

BRITISH ADVENT MESSENGER

Studies in the Life of the Church

THE election of officers by the vote of the majority is not always a guarantee of domestic bliss in our churches. It may be the beginning of real trouble unless officers and members understand clearly the principles upon which our organization is based.

Christians should have definite convictions, and Adventists, by virtue of their having to take positive stands for unpopular religious beliefs, are often unusually determined people. That determination needs to be subjected to divine grace lest it become perilous independence or unintelligent stubbornness.

There are times when individual officers may differ from their fellows, or from the churchmembers. The principle to follow here is illustrated by counsel given when individuals or local organizations have differed from the General Conference Committee—"private independence and private judgment must not be maintained, but be surrendered."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 3, page 492.

Hence any officer or member must in loyalty to the church surrender the right to act and talk independently when the majority of the brethren in committee or church work have voted constitutionally to the contrary of his views. This is the only way in which there can be church discipline, without which "the church would go to fragments."—*Ibid.*, page 428.

In the local church there is a controlling board under the pas-

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tor's (or elder's) chairmanship, composed of the elder or elders, deacons, deaconesses, treasurer, clerk, Home Missionary leader (if he is not the elder), Sabbath-school superintendent, Home Missionary secretary, and the Missionary Volunteer leader. In certain circumstances one or two members other than officers may be added. This board controls the whole of the church life, both by its own decisions, and through the activities of all its departmental committees. A church in which the board does not meet regularly (usually monthly) is always weak.

There are other committees such as the Sabbath-school committee, the Missionary Volunteer committee, the Home Missionary committee, and there may be a Church School Board, a Choir committee, etc., according to local circumstances. Regular meetings of these committees should be held at least monthly to lay plans for progressive work. All these, however, are subsidiary and should not introduce innovations nor embark on doubtful and independent ventures without consultation with the church board.

It is always a sign of strength when these smaller committees and their leaders take the church

board into counsel. In this way, should criticism or trouble come, the church board will share responsibility.

The church board will not be arbitrary, narrow, or repressive. It should encourage activity and aggressive planning in every department, and generally promote the health of the church body. Especially should it be large-minded regarding work for our youth. The progressive courses and the social side of youth work sometimes do not appeal to older persons, but they are absolutely vital, and church boards should do all in their power to encourage these activities.

Where public evangelism under conference auspices is conducted near our churches, the evangelist may be working in outside halls, but the vital principles of our church organization still obtain. The evangelist helps the church, and the church supports the evangelist. Where baptisms accrue from these campaigns, the church board should vote on the names of all who are to be added to their church records. The church should with all its powers assist the evangelist and welcome new members with a cordial Christian fellowship which is real without being cheap or embarrassing.

Further information regarding board and business meetings may be found in the *Church Manual*, pages 99 and 100, while church government is referred to on pages 9 and 10.

Notes from the Union President

INTERNED MISSIONARIES

WE should like to pass on to our churches the suggestion that Sabbath, December 11th, which is the second Sabbath of our annual Week of Prayer, should include intercession for the rather large number of Adventist missionaries now in internment in different parts of the world. The complete list is given in a recent issue of the *Review and Herald*, but is too long to be repeated here. Suffice it to say that a surprisingly large number of men, women, and children were caught by the war in foreign fields, such as the Far East, or en route to their fields of labour, and are now in enemy hands. Some have never been heard of since they have been interned. This is a worthy subject for special prayer, particularly as we shall be praying for the end of the war and the easement of many hindering conditions to God's cause.

A BRITISHER IN ARGENTINA

PASTOR EDGAR BROOKS, who has given long years in editorial service in South America writes the following in a personal letter recently received, about Brother George Norris, who went out from our Granose factory to start a small health food work in Argentina, and all our members will be glad to read these words:

"You will be glad to know that the Granix factory has had a most wonderful year. When they got to the place where there was danger that their stock of imported *Bevita* would not last long, Brother Norris got busy experimenting with his wife's gas stove at home until he made something that was not too far off as a substitute. Then he started to make it tentatively at the factory. They have gone on improving this until they were able to put it on the market. And inasmuch as it was impossible to import this article, to their great surprise, they began to get some big orders from the large meat-packing houses, for they had been using the imported product in their manufacture. These orders were for such large amounts, that the Granix has been able to pay

off all loans and now is in the enviable position of having their plant entirely free from all encumbrance, and a comfortable operating fund in the bank as well as plenty of stock all paid for. It really seems that their days of struggle for life are over, and the honour goes to Brother Norris.

"Their increase of sales has been really fantastic this year, and the prospects are very good for the future. It is a sure thing that they will have profits far in excess of ours this year, as while we have had good gains in sales, and I believe that the profits have been quite encouraging, they are nothing to be compared with those of the sister institution, although our turnover has been greater."

THE END OF MONEY

To-day, money flows freely everywhere. There is scarcely any poverty as we used to know it. Thousands of people are earning and squandering, and thousands of others are earning and saving.

To-day money has a reasonably high purchasing power, but every thoughtful man wonders what may happen to money after the war. Will there come inflation to the point where money is worth little or nothing?

Every Adventist knows that the time is bound to come when money will cease to mean anything to the people of God. Are not these the days when we should give special consideration to utilizing our means as far as possible in God's cause? Not only do we have a unique opportunity at the time of our annual offering, December 11th, but there are many other profitable ways in which money can be employed.

Our Secondary School is proving a success and it should be made a boarding school as soon as possible, to offer the facilities of a secondary education to children from all over the Union. With this should come some plan to build up other schools in different parts of our field, all employing qualified teachers, and all utilizing modern buildings. These things should be greatly in the minds of our people, for there could not possibly be any better investment in evangelistic work than in the lives of our youth.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

OUR next issue will contain a revised Church Directory, and we

should point out that it will be available only through the Union and conference offices. It should not be distributed by our churchmembers to people whose bona fides are not well known. We cannot keep a church directory strictly private, but we can avoid passing on names and addresses except to people who need them for some genuine purpose.

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Notes from the President

YOU will receive this copy of the MESSENGER on the first Sabbath of the Week of Prayer. At the same time you will be given an envelope for your Annual Offering. We hope you will give most generously. God has spared your life, cared for you during the world's most terrible war, and, best of all, has blessed you with a knowledge of the truth. Give freely for foreign missions as God has given to you. Your gift should be placed in the offering plate on the second Sabbath of the Week of Prayer.

We hope you will take a very special interest in the specially prepared Home Missionary programme which will be given on Sabbath afternoon, December 11th.

Please do your utmost to attend a service every day and twice on Sabbath. When we pray let us all remember the sick—particularly the bedridden—and the aged. We wish the isolated a most happy and beneficial week.

NEW ORGANIZATIONS

ON Sabbath, November 13th, twenty-two members in Rochdale were organized into a church and nineteen members in Bury were organized into a company. Pastor J. C. French and I. Hims-worth are working with the Bury members, who are very keen to increase in numbers so that the company can be organized into a church next year.

The following Sabbath the
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church building in Barnsley was dedicated and thirty-seven members were organized into a church. Pastor D. J. Handysides and his assistants acknowledged God's blessing, which enabled them to reach their objectives.

OPPOSITION

PASTOR B. F. KINMAN, Brother M. B. Musgrave, and Miss J. Mitchell have so stirred the place in which they are working with the truth that they have been told to leave their hall. However, they have found another place which they are busily preparing.

Actually the opposition has done very little harm. Brother Kinman has had some useful publicity which has done a great deal of good in many instances. The antagonists could not have chosen a better time as it has coincided with his Sabbath subjects. The significant part of it all is that the opposing minister had to employ an evangelist of another denomination to denounce the Adventist preacher and both men are entirely disagreed on doctrine between themselves.

It has been proved over and over again that opposition and even persecution, instead of hindering, actually help forward the cause of God.

CHURCH LIBRARIES

Is there a good library in your church? Are you reading the books? Now that there is a library in each church, we hope that the number of books will be steadily increased. The money spent on good books is well spent. We would encourage all our members to spend as much time as possible studying the message for their own good and to become more proficient in preparing others for the imminent second advent.

CRADLE ROLL

BROTHER AND SISTER R. D. Vine are now the proud possessors of twin sons named Robert and Roger. They have our most hearty congratulations!

TITHE

It is almost the end of another year. Have you remembered to pay your tithe? If for some reason you have failed to do so, for your own good we invite you, we urge you, to bring all your

tithe into the storehouse before the year closes, so that you will receive the promised blessing. This will "prove the sincerity of your love" to God and your neighbour. R. S. JOYCE.

Red Letter Day at Rochdale

"I THANK God that I have lived to see this day." An aged man kneels in prayer in an upper room. It is Sabbath morning, November 13th, and with him in the Adventist meeting place in Rochdale a goodly number of people are assembled. Evidently it is a very special day for which so ardent a prayer has been raised. And indeed it is, for two unique acts of worship were witnessed, two organizations in one grand day of fellowship. Eagerly the Rochdale members had longed for the time of organization of their numbers into a church. Now that great day had arrived.

From outlying districts the various isolated groups had travelled to the feast. By the time Sabbath-school was due to begin those from Blackburn, Accrington, Bury, and Bolton had arrived, and more chairs were needed to accommodate the people. The hall was crowded.

The morning devotional hour was conducted by Pastor W. T. Bartlett, who took for his theme the necessity for wise building. There are two kinds of people in the world: those who are building up their spiritual life and faith, and those who are pulling down the very foundations, "walking after their own lusts." Jude's message is timeless. It was good to witness the spirit of prayer that came upon the worshippers.

The Sabbath-school that followed found Pastor Bartlett ably presenting the lesson for the day, "The Call of Gideon." God uses us in spite of our weaknesses, our diffidence, and lack of faith. He knows the spirit within a man, and despite the fact of Gideon's plea of being the least in his father's household, he was the one to lead Israel to victory.

Next followed the great hour of the day when the solemn yet wonderful ceremony of organization took place. After a brief survey of the history of the company

in Rochdale, it was realized that it was indeed a war-time church raised up in spite of war-time conditions. The first campaign meeting by Pastor W. J. Cannon coincided with one of the worst blizzards known for many years. However, the company grew until it was ripe for church organization.

The searching review of our fundamental doctrines by the president of the North England Conference made us all examine our own lives. He emphasized that although we wanted many more churches, we only wanted churches that were sound in the faith. Then, gathering around the four members who constituted the nucleus, the others were called, two by two, until all present, together with some not able to be present, were voted into full membership. The recommendations of the nominating committee were accepted by the newly formed church and then came the signing of the covenant. The full but interesting service concluded very fittingly with the ordination of Brother R. Jenkinsen to eldership and Brother N. Wright to the work of a deacon.

Coming together again for the afternoon Bible study, Pastor Bartlett spoke of the great salvation available for every man. But while we have the wonderful privilege of this "common salvation" we must show by our life our appreciation of this inestimable gift. By force of love we should love to work for Him.

The closing hymn became the opening song of praise for the concluding meeting of the day. This was to organize the Bury group of believers into a company. The brief historical survey revealed that Bury was an unentered town that now gleams with the light of the third angel's message. In reviewing the vital doctrines of our beloved message those present signified their acceptance of the truth by raising their hands. The officers were appointed, and the service ended with the ordination of Brother C. Roche to the work of a deacon.

The day of services was over. May their inspiration remain long in our hearts, building us up in our most holy faith.

JOHN C. FRENCH.

An Ordination in the North

WAS this just a Day of Fellowship, or were we back in the good old days of peace at the Annual Meetings? It seemed almost as though we were, judging by the large crowd assembled in the Midland Institute, Birmingham, on Sabbath, November 6th. It was, however, a very special Day of Fellowship, inasmuch as part of the day was set aside for an ordination service, and further, because the invitation had been extended to the churches in the Severn Valley district, and to the College students, as well as to the churches in the Birmingham district.

The day was given a splendid beginning when Pastor W. T. Bartlett, in an early morning devotional service, convincingly brought home to our hearts the need for an experience such as Peter describes in 1 Peter 4:6: "That they might . . . live according to God." It was a special pleasure to have the College family present at this early meeting, and to hear their ardent young voices, along with those of older members, raised in the season of prayer as they pleaded for God's presence and blessing. The Lord came very near, and there must have been many who felt that, had this been the only meeting of the day, the gathering would have been well worth while.

The Sabbath-school programme was carried through very ably by members of the College Faculty. It was a large school, drawn from the three Birmingham churches, from Wolverhampton, Worcester, Kidderminster, Bromsgrove, and Packwood. It must have been an inspiration to Pastor G. W. Baird, who gave a most helpful review, and to Pastor W. G. C. Murdoch, who taught the lesson for the day, to have so large a class. In spite of the welcome number of babies and young children, whose behaviour, incidentally, was beyond reproach, the class was most attentive and responsive, as Pastor Murdoch skilfully brought out the salient points in the lesson.

The Sabbath-school offering was a good testimony to the effectiveness of Pastor E. B. Phillip's appealing missions talk.

The morning service was a season of special joy when the

church set apart another of her young men for the sacred work of the ministry. Brother J. C. French has given full proof of his call, and all present must have been fully convinced of this when Pastor R. S. Joyce made known that, since entering the work as an evangelist, Brother French had been used in the winning of almost sixty souls, a number of these from a formerly unentered place.

The appeal of Pastor H. W. Lowe in his address, was not alone to the one about to be set aside at that hour for the ministry, but to all present, to give themselves again to God in the dedicatory prayer.

In his response Pastor J. C. French briefly testified to God's leading in his life, and expressed his determination by grace to do even greater things for God in the days to come.

After lunch, the young people and those still young in spirit were thrilled by the powerful preaching of Pastor J. M. Howard, the newly-appointed Young People's leader for the Union, and by his stirring stories of how God is to-day using young people in wonderful ways to win souls for His kingdom.

Pastor R. S. Joyce brought the day of blessings to a fitting close with a strong evangelical appeal to all present who had not yet made their decision to join with God's people, not to delay, for time is short, and the second advent of Christ is, according to all the signs, right upon us.

The blessedness of the day was enhanced by the sweet songs rendered by the Newbold College Choir under the able leadership of Mr. L. Meredith, and by talented soloists.

Such spiritual feasts as were enjoyed on this occasion are both delightful and invigorating to the souls of God's people. They strengthen faith and give renewed courage to face the trials and perplexities of these evil days, and to witness more faithfully and effectively to the truth we all love.

We hope and believe that the effect of these meetings will be seen in the spiritual growth and increased soul-winning activities of our members in this part of God's vineyard during the coming year. F. EDWARDS.

York Y.P.S.

YORK held its first Harvest Festival on October 30th. There was a goodly array of the fruits and flowers of the season, and the church was filled with a sweet fragrance.

On Sabbath afternoon the young people presented a topical programme to a large and appreciative gathering, and the ratters rang with songs of Harvest Home. A grateful letter was received afterward from St. Stephen's Orphanage for the surprise gift of vegetables.

The York M. V. society has always been a vigorous and progressive body. Three of its past members are Newbold graduates. Still another hopes to finish his course next year.

Our eight lay preachers are mostly people who are filling the gaps which the passing or removal of our pioneers have left.

One of our young men, who is working on the land in the vicinity, recently found, to his surprise and joy, that he was working with an Italian prisoner of war who is a Seventh-Day Adventist from Sicily. Greetings have passed between him and the society, and one day he hopes to meet with us. He tells us he is granted a concession in connection with work on Sabbaths.

During the summer we have had some pleasant rambles, and from time to time happy social gatherings have been held in a central hall.

A recent acquisition is a ciné-projector contributed by our sympathetic and co-operative elder.

We face the future fearlessly, relying upon the Lord to make us true Christians. W. LONG.

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Taunton Harvest Thanksgiving

"How beautiful," "perfectly charming," "a grand display"—such were some of the exclamations of pleasure from the mem-

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bers entering the Taunton church on Sabbath morning, September 25th.

We came to give thanks to the Lord for the bounties of His providence. And what a glorious display of these was there before us. Generous souls—quite a few not of our faith—had given of the choicest of their gardens and allotments. Among the abundance of the good things could be seen choice specimens of nearly every fruit, vegetable, and flower this island home of ours can produce. Even the wild fruits were represented, by sprays of blackberry thickly clustered with luscious fruit, and a dish of the same which made a great appeal to every jam-maker's heart.

To arrange all these good things many members had devoted much time and energy, and the colourful picture of plenty they had produced will long be remembered by all who saw it. There was a large cornucopia overflowing its contents of nuts, fruits, vegetables, and flowers on to a raised platform. Providing a centre piece in front of the basket was a huge harvest-loaf with a backing of wheat sheaves. The whole platform was a mass of all kinds of produce amidst which was seen a nest of seven eggs. The platform itself seemed to be built on piles of huge marrow, potatoes, cabbages, carrots, onions, lettuces, etc. Indeed, so abundant was the supply that every window-sill plus the communion table and the organ top was loaded with the produce. Festoons of Traveller's Joy with sheaves of corn and vases of flowers decorated the sides of the chapel so that we seemed to be enclosed as in a bowery. In such a setting it was no wonder that we heartily raised our voices to the Lord "in hymns of adoration."

We were pleased to have in our midst Pastor Russell from Bridgwater. He read the Scripture lesson and spoke to us for a few minutes before our own minister gave the morning's address. His theme was "Our Complete Dependence on God," and we all readily agreed, when he said, "Men may praise Lord Woolton for having fed us so well during these dark war days,

but the child of God knows that we have lacked no good thing because God has remembered His promise that 'while the earth remaineth, seed-time and harvest . . . shall not fail.'"

The joys of the morning's service were continued in the afternoon. The chapel was packed to its fullest capacity with members and friends, and late-comers had to be seated in the lobby. How they all sang! No choir could have sung the good old harvest hymns with more feeling and pleasure. Pastor Russell ministered the Word at this service and his moving message will long be remembered by all.

The good gifts were later distributed among the sick and needy of the church, and others in the district who were known to be in need.

HEATHER WALKER.

Irish Mission

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Good-bye!

ON Sabbath morning nine years ago the members of the Belfast church welcomed into the Irish Mission a new Bible-worker, Miss Kirby.

She quickly won the hearts of the people in and out of the church. It can be truly said of her that she was always ready to give a hand in the homes of the aged and the sick, and in the Ingathering campaign her zeal has been our constant inspiration.

For these and many other reasons we are very sorry now to lose her.

On September 4th we said good-bye, and Mrs. Houston on behalf of the church, said, "Nine years ago you came as a perfect stranger. Very soon, we appreciated your Christian character. After nine years of close contact we can truthfully say we love you." Wishing her every blessing she declared that our loss would be Dublin's gain.

M. KANE, *Church Clerk.*



ROSE.—Sister Ruth Rose fell asleep in Jesus on September 24, 1943, at the early age of twenty-five, following a brief illness. Originally from Weymouth, she has been connected with the Holloway and Stanborough Park churches previous to coming to Ealing. Before her death she expressed her faith in the Lord and the peace and comfort that prayer had brought her. Not understanding why so young a life should be terminated, nevertheless God gave grace to the bereaved ones to say, "Thy will be done." She was laid to rest in the Greenford Cemetery on September 28th to await the call of the Life-giver. We extend to Brother Rose, the parents, and relatives, our sincere sympathy. W. W. ARMSTRONG.

HORNE.—The Croydon church deeply regret the loss of Sister Elizabeth Horne who passed away quietly after a long illness in the early hours of Sunday, September 26, 1943, at the home of her daughter, Sister Hardiman. To her death at the age of eighty-five she was a faithful member. She was baptized by Pastor F. C. Bailey with her daughter and granddaughter at the Wimbledon church in May, 1937. Often our aged sister walked to church when no transport was available. She showed an active interest in our work, especially in the College, where her grand-daughter, Miss V. Hardiman, now a Bible-worker, graduated. She was laid to rest in the Mitcham Cemetery on Wednesday, September 29th. The service was attended by a large number of churchmembers and was conducted by Pastor L. D. Vince, assisted by the writer. To those whom she leaves behind the Croydon church extends its deepest sympathies. Our sister rests in the hope of the soon-coming of her Saviour, who will call her forth to resume the life begun here on earth. H. MUSGRAVE.

WALTERS.—The many friends of Brother Samuel Walters will share our grief at his sudden passing on October 7, 1943, in Wolverhampton, at the early age of twenty-seven. Brother Walters spent some time in our College and since then has been in several situations made difficult by war-time conditions, but always endeavoured to maintain a firm loyalty to his convictions. He was interred on October 13th in the Bushbury Parish Church Cemetery in the presence of sorrowing relatives and churchmembers. To his mother, sister, and relatives we extend our deep sympathy, and look forward to the time when God shall wipe away all tears from our eyes and death shall be no more. R. WILSON.

HEALEY.—We deeply regret that on Sabbath, October 9, 1943, David Healey, aged twelve, passed away at the Hospital St. Cross, Rugby, after a very brief and sudden illness. David was the son of Brother and Sister Healey, who for many years were members of the church in Coventry. It is difficult for us to understand why one in the springtime of life should have been taken, but one day these dark events will be made light to us. David was a good boy, kind, thoughtful, sympathetic and courteous, a faithful member of the Sabbath-school and conscientious in his daily lesson study. We extend to Brother and Sister Healey and to David's sister, Ruth, our deepest sympathy, but know that this parting will not be for long. David was laid to rest in a little country cemetery at Leamington Hastings. W. G. C. MURDOCH.

Statement of Tithes and Offerings for Quarter Ending September 30, 1943

SOUTH ENGLAND CONFERENCE

NAME OF CHURCH OR COMPANY	Mem-ber-ship	Tithe	Tithe per Capita	Sabbath-School Offering Inc. 13th S.	Young People's Offering	Annual Offerings	Miscel-laneous	Week of Sacrifice	Big Week	Total Offerings	Offer-ings per Capita
Bath	21	40 15 4	1 18 10	8 0 1	2 11			3 6 0	2 11 0	14 0 0	13 4
Bournemouth	98	249 15 9	2 11 0	33 7 1	16 11			19 12 4	11 8 5	65 4 9	13 4
Brighton	54	98 11 6	1 16 6	21 7 6				13 11 6	4 5 11	89 4 11	14 6
Bristol	150	389 12 11	2 11 11	79 12 9	2 7 8			28 18 7	13 1 4	124 0 4	16 6
Cambridge	29	61 14 4	2 2 7	7 4 11				4 10 3	2 1 0	18 16 2	9 6
Chelmsford	26	47 13 2	1 16 8	17 0 7	10 0			9 16 10	3 12 5	30 19 10	1 3 10
Cheltenham	40	83 5 4	2 1 8	15 10 3	11 4			8 7 6	2 10 7	26 19 8	13 6
Chiswick	68	152 5 10	2 4 9	30 19 3				10 14 6	6 12 3	48 6 0	14 2
Clacton	23	17 19 5	15 8	2 0 0				1 10 0	5 0	3 15 0	3 3
Clapham	54	56 9 2	1 0 11	13 14 6				8 3 0	2 10 3	24 7 9	9 0
Colchester	25	41 19 6	1 13 7	5 8 5				16 1	4 0	6 8 6	5 1
Crescombe	29	64 4 11	2 4 4	9 1 8	16 0			3 15 0	2 0 9	15 13 5	10 10
Croydon	38	42 11 9	1 2 5	11 9 10				3 3 2	1 19 3	16 12 3	8 9
Ealing	66	153 18 2	2 6 8	18 15 7	3 15 7			4 19 8	5 16 6	33 7 4	10 1
Edmonton	73	115 18 10	1 11 9	19 6 8	2 4 10			2 7 0	3 2 8	27 1 2	7 5
Exeter	33	51 9 0	1 11 2	16 8 0	11 7			5 12 9	2 2 2	24 14 6	15 0
Folkestone	32	36 15 8	1 3 0	5 4 8				3 16 6	6 0	9 7 2	5 10
Forest Gate	33	28 15 4	17 5	10 8 5				2 9 6	1 3 0	14 0 11	8 6
Gillingham	12	15 12 5	1 6 0	10 12 0				2 5 0	1 18 0	14 15 0	1 4 7
Hastings	21	42 19 10	2 0 11	8 19 5				2 0 0	3 2 0	14 1 5	13 5
H. Wycombe	20	45 14 7	2 5 9	15 1 0				2 13 0	1 13 4	19 7 4	19 4
Holloway	164	502 13 7	3 1 4	57 7 5	1 14 3			16 5 1	5 3 6	80 10 3	9 10
Ilford	58	103 4 9	1 15 7	18 15 4	1 3 10			8 15 6	2 11 4	31 6 0	10 10
Ipswich	32	18 7 5	11 6	13 9 10				2 15 3	18 0	17 3 1	10 9
Lewisham	60	97 18 4	1 12 8	20 14 4				2 12 0	1 14 9	55 1 1	18 4
Lowestoft	41	84 1 0	16 7	5 8 1				9 3 2	2 2 3	16 13 6	8 4
Luton	24	84 11 3	3 10 6	25 0 0				11 4 6	3 6 1	39 10 7	1 12 11
Norwich	47	64 7 10	1 7 5	11 8 0	1 3 6			5 2 9	1 19 3	19 13 6	8 4
Plymouth	74	230 2 7	3 2 2	30 11 7	1 7 8			20 17 10	8 17 10	61 14 11	16 8
Portsmouth	44	92 15 4	2 2 2	16 13 4	7 2			7 11 10	4 1 1	28 13 5	13 0
Reading	60	114 13 10	1 18 3	27 2 5	2 3 3			6 4 0	1 14 6	37 4 2	12 5
Richmond	25	76 10 3	3 1 3	10 4 7				4 7 10	12 9	15 5 2	12 2
Romford	34	42 10 4	1 5 0	6 5 2				2 1 6	2 14 0	11 0 8	6 6
Slough	23	52 9 6	2 5 8	13 1 11				9 8 6	1 14 4	23 19 9	1 0 10
Southampton	53	112 1 5	2 2 3	20 18 5	1 2 6			10 14 0	5 16 3	38 11 2	14 7
Southend	56	95 18 10	1 14 3	19 4 4	12 1			4 5 5	3 19 6	28 0 11	10 0
Southstoke	8	15 2 1	1 17 9	6 14 0				4 8 0	4 13 0	15 15 0	1 19 4
Stanbor'h Park	419	1090 3 2	2 12 0	185 16 11	13 15 2	1 0 0		79 15 0	22 11 5	302 18 6	14 6
Taunton	30	32 15 7	1 1 10	7 15 6				6 15 0	3 0 0	17 10 6	11 8
Torquay	53	95 13 7	1 16 1	22 1 2	7 10			6 8 1	3 6 0	32 3 1	12 2
Walthamstow	54	231 1 0	4 5 7	53 10 0	15 9			40 11 0	5 3 0	99 19 9	1 17 0
Watford	59	181 9 6	3 1 6	27 4 9	2 9 6			8 10 1	6 3 0	44 7 4	15 0
Wembley	47	132 11 5	2 16 5	17 11 6				16 0 0	10 0 0	43 11 6	18 7
Wimbledon	103	274 19 8	2 13 5	44 18 1	3 15 4			6 15 6	18 0 6	73 9 5	14 3
Wood Green	83	149 0 4	1 15 11	24 12 7	9 2			9 2 9	3 4 5	37 9 1	9 0
Yarmouth	52	15 5 3	9 6	7 8 10				5 7 2	1 19 1	14 15 1	9 3
Bedford	12	38 5 7	3 3 10	6 4 9				6 0 9	1 2 6	13 8 0	1 2 4
Brentwood	10	32 3 6	3 4 4	3 9 6	13 6			6 10 0	2 10 0	13 3 0	1 6 4
Dereham	6	8 13 0	1 9 8	1 16 10				18 3	6 0	3 1 1	10 2
Eastbourne	5	6 10 6	1 6 1								
Ely	8	14 3 8	1 15 2	6 8 0				5 0		6 13 0	16 7
Ferndown	5	7 9 10	1 10 0	1 3 4				6 6	5 0	1 14 10	7 0
Gloucester	20	37 8 1	1 17 5	8 15 1	7 0			2 19 3	19 8	13 1 0	13 1
Leatherh'd	8	14 7 9	1 16 0	3 4 9				2 12 0	1 0 4	6 17 1	17 2
Medstead	12	25 16 11	2 3 1	10 5 5				3 16 10	1 14 6	15 16 9	1 6 5
Rye	7	18 4 7	2 12 1	6 4 10				1 2 0		7 6 10	1 1 0
Salisbury	15	21 11 0	1 8 9	10 4 4				8 2 6	3 0 0	21 6 10	1 5 6
St. Austell	7	61 5 5	8 15 1	9 11 10				8 15 0	1 10 0	19 16 10	2 16 8
St. Mabyn	8	42 18 2	5 7 3	7 19 1				7 14 6	3 5 0	18 18 7	2 7 4
Swindon	10	15 8 0	1 10 10	5 17 8				1 4 6	14 9	7 16 11	15 8
Wes'n/Br'n	6	11 1 1	1 16 10	11 8 4				1 15 6		13 3 10	2 4 0
Weymouth	11	12 14 9	1 3 2	1 11 3					1 0	1 12 3	2 11
Isolated	398	1148 18 6	2 17 9	86 3 8	2 0 0			84 7 5	85 6 0	257 17 1	12 11
Totals 1943	3176	7295 15 9	2 5 11	1233 19 4	46 4 4	1 0 0	30 0 0	583 14 11	299 6 5	2194 5 0	13 10
Totals 1942	3098	5837 4 6	1 17 8	1066 13 1	36 18 8			636 10 9	4 0 9	1744 3 3	11 3
Increase	78	1458 11 3	8 3	167 6 3	9 5 8	1 0 0	30 0 0	-52 15 10	295 5 8	450 1 9	2 7

WELSH MISSION

Barry Dock	27	72 19 6	2 14 1	14 12 0	7 0			5 14 0	1 13 0	22 6 0	16 6
Blaenavon	5	10 0 0	2 0 0	1 9 9				10 0 0	7 0	2 6 9	9 4
Cardiff	72	143 0 11	1 19 9	28 6 0				21 0 0	3 10 0	52 16 0	14 8
Hereford	12	36 3 6	3 0 4	7 8 2			1 0	2 6 0	2 8 6	12 3 8	1 0 4
Newport Mon.	83	200 5 2	2 8 3	31 16 5	2 12 0			15 19 7	4 3 8	54 11 8	13 2
Porth	7	8 6 9	7 9 8	19 6				5 0		1 4 6	3 6
Swansea	35	58 13 3	1 13 8	16 0 8	15 0			2 12 3	2 8 3	21 16 2	12 6
Aberdare	10	19 15 1	1 19 6	4 8 5				5 0	7 6	5 0 11	10 1
Caerphilly	16	24 13 9	1 10 10	5 7 7				5 0	18 6	6 11 1	8 2
Gelligaer	12	31 3 6	2 12 0	5 11 5				3 10 0	3 5 3	12 6 8	1 0 7
Llanelly	10	4 5 8	8 7	2 2 3						2 2 3	4 3
Rhos	8	10 1 6	1 5 2	5 1 0					12 4	5 13 4	14 2
Rhyl	26	36 14 11	1 8 3	7 19 7				1 11 6	15 0	10 6 1	7 11
Shrewsb'ry	11	10 8 2	18 11						1 11 6	1 11 6	2 10
Isolated	120	189 15 7	1 11 8	17 18 1				15 16 15	2 6 0	36 0 6	6 0
Totals 1943	454	851 7 3	1 17 6	149 0 10	3 14 0		1 0	69 14 9	24 6 6	246 17 1	10 10
Totals 1942	468	724 6 2	1 10 11	129 18 11	1 11 8	7 6		41 17 3		173 15 4	7 5
Increase	-14	127 1 1	6 7	19 1 11	2 2 4	-7 6	1 0	27 17 6	24 6 6	73 1 9	3 5

NORTH ENGLAND CONFERENCE

NAME OF CHURCH OR COMPANY	Mem-ber-ship	Tithe	Tithe per Capita	Sabbath-School Offerings Inc. 13th S.	Young People's Offering	Annual Offering	Miscel-laneous	Week of Sacrifice	Big Week	Total Offerings	Offer-ings per Capita
Birmingham S.	53	138 15 10	2 12 4	26 12 2	7 6			4 7 0	2 12 7	33 19 3	12 9
Handsworth	62	98 13 9	1 11 10	19 19 4	1 9 4			5 19 3	4 10 0	31 17 11	10 3
Bradford	37	193 7 7	5 4 6	11 14 0	1 11 6			2 2 0	2 7 0	17 14 6	9 7
Coventry	63	230 16 11	3 13 3	28 1 1				9 3 6	1 8 10	38 13 5	12 3
Darlington	26	43 2 8	1 13 1	7 17 9	14 2			2 0 0	1 0 0	11 11 11	9 0
Derby	51	119 5 3	2 6 9	18 1 0	1 5 3			5 3 0	4 18 0	29 7 3	11 6
Grimsby	15	36 6 2	2 8 5	8 9 2					1 5 0	9 14 2	12 11
Hull	101	141 9 2	1 8 0	38 15 2				10 14 4	12 17 0	62 6 6	12 4
Kettering	42	53 13 0	1 5 6	26 1 6	11 3			6 14 0	3 4 0	36 10 9	17 1
Leeds	75	129 1 6	1 14 4	17 4 8	13 0			2 11 6	2 13 6	23 2 8	6 2
Leicester	49	155 7 6	3 3 1	54 13 8	7 11			5 17 0	3 4 6	64 3 1	1 6 2
Lincoln	13	34 14 1	2 13 4	7 3 8				2 6 0	1 11 6	11 1 2	17 0
Liverpool	66	99 0 4	1 10 0	12 19 11	11 1			3 8 0	1 1 0	18 0 0	5 5
Manchester	72	130 13 2	1 16 3	24 16 6	2 14 1			10 2 1	4 4 6	41 17 2	11 7
Mid'brough	35	43 9 9	1 4 10	11 11 8				8 10 0	3 15 0	23 16 8	13 9
Newbold	115	185 11 3	1 3 5	31 9 7	1 9 9			20 0 0	2 4 0	55 3 4	9 7
Newcastle	100	149 12 8	1 9 1	40 6 5	4 17 1			8 9 9	6 12 9	60 6 0	12 8
Nottingham	87	161 18 3	1 17 2	35 7 2	3 17 3			8 17 8	6 2 3	54 4 4	12 5
Rotherham	35	39 10 11	1 2 11	5 11 3				3 0	2 0	5 16 3	3 4
Rushden	12	22 18 6	1 18 2	3 16 6	3 6			4 16 0	1 0 2	9 16 2	16 4
Sheffield	44	78 4 6	1 13 3	9 9 0	18 9			5 1 0	1 5 2	16 8 11	7 5
Shields	14	18 13 3	1 6 8	4 1 2				1 13 0	12 9	6 6 11	9 0
Stockport	21	66 6 3	3 3 1	4 12 6				1 4 6	6 0	6 3 0	5 10
Stoke	38	87 8 9	2 8 6	12 13 10	1 3 5			3 9 6	2 9 0	19 15 9	10 11
Stretford	43	95 5 0	2 4 3	14 11 10				1 17 0	5 1 1	21 9 11	9 11
Stretton	32	96 11 5	3 0 4	27 10 3	1 2 9			4 3 0	3 0 10	35 16 10	1 2 4
Wakefield	20	60 18 5	3 0 11	7 5 7				10 18 0	5 16 2	23 19 9	1 3 11
Wellingboro	13	22 3 0	1 14 0	3 4 7				1 1 0	1 0 0	5 5 7	8 1
Wolverha'pton	16	42 3 0	2 12 8	11 2 10				1 18 0	1 8 0	14 8 10	18 0
Worcester	18	36 15 8	2 0 10	9 7 3				5 2 4	2 5 2	16 14 9	18 7
York	40	101 4 2	2 10 4	20 14 10	13 6			7 19 9	3 0 0	32 8 1	16 2
Barnsley	38	46 18 10	1 4 9	5 11 0					17 4	6 8 4	3 7
Beeston	8	18 16 3	2 7 0	7 10 2				1 0 0	15 6	9 5 8	1 3 2
B'ham C.	38	67 5 3	1 15 3	41 13 0					2 7 4	44 0 4	1 3 0
Blackburn	11	10 4 0	18 6	3 13 1				5 0	1 0	3 19 1	7 2
Bromsg've	6	4 4 6	14 1	3 9 3				1 7 0		4 16 3	16 0
Denton	19	56 8 8	2 19 4	11 13 5				4 3 0	1 9 0	17 5 5	18 0
Fotherby	9	13 1 7	1 9 0	5 12 11				2 5 3	1 15 6	9 13 8	1 1 6
Kid'minstr.	5	9 13 4	1 18 8	1 11 3				12 0	5 6	2 8 9	9 9
Killamarsh	8	21 13 6	2 14 2	9 16 0				1 3 3	1 18 6	12 17 9	1 12 2
Mansfield	10	34 0 3	3 8 0	7 16 2				15 0	1 11 7	10 2 9	1 0 4
Northa'ton	20	40 10 2	2 0 6	8 7 6				2 10 6	1 1 0	11 19 0	11 11
Peterb'gh	6	4 5 0	14 2	2 9 2				3 6	7 6	3 0 2	10 0
Rochdale	20	38 19 8	1 18 11	10 2 10				10 1 6	2 16 6	23 0 10	1 3 0
Scarbro'	25	47 5 4	1 17 10	23 5 8				1 5 3	1 2 6	25 13 5	1 0 6
Skegness	9	13 6 3	1 9 7	3 6 3				1 4 0	1 7 6	5 17 9	13 1
Stockton	9	4 10 3	10 0	2 7 10				4 6 10	10 0	7 4 8	16 0
Sutton	16	37 15 0	2 7 2	6 4 2	1 10 0			14 6	1 2 6	9 11 2	11 11
Ulverston	11	29 3 1	2 13 0	3 17 5				14 0	17 2	5 8 7	9 10
Wallasey	19	66 13 11	3 10 2	11 12 7	4 3 7			7 6 0	1 18 0	25 0 2	1 6 4
Isolated	258	747 3 6	2 17 11	33 3 4	2 17 3			44 8 3	19 18 7	160 7 5	7 9
Totals 1943	1951	4175 0 0	2 2 9	758 8 10	32 16 11			249 16 0	135 0 3	1178 2 0	12 1
Totals 1942	1892	4525 4 6	2 7 10	614 0 1	19 1 9			238 1 4	11 0 9	882 3 11	9 4
Increase	59	-350 4 6	-5 1	144 8 9	13 15 2			11 14 8	123 19 6	293 18 1	2 9

IRISH MISSION

Belfast	71	72 9 3	1 0 5	21 10 0	2 13 3				2 8 4	26 11 7	7 6
Dublin	25	62 15 8	2 10 3	19 17 10	18 3			2 3 6	2 14 9	25 14 4	1 0 7
Kilmoyle	12	6 0 0	10 0	1 9 8	8 0			8 0		2 5 8	3 10
Larne	6	6 16 0	1 2 8	2 16 9				2 10 9		5 7 6	17 11
Londonderry	10	12 11 6	1 5 2	5 5 5	8 1			5 15 0	2 16 0	14 4 6	1 8 6
Shankill	25	44 6 6	1 15 6	8 6 3						8 6 3	6 8
Isolated	55	91 8 8	1 13 3	6 1 6				4 0 0	15 0	10 16 6	3 11
Totals 1943	204	296 7 7	1 9 1	65 7 5	4 7 7			14 17 3	8 14 1	93 6 4	9 2
Totals 1942	199	259 2 7	1 6 1	63 4 5	3 0 7			41 11 6		107 16 6	10 10
Increase	5	37 5 0	3 0	2 3 0	1 7 0			-26 14 3	8 14 1	-14 10 2	-1 8

SCOTTISH MISSION

Aberdeen	36	45 0 1	1 5 0	8 8 11	9 0			2 5 0	16 6	11 19 5	6 8
Edinburgh	67	93 1 9	1 7 9	37 18 9	4 0 0			4 19 3	6 1 3	52 19 3	15 10
Glasgow	102	412 14 5	4 0 11	29 3 9				36 12 0	8 5 10	74 1 7	14 6
Kirkcaldy	8	14 3 6	1 15 6	3 5 3				5 0		3 10 3	8 9
Dundee	21	14 12 0	13 11	6 0 4				2 4 0	3 12 6	11 16 10	11 3
Stirling	8	29 1 0	3 12 8	5 14 6				17 6	15 0	7 7 0	18 5
Isolated	56	97 3 6	1 14 8	6 0 5				13 1 7	3 2	19 5 2	6 11
Totals 1943	298	705 16 3	2 7 4	96 11 11	4 9 0			60 4 4	19 14 3	180 19 6	12 2
Totals 1942	315	678 5 5	2 3 1	99 19 3				55 7 1	14 8	156 1 0	9 11
Increase	-17	27 10 10	4 3	-3 7 4	4 9 0			4 17 3	18 19 7	24 18 6	2 3

UNION TOTALS

Union Mis. 1943		91 7 0		10 0			165 2 0		5 0 0	170 12 0	
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Increase		85 12 0		10 0			165 2 0		5 0 0	170 12 0	
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Grand Tot. 1942	5972	12029 18 2	2 0 3	1973 15 9	60 12 8	7 6		1013 7 11	15 16 2	3084 0 0	10 3
Increase	111	1385 15 8	3 10	330 2 7	30 19 2	12 6	195 3 0	-85 0 8	476 5 4	998 1 11	3 1

The Ministry of Literature

The Message and the Methods

A COLPORTEUR was completing his canvass when a voice from behind said, "You're a grand salesman; I could do with you in my business." It was the subscriber's husband who spoke. Unseen by colporteur and prospect he had been in the background—carefully watching. His keen business eye quickly recognized the quality of the colporteur's salesmanship.

Time and again Adventist colporteurs have such compliments paid to them by men in the commercial world. Sometimes tempting offers to change their particular line of work are held out. It can be stated, however, that these offers are invariably turned down; politely, of course, but usually without the slightest hesitation.

We know well enough that there is something the people do not see that makes for the selling of our books. Which brings me to my first point: *The message of the messenger is the mainspring of success.*

It is said that one of the Bible societies invited to their committee an Adventist Field Missionary secretary to give his reasons for the success our colporteurs were enjoying in that part of the world. Would he explain the selling methods they were using? He had to be frank and tell them that the secret is the particular message God had committed to us as a people. No selling principles of themselves could bring the results.

We should, therefore, cherish this thought. It is first the Advent message in the life and in the book that gives both the urge and the power to achieve. I pray that its reality will quicken our steps and strengthen our courage as we move among the people again to-day.

At the same time it should be said that a message-filled man minus selling skill will not meet with much success in the literature ministry. Not in the long run. He would not be sufficient for the stern tests that are all along the way in this colporteur

work. So I come to the second point: *We must have the mastery of proved selling methods.*

It must be so to give direction to the interviews and to produce positive results.

There is sometimes a tendency to treat our Gospel salesmanship procedure as of rather less consequence than formerly. Now this is understandable because of the circumstances in which we find ourselves. The substantial increase in the public's buying capacity everywhere, restrictions on the purchasing of most commodities, and the bewilderment brought about by the war are, we know, helping us to sell more readily

We Regret

WE regret that in Pastor Warland's article entitled "Social to Save" in the previous issue of the MESSENGER the price of the book, *Recreational Plans*, was, by a printing error, given as 1/3. It should have been 11/3. ED.

than ever before. These factors are all to the good, and we are thankful for them.

But we must make no mistake here. Possession of the salesmanship principles advocated and practised in our publishing work for years is necessary now as always.

Do you suppose, for example, that Brother McLeod has sold *The Bible Speaks* to a thousand licencees without a studied adaptation of sales points tried out and mastered through long experience? No, indeed, His own answer came to my desk a few days ago:

"Salesmanship is still essential to-day. Although many people have more money to spend they will only purchase what appeals to them. It is the application of salesmanship that makes people want to buy."

The Message plus the Methods! This most powerful combination, unique alike in the religious world and the field of selling, is the Adventist colporteur's heritage and his hope for future success. B. BELTON.

UNTIL THE DAY BREAK

BERRIMAN.—The Portsmouth church has suffered the loss of a faithful member, Sister S. Berriman, who died on October 7, 1943. Although our sister had reached the age of eighty-five years, she was always to be found in her usual place at church, until a week before her death. Miss Berriman first heard the message through the labours of Pastors Spearing and Morrison, and was baptized in 1915. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Sister Randall, her sister, who is left to mourn, but not as those who have no hope, for we are confident that our sister will be raised again on that resurrection morning. Our late sister was laid to rest in Kingston Cemetery in the presence of a company of churchmembers.

MRS. A. HILLS, Church Clerk.

BONSEY.—On Sabbath, October 9, 1943, Brother Walter Bonsey took his usual place in the Wood Green Sabbath-school. He came not only to worship, but to serve his fellow-members as deacon. This he had done loyally and cheerfully for more than six years. Three days later his life work was done at the age of seventy-four. He was baptized by Pastor R. A. Anderson in 1936, and for two years shared the Advent hope with his faithful and devoted wife. Now they rest together in Tottenham Cemetery until Jesus shall come. S. BULL.

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