

BRITISH ADVENT MESSENGER

HOME RELIGION

By CARLYLE B. HAYNES

THE "home" stands over against the "world." With Christians, it should be a holy of holies, a place separate from the world, the world barred out.

The matter which, in my judgment, needs to be emphasized most is the religion of our homes. As goes the home, so goes everything else in the social order. The citadel both of church and of state is the home. If we have the right kind of homes, then everything in the social order will be conserved and saved. But when our homes are beaten down and ravelled out by every foolish and superficial thing, the nation is doomed.

FAMILY WORSHIP

I wonder what your answer would be if I should inquire of you, Do you have family prayer at your house? Why don't you have it? You men and women who love Christ, with your children growing up about you, or already fairly grown, is it possible that human life, invested as it is with such sacred meanings and opportunities and responsibilities, shall go passing away, and the chief place of all for you to witness for Christ—your own home—should go overlooked and the opportunities thereof be lost?

One of the most menacing signs we have to face in this time is the decay of family prayer in our homes.

Let me tell you about one home.

A minister was summoned to take charge of the funeral of an only child, a beautiful girl fifteen years of age. The minister asked to see the family, and was taken down a long hall into a quiet room. There were the brokenhearted parents.

As tactfully as he could the minister began to find his way to an understanding of the situation, in order that he might better speak at the funeral services which were about to begin. In response to his questioning he learned that both of these parents were professed Christians. So he ventured to tell them that earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal, and that they must not give up in despair, because they had a Saviour and they were His friends.

The mother rose to her feet, and in a choking voice said, "Sir, I have something to tell you, that has utterly broken our hearts." The minister waited to hear what it was, and then she said, "That beautiful girl yonder in her casket, our only child, has been here in our home these fifteen years, and yet in all these years, though her mother is a Christian and her father is a Christian, in all these years that child never heard either one of us pray—not one time, sir."

Oh, I know it is difficult to have family prayers, but do not, I beg of you, question the benefit of

family devotions. God's Word is powerful. It has a searching way of going down into hearts and fastening itself there. It has a way of making itself understood. Even the smaller children of the Christian household obtain present and lasting benefit from hearing God's Word read day after day in the circle of their own families.

WATCHCARE IN EVERYTHING

As highly as family prayer is to be prized, however, it must not become the sum total of the family religious exercise and watchcare. What kind of radio programmes are you allowing to come into your home? Are they such as elevate and improve or such as lower and degrade? Is your radio a channel through which the devil finds access to your home, or an agency which builds genuine character? How do you use it?

What kind of papers are on your living-room tables? Does the reading matter you permit to come into your home contribute to the realization of your Christian ideals? What mental nourishment are you providing for your family? Is it such as builds up or tears down?

Do picture magazines — or others crowd your church paper out of its honoured place on your living-room table? Is the Bible in evidence in your home? Are our denominational books crowded out of sight by secular volumes?

If the question of the ancient prophet to Hezekiah were asked you, "What have they seen in thine house?" what would be your reply?

TALKING ABOUT GOD

How very reticent about God we become in our homes! Our children do not hear us mention God often enough. If you really want God to bless your home life, let God be often mentioned there,

Notes from the Union President

WHERE WE FAIL

WHERE do we as Adventists fail the most in our service for God? Some would readily answer, in our preaching. It is too liberal, or too narrow, or one of the multitude of things in between those two extremes. Others would readily find our greatest weakness in the Sabbath-school or in some other department of our church life. There would be almost numberless replies to the question.

We think that the point of greatest weakness is in the home. We therefore call attention to the excellent front page article from the pen of Carlyle B. Haynes. What the home fails to do can sometimes, but not very often, be remedied by a church, a school, an individual, or by some other act of God, but it is a fundamental law that the great citadel for the Christian training of children is the home. We commend the article on page one to everybody's earnest attention.

YOUTH REGISTRATION

YOUTH, between sixteen and eighteen are in their interviews with officials urged to join some youth organization. In a number of cases the Missionary Volunteer Society, at which first aid and other parts of the progressive course are studied, seems to have satisfied the authorities. Those churches and workers who have been slow to take up these courses might please make a special note of this at the present time. The war is teaching us lots of lessons. Let us learn this one, namely that these progressive courses are a

no matter if it be in connection with small, ordinary, everyday affairs.

We need not have any fears that God might thus be made too common. The closer we come to God, the nearer we feel His presence, the more real and honest will be our reverence for Him.

It is for us to bring Him forth as it were, and to keep Him in plain view. Most emphatically God belongs in the Christian home.

proven success in anchoring our youth to the Advent movement. If, in addition, they save our young people from the embarrassment of being urged to join other than Adventist movements so much the better.

EVANGELISTS FACING UP TO IT

IN all the world evangelism is facing a great test. When the public is nervous under war conditions, men whose vocation keeps them in the public eye for the preaching of this message are apt to feel the burden of this problem of gathering crowds under war psychology. One of the encouraging things in the British Union is the way our men have stood by their posts, grappling with all the problems' incident to public preaching, despite reduced advertising media and the disinclination of people to attend meetings. There are now coming in some encouraging reports of attendances and interest. Birmingham is a splendid illustration, where the town hall has been given to us, and a large company hear the message. In the south there are a number of good interests, and as our men build up their visiting

At the opening meeting of the Birmingham campaign which is being conducted by Pastor L. Murdoch, assisted by Miss L. Adair, 1,200 were present, the collection amounting to £16. On the second Sunday the attendance reached 1,300 and £17. 13s. was given toward the expenses of the campaign. More news in the next issue. Pray for Birmingham.

R. S. JOYCE.

lists for the more intimate study of the message we should pray earnestly and without ceasing for them.

GENERAL ITEMS

THE financial reports of tithe and mission offerings are still bringing a great deal of encouragement. If we do not give them a great deal of space in these columns it is because space is limited and we feel that other matters of superior interest must be brought to our attention in order that the financial side of our work may thereby thrive also.

We hope that the next membership report will also bring us some courage, although this has for some time now been a great burden to us.

INGATHERING

WE shall shortly approach the Ingathering season, and it looks as though our best plan would be to concentrate our energies into as short a period as possible. Perhaps it would be well to think of this and to remember that the church would like our time and effort as much as possible during the months of June and July.

H. W. LOWE.

South England Conference

President: Pastor G. D. King
Office Address: 780 St. Albans Road, Watford
Telephone: Garston (Watford) 2213-4

The Opening Night

IT was a beautiful evening as we sped on our way to the hall which, we hoped and prayed, would accommodate a good audience for this the opening night of the proclamation of our message in the unentered town of Worthing. Surely Heaven would pardon us for our emotions of excitement, and anxiety, as we awaited with inquisitive, and questioning faith the eventful hour.

What would the beautiful evening hold in store? Would the people take a walk? Sit in the park? Take a bus ride? Would the ever lovely glens, and the shady copse allure all the towns-

BRITISH ADVENT MESSENGER

folk away? Or would the cream of Worthing, the honest hearted, the seekers after truth, deny themselves the sunshine and attend Heaven's appointment at the Connaught Theatre.

I see her now, one brave soul, after a tip-toe investigation returning with an irrepressible laugh and the news, "one has arrived." A little later the really exciting news came. "A small crowd has gathered. The caretaker is there." Before we had grasped the situation we were replacing theatre scenery with the chart of the great image of Danicl two, and charts to illustrate the seven words which have stood between many a would-be conqueror and domination in Europe.

All was in readiness, the pianist, Miss M. Keough was playing some good old Advent hymns, and as we looked, the people seemed to be swarming from nowhere, twenty, thirty, fifty, until there was a good crowd.

The great hour has arrived, and Pastor Bell and his helper are on their knees. They claim the promises of God. No wonder in spite of his bad cold, he sallies forth as though victory had already crowned his efforts. Then, in the spirit of Elijah, his voice proclaims incontrovertible proof of our nearness to the time of the end. The audience listens in silence to this heart-searching and inspiring appeal. They see where we are in the closing scenes of time. They gain confidence to study their Bibles anew. They go home with a hope to take them through these hard and difficult times. They leave their names behind for a copy of the sermon to which they have listened. How many did you say? Well over seventy requests were received for literature, and over two hundred attended the service.

AN OLD WORKER.

Advertisements

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

WANTED.—Land girl for Adventist farm. Willing to do anything. Experience not essential. Write: A. Brackenbury, Kirby Underdale, York.

WANTED.—Gentlewoman as companion-help. Fond of cooking important. Share all duties with lady of house. No family. Help for rough work when wanted. Comfortable home. Salary to be arranged. Write: Mrs. Swan, Lanark Lodge, Duns, Berwickshire.

Welsh Mission

Superintendent: Pastor S. G. Hyde
Office Address: "Ventnor," Tyglas Road, Llanishen, Cardiff
Telephone: Llanishen 600

A Word from North Wales

At the instigation of Brother Munson, four very small companies decided to unite their candle light into a larger flame, as they met together for a Thirteenth Sabbath Convention. Members from Shotton and Buckley, Rhos and Wrexham assembled at the last named place on March 28th. The day's meetings were advertised as an "Advent Convention" and we were delighted to see a goodly number of friends and non-members present at each meeting. Undoubtedly, contacts were made that will lead some to make decisions for God and His final message.

The old Advent hope, so dear to our hearts, flamed up anew as Brother Munson spoke of its sure foundation, its saving power, its stimulating effect and its certain fulfilment. The same theme fired our hearts during the devotional hour, the Bible study, and the praise service. The children and young people illuminated each service with their messages through poem and song. Then in the evening, Brother Munson conducted us on a tour of his one-time missionary field in Africa, by means of very interesting lantern slides.

At the close of the inspiring lantern service, a gentleman present was asked to sing. As he sang with zeal and certainty, "I know He's coming soon," all knew that he was an Advent believer. He had seen the notice of the Convention the previous day just as Brother Munson happened to be by the door of the hall. Later conversation revealed the fact that this gentleman, with his trained choir, had travelled round the world singing the Gospel in song and had been used for the conversion of many souls. We pray that he and many others may later accept the third angel's message.

The flame of God's love and hope for Jesus' coming burned not only in our hearts, but ex-

tended to our pockets, for the day's mission offerings amounted to £7. 6s. 6d. and that for expenses, £1. 4s. 6d., making a total of £8. 11s., for which we praise God.

We separated with a greater determination to allow God's light to shine through us more brightly.

MRS. M. H. COOPER.

Early Days

(Continued from page 4.)

was employed in the Advent Publishing House as a boy. The building in Victoria Street is still in good condition, and the Grimsby News Co. Ltd., still prints its weekly paper there.

The first conference in England was arranged soon after Pastor John ended his evangelistic meetings. Pastor Armstrong, then a boy of fourteen years of age, was sent out to find a suitable house in Grimsby in which to hold the meetings. After consulting the house agent, he obtained a large house in Hainton Avenue, Grimsby. He often spoke of the wonderful blessings they received at this first conference.

L. MURDOCH.

JUNIOR "LESSON PAMPHLETS" SECOND QUARTER

WE have not been able to fill any orders for the *Junior Quarterlies* as they have not yet reached us from U. S. A. It would therefore appear that they have been lost through enemy action so that all orders which we have been holding are now cancelled. A.W.

Acknowledgement

THE Stanborough Press acknowledges with thanks the receipt of the Lord's tithe, 10/-, N. Nicholls.

SUNSET CALENDAR

Reproduced from the *Nautical Almanac* by permission of the Controller of H.M. Stationery Office.

	Lon'n	Not'm	Car'ff	Edin	Bel't
May 15th	9.44	9.55	9.57	10.17	10.22
May 22nd	9.54	10.05	10.06	10.29	10.33

BRITISH ADVENT MESSENGER

Published fortnightly on Friday for the British Union Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists by the Stanborough Press Ltd., Watford, Herts.

Copy for next issue.—May 13th.

EDITOR: W. L. EMMERSON

Vol. 47. No. 10. May 8, 1942

Early Days

WHILE looking over some church records of our oldest church building in the British Isles the other day, we discovered that there were Adventists in the small country village of Ulceby as far back as 1863.

Mr. Charles Miller was apparently the leader. As the result of his labours, on September 18th of that year Mrs. Sarah C. Lyon was baptized, and on October 23, 1863, Mr. Frank Wilber was received by vote. Mr. Charles Millar died in the year 1866, but the torch of truth was kept burning, and in the year 1873 there were ten members.

Ten years later Mr. A. A. John, an evangelist, came to England, and on Sunday, June 10, 1883, began a series of Bible studies in Foresters' Hall, Ulceby. This campaign by the blessing of God and the power of the truth resulted in several persons, whose names are here given, signing the covenant to keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. The names appear in the order in which the individuals commenced to keep the Sabbath

1883

August 25th, Mrs. Short.

Sept. 15th, Mrs. Emily R. Short.

Oct. 13th, Mr. Eldred R. Short.

Oct. 13th, Mrs. Armstrong.
Oct. 20th, Mr. George Short, Sen.
Nov. 3rd, Mrs. Francis Armstrong.
Nov. 3rd, Mrs. Eliza Green.
Nov. 3rd, Mr. Edward Armstrong,
Jun.

1884.

March 22nd, Mr. Edward Armstrong, Sen.

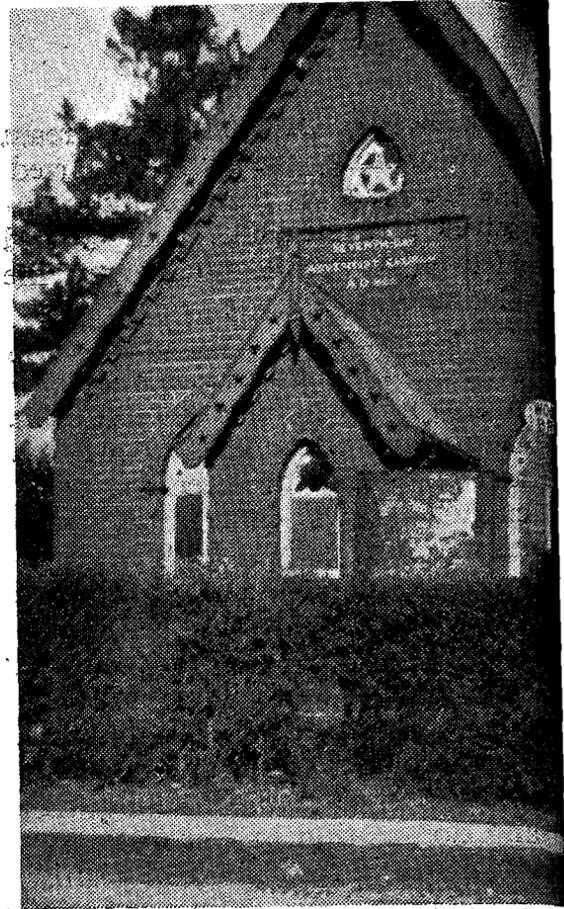
April 22nd, Mrs. Annie Armstrong.

May 22nd, Mrs. Edith Short and Mr. Nathan Taylor.

As the result of the interest created, strong efforts were made to overthrow the Bible Sabbath, and a public debate was arranged under the direction of Mr. Fletcher, D.D., of Ulceby, supported by the Vicar of Thornton, and Mr. Millican, a Wesleyan minister. It will be of great interest to the Advent believers to know that such familiar names as Pastors George I. Butler and J. H. Durland were present to defend the Sabbath at this debate, and Pastor M. C. Wilcox occupied the chair. The truth gained the victory in spite of all attempts made to save the papal Sunday, and two people decided in favour of the Bible Sabbath, and many others were convinced.

Connected with this campaign we find the name of Pastor J. N. Loughborough, who was present at two meetings, and spoke on temperance. B. L. Whiting attended one service, E. G. Olsen preached once on his way to Norway, and M. C. Wilcox preached on several occasions. In due time those who had accepted the message were united in church fellowship, and on Sunday, September 28, 1884, the Seventh-Day Adventist church of Ulceby was organized. Pastors Wilcox and John were present.

The Ordinance of Humility and the Lord's Supper were celebrated for the first time on September 3, 1884. Pastor John officiated. Pastor Wilcox was present at the business meeting the following day, when Mr. Edward Armstrong was chosen as leader in the absence of a minister, and Mr. George Short was ordained as a deacon at the same time.



Ulceby Advent Church.

The following year Pastor Wilcox and Pastor John organized a Tract Society in Ulceby, the membership fee of 4/- was to be paid during the year, and members were allowed to take tract from the library to lend or sell.

On Sunday, July 24, 1887, Mrs. E. G. White preached in the Foresters' Hall to a large congregation.

The following year, 1888, the first Adventist church building in England was erected in Ulceby. The church is a substantial brick building with a gable roof, and has accommodation for 100 people. The consecration service took place on January 6, 1889. The building has been kept in a good state of repair, and stands as a monument of God's care.

A number of the workers in Great Britain and in other fields owe much to the early training and inspiration which they or their parents received in this oldest church in the quiet countryside of Ulceby. *Present Truth* was first written by James White and set up in type at Heneage Road, Grimsby, in 1884, which house is now occupied by a doctor. The type was taken in a barrow round the corner, down Pasture Street, into Victoria Street, to the Grimsby News Co. Ltd. Printing office where the paper was printed. The late Pastor Walter Armstrong, from Ulceby,

(Continued on page 3.)

**SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
ULCEBY.**

The Pastors and Committee of the above have great pleasure in inviting the public to attend the Services in connection with the opening of their new church edifice. And, also, herewith express their sincere thanks to those who have contributed so generously to the building fund, or rendered other assistance. Further donations for the building fund will be thankfully received.

The Opening Services will D.V. begin
Friday, January 4th,
At 7 p.m.
And be continued on the Sabbath (Saturday)
at 10-30 a.m. and 2-30 p.m.

The Consecration Ceremony will be conducted on Sunday
(the 6th) at 10 p.m.

Services will be continued on SUNDAY at 6-30
and every Evening during the week at 7 p.m. and on
Sabbath following (the 12th) at 10-30 a.m. and 2-30 p.m.
and on Sunday at 2-30 and 6-30 p.m.

The rite of Baptism will be solemnised.

The Committee regret that Pastor S. N. Haskell's health, and other engagements, make it impossible for him to be present. But they are pleased to announce that Pastors J. H. Durland and D. A. Robinson will assist in the services.

It is our united and fervent prayer that this may be a time of personal consecration, and that Heaven's signal blessing may accompany these ministrations. All sittings are free.
(For the Committee.)
A ALLEN JOHN, Pastor.

The window-bill announcing the opening services of Ulceby Advent Church, January 4, 1889.