



BRITISH UNION SURVEY.—5

## The Advent Message in Ireland

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IRELAND is a mission field, and because of its peculiar problems may remain so to the end of time. Oh, that all of God's people in Britain would remember the mission field which is on their own doorstep.

At one time the population of Ireland was over nine millions. To-day it is very questionable whether you could find four millions, although we are told that Ireland is well able to support seventeen million people. Through the years poverty has driven her children far from home. In every country you will find the jovial Irishman.

Ireland also unfortunately has a border within her national borders which separates the north from the south or Ulster from Eire. The population of Eire is largely Roman Catholic. You can safely say ninety-five per cent is Roman Catholic and for these we have done practically nothing. In Ulster, the six counties of the north, the following figures are of interest:

County	Percentage of popul'n Roman Catholic
Antrim	22
Armagh	47
Down	32
Derry	45
Fermanagh	57
Tyrone	57

These figures reveal that slowly but surely Protestant Ulster is becoming Catholic.

The Roman Catholics are not acquainted with us as a people.

They just think of us as Protestants. Very few indeed would think of attending any Protestant meetings. The Protestants, however, do know us and here we meet the prejudice which is hard and so bitter. Protestantism in Ireland, particularly in the south, is dying and the Protestants who remain are very loathe to leave their churches.

Why is it that the Protestant churches are so bitter? What can we do? We have been preaching God's last message for fifty years and to-day we only have two hundred odd members. It is true that many have emigrated and many more will continue to emigrate. Ireland unfortunately is not in a position to offer its young people very much.

Let us endeavour to answer the above questions. Why is it that the Protestant churches are so bitter? Is it because of the Sabbath truth? Yes, to a degree. The facts are that we have many secret disciples as far as the Sabbath truth is concerned. That which makes them so bitter is because we are utterly unable to preach the popular hell-fire doctrine, and then again we have to meet that false accusation that we do not believe that "it is the blood that atones for the soul."

Now with that background in your mind you will readily understand how difficult it is to se-

cure halls which are owned by church people. When we apply we have to state to which denomination we belong. It naturally follows that we are ruled out. To-day it is practically impossible to secure a hall of any kind in many places.

Let us also remember that many of our towns are very small. In England the average evangelist can collect an audience, and end up with at least a remnant. Here we begin with a remnant and end up with the twos and threes. This is very discouraging for the faithful few. The Irish mind is slow to grasp present truth. The Catholics reverence their priests and the Protestants with the same fervour cling to their ministers. We have to have much patience.

What can we do? During the past seven years we have baptized eighty souls. We have two main churches with their own church buildings. We have seven companies and a working staff of three ordained ministers, three licentiates, and one Bible-worker. It is true we have had our war-time problems to contend with, but we do feel that the time has come when we must evangelize the unentered towns and our plans are being made. We definitely feel, however, that God must come to our assistance. We cannot do it alone. We believe that God has a remnant in this Land of the Green. We have faithfully sown the seed. We have every

reason to believe that 1945 will be a good year in soul-winning. Our young licentiates are becoming experienced.

The year 1844 is a notable one with us as a people. In that year a godly Irish minister wrote the following hymn into the spirit of which we believe every member of the Advent family in Britain will enter:

Angel, unto whom 'tis given,  
Swiftly by divine command,  
Flying through the midst of  
heaven,  
With the Gospel in thy hand  
Joyful tidings  
To proclaim through every land

In the circuit thou art taking,  
Overlook not this Green Isle;  
But a pause of mercy making,  
Here repose thee for a while—  
Close thy pinions;  
Gladden Ireland with thy smile.

Such the message thou art bring-  
ing,  
At the first inspiring sound,  
Multitudes of preachers, springing  
From all quarters, shall be found  
To repeat it,  
Till it spread the country round

England to this land united,  
By so strong, so dear a tie,  
Let not Ireland's wants be slighted,  
"Come and help us," is her cry—  
British [Adventist] Christian!  
To your sister's succour fly

Ireland, all too long neglected,  
Now demands your speedy aid,  
Every good may be effected,  
By the light of life displayed;  
Glorious day-spring;  
Scatter death's incumbent shade.

Soon our Lord must come.  
Soon the angels will be commis-  
sioned to gather together the elect  
from the four corners of the earth  
and the "isles of the sea." Yes,  
there will be faithful ones from  
this difficult field of Ireland, an  
"island of the sea."

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## Notes from the Union President

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### THE CHURCH AND EVANGELISM

THE London Mission of the Methodist Church in its annual report contains some trenchant comments from the Rev Robinson Whittaker. As they were re-

ported in *The Christian* of Octo-ber 21st, we should all find our-selves in agreement. For example:

"The church no longer has time, strength, money, or workers, to be simultaneously a colony of heaven on earth, a school, an office, a club, an artistic institute, a religious sporting place, a charitable society, and an amusement agency. Once more the church will be the church which does not do a thousand things at the same time, but the one thing necessary—the preaching of the Gospel by word and deed, and the winning of individuals for Christ in the name of Christ."

### MISSIONS ITEMS

WE are indebted to Pastor W. McClements of Nigeria for a few interesting items of mission news, written on his way down to South Africa for furlough. He says:

"On our way through the Congo we spent a week at our Songa Mission. We have a prosperous little hospital there and people come as far as from Tanganyika territory for surgery. Dr Rouhe had just left for furlough and the American nursing sister was away, too, but the well-trained African nursing staff are carrying on the out-patients department very acceptably indeed.

"Between Elizabethville and Victoria Falls we enjoyed the company of Elder W. H. Anderson quite a way. He was making a farewell visit to the stations "up north." He travelled with us later from Victoria Falls to Bulawayo. As we travelled through northern Rhodesia and saw the big maize, or mealie, farms he told us how he brought out the first plough into that country and how later on a trader brought some ploughs up for trade, but the people wouldn't buy them because they were painted a different colour to the missionary's!

"A very happy and profitable week was spent out at Solusi Mis-sion. The folk out there were very busy making preparations for their jubilee ceremony which takes place on the twenty-sixth of this month (July). A good entrance is being erected, electric light installed, and several other improvements are being made to mark the occasion. Sir G. Huggins, the Prime Minister, has accepted the invitation to be present. Brother W. H. Anderson is going to drive an ox waggon again. The ladies will be dressed in the 1894 styles for missionaries, and a film is to be made.

"We didn't tramp around their

eight-thousand acre farm, but there is a great deal to be seen around the campus and environs. There is a splendid carpenters' class, also blacksmithing and waggon building department. Good gardens are a source of excellent food for the missionaries and students. There are three hundred students. Then a herd of eighty Friesians give lots of milk and butter. The poultry department, too, is both interesting and profit-able."

### WEEK OF PRAYER THOUGHTS

CONTINUING our search for evi-dences of personal growth in Christian grace—the one thing that matters above all others in Christ's church—we suggest the following for special "Week of Prayer" consideration:

1. A man or woman living close to Christ should progres-sively *lose a consciousness of self*, because the closer we come to the Saviour we become possessed by a "Not I, but Christ" conscio-ness. What changes would be wrought in home, church, institu-tion, indeed, in all administration of God's work, if we could lose our "self" consciousness!

2. Charles G. Finney made much of "a growing tranquillity under sudden and crushing disas-ters and bereavements." When men can remain calm under dis-appointment, tranquil in face of unrealized ambitions, sweet when their own wills are thwarted, im-partial where opposition is en-counterred, serene despite death—then they are really growing in grace.

Apply this to ambition for office which sometimes creeps in at nomination time in our churches, and—well, you see what a real growth in grace would do during this prayer season!

### WEEK OF PRAYER "READINGS"

WE regret that no copies of the *Week of Prayer Review and Her-ald* are available this year, apart from private subscriptions. Arrangements are completed, how-ever, for five of the most import-ant readings to appear in the November *Leader*, and one in the MESSENGER. The *Leader* will be distributed from conference offices to each church in strictly limited numbers. H. W. LOWE.

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### Notes from the President

WE are pleased to give a hearty welcome to Pastor and Mrs. F. L. Stokes and family as they now join us in South England. Years of fruitful mission service in West Africa should be a solid background of experience for further fruitful labours in the homeland. Incidentally, the South England Conference has quite a fair proportion of former missionaries in its working force, and we are by no means dissatisfied with them!

#### WEEK OF PRAYER

THE war years have possibly strengthened our belief that a special week set apart for more earnest prayer and meditation is a wise provision, never more needed perhaps than at the present time. Increasing demands are made upon our time and our energies. Life can be very strenuous and exhausting; a heavy toll is taken of our nervous and physical resources, all of which is not without its influence upon our spiritual experience. So let us plan now to make the most of the annual Week of Prayer, December 2nd to 9th, to build up and strengthen the most vital part of our own personal life. Remember that the 1944 Week of Prayer should be, and will be, the best in our experience, if we plan and pray to make it so.

We are, as usual, preparing a Week of Prayer plan, covering the whole conference for both week-ends. We expect local district leaders to make full provision for week-night services. The special messages from our denominational world leaders will be available, though not in the usual Week of Prayer *Review* which will not be forthcoming in quantity this year. Begin now to make your own personal plans for this crucial spiritual exercise and refreshing.

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#### NOMINATING COMMITTEES

IN every local church plans should now be in full operation for the nominating committees. Where the instructions of the *Church Manual* are followed, all matters can be carried through without needless difficulty and in good time to complete the elections before December 2nd, when the Week of Prayer begins. Let us remember that all God's work is spiritual work, and none more so than the election of suitable church officers.

#### HYMNBOOKS

THE Stanborough Press is now completely out of stock of the *Advent Hymnal Revised*. The only available copies are held at the conference office and can be supplied only for new members as ordered by the district leaders. Where new members are added, the district leader will be able to secure a limited number of these books. Will members please refrain from writing in for hymnbooks, as we cannot possibly meet these requests, however special or urgent. We are all looking forward to the new hymnal which is in the process of creation.

G. D. KING.



### Day of Fellowship at Ipswich

A GREAT day of spiritual uplift and social blessing came to those who gathered from the East Anglican churches in the Ladies' Conservative Club Hall, Ipswich, on Sabbath, October 14th. The weather conditions were unusually good for so late in the year, and we felt that the smile of God was upon us throughout the day.

Our hall was filled with members from Norwich, Yarmouth, Lowestoft, Colchester, Clacton, Chelmsford, Brentwood, Felixstowe, and Ipswich, and the day was packed full of interest and soul-delight.

The visiting brethren were Pastors G. D. King, W. L. Emmerson, and E. R. Warland. There were also present from the local churches W. G. Nicholson, E. A. Ashton, R. T. Bolton, and the writer.

The first service of the day was naturally and properly Sabbath-school, under the leadership of

Pastor Warland. The review of the previous week's lesson was conducted by the writer, and the lesson for the day was most helpfully and attractively presented by Pastor Emmerson. In it the message of Joel to the people of his day was shown to have a further application at the time of Pentecost and a final fulfilment in the "time of the end." It was made very clear that we should give constant attention to this remarkable book, so full of meaning for our day. A stirring missions appeal was made by Pastor Nicholson, which resulted in the splendid offering of £9.

Pastor King's powerful message at the preaching service that followed, deeply moved us all toward making a new and sincere consecration of our lives and to greater devotion to the One who can save all who come to Him for forgiveness and help. The sermon text (Phil. 3:13, 14) contained three key words to which we were emphasized as forming the basis of a needful experience; they were, "Forgetting," "Reaching forth," and "Pressing on." To forget certain things is essential to a better experience and to further growth. To reach forth to Jesus by prayer and faith is the next important step and then to press on with determination is the paramount requirement to ultimate and complete victory. By illustration and exhortation these solemn truths were made to live in our memories. The whole congregation rose to its feet in dedication when opportunity was given to do so, and prayer was offered by the writer.

The interval for lunch met both a physical and social need, as evidenced by the mingling friendliness and fellowship everywhere apparent. About a dozen of our brethren from the U.S. Forces were with us, and we were most glad to have them and to show our sincere welcome to these young men so far from home.

Before it was time to begin the afternoon Bible study, Pastor Nicholson led out in a spirited song service and a solo was rendered at its close. Then Pastor Emmerson, who had done such excellent service in the Sabbath-school, again provided us with a most inspiring and encouraging

study on the Centenary of the Advent Movement, which we are celebrating this year. His two introductory texts from Joshua 23:14 and 1 Kings 8:56, "Not one thing hath failed of all the good things which the Lord your God spake concerning you," expressed a conviction which, he said, could equally be claimed by the believers of the Second Advent movement to-day. God revealed much from the prophetic Word to the Advent pioneers and with assurance and confidence they proclaimed their message to an indifferent or scoffing world. And to-day, a hundred years on, there is no reason to change one fundamental point of our faith. Two outstanding positions of our pioneers were, firstly, that wars would increase and become more catastrophic and that the Papacy would rise again to world power. Both of these positions a century ago seemed, in the eye of many, contrary to the political and religious trends of the time, yet the pioneers believed them and proclaimed them publicly, and the Advent preachers have ever proclaimed them down to our own days, when we see their force and truthfulness. To-day we have a hundred-fold more reason to believe them than had the founders of the Advent movement. This realization, said Pastor Emmer-son, should result in a zeal multiplied a hundred-fold in all our believers for the final proclamation of the message.

Pastor E. R. Warland, our Departmental secretary, conducted the closing service, and, after a young people's investiture of a "Helper" and two "Friends," spoke of the call of God to all His people, old and young, to a life fully devoted to witnessing for His truth. In all our contacts with our fellow-men, he said, we should watch for opportunities to speak a word, offer a tract, or do a service that might result in souls being won to the cause of God.

This last service of a wonderful day seemed to close all too soon, and with the hope of more such days to come in the not too-distant future, those who had been so greatly blessed began to leave on their homeward journeys.

"We have enjoyed every minute of it," said two interested

people as they passed out into the street. Others, like them, who had never been to such services before, spoke of the great personal blessings received at all the meetings.

Vocal duets were acceptably rendered by Pastor W. G. Nicholson and Mrs. C. Smith and by Mrs. Bailey and Miss Smyth. Solos were also given by Miss E. Smyth and Miss B. Crayford.

Throughout the day's services provision was made for the care of the children. Meetings were conducted in turn by Miss E. Smyth, Pastor Warland, Sister Bolton, and Sister R. Dorland. We are sure that excellent work was done, and that the children had a blessing, too, and will long remember the kindly efforts put forward on their behalf.

And so we thank God for the Advent message and the Advent movement, and are glad for the institution of these "days of fellowship," especially in a time of war.

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## Birmingham Centenary Fellowship Meetings

THE Centenary Fellowship Meetings in the city of Birmingham held on Sabbath, September 30, 1944, brought together a great assembly of Seventh-Day Adventists. It was truly inspiring to have one of the biggest halls in the city filled with an adult congregation. The members had gathered in from all the churches and companies south of and including Nottingham.

We were fortunate to secure for this occasion the Large Theatre, a beautifully appointed hall in the Birmingham and Midland Institute, which is peculiarly suited to religious services.

The pipe organ, under the skilful handling of Brother L. Meredith, greatly helped with the singing and in maintaining a

spirit of reverence. The College musical items, prepared by Brother R. Scarr, were appreciated.

Special rooms were secured for the children's own services, which were cared for very ably by a band of willing and experienced helpers under the direction of the young people's leader. Thus mothers were able to enjoy to the full the many inspiring messages presented during the day.

Besides the use of these rooms in the Midland Institute, we were graciously granted the free use of a Minor Hall in the Town Hall by the Lord Mayor of Birmingham for a special men's meeting.

It was most encouraging, and augured well for the success of the meeting, to see the Large Theatre half filled fifteen minutes before the early morning devotional service began. In the talk for that hour, Pastor E. B. Phillips of Newbold College stressed the power of the love of God to draw men to Himself and earnestly urged his hearers never to resist that power. This helpful talk was followed by fervent prayers which were fully answered in the blessings showered during the day upon the large gathering.

An inspiring Sabbath-school programme was given by members of the Newbold College staff. Brother N. H. Knight's original appeal for missions brought a wonderful response from a liberal people—an offering of £46. In a review of the lesson of the preceding week, Brother A. J. Raitt clearly demonstrated what the blessed hope means to every true Adventist, and stirred our hearts to look more earnestly for the "glorious appearing." In the remaining thirty minutes, Pastor G. W. Baird brought the new earth and its glories very near to the congregation in a skilful presentation of the lesson for the day, "The Restoration of the First Dominion."

Pastor H. W. Lowe was the speaker in the morning service, and took his text from Hebrews 4:12-16. From these verses he presented the great subject of salvation. First he pointed out the overwhelming thought that God, as the living Word, can discern the innermost thoughts of

every heart, a conception, he said, which should produce in us a sense of our own smallness, and banish from our hearts all pride. He then pointed us to God as a God of mercy and pardon, whose greatest desire is to cover the sins of His people so that they are "... remembered no more." The speaker concluded this helpful address with an appeal to his hearers to carry into effect the final admonition in his text, to "come boldly to the throne of grace," confessing all sin, and seeking for complete victory over it. The whole congregation stood to their feet in response to a call to those who felt their need for such an experience. While the congregation remained standing, Pastor R. S. Joyce prayed earnestly that the longing of every heart for mercy and pardon might be satisfied. It was very fitting that two of our American brethren, Majors Wade and Andrin, should be on the platform for the morning service, representative, as Pastor Lowe said, of the good number present in the congregation, and the many scattered throughout the British Isles.

A new feature was the Men's Meeting, at which Pastor W. T. Bartlett gave splendid counsel on how the brethren, especially those bearing any responsible office, might best help their churches to reach the high standard set in Eph. 4:13: "The measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ."

At the final meeting Pastor W. G. Murdoch spoke to a filled hall on the message to the Philadelphian Church, and centred his address around the words, "Hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown." Rev. 3:11. He made an impassioned plea that his hearers ensure that they belong to the Philadelphian Church—the Church of Brotherly Love—which is the only church going right through to the kingdom.

At the close of the meeting our president called for a College quartette to sing the question, "What Will You Do with Jesus?" The congregation sang its reply in the following words:

"I'm going through, yes, I'm going through,  
I'll pay the price, whatever others do,

I'll take the road with the Lord's despised few,  
I'm going through, Jesus, I'm going through."

As in Leeds and Newcastle, instead of a closing hymn, we all joined in singing, "I slipped my hand in the pierced hand of the Man of Calvary."

The only regret was that we could not have a longer time together to enjoy the blessings of the Holy Spirit, whose presence was felt in a marked manner at all the services, and the fellowship of so many of God's people. We look forward to another full day of fellowship next year.

F. EDWARDS.

### Wakefield's Harvest Festival

As we entered the hall on Sabbath, October 7th, a most beautiful display of good things met our eye. Just recently the hall has been redecorated by Brother D. A. Conroy, and its cream walls and new pulpit and pews were looking delightful trimmed with such a good supply of bounties. It was a grand occasion, being our first Harvest Festival since the beginning of the war. We had much to thank God for as we gazed upon the glorious vegetables, nuts, fruits, and a luscious bunch of grapes.

Each service was well attended and appropriate addresses were given by Miss J. Mitchell and Brother Conroy. Miss Mitchell called our attention to the parable of the sower and we were reminded to keep the soil of our hearts good and fertile so that the Gospel seed could grow and at last be reaped with other sheaves that Christ will gather into the eternal "barn."

Coming together again for the afternoon service Brother Conroy spoke to us of the many blessings that do come, and will come, to those who answer God's challenge by "proving Him" now by devoting the first fruits of their increase unto Him.

Throughout the services those lovely harvest hymns were sung with fervour. Too soon the enjoyable week-end of thanksgiving came to a close. The following

morning the gifts were distributed among the sick and poor.

JOAN H SHEARD

### Thanksgiving in Birmingham

THANKSGIVING is a daily experience with the people of God, but it made the members of the Birmingham Central church no less eager to join together for the special services of thanksgiving for the harvest. From Wednesday to Friday gifts were received at the church by various good sisters, and on the preparation day, joined by a goodly company of brethren, they toiled amid piles of fruit, baskets of flowers, and heaps of vegetables. The wonders of orderliness and beauty they achieved from the profusion of gifts so gladdened our hearts as we assembled on the Sabbath morning, that the atmosphere of harvest could not fail to pervade even the Sabbath-school programme. Perhaps the aroma rising from the pile of newly baked bread upon the communion table or the perfume from the bowl of crimson roses on the organ had something to do with that!

The morning service, one of introduction to the Harvest Festival, included an address on the theme of our Saviour's prayer, "Give us this day our daily bread," and was given by the writer. We had the pleasure of listening to a welcome visitor to the church, Sister White from Watford, who gave as a solo the lovely hymn, "Grant us Thy Spirit, Lord."

In the afternoon Pastor J. Har-ker broke the Bread of life to us in his interesting and helpful Bible study, taking as his subject, "The Words of Life."

Following a truly happy and blessed Sabbath day, our brethren and sisters, relatives and friends, gathered together on Sunday evening, September 17th, in a happy atmosphere of joyous thanksgiving for the closing service of the Harvest Festival. This was conducted by Brother E. L. Bryan, assisted by the writer, and the speaker was Pastor G. Baird of Newbold Missionary College.

Time was forgotten as we listened to the inspiring words and

lessons Pastor Baird had for us, so that when he closed his Bible, it was a surprise to realize that darkness had already descended upon us. Brother Baird indeed brought a message that many of our number will never forget. May God bless to us the words we heard and the praise and thanks we offered in these harvest services.

This report would not be complete without mentioning the abundant evidences displayed among the harvest gifts of the handiwork and industry of the church Dorcas Society. These contributions are being sent to the Birmingham Lady Mayoress's Depot in response to her appeal for comforts to supply the war-stricken areas overseas.

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### Superintendent's Notes

THE third of our conventions took place in Swansea on October 13th and 14th. As at Shrewsbury and Hereford, the attendance was excellent and the convention was marked by the presence of the spirit of sincere fellowship and earnestness. Pastor H. W. Lowe was able to meet with us and share with the writer the ministry of the Word. We met in the commodious church in Swansea, one of the proud possessions of the Welsh Mission. So well did the churches of South Wales respond that the church was well filled all day on Sabbath, while at the opening meeting on Friday, the attendance was surprisingly good, more especially as the weather was stormy.

The local leaders and membership provided the usual evidence of Welsh hospitality, for which everybody was grateful. Miss Jessie Baird, our Bible-worker in Swansea, found hospitable and comfortable homes for all who needed them. Mrs. Evans, of Swansea, Mrs. Bowen, of Llanelly, and Miss Doreen Hyde,

of Cardiff, gave much appreciated service through the ministry of song.

The messages which Pastor Lowe brought to the convention were based on the book which is peculiarly *our* book—the book of Revelation, and the Lord answered prayer in that his messages were admirably suited to these solemn times and struck a responsive chord in every heart.

The messages given by the field leader were directly associated with the Centenary of the Advent movement and the need for a revival of the spirit which possessed the pioneers, so that the work of God can soon be finished.

The prayer meeting conducted by Brother Humphries early on Sabbath morning was attended by a large number of earnest seekers after God. The Sabbath-school, under the leadership of Pastor Jackson proved, as usual, a happy example of the "church at study." Brother Charles Watson proved an excellent teacher, while Brother John Freeman, our latest recruit, proved a capable "reviewer." Brother Francis, the local superintendent, and Brother Humphries, the local minister, completed an excellent Sabbath-school team.

We feel sure that this convention served a very necessary and useful purpose, in strengthening faith and the bonds that bind God's people together, and in stimulating the life of the church in this corner of the earth.

One sister, a visitor from the south of England, on her return home, wrote these words of appreciation: "I thoroughly enjoyed my first visit to Swansea, the happy holy atmosphere of the convention, and the inspiring Welsh singing. Everybody seemed happy and it's a lovely church."

With such sentiments we all agree and we shall pray that that "happy, holy atmosphere" may characterize our gatherings, large or small, continually. Yes, we shall have pleasant and encouraging memories of the 1944 convention in Swansea.

#### SHREWSBURY

THINGS are moving in Shrewsbury—a town which has earned a name for being "difficult" so far as our public work is concerned. Brother John Lewis and his asso-

ciate, Miss Alice Hartland, have been working hard, and praying fervently, and changes are taking place.

Following the recent baptism there, a week-night campaign was launched, at little cost, in a certain area not too far from the Advent church. Some twenty non-members attended each of the first three meetings, on the fourth a few more, and on the fifth night the numbers increased to thirty-three! Many Bible studies are being given, homes are being visited, and much literature distributed. Miss Hartland is giving Bible studies to two ladies (in addition to many others contacted by the public meetings) as a direct result of her house-to-house visitation. We believe the Lord will richly bless the earnest, consecrated work being done in Shrewsbury, ably and prayerfully supported by the local membership.

#### THE LITERATURE MINISTRY

WE were pleased to see, recently, our "veteran" colporteur of Wales—Brother C. L. W. Cooke—who labours in the Swansea district, and to learn that he is feeling much improved in health. Brother Cooke has had a trying time, healthwise, this year and his work, in consequence, has suffered. But he is hopefully at work again, and I feel sure that all our readers will pray that he may be enabled to maintain his efforts in carrying the message in printed form to the people in West Wales. Brother Cooke has had another home opened to him for Bible studies, for which he asks an interest in our prayers.

Brother Arthur Howard, in the Newport area, continues to have good success. The Lord is blessing his work to a remarkable extent and bound books containing the message for these last days are being "sown" thickly both on the mountain and in the valley, as well as in the towns and villages which lie in his path. Surely these "seeds of righteousness and truth" will bring forth fruitage some day soon.

Our third colporteur, Brother Gerald Heath, is the "baby" of colporteurs and is labouring in the Shrewsbury area. Let us re-

member Gerald, and pray that he may be blessed with success.

#### CHURCH OFFICERS

WE invite our churches to appoint nominating committees *now* so that their reports can be provided and acted upon before the end of November. We shall be glad if church leaders will notify us at Cardiff if there is need for a conference appointee to meet with the nominating committee.

#### THE LORD'S TITHE

WE have now received the tithe for three quarters of the year 1944. It is gratifying to learn that we have not only maintained the very high standard of last year, but have done better. The increase over last year amounts to some £150. Let us *all* return to the Lord that which is His. The Lord sees to it that we do so to our own advantage.

#### THE SABBATH-SCHOOL

ARE you in the Sabbath-school? If not, we invite you to become a member. Those connected with a church or company, unable to attend regularly, should ask the local Sabbath-school secretary for particulars of the Home Department, so that you can be enrolled as a member. Those of you who are "isolated" should apply to the office in Cardiff. The lessons this quarter are good—very good, in fact, even though some weeks the "dose" is strong! The message of the Minor Prophets is especially for us to-day.

S. G. HYDE.

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### Portadown and District

FIFTEEN months ago we came to Portadown in the hopes of holding a series of meetings. We were unable to secure a suitable hall, so were forced to have a small mid-week effort in the nearby village of Tandragee. This village has a population of nine hundred, three hundred of whom

are Roman Catholics. Very few, if any, in this small place had ever heard of Seventh-Day Adventists, so they eagerly crowded into the village hall each Tuesday night to hear the Advent message unfolded. Soon they were led into the valley of decision, and we were able to see some fruit for our labour.

We were able to hold only one meeting a week, so most of the instructing was done in the home by Bible studies—a method which cannot be too highly recommended. We still have weekly studies in a number of homes, and hope that soon we shall have another baptism. Thus the Advent church has been strengthened, and another village warned.

We have now secured a hall in Portadown and plan to begin a series of meetings on November 5th. Adventists are well known here, and opposing forces are already at work, but these can be overcome. "Not by might, nor by

power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord."

During the past few months we have been getting in touch, in various ways, with seekers after truth, in this district. Two of these are worthy of mention—a solicitor and his wife. The way in which we were led to them is a story on its own, and in it we can see the guiding hand of God. This family has already been taught and has accepted much of the Advent message, including the Sabbath. They see the light and are eager to follow. So absorbed have they been in the study that sometimes it has continued till one o'clock in the morning. We ask you to remember them and us in your prayers, that we may be given wisdom to teach, and that they may be given faith to believe that if they "seek first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; all these things shall be added."

B. W. DOUGHERTY

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## The Ministry of Literature

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### The Bible Speaks on Tees-Side

COLPORTEUR GILBERT POWLS was a coal-miner by trade. About six years ago, after he and his wife and family had accepted the truth under the ministry of Pastor S. G. Joyce, he joined the ranks of our colporteur-evangelists.

Although handicapped by lameness resulting from injuries received years before when following his previous occupation, he circulated thousands of copies of our small books from door to door in his home town of Middlesbrough and the surrounding district.

For a long time the handling of the larger publications appeared to him a rather difficult proposition, but when our standard "message" book, *The Bible Speaks*, was ready early in 1943, he joined the class of those who decided to devote themselves to its circulation.

His quiet, steady, successful work on Tees-side with this book for which at the time of writing he has taken over 800 orders, par-



Colporteur G. Powls

ticularly among working-class homes, is an inspiration to all. We anticipate many additions to the remnant church in due course as the Spirit's power convicts hearts already impressed and enlightened by his faithful ministry.

B. BELTON.

## "They That Honour Me"

ONE of our first missionaries in South Africa was engaged in Harvest Ingathering and got in touch with a lawyer's clerk. He took his stand for the truth and began to teach one of our smallest schools.

Later he took lessons in oil-painting, and to-day his income is such that he can often pay a tithe of £50 in one month.

G. MARTER,  
Cape Town.

## Wedding Bells

CABBIN-MULLINER — On Sunday morning, September 17, 1944, in the Congregational church, Brother Cabbin and Sister Dorothy Mulliner were united in marriage. Brother Cabbin came from Manchester to Birmingham to work three or four years ago, when he joined the South Birmingham church. Although he had just found his way into the message then, it was not long before he revealed by his energy and sincerity that he was all for the cause of God. His services in the young people's meetings and in the church have been greatly appreciated by young and old, and although a young man he has been serving the church as a deacon for the past year. We believe that Brother and Sister Cabbin will be a great strength to the South Birmingham church in the coming days, and we wish them every blessing as they unite their efforts in the work of God.

L. MURDOCH

BAILEY-METCALFE — Brother Albert Sydney Bailey and Sister Lilian Mary Metcalfe, both of the Edmonton church, were happily united in marriage at the Edmonton parish church on August 7, 1944. We extend to them every good wish for their future happiness, and God's richest blessing as they serve Him together in the days to come.

N. YOUNG,  
Church Clerk



PERCY — It is with deep regret that we announce the death of Sister J. E. Percy, a member of the South England Conference church, residing at Yealmp-ton, Devon. She passed away on September 19, 1944, at the age of seventy-nine years. After many years of devoted service for the Master her Christian experience was crowned by her acceptance of the third angel's message. She came into contact with the truth when Brother and Sister R. Coombe moved out of Plymouth at the time of the "blitz" on the city. Studies with

Pastor A. K. Armstrong led to her final acceptance of the message and baptism in 1942. She remained faithful unto death, and we are confident that she sleeps in certain hope of a part in the first resurrection. She was laid to rest in Yealmp-ton Parish Cemetery, the funeral service being conducted by the vicar and attended by the writer.

F. J. WILMSHURST

ALGAR — The Hull church announces with sorrow the death on October 8, 1944, of our dear sister, Mrs. Naomi Algar. She was baptized by Pastor Bell in the year 1918, and for twenty-six years remained faithful to the message. She had been in failing health for some time, but was always cheerful. While on her annual holiday she was stricken with a seizure. Her passing, at the age of seventy-six, in the Hull Hospital, came as a shock to most of us. After a touching and impressive service in the Cemetery church, Hedon Road, attended by relatives, friends, and church members, she was tenderly committed to the grave by Brother R. Vine. We look forward with expectant hope and joy to a reunion at the soon coming of Jesus.

E. LIMBACH, Church Clerk

HALL — Mrs. B. Hall, of the Hull church, fell asleep in Jesus in the Howden Hospital, and was laid to rest on October 7, 1944, at the age of seventy-four years. She was in failing health for many months, and an accident necessitated her removal from her daughter's home to the Beverley Base Hospital, and later to the Howden Hospital, where she passed away. We are sure our sister was ready for the call, as over a number of years she was happy in telling others of the Saviour's return.

E. LIMBACH, Church Clerk

DICKS — The home of Brother and Sister Dicks, of Abertridwr, Glam., has been saddened by the seemingly untimely death of their little son, William. Only five years of age, Willie was one of the "lambs of the flock" and loved Jesus with child-like simplicity. His very brief life ended on September 6, 1944, after a short illness, and we laid him to rest in the quiet little churchyard at Gelligaer, there to await the call of the Good Shepherd when He will gather the lambs into His arms on the resurrection morning. May the Lord comfort the sorrowing parents with the truth of the oncoming glorious and certain reunion.

S. G. HYDE

BALDWIN — After fifty-eight years of service and fellowship in the Advent church, Brother William Baldwin of Kettering passed to his rest on September 21, 1944, aged eighty-nine years. On Christmas Day, 1886, he was baptized by Elder J. H. Durland at Kettering and so became one of the charter members of that church. He spent ten years in the colporteur work in Northants, Staffordshire, Leeds, and Liverpool. Thirty-three years ago he returned to Kettering and worked as a jobbing carpenter, always taking an active part in church life. He took a great delight in Harvest Ingathering work and did his part this year in spite of failing health. It was always interesting to hear him tell of the "early days" in Kettering and of Sister White's visit to the town, when she spoke to a big audience which blocked the windows of the hired hall and overflowed into the street. The funeral service, held in our own church, was conducted by Pastor W. T. Bartlett, assisted by the writer. Brother Baldwin was laid to rest in Kettering Cemetery beside his late son-in-law, Pastor A. F. Bird. We know he sleeps in Jesus and we sorrow in hope. We tender our sincere sympathy to Sister Baldwin, his wife, and to his daughters, Mrs. Bird of Derby, and Mrs. Robson of Tanganyika, East Africa, and to his son Albert, now serving in the R.A.F.

W. M. LENNOX.

STARK — Sister Emily Jane Stark was suddenly called to rest on Monday evening, October 16, 1944, at the age of sixty-nine years. For nineteen years our faithful sister of the Wood Green church had carried a heavy cross of ill-health in a spirit of self-denial and thoughtfulness for those who cared for her. The sounding of the siren precipitated a heart attack which within ten minutes released Sister Stark from her earthly struggles. It was always her regret that she was unable to attend church services, but we believe that our sister will share with the saints the Sabbath worship in the kingdom. Sister Stark was laid to rest in the Tottenham Cemetery after a service of comfort had been conducted at the home in the presence of relatives and friends from the church. To relatives and especially to her sister with whom she lived, we extend our united sympathy.

R. A. VINCE

HARRIS — Sister Jean Harris, aged seventy-seven years, fell asleep in Jesus on September 29, 1944, after an illness of some months which was borne with her characteristic patience and cheerfulness. For over twenty years our sister was actively engaged in church work at Worcester, having been baptized under the ministry of Pastor F. C. Bailey on April 14, 1923. Just a few days before her death, a visit by one of her friends of many years standing, Pastor E. B. Phillips, proved to be a time of great happiness and uplift to her. Short services were held at her home and the St. John's Cemetery by the writer in the presence of a number of relatives and friends.

P. H. STEARMAN

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