

BRITISH ADVENT

MESSENGER

The Union Session at Watford

THE General Conference Committee has voted that the following visiting ministers attend our Union meeting: Elders E. D. Dick, M. L. Andreasen, C. Lester Bond, E. B. Rudge, W. E. Battye.

In addition there will be present the following missionaries on furlough: Elders W. McClements, J. Clifford, and W. T. B. Hyde; also George Norris and Ronald Carey.

We are very glad to have these visiting brethren and are assured that their ministry, together with that of our own speakers, will be greatly blessed by God. It is so long since we had such a gathering, that our people will surely come in receptive spirit and we should have a very blessed time together.

It is evident that this will be one of the most important Union Sessions ever held, and we ought to come prepared to co-operate and to contribute, and to seek God's will and His guidance in every detail of our post-war work.

Calls and changes consequent upon certain actions taken at the General Conference Session have affected this field, and changes necessary within our own circle will add to the importance of the work to be attended to by the various committees and delegations.

Pastor W. G. C. Murdoch, for many years the principal of our College, has accepted a call to the leadership of the Australian Missionary College. Pastor R. S. Joyce has accepted a call to the Central Union, U.S.A. Pastor B. E. Sparrow is leaving to take up Union Educational and Mis-

August 1st to 10th

By H. W. LOWE

sionary Volunteer work in Angola. Pastor L. G. Hardinge is leaving to take up work in Southern California. The writer, as already reported, expects to join the General Conference Sabbath-School Department shortly.

The Union Committee faced with the necessity of seeking for some good workers who were available to this Union, has called for the services of Elder G. H. Minchin of the Canadian Union College to serve as history teacher at our British College. Elder Minchin is an Australian who has worked for some years in Canada and has a great love for the old country. An invitation has also been extended to Elder E. L. Minchin, the Youth evangelist of the Australasian Union, to come to Britain for similar work here. These two men are brothers who have been separated for very many years.

Elder T. J. Bradley, one of Australia's most successful evangelists, has accepted a call to evangelistic work in the city of London, and Elder T. Stewart Brash of New Zealand has accepted an invitation to evangelism in his native land—Scotland. Elder Brash was formerly a Presbyterian minister who accepted the truth in Australia and has worked there successfully. A call has also gone forward for one of Canada's best evangelists

for city evangelism in the North England Conference.

All these incoming men are experienced workers of good recommendation who have a desire to help us build up the work in this very needy field, and it assuredly goes without saying that they will be certain of a cordial welcome as they join forces with us here.

We recommend to your prayerful thought the great question of future development of our work in these tense post-war years. Anyone reading Sister White's comments about the work in England and in London cannot for a moment believe that we have done for the work in this Union what really ought to be done. We have obviously worked in small ways, and we have not planned nearly as largely and aggressively as the work among these fifty millions of people demands. The things that have been done we accept gladly as a result of earnest heaven-blessed labour, but they have been so small that God certainly must have greater things in store for this field. This will call for progressive planning, for men and money, on a larger scale than anything yet seen.

We greatly need an exchange of workers with other English speaking fields and for this reason the Union Committee, and we trust our people in general, gladly accept as providential the readiness of certain Australian brethren to come to the help of God's work in the old country. The future organization of the work in Northern Europe is not settled, but whatever it is to be,

it must surely be evident that a freer interchange of working forces as between the English-speaking countries is a vital part of our future planning.

A beginning must be made at the forthcoming Union Session toward bigger thinking, large-hearted planning, and generous expenditure and hearty co-operation from all.

Should we not all accept the implication, at least in part, that we have made small progress here, because we have thought along small and narrow lines? Should we not follow that by earnestly seeking God that He may grant us a great vision of the tremendous possibilities ahead of us, if we will boldly, wisely, and consecratedly venture upon Pentecostal things in the finishing of His work?

For example, we all long to hear the message over the air. To do this, however, will mean an expenditure of money that will be quite large by comparison with anything we have yet done. To bring evangelists into our big cities in post-war times will mean that we must give these men, and our own, far more generous budgets of all kinds for the conduct of their work. We must revive our literature campaigns through our churches and our colporteur work must be exceedingly extended in the finishing of God's work. We must build an administrative unit and science laboratories to make our College really worthy of our youth. Our health work is capable of very great expansion in these islands.

All these things will call for the most generous co-operation from our membership, not only with money but with prayer and practical support.

Let us open our hearts to the generous infilling of the Holy Spirit who is ready to do big things through His church. Let us close the door of our lips to any word that suggests smallness, criticism, or the things that hamper the full blessing of God.

We hope to meet a large body of people at the Watford Town Hall and trust as many as possible will come armed with the spirit of prayer and progress and we are assured of great blessings from the presence of God.

Notes from the Union President

UNION SESSION ITEMS

WE regret that it has not been possible to make adequate catering arrangements as at the 1936 Session. Only a very limited service of hot drinks will be available for visitors from a distance, at the old College building at Stanborough Park, on the two Sabbaths, and also on the Sunday of the Bank Holiday week-end,

or at the Town Hall if it can be arranged.

VISITORS must bring their own ration books, and we hope that they will be reasonable with our hard-pressed apartments committee and with landlords who are doing their best. It is not possible to guarantee accommodation to late applications.

ALSO be sure to bring your hymn books.

THE opening meeting will be on Thursday, August 1st, at 7 p.m. H. W. LOWE.

Rise and Build!

By J. I. Robison

SOLOMON has said there is "a time to break down, and a time to build up." Eccles. 3:3. I trust we have passed the "time to break down"—the years when the world has witnessed the greatest devastation and wholesale destruction that we have ever seen. As a result of this almost complete destruction in many lands, Seventh-Day Adventist chapels, clinics, schools, printing plants, and conference offices are in ruins.

Now it is time for us to rise up and build! The General Conference Committee is inviting our overseas Divisions to join in giving a special rehabilitation offering for this purpose. Last year the church in North America gave over £250,000 on one Sabbath for the rehabilitation of our work in the war-devastated areas. This was the largest offering ever given by our people in one day, and it was greatly appreciated. It has brought untold blessing to our work and workers in countries which suffered so largely from the ravages of war.

But the demands on this fund far surpass our receipts. We are getting requests nearly every week for help and more help to restore the losses in the many lands where war has left our workers almost destitute and our church buildings and institutions in ruins. So it has been decided to solicit another offering for rehabilitation.

Realizing that the need is world-wide, we are turning again

to our overseas divisions, asking that you join in this work of restoration in your sister Divisions which have suffered such losses. In most lands our people have not been touched by any devastation or serious shortage of food or clothing. We have lived in comparative abundance and prosperity during the world's tragic hour of destruction. We have had our homes, our jobs, and although we have seen thousands of our young men march off to the battle fronts to serve their country in this tragic hour, we can thank our heavenly Father that the great majority of them have returned to us safe and well.

We have thousands of Seventh-Day Adventist believers, however, who have not fared so well. Their homes are in ruins, their schools are destroyed, their churches are heaps of rubble. It is for these, our brethren, that we ask you to give in this coming offering. It is to rebuild a hundred chapels, as well as a publishing house and three academies, that were destroyed in the Philippine Islands. It is for the rebuilding of our college in China which also was totally destroyed. It is for the rehabilitation of our work in Japan, Korea, Malaya, the East Indies, Burma, and in most of the countries on the continent, where losses have been beyond our comprehension and, if known in full, would amount to hundreds of thousands of pounds.

And so we appeal to our faith-

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ful believers in our overseas Divisions to remember this offering in a definite way and to join our churches in America in extending a helping hand to our brethren and sisters in these needy lands in this hour of their extreme need. For "inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me." Matt. 25:40.

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Evangelism in Southend

WITH the war over, residents who had evacuated returned to this famous seaside resort in their thousands. They must be given the opportunity of hearing "the everlasting Gospel"!

The big problem, however, was the finding of a suitable central hall. Under the guidance of God we were led to the manager of the central theatre, who had emphatically refused us the use of the same building two years previously. Both circumstances and the mind of the manager had now changed. He willingly placed his theatre at our disposal for seven successive Sunday evenings.

With Miss Ashley, our Bible instructor, we began to prepare prayerful plans for the launching of our second major campaign in Southend. On each of the two Sunday evenings before the public work started, a group of about twenty-four members assembled at our church to seek the necessary "power." Confession of sin, rededication, study, meditation, prayer, and waiting upon God were abundantly rewarded. The solid foundation was laid. Nearly forty members, old and young, eagerly disposed of thousands of handbills for several weeks! Our hearts were cheered to see a queue of people, more than fifty yards in length, awaiting the opening of the doors for the first meeting—reminiscent of

pre-war evangelism! In spite of the icy winds of those November nights, the theatre services were well attended.

We were obliged, due to the non-existence of an available secondary hall, to take our interest to our local church building. The curiosity seekers disappeared, leaving the honest and earnest in heart who keenly desired to know the truth for the times. As the campaign developed a consistent interest was maintained at the week-end and mid-week services. The message did its appointed work, through public and personal labours. A feature of the campaign was the co-operation of the entire church in a daily league of intercession. A plan was arranged whereby some church-member was praying for the work, the workers, and souls from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. Thus, souls were born again, instructed in the "faith of Jesus," and abandoned themselves to God to be indwelt by Christ, and gladly chose to be identified with God's "remnant."

Accordingly, on July 6th, our church building was packed to capacity to witness fifteen souls enter the ranks of the Advent army by baptism. It was our privilege to have Pastor E. R. Warland with us for the occasion. He spoke words of good counsel to the candidates, who were then immersed by the writer.

JOHN H. BAYLISS.



Bristol Baptism

EXPRESSING himself to the Thessalonians Paul said, "For what is our hope, our joy, our crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming? For ye are our glory and joy." 1 Thess. 2:19, 20.

That is just how we felt toward the candidates for our baptism held in Bristol on July 6th. The joy, however, was not limited to the conference workers, for there were those among our members who had been the first to hold out the torch of truth to those now going forward into church fellowship.

In his timely words of counsel and encouragement, Pastor O. M.

Dorland referred particularly to the experience of Philip and the eunuch. He emphasized that it was under the direct guidance and leading of the Spirit that the eunuch's baptism took place. We were urged, one and all, to make sure that we were "dead indeed unto sin, and alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord." The assurance was held out that sin should not have dominion over us, if we would but yield ourselves unto God, and our members as instruments of righteousness unto God.

Next followed the baptism itself, when seven of the candidates were received by immersion and three by vote. It gave us special pleasure to see man and wife united in their desire to serve and obey God. Their first contact with the Sabbath truth had been through a book sold by Brother Wilson. There was a member added to the Bath church, and one to Taunton as a result of Brother R. H. Smith's labours. The beauty and truth of the message had been seen by one sister as she had lived in the home of Brother and Sister Bartlett of Winscombe. She was later visited by Pastor Bevan in Paignton, and finally became a member of the Bristol church.

Another young man was the last of a family of six to unite themselves with the people of God. Not many months ago, we rejoiced to see him return to freedom after years in enemy hands at a Japanese prison camp. We have rejoiced even more as we have witnessed God freeing him from deep-seated habits with which the great enemy of souls threatened to enslave him. Each candidate could tell a story of the ways and means God has used to bring him or her to a knowledge of the truth, but space does not permit.

Some 250 were present at the meeting which closed after words of welcome into the church had been spoken by Brother Smith, Brother Dorland, and Brother Conroy, our local elder. We separated with our own baptismal vows refreshed in our minds and determining by Gods grace to live up to them more fully.

MISS C. RICHARDS.

Baptism at Lowestoft

A GREAT day of fellowship was enjoyed on June 1st, in the recently re-decorated Lowestoft church, by the members of the East Anglian churches. The Lowestoft and Carlton members were there in full force, and most of the Norwich, Yarmouth, and Dereham folk united with them for this day of rejoicing. We welcomed an isolated member from Loddon, and were glad to see also two young people from High Wycombe, who had certainly chosen the best possible week for their holiday on the East Coast!

We were very pleased indeed to have Pastor E. R. Warland with us for the day, and were greatly blessed by his ministry.

We met together to celebrate a two-fold victory; fourteen new believers were to be baptized into Christ and His church, and our hearts were full of gratitude to God also for a great victory in the Ingathering campaign; every church and company in this district passing its goal, Norwich actually recording a "best ever" total.

The blessings of the day commenced, of course, in the Sabbath-school, conducted by Brother H. G. Robbins, the Lowestoft superintendent. Pastor W. G. Nicholson led us in prayer, then Pastor Warland appealed to us to give liberally in our offering; we gladly accepted this call to sacrifice, in order to spread the good news of salvation to those who "sit in darkness." Brother G. Robbins ably conducted the review, then Pastor Nicholson led out in the lesson study, several members taking the opportunity given of contributing their thoughts on the lesson, to make this an instructive and uplifting season of worship.

Pastor Warland was the speaker in the next service, and we rejoiced as he proved that this "Gospel of the kingdom" is wonderfully accomplishing its divine purpose in all the world. We were reminded again of the miracle of modern missions. We knew from our own experiences that "He hath done excellent things," and because "this is known in all the earth," we look

forward confidently to the Saviour's soon return to take His people home. A duet by Sister Cambridge and Brother Dowell was much appreciated.

After a break for lunch, when new friendships were made, and old ones renewed, we met again for the baptismal service, Pastor Nicholson officiating. Over one hundred members and friends were present. Pastor Warland presented a helpful Bible study, instructing the candidates still further on the necessity and purpose of baptism. Remarking that a baptism is "the happiest service of the church," he took as his opening text 1 Peter 3:21: "Baptism doth also now save us." Then, referring to Acts 2:38, he showed how closely linked to baptism is the gift of the Holy Spirit. Pastor Warland reminded us that we are baptized into the power of Christ (Rom. 6:4), and that baptism is a testimony to the world, the church, and the individual. As we sang the hymn, "Just as I am—without one plea," fourteen precious lives were dedicated to the service of God as Pastor Nicholson baptized them "in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."

We were glad to see that the majority of the candidates were young people; how their parents must have rejoiced on this memorable occasion. Pastor Nicholson and Brother Ashton and their associate workers must also have felt that all their earnest prayers, hard work, and painstaking efforts had been richly rewarded. Nine of these new members will unite with the Lowestoft church, three will join the Yarmouth believers, and two will add strength to the Norwich church.

On giving the right hand of fellowship on behalf of the South England Conference, Pastor Warland said: "These are not easy days for Adventist young people." Realizing this, we do earnestly pray that these young people, finding ungodly pleasure and irreverence on every hand, may experience, with the others who have joined the church, the peace that holiness brings. They have already experienced the joys of service, most of them doing loyal work in the Ingathering. The

brother uniting with the Norwich church collected over £30.

In the evening, a truly remarkable lantern service was given by Pastor Warland, illustrating how the power of God is working mightily in heathen lands. The slides depicted particularly the work of the Gospel in Africa and the Solomon Isles. We marvelled at the tremendous change that has come, spiritually and physically, to the lives of these heathen peoples. Pastor Warland both amused and inspired us by telling of some of his own experiences as a missionary.

We wish to record our grateful thanks to our heavenly Father for the uplifting experience of this day of fellowship, remembering also the faithful work during the day of those, who, although "behind the scenes," contributed in a great measure to the comforts and blessings of the day. May the Lord keep us all loyal and true to Him and to each other until He comes. L. CROWE.

Isles that Wait

WHEN in Australia years ago, the writer was often thrilled with stories of missionary endeavour and achievement in the great Pacific island field. Quite often the stories would be linked with the prophetic statement, "The isles shall wait for His law." Isa. 42:4. Why should not this prophecy apply equally well to our own British "isles"?

Recently, by request of the local conference committee, J. H. Parkin and the writer visited two of the smaller islands of our group, Jersey and Guernsey. The story behind the request goes back a number of years, to 1934 when two Newbold students, of whom the writer was one, canvassed the book, *This Mighty Hour* in Jersey. Seeds of truth were sown, and were fostered four years later by two more students who scattered copies of *Our Wonderful Bible* and left behind them three new Sabbath-keepers. In the succeeding two years contact was maintained from our conference office. Then came the never-to-be-forgotten summer of 1940 and the German occupation

of those lovely islands of the south. No more news reached us until after the long-awaited liberation of 1945.

Within a few days the writer received a letter from Jersey post-marked "June, 1940." Surely God's hand had hidden it somewhere for five years! At about the same time the conference office received accumulated sums of tithe and offerings (including Ingathering collections of 1940!) from the two loyal Sabbath-keepers left in Jersey. The third had died.

So it was with more than usual pleasure that we embarked at Weymouth on June 21st. On arrival in Jersey contacts were immediately made and a meeting held the same evening. The following day, Sabbath, saw an interesting group assembled for Sabbath-school. Besides those already mentioned, there were present a believer from Guernsey, three Adventist young men, two of whom are canvassing on the island this summer, and the writer's wife and children.

Later in the day the ordinances of the Lord's house were celebrated. How precious was the hour of communion for those who had been without such fellowship for seven years!

Three days later, on June 25th, a baptism was conducted in the Baptist church, by courtesy of the minister and members. Both Sabbath-keepers were immersed and afterward received the right hand of fellowship.

The following day, Brother Parkin and the writer travelled by air to Guernsey to visit the four members known to be resident on the island. All had accepted the truth in England, three of them having learned it from Pastor J. French while evacuated during the war. A happy and profitable time was spent with them all and the same family relationship enjoyed as is found wherever the law of God is treasured in the heart.

We were both impressed by the rapid and vigorous way the two islands are recovering from the blighting effects of the occupation. Inquiries were made, with gratifying results, regarding prospects for public evangelism. Surely the isles have waited long enough for His law. Let us advance into these unentered sections of our island field.

Pray for Sister Claireaux and Brother Bisson in Jersey, and for Sister Mozes and the Guille family in Guernsey.

A. J. MUSTARD.

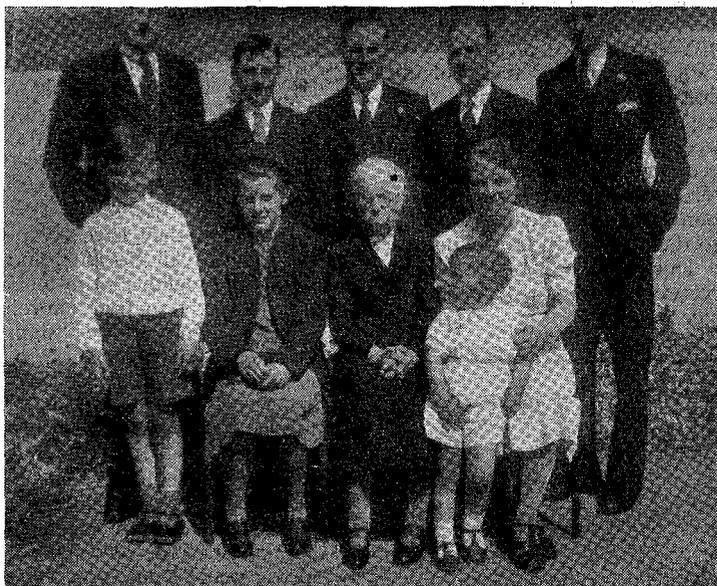
"Prophecy Speaks" in North London

It is a delight to us, and also to the Lord Himself, when His frail, unworthy children take Him at His word!

Last Friday, at 8.30 p.m., believing that a very special blessing attends sincere sacrifice and agonizing prayers, a band of Edmonton, Wood Green, and Walthamstow people assembled at the home of Brother and Sister Farthing, Junior, to pray for the finishing of the work generally, and the North London Lay Open-Air Campaign in particular. We prayed until 3 a.m.!

Sabbath at 7.30 p.m. saw Brethren A. Lambeth, A. Farthing, J. Frost, and the writer in turn on the platform, proclaiming Christ's return and the signs of it in the world. We hope to run a series of open-air meetings, augmented by musical items from Brother P. Dunham on his accordion, and backed by visits to the people's homes.

It is all done by the laity; young people with the determination to see the kingdom come! Will you not pray for us that this vitally urgent message may be sent out to the byways as well as the highways, with power and glory? DENYS J. SAGE.



Pastor A. J. Mustard and family and two student colporteurs with new believers on the island of Jersey.

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Notes from the President

ANOTHER General Conference is now behind us. It was a never-to-be-forgotten experience for the delegates to hear of the great strides being made in some of the Divisions, and to learn how individual workers and members have been blessed in their efforts to spread the message. We wish all our members in the North England Conference could read the accounts in the special *Review and Herald*s. If you can borrow the copies, do so. You

will learn of, and be encouraged by, the spreading work in no better way.

CHURCH DEDICATION

ON July 13th, the Nottingham church was dedicated free from debt. We are glad to have a representative church and office at headquarters. Much commendation is due to Pastor W. J. Cannon and his faithful helpers who worked to prepare such a useful building. A full report will appear in a later issue.

SPECIAL VISITORS

BEFORE the General Conference, several of our Australian ministers visited North England. Their ministry was appreciated. The Nottingham church and district is looking forward to a visit from Pastor E. B. Rudge, the Australasian Division president, on July 19th and 20th.

BAPTISMS

THE baptisms held so far this year are listed at the bottom of this page.

Some of the evangelists mentioned have not yet held their main baptism. Other evangelists, not in the list, are planning to hold their baptisms in the near future.

ORGANIZATION

YOU will be glad to know that the members in Southport, where Pastor K. A. Elias, assisted by Miss E. E. Cleary, has been working, have been organized into a company. We feel confident that the enthusiastic membership will work hard to expand into a church.

CARLISLE

REGULAR Sabbath services are now being held in Carlisle, cared for by Pastor B. F. Kinman and his assistants, Mr. R. A. Darby-

shire, and Miss E. Mahon. We must all pray that God will bless the seed that is being sown, that soon we may have an organization in this most northerly point of our conference.

INGATHERING

TO date the Ingathering shows an increase of £974. 11s. 10d. over last year with more to come for the final report. The amount collected per capita is £4. 18s. 9d. This is without the £700 usually collected by the College. As a conference, we thank God for His blessing on all those who helped to collect this large increase.

LITERATURE

THE increase in sales for the half-year ending June 30th was £995. We congratulate the colporteurs on this splendid record.

"The third angel's message is going,
The lightning and steam give it flight.
Like a huge tidal wave, overflowing
The land with a great flood of light,
It has deluged the earth with its papers,
Is flooding the earth with its books,
That shine in the darkness like tapers,
And stream through the earth like the brooks."

UNION SESSION

WE hope that as many of our members as possible will attend the meeting in Watford from August 1st to 10th. It is so long since we had such a meeting, and so many have expressed the longing for such a gathering during the past few years, that we are looking forward to seeing a large representation from North England.

"Come, . . . to these sacred convocation meetings, to find Jesus. . . He will be present, and He will do for you that which you most need to have done."—"Testimonies," Vol. 2, page 575.

"In order to live in the light, you must come where the light shines. . . . At any sacrifice, [all] should feel under solemn obligation to attend, . . . at least the yearly gatherings of those who love the truth."—"Testimonies," Vol. 4, page 106.

R. S. JOYCE.

Signs and Wonders in Southport

THE organization of the Southport company took place on Sabbath, July 6, 1946. This was the occasion for which Pastor K. A. Elias and the writer had planned and worked and prayed, yes, even from April, 1945, when in faith we prepared and launched our attack in this very lovely, but indifferent, pleasure-minded seaside town.

We were pleased to have Pastor R. S. Joyce with us, so recently returned from the General Conference. He brought us news of that memorable gathering and urged upon us the necessity of holding fast to the truth we have embraced, for soon the clouds of sin and trouble will lift and our Saviour appear in glory.

During the past fifteen months it has been very wonderful to see men and women drawn by the powerful proclamation of this distinctive message. One by one, overcoming family prejudice, employment difficulties, and personal problems, they have accepted the call of their Saviour; and now, banded together into one, they stand ready to bear church responsibility and to be "signs and wonders" as they work together with us to hasten the return of our Lord.

Already each member has rendered practical service. Great was our joy to see every one do his part in the great Ingathering campaign. Some were confined to the home because of illness or advancing years; some came from house to house with us for a little while, then went off alone, trembling and fearful, yet soon

Evangelist	Bible Instructor	Town	No. Bap'd
F. Edwards	E. A. Buck	Smethwick	17
K. A. Elias	E. E. Cleary	Southport	12
J. C. French	I. Himsworth	Rochdale	5
D. J. Handysides	M. E. Brooks		
K. Lacey	H. M. Ford	Accrington	10
W. M. Lennox	J. Handysides	Coventry	6
W. R. Madgwick	E. T. Baird	Tunstall	4
H. K. Munson	J. M. Whiting	Oldham	2
S. H. Parkin		Middlesbrough	2
E. Zinns	A. F. Clarke	Ulverston	2
		Hull	4

gaining confidence—and results. So, although the goal had been set at £40, the grand total for the month was £85, surely a proof that willing, consecrated service is blessed of God.

It is good to hear fresh voices in the prayer meeting, to find talents which can be used and developed in the Sabbath-school, to see the desire for growth and expansion as we seek to live lives truly surrendered to our Saviour.

Will you pray for the work in Southport? We need the power that prayer brings as we go forth again in the midst of worldliness and hardness of heart to search for those who shall be reclaimed from darkness and added to the Lord.

E. E. CLEARY.

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Superintendent's Notes

THE UNION CONFERENCE

WE hope to see a good representation from Wales when the long-awaited Union Conference convenes in August. Ten years is a long time to wait before the benefits and blessings of such a gathering can be re-enjoyed.

THE DELEGATION FROM WALES

IN harmony with the Union policy, we are entitled to ten official delegates, i.e., delegates accredited with voting powers. These have been selected by the Field Committee and will be representative of the whole of Wales.

PREACHING PLAN

WE have prepared a plan covering July and August. No appointees have been selected for the first two Sabbaths in August (the two Conference Sabbaths). It is to be hoped that local leaders and officers will make the necessary arrangements so that members not attending the Conference can have a Sabbath-school programme at least. In some cases, provision can also be

made for someone to conduct a short service as well.

THE INGATHERING CAMPAIGN

FINAL figures are not yet prepared. But we can say this that Wales, for the third year in succession, has passed the £2,000 mark. Well done, Wales, and all who made the grand total possible.

"SPECIAL MENTION"

To be "mentioned in dispatches" is a great honour in the military field. Why then should we not "mention" some of our gallant collectors in this dispatch? Unfortunately we cannot give credit to all who deserve it for details are not fully available. But special mention goes to Miss M. L. Cooper, of Rhyl, N. Wales, an ex-Bible instructor who has collected £100 both this year and last year! Our two younger ministers, C. D. Watson and J. Freeman, did over £80. Father Rees, of Newport, collected over £75 (at the age of eighty-four!). These are the stars known to us at the time of writing, but there are many others over £50 and approaching. We hope to furnish a fuller list at an early date.

Among the churches and companies, Newport shines very brightly with a new high record of £560 odd, and Cardiff with a new high record of over £400! Shrewsbury and Gelligaer also made new high records. Altogether the campaign was a grand success in spite of several notable absentees from the list of helpers. Our personal thanks to all helpers, the eleventh campaign we have had together. And in those eleven campaigns we have collected £16,000—a princely sum from the Principality!

S. G. HYDE.

Newbold College

Revision of Fees

THE British Union Committee has recently given careful consideration to the question of fees

for students wishing to attend Newbold College during the next College year. During the war years every effort was made to keep the fees within the reach of all our members. Slight increases were, however, necessary and the composite charge for tuition, board, room, and laundry at the present time is £68 for the full college year.

It is of course understood that this figure does not cover the actual cost per student and the British Union Conference treasury has in recent years very substantially augmented the income from students' fees by generous appropriations to the college toward its general operating expenses.

In calculating the college budget for the next college year, taking into consideration the number of students expected to enrol and the total operating costs, not less than £100 will be necessary to defray the expenses incurred by each student enrolled. The British Union Conference after due consideration agreed that 25 per cent of this amount would be a generous contribution from its funds toward the cost per student, and it was decided that the remaining 75 per cent, viz., £75, should constitute the fees of the college year, 1946-47.

As has already been reported, a large number of young people are out in the canvassing field this summer obtaining scholarships by the sale of literature. The Stanborough Press has very generously increased the bonus to be granted to each successful student colporteur, thus making it possible for many to enter the college in September with the full £75 to their credit on the college books. Provision will be made as heretofore to supply useful work for students who are unable to pay the fees in full, but the increase in the fees this coming year will necessitate a proportionate increase in the minimum cash payment either on enrolment or during the year, according to the earning capacity of the student concerned.

Any of our young people who are not already attending Newbold Missionary College should

plan to do so in September. Teachers from the college will be visiting the churches during the summer holidays. Find out when one will be in your district and he will tell you how you may join other young people who are being prepared for the urgent and important work of soul-saving.

Many of our older churchmembers will regret not having had the opportunity afforded to their juniors in being able to attend Newbold College. Many of the younger ones will find it difficult to meet the increased fees. The Student Aid Fund has been of great assistance to numerous deserving students throughout the years and our members are invited to make an extra effort when the Students' Aid Fund collection is taken up at the Conference.

N. H. KNIGHT.

Until the Day Break

SWIFT.—Sheffield church sustained a great loss on May 13, 1946, when Sister B. Swift laid life's burdens down. One of our oldest members, she had loyally observed the true Sabbath since 1897, having first been brought into the truth by Sister Gill, one of our early colporteurs. She was baptized in 1906, and had since held many offices in the church which she supported and served unstintingly. Thus another faithful veteran has gone to her rest, but with the blessed hope of rising triumphantly in response to the Life-giver's call on the resurrection day. She was laid to rest in the Cemetery Road Cemetery on May 17th, and a memorial service was held in our church by the writer. We extend our sympathy to her husband and family who mourn their loss.

R. D. VINE.

REEVE.—On the evening of May 30, 1946, our dear sister, Blanche Reeve, passed peacefully away after much suffering, patiently borne. Our sister, along with her parents and sister, accepted the message in 1921 under the labours of Pastor A. S. Rodd. Since her marriage in 1934 she lived in many places and was a real inspiration to her husband in his work as colporteur-evangelist. During the war years they lived in Belfast and about a year ago Sister Reeve underwent an operation. Her health, however, was impaired and in December last, she expressed a desire to come home to England. Our sister was always a willing and active worker from the time she took her stand for the truth, and looked forward with joy for the soon coming of Jesus. A good number of churchmembers and friends joined the relations at the cemetery where we laid her to rest to await the call of the Life-giver on the grand resurrection morning. Brother Cooper officiated at the service and spoke words of great comfort and hope to the mourners. Brother Belton offered the

closing prayer. She leaves a husband and daughter, a mother, sister, and brother to mourn their loss.

A. THOMPSON,
Church Clerk.

BLEASBY.—On June 3, 1946, the Glasgow church lost a faithful member, when Brother Bleasby fell asleep in Christ. Pastor J. A. McMillan, who had been a regular visitor during our brother's illness, travelled north from Watford to conduct the funeral service. A number of relatives and churchmembers saw Brother Bleasby laid to rest in Cathcart Cemetery to await the voice of the Life-giver on that glorious morning when death shall be swallowed up in victory. On page 228 of the *Story of Advent Missions*, we read: "The man with the book was the first missionary in Scotland." This was in 1893 when Brother Hollingsworth brought our truth-filled literature to this country. Brother Bleasby with his mother, two sisters, and a brother were the first Sabbath-keepers in Scotland as a result of Brother Hollingsworth's work. Before the first effort was conducted in 1901, twenty had already embraced the message. Our brother proved a worthy member indeed, being an active lay preacher until a year before his death. A number of souls are still rejoicing in the message through his devoted ministry. Church Clerk.

ASHTON.—It is with deep regret that we report the death of Brother Leone Ashton, the son of Brother E. Ashton at the early age of twenty-three years. After months of trial and brave suffering he passed to his rest in the Lord on June 11, 1946, and was interred in the Garston Cemetery on June 17th. A service was previously conducted in the Stanborough Park church, where the relatives and many friends assembled. Both our young brother and his wife were ready for the will of the Lord to be done and this brought peace to them and strength to the widow in the severe blow. To her and the father and sisters the Advent family offer their deep sympathy and assurance of prayers knowing that the hour of deliverance and re-union is at hand.

W. W. ARMSTRONG.

Mrs. R. ASHTON, Brother E. Ashton, and daughter appreciate all the kind letters sent to them in their bereavement, and ask that this acknowledgement be accepted with their grateful thanks.

BYATT.—On June 14, 1946, our sister, Clara Novello Byatt, aged seventy-two years, fell asleep in Jesus. She had been in failing health for some time and the last few weeks of life ebbed away in increasing weakness. The writer conducted a funeral service in our late sister's home in the presence of a large number of relatives, to whom, through the medium of this paper, we would extend our assurance of heartfelt sympathy in their grief. We trust that for all of us sorrow will turn to joy in the resurrection morning.

A. J. MUSTARD.

FOURACRES.—On Friday, June 28, 1946, the Cheltenham church lost one of its newest, and at the same time, oldest, members. Sister Fouracres first came in contact with the third angel's message through the ministry of Elder Heber Votaw and his wife while in Burma. Though not actually uniting with the remnant church at that time, our late sister held the truths dear to her heart. Latterly, having come to reside in Cheltenham, she came in contact with us again and expressed

it as her dearest wish to be baptized into what she called "her church." Through bad health baptism was denied her, but before Brother McGougan left the district she was admitted into membership by vote. The funeral service was conducted by Pastor O. M. Dorland, assisted by the writer, at the Cheltenham Cemetery. A son and daughter are left to mourn the loss of a dear mother who will surely come forth at the resurrection of the just. We extend to them our heartfelt sympathy in this sad loss.

LESLIE SHAW.

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SUNSET CALENDAR

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