

BRITISH ADVENT

# MESSENGER

## Our New College Home

EVENTS have transpired in a way to lead us to change our plans regarding our College removal to new quarters, and we feel sure our people will appreciate the latest information.

It was our desire to avoid a hurried removal which would lead to overcrowding and confusion. We had our plans ready to move about Easter, but we received word that the owner of Aylesbury House, where four families of teachers are housed, desired us to quit by March 25, 1946. Within a few weeks of this a requisition notice was received respecting part of the new property in Berkshire, and we felt sure there was danger that the remaining portion might be similarly treated if not occupied soon. Furthermore, our lease of Packwood Haugh, now our College home, expires this summer.

It seemed obvious that our hands were being forced, for at all costs we desired to be out of our present temporary quarters and in better ones before the opening of another school year. Our College family has borne bravely conditions which in pre-war days we should never have tolerated. As we saw the risk of having our new properties taken from us, with a possible closing down of our College, we felt led to take the somewhat bold decision to move at once.

Pastor W. G. Murdoch actually moved during Christmas week into a small lodge threatened with requisition. As we write these notes we do not

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actually have legal possession of the main buildings, but the vendors have agreed to our moving in at an early date, and during an extended Christmas vacation the college will be removed. We hope to reopen in February.

We had planned not to have any but the essential resident staff in the main buildings for obvious reasons, but we may temporarily have to put some teachers and staff in each dormitory. There will, till a new dining room is complete, be a measure of unavoidable congestion, but it will be infinitely preferable to face a situation that will change for the better from month to month rather than endure the discouragements of our present situation.

For some time we shall ask the indulgence of our people, and especially of students' friends and relations, as it will be impossible to receive many visitors.

Our students will face an environment that will call for their best contribution to the influence of our College in a new community. They will be seen and watched more closely than in their former more remote location. This should be all to the good, and, with better accommodation, should surely raise the cultural and disciplinary tone of the institution. In this connection, it would be helpful if students and parents could recall some of the following statements

from the Spirit of prophecy:

"Those students who profess to love God and obey the truth should possess that degree of self-control and strength of religious principle that will enable them to remain unmoved amid temptations. . . . Religious principles should characterize the entire life. Those who are drinking at the fountain of life will not, like the worldling, manifest a longing desire for change and pleasure. . . . They will show that in the path of obedience and duty there is contentment and even joy. . . ."

"Those who compose this faithful army will refresh and strengthen the teachers by discouraging every species of unfaithfulness and discord, and of neglect to comply with rules and regulations. . . ."—*Counsels to Teachers,* page 98.

We are convinced that, provided students, teachers, and supporters in the field, will play a noble part in supporting the new plans for Newbold College, we shall, in a year or two, have a really modern College layout. With new teachers' cottages, a new assembly hall, science laboratories and classrooms, we shall be proud of our College educational facilities. The present faculty will, of course, complete this term's work. It looks as though a Continental department will have to be established shortly.

A contract of sale has been signed in regard to our old Newbold Revel property and we trust

it may be derequisitioned and disposed of by mid-1946.

We should prayerfully remember our educational work. It is never easy work, but it should not be made harder by our adverse and loose comments. It is well to remember that "it is a great evil, and one which exists among our people to a great extent, to give loose rein to the thoughts" (*Counsels on Health*, page 297), and that it is wrong to criticize our institutions where men, admittedly imperfect, are striving to carry forward the ideals of the Advent movement.

We are not visionaries in the accepted sense, but we must have a vision of bigger and better things. We must work constructively to that end.

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## Notes from the Union President

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### THE NEW YEAR

THE new year brings to the front a new band of officers in all our churches and companies. This is the time for these officers to get together with their boards and formulate vigorous plans for an increasing witness everywhere. The Missionary Volunteer, Sabbath-school, and Home Missionary committees should meet regularly and plan for such changes of programme from week to week or from month to month as will keep the services of God's house alive and interesting. As many people as possible should be brought into service, and the whole church into the service of such organizations as the Home Missionary society and evangelistic campaigns.

We are glad to announce that our colporteur work is beginning to show signs of growth again. A little more paper is on hand, though not as much as we would like. New colporteurs are appearing and this department of our work should become a vital factor in the post-war evangelistic programme for the expansion of the work in these islands.

### WORLD NEWS

ADVENTISTS have always been interested in the history of the

Waldensian Church and will be shocked at the news of the severe persecution which once more fell on these brave people during the recent war. A report has come to hand from an official representative of the Swiss churches, who recently visited the Waldensian country in northern Italy. Part of this report reads as follows:

"Whereas most of the men disappeared from the villages, the pastors held out. They remained with their flocks, and not only did they suffer boundless hardships in the occupied pastors' houses, but they were continually taken away as hostages under the most severe threats. For eighteen months they stood literally with one foot in the grave. Now that the dreadful tension is over, the reaction is coming. The pastors are worn out, even if they do not admit it, and many a pastors' wife, who kept up bravely all through, is collapsing to-day. But it is just now that the time is coming when spiritual activity ought to start afresh. A new era is dawning."

Further items of news are coming through about our people in Japan, and the following paragraph from an Adventist source will be of interest:

"Japan's imperialism and demands that the Japanese Emperor be placed above God fell heavily upon native members of the Seventh-Day Adventist faith. When foreign missionaries were forced to leave, violent persecution began, according to representation made to General John R. Hodge, Commander of the U.S. forces in Korea. 'For the past two years we have not been able to worship the God in our churches,' the memorial points out, 'although the religious liberty is clearly acknowledged by the law; and also our headquarters, institutions, and church buildings were occupied and sustained by force.'"

From other Christian church sources we note the following:

"Japan appears to be wide open for the spread of Christianity. Both Shintoism and Buddhism have been badly shaken by the war. Neither of these religions is believed to possess the dynamic qualities of spiritual reformation required for the reconstruction of Japan. Some of the leading men such as Prince Higashikuni think that 'the future of Japan was intertwined with the spread of Christianity throughout the Orient.' The Emperor, too, manifests a genuine

interest in the possible service to be rendered by the Christian churches in the remaking of the country. The churches in Japan have been destroyed, their congregations dispersed, and much property lost. But they are free. In the third place, our deputation became convinced that the Japanese Christians are genuinely grateful that Japan lost the war. Otherwise, as they said to us time and time again, we would more and more be under the thumb of the military. . . . But now that the military leaders are in disrepute and are being stripped of their power and influence, there is hope that Japan may fit herself for an honourable place in the family of nations. . . ."

### RELIEF WORK

It is interesting to note that the Dorcas Societies of Seventh-Day Adventist churches in America have sent out some 200 tons of used clothing to Europe, Africa, the Philippines, etc. Holland, Norway, and other countries that have been occupied have fortunately received their share.

We note with appreciation that our Adventist believers in Australia have taken a keen interest in the food situation in Britain and food parcels have been sent to just over 1,000 people in this country. This is a very generous and unexpected gesture which we much appreciate.

### CONGRATULATIONS

We learn that Kirk Baird, the son of Pastor and Mrs. George Baird, has obtained his M.B., Ch.B., at Birmingham, and we offer our congratulations.

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### Baptism at Plymouth

ON Sabbath, December 15, 1945, Plymouth church welcomed the visit of Pastor J. M. Howard. The morning service was well attended by visitors from Cornwall, and we were all inspired by Pastor Howard's message on the

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new life obtained through Christ Jesus, illustrated by personal experiences in his evangelistic work.

After a short recess for lunch, we assembled once more to witness the soul-inspiring ordinance of baptism, and the ordination of two newly appointed deacons. To begin the service Pastor Howard brought before the candidates, one brother from St. Mabyn in Cornwall, and one sister from Plymouth, and the two deacons, a message from the apostle Paul, giving the duties and responsibilities of both churchmembership and deaconship, and including a review of the standards of the Advent faith. It was then the privilege and pleasure of Pastor F. J. Wilmshurst to present the two deacons before God to be ordained for service in His church. After a short interval of hymn-singing conducted by Pastor Howard, Pastor Wilmshurst buried the two candidates in the waters of baptism.

It is always a very happy occasion when new members are added to the church, and we shared the joy of our pastor as he extended to them the right hand of fellowship. Pastor Howard welcomed them on behalf of the Conference.

EILEEN L. BUNKER,  
*Church Clerk.*

### M.V. Activities at Stanborough Park

THE Spirit of prophecy tells us to "let praise and thanksgiving be expressed in song." In the closing young people's services of the year, song played an important part. Missionary Volunteers joined heartily in singing the hymns of the birth of Jesus. Passages from the oratorio *Messiah*, by Handel, telling the Christmas story were sung and greatly enjoyed.

Some of the younger Missionary Volunteers sang from door to door during the Christmas season. They also visited the hospital on Stanborough Park and many sufferers must have been cheered and comforted by the sweet strains of time-honoured carols. In this way about £5 was raised for the Sabbath-school Investment Fund. The total

amount for investment raised by this and other means by the junior departments of the Sabbath-school was £33. 1s. 1d.

An evening of educational films ended the year's activities of our social club which has an average attendance of sixty young people. Space is limited and Stanborough Park Missionary Volunteers are looking forward to the time when they will have sufficient money to get a church hall. The sale of articles made by the members of the society raised over £30 for this purpose.

So another year of missionary activities at Stanborough Park is history. A new year has begun. To all societies of Adventist youth the Stanborough Park Missionary Volunteer society sends the season's greetings. A mighty task is still before us. May the year 1946 be one of service and advancement in the cause of the heavenly King.

RUSSELL H ARGENT.



### Southend Baptism

It was the afternoon of Sabbath, December 8, 1945. Silently the snowflakes descended upon the almost deserted streets of Southend, covering all with a soft, white blanket. It was cold and cheerless without, but within the Advent church there was warmth and a welcome for the large number that had gathered to enjoy the baptismal service.

We were especially glad to have our president, Pastor G. D. King with us on this memorable occasion and to see so many of our Chelmsford friends, while the very presence of God was markedly felt in our midst.

The service opened with praise and prayer, Pastor J. H. Bayliss invoking the blessing of God upon our assembly and particularly upon those who were publicly to show their love for Christ, and their desire to follow Him through the waters of baptism.

Pastor King, in his helpful and inspiring address, directed our thoughts to Colossians, chapter two, reminding the candidates that spiritual perfection was not a prerequisite of baptism, but God in His infinite love would forgive all their past mistakes, raising

them to walk the new and victorious life in Christ Jesus. Each Adventist present was called upon to renew his baptismal vows, and to rededicate himself unto the Lord. This we unitedly voiced in a hymn of consecration.

The baptismal ceremony was performed by Pastor Bayliss, who on entering the water, asked God to cause the dove of peace which descended on Christ at His baptism, to descend also on the four souls who were about to follow His example, that they might be filled with the love of God, and the fullness of His Spirit.

Every heart rejoiced to see these dear souls, two of whom had suffered bitter persecution, take their stand for the truth and pass through the watery grave. One could almost imagine a smile on the Father's face as He witnessed this scene, and one could imagine Him turning to the angelic host and saying, "Those are My beloved daughters, this is My beloved son, in whom I am well pleased."

A most enlightening and cheering talk was given by Pastor King on the growth of the Advent movement and the scope of our work. It was most encouraging to hear that forty-six new converts are added daily unto the Lord, and to the ranks of the remnant church.

The hand of each soul present was raised to welcome the two newly baptized sisters who wished to associate with the believers in Chelmsford, and the brother and sister who desired to join the happy number in Southend.

As Pastor King closed our service by seeking a blessing from God upon all present, we truly felt that the deep and abiding love of Christ, and the very Spirit of God had, as silently as the snow, descended and taken a new and complete possession of every heart, both of old and new members alike.

A. J. ASHLEY.



### Cambridge

THE Cambridge Sabbath meetings will for the time being be held in the afternoon. Sabbath-school, 2.30 p.m.; Preaching Service, 3.15 p.m. All visitors are welcome.

E. S. RULE.

## West Ealing Church

WILL visitors to Ealing kindly note that meetings are now held in the P.S.A. Hall, Green Man Passage, W. Ealing. Sabbath-school, 10 a.m.; Preaching Service, 11.15 a.m.

J. G. BEVAN.

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### Notes from the President

THE year 1945 started with baptisms and it has ended with baptisms. While wishing that the gains were greater, we thank God for the increases.

#### PIONEERING

EVANGELISTS this year began work in Carlisle, Southport, Tunstall, Kidsgrove, Stacksteads, Rugby, Keighley, and Lytham.

*In Blackpool*, twenty-five members were organized into a company. The present campaign, conducted by our senior evangelist, Pastor W. Maudsley, assisted by Brother K. H. Rosier and Sister L. Mason, should result in a church organization. These workers are also holding a midweek campaign in Lytham, and hope in the near future to enter Cleveleys.

*In Rugby*, Brother K. Lacey and Sister J. A. Handysides have successfully established the work in this conservative town. Only a third-rate, back-street hall could be secured, and the attendances were never large, but consecrated, optimistic devotion resulted in a good baptism. A company of twenty-two has been organized. Regular weekly church services are now being held.

*In Keighley*, Brother D. Conroy and Sister J. Mitchell commenced the first campaign conducted here. At one time it looked as though the devil had succeeded in sabotaging this campaign. However, the workers persisted and in December eleven were baptized. A second baptism will soon be held. Among the

number is a bank clerk who has been given Sabbath privileges.

*In Southport*, Pastor K. A. Elias and Sister E. E. Cleary have opened up the work in this beautiful coastal town, and a baptism is expected in the near future.

*In Carlisle*, in the autumn, Pastor B. F. Kinman, assisted by Brother R. A. Darbyshire and Sister E. Mahon, opened the work here. They have a good interest which should steadily develop. The evangelist had to take the only available cottage, with very limited, poor accommodation, twelve miles from the town, reached by a road sometimes flooded by the sea.

*In the Potteries*, Sister E. T. Baird started "inquiry card" work some months ago and built up a list of about seventy interested people. A few have already begun to keep the Sabbath. Pastor W. Lennox has commenced campaigns in Kidsgrove and Tunstall. Those interested by inquiry cards, and others, are attending the meetings. We look forward to a harvest in due time.

*Other Campaigns.* A second campaign conducted by Pastor J. C. French, assisted by Sister I. Himsworth, is in progress in Rochdale. The largest attendance has been 300. At the same time, a midweek campaign is being conducted in Stacksteads, a new place.

A company of eighteen has been organized for about a year in Oldham. Pastor W. R. A. Madgwick, assisted by Sister J. M. Whiting, is now conducting the second campaign. The attendance at the opening meeting was 325.

Pastor D. J. Handysides, assisted by Sister H. M. Ford, hoped to begin work in a certain town, but halls were not available. Undaunted, they started a campaign in Accrington. Fourteen are now keeping the Sabbath and preparing for baptism.

Those who know anything about pioneer evangelism in North England will be cheered by this report of advance work which is being carried on under the certain blessing of God.

Other evangelists are conducting campaigns from which har-

vests will be gathered during the next few months.

#### LITERATURE SALES

TYPICAL of the increase in all lines of activity is the advance in the sales of our truth-filled publications. The increase is £1,679.

#### FINANCES

JUDGING by the reports already received, the tithe and offering goals will be reached and passed. Throughout the year ninety per cent of our members have loyally remembered to give the Lord His portion of their income.

#### OUR NEEDS

WE have three outstanding needs:

1. An attractive, aggressive home missionary programme that will encourage every member to work to save at least one soul during 1946. The zeal and energy expended in the Ingathering Campaign during May should also be devoted to at least one other campaign, and none better than to save souls in our own towns.

2. Regular district classes and conference institutes for the lay preachers. There are 149 who willingly render invaluable service to the cause in North England. They have asked for help and we believe we should do all we possibly can to give it to them.

3. A course of lectures and demonstrations in every church showing the value of good food and health principles in general; the harmful effects of tea and flesh-food; and the danger of ignoring health principles as a whole.

#### CHURCH BUILDINGS

ONE of the highlights of the year was the purchase of the Nottingham church building after the members had waited forty years.

#### THANKS

WE take this opportunity to thank all conference workers, church officers, and members for their faithfulness during 1945.

#### EVANGELISM

EVANGELISM made this movement and it will continue to make it. There is *nothing* more important. Let our slogan for the year be, "A Baptism in Every Church in 1946." R. S. JOYCE.

## Pioneering in Rugby

Just over nine months ago we commenced our campaign in the unentered town of Rugby. Although this famous town of "Tom Brown's School Days" boasts, apart from its public schools, an important railway junction, and has several large and thriving industries supporting a population of some 30,000, we had in it but one faithful Sabbath-keeper.

Rugby has a reputation and a tradition. New arrivals in town are regarded with suspicion and treated as intruders who must be kept at arms' length. Our meetings have, therefore, been small from the beginning, barely one hundred attending the first lecture. We nevertheless encouraged ourselves with the thought that real success is not measured so much at the beginning of the race, but rather at the end of the course. Although our attendances were small, averaging about forty throughout the campaign, the interest was great. The whole town has been stirred by the Advent message—news travels quickly in a small provincial town—and almost overnight we became both famous and notorious!

After the presentation of the Sabbath truth very bitter opposition sprang up, and many for whom we had great hopes turned back and walked with us no more. Yet, in spite of all opposition, our first Sabbath afternoon meeting was packed to the door—every seat being occupied and several standing.

Next came the slow patient work of building up, truth upon truth, presenting every aspect of the great Advent message. Sister J. A. Handsides, our Bible instructor, did a vast amount of valuable personal work during this period visiting the interested and giving Bible studies, conducting cottage meetings and health lectures.

At last the great day, the day of our first baptism, arrived Sabbath, November 24, 1945, saw a good number of Adventists assembled in the Queens Road Baptist church, Coventry, kindly lent to us for the day. Pastor R. S. Joyce was with us and con-

ducted the baptismal service in the afternoon, when we had the joy of welcoming fifteen precious souls into the fellowship of God's remnant church.

This however, is not the end of our story, for three weeks later, on December 15th, we had another visit from our president, when twenty-two souls were organized into the first Seventh-Day Adventist company ever to be formed in Rugby. "To God be the glory, great things He hath done."

And what next? Is this the end? Oh no! this is but the beginning. With the blessing of God we intend to conduct a second campaign in old conservative Rugby, for we are convinced that there is much hidden treasure still to be reclaimed for the Master. As we go forth in search of it, will you not pray for us?

K. LACEY.

## Another Leeds Day of Fellowship

THE three churches of Leeds, Huddersfield, and Wakefield met together in the Leeds church for another happy day of fellowship on December 8, 1945. This was the third of its kind during the past year.

We especially enjoyed this holy convocation as we celebrated the ordinances of the Lord's house, after a happy hour in Sabbath-school.

The afternoon service was taken by Pastor S. G. Joyce, who had also conducted the ordinances in the morning.

The musical and other items during the services were well received, as also were the hot drinks during the interval.

As the time came for saying good-byes, many expressed the desire that the next gathering of these three central Yorkshire churches might be arranged in the near future.

GWEN CLBE, *Church Clerk*

## Humber Youth Rally

A YOUNG People's Rally! It doesn't sound dull, does it? Well, the recent Young People's weekend at Hull for the Humber dis-

trict was indeed a lively affair. The Hull Seventh-Day Adventist church was packed for every meeting. Some fifty to sixty children, young people and youth workers, together with an equal number of adults, from the churches in Grimsby, Fotherby, Ulceby, Driffield, and Hull, and visitors from elsewhere in Yorkshire, listened keenly and attentively to our visiting speakers, Pastors J. M. Howard and B. E. Sparrow, Union and North England Conference M.V. secretaries respectively, and to Captain L. F. Yelland, from Grimsby.

The first meeting took place on Friday evening, November 30th. Pastor Sparrow, in his topic "Christ and the Children" pointed out that Jesus loves the children because He was once a little child. The Scriptures teach that even as a child He grew in grace; He increased in knowledge and waxed strong in spirit. Children of to-day must follow His example.

After some chorus singing, Pastor Howard's message followed. He spoke on "Christ and the Youth." The Advent youth of to-day must be awake. Christ's coming is near, and we must greet every day that dawns as though it were the very day of Christ's appearing.

In Sabbath-school the next morning, Brother W. Wright, the Hull superintendent, had gathered round him a number of youthful and enthusiastic helpers. By their singing, their missions dialogue and lesson review, juniors and seniors alike, showed their ability to brighten and beautify the Sabbath-school hour. The lesson study was taken from the desk by Pastor E. Zinns, the leader of the Humber district, on the theme "Resting with Christ." In spite of Satan's endeavours to upset us through his hatred and many trials, God's people show their worth and strength by experiencing the peace of God which passes all understanding.

In the preaching service Brother and Sister S. Coulman favoured us with a consecration duet before Pastor Howard spoke on "The Parents, the Church, and the Youth." Home is the heart of all successful winning of youth for Christ, and the church must

always help the parents in their responsibility for the children. Of Abraham, God could say that "he was an ideal father to the flock." The youth of to-day need many more of the "ideal fathers and mothers" and a church afire with the desire to keep the children and young people from the snares and temptations of the world. This stirring service, with the call for larger youth work, culminated in a consecration surrender when young and old pledged themselves to united action and mutual interest as one large family in Christ.

The afternoon hour found us enjoying a profitable discussion service about Progressive Course work. The theme of the mutual benefits gained by every department of church activity when there is a healthy Missionary Volunteer society was further considered in the Sunday morning officers' and youth meeting.

The hours of Saturday evening passed by all too quickly. A social in nearby schoolrooms, where community singing and slides of Packwood camps and a church excursion to the seaside followed, and varied games and refreshments occupied young and old, proved to be very enjoyable for everyone. Rainy weather prevented our engaging in the ramble planned for Sunday afternoon, but some more happy hours of social association indoors, and having our smiles caught by the eyes of the camera, amply compensated for this.

At the closing service on the Sunday evening we had Blake's *Jerusalem* rendered by the newly-formed Hull church choir. Captain L. F. Yelland then described to us, with the help of pictures on the screen, the noble work done throughout the war years for seamen of many nationalities by the Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen at the port of Grimsby. The speaker cited many instances when he was able to give a copy of an Adventist missionary magazine, or even an old Sabbath-school pamphlet, to someone who had lost all in his dangerous work at sea, but who was ready to read more of the saving power of God's grace or of Christ's second coming. Naturally, our young people will be

anxious to collect every possible piece of Adventist literature and use it to influence those "who go down to the sea in ships." The offering from that service amounted to five pounds, and will be used to place our truth-filled books on board many an ocean-going vessel through the good work done by our port missionary guest.

Throughout the weekend good offerings in similar amounts were given which will help our foreign missionaries through the Sabbath-school, and our own youth through the churches in the district. This Youth Rally has placed new opportunities of service before us which we want to use in the Humber district. May the inspiration and enthusiasm which we received help us to draw other youth into the fold of the great Shepherd!

ARTHUR COOPER.

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### Superintendent's Notes

It is some time now since we reported to the MESSENGER from Wales so we take this opportunity of wishing all the friends of the Welsh Mission, and the large circle of friends outside the Welsh field, "A Happy and Blessed New Year." The work in Wales is onward and the membership in good heart. Everywhere we go we find the brethren and sisters eager to help and encourage, and showing love for the work of God.

#### MEMBERSHIP

DURING the past year we have seen improved results in acquisitions—larger gains than for a year or two. For this we are very grateful. The workers are relieved to find increasing facilities for their public work—though the situation is still far from normal.

#### CAMPAIGNS

THE Field Committee had planned for Brethren E. A. But-

ters and H. Humphries to exchange districts, but the housing problem has defeated us and it looks as though these brethren will have to continue in their respective areas.

Brother Butters reports an opening in the Buckley area and we are looking forward to his having an encouraging campaign there.

Brother Humphries is opening up work in Skewen, near Swansea, where an interest has already developed and some three new members are in prospect.

In Penarth, we have had a run of eight weeks and the attendances have been very good. Penarth is but a small district of 17,000 people, so that the attendances have been encouraging. Miss Jessie Baird and Brother Charles Watson are giving splendid support and patiently endeavouring to gain access to the homes with the Word.

Brother J. R. Lewis' further campaign in Shrewsbury is producing more interests and providing Miss Alice Hartland and himself with a full programme of activity. On the last Sabbath of the old year special services were conducted in Shrewsbury including a baptismal service which will be fully reported later.

#### THE ADVENT HYMNAL

WE have a few copies of the words edition of the present hymn-book. These are particularly for the new members. However if any church is in need of a few copies please write to me.

#### WELCOME TO NEWCOMERS

TWO families — one from Worcester and one from Cheltenham, have taken up residence in Hereford. The Hereford church will be glad to have these new friends to share their fellowship. Swansea church has also had some newcomers. We welcome all who have come into the Welsh Mission territory this year, and pray that their stay with us may be blessed of the Lord.

#### CHURCH OFFICERS—PAST AND PRESENT

THE officers of 1945 have now laid down their burdens. May we take this opportunity of thanking you all for your service

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during the past year. It has been very much appreciated. If you have been relieved of office for a while, then you will have an opportunity of exemplifying the ideal way of supporting the office-bearers of the church. To those called to office for the new year, 1946, we offer a warm welcome to the band of burden-bearers and pray that your term of office may bring to you and the church, strength and blessing.

S. G. HYDE.

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## Ministry of Literature

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### Three Sundays in One Week!

YES! Indeed, this has been a week with three "Sundays," so far as the selling of *Present Truth* is concerned, Sunday, Christmas day, and Boxing day—and what a harvest time it has been, for people purchase now who would never buy at any other time; such is the spirit of festivity.

Christmas morning the rain just poured down, and it looked hopeless for visiting the people, but we started in, and for the first few houses everyone took a copy. Then the rain ceased, the clouds broke, the sun came smiling through, and in just over one and a half hours we had sold out. (Oh! that every Sunday was like this!)

We sat down to our Christmas repast with a feeling of satisfaction that comes of dealing one's bread to the hungry, for well have the Scriptures said, "He that withholdeth corn, the people shall curse him: but blessing shall be upon the head of him that selleth it." Prov. 11:26.

On Boxing morning we had the experience of a woman reviling us for circulating such a magazine as *Present Truth*, but having in mind the poverty and misery, spiritual as well as material, that abounds in this part, we answer: "*Present Truth* is just what you need round here."

Indeed is it not true that for

thousands of men, women, and children *Present Truth* is the only true spiritual instruction they get from the cradle to the grave? So we took to ourselves the promise, "Let not your hands be weak for your work shall be rewarded" (2 Chron. 15:7), and were given good success in this road.

Soon we were on our way home, rejoicing in the successful spreading of the printed page on the three "Sundays" in one week!

JOHN OLLIVER.

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### Seven Bible Speaks in One Hotel

THE hotel is known as the Black Boy Inn. At the first visit on Thursday the landlady and her friend both ordered a copy of *The Bible Speaks*. When delivering them the following Tuesday, I saw the licensee himself. He inquired who the two books were for and on learning that they were for certain relatives, seemed lost in meditation for a moment. He said presently, "Don't you think George would like one, and Auntie May; she would love a book like this. And we must have one for ourselves also." Turning to me, he said, "Can we have three more copies of this book?" I delivered them the following morning and on entering heard voices from the private quarters. One was saying, "I would like you to see the man yourself. It was about half-past one when he came yesterday." So I called out, "Pardon me, but are you speaking of me by any chance?"

"Oh! here he is. Come and meet him yourself." The man was introduced to me as her brother-in-law and I was asked to show him the book, because "he liked anything like that too." He said he would have one for his family and the landlady called out to her friend at the end of the passage, "Alice, are you giving that book to Jean?" The answer was in the affirmative so she called out, "All right, I'll get one for you." To me she said, "Please bring two more copies, one for my friend and one for my brother-in-law."

So the result to date is that seven copies of *The Bible Speaks*

have been delivered to that one address—four leather, one red, and two blue. Several such places have had two and three copies and 2,300 have had at least one. Many of these people have had a good religious upbringing and are fond of such "lovely" books. Only God knows the final result of this work. W. C. McLEOD.

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### The Grace of Courtesy

THOSE who work for Christ are to be upright and trustworthy, firm as a rock to principle, and at the same time kind and courteous. Courtesy is one of the graces of the Spirit. To deal with human minds is the greatest work ever given to man; and he who would find access to hearts must heed the injunction, "Be pitiful, be courteous." 1 Peter 3:8. Love will do that which argument will fail to accomplish. But a moment's petulance, a single gruff answer, a lack of Christian politeness and courtesy in some small matter, may result in the loss of both friends and influence.

What Christ was on this earth, the Christian worker should strive to be. He is our example, not only in His spotless purity, but in His patience, gentleness, and winsomeness of disposition. His life is an illustration of true courtesy. . . . Pure and undefiled, He walked among the thoughtless, the rude, the uncourteous; among unjust publicans, unrighteous Samaritans, heathen soldiers, rough peasants, and the mixed multitude. He spoke a word of sympathy here and a word there. . . . He sought to inspire with hope the most rough and unpromising, setting before them the assurance that they might attain such a character as would make them manifest as children of God.—"*Gospel Workers*," pages 121, 122.

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### Half a Million Youth

IN a recent speech by Mr. Ernest Bevin to the Conference of National Youth Organizations, he stated that "approximately 600,000 boys and girls leave school every year to seek employment of one kind or another. From elementary schools alone,

something over half a million are at any one time launching upon the perilous straits that divide child life and school life from work."

It is at this time also that the largest number of decisions to serve the Lord are made. A heavy responsibility rests upon both parents and church officers to help the youth in their passage from childhood to accountability.

### Wedding Bells

RICHARDS-MOSS. — On September 20, 1945, in the St John's Methodist church, Wolstanton, Staffs, Brother Clifford Richards and Sister Joan Moss of the Stoke-on-Trent church were united in marriage. Relatives, churchmembers, and friends witnessed the ceremony, which was performed by Pastor W. M. Lennox, assisted by the minister of the church, the Rev. R. C. Stonham. After the wedding breakfast, held at the bride's home, the happy pair left for their honeymoon in Torquay. We pray that God will bless them as they journey together, uniting their efforts in the Master's service.

E. BARRATT, Church Clerk

ROSE-HANKIN — On December 17, 1945, Mr L. Rose, of the Ealing church was united in marriage to Miss G. Hankin, of the Watford Town church. The ceremony was conducted in the Stanborough Park church before a good number of relatives and friends, who wish the couple every blessing and happiness as they journey together in life. "The Lord's blessing it maketh rich"

W. W. ARMSTRONG

VINCE-JOHANSON — Ronald A. Vince, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Chris. Vince, of Watford, and Rosa Johanson, of Stockholm, Sweden, were married in the Stanborough Park church on Sunday, December 30, 1945, before a large company of relations and friends.

Miss Johanson, whose father has been a prominent Adventist architect for many years in Stockholm, was in our Newbold College for two years before the war, since when she has been in the nursing profession in her homeland. Brother Vince, having spent some years in the ministry is studying medicine with a view to taking up medical missionary service. After

a Jacob-Bracknell, of twenty years, due to war conditions, it was a joy to see these young people united in service which we trust may be long and happy.

H. W. LOWE.



BLAKE — The Torquay church lost one of its aged members, when on November 28, 1945, Mrs E. Blake fell asleep in Jesus. Our sister came to Torquay from Plymouth during the air-raids, and heard the message from Pastor A. J. Mustard, being baptized by him in 1942. Until she became ill last July she was a very regular attender at all the church services and in every way a faithful member. She died in full consciousness of sins forgiven, and in anticipation of the joys of the new earth. The funeral service was held on December 3rd in the Torquay Advent church by Pastor F. L. Stokes in the presence of a good number of relatives and churchmembers, after which our sister was laid to rest in Torquay Cemetery, there to await the call of the Life-giver.

C. M. BEDDALL, Church Clerk

GAUHL — On December 1, 1945, Brother Gauhl fell asleep in Christ. For a number of years our brother struggled against indifferent health. His courage, manifested by the manner in which he endeavoured to continue his work was often commented upon by those who knew him. Those in Glasgow who were most intimately associated with him during recent months felt he was developing a richer Christian experience and finding peace with God. In the absence of Pastor McMillan, the funeral service was conducted by the church elder, Brother Bolam, who spoke words of comfort to sorrowing loved ones. "This poor man cried and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles." Sister Gauhl and family find comfort and consolation in the glorious hope, and wait in patience the dawn of a new day, when the heavens will be ablaze with light and the air filled with glad songs of reunion.

CHURCH CLERK

SHORT. — It is with regret we announce the passing of Sister Short of the Leeds church, who fell asleep on November 18, 1945, at the age of seventy-two. After accepting the truth as a result of a tent effort she continued a faithful member for thirty-six years. Our sister was a veteran Harvest Ingatherer, having collected more than £800 during the past twenty-one years. We shall sadly miss the untiring efforts of this loyal worker in this and other directions. A solemn yet hopeful service was conducted by Pastor S. G. Joyce in our own church in the presence of her relatives and churchmembers on Wednesday, November 21st, after which the interment took place in Harehills Cemetery. There our sister waits a little while for the call of the Life-giver. Our sympathy and prayers are with Brother Short in his sad loss.

GWEN CLEE, Church Clerk

GUENIN — Jules André Guenin, age thirty-eight years, passed away as a result of a sudden and severe illness on December 5, 1945. Our late brother was a member of a well-known North London Adventist family, which came from Switzerland many years ago. He is sadly missed by his devoted wife and loving children, and by all his fellow-members

in the Walthamstow church, who loved and respected him for his quiet, modest manner and devotion to the cause. The writer conducted the funeral service in the church, assisted by Brother D. J. Dunnett, Dr. F. C. Shone, and 'the minister of the Swiss Church in London, Pastor Fradervant. Brother T. B. Wynne rendered a moving solo, "God shall wipe away all tears." We laid our brother to rest in the Chingford Cemetery, where he awaits the voice of the Archangel. We, too, wait for the happy day of re-union. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the wife and children and to all relatives of the deceased here and in Switzerland.

A. J. MUSTARD

BOARDMAN. — One of the oldest of our isolated members, Sister E. A. Boardman, of Brighton, passed away on December 17, 1945. Our sister saw the light of the truth in 1900 under the guidance of Sister Gresswell, at that time working as a colporteur at Brighton. Sister Boardman was a charter member of the Brighton and Hove church, where there are a number of members who were greatly influenced by her. She was buried on Friday, December 21st, Pastor G. R. Bell officiating at her home and at the graveside. Sister Boardman was eighty-three years old when she died.

L. D. BOARDMAN.

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### SUNSET CALENDAR

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