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A Loyal Address

to the



King's Most Excellent Majesty

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY:

WE the Executive Committee of the British Union Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists tender to your Most Excellent Majesty on the auspicious occasion of Your Majesty's Coronation, our respectful and loyal allegiance.

As a Bible-loving Christian people we rejoice in the affirmation of Your Majesty's Protestant faith, and are confident that Your Majesty's noble example in faith and life will be a constant inspiration to all Your Majesty's subjects.

In these days when so large a proportion of the world's population are denied freedom of conscience, we are deeply grateful for the civil and religious privileges which we enjoy in Your Majesty's realm, and believe that Your Majesty will ever seek to preserve this sacred heritage.

We are conscious that Your Majesty has acceded to the throne at a most serious time in the history of the world, and Your Majesty may be assured that our prayers will ascend to heaven continually on Your Majesty's behalf. That Your Majesty and Your Majesty's beloved Consort, Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Elizabeth, and the Royal Family may be granted the blessings of abundant health and happiness, and that grace, wisdom and strength may be imparted to Your Majesty to bear the heavy burdens of sovereignty, is the earnest prayer of—

Your Majesty's most obedient servants,
for and on behalf of
The British Union Conference of
Seventh-Day Adventists,

H. W. LOWE, *President.*

A. CAREY, *Secretary.*

(A photograph of this loyal address will be found on page 3.)

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The Ipswich Campaign

"BROTHER HOWARD, I believe that the latter rain is falling on Ipswich."

I was having a belated meal when these words were uttered some time ago by an excited Bible-worker. The previous Sunday night we had presented the Sabbath in "The Picture House" to an intensely interested congregation, and we all felt the power of the Spirit of God working at that time. The following week, as Brother Mustard and Miss Clarke and I visited the people, a large number expressed their desire to take their stand for the Sabbath of God. Personally I had never experienced anything like it before. We sensed a stirring among some of the 90,000 people of Ipswich. We each heard the voice of God saying, "I have much people in this city," and yet, somehow, we were impressed with the thought that the enemy would now seek his opportunity to hinder the work.

The Sunday following the presentation of the Sabbath was a never-to-be-forgotten occasion. We had about 300 people present at this meeting. As it was the Week of Prayer we took the opportunity to call for special consecration—all responded when the call was made.

After this very helpful and inspiring meeting you may well imagine our surprise, when we heard that two ladies from the nearby Strict Baptist church had been instructed by the pastor, Rev. R. J. French, to circulate a scurrilous leaflet in opposition to our meetings. This church is the most popular in the town, and the largest. The leaflet was entitled, "Spiritual cheapjacks." Opening his monthly letter with a text, Ephesians 4:14, Mr. French wrote:

"So Paul knew something about these spiritual cheapjacks and their artful tricks in his day. . . . Let it be said to our British credit and com-

mon sense, that most of these stunts, and charlatans, with their quack gospels, come from the United States, where they breed like mites in cheese. They mostly originate with some more or less illiterate man or woman of a neurotic type, whose friends would have saved the world from much nuisance if they had taken them, when the turn came on, to a nerve specialist."

He enlarged on this theme in the letter referring to the disappointment of 1844 and mentioned the writings of Mrs. White as the "babblings of a semi-maniac."

You can better imagine than I describe the feelings of us all! Our campaign had only been running six weeks. The people had been deeply impressed about the Sabbath on the previous Sunday night and now—these letters from the Baptist minister circulated by their thousands.

On the following Tuesday one of my readers drew my attention to a letter in the local press. It was written by a lady who had attended our services and certainly voiced the opinion of many. It contained a stinging rebuke to Mr. French. As a sample of many others I am quoting it word for word:

"May I beg a small space in your paper to express my disgust, on coming out of the Public Hall on Sunday evening, at receiving a leaflet entitled the *Bethesda Messenger*. I would like to remind the writer of that article that there is a text which reads: 'Judge not, that ye be not judged,' which, as I understand it, applies to everybody, parsons included. I am glad to say that I with hundreds more, have what are described as 'itching ears,' and am always out to learn all I can. If as the *Baptist Messenger* says, these people breed like mites in a cheese, I for one hope we shall see some more in this town to instruct the people in the true Bible teaching. It is immaterial to me what sect these people belong to so long as they preach the truth, and to deny that is to deny the Bible and its prophecies. I am convinced that this backbiting by professing Christians is responsible for the half-empty churches and chapels."

That letter started a battle of words! Personally I did not enter the arena until I was forced, in defence of the truth, to do so. This free advertisement continued for ten weeks almost daily. I, for one, was glad when the editor put a stop to the correspondence.

Our first Sabbath afternoon meeting found sixty-five persons present, but during the week ridicule was circulated all over the town and the attendances fell alarmingly. We dropped to as few as eighteen on a Sabbath afternoon. We know that the prayers of God's people have been with us, for during the past two months the attendances on Sabbath have sometimes reached the former high standard and we have a *regular* attendance of between forty-five and fifty. We have also a good Sabbath-school. Our offering to missions last Sabbath amounted to 13s. 6d., nearly double our weekly goal.

We feel you will be encouraged to hear a few personal experiences in connection with this campaign. Among the numerous friends on my list are a prominent Woodbridge business man and his wife who are already keeping Sabbath in the truest meaning of the word. (Both have signed the baptismal card which I distributed after dealing with that subject.) This gentleman told me that he was, until about a year ago, general manager of a large departmental store in Woodbridge, a town about seven miles distant from Ipswich. This store was closed in October last and he has since formed a company to acquire the premises and reopen on modern lines in a few weeks' time. He told me that he was so impressed with the message that he had not only decided to keep the Sabbath but he was firmly resolved to close the store on Sabbath so that it should be an outstanding witness to God's statutes. He also intends to employ Seventh-Day Adventists so far as possible among the new staff. This should form a substantial nucleus for the opening of a church at Woodbridge.

We have several interests in outlying districts. Every Friday afternoon a young man and his wife come to our home from a dis-

tance of twenty-five miles to study and prepare for baptism.

One of our new Sabbath-keepers has just secured a post as housekeeper in Dovercourt. This will necessitate my travelling once a month to take studies there.

One Friday night, three months ago, a gentleman called at my home with a sack of apples. I told him I was sorry that I could not buy as it was the Sabbath. Had he been half an hour earlier I should not have made that remark, for Sabbath had only just commenced. Being by this time a very notorious character in Ipswich he immediately asked, "Are you Pastor Howard?" He told me that his sister had been to our meetings but he had not been able to get in to them as he had a fruit farm at Somersham, seven miles away in the country. He said, "I wish I could have a talk with you with my own Bible in my hand." I suggested that I would call on him and study with him and his wife. The following week when he called an appointment was made and for the past twelve weeks I have spent every Thursday evening at his home. Last week they told me that they were keeping the Sabbath. They are both of the strictest sect of the "Brethren" and have still a long way to go, but we are convinced that "He which hath begun a good work . . . will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ."

Brother Mustard, who is assisting us so admirably, had studies with a young man who had recently returned from New Zealand. He had been sheep-farming for six years, but felt led to come home and see his people. He learned the truth here and is now at Newbold training for service. He desires to

become efficient and proficient in the work of God.

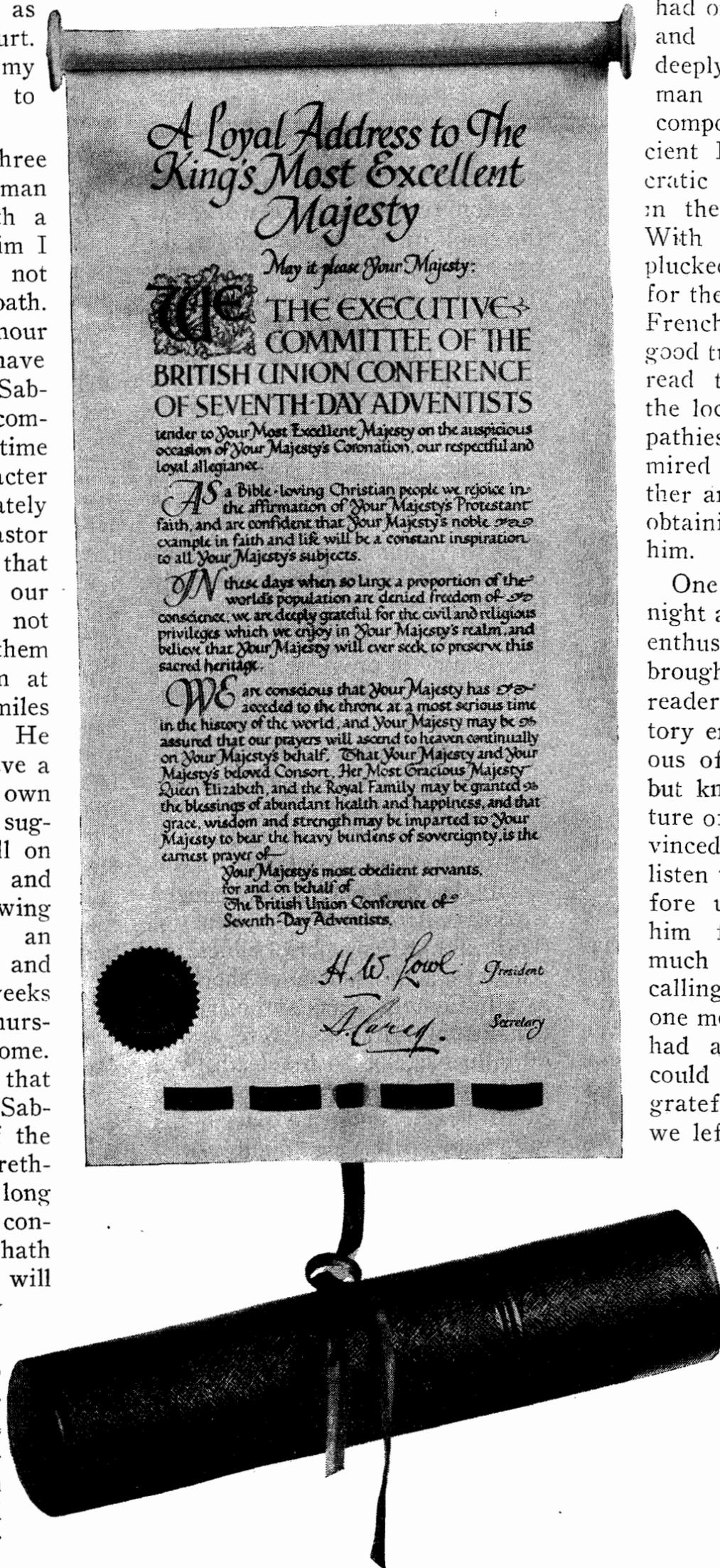
We have had two encouraging

experiences with regard to freedom from Sabbath labour among our people here. Brother Mustard had on his list a young man and his wife who were deeply interested. The young man was foreman of the composing room at the Ancient House, a very aristocratic printing establishment in the centre of the town. With much trepidation he plucked up courage to ask for the Sabbath and here Mr. French's "fireworks" did us a good turn! The manager had read the correspondence in the local paper and his sympathies were with us. He admired the stand of our brother and was instrumental in obtaining the Sabbath for him.

One evening about a fortnight ago Miss L. Clarke, our enthusiastic Bible-worker, brought to me one of her readers, a young lady in factory employ. She was desirous of keeping the Sabbath, but knowing the morose nature of her manager was convinced that he would not listen to her request. I therefore undertook to approach him for her. We prayed much about this matter, then calling upon the gentleman one morning I told him that I had a problem I knew he could solve and I am very grateful to say that before we left he promised Sabbath privileges to the young lady in question—and he did it with a very good grace.

We are all of good courage and although we have more than the usual setbacks and difficulties to meet—for instance, we are not allowed to sing during our Sabbath morning service—yet we are looking forward to the day when we shall have a strong church established in this town. Pray that God will overrule.

J. M. HOWARD.



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Notes from the President

So far this year we have baptized about forty members in the North England Conference. In a month's time we are expecting at least twelve more to participate in this ordinance.

THE Spirit of the Lord was manifest during the Spring Week of Prayer at the College, and at its close on the Sabbath evening, April 17th, eleven followed their Saviour in baptism. Two of this number were the direct results of the work of Brother Benefield, one of our veteran colporteurs.

ON Sabbath, April 24th, the Wakefield company was organized into a church with thirty-three members. Pastor H. W. Lowe was present with us, and all enjoyed the meetings. When Brother E. E. Craven began work in Wakefield in 1933, there was only one member in this centre.

PASTOR H. K. MUNSON has secured a house in Newport, Mon., and will soon be leaving us for this, his new field of labour. We are sorry to lose Brother Munson, but were pleased to receive in exchange Brother F. Edwards who is helping on the Tyneside, in North and South Shields.

WE regret the loss of Miss E. Preston from the Bible work. As the result of her accident in breaking her ankle over a year ago, she has had to take up another line of service and is now dispensing for Dr. H. Hargreaves at Walthamstow.

OUR funds so far this year have come up to budget expectations, but the cut in appropriation made by the Division and passed on to us from the Union, has made us short of cash. We should appreciate help in our evangelistic work. We are pleased with the prospects in the efforts now in progress, and believe that 1937 will be a successful soul-winning year. Do not forget the little brown boxes. Your contributions, if small, will turn them into blessing boxes and will mean the saving of a number of souls.

THE death of one of our younger workers, Brother S. Standen, on April 28th, after a brief illness of ten days, has come as a shock to us all. Complications and complete exhaustion, after a severe attack of influenza, led to his death. We are sure that the sympathies of the MESSENGER family go out to his wife and sorrowing family.

O. M. DORLAND.

tures set down for study. We greatly appreciated Pastor Robison's ministry and messages.

Pastor Goodall was his usual enthusiastic self and brought much help and inspiration to the various church officers.

Very valuable contributions came from Mrs. Ireland, Mr. Paul Cumings, Mr. Dennis Conroy, and Mr. Harold Baker.

A special feature of the convention was the "free and easy" Saturday night gathering, with a very excellent musical programme and a lantern lecture based on the writer's recent visits to the Continent.

By the time these "notes" reach you, the Welsh annual meetings will be about to begin. All the meetings, from Friday evening until Monday night (May 14th to 17th), are being held in the Salem Chapel, Moira Terrace, excepting those on the Sunday. These will be convened in the Cory Hall, opposite Queen Street Station.

If you have not already decided to attend this important meeting, there is still time to join us. We can supply you with a comfortable apartment.

In any case, you will pray that "showers of blessing" may fall upon us as we seek Him together in conference assembly. And we, in conference, will not forget in prayer our fellow-members who for various reasons remain at home.

S. GEORGE HYDE.

Service of Dedication at Newport

A VERY happy little service of dedication was conducted by the writer at the Newport church on Sabbath, May 1, 1937.

Twenty-one years ago, when we went to Derby as a raw recruit from college, we came into touch with Mrs. Rodgers and her small son, George. Our going to Derby had quite a lot to do with George becoming a member of the church and later a worker in the cause.

So, just before their departure to India to answer a larger call to service in God's work, Brother George Rodgers came to Newport, the home church of his wife (née

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Notes from the Superintendent

A VERY successful convention was held recently in Newport in the interests of the young people's and Sabbath-school work. It was like a miniature conference—the friends came from the valleys and

even as far away as from Swansea.

Pastor J. I. Robison, the busy secretary of the Northern European Division, joined Pastor F. W. Goodall and the workers of the Welsh Mission in the deliberations and discussions of the various fea-

Essery), bringing with them their little son, George Marcus. Thus, after twenty-one years, we were able to render a further service to the erstwhile laddie of Derby.

Present at the service was dear Sister Essery, the grandmother of George Marcus, as well as the baby's Auntie Ann. Grandma Rodgers was unable to be present

on account of rendering service to these appointees for India elsewhere.

May the Lord take care of these young parents and their little one in all their journeyings and richly bless their labours and keep them in health. And may the Lord watch over the dear ones they leave behind is our sincere prayer.

S. GEORGE HYDE.

the full prize at the close of the Scholarship Race of 1937.

G. D. KING.

My Church Visits

I HAVE recently been privileged to visit in company with Brethren B. Belton and A. W. Cook some of the churches in the North and South England Conferences. While with these churches we were able to see a number of colporteurs. These colporteurs were of good courage and eager to press on in their work of giving the message through the printed page.

I was very pleased with the excellent missionary spirit which prevailed in our churches. The believers are eager to do their utmost in giving the third angel's message. On Sundays a number arranged to go out with us with *Present Truth*. In this way many are privileged to learn the message through this splendid little message-bearer.

We have but a short time in which to finish the work. May God increase our faith to see even greater possibilities. May our zeal continue to grow until the work is finished and our Saviour returns to welcome us into everlasting rest.

L. A. VIXIE.

Field Missionary Department

Secretaries:

Union	...	...	...	...	...	G. D. King
South England	...	...	...	...	...	A. W. Cook
North England	...	...	...	...	...	B. Belton

They're Off!

By the time these lines appear another Scholarship Race will have begun. Over forty students from Newbold College have entered the field eager and enthusiastic in the adventure of service.

The Scholarship Race is not easy; it calls for at least 400 hours as an endurance test, and to win the full prize £80 gross value of sales must be returned to The Stanborough Press. Apart from this, living expenses must be met while in the field. In most cases it will require at least fourteen or fifteen weeks' continuous going in order to qualify successfully at the close of the summer. With all this it is not an impossible achievement. It calls for stamina and courage, but these are qualities which must ever be strong in the equipment of Adventist workers.

There is an exhilaration about "earning a scholarship" which nothing else can give, and which only those of us who have passed that way can really appreciate. Undoubtedly, this summer colporteur work is the most valuable contribution in the training of workers for the cause of God. Speaking of this opportunity afforded those preparing for the ministry, Sister White says: "I have been instructed that this is an excellent preparation."—*Colporteur Evangelist*, page 83. Men and women who have grown into strong leaders for God have invariably had their first experience in the colporteur work.

This year earnest thought and prayerful consideration have been given to the territory assignments; in addition, so far as possible, experienced students are locating with the inexperienced so that the companionships should be conducive to success.

At this time you are especially requested to remember these young people in your prayers. Will not every church in the British Union place this band of student colporteurs on their prayer list?

Think of these boys and girls (many of them are very young) scattered over the British Isles, from Fort William in Scotland to Truro in Cornwall; from Norwich in the east to Enniskillen in the west. Think of them each Sabbath, most of them isolated from the church. Think of them as they go from door to door, from village to village, during these summer days. Think of them and pray that God will bless them, that He will give them the laudable desire of their hearts. Above all pray that God will keep them from harm and the evil that is in the world.

Remember, too, that they are seeking after souls as well as making sales. The literature our students distribute this summer will sow a seed the harvest of which will not be known until all things become plain.

Let us pray that this may be a successful year for our student colporteurs, with many souls won to the truth through their labours, and a record number qualifying for

At Rest

WALLIS.—On April 19, 1937, Sister E. R. Wallis fell asleep at the age of sixty-nine after a painful illness which she bore very patiently. Sister Wallis accepted the truth in 1884 through the reading of some tracts and, with her husband, spent about twenty years in America. For many years Brother and Sister Wallis have been most earnest, faithful members of the East Dereham company, where our sister will be sadly missed. Sister Wallis was laid to rest in the churchyard at Whinburgh, quite near to her home, the rector and the writer officiating. Members of the Dereham company, two members from the Norwich church, and a number of the villagers were present.

To Brother Wallis and to Sister Short, sister of the deceased, we extend our deepest sympathy. Another sister and two brothers are left, also, to mourn their loss. In the "sure and certain hope of the resurrection," we believe our dear sister will respond to the call of the Life-giver.

L. A. WATSON.

DAVIES.—Brother John M. Davies, of Pontypridd, passed to his rest on February 28, 1937, and we laid him to rest on March 4th, there to await the call of Jesus to His sleeping saints. Brother Davies accepted the message in Pontypridd twenty-eight years ago through the labours of the late Pastor Harry Armstrong and Brother Charles Penrose. He was loyal to the truth until the end, and died trusting in his Saviour. His dear wife is left to carry on the tasks her dear one laid down. We commend her to the care of the sympathizing Saviour.

S. GEORGE HYDE.

Statement of Tithes and Offerings for British Union

SOUTH ENGLAND CONFERENCE

NAME OF CHURCH OR COMPANY	Mem-ber-ship	Tithe	Tithe per Capita	Sabbath-School Offerings Inc. 13th S.	Young People's Offering	Harvest Ingatheri'g	Annual Offerings	Miscel-laneous	Week of Sacrifice	Big Week	Total Offerings	Offer-ings per Capita
Bath	25	23 15 3	19 0	5 0 4	2 2						5 2 6	4 1
Bournemouth	90	81 8 11	18 4	20 10 7			2 0		2 6		20 15 1	4 7
Brighton	72	124 6 4	1 14 6	31 19 5							31 19 5	8 11
Bristol	94	76 3 7	16 8	15 13 4	7 7						16 0 11	3 5
Cambridge	26	26 12 1	1 0 6	3 19 4							3 19 4	3 1
Chiswick	133	143 6 6	1 1 7	26 19 8	1 12 8						28 14 4	4 4
Croscombe	30	20 9 0	13 8	5 16 0	10 4						6 6 4	4 3
Croydon	28	27 3 8	19 5	7 12 11							7 12 11	5 6
Edmonton	46	39 3 3	17 0	8 17 0	17 1						9 14 1	4 3
Exeter	8	36 19 6	4 12 5	4 15 0							4 15 0	11 11
Forest Gate	28	33 0 2	1 3 3	10 0 8							10 0 8	7 2
Gillingham	30	48 12 3	1 12 5	8 17 1	16 1						9 13 2	6 5
Harlesden	29	25 10 4	17 7	6 0 7							6 0 7	4 2
Hastings	28	46 15 1	1 13 5	7 2 9			2 6				7 5 3	5 2
H. Wycombe	19	22 17 10	1 4 1	4 18 3	7 6						5 5 9	5 7
Holloway	192	272 14 10	1 8 5	29 0 1	2 12 10	13 8	1 0 0				33 6 5	3 6
Lewisham	74	103 4 2	1 7 11	17 6 6	7 6		14 6				18 8 6	5 0
Lowestoft	59	30 5 8	10 3	3 17 8	1 0 4						4 18 0	1 8
Luton	24	17 19 10	15 0	2 16 1							2 16 1	2 4
Norwich	47	40 4 5	17 1	0 18 5	12 8						7 11 1	3 3
Plymouth	112	155 1 7	1 7 2	26 13 2	1 0 7						27 13 2	4 11
Portsmouth	52	64 11 0	1 4 10	9 2 0	7 5						9 9 5	3 8
Reading	30	38 14 9	1 2 6	9 7 3							9 7 3	6 3
Southampton	52	88 15 9	1 14 2	14 11 3	19 8	1 4 0					16 14 6	6 5
Southend	58	65 16 10	1 2 8	12 1 0	7 0				1 0 0		13 8 0	4 7
Southstoke	11	27 13 5	2 10 4	12 12 3							12 12 3	1 3 0
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Tottenham	29	22 19 0	15 10	5 8 1							5 8 1	3 9
Walthamstow	87	154 16 8	1 15 7	30 1 4	16 1						30 17 5	7 1
Watford	69	106 17 0	1 11 0	16 9 9	1 1 2						17 10 11	5 1
Wimbledon	109	160 12 7	1 9 6	26 5 1	1 5 11		2 6				27 13 6	5 1
Wood Green	88	80 18 2	1 3 10	10 16 5	12 8						11 9 1	3 4
Yarmouth	56	85 18 1	12 10	9 6 6	14 8						10 1 2	3 7
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Gloucester	17	8 5 4	9 9	1 19 2							1 19 2	2 4
Gravesend	11	12 4 8	1 2 3	1 9 1							1 9 1	2 8
Medstead	6	21 18 6	3 12 3	5 15 1							5 15 1	19 2
Romford	9	20 4 0	2 4 10	3 11 8					10 0	16 4	4 18 0	10 11
Salisbury	8	4 13 3	11 8	1 18 9		4 0					2 2 9	5 4
St. Austell	12	12 3 5	1 0 8	6 0 10							6 0 10	10 1
Torquay	12	15 5 10	1 5 6	3 13 11							3 13 11	6 7
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Handsworth	52	77 15 8	1 9 11	9 0 5	9 4						9 9 9	8 7
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Lincoln	14	14 9 4	1 0 8	4 3 5	11 2						4 14 7	6 9
Liverpool	105	68 6 6	18 0	13 10 7	5 9	1 2 9					18 19 1	2 7
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Wellingboro	22	11 15 7	10 8	4 13 2							4 13 2	4 5
Worcester	26	25 14 5	19 9	8 11 1							8 11 1	6 7
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Darlington	9	13 17 7	1 10 10	3 12 5							3 12 5	8 0
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Mansfield	12	9 10 1	15 10	2 3 3							2 3 3	3 7
Mid'brough	48	28 16 1	12 0	7 1 8	14 7		4 0				8 0 3	3 4
Scarbro'	9	19 8 5	2 3 2	9 5 4							9 6 4	1 0 8
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Sutton	12	8 0 8	13 4	1 5 1							1 5 1	2 1
Ulverston	9	13 10 0	1 10 0	2 13 3							2 13 3	5 11
Wakefield	34	19 8 9	11 5	4 4 7							4 4 7	2 5
W. Hartle'1	7	5 11 5	15 11	7 10							7 10	1 1
Isolated	297	427 19 4	1 8 9	58 15 7		10 14 7	16 6		6 15 0	2 10 0	79 11 8	5 4
Totals	1805	1990 19 10	1 3 0	379 17 5	11 11 2	17 17 4	1 14 6		6 15 0	2 10 0	420 5 5	4 10
Totals 1936	1738	1970 12 9	1 2 5	364 7 5	9 5 3	8 10 2	9 14 0		9 2 4	4 0 1	404 19 5	4 7
Increase	67	20 7 1	7	15 10 0	2 5 11	9 7 2	-7 19 6		-2 7 6	-1 10 1	15 6 0	-2

Conference for the Quarter ended March 31, 1937

WELSH MISSION

NAME OF CHURCH OR COMPANY	Mem-ship	Tithe	Tithe per Capita	Sabbath-School Offerings Inc. 13th S.	Young People's Offering	Harvest Ingatheri'g	Annual Offerings	Miscellaneous	Week of Sacrifice	Big Week	Total Offerings	Offerings per Capita
Barry Dock ...	18	25 17 0	1 8 9	5 16 0							5 16 0	6 5
Blaenavon	11	4 1 1	7 4			7 0					7 0	8
Cardiff	59	47 3 6	16 0	23 3 2	11 2						23 14 4	8 0
Hereford	18	12 9 9	19 3	4 8 8							4 8 8	6 10
Midford Haven	6	8 13 6	1 8 11	4 3 6							4 3 6	13 11
Newport Mon.	97	58 3 10	12 0	10 2 1	10 8		10 0	1 0 0			12 2 9	2 6
Porth	14	10 1 2	14 4	2 15 1							2 15 1	8 11
Swansea	34	22 0 1	12 11	7 17 10	15 0						8 12 10	5 1
Companies {												
Aberdare ...	9	14 10 3	1 12 3	3 8 0							3 8 0	7 7
Abertillery.	7	2 17 9	8 3	1 8 11							1 8 11	8 5
Dowlais ...	6	2 9 9	8 4	16 9							16 9	2 10
Henllan ...	5	3 13 8	14 9	19 0							19 0	3 10
Llanelly ...	10	1 15 0	3 6	1 9							1 9	2
Rhos	10	7 7 6	14 9	2 7 6			1 6				2 9 0	4 11
Rhyl	19	29 8 6	1 10 9	5 2 1		5 2 8					10 4 4	10 9
Risca	8	8 8 5	1 1 1	2 7 3							2 7 3	5 11
Shotton	10	3 16 4	7 8	1 11 8		9 9	5 8				2 7 1	4 9
Shrewsb'ry	19	20 8 2	1 1 6	2 5 0							2 5 0	2 4
Isolated	96	91 10 8	19 1	4 1 2		1 8 0	4 0			7 6	6 0 8	1 3
Totals	451	374 10 11	1 1 11	82 10 5	1 16 10	7 7 0	1 1 2	1 0 0		7 6	94 2 11	5 6
Totals 1936	442	417 18 4	18 2	81 8 9	1 13 9	4 9 0	2 8 11	6 9		6	90 2 8	4 1
Increase	9	-48 7 5	8 9	1 1 8	3 1	2 18 0	-1 2 9	13 8		7 0	4 0 3	1 5

SCOTTISH MISSION

Aberdeen.....	29	16 14 5	11 6	3 11 8	4 0						3 15 8	2 7
Edinburgh	60	22 6 3	7 5	9 1 8							9 1 8	3 0
Glasgow	38	77 6 4	17 7	18 10 8	2 9 0			1 0 0			21 19 8	5 0
Kirkcaldy	10	13 18 9	1 7 11	3 13 11							3 13 11	7 5
Com. {												
Dundee ...	18	4 18 1	5 5	3 11 6							3 11 6	4 0
Stirling ...	14	44 5 11	3 3 3	25 0 3							25 0 3	1 15 9
Uddingston	11											
Isolated	86	61 4 8	1 14 0	7 19 6		4 5 6				10 0	12 15 0	7 1
Totals	266	240 14 5	17 3	71 8 9	2 13 0	4 5 6		1 0 0		10 0	79 17 3	5 9
Totals 1936	268	240 16 4	18 0	59 10 4	8 0	6 13 7	5 5 0		4 0		72 0 11	5 5
Increase	-2	-1 11	-9	11 18 5	2 5 0	-2 8 1	-5 5 0	1 0 0	-4 0	10 0	7 16 4	4

NORTH IRELAND MISSION

Belfast	54	130 16 8	2 8 5	28 17 5	4 0						29 1 5	10 9
Larne	2	1 15 0	11 8	2 16 2					5 6		3 1 8	1 6 7
Isolated	58	33 16 2	11 8	6 1 7	6 8	1 0 0					7 8 3	2 7
Totals	115	166 7 10	1 6 10	37 15 2	10 8	1 0 0			5 6		39 11 4	6 5
Totals 1936	117	147 14 9	1 5 3	50 7 9	1 6 0	4 6	1 14 6	1 12 6			55 5 3	9 5
Increase	-2	18 13 1	1 7	-12 12 7	-15 4	15 6	-1 14 6	-1 12 6	5 6		-15 13 11	-3 0

IRISH FREE STATE MISSION

Dublin	34	43 9 2	1 5 7	11 2 11	1 4 7						12 7 6	7 8
Isolated	12	13 5 1	1 2 1	1 0 0	2 6						1 2 6	1 11
Totals	46	56 14 3	1 9 1	12 2 11	1 7 1						13 10 0	6 11
Totals 1936	42	79 9 2	1 17 10	15 2 0	12 8						15 14 8	7 6
Increase	4	-22 14 11	-8 9	-2 19 1	14 5						-2 4 8	-7

UNION TOTALS

Union Conf.											55 1 5	55 1 5
Stanbo'h Press		61 3 10									3 8 5	3 8 5
Granose Foods		8 0 2										
Stanboroughs												
Grand Totals	5512	6931 4 3	1 6 0	1314 3 1	42 9 1	41 11 10	10 8 8	2 0 0	19 9 6	70 2 8	1500 4 10	5 5
Grand Tot. 1936	5345	6962 2 1	1 6 1	1257 3 2	36 12 6	57 17 3	24 12 4	852 4 3	20 5 8	69 9 11	1818 5 1	6 10
Increase	167	-30 17 10	-1	56 19 11	5 16 7	-16 5 5	-14 3 8	-350 4 3	-16 2	12 9	-318 0 3	-1 5

At Rest

VAN HARDENBROCK.—Baroness Pauline van Hardenbrock, of Ealing church, passed to her rest in the Saviour she loved so much, at The Stanboroughs Annexe on January 29, 1937, at the age of forty-eight years. She was baptized into the truth by Pastor Roy Anderson on April 18, 1936. She had been a real child of God for the

last eight years of her life, and was a blessing to a great number of people. The Lord was her life, and she truly lived this text, "Christ liveth in me." Brother E. Ashton, the chaplain of the Sanitarium, conducted the burial service, when her children and a sister were present. Their loss is great, but they know that we shall meet her again when our dear Saviour comes in glory to take His faithful ones to their reward.

R. MANSFIELD,
Church Clerk.

Advertisements

MANY THANKS to all the S.D.A.'s who have responded to our advertisement for Printing. Our expansion will help the movement. "Success" Printing Service, Portslade, Brighton.

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SHOPS (Sunday Trading Restriction) ACT, 1936

By H. W. LOWE

HIS Majesty's Stationery Office a few days ago issued for the price of twopence a "Memorandum on the Shops (Sunday Trading Restriction) Act, 1936." This is the document that gives official instructions for the application of the said Act of Parliament through the local government departments. It is full of interesting things, some of them especially applicable to us as a people.

It should be remembered that this Act is one to limit, and not to encourage, Sunday trading. It does not apply to Scotland, nor does it affect the wholesale trade.

On page 2 is this paragraph:

"Special provision is made to enable persons of the Jewish religion to carry on retail trade or business on Sunday up to 2 p.m. provided that they close for the whole of Saturday, and comply with certain other conditions. *These provisions apply also to members of any religious body regularly observing the Jewish Sabbath, e.g., members of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church.*"

On pages 3 and 4 is a list of articles whose sale is wholly exempted from the Sunday closing provisions of the Act, among them intoxicating liquors, meals or refreshments (not including fish and chips), table waters, confectionery, ice-cream, flowers, fruit, vegetables, milk, cream, medicines, tobacco, newspapers, books, postcards, photographs, souvenirs, etc. The sale of most of these things is regulated by some other Act of Parliament.

On page 9 commence "Special Provisions for Persons Observing the Jewish Sabbath," and paragraph 12 reads thus:

"The general effect of these provisions is to permit a person of the Jewish religion, or a member of any religious body regularly observing the Jewish Sabbath (e.g., a member of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church), to keep his shop open until 2 p.m. on Sunday, provided

(a) that he applies for and obtains registration of the shop by the local authority;

(b) that he keeps the shop, and any other shop occupied by him, closed for all purposes during the whole of Saturday, and

(c) that he complies with certain other conditions designed to secure that the privilege of opening on Sunday under these special provisions is limited to persons who have a genuine conscientious objection to trading on the Jewish Sabbath."

Paragraph 13 deals with applications for permission to trade on Sunday until 2 p.m., and should be carefully noted by Adventist shopkeepers desiring to avail themselves of these provisions:

"Application must be made to the local authority in the form prescribed by the Regulations (Form III), and must be accompanied by the prescribed Statutory Declaration."

On page 10 is this sentence, which applies in all cases where the above-mentioned permission to open on Sunday has been obtained:

"A notice must be kept conspicuously posted in the shop stating that it will be closed on Saturday."

Should the local officials have reason to question the bona fides of a person claiming to be of the Jewish religion "or a member of a religious body regularly observing the Jewish Sabbath," etc., "the local authority may refer the case to the appropriate tribunal constituted in accordance with the Regulations."

Then comes this interesting statement:

"In the case of a person professing to be a person of the Jewish religion, the tribunal will consist of persons nominated by the London Committee of Deputies of the British Jews (generally known as the Board of Deputies) and approved by the Secretary of State; and in the case of a person professing to be a member of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church, the tribunal will consist of persons nominated by the British Union Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists, and approved by the Secretary of State.

"If the tribunal, after considering the case, reports to the local authority that the occupier concerned is not a person of the Jewish religion (or a member of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church), or that he does not hold a genuine conscientious objection to trading on the Jewish Sabbath, the local authority will revoke the regis-

tration of the shop, and thereupon the registration of all other shops in the same occupation, whether or not they are in that local authority's area will be deemed to be revoked."

Looking over this whole Act and the Memorandum thereon, and bearing in mind the various interviews which have been held between Government officials and Brethren Maxwell, Carey, and the writer, we feel that every promise made to us has been kept in the strictest honour down to the last word. Probably no Act of Parliament and no Government regulation have ever mentioned Seventh-Day Adventists so many times. We were even discussed in this connection at 10 p.m. last Thursday night over the radio and our good people in Switzerland and other countries have called our attention to what they heard!

God has certainly been very gracious to His people and the Home Office and other officials have been amazingly anxious to give every possible facility to us in our desire to live up to our conscientious convictions on the question of the Sabbath.

Wedding Bells

KING-PENNY.—A pretty wedding took place in our Newport church on Sunday, March 28, 1937, in the presence of a large congregation. Miss Phyllis Penny and Mr. Herbert King were the contracting parties. May this new home be another "Bethel," and these new homemakers experience at all times God's fellowship and blessing.

S. GEORGE HYDE.

SUNSET CALENDAR

	Lon'n	Not'm	Car'ff	Edin	Bel't
May 21st	8.53	9.05	9.06	9.31	9.32
May 28th	9.03	9.16	9.16	9.43	9.44

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