

BRITISH ADVENT

MESSENGER

CAMP—1945

CAMP! That is always a magic word for Advent youth, but this year it had special meaning for the hundred young people who were privileged to attend. Besides the "old stagers" from North and South England, who have met continually through the war, we welcomed with great thanksgiving our young people from North and South Ireland. The missions were well represented, and three were from Scotland. On Sabbath and for odd days during the week we were also pleased to have among our number Missionary Volunteers from the United States and Canada.

Camp began with tea at half-past six on Friday, and what a meal that was! Most people were too nervous to say much, and as the "powers that be" had arranged the tables, many people found to their dismay they were not even within speaking distance of anybody they knew! But young people cannot remain still—or silent—for long, and by Sunday night when the tables were arranged again, we all felt as if we had known the people around us all our lives.

Sabbath was indeed, for all the young people, a great spiritual uplifting. We started well, by remaining in bed until 7.15 a.m. (the bell went at seven other mornings!) The programme was then much the same as other days. Twenty minutes for quiet or collective prayer and "Morning Watch" and breakfast at eight o'clock prompt. After morning

By "A CAMPER"

worship those who had no Sabbath duty stood on the lawn in little groups, and talked in the lovely morning sunshine. Others walked about getting acquainted.

Sabbath-school was held in the open air, and I can still hear the strains of praise that winged their way to heaven through the blue sky. Truly that was a never-to-be-forgotten Sabbath-school. Each item stands out clearly in our memory—the inspiring review, the recitation, the solo, the missions talk, and the beautiful lesson conducted from the desk by Mr. Foster, preceptor of the College.

During the camp week all the services and morning and evening worships were based on the topic of "The Character of Christ." Pastor R. S. Joyce spoke on Sabbath on the character of Christ

as revealed by Moses. Seven important reflections of Christ as seen in Moses, were explained to us—faithfulness, humility, dignity, an uncompromising attitude toward sin, service, meekness, and purity. In the afternoon we went on organized band walks. The Young People's Society meeting at 7.30 p.m. was enjoyed to the full, one of the highlights being a "baby orchestra."

Although we had beautiful weather on Sabbath and Sunday, it was not so kind to us the rest of the week. But this did not seem to affect anyone's spirits.

Monday was a day to suit the energetic ones, for we set out on a hike to Henley, a place famous for ice-cream. Unfortunately during dinner-time it rained and many of the hikers rode home by bus. But those who didn't were pleased, because the weather afterward cleared up.

On Tuesday, when it rained nearly all day, those who played games in one of the huts used up more than their surplus energy.

On Tuesday night we saw to advantage the talents of many



Senior Campers at Packwood.

Junior Camp Calling!

of our friends in an interesting and amusing camp concert. There was even a "brains trust" which answered effectively many important questions young people often ask.

We were very fortunate this year to have coaches to take us on our two day trips—on Wednesday to Stratford, and on Thursday to Sutton Park. On Wednesday there were two groups, the people who went to see the Shakespearian sights visiting Warwick and Stratford, also the homes of Ann Hathaway and Mary Arden. The other party spent most of their time at Stratford, boating on the river.

On Wednesday night we had a treasure hunt—always an exciting feature.

Twice during the week we had films. On Sunday night they were of special interest, being based upon life in the time of Christ.

We were privileged on Thursday evening to have with us Pastor W. W. Armstrong. In a moving talk he pointed out the character of Jesus Christ as revealed by Advent youth. Afterward there was a short and impressive testimony meeting. An eventful and happy week such as we all had could not have ended on a finer note—the character of Christ as revealed in *us*! The Spirit of God was felt when all rose to their feet with one accord to dedicate anew their lives to God, so that the world might truly see the character of Christ revealed in the Advent youth.

Thursday night being the last night we finished up in the true camp style with a short midnight walk and a huge bonfire. All joined in the hearty singing between sips of cocoa and apples and nuts finishing up with the lovely hymn, "God be with you till we meet again."

We would like to take this opportunity of thanking all those who had a part in planning and helping to carry out such a happy and helpful week. The Spirit God was felt in all our splendid meetings and activities. So on behalf of all the other campers, I would like to say one great big—THANK YOU ALL!

If you missed the Junior Camp you surely missed a treat—why weren't you there? Weren't you among the first to send in your application? Well now, that was just too bad—but never mind, it's all over now and only the memories remain. Keep your chin up and a good look out for camping news in the future and be sure to write up immediately to your M.V. Captain and tell him you'll be there if he'll have you.

No doubt the campers are still telling the tale at home and church—what with the humbug of emergency ration cards, with "points" and jars of sugar and "marge," jam, treacle, and honey, blankets and straw pillows; tooth-brushes and swimming suits; Bibles and hymn books, and all the other paraphernalia—"what a to-do."

And then there were the kitchen duties—ample opportunity for the "good deed a day," dishes to wash; sandwiches to fill; tables to be set; and "Be sure and look on the notice board."

Ha! ha! Remember the inevitable "DON'TS," campers?" Well now, fair play; there weren't very many after all, but of course you wouldn't have thought of being late for meals or meetings or of helping yourselves to fruit from the College orchards, or forget-

ting to be quiet after the retiring bell, oh no!

Will you ever forget the rambles and treasure hunts; or the games and swimming fun; the bus rides; Stratford and the boats; Warwick and its castle? Have you forgotten the "posh" nature films and the others that Mr. Merchant so kindly brought along to show us? And what about the *Gymkhana*? No, no, nothing to do with horses, but flour and sweets, needles and poles. Can you remember Mr. Dibble's "eatables tent" and the "V.J." tea with the nuts and raisins? Did you take part in the camp concert or help guess the charades?

Three cheers for the bonfire, with its accompanying prize-giving and chorus singing. And what about Mr. Sparrow's room inspection? Dearie me, what a scramble to get things perfect so early in the morning!

And yet with all the jollification of the Junior Camp maybe what will have the most lasting impression upon us all is the life of Pilgrim in the old world of sin as portrayed by John Bunyan. What a happy sight to see so many Junior Campers standing on their feet to testify of their desires to be like Christian and journey to the Celestial City!

May God grant the sincere desires of every junior's heart.

EUNICE M. POWELL.

Church Elections

"A CAREFUL study of the instructions given to the church regarding the character and the responsibilities of church officers will make clear to every one that electing church officers is an exceedingly important work. This work should be entered upon in a well-ordered and serious manner.

"*Nominating Committee*.—It is the practice in our churches to elect officers by nomination. A nominating committee is appointed annually to give careful study to the needs of the church, and to make careful inquiry into the fitness of members to serve in different offices. This commit-

tee should be appointed not later than the first Sabbath in December. The minister or pastor in charge of the church, or in the absence of a minister, the church elder, should bring the matter to the attention of the church, and determine how the church desire the committee to be appointed.

"The church board is often authorized by vote of the church to nominate the nominating committee which is usually composed of five or seven members according to the size of the church, such nominations to be voted on by the church. In other cases the nominating committee is selected by nominations from the floor,

the church voting on the names proposed. If the latter method is followed, it should be a rule that no member is entitled to propose more than one name for this committee. Everything that savours of a political nature should be avoided. The efforts of one individual or a small group of individuals to dictate to the entire membership of the church should be discouraged.

"Who Should be Members of the Nominating Committee.—Only members of the church who are in good standing should be chosen as members of this committee. They should be persons of good judgment, and above all having the welfare and prosperity of the church at heart. There are no *ex officio* members of the nominating committee.

"The minister in charge of the church may be chosen as a member of this committee, as his appointment to the church does not rest upon any action by the nominating committee. If not elected as a member, his counsel should be sought by the committee.

"Work of the Nominating Committee.—Immediately following its election the nominating committee should be called together by the one chosen to act as chairman. With earnest prayer for guidance the committee should begin its work of preparing a list of names to submit to the church for officers and assistants. In making their selection the committee should counsel with others who are well informed, particularly in the case of officers in auxiliary organizations, such as the Missionary Volunteer Society, the Dorcas Society, etc. This committee does not nominate the pastor or the assistant pastor, these appointments are made by the executive committee of the conference."—*"Church Manual,"* pages 48, 49.

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"BOTH the Bible and experience teach that order and system are necessary in carrying on the work of the church. 'God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.' 1 Cor. 14:33. 'Let all things be done decently and in order.' Verse 40."

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Notes from the Union President

STATISTICAL SUMMARIES

THE General Conference Statistical Report for 1944 is just to hand and it contains information which always interests our people.

Our world membership is 557,768, which showed a gain of 13,058 for 1944. The number of

CAN YOU HELP?

FOLLOWING the lead of the General Conference, the British Union Committee has decided to establish a Library of Defence Literature to contain copies of all books, pamphlets, and articles, attacking, directly or indirectly, the teachings of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church, and also replies thereto.

Its purpose will be to give assistance to evangelists and others by forewarning and forearming them against the specious arguments of opponents of the truth.

If you have any such literature which you would be willing to donate or sell to this new library please write AT ONCE, giving full particulars, to: The Editor, BRITISH ADVENT MESSENGER, Stanborough Press Ltd., Watford, Herts.

evangelistic labourers is 14,648, and our work is conducted in 810 languages and dialects. Of the total number of evangelistic workers 3,440 are colporteurs.

The institutions of all kinds employ 29,665 men and women. During 1944 the number of missionaries sent out was 111, excluding children and workers returning from furlough.

At the end of last year there were 69 Union and 135 local conference organizations, with 192 mission fields and 557 institutions. The total institutional investment was £21,535,413.

Our world membership contributed £4,466,320 tithe (£8 per capita) and £1,874,542 mission offerings (£3. 4s. per capita). In

addition £830,445 was given for work at home.

Sabbath-school membership was 669,863 and there were 14,602 Sabbath-schools. There were 7,442 M.V. societies with a membership of 186,087. The number of church buildings was 4,833, with seating capacity of 714,748.

Sixty-one publishing houses employing 1,106 workers, turned out 280 periodicals regularly, and book and paper sales amounted to £2,127,316.

ABOUT SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

A NEWSPAPER book reviewer had this to say recently of our publication *The Midnight Cry*, by F. D. Nichol:

"I am not a Seventh-Day Adventist, but if I were I should want to keep a copy of *The Midnight Cry* . . . handy on my desk where I could lay hold of it every time a prospective proselyte entered my door. I found it, to say the least, intriguing. . . . Any possible question as to the forthrightness of the author is dispelled in his introduction. . . . As propaganda in support of a religious movement which, for more than a century has suffered the usual persecutions of the uninformed, Mr. Nichol has served his people well. He has cleared the name of William Miller, founder of the Millerite movement. . . . The book, I repeat, is intriguing. . . . I've found the Seventh-Day Adventists to be pretty good folks, and God bless them, how they do work at their religion!"—*Ridgewood, N.J., Herald-News, June 28, 1945.*

CONGRATULATIONS

JOHN HYDE, junior, son of Pastor and Mrs. J. Hyde now on furlough from Sierra Leone, has obtained the M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. degree, and will next year take up an appointment as medical missionary in Nigeria, after completing some post-graduate work.

A LAST REMINDER

THE Week of Prayer is just upon us. It should be the best week in the year; certainly the most important. The condition of the world to-day is a great proof of the veracity of the prophetic Word, and it is a call to greater loyalty to God's truth.

Let us frequent God's house as much as we can during this week, and be sure that every known duty to God, to His people, and to the world at large is faithfully discharged.

The Week of Sacrifice and Annual Offering on November 24th is a great opportunity to remember the cause and to have a practical part in strengthening God's work in all the world.

STUDENT COLPORTEURS

THIRTY-EIGHT students went into colporteur work this summer and thirty-five succeeded in gaining scholarships. That is by far the best result for some time. This means that £1,556 went to the College by way of Press bonuses and students' accounts.

Student colporteur sales in 1944 were £3,210 and in 1945 £4,305, an increase of £1,095.

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Day of Fellowship in East Anglia

AN expectant group of Advent believers, representative of the churches of East Anglia, gathered together on September 1st for the annual Day of Fellowship which, this year, was held at Norwich. The churches of Colchester, Ipswich, Lowestoft, Yarmouth, Dereham, and Norwich were represented, along with several of the isolated members in the district.

These days of holy convocation, while all too short, are a source of great help and blessing to our people, bringing fresh inspiration from the visiting brethren and giving opportunity to members to renew friendships. And this occasion was no exception.

The day began with Sabbath-school under the direction of Pastor W. G. Nicholson, and the various items in the programme were conducted by the workers

in the district. Brother E. Ashton from Lowestoft gave us some new thoughts in the review, Pastor F. C. Bailey of Ipswich directed our minds as we studied the lesson, and Pastor E. R. Warland gave the missions appeal. We were sorry that Brother A. G. Tapping was unable to be with us.

The messages from the visiting brethren were fresh and inspiring and brought to us an upsurge of spiritual power. Pastor W. G. Murdoch conducted the morning meeting, and all were helped as he opened to us the deep things of the Word and led the whole congregation in a solemn act of dedication of their lives to God. Pastor G. D. King gave us a very helpful study at the first afternoon session. We here in East Anglia appreciate all the thought and study that was put forth to help us spiritually and we believe that it was not without results.

Careful thought was given to the needs of the children. In these meetings Pastor Warland and Sister Powell co-operated.

At the final meeting an investiture service was held, when six of our young people received the appropriate badges for the courses completed. Pastor Murdoch concluded the service with an address on the church's relation to the youth.

Several musical items were rendered which added to the enjoyment, and as our people returned to their homes they felt uplifted and strengthened to press on toward "the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

W. G. NICHOLSON.



London's Day of Fellowship

It was Sabbath, October 6th! Nature smiled and approvingly presented us with a fine day! With thankfulness and expectancy upward of fourteen hundred members, friends, and children of the Advent family assembled at the Upper Holloway Baptist church for our first post-war gathering. Moreover, our heavenly Father was there to bless His children!

Reverently all present bowed their heads in silent prayer as the ministry appeared on the platform for Sabbath-school. The

opening exercises, including praise, prayer, superintendents' remarks, and Pastor J. H. Bayliss's review, formed a fitting introduction to the lesson. Brother E. E. White ably extracted from his pupils many valuable practical helps from "The Effectiveness of Paul's Ministry in Thessalonica." We were then given the opportunity of expressing our devotion to missions in response to an urgent appeal by Missionary J. J. Hyde. He said: "The Government is spending millions of pounds on the colonies: what are we prepared to spend?"

During the succeeding session of worship Pastor H. W. Lowe sounded a distinct Advent note—"Maranatha!" While men's hearts are failing them for fear, we were reminded that we have "nothing to fear except as we forget the way the Lord has led us." A simple, abiding trust in God, said Pastor Lowe, will produce the Christian qualities of active patience and courage. Ours is a day of decision, for "the Lord cometh!" The entire congregation stood while Pastor G. D. King offered a heartfelt prayer of re-dedication.

Many, during the luncheon interval, enjoyed the unique programme of music on the life and works of Christ, arranged and conducted by Pastor C. R. Bonney, at our Holloway Advent church.

Again we hastened to assemble for worship, and to hear Pastor W. L. Emerson's exhortation, "Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong." Just as the wonderful "Radar" device made it possible for watchers around our coast to observe and detect the approach of enemy aircraft, so God has provided us with a "more sure word of prophecy" to illuminate the darkness of our time. And seeing what we do see in the world to-day we are reminded to "put on the whole armour of God" wherewith we may be able to "stand," and with trumpet sound herald a message throughout the borders of Zion and beyond—"The Lord is at hand."

The closing service of the day, awaited by an undiminished congregation, was entitled by Pastor

King a "marching service." Citing the words of Christ's intercessory prayer, "I am no more in the world, but these are in the world," Pastor King declared, that here was a call to evangelism which the whole church must answer. We are to-day faced with the dual challenge—that of being custodians of God's last message and of conveying it to a dying world.

Our president reported progress in South England during the war years. But he urged, a panorama of great possibilities is spread before those who would live and labour for God. God's promise, "Behold, I will do a new thing," is pertinent to these post-war years. A broader and stronger evangelism is our imperative responsibility and sacred duty. Shall we whole-heartedly respond?

A pleasing feature of the meetings was the ministry of music tastefully rendered by the Stanborough Male and Mixed Choirs. Our offerings throughout the day were dedicated to the South England Conference Church Building Fund, and amounted to £76. It was reported that from similar gifts received at the Day of Fellowship in the previous year, three churches became beneficiaries.

Our boys and girls received the special attention they needed and deserved in the adjoining Alexander Hall. While their services were directed by capable senior hands, many of the juniors furnished vocal and instrumental items to colour the worship. At the morning session a Bible "brains trust" and a lantern service provided the central interest. The "Life of Christ," beautifully illustrated by plain and coloured slides, gripped the attention and attracted the young to their wonderful Saviour. Following the recess a large group of joyful children witnessed the presentation of many honours for faithful work in the Progressive Courses. Dr. H. E. Hargreaves then thrilled them with a vivid description of his missionary journey to Persia. Perhaps in some young hearts present there was kindled the missionary flame, which may burn brightly with advancing years.

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The kindergarten, too, assembled in their charming classroom to learn of the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven. By means of the blackboard, the sand tray, and other visual illustrations and devices, their instructors unfolded the story of Jesu's love.

The Sabbath hours having concluded, there remained just one further social function—a concert arranged by the Stanborough Male Choir. Over three hundred persons were delighted by the various items of the programme, and repeatedly encored the artists, who happily responded to the appreciation. A silver collection was received in aid of the Stanborough Park Church Organ Fund.

All who attended this memorable day of fellowship had their expectations fully realized, and look forward eagerly to further such assemblies while the Lord tarries, and to the final gathering of God's children when the Master comes. J. H. BAYLISS.

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A Spiritual Feast in Historic Ulceby

It was sixty years ago this summer that Sister E. G. White and other pioneer workers visited the north-east of England. At Grimsby and Ulceby, in Lincolnshire, Sister White spoke in



Photo by Eric Zinns.
A recent picture of Ulceby church.

open-air meetings of the hope of the second Advent. As a result of the preaching of our message in the eighties of the last century, the Ulceby Seventh-Day Adventist church was built, and dedicated as the first church building the denomination owned in England.

On Sabbath, September 1st, the members and friends of the Advent family in the Humber district followed the invitation of Pastor E. Zinns, the district leader, to visit Ulceby. A bright, sunny morning greeted us. Members from Hull, Driffield, Grimsby, and Louth, and some visitors from Lincoln, Nottingham, and even Stanborough Park, joined with God's remnant people at Ulceby, and helped to fill the church to overflowing.

Pastor G. W. Baird, from Newbold College, conducted the morning preaching service. He spoke about the importance of our being true sons and daughters of God, and stressed the preparations necessary for us to walk worthy as true Adventists and God's children.

Sabbath-school was conducted at the usual time, 2.15 p.m., and was in charge of the local leader, Brother A. N. Marshall. He was supported by Brother Arthur Cooper, of Fotherby, who gave the lesson review. Brother Denys Baildam, home at Grimsby from college, took the missions appeal, and a good offering for the work in India was realized. Pastor Baird took the lesson study, "The Work and the Life," from the desk. He clearly showed how Christ gives the test to every one when He says, "If ye love Me, keep My commandments." By man's acceptance or rejection of this test, he proves his loyalty or disloyalty to Christ.

After Sabbath-school we made our way to the village hall where the members, joined by some friends from the vicinity, commemorated the zeal and labours of the early pioneers of the Advent movement. Pastor R. S. Joyce, our conference president, in his address made us realize that the success and progress of the Advent work of to-day, next to God's providence, was due to the spirit of sacrifice and the great vision which the leaders

of the early days manifested. Many slides of portraits of the pioneers and scenes of the rise of the Advent movement were shown on the screen, and the message was impressed on our minds that "we have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us." Sister H. Cooper sang to us at that service, and Sister R. S. Joyce accompanied the early Advent songs in which we all joined in singing as the words appeared on the screen.

A young people's meeting closed the services of the day. Some of our young people delighted us with recitations and we all joined in the singing of well-known choruses. Three speakers left their messages with young and old. Pastor Zinns gave an object lesson to the juniors, and invited us to let our lights shine always. As a flashlight bulb cannot shine unless it is in constant touch with its source of energy, so Advent young people cannot shine unless they are in constant touch with Jesus, our source of energy. Captain L. F. Yelland, the superintendent of the Royal National Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen, Grimsby, told us briefly of the opportunities which he has had in placing Adventist literature into the hands of those who go "down to the sea in ships," and appealed to us to enlarge this work of literature ministry among the sailors of many nations. Pastor Joyce took his message from Psalm 60, verse 4: "Thou hast given a banner to them that fear Thee, that it may be displayed because of the truth." In this year of victory we have all seen beautiful arrays of flags of many kinds. While God's love and message of mercy is given to the world, the Lord looks to the people of the Advent Church to have the "flag of truth" hoisted and to keep it on show before the world until Jesus comes.

Inspired, we left Ulceby with its historic associations that Sabbath evening, determined that in our day and generation, while remembering the past, we will use every opportunity given to us to finish the work of God here on earth.

T. MARSHALL.

Merseyside Convention

EVERY convention is planned with an aim in view, and while the goodwill and solicitude of the members gathered together are gratifying, the convention has fallen short of its mark unless the after effects of the spiritual feast result in a more healthy church life.

Those of us who attended the Merseyside convention during the weekend of September 22nd are still filled with a sense of thankfulness to God for what proved to be a memorable series of meetings. The foundation for a good weekend was laid before the services began in that at least a nucleus of the membership realized the need for further development, and felt that a revival would create the zeal so necessary for the church in its readily-identified Laodicean period. But could another convention prove any better than those which had gone before? A convincing answer was given at these meetings.

Atmosphere plays no mean part in setting the attention upon heavenly things, and somehow there was an inspired sanctity attached to the little church in Liverpool that Friday evening. Well lighted and cheery, it radiated a warmth of welcome, as well as illuminating the tasteful arrangement of beautiful chrysanthemums. It was a pleasure to have with us as special visitors Pastors R. S. Joyce and B. E. Sparrow.

It is difficult to emphasize the influence of any one meeting in comparison with another, and from our very first service the power of God was manifest. Only those who were present can enter into the atmosphere of yearning and desire expressed through the singing of the hymns, the rendering of the solos, and the eagerness with which the messages were followed. The Friday evening and Sabbath morning services were set apart for the messages from Pastors Joyce and Sparrow, and while their subject matter was quite different, God directed our minds to receive lessons from both.

Two convictions dominated the minds of those present, the first being the persuasion that daily

feeding on the "Living Word" was essential for each member. Brother Sparrow magnified this aptly by placing a very familiar text in an original frame of thought. "In the beginning was the Word." Why was Christ called the "Word"? Surely because He came to translate into human language a thought that was as high above man's conception as the heavens are above the earth. But what bearing did this message have upon our church life for its improvement? Why! the inspiration to build up the school-room of the church where the Word may become clear to old and new members, aged and youth alike.

The second of these convictions came through the Sabbath morning address given by Pastor Joyce, that we determine by God's grace to express a godly fear, through implicit obedience. The basis for much unbelief, it was pointed out, arose from a misconception of the injunction, "Fear God!" The different meanings for fear contrasted the servile and filial interpretations; the true rendering embracing a "holy affection" for God expressed through reverence and ready obedience. This true fear of God is accomplished through feeding on the Word. Thus the two speakers arrived at similar conclusions, and it was good that they did so for there followed a most lively discussion which rather broke away from convention and allowed scope for individual expression.

The Sabbath-school's position in the church is generally appreciated, but I believe that we have more fully seen its capacity as a soul-saver. In a special Sunday morning service conducted by Brother Sparrow, the church officers and Sabbath-school teachers agreed that by organizing a teachers' meeting for the betterment of lesson study they would achieve a double purpose. From henceforth their missionary service will include a watchful eye for any absentees, and true encouragement for new members to join in these Sabbath-school blessings. In addition the teachers will arrange a visiting band among the members of their classes.

Many valuable contributions

were made throughout the week-end to help prosper the Advent message on the Merseyside, and the analysis of each suggestion revealed that a deeper consecration would lead to the spontaneous desire to serve the Master. Our strength and our willingness alone are insufficient, but He is able, and when united with God nothing is impossible. Sooner or later in the experience of us all, a decision must be made to follow the path of ascent or descent. There is no other alternative. To climb is to triumph! May this convention meet its objective in the ascent of the work to a higher plane through united and prayerful service

L. C. HANDYSIDES.



Leeds Day of Fellowship

EARNEST Adventists, conscious of the meaning of our momentous times, sense the value of coming together in large district gatherings. No wonder, therefore, that on Sabbath, September 29th, some of our fellow-believers were astir as early as 3.30 a.m. to prepare for their journey to the special Day of Fellowship at Leeds.

For weeks the members in Yorkshire and north Lincolnshire had prayed that this day of worship in the well-appointed Blenheim Baptist church (kindly placed at our disposal for the second time by the courtesy of the minister and church officers) might be a time of spiritual refreshing and victory. Now that the day is past, we can truly say that we left Leeds better prepared to do our part in the finishing of God's work in our corner of the vineyard. We had a perfect day in every sense. God blessed us with beautiful, sunny, autumn weather. The visiting ministers Pastors W. G. C. Murdoch and W. L. Emmerson, gave us messages which touched our hearts, and quickened by the Holy Spirit, proved to be "meat in due season."

Pastor R. S. Joyce, our conference president, spoke at the opening service of devotion and prayer. He told us that the success of the day's services depended entirely upon the prayer meeting. To be of any lasting

value the services must be controlled by the Holy Spirit. It was our privilege and happy responsibility to invite His presence.

The main body of the church was well filled with worshippers as we assembled for Sabbath-school, under the leadership of Pastor B. E. Sparrow, the departmental secretary of the North England Conference. Brother F. D. Buckle took the lesson review, and Brother B. Belton appealed for our help for the needs of India. The lesson study, "Rejoicing in the Lord" was very fitting for this special day. Brother Emmerson made us realize anew that Adventists should be the happiest persons on earth. Satan unfortunately has persuaded many people to choose his counterfeit "joys" which bring only heaviness and disappointments. But those who partake of the ceaseless river of heavenly joy will "rejoice in the Lord" throughout their earthly pilgrimage, and will in the end be privileged to view the final demonstration of the difference between the true joy and the false "pleasures of sin" at the second coming of Jesus. How fervently we sang as we closed Sabbath-school, "O Father, we would thank Thee for . . . our present joy of sonship, our future joy in heaven."

The morning preaching service was conducted by Pastor Murdoch, the principal of the College. He drew our attention especially to Christ's promise that He would "not leave us comfortless," [or "as orphans"]. John 14:18. Jesus knew that His children, in a sad and trying world, would need divine help as His witnesses. So He sent down the Holy Spirit, that He might dwell with the church until the end. Solemn were the thoughts of the congregation as the speaker clearly taught that the Holy Spirit cannot dwell in our hearts if sin is there. By a forceful illustration, Brother Murdoch appealed to us not to grieve away the Spirit.

With an earnest prayer Pastor Joyce closed this solemn service, voicing the desire of all for consecration to God.

After the lunch interval, during which we had opportunity to chat with old friends and make

new ones, Pastor Murdoch addressed a special meeting for the brethren urging us to prove ourselves as "men" of God in our lives both in our homes and in the church.

Pastor Emmerson spoke at the closing meeting of the day on our sacred responsibility of personal witness for God. God has ordained the light of the Advent message to lighten the earth. (Rev. 18:1.) But the great light which is to illuminate the whole earth is comprised of hosts of little lights—which represent the individual members of the remnant church. Brother Emmerson asked us to consider very earnestly the question: "Is my light shining in my corner of the vineyard?" God Himself has promised to light our candle (Psalm 18:28) so that we may shine to His honour and glory and thus fulfil our responsibility as His lights in a world of darkness.

We feel grateful to the conference officers for having arranged this blessed day together. The success of the day, next to the presence of God's Spirit in our midst, was due to the kindly help given by many willing friends. The stewards saw to it that every visitor was comfortably seated in God's house. The children, through the ministry of Brother Sparrow and his helpers, had their share of the blessings which God had for us all. The musical arrangements, under the capable leadership of Brother E. Halstead, F.R.C.O. of Manchester, were appreciated. The rendering of the anthems by the choir was enjoyed by all. And we do not forget to mention the services of many friends who provided for our physical needs during the lunch-hour.

We parted from our fellow-believers conscious that our spiritual life had been deepened because of our coming together. God be praised from the depths of our hearts for His signal favours and rich blessings during the 1945 Day of Fellowship at Leeds!

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Superintendent's Notes

ON August 14th the friends of Aberdare and Mountain Ash spent a very pleasant evening in the Aberaman Hall. Presentations were made by the field leader to Miss Grace Lewis, on the occasion of her departure to take up a teaching appointment in Plymouth and to Mr. David Phelps on the occasion of his return from three years' R.A.M.C. service in the Middle East and his subsequent marriage. Both of these young people have been "reared" in the church and the local friends—and others—were delighted to be able to express their love for them at this public function.

Brother David had his Degree Teachers' Course checked by the demands of war. We hope that this will now be remedied and that David will not only join the growing ranks of Adventist teachers, but also become, with his wife, a strong support of the cause of God.

Sister Grace will be sadly missed for she has used her great abilities on behalf of the church and, as was expressed by the leader, Brother W. J. Owen, and the senior sister, Mrs. Bound, it will be very difficult for the church to manage without her. But what is Aberdare's loss will be Plymouth's gain, and we wish Sister Grace every happiness and success in her new sphere.

Local friends provided ample fare for the evening and Mrs. Rosser, of Swansea, and Miss Doreen Hyde (now Mrs. Guest) regaled the company with verse and song.

NEWPORT SABBATH-SCHOOL CONVENTION

ON September 1st, a Sabbath-school convention was convened in the Newport church. Friends from most of the South Wales churches—even as far as Hereford—came along to share the good things of the day. Pastor J. M. Howard was with us but

Pastor Harker was unable to be present on account of impaired health. The church was well filled and the day well spent. A lively interest was taken in the chosen topics each of which was keenly debated. Papers or talks were very ably given by Pastor F. S. Jackson, Brethren A. W. Howard and R. Jacques, and Miss Olive Gatehouse. Brother C. D. Watson's "model" Sabbath-school was led by the field leader, supported by Brethren T. Jackson and J. Freeman.

We in Wales, as elsewhere, feel the need of a stronger Sabbath-school work and we sincerely trust that as a result of the Newport convention, the Sabbath-school in Wales will materially improve.
S. G. HYDE.

Wedding Bells

BROCKWAY-HOLDING — Members of the Brighton and Hove churches witnessed a very happy ceremony on Wednesday, September 5, 1945, when Brother Percy Brockway was united in marriage to Sister Agnes Minnie Holding. The service was conducted by Pastor Mustard in the absence of Pastor Bell, who was on holiday. The church was tastefully decorated with flowers and was filled with relatives and well-wishers. It was a beautiful service with a very suitable address. The hymns, "Praise my soul the King of Heaven" and "O Perfect Love," were sung. The bride has been an active member for a number of years and is at present church clerk. She graduated from College, but ill-health forced her to give up the Bible-work.

The bridegroom has been baptized recently as the result of the bride's example and tuition.

The reception was held at a member's house at Southwick. Mr and Mrs Brockway afterward went direct to their new home in Hove. We all wish them God's richest blessing and happiness in their journey through life together. May they have many sheaves to lay at their Master's feet as a result of their united efforts.

M. E. SHOULER



QUAYLE — It was with sadness we learned of the sudden passing of our dear Sister Quayle on August 1, 1945, who for many years had been a faithful member of the Liverpool church. Sister

Quayle was sixty-eight years of age and had been ailing for some considerable time, but throughout her illness she was ever faithful in doing all that her failing strength permitted. Thirty-two years ago Sister Quayle accepted the Advent message through the ministry of Pastor Rodd. Her husband remains to mourn the loss of a beloved wife, but unites with us in looking forward to the sure and certain hope of the resurrection of the just. The service was conducted by the writer and our sister was laid to rest in the Kirkdale Cemetery, where she awaits the call of the Life-giver.

JOHN HANDYSIDES.

LENKER — William Lenker was born in 1864, in the State of Kansas, and died July 5, 1945. Death resulted from an injury sustained when he fell and hit his head on a rock. At the age of twenty he attended Battle Creek College, while Uriah Smith was president. In response to an invitation by Elder Smith, he was led to devote his life to the colporteur work. Years of faithful service were spent in the foreign fields. England, India, Burma, China, and Japan were enriched by his labours. Soon after his return he was united in marriage with Mettie Sharp, daughter of Elder Smith Sharp, a teacher in our schools, who spent many years in the Graysville Academy. Fourteen years ago he was married to Mrs. Nellie Evans. The natural sorrow of his bereaved wife is alleviated by the hope of a soon-coming Saviour —
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