

# BRITISH ADVENT

# MESSENGER

## First Word from Singapore

THE following letter has been received from K. O. Tan, acting superintendent of the Malayan Union Mission. The letter is dated October 4th and sent from Singapore.

A short time before the departure of W. P. Bradley and P. L. Williams from Singapore, Elder Tan was invited to assume the responsibilities of the superintendency of the Malayan Union Mission. Believing this message will be of interest, we quote from this first letter received since January, 1942, from the headquarters in Singapore.

"After the capitulation of Malaya all our brethren and friends by the grace and guidance of God, are well with the exception of our colporteur Chau So and one or two others whose whereabouts are unknown.

"Regarding the Far Eastern Division houses at Thomson Road, Singapore, they are in good condition with the exception of one house which was damaged by shells during the war. As regards the personal belongings of our foreign brethren and all the furniture, etc., left behind, they were all looted after the Japanese occupied Singapore. Most of the furniture, books, stationery, and the printing press at the Malayan Seminary and the Malayan Signs Press at Upper Serangoon Road, Singapore, were either removed or destroyed by the Japanese forces.

"Regarding the sanitarium at Burma Road, Penang, it was occupied by the Japanese forces and

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President, Far Eastern Division

its premises subsequently extended. Regarding the clinic at Chulia Street, Penang, it was partially damaged by shells during the war but the premises are still suitable for use, and the medical work in Penang is progressing.

"During the Japanese occupation our brethren were not permitted to preach freely—we were subjected to restrictions and prohibitions, but nevertheless we managed to carry on our services through the guidance and the grace of God. We have added to our mission at least another sixty new members in spite of overwhelming difficulties. We are very much handicapped financially, but we have survived al-

though in a half-starved condition.

"As regards the mission work in Siam, French Indo-China, British North Borneo, Brunei, and Sarawak, we have not been able to obtain full details, for transportation is scarce. We have been informed that work in Siam was carried on as usual, and the medical section has served its purpose greatly. The newly formed Chinese church in French Indo-China has made good progress.

"Regarding British North Borneo and Sarawak, progress has not been so good as compared with other centres.

"I regret very much to learn of the death of our minister G. B. Youngberg, who died July 17,



Elder Turner visiting the New Guinea missions by plane, before war—swept over the islands.

1944, at the internment camp at Kuching. We have lost the services of a great leader in British North Borneo. W. W. R. Lake, I have been informed, has left for India after his release from the internment camp.

"Now peace has been restored and we anxiously pray for the early return to Singapore of all the officers of the mission; the early dispatch of medical help and supplies for relief, and money and materials. Acts 16:9, 'Come over into Macedonia, and help us,' applies to our wishes here"

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## Notes from the Union President

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### RETURNING MISSIONARIES

A NUMBER of missionary families will be returning to this country early in 1946. The housing situation is going to be a severe problem for these good people. If any of our members in the London area can offer any kind of accommodation they should communicate with us, and we assure them they would be rendering a real service. Houses for sale or to rent, or furnished or unfurnished apartments would be equally welcome.

### THE NEW HYMNAL

THE heavy compilation work on our new *Advent Hymnal* is just about completed, and a new evangelistic song book is well on the way to completion. Printing, in view of the paper shortage, is the main difficulty now, and may involve some months' delay.

The supply of the present *Advent Hymnal Revised* is now exhausted and as the plates were worn out, it was imperative that this new work be undertaken. Further information will be released as soon as possible.

### FIRST LETTER FROM SHANGHAI

MRS. JOHN OSS has sent the first letter direct from Shanghai to U.S.A. It tells of the serious illness of her husband (both Mr. and Mrs. Oss have since arrived in America) and of good progress and a crowded church in this great city. Great blessing has

rested on the Chinese workers caring for the work during these dark years. The news also indicates the great ease with which Chinese can be got to listen to the message.

### WORKERS PERISH IN PRISON CAMPS

ELDER A. V. OLSON, of the Southern European Division, reported recently that Elder Paul Meyer, a senior French minister, perished in a German prison camp. Also Miss Gabriel Weidner, secretary in our Union office in Paris, was taken off one night for Gestapo investigation, and met the same fate.

### ITALY

ELDER OLSON, we are glad to say, reports encouragingly on his first contact with our work in Italy for a number of years. Notwithstanding all that the people in that country have encountered, he says that the membership has increased and the working forces, that the present government has granted greater liberty to the people, and our work has made really good progress.

### INDIA

DR. NIGEL A. BUXTON, who spent some three and a half years in the R.A.M.C. in India, where he accepted this message very ardently, has accepted an invitation to connect with our medical work in that great land. He will be welcomed by all our workers who know him in India, and our best wishes for God's blessing will go with him.

### DID YOU REMEMBER?

IF for any reason you overlooked the Week of Sacrifice and Annual Offering on November 24th, there is still opportunity to get this into the year's gifts to the cause.

We hope all tithes and offerings for 1945 will come along promptly also.

H. W. LOWE.

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"PRAYER is so mighty an instrument that no one ever thoroughly mastered all its keys. They sweep along the infinite scale of man's wants and of God's goodness."

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## Newbold College

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### Autumn Week of Prayer

COLLEGE life is a full life. The day is packed with activity from 6 a.m. until 9:30 p.m., when the last "Good night" should have been said and tired bodies and brains seek refreshment from that wonderful gift of God known as "sleep." Crowded as the days and weeks may be, twice a year the College sees fit to set aside a week for special devotional exercises and an earnest seeking after God at appointed seasons of prayer.

Friday, November 9th, saw a good company gathered together in the evening, expecting great things from the Lord at the opening meeting of our Autumn Week of Prayer. Pastor E. R. Warland, who was to remain with us for the entire week, introduced the theme on which the studies to be given would be based. It was in the form of a beautiful little prayer, clearly displayed before us on the back of the rostrum:

"Jesus, my Lord, Redeemer,  
Friend, and Brother,  
May I know more clearly,  
Love Thee more dearly,  
Follow Thee more nearly Amen"

But would the speaker find sufficient material for addresses lasting the whole week, from these few words?

"Jesus" seemed to live again as the wonder and power of that name was brought before us on the Sabbath morning, and even the little word "my" was the subject for an evening's study as the thought was impressed upon our minds, that Jesus would mean very little to us unless He became a personal Saviour—*my Jesus*.

Before Christ can become our complete "Redeemer" we must allow Him to be "Lord" in our lives, and His is a lordship which none need fear. The old familiar hymn, "What a friend we have in Jesus" took on a new meaning as we sang it at the close of an address given on the "Friendship of Jesus." Both sides of the picture were presented, "a friend

who sticketh closer than a brother," but also "Faithful are the wounds of a friend." A friend and a brother in Jesus!

"Know Thee more clearly." Was it so important that we give all this time to get to know God better? "And this is *life eternal*, that they might know Thee . . . and Jesus Christ, whom Thou has sent," came the answer. Considering once again all He had done for us, we were led to the place where we knew we "loved Him more dearly." This was manifested at that long-to-be-remembered Thursday evening service when such an appeal to forsake sin and to surrender fully was put forward that the mighty power of Christ was seen in setting many captives free. The Christian, however, must not stand still, but having surrendered all, we were bidden to join that inner circle who "follow Him more nearly," be it to the Mount of Transfiguration or dark Gethsemane.

Partial fruit of the week's activities was seen at the Friday evening testimony meeting when ninety-eight voiced their praise to God for the wonderful things He had done. Not only had the public meetings brought blessing, but many told of the help received from the prayer bands which met day by day, each under the leadership of a faculty member.

But the feast was not yet over, for on the Sabbath morning Pastor Warland encouraged all to remain faithful, as he told his life-story and showed the wonderful leading of God. A returned missionary could not leave that part of our work untouched during such a week, and by the use of lantern slides, many were impressed to give their lives for service in the foreign field, should the Lord see fit to call.

May the spirit of the Week of Prayer long remain with us, bringing forth fruit in all unto *life eternal*.  
R. GOWLETT.

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OUR words, our acts, our dress, our deportment, even the expression of the countenance, has an influence.—"*Christ's Object Lessons*," page 339.

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### Church Dedication at Edmonton

LIKE Israel of old, we of the Edmonton church have had our wanderings, due to our tabernacle being pitched in various places from time to time, and have long sensed the need of a meeting place we could call our own. During the past forty years we have worshipped in private houses, a school, and upper rooms, and even in an old disused shoeing forge. After meeting for a few years in the last named place the lease was due to expire and once again we were faced with the usual problem.

Pastor R. T. Bolton, who was then in charge, scoured every part of the neighbourhood and eventually succeeded in securing a small factory, the premises we now occupy. Although the building had previously been for sale there was no question of purchasing at the time as our need was immediate, members were not numerous, and the bank balance very small. Later two small companies united with us and souls were added by other means which increased our membership considerably.

In due course  
Brother R. A.

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*Interior of the new Edmonton church building.*

Vince was sent among us and, being possessed of an enthusiasm born of youth, soon expressed his opinion that steps should be taken with a view to making the building our own. With Brother A. Carey's approval negotiations were begun and the church unanimously agreed to launch a building fund. Ways and means were devised by which to raise money and never a week passed without a contribution coming in from one source or another. We had promised to raise our share of the purchase price by the close of the year 1944, and although as late as November a formidable figure still confronted us, not only did we honour our word but had an overflow with which to commence alterations. Despite the difficulty of obtaining materials, Brother Vince, with such help as could be given by the members, devoted himself wholeheartedly to the work. Week by week we watched the plans unfolding until finally a wonderful transformation had been effected. Special mention should be made of Brethren Todd and Crosier of the Wood Green church who were respectively responsible for the artistic side of



the work and the new lighting effects. Also we must not forget the ladies armed with pails, scrubbing brushes and polishing materials whose services were indispensable in cleaning up in preparation for the great day, as well as in adding those feminine touches without which the work would have been incomplete.

Everything was in perfect order when Sabbath, August 25th, came and with it the dedication service, a most auspicious occasion in the history of the Edmonton church. We were privileged to have with us Pastors G. D. King and L. D. Vince, also Brethren A. Carey, R. A. Vince, and D. J. Dunnett. The Wood Green church shared with us the blessings of the day.

The inspiring address given by Pastor King followed by the dedicatory prayer will long be remembered. Beautiful solos were rendered by Mr. T. B. Wynne, and the choir, under the direction of Brother A. Farthing, rendered several anthems accompanied by the writer.

We give all praise and thanks to our heavenly Father for the wonderful way He has led us, and we shall ever be grateful to Brother Vince for his sacrificial work on our behalf. We regret that he has been unable to remain with us and enjoy the work of his hands, but we wish him God-speed as he prepares to become a medical missionary.

I. M. HEYWOOD,  
*Church Clerk.*

## Sabbath-School Convention at Cambridge

It was a happy day for the Cambridge church when members from Luton, Bedford, Ely, and Huntingdon met together on Sabbath, November 3rd, to hold a district Sabbath-school convention.

The day was bright and the weather inviting as we all found our way to the place of assembly.

Our superintendent, Sister Vining, opened the school on time. Brother C. Collins of Ely gave a very interesting review of the previous lesson, after which Pastor A. K. Armstrong conducted the lesson study.

Pastor E. R. Warland helped

us to open our hearts to give, by making a very interesting missions appeal; and after a hymn of thanksgiving, the school closed.

Pastor J. Harker spoke to us in the following service taking for his theme, "Taught of God." We were shown how the Sabbath-school had been in operation all through the ages, how that God Himself taught Adam and Eve the saving truths of the Gospel. We all appreciated the simple yet powerful message of the hour.

After the luncheon interval we again assembled for discussion and study. Papers were read and talks given on various aspects of Sabbath-school work.

Pastors Harker and Warland led out with the subject, "Sabbath-school Equipment," and Brethren Vince and Ginbey followed with the subjects, "Daily Bible Study," and the "Home Department." Lively discussions followed and a keen interest was manifested.

These various items were interspersed with two vocal duets from the children—Margaret and Donald Sindall of Ely and Hazel and James Ginbey of Huntingdon.

Pastor Warland concluded the services of the day with a Bible study on the subject of "The Teacher."

We closed the day with prayer and thanksgiving for all the blessings received at this Sabbath-school convention.

A. K. ARMSTRONG.

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### A Church Building for Nottingham

FOR many years the meeting place of the Nottingham church has been quite suitable from the standpoint of its central location, but with the membership and the number of children steadily increasing, and all the time conscious of the Spirit of prophecy's counsel on the subject, the church

had been wisely establishing a fund ready for the day when we could purchase and possess our own house of worship. In recent times especially, attempts have been made to secure certain properties, but all proved futile. War conditions also made the task more difficult, but there was always a quiet confidence in God and in this attitude the whole church definitely settled down to the task of having a building of its own, obstacles notwithstanding.

Great was our joy and gratitude, therefore, when at last Pastor W. J. Cannon was able to make the hoped-for announcement. A bombed building, not too far away from the city centre, was the place in view. The story of its purchase, however, will be reserved until the time of the dedication services.

But what a task confronted us! Rubble and bomb wreckage in plenty; and as can be imagined, years without a roof had also wrought considerable havoc inside the place. But the walls were still there, and in not too bad a condition. So the members, as many as could, helped week after week in all kinds of practical ways to put the building in order. Expert hands of certain willing members managed the necessary carpentry, decorating, and electrical work, and although it was an exciting race against time, the place was sufficiently ready for the special opening services of the appointed week-end, October 5th to 7th.

With evident gratitude a large and happy congregation rose promptly at 7.30 on Friday evening and introduced this first hour of worship in the new church with Dr. Watts' good hymn, "How pleasant, how divinely fair, O Lord of Hosts, Thy dwellings are!"

We were certainly inspired to worship in such surroundings. The atmosphere was one of reverence. The church was beautifully and tastefully decorated, and all who had taken part must have felt proud to have had a share in so great an accomplishment. "To build a home for God in our hearts." This, urged our conference president, was the important

duty with which we should be impressed by such an occasion.

On Sabbath morning we were welcomed by sunshine, and it seemed as if God was showing His approval on all our labours. Members gathered in from Leicester, Sutton, and Beeston and we were pleased to welcome visitors from other districts far afield. A congregation of 240 crowded the church to its utmost capacity. Even before Sabbath-school commenced there was a large congregation present. The visiting ministers included Pastor W. G. C. Murdoch, principal of Newbold College, Pastor R. S. Joyce, the conference president, and Pastor H. K. Munson who hails from these parts.

The Sabbath-school is always an important part of any Adventist gathering, and the lesson, conducted from the desk by Pastor Munson, will be remembered for the able presentation of the subject, and the ready response of those who had well studied an important theme.

Pastor Murdoch conducted the morning service, and reminded us what a church should be. He instanced the building of the temple. It was the glory of the Lord that made it such a different building. When strangers enter our church they will want to find rest, peace, sympathy, kindness, helpfulness, and love. In other words they will want to be "at home" with God, as Enoch was "at home" with God. A moving service closed with a resolve for better service for the Master in the days to come.

It always seems fitting when such occasions as these can be accompanied by a baptismal service, and such was our pleasure on the afternoon of that memorable Sabbath. Pastor Joyce solemnly addressed the candidates and the church. The baptismal ceremony was performed by Pastor Cannon. While waiting for the eight candidates to re-assemble, Pastor Murdoch reminded us what our attitude should be toward these new members. Sympathy, kindness and love would be expected from those who had been longer on the way. Before the meeting closed it was decided to send

greetings to all the sick and aged members of the church.

The happy week-end was crowned by a harvest festival on the Sunday evening, conducted by Pastor Cannon. There was a bountiful display of fruit, vegetables, etc. The church was full and forty non-members were present. Everything pointed to the hope that the object for which our church is raised, the winning of souls, will be realized.

During the week-end solos were rendered by Mrs. Cannon, Miss Richardson, Mr. W. Winter-ton and duets by Mr. and Mrs. Marsland. Offerings amounted to £47, plus £11 for Sabbath-school. We solicit the prayers of the MESSENGER family that God may dwell in this new tabernacle and that His glory may radiate to those who sit in darkness.

CHURCH CLERK.



## Blackpool's Second Chance

ON November 4th a second effort was opened up in Blackpool. The difficulties in procuring suitable halls have been legion, but, after months of searching, a commodious hall, only recently derequisitioned, was finally secured for two Sundays only. Another hall nearby was obtained for the third meeting. After that we plan to carry on our meetings in a cinema not far away.

The first mentioned hall is a very fine one, but almost unknown to the public, so extensive advertising was done to counteract this drawback. And here further obstacles presented themselves. The printers were all loaded with work and short of paper; nor would the newspapers grant any publicity. Finally a printer was found and a leading business firm kindly granted us their advertising space in one edition.

The mayor of Blackpool was invited to support this opening meeting, the proceeds of which we had decided to donate to the Prisoners of War Fund (Far East). This he did most readily and made an appeal on behalf of the fund. Pastor D. J. Handysides acted as chairman. A local councillor brought his prize band,

and a children's choir rendered suitable pieces. There was a splendid audience of nearly 500, which listened with rapt attention to the timely subject, "The Sign of the Atom Bomb."

In our first campaign faithful sisters from our Morecambe company came over each week to help us with the billing and their earnest work was much appreciated. For this present effort new friends have helped to shoulder the burden, thus carrying out the Scripture admonition, "Freely ye have received, freely give." Miss Laura Mason has been with us through two campaigns and Brother Kenneth Rosier has recently joined our forces. They find their time more than fully occupied with eighty names for visiting, half a dozen cottage meetings, four meetings a week, and 12,000 bills for disposal. The labourers surely are few!

At the time of writing, a second well-attended service has been held. The title was appropriate for Armistice day, "The Silence of the Dead." At this meeting Pastor R. S. Joyce, our president, acted as chairman. A ladies choir added to the enjoyment of the service.

On Tuesday, November 6th, a baptismal service was held in the Ansdell Baptist church. Three precious souls followed their Lord in this ordinance, and four others were received by vote.

The following Sabbath morning the Blackpool members were organized by Pastor Joyce into a company of twenty-five, with a promising band of officers. So new converts are shouldering their responsibilities and learning to "keep rank."

Before the morning service a bombshell burst upon us. The premises we now occupy have been taken over by a business firm and we must vacate by December 1st. So there is another hurdle to cross and we are trusting the Lord to direct us to a new church home.

MRS. E. A. MAUDSLEY.



## Pray for Keighley

THE MESSENGER family may be interested to hear of three happy occasions which we have

enjoyed together with friends in the Yorkshire town of Keighley who are learning to know and love the Advent message.

Partly as an experiment we planned a harvest festival, and then awaited the result with some trepidation. Our fears, however, were soon swept away in the remarkable response which came from these good people who are not yet members with us. It was very gratifying to see the varied profusion of flowers, fruits, and vegetables, brought so generously and in such quantity in response to our appeal.

Some few days later a social evening was enjoyed by some forty-five non-members. We believe such activity has a part to play, as it did in Keighley, in binding the good folk together and giving them a sense of belonging to a group.

On the week-end of November 3rd and 4th, when the right arm of the message, health reform, was presented to the people, great interest was shown in a good display of health foods of many kinds which were tastefully arranged in the hall by our Bible-worker, Miss Jean Mitchell. Foremost among these foods were those kindly supplied to us by Granose Foods Ltd. We believe the people were genuinely pleased to hear of our food factories and our work as pioneers in health reform.

Will you pray with us that we may be able to establish a strong church in this hitherto unentered town of Keighley?

DENNIS A. CONROY.

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## Superintendent's Notes

It is some time since I wrote a few lines to the MESSENGER family. I am sure you will be glad to hear that for the first time in the history of the mission we have four autumn campaigns running. They are as follows:

A. C. Vine—Dublin.

E. Bell—Londonderry.

N. Dougherty—Banbridge.

E. E. Craven—Bangor.

Ninety people listened to our representative in that old Adventist centre of Banbridge, and one hundred and fifty listened attentively in Bangor.

Over 250 in Bangor have asked for literature.

During the past quarter we have lost by death another faithful isolated member, Miss Mawhinny of Magherafelt. Truly it could be said of her she was a bright Christian and faithful to her God-given convictions and always willing. We laid her to rest in Magherafelt on September 22nd. The little company at Magherafelt miss her sadly.

In conclusion we as workers here in this hard mission field solicit your interest and your prayers. Will you all kindly remember Ireland in your morning and evening worship?

E. E. CRAVEN.

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## Ministry of Literature

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### Remembrance

A SALVO of guns is fired from the Thames near the dock area, Yes! it's just about 11 a.m., and to-day is November 11th, Remembrance Day for two World Wars, and here we are, as is our custom, presenting *Present Truth* from door to door.

Our mind in remembrance goes back as we look at the great gashes and empty, desolate spaces amid the maze of streets. But we remember with joy, too, how the message was scattered through *Present Truth* here in their thousands during the dangerous days of World War II and indeed through the past twenty-seven years since the first Armistice day in this greatest city in the world.

As world events have come home to their own doorsteps and hearth it has made them feel, as one man said to me, to-day, "We always want *Present Truth* when it comes round."

To-day we noticed on one side of the road of our territory a poster announcing a meeting; "Adam to Atom," to be conducted by J. P. West at the Town Hall, while on the other side of the road another bill told of another forthcoming lecture, "Lasting Peace or Pieces," by Pastor A. J. Mustard at another large hall. The close proximity of two large evangelistic campaigns gives a thrill of joy to anyone who realizes the vast spiritual needs of London, and encourages us to believe that the persistent and consistent sowing of the truth-filled literature will surely bring the final harvest of souls and finish the work.

JOHN OLLIVER.

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## A Remarkable Bedtime Stories Experience

CALLING upon a lady to whom I sold a copy of *Our Wonderful Bible* a few years ago, this experience was passed on to me, which shows the value of *Bedtime Stories* and what they can accomplish in the lives of children. After giving her order for a copy of *God's Way Out* in leather, she told me that she had always bought *Bedtime Stories* when they came round year by year. As she continued her conversation she said that a few years ago her little daughter was taken very ill and was removed to hospital where she visited her week by week.

In the same ward where her daughter lay ill was a little boy, "a very poor boy." The ward sister told her that there was no hope of this little boy's recovery. It was a sad case. The parents never came near and he had no one who cared for him. So the lady took him on her heart and each time she visited her own daughter went over to his bedside and talked with him. One day he seemed worse and she just wondered what to say, when she thought of a story she had read in *Bedtime Stories* about a little boy ill in hospital and how a visitor had told this boy, that if he could hold his hand up, Jesus, when He passed by, would make him better. He had his hand

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propped up, he was so weak, and the story concludes that the boy recovered.

"Well," continued the lady, "I sat down and told him that story and as I did so I noticed his eyes brighten and a smile crept over his drawn little face. He was just drinking it all in, and from that day he took a turn for the better. He finally recovered, and was able to leave the hospital." "Just healed by faith," said the lady on telling the story. W. H. WOODFIELD.

### Fished Out of the River

UP in the Amazon Mission of Peru the printed page was curiously sown "beside all waters" in a somewhat literal way, and the harvest is not wanting. In a certain province one of our colporteurs ordered a supply of the book entitled, *Toward the Golden Age*. The books were received and taken home.

One night a big cloudburst swept down on the place where the colporteur lived. He was forced to flee for his life. His house and belongings were swept out into the unknown. Nothing was heard of his possessions for over six months. Then one day a man came in from a distant village and pleaded for a teacher. In reply to an inquiry he said that as he was out bathing one morning he noticed a curious object in the clear river water. He finally fished out his find. It was a pulpy mass, the remains of some book. He carefully separated the leaves and spread them in the sun. After he had read this book, he closed his saloon and went to farming, in order that he might be able to keep the Sabbath. He knew nothing of our people, but his heart had been changed by the message found in the book, and he became an Adventist.

The story does not end here. Since then that interest has been cared for, and now a Sabbath-school of more than thirty members has been organized in that locality. A large number of neighbours and friends are also expected to join with this man in baptism, and thus become loyal members of the Adventist church.

E. E. FRANKLIN.

### Wedding Bells

SHONE-JOHNSTON. — On September 25, 1945, at our Walthamstow church, a marriage was celebrated between Frank Raymond Shone and Julia Johnston. Both have been brought up in the Way and their two families, both well represented, rejoice in a tie that is not to be severed. The church was filled with friends, and a houseful of wedding guests sat down at Dr. and Mrs. Shone's table. The writer joined the hands of the wedded couple. Suitable musical items and hymns were included in the service.

W. T. BARTLETT

REES-ROBERTS.—On October 12, 1945, in the Methodist church, Caerphilly, Evan John Rees, widower, of the Caerphilly church and Mrs. Edith Roberts, widow, also of the Caerphilly church, were united in marriage, the writer officiating.

May the Lord bless this union and through it may the church of God be strengthened.

S. G. HYDE.

IVERSON-BUXTON.—On September 19, 1945, Brother W. E. Iverson and Sister E. Buxton were united in marriage at the Stroud Road Methodist church. Brother Iverson, a member of the U.S. forces, is a son of one of our late missionaries to the Philippines. We not only join with the churches in this district in wishing them true happiness in life together, but that they may follow in the footsteps of a missionary father and win many souls for Christ's kingdom. Many friends were present on the occasion representing the Gloucester and Cheltenham churches and also the United States.

L. SHAW.

ST CLARE-MCGOLDRICK. — On Friday, October 26, 1945, in the Advent church, Bradford, Miss Elizabeth (Betty) McGoldrick, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. McGoldrick, was united in marriage to Brother Gene St. Clare, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Grant St. Clare, of Wisconsin, U.S.A. In spite of the cold and rain the church had never looked more beautiful. The lovely stained glass windows and the autumn flowers made a suitable setting for so happy an event. Many friends and relatives were present to witness the ceremony, which was performed by Pastor R. S. Joyce. The bride was given away by her father and attended by Miss Margaret Schofield. The best man was the bride's brother-in-law, Mr. Douglas Elias.

Brother St. Clare is a member of the Rib Lake church, Wisconsin, but is at present serving with the American army of occupation in Kassel, Germany. The bride will be remembered by many friends in Gillingham, where she was a member for some years.

We unite in wishing this young couple every blessing, and pray that their separation will prove a short one and that soon they will be united in their own home, where yet another bright light will shine for the Advent faith.

A. EVERETT, *Church Clerk*.

SIMPSON-JONES.—Brother Kenneth Simpson of the U.S. Army Medical Corps, who hails from the state of California, and Sister Margaret Elizabeth Jones recently baptized and received into church fellowship at Newport, Mon, were united in marriage at Ebbw Vale Presbyterian church on November 5, 1945. Pastor Lavers, the Presbyterian minister, who received us most cordially, conducted the legal part of the ceremony as required by Presbyterian church law and then gracefully turned the religious part of the service over to the writer. After the usual signing of the registers the happy couple with the bridal party retired to the bride's home where a sumptuous wedding breakfast was served amidst happy smiles and congratulations. Brother Simpson won his bride to the truth of the Advent message beforehand, so that they two walk together agreed from the start. The MESSENGER family will join us all in Newport and the Welsh Mission in wishing Brother and Sister Simpson God's richest blessing as they build yet another Adventist home.

F. S. JACKSON

SIMPER-MATHER. — On December 2, 1945, Brother George William Simper and Sister Doreen Hilda Mather were united in holy matrimony at the Holloway Advent church. The ceremony, conducted by the writer and assisted by Pastor A. J. Mustard, in the presence of a large gathering of friends from the district and overseas, was signally blessed by the Lord's presence.

The bridegroom hails from the Alberta Conference, Canada, while the bride is well known to the Advent family in North London.

We wish the very happy couple much of God's abundant blessing, as they walk life's way together and seek to advance the truth in union.

JOHN H. BAYLISS

**ROWSSELL-COLE**—A very beautiful service was held recently at the Bournemouth church, when in the presence of a good company of friends two of our members, Brother J. H. Rowsell and Sister Cole were united in marriage, the service being conducted by Pastor Spearing

We pray our dear heavenly Father to bless Brother and Sister Rowsell as they journey together toward the promised land

GRACE VESEY.



**WILSON**—Mrs. J. Wilson passed away on September 24, 1945, after a painful illness, through which her daughter had nursed her devotedly. Sister Wilson first heard the Advent message under the ministry of Pastor F. W. Johnston, and was baptized about eight years ago by Pastor W. J. Cannon. Since that time she had been a faithful member of the Manchester church up to the time of her death. She died in full assurance of faith. We laid our sister to rest on September 28th, in the Southern Cemetery, in the presence of a good number of relatives, churchmembers, and friends. The esteem in which our sister was held was manifest by the many beautiful floral tokens. The writer spoke words of appreciation and comfort at the home, and also officiated at the graveside. The chief mourners are the husband, two sons, two daughters, and a sister. We are confident that their mourning will soon be turned into joy at the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ.

HAROLD W. McCrow.

**DÖRSCHLER**—It is with much sorrow that we announce the passing on September 25, 1945, of baby Paul, the eleven-day-old son of brother and sister Dörschler. Baby Paul was laid to rest in the Coventry Cemetery on September 28th. Brother K. Lacey conducted a short service at the graveside and spoke comforting words to the parents

E. M. BARBER.

**JERDEN**—After an illness of some four months, from which she knew there was no hope of recovery, Sister Jerden passed away in the Newcastle General Hospital on October 5, 1945. Despite her illness, oft-times attended by much pain, she remained a cheerful witness to the saving power of the Lord she loved. To her the occasion of being in a hospital ward was one where she had the opportunity of telling others of the hope which buoyed her up, and of distributing as much of our literature as possible. Born in Scotland sixty-six years ago, she spent the major portion of her life in the mining regions of West Canada. She returned to this country just before the war and accepted the Advent faith in 1942, being baptized by Pastor B. F. Kinman. She was laid to rest in the quiet graveyard of her birthplace, Hawick, Scotland, with the confidence that her Lord would wake her on the resurrection day. The services at the home in Newcastle and graveside in Scotland were conducted by Brother M. B. Musgrave.

CHURCH CLERK.

**HAVARD**—Mrs. Kate Havard, of the Gelligaer company, passed peacefully to her rest, at the age of eighty years, on October 15, 1945, and was laid to rest in the Cathays Cemetery on October 18th, in the presence of a few rela-

tives and the brethren of the Gelligaer company. Thus passes one of the foundation members of the church in Wales. Over forty years ago Mrs. Havard accepted the message through the labours of Pastor Washburn in Cardiff. She was "faithful even unto death." In sleep, our sister passed to the sleep, the awakening from which is in the hands of her Saviour, whom she loved and trusted. For her is the blessing reserved for those that "die in the Lord." In the absence of the only son—in Australia—Brother Francis Mathews cared for the funeral plans and arrangements. Pastor F. S. Jackson conducted the service at the house, and the writer that at the graveside. We believe we shall meet our sister again in the blessed day of reunion and restoration

S. G. HYDE

**TARRANT**—On October 15, 1945, Emily Tarrant, after a long period of ill-health, passed away peacefully, in her eighty-first year, at the home of her son Ernest, at Ashurst, near Southampton. She died in faith and hope, and is sleeping for a while till the shadows flee away. Our late sister was baptized in 1924, and has remained a loyal and loved member of the Southampton church ever since. She lived to see her children to the third generation. One grand-daughter, Mrs. Lois Normington, is a missionary to West Africa, and one grandson, Cyril Futcher, is teaching at Newbold College. To all her sorrowing ones we extend our heartfelt sympathy. A large number of relatives and friends gathered in Colbury churchyard for the interment service, which was conducted jointly by the vicar of Colbury and the writer

L. E. A. LANE

**PEART**—Miss Mary Peart fell asleep in the Lord, aged eighty-three years, and was laid to rest by Pastor F. A. Spearing on October 20, 1945. She had known of the truth for many years, but it was in her old age that she became fully identified with it. This was a great joy to her relatives who had been praying for years that she should come to the light. She was received into the fellowship of the Bournemouth church during Pastor Spearing's ministry, and we look forward to meeting our dear sister in the great day of the Lord

GRACE VESEY, Church Clerk

**MEARS**—The remnant church has sustained the loss of one of its oldest members in the death of Sister E. S. Mears who has, for thirty years, been a member of the Chiswick church. She was seventy-eight years old and was in attendance at the church until a day or two before her sudden death on October 16, 1945. Sister Mears was brought into the church by Pastor O. M. Dorland in 1915 and was a faithful witness for the Lord to the end. The prosperity of the cause of truth was her chief concern, and she ever rejoiced in its growth and felt honoured when it was honoured. We feel confident that this faithful witness and worker for the Lord rests in the hope of the first resurrection. After a service in the church our departed sister was laid to rest in the Acton Cemetery amid the floral tributes of relatives and friends.

R. T. BOLTON

**TAYLOR**—The Sheffield church has suffered a loss by the falling asleep of Sister Annie Taylor at the age of fifty-seven years. Sister Taylor accepted the Advent message through the labours of Pastor D. J. Handysides and was baptized on December 18, 1943. Sister Taylor undertook the work of training the children. We all greatly miss her presence among us, but we know we shall meet her again when our Lord returns.

CHURCH CLERK.

**SARGENT**—Sister Margaret Sargent died on November 2, 1945, at the age of eighty-three years. Since her baptism fourteen years ago she had been a faithful member of the Newcastle church. In March of this year she suffered the first illness of her long life, which meant, too, that for the first time in the past fourteen years she was prevented from being in her church, which she loved so dearly, on the Sabbath morning. Her constantly expressed wish was that in the spring-time of next year she might have the opportunity of satisfying her desire to enjoy a Sabbath morning service. Soon, however, an even fonder desire will be gratified in meeting her Saviour "from one Sabbath to another" in the land of "eternal spring." The service, attended by her family and many friends of the Advent faith, was conducted by Brother M. B. Musgrave.

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