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A Message to the Churches

THE ministry of the British Union Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists in council at Watford, to the churches, companies, and isolated believers in the British Isles, Greeting.

Never have we been more conscious than during this gathering that issues of stupendous importance to God's people are rapidly developing on the stage of world affairs. International unrest, worldwide insecurity, and spiritual apostasy speak to us of the coming night; they also herald the dawning of a new day.

Faced by an unparalleled world crisis, the hearts of many are sinking within them. To the Advent believers, however, the impending catastrophe, instead of being a source of fear and alarm, inspires courage and confidence.

MESSAGE FOR THE HOUR

As never before we realize that our Heaven-born message meets the urgent need of our time. As the plans and programmes of men are proving impotent to bring that peace and security for which the human heart is craving, the message we bear points mankind to the only solution of present world problems—the speedy return of the Lord in glory.

This realization of the world's need and the knowledge that to this people has been committed God's last message of mercy constitute a solemn call to the Advent believers to press forward, united in

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faith and spirit, to the accomplishment of their Heaven-given task.

All differences must be put away, all striving for position must cease, all slothfulness must be renounced, that with one accord we may go forward in service, for the night cometh when no man can work.

Now is the time to attain unto and maintain victory over every known sin that we may be "clean



Pastor W. A. Spicer, whose presence at the recent institute proved a great blessing.

that bear the vessels of the Lord."

For if we are not partakers of the former rain which causes the Gospel seed to grow, we shall not receive the latter rain which is to

strengthen the church to stand in the day of the Lord which is just before us.

PROVIDENTIAL LEADINGS

We have been conscious of God's guiding hand in our evangelistic work as new towns have been entered, new churches organized, and buildings raised to His glory, and we believe that far greater results are yet to be seen through the ministry of preaching.

We thank God for the Sabbath-school, Home Missionary and Young People's departments of our work, which have established members new and old more firmly in the truth for this time, and have made available large funds for further advance at home and abroad.

We are glad, too, for the signal blessing of God upon our publishing, educational, and health institutions, and for the influence which they have exerted in their respective spheres.

CONSCIOUSNESS OF WEAKNESS AND REDEDICATION TO SERVICE

Yet while praising and thanking God for His guidance and blessings, we have been made deeply conscious, at this gathering, of our own weaknesses and past failures in the great task of soul-saving.

We are now convinced that the time has come when a great ingathering of souls is to be witnessed in our beloved land, if the

whole church, ministry and laity, will enter into the opening providences of the Lord on every hand.

We do, therefore, at this time most earnestly rededicate ourselves to the work of God, desiring to be cleansed from all iniquity and filled with the Holy Spirit that we may lead the remnant people of God in personal preparation for the coming of the Lord.

CALL TO SPIRIT-FILLED EVANGELISM

Recognizing that the insistent call of this solemn hour is for Spirit-filled evangelism, and burdened to proclaim the saving truths of God's last message throughout the British Isles, we give ourselves again whole-heartedly to its accomplishment. Depending upon His Holy Spirit we pledge ourselves to constant and unremitting effort toward a more effectual ministry of the Word, ever seeking to discover and adopt more effective methods in the prosecution of our mighty task of soul-winning.

We are deeply conscious, however, that such a work as is set before this people can never be accomplished by the ministry alone. It calls for the consecrated effort of the entire body of believers. "So vast is the field, so comprehensive the design," we have been told, "that every sanctified heart will be pressed into service."

To-day the call comes afresh to every churchmember to seek that sanctification of life which will make it possible for God to carry out His gracious design for the world.

We earnestly invite one and all to take advantage of the facilities which the organization of the church provides for training in soul-winning. Only thus, with the whole church busy for Christ in His closing work, can the ministry be free to enter the hundreds of towns in this land where the voice of the Advent messenger is as yet unheard.

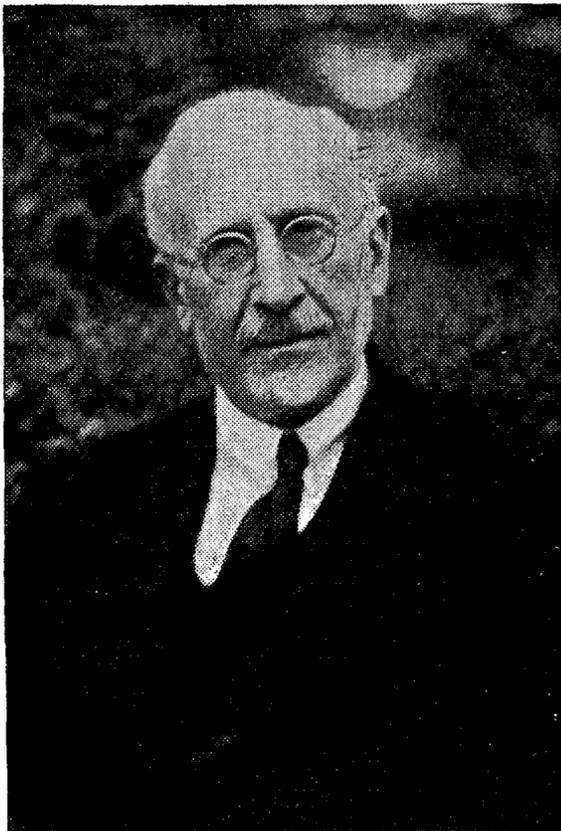
We must not, dare not, longer postpone a mighty forward movement which will quickly bring the message to every soul in our land.

CHALLENGE TO YOUTH

Particularly to our youth does this mighty task present a stirring

challenge, for it is to them that God is looking to finish His work in the earth.

To parents we make an earnest appeal for the maintenance of family worship. We believe that nothing is so calculated to bind our children to us as the practice



Pastor W. T. Bartlett was also a very much appreciated visitor at the recent Workers' Institute.

of family prayer and Bible study, and we think that even in divided homes some form of daily worship could be held, so that the belief and practice of Adventist parents would help to save our youth for this cause.

To our young people, therefore, we appeal to rededicate their lives to God's service, seeking daily for divine strength to uphold the standards of the Advent message and to press in, whenever opportunity presents itself, for service. Some, through the avenues of church life, are needed to labour in their own towns. Others will be led to take up definite training in our missionary college that they may be ready for service where and when God shall call.

CERTAINTY OF TRIUMPH

Events on earth and in heaven are moving toward the great climax of history. Jesus is coming soon. Ere long the church militant will become the church triumphant. Let us then, each and all, seek that preparation of heart and life which will enable us to meet the Lord in peace, and in consecrated service "occupy till He come."

June 18th—A Special Prayer Request

By H. W. LOWE

WE have just concluded a Ministerial Institute at Watford where for eight days all the evangelists and Bible-workers, with a number of institutional employees, assembled for prayer, meditation, and an intensive study of soul-winning problems.

We were saddened during this time at news of the death of Pastors A. E. Bacon and W. A. Hall, two veterans in service.

Our working force in the British Union is becoming more and more a band of young men and women. The older workers are slowly leaving us and the responsibilities of pressing forward with the message rest upon younger shoulders. This has its perils; but we feel God is using our young men and women in a wonderful way, and as long as they keep close to the Lord the dangers will be overcome, and we

should see a great onward march in the movement in this field. There was a very earnest searching after God, and our young men and women were very keen to get all the help possible with their many problems.

Pastor W. A. Spicer brought us inspiring messages of the growth of this movement in his own inimitable way. Pastor W. E. Read brought us much help through his studies in the rise of the Second Advent movement, while Pastor W. T. Bartlett was a tower of strength as he handled the Bible questions that came from our workers, and also dealt with such difficult problems as the war situation, etc.

We are presenting in this issue a message drawn up by our workers, and approved by the British Union Conference Committee,

which we should like to go to every member in the Union. The key-note of this message is that of consecration to a more successful soul-winning for God. We want our lay members to join with us in earnest, solemn prayer that God may richly bless His people with a large ingathering of souls for the kingdom. We should keep our eyes on the goal of 10,000 members in a short time in this union. The end of things temporal is upon us, and God's work will conclude in power.

A greater day than Pentecost is at hand.

Too few of our lay brethren and sisters are enjoying the thrill of winning souls for the Lord. We as workers need to know this thrill much better than we do. To this end we suggest that Sabbath, June 18th, be taken in our churches as an occasion for special prayer and that in our homes throughout that day we continue this supplication of God's throne for greater power in winning souls to the truth.

smoothly. Nothing was handled twice. No energy was dissipated. No time (which means money) was wasted. Ingenious economy revealed itself at every turning. Starch, that used to waste its sweetness on the woods, is now profitably sold. The borough's admonition, "Burn your refuse and save your rates," is turned to good account by the gormandizing water-heater that eats up all waste paper within its ambit. Gluten loaves that formerly clamoured for separate drying compartments now bask in the superfluous heat from a busy oven. Everything works something else. What used to do for this now also does for that.

A Visit to Our Health Food Factory

By B. E. SPARROW

THAT poor old bean would surely have blushed with sheer unworthiness, if when in the fields of China, Japan, or wherever the soya grows, it had dreamt of such lavish attentions. Mercifully such foreknowledge was spared it, and the hapless bean turned up in all innocence at the house of Granose Foods Ltd.

Short shrift was granted. In company with brethren to the weight of half a ton, that soya bean was hustled to a bin, where it patiently awaited its most elaborate toilet. Deft, maidenly fingers removed undesirable companions (discoloured, decayed, degenerate old beans!). An endless conveyor conveyed it to . . . where? Never mind; we've forgotten. But the next time we met it, the soya was soaking and soon would be baked, steamed, engraved, tinned, labelled, and stored away in some good housewife's pantry.

Apologies for the digression. That bean just captured our imagination! Let's begin again.

Officially we began at the top (where fifty tons of wheat commence their career) and finished at the bottom, which, we hasten to add, is not our usual mode of procedure. Well, there we were, pledged to follow the progress of that wheat to the end, with various sideshows thrown in *en route*.

Thereby hangs a tale—those sideshows! Really, they are little masterpieces, worthy of separate

exhibition, yet no more than cogs in the wheels of Granosian efficiency. We lingered in the printing-room and saw enough to make us wonder whether there are any limits to ingenuity. A little farther on the downward path we stumbled across a young box-making industry, where goods are cased ready for despatch as quickly as possible after manufacture. We also secured a private peep into the palace of engineering, where discarded baking-pan covers are turned into floor-plates overnight.

And so we went on and on, until upon our sluggish souls there began to dawn the light of genuine admiration. Everything went so

And all this is combined with such scrupulous cleanliness! How do they put it . . .? "You could eat off her floor!" Well, we are diffident about pressing such a claim, but we can at least, like the faithful spies, give a glowing report of the Promised Land. Hats off to the men and women who run it! All praise to their brains and ability!

We couldn't escape without a moral, so here it is: "Cleanliness is next to godliness." Need we press the point? Granose Foods Ltd. is both a cleanly and a godly institution. . . . Late in the afternoon we left by the *front* door, followed by the "Glad-to-have-seen-you-always-welcome" kind of feeling.



A special display of products of Granose Foods Ltd. on the occasion of the British Union Workers' Institute.

College and Other Changes

By H. W. LOWE

OUR members are aware that during the past year Brother W. G. Murdoch, the principal of Newbold College, has been taking post-graduate work in the United States. While over there he has married one of our teachers from California and they will both return to this country in a few days' time. We feel sure a cordial welcome awaits them. Brother Murdoch will resume his work at Newbold and we look forward to a very successful period in our educational work.

Heavy burdens have been carried during Brother Murdoch's absence by Brother G. W. Baird and the teachers associated with him. Their difficulties were multiplied when, at extremely short notice, they lost the services of the Bible teacher, Brother G. Keough. The brethren, despite this double handicap, have worked valiantly, and the excellent spirit among the students at the recent Graduation exercises indicated how much God has blessed in the preparation of young people for service.

Brother T. L. Gillett, the preceptor last year, has been voted to connect with the South England Conference for evangelistic service at an early date. It has been decided to call Brother H. T. Johnson, departmental secretary in North England, to the preceptorship.

Miss E. Donaldson, who has rendered conscientious service for many years as matron in our school, now takes up Bible-work in London.

Mrs. H. T. Johnson will take up duty as the preceptress, and will devote her time to the spiritual and other interests of the lady students.

On the domestic side we have called Miss Claudia Eyre to be matron. She has completed a course of training in London that should be of great help to her. Naturally this will call for some reorganization of the domestic staff, and we hope that as a result certain handicaps under which the previous staffs have laboured will now be removed.

Brother F. D. Buckle, who has been treasurer at the College for some years, and during the past year manager, will take up work as treasurer of the North England Conference and the management of Newbold will pass into the hands of Brother N. H. Knight, recently released for that work by the North England Committee. There will be other reorganization plans on the business side of college life.

We feel that the outgoing members of the staff deserve our thanks for the efforts they have put into the College during the past year, and the incoming members will require our prayers and support in every way if our new plans are to be translated into more effective service for the Master.

For a long time we have felt that our educational work needed

strengthening in more ways than one. It is not easy to raise the standard to the point where we know it ought to be, without having at our disposal very much larger funds than we have at the moment. The present reorganization at Newbold will not call for a larger outlay of funds, but will in fact effect certain economies without impairing efficiency.

Our College has done excellent service, despite its meagre facilities, as proved by the fact that most of the workers in the British Union to-day, and all of those in the forefront of aggressive public evangelism, came from this institution. It is an encouraging thing that practically all our graduates enter ministerial or mission field service.

The North England Committee was reluctant to release both Brethren N. H. Knight, the treasurer, and H. T. Johnson, departmental secretary. But the interests



Reading Left to Right: FRONT ROW.—J. Harker, Miss K. E. Felton, Miss G. Jones, Miss M. A. N. Miss R. Chappell, Miss L. Fitcher, Miss I. Himsworth, Miss E. D. Brown, Miss J. Mitchell, Miss R. S. Joyce, Dr. J. E. Cairncross, G. D. King, S. G. Hyde, W. H. Meredith, E. R. Colson, J. B. West, H. F. De Ath, A. S. Rodd, D. Handysides.
SECOND ROW.—Dr. B. Williamson, E. E. Craven, F. W. Goodall, W. L. Emmerson, A. W. R. S. Joyce, Dr. J. E. Cairncross, G. D. King, S. G. Hyde, W. H. Meredith, E. R. Colson, J. B. West, H. F. De Ath, A. S. Rodd, D. Handysides.
THIRD ROW.—S. Joyce, C. A. Reeves, Mrs. D. Casey, Miss E. Guntrip, Miss J. Archibald, Miss M. Clements, Miss M. Kirby, Miss E. Cleary, Miss K. Mahon, Miss E. B. Pinch, Miss A. J. B. West, H. F. De Ath, A. S. Rodd, D. Handysides.
FOURTH ROW.—B. A. Walton, T. H. Cooper, E. Ashton, R. Vince, L. D. Vince, J. G. Bevan, A. H. Thompson, W. R. A. Madgwick, S. G. Joyce, W. Maudsley, H. K. Munson, R. T. Bolton.
FIFTH ROW.—H. W. Armstrong, F. J. Wilmshurst, G. W. Bailey, A. G. Tapping, H. Humphreys, Keough, H. T. Johnson, C. Smith, B. F. Kinman, W. J. Bunting, J. E. Bell, D. Conroy, J. A. Jackson, F. S. Jackson, L. A. Watson, G. R. Bell, L. G. Hardinge, W. G. Nicholson, E. R. Warland, A. K. Elias.

Workers of the British Union at the

of the work as a whole guided the brethren in this sacrifice. They requested that Brother B. E. Sparrow be secured to replace Brother Johnson, and to this South Eng-

land agreed, again in the common interests of our union work.

Further word on our College plans for 1938-9 will be published shortly.

Sabbath-School Rally Day, June 18, 1938

By J. L. McELHANY

NEXT week is Sabbath-school Rally Day. We are celebrating the sixtieth anniversary of our Sabbath-school organization. We have been putting forth special efforts to gather into the Sabbath-school the large number of our church-members who are habitually absent.

If what I am saying falls to-day upon the ears of any church-members who are not also members of the Sabbath-school, I appeal to all such, with much entreaty and earnest longing, to unite in regu-

lar attendance at Sabbath-school.

I make this appeal because I know from personal experience the blessings that come to those who do this.

The Sabbath-school is the fundamental institution of this cause. Throughout our history the Sabbath-school has existed among us. I call it the basic institution because it precedes all others in our church work. Where even a very few believers can be brought together for a Sabbath meeting, they are gathered into a Sabbath-school

as the first step in organization. To have a church organization without a Sabbath-school would be almost unheard of among us.

It is quite impossible to measure the importance of the Sabbath-school to our cause. It is the greatest single factor we have in the Bible training of young and old. Those who have grown up from childhood in this message know from experience what the Sabbath-school has meant to them, as through the years they have been blessed by its instruction and inspiration.

Imagine, then, the loss that is being suffered by all who habitually absent themselves from the Sabbath-school. If they could only realize how much they really need the help and blessing that come through the Sabbath-school!

At this time our pastors and workers generally are putting forth special efforts to bring all our churchmembers into the Sabbath-school. They are doing this because of the great value of the Sabbath-school as a builder of Christian character. In these days when every wind of doctrine is blowing, how important that we all be established in the teachings of the Word. The great doctrines of the message need to be studied over and over. We cannot be too familiar with all the principles of truth. We need to study repeatedly the life of Jesus and the nature of the atonement.

Consider also what the Sabbath-school means to this cause as a great evangelizing factor, in home and in mission lands. The growth of the Advent movement corresponds quite closely to the growth and development of our Sabbath-school work.

One Sabbath morning in a country whose language I could not understand, I prepared to go to Sabbath-school. One of the leaders said to me: "Do you really want to go to Sabbath-school this morning? You cannot understand what you will hear." I replied, "Yes, I want to go, for I can at least understand what I see."

Let us pray and work for the success of this effort to gather into the Sabbath-school every member of the church.



Miss V. Warren, Miss M. John, Miss D. Taylor, Miss F. Barr-Hamilton, Miss M. Keough, Miss W. Buck, Miss A. M. Beazley, Miss E. Stendall, Miss M. M. Campbell, D. J. Clarke, Miss Rigby, A. Carey, O. M. Dorland, W. E. Read, W. A. Spicer, H. W. Lowe, W. T. Bartlett, Miss McRorie, Miss J. Hyde, Miss N. Ritson, Miss O. C. Davies, Miss W. Buckle, Miss E. Adair, Miss M. Hamblin, Miss H. Ford, Mrs. I. H. Williams, Miss J. Handysides, Miss A. F. Clarke, Miss Knight, W. J. Young, F. A. Spearing, J. H. Parkin, F. C. Bailey, D. M. Swaine, F. Edwards, Miss W. Coppock, R. H. Smith, J. Mustard, E. Butters, J. H. Bayliss, J. C. Craven, Miss H. W. McCrow, H. D. Clarke, J. J. Gillatt, C. R. Bonney, P. Cumings, D. Morrison, G. A. An, O. H. Rosier, A. K. Armstrong, R. A. Freeth, C. T. Bannister, H. Benwell, W. G. Baldry, Miss W. J. Cannon, J. C. French, B. E. Sparrow, J. R. Lewis, B. Belton, E. Zins, J. H. Craven,

Recent Ministerial Institute in Watford

Missing—1,064 Churchmembers!

WHERE are they? Are you one? Ninety-seven Sabbath-schools reported missing members during the first quarter of this year. A great recruiting campaign is on and your help is needed.

If you are not a regular member of the Sabbath-school, we need you!

Sixty years ago, in 1878, the Sabbath-school Department was organized and the Advent message reached this land of ours. We may be sure that a Sabbath-school was organized that same year here in

the homeland. So during this year, 1938, we are celebrating a double event. How fitting that we should invite those 1,064 missing members to join us to celebrate this special anniversary.

We invite you, therefore, to join us at once and help us reach our aim of Every Churchmember in the Sabbath-school by the end of June.

The Sabbath-school needs you.

You need the Sabbath-school.

May we welcome you next Sabbath?
F. W. GOODALL.

has taken her stand, and is awaiting baptism.

ANNUAL MEETINGS

THE South England Conference will be on us in just a month. Are you planning to attend, or are you thinking of the loss of time, the journey, and the money? What seems to be a loss will turn out to be an actual gain. The messages, the associations, and the unity of purpose of all in attendance will bring great courage to you.

God has promised in Isaiah 44:3, "I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground." The entire conference can be spiritualized and made what God wants it to be only as every believer is spiritualized and born from above.

Will every reader begin now to pray daily for the coming conference? Pray that every representative may be deeply serious regarding the responsibilities he accepts as a delegate. Pray that the Spirit will fill every heart. Pray for the committees which will be appointed; for those who give reports and represent the various departments, and pray especially for those who will stand in the pulpit as instructors.

Let your resolve be in these words, "We will go with our young and with our old, with our sons and with our daughters; . . . for we must hold a feast unto the Lord." Exod. 10:9. We will find new strength to meet the problems of life when we go back to our homes.

Pastor W. A. Spicer, whose picture you will see in this issue of the MESSENGER, will be present to represent the General Conference. He was one of the pioneer workers in England. We were glad to have him present for the Ministers' Council this year, and his ministry was a source of unique instruction and great courage. All who fail to attend will miss a great blessing, as Brother Spicer will take a large proportion of the meetings.

SPECIAL OFFER

J. RIGBY, the manager of Granose Foods Ltd., has very kindly offered to prepare parcels of health foods for our members at a greatly reduced price. These

SOUTH ENGLAND CONFERENCE

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Notes from the President

FEW WORKERS

As we continue to open up the work in new places, we are finding it increasingly difficult to answer all the calls we receive because we have so few workers. We often receive letters from our isolated members reporting interest in our truth in their neighbourhood and urging us to send in an evangelist to reap the harvest. Almost invariably we have to reply that nothing would please us more than to help, but we have no worker to send. As one committee member expressed it, "It is getting increasingly difficult to get the sheet to cover the bed!"

NEW PLACES

DURING the past three years we have opened work in eighteen new places, as well as conducting evangelistic campaigns in towns that had had previous campaigns. In 1934 we had forty-one churches and companies. In 1938 they number fifty-two. At the moment we are working in eight new places. There are also a large number of groups. These facts should be a source of encouragement to all. However we cannot sit back with a feeling that the territory for which we are responsible has been

covered, for there are literally thousands of places in South England still unworked.

LITERATURE

MORE and still more truth-filled literature is being poured into the cities, towns, and villages of this conference. More is being sold this year than at any previous time. The regular workers, God-fearing men and women, are being greatly blessed by God. Now a strong group of students has joined them in the field. Let us pray that each one will be blessed as the truth is carried from door to door.

The following will show how the literature, even after many days, is saving men and women for the kingdom of God.

In 1914 J. Benefield sold his first book, *Desire of Ages*, in a home where an invalid had been bed-ridden for seventeen years. The sister of this person purchased in all £10 worth of books. Because of family opposition, the books had to be hidden, and only read in secret by the two sisters. Finally they accepted the full message, and to the amazement of all, the invalid was cured, and was baptized. This year—twenty-four years after the books were sold in that home—another member of that family

parcels will be on sale during the Annual Meetings to be held this year in London. I am sure all will come prepared to show their appreciation of this offer by purchasing at least one parcel.

CAMP

"GLORIOUS" is the right adjective to apply to the county of Devon. A well-planned programme has been prepared for this year's camp, and from the present enrolment it appears we will have a bumper attendance. At least three ministers who believe in camps and who love young people will be present all the time.

CAMPAIGNS

FOUR baptisms have been planned for this month.

Regular Sabbath services are being conducted in the following places, although their names do not appear in the MESSENGER quarterly tabular:

C. A. Reeves	Ilford
J. M. Howard	Colchester
F. C. Bailey	Beckenham
L. D. Vince	Kilburn
L. A. Watson	Beccles
B. E. Sparrow	Folkestone
A. G. Tapping	Eastbourne

THIS good work is not accomplished by the might of man, but by the power of God. We thank God for the manifestation of His Spirit throughout the conference as a whole.

R. S. JOYCE.

Annual Meeting

NOTICE is hereby given that the thirty-fifth annual session of the South England Conference will be held in the Holloway Hall, Holloway Road, London, N.7., from Thursday evening at 7.30, July 7, to Sunday evening at 9 o'clock, July 10, 1938.

The purpose of the meeting is to elect officers for the ensuing year, to receive reports, and to conduct such other business as may properly be brought before the delegates.

Delegates should be appointed from each church and the list sent to the conference secretary, 506 Holloway Road, London, N.7., on or before June 27th.

"Each church shall be entitled to one delegate for the organization without regard to number, and one additional delegate for each ten members."—*Article 4, Section 5.*

"Isolated members and companies of believers, other than organized churches, shall be represented by the delegates at large, and such of their own number as may be appointed by the Executive Committee."—*Article 4, Section 6.*

"The standing committees of the conference shall be nominated by a

Recommendations Committee composed of one delegate from each church up to fifty members, and one for each additional fifty members, the members of this committee being chosen by the respective churches."—*Article 8, Section 4.*

For apartments apply: Apartment Secretary, Midland Bank Chambers, 506 Holloway Road, London, N.7. Everything possible will be done to locate applicants comfortably.

President, R. S. JOYCE.
Secretary, J. H. PARKIN.

NORTH ENGLAND CONFERENCE

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A Notable Conversion

It is encouraging to God's people to hear of the wonderful accounts related by missionaries and others concerning the remarkable changes brought about by the conversion of those who have for many years associated with the world and its attendant evils. In place of the anxious, unhappy, and often depraved appearances, conversion brings a happy expectancy and joy radiates from a countenance which reflects that peace created by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

It was my happy experience recently to witness a "conversion" of a different though not less blessed nature. During my work in the conference I have been privileged to visit a number of our churches and companies, and it has been a pleasure to associate with many of our members in their service for the Master. Frequently our people worship under very adverse conditions and it is their ambition to secure places of worship more in harmony with the purpose for which they assemble. The Lord has recently blessed one of our smaller companies in a rather remarkable way.

The Sutton-in-Ashfield members have for a number of years met in a hired hall, available to them only on Sabbaths for their regular ser-

vices. In addition to the disadvantages of not being able to use the hall for Sunday evening services or other week-night meetings, there was often considerable disturbance, spoiling the reverence and spirit of worship.

The Sutton company has now effected a "conversion." A certain shop became available, and with enterprise, labour, several other virtues, and a certain amount of cash, they have "converted" it into a delightful meeting-place; small and unpretentious certainly, but a place to call their own, available whenever required.

Those visiting Sutton-in-Ashfield are cordially invited to attend The Advent Hall, Low Pavement, where it is hopefully anticipated much good seed will be sown to bear rich fruit in the kingdom of our Lord. The times of the services are as follow: Sabbath-school, 10 a.m.; preaching service, 11.15 a.m.; Y.P.S., Sabbath, 6.30 p.m.; prayer meeting, Wednesday, 7.30 p.m.

N. H. KNIGHT.

Students' Aid Fund Pledges

Some of the pledges made at the conference at Stockport toward the Students' Aid Fund have not yet been redeemed. This is just a reminder that funds are still needed for this worthy project.

N.H.K.

SCOTTISH MISSION

Superintendent: Pastor L. Murdoch

Address: Old Saughton House, Calder Road, Edinburgh

Notes from the Superintendent

THE Scottish Annual Meeting will be held in the Advent Church, 202 Renfrew Street, Glasgow, from July 1st to 3rd. We are making plans for a record attendance this year, as Glasgow without doubt is the "centre of the world" at present. We extend a very warm welcome to all our friends from the South who plan to visit the exhibition to come during the time of our Annual Meeting, and

share with us the blessing of the Scottish conference.

The Union has made excellent arrangements in the help which we shall have for the meetings. Let all our people in Scotland plan to be present, bring a blessing and expect a blessing, and you will not be disappointed.

Will any requiring accommodation please write to the above address. L. MURDOCH.

At Rest

BACON.—Pastor A. E. Bacon passed away at his home in Southend on Friday evening May 6, 1938, aged 60 years, and was laid to rest by his fellow-ministers in his parents' grave amid the flowers and the trees of Chingford Cemetery.

Brother Bacon was ten years of age when his mother accepted the truth. Until he was fifteen he was educated in England, and then he attended our college in South Lancaster, U.S.A. From 1898 to 1903 he was assistant book-keeper and shipping clerk in the International Tract Society, then located in 451 Holloway Road, N.7. In 1903 he entered the ministry, and for two years he worked in Portsmouth, Brighton, then Catford, and from 1905 to 1907 in Scotland. While labouring in Scotland he was ordained, in the year 1908. The ordination took place in Nottingham. From 1909 he served for six years as superintendent of Scotland; from 1913 to 1919 as superintendent of Wales; from 1919 to 1921 as president of the North British Conference, and from 1921 to 1928 president of the North England Conference. In 1928 he was invited to care for the churches in the Western district of the South England Conference. From there he was called to the Hampshire district in 1932. Then in 1936 he took charge of the work in North London, and finally he was called to labour in the South-eastern district, where he died in Southend. He fell, as every worker for God would desire, while at his post of duty. Brother and Sister Bacon were married in 1905, and together laboured for the Master for thirty-three years.

And so another veteran worker has gone to his rest until the morning of the resurrection. Let us pray that the Great Comforter will be with Sister Bacon and her daughter, Alfreda, as they lay plans for the future. R. S. JOYCE.

SLATOR.—On January 23, 1938, Sister Slator, an aged member of the Mansfield company, passed away. She was laid to rest in the Mansfield Cemetery on January 26th, Pastor Madgwick performing the burial rites. The last time the writer heard Sister Slator's voice, a few days before her death, she was singing one of the "sweet songs of Zion" which she loved so well. With the prophet of old we may well say, "Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his." T. STENDELL.

HALL.—Pastor W. A. Hall passed peacefully away at his home in Birmingham on May 13, 1938, after a very trying illness.

Throughout his illness he had shown true Christian patience and fortitude, never complaining, always hopeful and confident in the truth he loved so much. He fell asleep, assured in the hope of a resurrection when Jesus comes.

Brother Hall came into the truth and commenced colporteur work in 1895. He was invited to Birmingham to take charge of the company there in 1897. Later he assisted Elders E. E. Andross and S. G. Haughey there and was given ministerial licence in 1900. Because of family sickness, our brother later went into self-supporting work, and for some years was elder of Handsworth Church. He had been with this church from the beginning and has now left many who will long remember his faithful ministry. In 1918 he was again called into the work and given ministerial licence. He was ordained in the year 1921, and for years laboured in different places and acted on conference committees. During the last year or so of his life, because of failing health, he was not able to give full time to service, but he was always ready to give of his best. As a lucid speaker, a faithful pastor, and always a lover of truth, he will not soon be forgotten.

He fell asleep in his seventy-third year and leaves behind a wife, a son, and daughter-in-law to mourn the loss of a beloved husband and father. The church has suffered a loss, but we sorrow in glorious hope that our brother sleeps in Jesus, and will come again when the last trumpet shall sound. We laid him to rest in the presence of a large number of his friends, and our prayers ascend on behalf of the loved ones left.

W. H. MEREDITH, O. M. DORLAND.

FINLAY.—We regret to announce the death of our dear Sister Finlay, an aged member of the Belfast church, on May 13, 1938. Although in failing health for some time the end came suddenly. She was a faithful and constant worshipper with God's people and worshipped with us the last Sabbath of her life. She accepted the message twenty-three years ago through the ministry of Pastors Mussen and Whiteside. Words of comfort were addressed to the mourners and friends at the home and at the graveside by Pastor Whiteside, who officiated. Our departed sister was laid to rest in Gilnakirk Cemetery, there to await the call of the Life-giver. She leaves a husband, two sons, and five daughters to mourn their loss. To them we extend our heartfelt sympathy in their sad bereavement.

MRS. M. BRYANS, Church Clerk.

Church Directory

Brighton and Hove

THE address of the Brighton and Hove church was incorrectly given in the recent church directory. Will visitors kindly note that it is in Hove Place, and also that the Sabbath afternoon service is now held at 6.30 p.m. until further notice.

E. J. READ, Church Clerk.

When You Come to Folkestone

REMEMBER these meetings at the Priory Hall, The Bayle.

Sunday, Preaching Service, 6.30 p.m.; Wednesday, Bible Study, 7.30 p.m.; Sabbath, Sabbath-school, 10 a.m.; Divine Service, 11 a.m.; Bible Study, 3.15 p.m.

All holiday-makers are welcome!

B. E. SPARROW.

Advertisements

WIDOWED lady, middle-aged, seeks post as cook-general or working housekeeper. Sabbath privileges. Good plain cook. Trustworthy and capable. Labour-saving, comfortable home. References. W.R., 46 Devonshire Road, Holloway, London, N.7.

VISITORS to Bournemouth. S.D.A. or others. Rooms and attendance. Bed and breakfast or board, as required. (Mrs.) M. Mason, "Nuwara-Eliya," 60 Elmes Road, Bournemouth.

ENGINEER, twenty years' experience, first-class Board of Trade certificate, desires situation with Sabbath privileges. Write in first instance to Pastor W. Maudsley, 7 Lilley Road, Fairfield, Liverpool, 7.

WILL any friend kindly donate a much-needed typewriter to the Walthamstow Church School, Grove Road, off Hoe Street, Walthamstow?

WANTED: Boy leaving school for window-cleaning business. Thompson, 353 Nottingham Road, Eastwood, Notts.

THE South England Conference treasurer acknowledges with thanks the receipt of £3, the Lord's tithe, "M."

SUNSET CALENDAR

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June 17th	9.19	9.32	9.32	10.01	10.02
June 24th	9.21	9.34	9.34	10.03	10.04

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