special prayer was made for her recovery and that, in his distress, the heart of the father journeying from Scotland to see his daughter might be touched by the Spirit of God. Before the meeting was over the Principal was able to announce an improvement, and we are able to add that during subsequent weeks our sister has continued her recovery.

A male choir gave a delightful rendering of Kreutzer's "Sabbath Morn," then after a few words of welcome from Pastor G. Keough and the hymn, "I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus," E. E. White, B.A., B.Sc., came forward. "The Power of a Godly Life" was surely

a fitting subject for a baccalaureate address to fifteen young people newly prepared for work in the Master's vineyard. Titus was shown to be a source of encouragement to Paul. When he arrived in Macedonia following his vision at Troas, he was bursting to tell the Gospel story, but he wandered round Philippi for nearly a week, and only on the Sabbath day



Graduates of Newbold Missionary College, 1935-1936.

did he find a few believers. Brother White recounted how he found the same conditions as he entered the ministry after graduation, and how he needed the sympathy, the zeal, and the godly life of a fellow Titus.

At 7.45 p.m. we again assembled in the gymnasium. Everyone likes to hear from the graduates and this was Class Night. A novel and yet necessary item was an introduction to each member of the class. Miss Taylor rendered a beautiful farewell solo from Rossini, "Lord, Thy Glory Fills the Heavens," which was aptly followed by Kipling's famous recessional, "Lest We Forget."

Sunday found the receptionists and ushers busier than ever welcoming guests at the rate of three every minute. In the front hall the Leather Industry and the new Hosiery Department had attractive exhibits of their manufactures. The day's business in the former totalled £9 and in the latter and infant industry the phenomenal figure of £40 was reached in sales and orders. Farther down the hall was a photographic exhibit displaying some one hundred or more views of Newbold College scenery and life, as well as a beautiful souvenir photograph of the graduates in an attractive folder bearing their aim and motto.

During the day visitors were free to wander around the estate and woods. Tours could be made of the leather and textile factories and also of the garden. The fine new greenhouse already gives promise of an abundant harvest of tomatoes, and the first pound was sold for 3/-. The farm, too, is developing very well, and extensive improvements are already in progress.

Sunday afternoon at five minutes to four found the gymnasium packed. Hymn and prayer were followed by an encouraging address from Pastor Dick. His subject was the graduates' motto, "In Christ We Conquer." The orchestra rendered a selection from the first symphony by Beethoven, and then Principal Murdoch presented the diplomas and certificates. Besides the twelve senior

graduation diplomas there were thirty-one certificates awarded for book-keeping, shorthand, type-writing, and special English (for foreign students). Ministerial and Bible-workers' responses came from W. J. Bunting and F. G. D. Barr-Hamilton, who testified to a full recognition of the sacredness of the Gospel call. Two vases for the College chapel constituted the farewell gift from the class. Farewell, too, was said to Madame Michaud who has been with us throughout the past school year. Her association as French language instructor has been full of happiness and her pleasant smile will be sadly missed next year. Brother Rosier made the presentation of a travelling toilet ensemble. Miss Donaldson, matron and preceptress, received appreciation of a year's loving service in a bouquet of Spanish irises presented by Miss Hall.

Pastor C. V. Anderson, with a spirited address which centred in the aim, "To be Light-Bearers," completed the theme of the afternoon's service. There can be no higher service than the carrying

of the news of Christ's glorious return to a despairing world.

Perhaps the saddest part of the afternoon's programme was bidding farewell to Pastor Dick. After twenty-one years of service in the British Empire, during the last four years of which he was a member of the College Board and Educational Secretary to the Northern European Division, he leaves to answer a call to the principalship of Atlantic Union College. He surely received our prayers for success and God's blessing in his new work, and as a memory of his stay here he carries a leather-bound album containing "Newbold's" most delightful views. Mr. Dick's farewell words sounded a note of inspiration and advance. "I have earnestly hoped and prayed for many years," he said, "that soon Newbold Missionary College, situated as it is in the heart of the British Empire, may be a senior college, with two more years added to its curriculum." This wish is shared by all who are burdened for the development of Newbold Missionary College and of Christian education in this field.

## Graduation Reflections

By S. George Hyde

THE 1936 College graduation has passed. To those who were privileged to attend, it must have brought considerable pride. To some it recalled memories. To others, perhaps, it brought personal reminders and revelations. It brought both to me! It seems such a little while ago since I took part, as one of three ministerial graduates, in the very first officially-staged graduation, in 1916—during those dark days of the Great War. Yet that little while, if calculations can be relied upon, is twenty years! How deceiving time can be! And not feeling a day older! Can one's feelings also deceive?

Yes, twenty graduations have passed since then, each one, so each year's graduates say, better than its predecessor. Yet, apart from the year 1924, when privileged to serve on the College

faculty, this was my first visit to a graduation. And what an inspiration it was! What a crowd! Surely the large gymnasium, with its 800 seating capacity, will need enlarging, or still larger numbers of friends will have to do what many did on this occasion—stand outside listening to the strains of music and song!

This year's graduation was of great personal interest to me. The one chosen to give the class response of the ministerial graduates was one the Lord gave to us in our ministry at Belfast six years ago. At that time he was afflicted with an impediment of speech, and when urging him to get a training for the Lord's service, he thought of the impossibility of such a career with such a handicap. So we prayed, he and I, in our Belfast church vestry that the

Lord would be pleased to remove this hindrance. And how wonderfully the Lord answered. It brought a thrill, and gratitude to the Lord, to hear Brother Bunting's splendid response. There were other graduates in whom we had a personal interest—a young man in whose home we gave Bible studies in our first year out from College, when he was a wee laddie; a young lady from Brighton and Hove, the second graduate the Lord has given us from that church; another from Sutton-in-Ashfield; while still another hails from our present field of work, and who has

joined us here in Manchester. So, brethren, time hurries on. Every year students are bidding good-bye and new workers are arriving to reinforce the all too small army of workers. The cause of God must advance. The message must be given. Signs are not wanting that the Lord is at hand. Let us pray for our young people who are preparing for service; for their parents who sacrifice on their behalf; for the principal and faculty who carry the heavy responsibility in providing their training. Pastor Murdoch must have been a proud man at this great graduation of 1936.

care. Of course there will be a special daily programme arranged for these juniors.

We are arranging three trips during the camp period, one to the ancient and historic city of St. Albans, and another to some of the places of interest in London. These two trips are for the senior Missionary Volunteers only. The third one, which is to Whipsnade Zoo, will include the juniors. All these trips will be quite inexpensive, and you should plan, so far as possible, to come with us on these excursions.

It will be helpful to you in your planning to know the camp fees. They are as follows:

	One Week	Ten Days	One Day
Seniors	25/-	35/6	3/9
Juniors	20/-	28/-	3/-

## A Word to Campers

By H. T. Johnson

THERE is great enthusiasm and excitement among our young people just now; one subject is the theme of their thoughts, conversation, and planning. Can you guess what it is? Yes, it is the Young People's Camp which is to be held in connection with the Quadrennial Session at Stanborough Park from July 30th to August 9th. This spirit of enthusiasm is apparent in the letters which we receive from various ones with their registration forms. Listen to one from an old camper: "Please find enclosed my form and registration fee for camp. . . . What a good time we have to look forward to! Already I am quite excited."

We trust you will be joining us at that time, also. What a pleasure it will be to meet the young people from Wales, Scotland, and Ireland as well as the two conferences. We want you to get to know each

other, for we are all Missionary Volunteers of one great movement. We believe that God will abundantly bless us as we gather together in our special meetings which will be held in the young people's marquee, and we shall enjoy a royal feast of spiritual things. Shall we not pray to this end?

You will be glad to know also that we shall include as many features of our ordinary camp life as will be practicable. The good old bell which has done such valiant service in past camps will call you at 6.30 a.m. daily. A physical drill class will be held each morning for the young ladies, by the kindness of Mrs. C. T. Bannister, and Mr. D. Nolan has kindly offered his services in this connection for the young men. Miss M. John, the leader of the juniors at camp, will have a similar drill class for those under her

As in previous years, these charges include your accommodation and food. Should you need to have a camp bed to sleep on in addition to the palliasse, this will cost an extra 5/- irrespective of the length of time it is required. We shall be glad to know in good time about this latter matter, as it will be necessary for us to order these beds.

Now that we have given you some idea of our plans, we have a request to make of you. Will you please bring with you your musical instruments? We shall make proper provision for the care of them when not in use.

Just one final word. As accommodation is limited, you will need to register at once to avoid disappointment, so please fill in the form provided and send in to Brother F. W. Goodall, J. H. Parkin, or myself, as the case may be. *We welcome all young people*, and extend a special invitation to Missionary Volunteers from other countries who may be in England at the time of our conference.

May I add just a personal word? As camp superintendent I am looking forward to meeting you all, and feel sure that by co-operating together we can make this special camp of 1936 a definite blessing to us each one as individuals and in turn to the cause of God in general.

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### Missionary Volunteer Camp—Quadrennial Session, 1936

I AM planning to attend the Young People's Camp at Stanborough Park (D.V.) July 30th to August 9th.

Name . . . . .

Address . . . . .

Age . . . . .

I enclose registration fee of 6d

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# Travelling Facilities for the Quadrennial Session

OUR churchmembers and delegates will remember that in the past arrangements have been made with the various railway companies for the reduction of the train fares in respect to attendance at our Union session. This matter has been taken up very definitely with the railway companies this year, but they are unanimous in their decision that because of the recent special facilities offered in the period monthly return tickets at single fare and one-third for the return journey, they are not able to give any further reductions for conferences and conventions, with the exception of North and South Ireland where the period return tickets are not available.

In view of this will all our churchmembers and delegates who are planning to attend the Union session please note that the period return tickets are issued by the railway companies for single fare and one-third, and are available for one month.

In the case of the Irish Free State and North Ireland special vouchers will be issued and sent to Pastor Harker so that delegates and churchmembers may have the special concessions granted for period return tickets, namely, the return journey for the cost of single fare plus one-third.

With respect to those attending

our young people's camp special arrangements are made by the railway companies in respect thereto, particulars of which have already been published by the departmental secretaries, and any further information concerning the special rates for the camping parties will be supplied by Brethren F. W. Goodall, J. H. Parkin, or H. T. Johnson. A. CAREY.



### Wanted!

THE following booklets are needed to complete the Departmental Exhibit, which we are preparing for our forthcoming conference. If any member has copies will they kindly notify us first, and we will then communicate with them.

We need copies of the *Morning Watch Calendar* for the years 1922 and 1923 and previous to 1919. We need a full set of the *Sabbath-School Quarterlies* for the past ten years, that is from 1925 to 1935. We would also like to have some Sabbath-school charts which you have found useful and have helped you to reach your goal in the Sabbath-school. We also need Harvest Ingathering charts for past years, which you have found valuable, and any other items of interest that we might put into our Exhibit. Please let me know immediately. F. W. GOODALL.

## British Union Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists 1936 Quadrennial Session, July 30th to August 9th Apartments Reservation Form

PLEASE reserve for me the following accommodation:

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for the period ..... inclusive

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### Prayer Changes Things

OTHER men may get along without fully realizing the force of this truth, but the Gospel worker cannot. Said C. H. Spurgeon of working for souls: "We are aiming at a miracle, it is well to settle that at the commencement." No less is it true that our particular line of soul-saving, the literature ministry, is a supernatural work. The aggressive nature of our service rouses the fiery opposition of the enemy. So we are in continual need of a power outside of ourselves. Prayer is at once the secret and our all-sufficiency.

"Far more will be accomplished by Christlike, humble prayer than by many words without prayer."—*"Colporteur Evangelist,"* page 92.

Sister Logan told a poor person who very much desired a copy of *Christ Our Saviour* that she would pray that the money involved would not be missed. On the strength of that, yet possibly with some misgivings, the woman paid six shillings out of her scanty resources. Miss Logan prayed, and went along the lane canvassing at other homes. Returning, she saw the customer watching for her at the gate. She was overjoyed as she told how, since Miss Logan left her home, a person called and paid some money that was owing, yet which she did not expect, more than sufficient to cover the cost of the book. Prayer wrought the difference at the right time.

One day recently it was my privilege to canvass with Brother Cooke in Wales. At a seemingly poor home the person said she "couldn't afford." Her married daughter entered at this point. We directed our conversation toward the new-comer and at what seemed an impasse, suggested that we all kneel and pray, especially remembering the latter's husband, who was just recovering from a most serious operation.

When we rose from our knees, mother and daughter each gave an order for *Bible Readings*, paying deposits.

Prayer—what a vital relation to human life and the world! As the one supreme force, "prayer changes things." God has planned it so. B. BELTON.

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### Sabbath-School Notes

A BRITISH Union Sabbath-school secretary once penned the following dictum concerning the influence of Sabbath-schools on our church life. It is worth reading:

"It is a fact worth considering that in those places where the Sabbath-school is held in high esteem by the believers, the cause of God flourishes the most. In such places there is an outstanding loyalty and faithfulness. The cause is supported both at home and abroad. The young people are encouraged, won to the Lord, and trained for His work. On the other hand, where the Sabbath-school is lightly regarded, we find evidences of a sickly faith; a lowered spiritual vitality with its usual crop of church troubles, inactivity, unfaithfulness, and apostasy."

Reflecting on this, is it not well that we should ceaselessly endeavour to get all our churchmembers enrolled in the Sabbath-school? There is much still to be done while the present missing members for this conference total 313, or eighteen per cent of the total church membership. A few superintendents have reported a reduction in the number of their missing members this quarter, and we hope to show a still better state of affairs in the next report. Will every member reading this, who, for any reason whatever, is not sharing the blessings of the Sabbath-school, seriously consider the matter and endeavour to co-operate, for their own good and for the encouragement of their fellow-members? Feel free to talk over any difficulties which stand in your way with the local superintendent or minister, and no doubt they will be able to help you. We know of no more fitting fulfilment of the beautiful statement in Malachi 3:16-18 than the assembly of churchmembers in class recitation in the Sabbath-school, especially just now when we are studying those scriptures which bear particularly upon the solemn and momentous happenings of these last days.

### OFFERINGS

We are happy to record a most encouraging increase in the total Sabbath-school offerings for this conference for the March quarter. It works out at more than twelve per cent of the offerings for the first quarter in 1936. The average weekly contribution per member also crept up to almost 4d. In order to reach the conference goal we need to bring this up to 4½d. Already twenty-eight schools have reached this standard. Eight have an average of 9d. or more.

### BIRTHDAYS

Besides a record Thirteenth Sabbath offering (the highest for several years past), accounting largely for the increase reported above, real help, in the shape of many birthday gifts, was recorded. These totalled £8. 14s. 4d.—more than double the average for a number of years. Whilst we may lament our lack of field or garden with which to work in the Investment plan, not one of us can say we do not have a birthday, even if it is four years a'coming! Why should we not make our birthdays an occasion of practical thanksgiving to God? The suggestion, you will remember, is a penny for each year of life, wherever possible. Surely this is not too large a premium on God's providential preservation and care from year to year.

J. H. PARKIN.

### Newcastle Missionary Volunteer Convention

FRIDAY and Sabbath, March 13th and 14th, proved a period of blessing for the young people and members at the Newcastle-on-Tyne Church, when a young people's convention was held in our meeting hall in the city. We were pleased to have with us Pastor H. W. Lowe of the Northern European Division, and Brother J. H. Parkin of the North England Conference, and were glad that so

many young people were able to be with us from the neighbouring churches, Middlesbrough and North and South Shields. The convention commenced on Friday evening at seven o'clock and took the form of a welcome and rally service. At this meeting the opening topic, "Young People's Society of Missionary Volunteers—Its Organization" was presented. Then Pastor Lowe spoke to us. He likened the young people of the church to an army of youth, marching, marching to some great ideal and objective, namely, the giving of the Advent message to all the world in this generation.

The time of the convention was all too short, since we were really experiencing a feast of good things and having a sitting in heavenly places. Pastor Lowe ministered to us again on Sabbath morning, and our hearts were stirred as he made clear to us the great need of heeding the call of Christ, "Follow Me." His appeal was made vivid by real and practical illustrations from our own time of young men and women, ready and willing to lay down their lives rather than deny Christ.

During the session a number of interesting topics were presented by the young people. Time was given for discussion on these, and questions relating to young people's problems were dealt with. There was much helpful instruction given and many ideals set forth, which, if attained by us all, would certainly be a means of greatly strengthening the work. The young people were encouraged to take hold whole-heartedly of the great task of advancing the cause of truth. The following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, We realize that the world is bidding for young people as never before,

*Resolved* 1 That we, the Seventh-Day Adventist youth in session at the Newcastle Convention, inaugurate a public and personal evangelistic programme with an aim to strengthen and increase our Missionary Volunteer membership, and to encourage every member to become actively engaged in this programme.

2. That we accept as our guide in all questions of social pleasure and recreation that whatever militates against secret prayer and missionary endeavour is dangerous and therefore

not to be indulged in, both for our own sakes and for the force of our example.

The convention closed with an illustrated Bible study from Daniel

two. Many were the expressions of appreciation for the privilege of being present and for having received much help and blessing during the long-to-be-remembered convention.

A. REEVE.

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### Lowestoft Young People's New Line of Service

WITH the love of Christ constraining us, and realizing that if Jesus be lifted up before others He will draw them to Him, a band of young people (members of the Gospel Workers and Sunshine Bands of the Lowestoft Young People's Society) recently visited Oulton Infirmary, and gave the inmates there a very enjoyable evening. This institution for the poor and infirm is situated a few miles from Lowestoft, and adjoining the main building is a cosy little church, in which we presented our service to an audience numbering nearly fifty. The arrangements for our visit were made by the kindness of Brother Colman, a deacon of the Lowestoft Church, who has been visiting the infirmary for a number of years, and has done much good work for the Lord there.

The presence of God was felt by everyone throughout the evening, and as we all sang the opening hymn, "The crowning day is coming," the happy note of Jesus' return to establish a better world was struck. It was wonderful how we won the confidence of the people, and after a prayer, a reading from God's Word, and a few words about the object of our visit, we all felt as if we had known each other for years!

Two vocal items by three of our number were very much appreciated, and we felt sure that the sunshine of God's love was reaching many hearts. After singing two other well-known hymns, "The love of Christ constraineth," and "Does Jesus Care?" a cheerful and

confident message was given by a member of the Gospel Workers Band. How it gladdened our hearts as we saw faces light up as the journey of Christian in *Pilgrim's Progress* was related; how he journeyed from the wilderness of this world to the cross, where the burden of sin rolls from a repentant sinner's back, and how he continued his pilgrimage to the heavenly land, rejoicing in the knowledge of forgiveness.

Several interesting experiences were told, bringing out some wonderful lessons concerning prayer, and the conditions to answered prayer. Then, realizing that life is sometimes monotonous and painful

for those we had come to cheer and bless, the message contained in Revelation 21:1-4 was given, focussing their eyes upon the future, toward the dawn of better times. The service was concluded with that hymn of confidence and victory, "We're marching to Zion."

Copies of *Present Truth* and other Gospel literature were distributed as the people filed out of the little church, and a basket of fruit and eggs was handed to the matron.

With hearts filled with praise and thankfulness to the Lord, and with visions of similar blessed experiences in the future, this band of happy young people trudged homeward along the country lanes with the songs of Zion still ringing in their ears.

That the youth of the Advent movement, inexperienced in Gospel work as most of us are, might realize the truth of Mrs. E. G. White's statement: "To everyone who offers himself or herself to the Lord for service, withholding nothing, is given power for the attainment of measureless results," and that many precious souls will be won for Christ through their efforts is the sincere prayer of the writer.

L. CROWE.

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### Irish Literature Campaign

WE are happy to pass on to you the good news that the first issue of *Present Truth* has recently been sent out in connection with the Irish Literature Campaign. We are very pleased with the splendid response of our members, and are able to report that up to the time of writing over £13 has been received. This, together with the special gift of £13, makes a total of £26, or sufficient to supply *Present Truth* to nearly 600 homes in Ireland.

It is possible that a few more members will yet send in a small gift, so that we can reach our goal of 1,000.

This morning's post brings a

further half-crown, which was received under most interesting circumstances. The writer states that at the time the *Messenger* was given out at the church she was not present, so that it was not until a week or so later that the paper came into her hands. Now she says:

"When I read the appeal for Ireland I was impressed, and felt I would very much like to help a little. Not having the means at the time I kept the matter in mind, and quite unexpectedly I received half a crown at the week-end. When I got over the surprise of it, the first thought that came into my mind was, 'There is the half-crown you wanted to give to help

the work in Ireland!" So she continues: "It is giving me pleasure to pass it on, with the prayer that precious souls may be won for the kingdom, through the effort that is being made along these lines, for the homes in Ireland."

We just need 240 sixpences to reach the 1,000 goal. If you have not already sent do not delay, but post your letter at once so that we may reach 1,000 homes in Ireland.

Please remember these papers in your prayers, and look forward to some interesting results before the close of the three months.

F. W. GOODALL.

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**Wedding Bells**

SPARROW-STONE.—On Tuesday, April 7th, in the Brighton Seventh-Day Adventist Church, two of our conference workers were united in marriage, Brother B. E. Sparrow, who has been associated with Pastor F. A. Spearing in the work on the south coast during the past six months, and Sister E. Stone, one of our efficient Bible-workers.

The service, which was attended by a good company of friends and members, was conducted by our conference president, Pastor R. S. Joyce, appropriate musical items being rendered by Sister Joyce, whom we were pleased to welcome with her husband. Following the service in the church, the bride and bridegroom entertained the guests at the home of a friend.

We wish Brother and Sister Sparrow all happiness in their united labours for the Master.

E. L. FRASER.

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# "A Strict, Sincere Body of People"

By A. G. Rodgers

ON my return to the office it was suggested that I acquaint the MESSENGER family with impressions and experiences during my recent visit to some of our Continental publishing houses. To this request I gladly respond, hoping that one experience in particular will inspire all who read to become even more strict and sincere representatives of the Advent movement.

A very friendly welcome awaited us on our arrival at the French house, where Brethren Meyer and Gerber made our stay both profitable and enjoyable. The period of our visit coincided with the completion of certain building extensions, the old home of *The Signs of the Times* now having been transformed into an up-to-date plant, possessing increased facilities to be entirely devoted to producing our truth-filled literature in several languages. Surely our brethren in these Latin countries need our prayers, as we think of the spiritual lethargy of the people on the one hand, and the tremendous power exercised over them by the self-styled "Competent Body for the Dispensing of Religion"—The Roman Catholic Church—on the other.

Continuing our journey, we had the privilege of meeting the brethren in Germany, and investigating methods of production and distribution there. An opportunity was also afforded for the discussion of some of the larger problems which confront our publishing work from time to time, and one could not but be impressed by the resolute manner and Christian fortitude with which our brethren relate themselves to the restrictions imposed and the difficulties encountered in the circulation of the printed page.

Despite opposition and persecution, the literature ministry in many of these Continental countries is making remarkable progress so much so that we in this beloved country of ours nominally Protestant and enjoying unprecedented religious liberties, may

almost incline to the sometimes expressed opinion that the progress of the literature work in Great Britain is comparatively slow. In making comparisons, however, we must not overlook the fact that some of these European countries are blessed with a larger church membership, with the consequent increased enrolment in the colporteur ranks. We are glad for the work of our faithful colporteur-evangelists in Great Britain who are accomplishing much in the promulgation of the message for these last days. Let us pray for, and encourage all we can, these consecrated men and women who have devoted their lives to this high and lofty calling of soul-winning.

After spending a very profitable time in Hamburg, we bade our brethren "Auf Wiedersehen" and eventually found ourselves on the frontier station of Aachen, the gateway to Belgium. Here we were joined by a gentleman whose attire indicated the church. In the course of our conversation, it was not difficult to determine that he was from the United States. After reference to exchange and language difficulties, and comments on the period and architecture of Cologne Cathedral, our acquaintance informed us that this was a Roman Catholic edifice, he being a priest of the church of Rome.

As the train drew out of the station, we plunged into conversation, first upon politics, and then inevitably, religion—undoubtedly the two most provocative subjects in the whole wide world to-day. It was not long before we were left without any uncertainty as to our friend's religious views or of his mental calibre. A man, who, it seemed, spent his vacations touring Europe, equipped with the ability of a linguist, and under invitation to broadcast over the National Broadcasting System of America. In brief, a man of letters, schooled in the teaching of Rome, and fully alive to, and sympathetic with, the prosecution of its aims and objectives.

Yes, in America they had a conglomeration of sects and "isms." Everything besides the one "true" Church! Oh, yes, he knew the Seventh-Day Adventists—and then our Roman Catholic friend volunteered the greatest of compliments: "The Adventists are a strict, sincere body of people." "Are you an Adventist?" How could I hide my identity any longer? Of course, I was an Adventist, and proud of it, especially after such a fine and yet unexpected testimonial.

Surely, this was an opportunity for us to discuss the aims and objectives of the Adventist church, and so we spoke of our denominational work, of our publishing houses, and before our friend took leave of us he was well supplied with some of our well-known Seventh-Day Adventist literature. Silent messengers, and yet we trust they will prove eloquent and convincing in their appeal. We exchanged cards, and imagine our surprise when we discovered that we had been explaining and defending the faith and beliefs of Adventists to none other than the president of one of America's Roman Catholic universities.

We afterward felt an additional responsibility resting upon our shoulders, and may be, dear reader, you also will be led to feel the same way. By the grace of God, let us do our utmost to guard sacredly the honour of the cause we have the privilege to represent, and by so doing continue to prove ourselves "a strict, sincere body of people" fit for the Master's use.

## SUNSET CALENDAR

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June 12th	9.17	9.31	9.30	9.59	10.00
June 19th	9.20	9.34	9.33	10.03	10.03

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