

BRITISH ADVENT MESSENGER

Church Standards on Marriage and Divorce

DIVORCE is becoming so increasingly prevalent, and the divorce status has become such an accepted thing all about us, that there is danger that its prevalence and acceptance will unconsciously influence the people of God to lower their standards and to change their thinking with reference to it.

Divorce is multiplying with great rapidity. A generation ago it was not accepted as it is to-day. Divorce was harder to obtain. They are becoming increasingly easier to obtain. At first, Seventh-Day Adventists were not greatly troubled by this evil. That is not true to-day. It is making its inroads upon us. In some of our larger centres the divorce question is becoming a source of real perplexity.

I hope it is wise, therefore, and I hope it will be helpful to make a plain statement of the standards regarding divorce, which are held by this denomination. Certainly those who are divorced among our members should know what the attitude of the church is regarding this question. Then, too, those who are contemplating divorce should know what the attitude of the church is bound to be regarding their divorce. This is no matter to be passed over lightly. . . .

There is a possibility that we may look at this matter altogether too lightly. This denomination upholds one Edenic institution with great vigour—the Sabbath. We should see to it that the

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other Edenic institution—marriage—is upheld among us with equal firmness.

The divine Word still holds good. *"This is now bone of my*

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bones, and flesh of my flesh: . . . therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh." Gen. 2:23, 24. . . .

Much of present-day literature shouts its approval of the current degradation in marriage. There are men and women of prominence and influence who are advocating that divorce should be made obtainable at the mere request of either party.

It is clear that Seventh-Day Adventists, looking upon the Bible as they do, must arrive at their standards regarding divorce on the basis of the clear teachings of the divine Word, the clear revelations of the divine example, and

the clear implications given us by the divine example of the marriage relation.

Christ has espoused His people to Himself. Our union with Him is likened to the marriage union. He is married to His people.

Ask yourself what Christ puts up with, how long He bears, how much He endures, how much He is willing to forgive in His relationship to us.

We treat Him with indignity. We neglect Him. We desert Him. We go contrary to His will. We crucify Him afresh. We are unfaithful to Him. We even commit spiritual adultery.

But He stands ready to forgive all, no matter how far we go. Does that have any bearing upon our attitude and conduct and forbearance in the marriage relationship? Read the sixteenth chapter of Ezekiel, and note how far God is willing to bear with us, and determine how far we should bear with our life partners.

My own conviction is that most of our difficulties in wedlock would be smoothed out altogether if we were willing to take them to the One who bears with us in our frailties rather than to take them to man.

I know there are unpleasant things that come into the lives of all who are married. I have heard it said that there should be two "bears" in every home—*bear* and *forbear*. Certainly for Christian people mankind has no solution to these things that tend to break up the marriage union. God has.

Do we avail ourselves of His power as we should?

DENOMINATIONAL POSITION

The Seventh-Day Adventist denomination has taken the position that there is one and only one way in which the marriage tie can be completely dissolved, without provoking God's displeasure. It recognizes one and only one allowable cause for divorce.

When the Creator instituted matrimony, He made no provision for the separation of husband and wife. They were to "cleave" together. (Gen. 2:24.) This injunction is wilfully violated by divorce.

Divorce was never contemplated in God's original purpose and plan for His creatures. "From the beginning it was not so."

Marriage according to divine ordinance was intended to be a lifelong union, "till death do us part." And no matter how, why, or by whom the marriage relation is torn apart before death severs that tie, someone has sinned and broken the permanency of that first blessed institution.

This is the evident teaching of our Lord. When the tempting Pharisees put the direct question to Jesus, "Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause?" He ruled, after directing their attention to the divine institution of marriage, "What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder." Mark 10:9.

When the Pharisees left, and His disciples drew His attention to the Jewish divorce practices allowed because of the hardness of their hearts, His second answer was even more direct and comprehensive. "And He saith unto them, Whosoever shall put away his wife, and marry another, committeth adultery against her." Mark 10:11.

Two facts are incontrovertible from these passages, the truth of which is regarded as so vital that it is repeated in Matthew 19:6 and Luke 16:18. These are that Jesus brands divorce as diametrically opposed to the divine will, and sternly repudiates the Jewish idea that marriage can be broken at the mere caprice of the husband.

But is there no exception to this comprehensive, sweeping rule? The Seventh-Day Adventist denomination has taken the position that there is. It points to the statement of our Lord in Matthew 5:31, 32, repeated in Matthew 19:9, and teaches that these statements clearly and plainly and unmistakably declare that marital unfaithfulness breaks the marriage relation and may be employed by the innocent party as a reason for divorce which God and the church recognize.

STANDARD NOT TO BE LOWERED

The Seventh-Day Adventist church takes an uncompromising position here. It will not recognize anything other than adultery as justifying divorce or permitting remarriage. It rightly requires its ministers to live by this rule, and not let down the barriers in this matter.

In the case of the divorce of churchmembers who have been separated by a decree which the church cannot recognize and who plan remarriage, this church must hold that they cannot properly

remarry. These individuals may have been legally divorced, and also be legally remarried in the eyes of human law. They cannot be considered in this light by the church. They cannot be admitted to church membership or retain their membership in the church unless they can find some way to regularize their status.

There must be no compromise here. Our ministers are expected to uphold these standards of the church. This should be emphasized, because divorce is coming to be looked upon quite lightly.

My appeal is for a firm, uncompromising adherence to and maintenance of the true scriptural Christian marriage ideals of the church of Christ. Where Christ rules in the heart, and where Christ is consulted in Christian homes, and where Christ is allowed to determine the course of action, divorce is not likely to enter.

When in spite of Christian forbearance it does enter, then there should be no departure from the established standards of this remnant church of Christ.

Notes from the Union President

DIVISION CHANGES

THE General Conference committee has decided to change certain division supervision in some parts of the world, owing to war conditions. Such parts of the Northern European Division as are still accessible to the General Conference committee will be administered direct from Washington by that committee, and W. E. Read, former Division President, will in future act as one of the Field Secretaries of the General Conference.

COLLEGE OPENING

OUR College commenced operating in its new quarters on February 18th and we request the prayerful remembrance of all our members in this important work of training the youth in Christian service. After a long, and, for some people, arduous recess, the work provided for in the College syllabus will be speeded up somewhat, and we hope not too much

inconvenience will be suffered by the change over.

EVANGELISM

MOST of our evangelists are planning for spring openings to their new campaigns, and it is particularly requested that we take this matter to the Lord in prayer. This phase of our work was never operated under more trying conditions, but we must not allow the conditions to become an excuse for our lack of interest or energy. Souls belong to God our Maker, and soul-winning is pre-eminently His work. Whatever the difficulties, God has His solution, and men will be saved under war conditions and prepared for His kingdom.

CHURCH STANDARDS

THIS is the first time I have specifically used this phrase in these columns. I hesitate to write or speak on this subject lest it should be interpreted as meaning that there is any frequent or

general lowering of standards among us. I believe that as a people and a ministry our standards are high, and we all strive, by divine grace, to live up to New Testament requirements in Christian conduct. Occasionally, however, one is pained by the unfortunate exceptions that arise, and also by questions that come in to us from churches in different

parts of the field. One such question recently came to us, and it happened to correspond with the appearance of a rather timely article, dealing with present-day moral difficulties, from the pen of Carlyle B. Haynes. On the front page of this issue the main parts of that article appear, and we feel it will be of interest to our members. H. W. LOWE.

gether with some of many years standing, transferred from the Parkfield Street church and Ashton, were to be organized into a company—a company of twenty-one believers. Manchester's "baby" was about to take its first steps!

Pastor R. S. Joyce was with us for the day. After the Sabbath-school session he began the pleasurable task of organization. First of all he reviewed the tenets of our faith, progressively building up a picture of the foundation, doctrine, hope, work, and ultimate triumph of the church on earth, of which the members in Denton are called to be a part. After a short retirement, the nominating committee recommended the officers for the efficient conducting of church affairs, and all were accepted unanimously. Earnest prayer concluded the morning service.

In the afternoon, a solemn ordination of those not previously ordained took place, Brother Hilton as elder and Brother Oilerenshaw as one of the deacons. Brother Joyce, in his address, spoke of the seven steps which led Peter to deny his Lord. He showed the gradual fall through self-confidence, unwatchfulness, unprayerfulness, using his zeal without knowledge, following afar off, warming himself at the enemy's fire, all culminating in a denial of Christ. It was a message to provoke deep searching of heart, and to promote confidence in a Saviour who is willing to forgive denial and to provide strength for right living.

In the words of the closing hymn, hearts were uplifted in renewed consecration:

"I could not do without Thee:
I cannot stand alone.
I have no strength or goodness,
No wisdom of my own.
But Thou, beloved Saviour,
Art all in all to me
And weakness will be power
If leaning hard on Thee."

And so we wish God-speed to the Denton company and trust the day is not far distant when many more will be added to the Lord in this place and a strong church be seen actively engaged in witnessing to the power of the "full Gospel."

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From Boots to Beer!

ONCE more we have said goodbye. Our heart-strings have again been wrenched as we have parted, for a time, from still another group of our children in the Lord. One consolation, at any rate buoys us up as we move on to new and untried territory—our circle of praying friends ever enlarges. And oh, how much we need all your prayers unceasingly!

During our period of labour in the Northants District, new members were added to the churches in Wellingborough and Kettering, and a new company was raised up in Northampton. A company had previously existed in Northampton, but only one member remained when we commenced evangelism in the county town. Now there is a company of twenty warm-hearted, loyal Adventists. It was a very happy occasion when Pastor R. S. Joyce came to organize the company on Sabbath, August 30, 1941.

Although only twenty in number, and none by any means rich in this world's goods, yet like the Macedonians of old "the abundance of their joy . . . abounded unto the riches of their liberality." In 1941, £126 in tithes, and £50 in offerings, was sent to the conference treasurer. If the Harvest Ingathering and offerings for local expenses were added to the above figure, the total would be approximately £250. "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

On February 22nd, God willing, we shall commence evangel-

ism in Burton-on-Trent of brewery fame. The Town Hall, which we have booked for eight weeks, is said to be the fifth best town hall in the British Isles (although I have been comfortingly assured that no one ever fills it, except for entertainment). Certainly the interior of the hall is beautiful, and there is a good pipe organ. We also have the services of the Borough organist.

Like the rest of the evangelists we are sadly restricted on account of war-time measures in the matter of advertising—so, more than ever, we earnestly solicit the fervent prayers of the MESSENGER family that God's Word "may have free course, and be glorified" and in due course a rich harvest of souls reaped. A. F. BIRD.



Manchester's "Baby" Registered!

SUNDAY, March 2, 1941, saw anxious workers and friends watching a rapidly filling hall, as Pastor W. R. A. Madgwick began a series of lectures in the first effort held in the small town of Denton, near Manchester.

Sabbath, January 31, 1942, presented a different scene. The morning was keen and frosty, but shivers and cold melted away in the warmth of a large, newly-decorated hall, the meeting place of the Seventh-Day Adventists in Denton.

And this was to be a day of days! The believers there, baptized on November 2, 1941, to-

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A Retrospect

It is just over four years since we moved to the Bournemouth district. As we look back, we remember happy years of work and fellowship with the members. It has been gratifying to receive letters with such statements as "Of all the twenty years I have spent in the Advent church, the last few have been the happiest. We have been allowed to share responsibilities with you and feel that we were co-labourers."

These years have been years of progress in the cause of God. At the suggestion of the conference committee we have been able to conduct public efforts in Poole, Winton, Weymouth, and Boscombe, bringing in an aggregate of sixty new members to the great second advent movement.

During this period of development, Poole has been able to worship in (like the apostle Paul) its own hired house, which is an old Quaker church. Work in Fendown has been opened and regular weekly services are now being held there. The Weymouth church has a hall in a central position near the station.

These have also been years of increased offerings. This, of course, is a healthy sign, and is as it ought to be. In the year 1941 the Bournemouth church sent to the conference over £900. This is an increase of between £300 and £400 as compared with the year 1937.

During the past two years well over £100 has been given to the College to help support students from this district. A large proportion of this amount has been raised by weekly contributions. This is apart from the conference collections. There are now five students at College from this district, three of whom are largely supported by the church.

As you have read in the MESSENGER of the new efforts being

conducted, you have prayed that God would bless them, and cause His work to increase. These are a few of the blessings of God. Continue to pray for us as we move to a new district, that we may be used as instruments in the advancement of His cause.

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Londonderry "Forget-Me-Nots"

WE are one of those out-posts, found in many parts of the world, which are usually little heard of and seldom visited.

Looking back at the beginning of a new year we are mindful of how our heavenly Father has strewn many "forget-me-nots" over the Advent work in this north-western city. Will you briefly glance with us at some of these "flowers" which we gratefully remember?

A little over eighteen months ago, God led us providentially, through contacts made in our voluntary A.R.P. duties, to a homely, very centrally situated meeting place which we could use all for ourselves. This enabled us to increase our number of services. In 1941 we organized our young people's society and so united young and old in happy Christian fellowship.

Even if public meetings sometimes made us wish for larger audiences, we found many openings for service with our literature and inquiry cards in both the city and county of Londonderry. Thousands of copies of our truth-filled magazines and tracts made their way into the homes of the people, and we are still adding to our growing list of names for follow-up work.

We shall remember the inspiring baptismal service which we held in Belfast last summer, when the Belfast workers and members showed their interest in our work in Derry by appearing in goodly numbers to share in the blessings of the baptism and the praise

meeting. As a result of this service our contacts have crossed the Irish Sea, where one of the candidates has found happiness in service for God as a student of Newbold College.

The Harvest Ingathering campaign was again enthusiastically pursued; the goal of 1940 surpassed by over £20, and a total of over £70 reached. This works out at £10 per member, probably one of the highest per capita in the British field. To Mrs. Zins, all the members, and young people, special thanks are due for this "forget-me-not!"

In making up our totals of other funds we note that over £24 was paid in tithes during 1941; various offerings amounted to almost £17. With a membership which stood at seven at the end of 1941, we are indeed happy for these humble contributions toward God's work at home and in mission fields.

At times, naturally, we have had our problems and disappointments, but we have appreciated the words of the hymn, "When you are discouraged, . . . count your many blessings, name them one by one, and it will surprise you what the Lord has done."

There are other of God's "forget-me-nots" we could mention, but space is precious in the MESSENGER. We would ask every reader not to forget to pray for the Advent cause in Ireland. We feel that the God who has stood by our up-hill task in the past will reveal His "forget-me-nots" to us again in 1942 in this, our fourth year of missionary service in this city; or wherever He may call us to win souls for Him!

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A Good Report from Wales

THE Welsh Mission is glad to be able to bring in a report which indicates progress and speaks of the blessings and providences of our divine Leader, more especially as it is rendered at the beginning of the third year of a world-war

with all its tendencies to disruption and disintegration.

PUBLIC evangelism has been severely limited not only by reason of air-raid fears, black-out conditions, and the preoccupation of the people on a scale not encountered before. We are, however, thankful to be able to report the addition of fifteen new members.

IN the realm of literature distribution, with only two regular colporteurs, plus the efforts of a few student colporteurs, sales increased from £1,691 in 1940 to £2,486 in 1941, nearly £800 increase. With the promise of an immediate doubling of our forces in the literature ministry, the outlook is very encouraging.

THE financial figures are evidence that the brethren and sisters in the Welsh Mission are fully alive to the claims of the Lord.

Home Front		Increase
Tithe	£2627	£750
Evangel. Box Fund	30	
Overseas Missions		
Sabbath-school	496	96
Harvest Ingathering	1271	421
Annual Offering	54	14
Week of Sacrifice	45	10
Missions Extension	32	2
Young People's Society	8	4

By marriage, we have lost our second Bible-worker within three months. But the second, Miss Hapgood (now Mrs. A. Howard) we retain in another capacity. As the wife of Brother Arthur Howard, a graduate of Newbold who enters the literature ministry in Monmouthshire, she will continue to render effective help, while Brother Howard will greatly strengthen our working forces as we go forward through 1942.

WE are thankful to God for all His benefits, and ask for your prayers and for your sympathetic interest as we offer ourselves in a new consecration.

S. G. HYDE.

LITERATURE MINISTRY

New Book Makes Colporteurs "Bible-Workers"

THE new book, *The Bible*

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Speaks, is certainly having a remarkable experience. Miss Green actually took orders for £35 worth in nineteen hours one week! Wasn't that astonishing? And she delivered £14 worth the same week. Brother Phillips had £41 worth of orders and £25. 10s. in deliveries.

A conference Bible-worker is always very happy to be able to give readings in a large number of homes. As each copy of *The Bible Speaks* gives 141 Bible readings, a colporteur who sells twenty books a week places the material for 140,000 Bible readings in the homes every year.

140,000 Bible readings!
What a "Bible-worker" the colporteur can be with *The Bible Speaks*!

Famous Cricketer Buys "The Bible Speaks"

WHEN our colporteur, Brother Male, was walking along Fleet Street the other day he saw a sports outfitting shop bearing the sign of the famous cricketer, Jack Hobbs. A few minutes later the colporteur was in the shop describing *The Bible Speaks*. He did this so convincingly that the veteran cricketer decided to take a copy. A good score for Brother Male and a first-class book for Jack Hobbs.

"Bible Certainties" in the Air-Raid Shelter

BROTHER SAMUEL BURROW who is working in Cornwall in the Falmouth district, recently delivered a copy of *Bible Certainties* to a woman whose sister-in-law had previously purchased a copy. It had been greatly appreciated, she said. When the air-raid siren wailed out and they had to go to the shelter they took the book along with them to read from its pages. While the bombers flew above on their errand of destruction, this family read by the shelter light the assurance of God's care from *Bible Certainties*. Comfort and help came to their hearts. "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty."

The Snow Seemed Ten Times More Beautiful

A LADY who had purchased a number of books last year handed Brother John Dean a letter which she had just received from her son. Probably it thrilled her heart with happiness. It read:

"Dear Mother,
"I have read your book, *World's Quest*. It was a God-send. I have never read a more wonderful story on creation in all my life. I came off guard on Sunday morning intending to go to bed. But after reading that first chapter on creation, and looking out of the window at the snow, which seemed ten times more beautiful, I decided to go to church."

After receiving such a lovely letter no wonder the mother ordered *The Bible Speaks*.

Wedding Bells

HOWARD-HAPGOOD.—Our Portsmouth church was the happy scene of the marriage of Brother Arthur Howard and Sister Iris Hapgood, solemnized by the writer. Both young people are graduates of Newbold College. Brother Howard, who had commenced work in the ministry, has always had a definite leaning toward literature evangelism, to which he has recently felt burdened to return, while his bride has served faithfully as a Bible-worker in both Scotland and Wales.

At the simple reception, which convened at the temporary residence of Brother Howard's parents, all present expressed wonder at the remarkable guidance of God in directing this union.

We feel sure that fellow-students, colporteurs, members, and friends all unite in wishing this happy couple God's continued, abundant blessing, as they encourage each other to faithful and efficient service in the distribution of the printed page.

JOHN H. BAYLISS.

CLIPSON—GRIFFITHS.—On January 27, 1942, in the Stanborough Park church, Watford, William Frank Clipson, a member of the Kettering church, and Miss Florence Edith Griffiths, also a member of the Kettering church, and now working at the Granose Foods factory, were united in marriage. The guests were entertained at the home of the bride in Burton Latimer. We wish these young people God's richest blessing. The service was conducted by the writer.

A. F. BIRD.

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. 13.h S.	Young People's Offering	Harvest Ingatheri'g	Annual Offerings	Miscel-laneous	Week of Sacrifice	Big Week	Total Offerings	Offe-rings Cap-
Bath	29	57 9 10	1 19 8	10 13 5	12 6		2 11 4		1 10 8		15 7 11	10
Bournemouth	90	149 3 1	1 13 2	24 15 9	9 7		10 0 7		7 13 9		42 19 8	9
Brighton	55	122 6 5	2 4 6	21 17 8			6 3 6		12 16 7		40 17 9	14
Bristol	122	233 8 4	1 18 4	27 15 0	1 0 3		9 0 5		11 2 2		48 17 10	8
Cambridge	30	41 7 3	1 7 7	3 5 11			1 5 0		1 3 6		5 14 5	3
Chelmsford	23	59 14 2	2 11 11	5 11 11	1 0 3		4 4 3		8 3 0		18 19 5	16
Cheritonham	35	71 1 5	2 0 7	15 4 8	17 11		2 3 2		5 4 0		23 9 9	13
Chiswick	73	169 14 7	2 6 6	29 0 11	11 8		7 15 6		10 9 3		47 17 4	13
Clacton	21	12 8 10	11 10	6 5							6 5	
Clipham	59	49 16 6	16 11	12 3 1			3 19 9		5 7 1		21 9 11	7
Colchester	23	18 19 6	16 6	5 13 0			8 0		1 10 0		7 11 9	6
Croscombe	29	37 3 5	1 5 7	6 13 7	6 11		4 10 0		2 17 6		14 8 0	9
Croydon	32	25 2 8	15 8	6 9 6			2 1 6		2 7 5		10 18 5	6
Ealing	55	123 18 1	2 5 0	12 1 2	15 7		3 8 4		5 8 6		21 13 7	16
Edmonton	46	46 5 7	1 0 1	9 5 1	1 0 5		3 7 6		4 6 2		17 19 2	12
Enfield Wash	21	33 16 6	1 11 9	7 2 6			1 16 2		2 2 4		11 1 0	10
Exeter	30	40 15 6	1 7 2	9 3 7			2 4 0		6 2 3		17 9 10	11
Folkestone	35	28 16 4	16 6	3 10 7			1 1 0		2 0 0		4 13 7	2
Forest Gate	32	28 19 9	18 1	5 6 10			2 12 9		4 10 0		12 9 7	7
Gillingham	11	33 11 9	3 1 1	9 1 10			1 7 1		2 6 0		12 14 11	1 3
Hastings	26	42 0 2	1 12 4	8 6 9			3 6 6		1 15 0		13 8 3	10
H. Wycombe	19	33 17 1	1 15 8	6 15 7			1 4 6		1 18 6		8 18 7	9
Holloway	177	344 11 6	1 18 11	31 6 5	10 10		14 12 7		8 10 6		55 0 4	6
Ilford	61	111 0 4	1 16 5	19 16 0	1 16 11		6 1 3		6 6 0		34 0 2	11
Ipswich	34	16 17 7	9 11	4 11 8			15 3		2 19 6		8 6 5	4
Lewisham	52	148 16 1	2 17 3	11 11 9			6 8 3		10 4 4		28 4 4	10
Lowestoft	51	35 12 0	14 0	3 12 9			14 1		10 0		4 16 10	1
Luton	28	56 8 2	2 0 3	10 18 6			1 15 3		3 4 0		15 17 9	11
Norwich	46	77 0 10	1 13 6	13 19 2	1 14 0		3 5 10		2 15 0		21 14 0	9
Plymouth	80	416 2 8	5 4 0	31 12 6	13 6		33 7 11		30 11 0		96 4 11	1 4
Portsmouth	46	96 4 0	2 1 10	12 13 8	7 1		4 19 2		3 12 3		21 12 2	9
Reading	62	96 12 2	1 11 3	20 3 3	1 19 3		3 8 8		3 6 8		28 17 10	9
Romford	35	49 19 10	1 8 7	4 16 4			1 5 0		2 0 0		8 1 4	4
Slough	23	32 1 0	1 7 10	9 12 2			2 7 0		4 12 6		16 11 8	14
Southampton	56	94 0 8	1 13 7	15 8 0	16 8		4 0 0		6 12 2		26 16 10	9
Southend	45	67 4 6	1 9 11	15 9 10			11 8 7		7 0 0		33 18 5	15
Southstoke	9	14 4 5	1 11 7	8 17 5			6 3 0		3 12 0		18 12 5	2 1
Stanbor'h Park	382	834 19 7	2 3 8	183 12 11	12 3 0		56 6 9		79 6 10		331 9 6	17
Taunton	29	27 12 11	19 1	8 13 10	13 3						9 7 1	6
Torquay	37	58 4 0	1 11 5	15 7 0	7 6		3 6 6		11 9 6		30 10 6	16
Walthamstow	53	112 10 6	2 2 5	27 0 0	15 7		18 3 6		38 12 8		84 11 9	1 11 11
Watford	72	202 13 8	2 16 3	28 12 11	1 6 2		23 11 6		14 14 9		68 5 4	18 11
Wembley	42	75 1 2	1 15 9	17 4 6			7 11 6		22 17 7		47 13 7	1 2 8
Wimbledon	99	186 2 9	1 17 7	26 0 8	19 5		9 19 6		15 10 3		52 9 10	10 7
Wood Green	87	123 12 11	1 8 5	13 4 4	12 5		3 16 3		5 1 8		22 14 8	5 3
Yarmouth	42	14 5 0	6 9	7 13 7			14 0		15 0		9 2 7	4 4
Brentwood	8	27 9 8	3 8 9	2 18 0	16 11		2 10 0		12 0		6 16 11	17 1
Bedford	10	39 5 9	3 18 7	4 3 10			1 7 9		3 8 8		9 0 3	18 1
Bromley	9	4 13 10	10 5	2 12 3			1 5 3		2 10 2		6 7 8	14 2
Derham	6	8 4 6	1 7 5	1 12 3			1 6 0		1 5 0		4 3 3	13 11
Eastbourne	7	11 3 8	1 11 11									
Ely	8	13 15 3	1 14 5	4 0 0			5 5				4 5 5	10 8
Ferndown	6	8 19 0	1 9 10	1 1 5			1 2 0		10 0		2 13 5	8 11
Gloucester	12	7 19 9	13 4	2 12 3			7 6		8 6		3 8 3	5 8
Leatherh'd	6	10 14 0	1 15 8	2 16 0			10 0		1 16 7		5 2 7	17 1
Medstead	11	18 19 2	1 14 6	7 3 7			4 2 6		2 6 6		13 12 7	1 4 9
Poole	9	11 5 6	1 5 1	2 1 4			1 4 0		1 15 3		5 0 7	11 2
Salisbury	15	18 8 2	1 4 7	4 16 8			1 7 0		1 13 0		6 16 8	9 1
St Austell	7	27 2 0	3 17 5	8 10 2			2 5 0		3 0 0		13 15 2	1 19 4
St. Mabyn	7	20 13 4	2 19 0	7 0 9			7 0 0		6 0 0		20 0 9	2 17 3
Swindon	11	12 18 11	1 3 6	5 6 5			1 16 6		4 18 6		12 1 5	1 2 0
Wes'n Br'n	7	14 9 9	2 1 5	8 14 1			1 7 6		1 17 6	8 6	12 7 7	1 15 5
Weymouth	15	17 9 0	1 3 3	1 17 3			8 3				2 5 6	3 0
Isolated	391	975 18 9	2 9 11	104 9 11	1 11 10		45 14 7		105 15 9		257 12 1	13 2
Totals 1941	3089	6000 13 0	1 18 9	954 0 10	33 19 5		371 11 5		519 17 3	8 6	1879 17 5	12 1
Totals 1940	3138	5019 16 10	1 11 11	866 11 3	30 8 7		530 19 5	6 10 0	16 7 0	1 13 9	1452 10 0	9 3
Increase	-49	980 16 2	6 10	87 9 7	3 10 10		-159 8 0	-6 10 0	503 10 3	-1 5 3	427 7 5	2 10

SCOTTISH MISSION

Aberdeen	35	40 16 3	1 3 4	10 5 1	3 7		2 3 9		3 8 6		16 0 11	9 2
Edinburgh	66	57 18 8	17 7	15 16 1	7 9		5 0 0		6 2 6		27 6 4	8 3
Glasgow	113	465 0 9	4 2 4	36 1 0	2 6 10		10 6 8		160 16 1		209 10 7	1 17 1
Kirkcaldy	9	21 9 0	2 7 8	4 4 5			13 0		4 9 6		9 6 11	1 0 9
Dundee	24	20 11 5	17 2	5 4 11			2 0 0		11 2		7 16 1	6 6
Stirling	9	20 15 2	2 6 2	5 15 7			7 0		17 6		7 0 1	15 7
Isolated	72	171 3 9	2 7 7	22 3 1			6 13 0		8 1 6		36 17 7	10 3
Totals 1941	328	797 15 0	2 8 8	99 10 2	2 18 2		27 3 5		184 6 9		313 18 6	19 2
Totals 1940	303	581 17 7	1 18 5	99 7 6	1 4 4		18 9 9		2 0 0		121 1 7	8 0
Increase	25	45 17 5	10 3	2 8	1 13 10		8 13 8		182 6 9		192 16 11	11 2

IRISH MISSION

Belfast	58	67 17 7	1 3 4	13 16 7			46 2 3		10 12 10		70 11 8	1 4 4
Dublin	29	74 6 6	2 11 1	14 7 0	8 7		1 12 3	10 0	3 12 4		20 10 2	14 2
Kilmoyle	13	18 11 0	1 8 6	1 7 8	6 8		11 0				2 5 4	3 6
Larne	7	6 9 6	18 6	2 17 6			2 6		15 0		3 15 0	10 9
Shankill	35	17 9 8	10 6	4 18 8			2 18 9		5 7 0		13 4 5	7 7
Isolated	63	92 8 7	1 9 4	40 14 11	4 0		3 12 0		48 4 6	3 0 0	95 15 5	1 10 5
Totals 1941	205	277 2 10	1 7 0	78 2 4	19 3		54 18 9	10 0	68 11 8	3 0 0	206 2 0	1 0 1
Totals 1940	206	228 16 4	1 2 3	50 0 2	3 15 3		47 18 2		34 0 0	15 11 1	151 4 8	14 8
Increase	-1	48 6 6	4 9	28 2 2	-2 16 0		7 0 7	-10 0	34 11 8	-12 11 1	54 17 2	13 3

Conference for Quarter ended Dec. 31, 1941

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's	Annual Offerings	Miscellaneous	Week of Sacrifice	Big Week	Total Offerings	Offerings per Capita
Barry Dock ...	27	54 19 10	2 0 9	8 18 10			1 16 9		14 0		11 9 7	8 6
Blaenavon	6	13 15 0	2 5 10	1 4 6			6 0		10 0		2 0 6	6 9
Cardiff	68	108 19 7	1 12 1	28 11 0	1 10 0		9 16 6		10 16 0		50 13 6	14 11
Hereford	12	25 0 9	2 1 9	5 4 11			1 8 6		1 13 0		8 6 5	13 10
Newport Mon.	94	119 17 1	1 5 6	14 1 9	7 0		7 6 6		4 11 9		26 7 0	5 7
Porth	9	7 8 2	16 6	1 6 4					4 2		1 10 6	3 5
Swansea	37	55 4 8	1 9 10	15 0 5	13 8		1 8 9		15 0		17 17 10	9 8
Aberdare	10	21 1 6	2 2 2	5 9 8			2 4 0		2 3 0		9 16 8	19 8
Caerphilly	18	20 17 3	1 3 2	6 11 10			2 1 3		1 15 0		10 8 1	11 7
Gelligaer	12	30 7 8	2 11 8	5 5 10			2 0 0		3 2 0		10 7 10	17 4
Llanelli	10	8 1 6	16 2	2 12 0							2 12 0	5 2
Rhos	9	8 3 9	18 2	8 19 2			5 17 0		15 6		15 11 8	1 14 8
Rhyl	29	44 15 3	1 19 10	11 1 7			1 14 0		1 7 0		14 2 7	9 9
Whotton	6	3 18 9	13 2	1 6 9			11 6		1 2 0		3 0 3	10 1
Shrewsbury	12	23 19 7	2 0 0	1 14 3			1 10 0		17 6		4 1 9	6 10
Isolated	108	176 19 8	1 12 1	21 7 2			14 3 9		11 19 6		47 10 5	8 10
Totals 1941	467	723 10 0	1 11 0	138 16 0	2 10 8		52 4 6		42 5 5		235 16 7	10 1
Totals 1940	472	648 5 0	1 7 6	113 18 1	3 17 5		44 18 4		4 0	1 16 11	164 4 9	7 0
Increase	-5	75 5 0	3 6	24 17 11	-1 6 9		7 6 2		42 1 5	-1 16 11	71 11 10	-3 1

NORTH ENGLAND CONFERENCE

Birmingham S.	48	78 18 8	1 12 11	15 2 8			2 4 0		5 5 9		22 12 5	5 7
Bradford	38	36 18 1	0 19 5	8 6 8			16 6		11 3		9 14 5	5 1
Coventry	55	143 12 2	2 12 2	21 8 7			12 1		3 0 0	2 17 6	27 18 2	10 1
Darlington	29	32 11 0	1 2 5	5 3 6	9 0		14 6		12 6		6 19 6	4 9
Derby	52	113 6 1	2 3 7	12 15 1	1 6 0		2 18 3		5 15 3		22 14 7	8 9
Grimsby	16	23 11 6	1 9 5	2 11 0			13 2		17 0		4 1 2	5 1
Handsworth	68	141 6 1	2 1 7	24 15 4	1 2 3		11 2 3		9 0 0		45 19 10	13 6
Hull	119	156 14 7	1 6 4	40 3 10			6 0 2		13 9 7		59 13 7	9 0
Kettering	37	60 0 10	1 12 5	17 3 5	5 8		6 7 11		3 9 9		27 6 9	14 0
Leeds	72	126 17 7	1 16 0	16 16 2	1 18 1		2 1 9		2 11 2		23 7 2	5 8
Leicester	37	87 19 10	2 7 7	25 0 8	1 10 2		10 4 0		5 11 8		42 6 6	1 2 10
Lincoln	13	25 9 0	1 19 2	3 9 4					3 1 0		6 10 4	10 0
Liverpool	84	91 10 4	1 1 9	16 9 6	18 8		6 9 6		2 4 4		2 2 0	6 2
Manchester	77	140 0 3	1 18 11	23 9 11	1 7 2		5 4 10		2 16 6		32 18 5	8 3
Mid'brough	36	35 15 1	19 11	7 4 7	3 2		1 5 0		9 3 6		17 16 3	9 11
Newbold	151	200 3 5	1 6 6	57 8 4	2 1 5		8 0 0		15 15 9		83 5 6	10 11
Newcastle	83	107 15 7	1 5 10	20 9 2	1 8 8		2 15 8		1 12 0		26 5 6	6 3
N. Shields	18	18 9 0	1 0 6	2 4 10					7 6		2 12 4	2 11
Nottingham	90	169 16 10	1 17 9	30 0 7	2 2 2		6 11 8		5 4 0		43 18 5	9 9
Rotherham	29	27 11 8	19 0	4 16 3			15 0		12 6		6 3 9	4 2
Rushden	12	22 3 6	1 16 11	2 7 6	4 0		2 12 6		5 1 6		10 5 6	16 11
Sheffield	50	99 5 11	1 19 8	8 18 11			3 4 0				12 2 11	2 10
Stockport	22	44 11 4	2 0 6	4 0 4	12 9		16 9		14 7		6 4 5	5 7
Stoke	33	73 19 6	2 4 10	7 7 0	14 3		2 16 6		1 14 0		12 11 9	7 7
Stretford	48	60 19 0	1 5 5	7 3 5			2 11 8		15 6		10 10 7	4 4
Wakefield	21	30 11 7	1 9 1	3 13 9					8 0	1 10 0	5 11 9	5 4
Wellingboro	15	25 3 0	1 13 7	5 16 6			2 0 0		1 10 0		9 6 6	12 0
Wolverhampton	17	38 17 10	2 5 9	7 0 10			1 10 0		1 15 0		10 5 10	6 3
Worcester	22	32 15 3	1 9 9	8 9 10			6 6 0		2 16 6		17 12 4	16 0
York	38	98 14 11	2 11 11	17 0 9	1 10 1		7 6 6		9 13 6		35 10 10	18 8
Barnsley	27	25 12 5	0 18 11	5 3 8			1 3 2		1 17 0		8 3 10	6 1
Blackburn	10	3 17 1	7 9	2 0 0					2 6		2 2 6	4 3
Bromsg've	4	8 3 6	2 1 0	2 3 3			5 0		14 0		3 2 3	15 7
Denton	19											
Kid'minstr.	6	5 3 6	17 3	1 4 8			15 6		17 6		2 8 2	8 0
Killamarsh	12	19 19 7	1 13 1	6 19 10			19 6		1 10 6		9 9 10	15 10
Mansfield	10	29 12 0	2 19 2	6 5 0			18 10		1 11 4		8 15 2	17 6
Northa'ton	20	52 13 2	2 12 8	13 19 11			3 2 4		5 16 4		22 18 7	1 2 5
Rochdale	20	32 4 3	1 12 2	5 1 9			1 6 9		1 1 6		7 10 0	7 6
Scarbro'	17	20 5 8	1 3 11	14 15 11					4 3 1		18 19 0	1 2 4
Skegness	9	6 14 4	15 0	1 13 2			18 6		10 0		3 1 8	6 10
Stockton	14	5 0 0	7 2	2 8 5			12 0		14 6		3 14 11	5 4
Sutton	16	30 12 3	1 18 3	3 0 7			10 0		1 0 6		4 11 1	5 1
Ulverston	8	24 4 1	3 0 6	3 1 11			10 0		15 3		4 7 2	1 11
Wallasey	14	45 15 8	3 5 5	6 0 10			17 10		1 5 4		8 4 0	11 8
Isolated	2	544 15 7	2 7 5	54 7 7	17 2		75 18 2		36 4 9	10 0	167 17 8	14 11
Totals 1941	1866	3200 2 6	1 14 3	555 4 9	18 10 8		191 17 9		173 4 2	4 17 6	943 14 10	10 1
Totals 1940	1796	2873 0 5	1 11 11	471 5 7	13 16 9		196 14 3		13 6 8	1 5 9	983 12 0	10 11
Increase	70	327 2 1	2 4	83 19 2	4 13 11		-4 16 6		159 17 6	3 11 9	-39 17 2	-10

UNION TOTALS

B.U.C.		115 4 6								97 8 0	97 8 0	
Grand Tot. 1941	5955	11114 7 10	1 17 4	1825 14 1	58 18 2		697 15 10	10 0	988 5 3	105 14 0	3676 17 4	12 4
Grand Tot. 1940	5915	9351 16 2	1 11 7	1601 2 7	53 2 4		838 19 11	6 10 0	65 17 8	19 17 6	2585 10 0	8 9
Increase	40	176 11 8	5 9	224 11 6	5 15 10		-141 4 1	-6 0 0	922 7 7	85 16 6	1091 7 4	3 7

ANNUAL LEGAL MEETINGS

British Advent Missions

NOTICE is hereby given that the Thirty-Seventh Annual General Meeting of British Advent Missions Limited will be held on Wednesday, March 18, 1942, at 10 a.m., at the offices of the British Union Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists, Stanborough Park, Watford, Herts.

On behalf of the Board of Directors,

A. CAREY, *Secretary.*

Granose Foods Limited

NOTICE is hereby given that the Forty-Fourth Annual General Meeting of Granose Foods Limited will be held on Wednesday, March 18, 1942, at 11 a.m. in the offices of the British Union Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists, Stanborough Park, Watford, Herts.

On behalf of the Board of Directors,

JOHN RIGBY, *Secretary.*

Good Health Association Limited

NOTICE is hereby given that the Thirty-Ninth Annual General Meeting of the Constituency of the Good Health Association Limited, will be held on Wednesday, March 18, 1942, at 12 noon in the offices of the British Union Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists, Stanborough Park, Watford, Herts.

On behalf of the Board of Directors,

A. H. THOMPSON, *Secretary.*

The Stanborough Press Limited

NOTICE is hereby given that the Forty-Eighth Ordinary Annual General Meeting of the shareholders of The Stanborough Press Limited will be held in the offices of the British Union Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists at Stanborough Park, Watford, Herts., on Wednesday, March 18, 1942, at 2.30 p.m.

On behalf of the Board of Directors,

J. C. CRAVEN, *Secretary.*

Change of Address

THE Stockton-on-Tees company welcome all visitors to their new place of worship, The Stockton Advent Mission, 2 Finkle Street, Stockton-on-Tees. (Half a minute from the Town Hall.)

F. EDWARDS.

UNTIL THE DAY BREAK

MARKS.—The Brighton church has suffered the loss of another old member, Brother R. Marks, who fell asleep on January 5, 1942 at the age of eighty-seven after only ten days illness. He accepted the message in 1910 at a ten effort held in Hove by Pastors Wakeham and Gillatt. He was elder of this church for many years and a faithful member in attendance until three or four years ago. His ardour for spreading the message with tracts and literature never waned. The funeral service was held at his home and he was laid to rest near his wife in Southwick Cemetery on January 9th to await the resurrection morning, Pastor G. R. Bell officiating.

CHURCH CLERK.

BURTON.—It is with deep sorrow that we have to record the passing of our dear Sister Burton, who, after a short illness, fell asleep on Sabbath, January 24, 1942 at the age of thirty-six. She was baptized by Pastor G. R. Bell only last year, but although she was so young in the truth she was a diligent and faithful worker for the Master and much loved by us all. The loss to the Weymouth company is great, but we feel impelled to work the harder, living for Christ, that we may join in the happy reunion when Jesus comes again.

E. J. WALLIS,
Church Clerk.

DOWN.—Sister Miss B. Down passed peacefully away on Friday, January 16, 1942, and was laid to rest on Wednesday, January 21st. Pastor A. K. Armstrong conducted the service at the church and the graveside. Our sister had been a faithful member of the Plymouth church since being baptized on May 10, 1935, by Pastor L. A. Watson. Our sympathy goes out to her sister, Miss E. Down, who is left to mourn her loss. We look forward to the glad day when partings shall be no more.

G. ANDREWS,
Church Clerk.

COATES.—On Sabbath morning, February 7, 1942, Mrs. Gladys Coates passed to her rest in her thirty-seventh year after a painful illness. After some months in a Sanatorium, she returned home so that she might be with her loved ones. She longed to live and remain with her husband and little girl and earnestly sought the Lord for His power to restore her but was resigned to His will, believing that He knew best. It was painful to see her suffer, but beautiful to see her willingness to submit, and her desire that God should work for her in His own way. Sister Coates came into the truth as a child with her mother, Mrs. Bound, at Mountain Ash, and was baptized in July 1921, at Aberdare. Brother W. Coates, the young man she afterward married was baptized at the same time. Her husband, mother and father were present when she passed away, and seeing what she suffered they would not call her back. Her loved ones, while sorrowing for her loss, are confident in the hope of Jesus' soon coming, when Gladys who now sleeps in Jesus will come forth from her sleep to meet her Lord and Master to be with Him forever. Services were held in Stanborough Park church and at the North Watford Cemetery on Wednesday, February 11th in the presence of a large number of friends, by Pastor G. D. King, assisted by the writer. To the sorrowing ones we tender our fullest sympathy and consolation.

W. H. MEREDITH.

RAWSON.—On Wednesday, January 21, 1942, we laid to rest our aged Sister Rawson, in North Watford Cemetery. Sister Rawson fell asleep very peace-

fully in her seventy-ninth year, at her home after a long period of weakness, through which she patiently endured, with confident trust in her Saviour whom she had loved for many years. Nearly thirty years ago she learned the truth under the labours of Pastor Rodd, in Southport. Ever since she remained a faithful member of the church and was transferred to the Stanborough Park church some years ago. She had the joy of seeing one son and two daughters unite with the church, and one, Miss Rawson, has been connected with the hospital at Stanborough Park for a number of years. All who knew our dear sister will remember her patient, quiet fortitude and her longing for the return of Jesus. She sleeps, and her life is hid with Christ, and when He appears again, she will awake to be with Him. Services were held in Stanborough Park church and at the graveside by the writer. Her loved ones sorrow, but rejoice also in hope and look forward to the day of glad reunion.

W. H. MEREDITH.

Advertisements

PRINTING.—C. Russell, Newton Street, Macclesfield.

LADY convalescent would like to be paying guest at country house or farm for spring and summer. No nursing required. Write: Mrs. M.E.A., 49 Locksway Road, Southsea, Hants.

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WANTED.—Position as companion-help to a lady in a small modern house or bungalow. Sabbath privileges. References. Write: Miss Greenweber, 36 Aden Grove, Stoke Newington, Green Lanes, London, N. 16.

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