

WALDENSIAN MISSIONS AID SOCIETY, SCOTLAND

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The year 2001 has been a busy and rewarding one for the Society. In May, the Society was pleased to welcome Pastor Gianni Genre, the newly elected Moderator of the Tavola, on his visit to Edinburgh for the opening sessions of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland. Gianni Genre had been a student at New College and had visited Scotland as a Deputy on a number of occasions, and had led a memorable visit some years ago, with his Choir from the Church at Ivrea.

Professor Ermanno Genre, who is the Dean of the Waldensian Faculty in Rome, spent some time in Edinburgh at New College in the Summer, and was pleased to meet some of the Committee and friends during this time.

This year has been particularly memorable for the visit, just completed, of 10 friends, including the Chairman and Secretary and other members of the Central Committee, to Torre Pellice, for the week ending 20 October. The group took part in the Morning Worship, at the Waldensian Church in Corso Vittorio Emanuele, in Turin, on 14 October, and were delighted to meet the congregation at the community meal at lunch time. This was a most memorable occasion. The week following was filled with visits and walks in the vicinity of Torre Pellice, including visits, to Agape, Pra' del Torno, Bobbio and Villar. The long walk on the slopes of Rocca Berra, to the hamlet of Rora', will be remembered by all the participants for a long time !

Arrangements for future deputations will be considered at the next meeting of the Central Committee, to take place at the beginning of December 2001.

Requests for further information, including copies of the Waldensian Review, will be welcomed most warmly. Likewise, donations for the ongoing work will be most welcome, and Gift Aid Declarations can be provided to donors who pay U.K. tax. The Society is usually able to provide a Speaker and a video or coloured slides, for presentations to any interested organisations, who may wish to know more of the work of the Waldensian and Methodist Church and Community in Italy.

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