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The Travail of His Soul

"He shall see of the travail of His soul [the labour of His life], and shall be satisfied." Isa. 53:11. The Lord has never been satisfied since sin entered Eden. Hidden in this statement are many things hard for our finite minds to fully understand.

There is the word of Hebrews 12:2. It says of our beloved Lord, "Who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame." Can our feeble minds grasp this?

We read His words as He hung, dying upon the cross, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." Luke 23:34.

We are told also that it was "for the joy that was set before Him" that "He endured the cross, despising the shame."

Can you, dear reader, with your finite judgment and reasoning, understand this?

Read the story of Israel all down through the centuries. It is one long story of backsliding and apostasy. Yet amid it all how merciful was He who had agreed to give His life for them.

Can you understand Romans 5:8, which tells us that "God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us"? We are told that "God was in Christ" in all that He undertook for the world.

THE END IS NEAR

We come down to our day. The world and the church have turned their backs on God and

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Christ, and we have reached the time when iniquity abounds and the love of many is waxed cold, when human wisdom is being looked upon as the world's Saviour, when apostasy holds sway.

To-day every feature of our outlook reveals clearly that the end of all things is at hand and the coming of Jesus is near.

We read that "one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to usward, not willing that any should perish." 2 Peter 3:8, 9. How grateful we should be for the mercy and longsuffering of the Lord

What is it that the Lord will

Young People —

Please Note

A SENIOR Young People's Social is being held in North London on Monday, January 13th. Any senior young people who wish to attend, please send your name and address together with 1/- postal order to: Pastor H. T. Johnson, 780 St. Albans Road, Watford, Herts. Mark the envelope "Social" in the left-hand corner. H. T. JOHNSON.

see when at last He comes? Before Him at that time stand the whole race of the saved, from Adam to the last man saved, those who have in the great providence and love of God heeded His invitation, "Come now, and let us reason together." Isa. 1:18. In spite of a world which has departed from God, these who have accepted His invitation to talk over their salvation, and have been so convinced and completely won over to God's plan, are found before Him at this time, every soul from Eden down, resurrected and translated, saved for the kingdom of God—not one missing from the travail of His soul.

ARE YOU READY TO MEET THE LORD?

Dear reader, are you not glad that this time is near, even at the door? Are you not glad that under the influence of His Holy Spirit you were led to sit down and reason your own salvation out with the Lord, and were led to accept His overtures of mercy?

And there are "others," whom the Lord would save. Are you not willing to co-operate with Him for their salvation; that you, with Him, may be able to say, "I have glorified Thee on the earth: I have finished the work which Thou gavest me to do"?

"He shall see of the travail of His soul" when you and I have accomplished this task which He had laid upon us. May the dear Lord not be disappointed in us.

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Baptism in Carlisle

HAS it ever occurred to you that until a little while ago you could travel north from Lancaster and not be able to enter an Adventist church until you reached Glasgow in Scotland, a distance of 160 miles? Now you will just have to go sixty-five miles as a church has been established in Carlisle!

Satan seemed quite determined to thwart any effort to start the work here. For years the search for houses and halls proved fruitless, but at last, through the untiring efforts of Brother R. A. Darbyshire, Pastor B. F. Kinman was able to secure a small cottage twelve miles from the town. Distance was not the only disadvantage, for every full moon the village was entirely cut off for a few hours each day by the tide. Living conditions, if not quite African, were certainly primitive.

There were only two available halls in Carlisle and we felt that the Lord helped us to secure the use of both of them. We held our first meeting in the theatre in October, 1945. As we billed, we wondered what the response would be, remembering the encouraging words of many of our fellow-workers, "Carlisle will be hard." But we were quite cheered to count almost 500 people on the first night. After the seventh Sunday and the presentation of the Sabbath truth, we moved to our smaller hall which incidentally was owned by a local Plymouth Brother. Although the hall was urgently required by a gathering of his own people, he kindly allowed us to use the hall as long as we wished. Seating about a hundred, this hall was filled each Sunday night with people eager to hear truth.

The work here has been unique in many ways. After the first meeting we were greeted from all

sides with the question, "Are you Seventh-Day Adventists?" And some of the remarkable beliefs attributed to us showed just how actively against us were certain local bodies. Also, never before have we found such a ready acceptance of truth, but unwillingness to carry out its principles.

On November 23rd this year we planned for our baptism, although the prospects seemed poor—many having counted the cost and found it too heavy. However, seven decided to follow Christ wholly, and we are sure that those who are halting between two opinions will take their stand in the near future.

We were very glad that Pastor G. D. King and friends from Newcastle could be with us for that very special week-end. It was special not only because of the baptism, but because our new church was ready for our worship. These new members have worked so hard for the fine little hall of which we are now so proud. And if ever you spend a holiday in this lovely northern county you can be sure of a welcome at the Advent Hall, Viaduct Buildings, West Walls, Carlisle.

BERNARD KINMAN,
ETHEL MAHON.

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Another Day of Fellowship in Northants

FOR the third time this year the believers in Kettering, Northampton, Wellingborough, and Rushden united together for a day of fellowship with the Lord and with one another. This time the centre chosen was Wellingborough. The Society of Friends granted us the full use of their building, which was suited to all our needs. Our special visitor was Pastor E. R. Warland, the North England Sabbath-School and Missionary Volunteer Secretary.

Sabbath-school was conducted under the able leadership of Brother D. Casburn, the elder of the Wellingborough church. Items in the programme included a quartette, "Jesus is Passing," by members of the Northampton company, an enjoyable report by Brother F. Casburn, the review

by Brother Edward Casburn, and the missions appeal by our missionary-minded Brother Warland. The day's lesson was cared for by Pastor T. H. Fielding for the adults, Pastor Warland for the juniors, and Sister E. Fielding for the tiny tots.

In the morning service Brother Warland stressed the value of the Sabbath-school in our church and daily life. Punctual and regular attendance, daily lesson study, individually and around the family altar, were points made real from the Word of God. A duet by Pastor and Mrs. Fielding, "My Prayer," served as an introduction to this stirring study.

Fellowship around the lunch table was made possible by our Wellingborough sisters, who provided hot drinks, and soon afterward the members wended their way back to the room where more spiritual food would be given to them. At 2 p.m. Pastor Warland gave some very practical help in a demonstration of Sabbath-school and Missionary Volunteer equipment. It is the practical touch that makes our conference brethren's visits so valuable.

It was a pleasure to have in our midst Pastor Mookerjee from India. Brother Mookerjee has close connections with Northants, having married some thirty-nine years ago into a Kettering family. For thirty minutes we listened to an account of our work in India. Brother Mookerjee gave a delightful ending to his inspiring talk by singing to us an Indian hymn. Brother and Sister Mookerjee hope shortly to return to India to continue their work in that needy land. Our prayers go with them.

Pastor Warland showed in his address how to spend our years and number our days. He outlined how to live our days with Jesus, beginning with communion with Him in the Morning Watch, keeping our heart with Him in the daily tasks, and meditating on Him in the evening. This was timely advice not only for our youth, but for all. "Give of Your Best to the Master," the message sung to us by Miss Zoe Saxby, expressed what we all wished to do.

We, in Northants, look forward to many of these days of fellowship and recommend them to our sister districts of believers.

T. H. FIELDING.



Gleanings from Rochdale

LOOKING back over the past year, we feel that we have much to thank God for in the eight souls won to the truth. We had wondered if Rochdale would yield fruitage in another campaign after being in the town for four years. But since there was no other opening, late in October of 1945, we took one of the best halls the town could offer and after the loyal members had faithfully delivered 13,000 handbills, we anxiously awaited the "first night." Whether the prince of the power of the air can control the weather is open to question, but we suspected his satanic majesty when the day of days dawned. It simply poured! However, we were glad for the 100 people who came out in spite of the bad night. That we could only obtain the major hall for five nights was another source of perplexity. After that we had to return to our own church hall; this was something like pouring a quart measure into a pint bottle. The months went by and on June 29th we had our first baptism in Rochdale West Street Baptist church, when five firstfruits went forward to join the church. But we knew from the existing interest that there would be others ready before long. So we planned and worked for another baptism. Thus about four months later, on October 19th, we had our second happy day, this time at Manchester. Three more earnest candidates witnessed to their newfound faith by going through the waters of baptism.

Just after we commenced our campaign, our Bible-worker fell sick and was unable to continue in the effort. An SOS to Cornwall brought our experienced worker, Mrs. M. Brooks, all the way from delightful retirement to the industrial north. Her valued part-time assistance was all the more appreciated since it filled a

vital need. The return of Miss I. Himsworth to her work assisted greatly in binding off the campaign. We thank God for her recovery and trust that her zeal will bring others into this blessed message.

I must not close this brief account without mentioning the very happy co-operation of the churchmembers and, last and not least, their very earnest prayers that ascended to God week by week for the dear souls that came into the light of truth.

JOHN FRENCH.

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Investment Programme at Stanborough Park

INCESSANT, drizzling rain brought with it a cold, damp, foggy night, so typical of this time of the English year. But within the walls of Garston School Hall on the evening of December 5th could be found a happy crowd of parents, friends, and visitors. Despite the wintry weather and the pull of the cheery fireside, the 300 seats provided were very soon filled, and before the programme was due to commence every available space on tables, radiators, and window-sills was occupied.

What was the attraction? It was a red-letter day for the children of the Stanborough Park Primary and Kindergarten Sabbath-schools, for on this night they were to give a concert to swell their Investment Fund.

Space will not allow a detailed description of every item presented, excellent as each one was. Perhaps the performance which brought the greatest applause and wonderment was the appearance of the tiny tots, who entertained us with action songs, poems—and impromptu "asides"!

Under the able chairmanship of Pastor H. T. Johnson, our youthful artistes presented us with recitations, carols, duets, pianoforte solos, songs, and a Sunbeam sketch. As a reward for their splendid efforts, the children were themselves entertained in the last item by Mrs. S. Bevan, who recited poems by A. A. Milne.

The evening would not have been complete without the appearance of Santa Claus who came, much to the delight of his youthful audience, with bulging sack and distributed a present to each child.

For the success of the concert, the preparation of which entailed much hard work, a hearty vote of thanks is due to Mrs. Marriner and her associates. The fine sum of £15. 11s. 0d. was gathered in for Investment and many of the non-Adventist visitors present expressed their desire to visit our church on Thirteenth Sabbath, when the same group of children will be giving another programme. AN ONLOOKER.

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Superintendent's Notes

THE year 1946 will go down in Scottish Adventist annals as the year of the "Great Shake-up." Normal and war-delayed changes combined to bring about a widespread movement of mission workers; so much so in fact that we face 1947 with an entire change of ministers.

In May, Pastor J. A. McMillan left in response to a call to the Publishing Department of the British Union Conference; in his place the writer, after seventeen years (all of which were spent in the North England Conference), returned to his former field of labour in June. In July, Brother A. H. Watson took his leave to

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Statement of Tithes and Mission Offerings for Quarter ending September 30, 1946

South England Conference

CHURCH OR COMPANY	Membership	Tithe	Tithe per capita	Sabbath-School Offering	M. V. Offering	Ingathering	Week of Sacrifice and Annual Offering	Miscellaneous Offerings	Missions Extension Offering	Total Regular Offerings	Regular Offerings per capita	Special Gifts to Missions	Grand Total All Offerings
Bath	32	32	13	7	0	0	5	0	0	5	0	0	5
Bournemouth	101	191	14	11	1	18	4	0	0	4	0	0	4
Brighton and Hove	70	158	17	9	1	4	0	0	0	4	0	0	4
Bristol	164	360	15	9	2	5	0	0	0	5	0	0	5
Cambridge	26	35	9	9	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Chamstord	30	106	5	8	3	10	0	0	0	3	0	0	3
Cheltenham	28	98	14	3	3	10	0	0	0	3	0	0	3
Chiswick	75	133	17	3	1	15	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Clacton	16	13	15	0	1	19	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Clapham	50	62	16	4	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Colchester	26	27	17	3	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Croscombe	23	52	19	1	1	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	3
Croydon	64	111	17	11	1	15	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Ealing	56	112	17	11	1	19	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Edmonton	79	155	19	6	1	19	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Exeter	32	46	13	4	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Folkestone	24	72	12	7	3	4	0	0	0	3	0	0	3
Forest Gate	27	98	6	9	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Gillingham	23	83	10	7	3	12	0	0	0	3	0	0	3
Gloucester	26	34	11	8	1	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Hastings	37	90	15	6	2	8	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
High Wycombe	22	61	16	6	1	9	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Holloway	156	294	16	3	2	17	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
Hilford	62	153	19	2	1	17	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Ipswich	17	32	4	10	1	18	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Lewisham	62	180	10	2	2	17	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
Lowestoft	52	96	10	2	1	17	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Luton	26	60	4	8	1	16	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Newbold	108	169	0	6	1	11	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Norwich	47	86	12	4	1	16	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Plymouth	70	168	11	9	2	8	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
Portsmouth	47	168	11	9	1	14	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Reading	60	139	7	4	2	6	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
Richmond	23	74	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Romford	32	33	3	11	1	5	0	0	0	5	0	0	5
Slough	21	52	15	1	2	10	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
Southampton	52	136	12	1	2	12	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
Southern	86	189	12	1	2	19	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
South Stoke	425	16	7	11	3	13	0	0	0	3	0	0	3
Stanhorough Park	28	156	16	5	2	10	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
Taunton	50	117	18	5	1	18	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Torquay	69	365	5	5	2	5	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
Walthamstow	75	214	5	4	1	16	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Watford	42	145	16	11	3	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	3
Wembley	103	354	10	11	3	8	0	0	0	3	0	0	3
Wimbleton	37	194	18	5	2	10	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
Wood Green	10	27	11	6	2	15	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
COMPANIES													
Bedford	11	47	17	9	3	16	0	0	0	3	0	0	3
Brentwood	6	11	16	9	3	12	0	0	0	3	0	0	3
Derham	8	26	19	2	1	10	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Ely	5	7	14	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Fendowra	6	15	15	10	2	12	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
Leatherhead	20	44	8	4	2	4	0	0	0	4	0	0	4
Maidstone	11	17	1	4	1	11	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Medstead	8	32	7	8	1	17	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Rye	15	28	4	4	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Salsbury	10	76	4	6	0	6	0	0	0	6	0	0	6
St Austell	15	26	6	6	1	7	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
St Malyn	12	39	6	6	2	14	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
Stroud	11	28	16	7	8	15	0	0	0	8	0	0	8
Swindon	11	28	16	7	8	15	0	0	0	8	0	0	8

Welsh Mission

Barry	25	73	2	9	2	18	6	18	7	4	18	7	4	18	7	4
Cardiff	65	131	10	3	2	0	6	35	6	0	3	10	0	3	0	3
Hereford	14	40	0	7	2	17	2	10	0	9	10	0	9	10	0	9
Newport	88	244	18	2	2	15	8	32	15	7	11	0	7	7	7	7
Port	11	12	16	1	1	2	4	1	2	4	2	4	1	2	4	1
Swansea	41	92	16	3	2	5	3	30	10	9	30	10	9	14	11	30
COMPANIES																
Aberdare	10	30	1	7	3	0	2	11	2	4	16	0	11	2	4	11
Caerphilly	19	30	0	1	1	11	7	8	12	6	6	4	10	3	9	14
Gellygaer	14	31	14	0	2	5	3	7	17	0	7	17	0	7	17	0
Llanelli	7	8	12	19	2	12	5	3	17	3	3	17	3	3	17	3
Rhos	8	64	13	4	3	1	7	25	18	7	25	18	7	25	18	7
Rhyl	21	64	13	4	3	1	7	25	18	7	25	18	7	25	18	7
Shrewsbury	18	38	9	3	2	2	9	12	0	8	12	0	8	12	0	8
Isolated	108	140	14	6	1	6	1	18	10	10	18	10	10	18	10	10
TOTALS 1946	449	943	16	0	2	2	0	217	3	8	4	7	4	19	0	1
TOTALS 1945	446	1016	0	8	2	5	7	196	13	6	6	15	6	19	0	1
Increase	3	-72	4	8	-3	3	7	20	10	2	-2	8	2	0	0	0

Scottish Mission

Aberdeen	36	61	3	1	1	14	0	9	5	11	5	8	3	15	0	2
Edinburgh	77	122	3	11	1	11	10	82	7	1	17	7	1	17	7	1
Glasgow	85	485	3	7	3	14	2	57	5	3	5	0	3	5	0	3
Kirkcaldy	7	22	3	7	3	3	4	3	0	3	3	0	3	3	0	3
COMPANIES																
Dundee	19	20	9	5	1	1	7	7	9	5	7	9	5	7	9	5
Dunfermline	8	24	5	7	1	10	8	4	8	6	4	8	6	4	8	6
Strirling	60	91	19	9	3	10	8	6	6	7	6	6	7	6	6	7
Isolated	60	91	19	9	3	10	8	6	6	7	6	6	7	6	6	7
TOTALS 1946	292	827	12	1	2	16	8	174	2	10	5	8	3	15	0	2
TOTALS 1945	302	704	1	4	2	6	8	169	0	0	4	9	11	3	8	10
Increase	-10	123	10	9	10	0	0	5	2	10	-4	4	3	3	15	0

Irish Mission

Belfast	63	112	8	5	1	15	8	23	14	3	17	7	14	0	0	23
Dublin	22	69	8	3	3	3	1	24	11	6	17	7	14	0	0	39
COMPANIES																
Kimoye	10	17	5	3	1	14	6	3	1	6	7	7	7	7	7	3
Larne	6	8	14	0	1	9	0	3	1	6	120	0	0	120	0	0
Londonderry	26	51	1	0	1	4	6	7	4	9	11	0	11	0	11	0
Shankill	71	92	16	11	1	6	2	8	0	0	5	0	0	5	0	0
Isolated	71	92	16	11	1	6	2	8	0	0	5	0	0	5	0	0
TOTALS 1946	204	353	9	1	1	14	8	69	16	3	1	16	2	139	3	6
TOTALS 1945	197	529	5	6	2	13	9	112	16	4	4	16	9	12	2	10
Increase	7	-175	16	5	-19	1	1	-43	0	1	-3	0	7	139	3	6
Union Miscellaneous 1946	17	4	0	0	0	0	0	247	15	3	9	13	0	39	7	11
Union Miscellaneous 1945	114	9	7	0	0	0	0	247	15	3	9	13	0	39	7	11
Increase	-97	5	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grand Totals 1946	6417	16178	7	8	2	10	5	3034	19	8	10	11	10	204	17	11
Grand Totals 1945	6359	15467	2	3	2	8	8	3084	18	6	11	0	6	279	0	2
Increase	58	711	5	5	1	9	1	-49	18	10	-8	15	8	204	17	11

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join the staff of the Stanborough Secondary School; as a replacement came a Newbold College graduate, Brother A. J. Timothy, in September. In the same month Pastor H. T. Johnson bade adieu to Aberdeen to rejoin the South England Conference as departmental secretary; Pastor K. Lacey came as his successor in October. In September also Pastor L. G. Hardinge left these shores for California to take up studies at La Sierra College; as a compensating gain will come Pastor T. S. Brash from New Zealand, who with his family is expected to arrive in this country at the end of January. Pastor D. Morrison of Dundee, after a highly esteemed ministry of thirty-eight years, has now reached retirement; at the time of writing no one has been appointed to fill his place. Yes, Scotland faces 1947 with an entire change of staff.

These changes created ministerial gaps which we found embarrassingly difficult to bridge. Most happy therefore were we to have with us for a month, during the transition period, Pastor W. J. Newman, on furlough from Nigeria. Pastor Newman's ministry in Edinburgh, Aberdeen, and Glasgow was greatly appreciated and will be long remembered.

We have no illusions about the needs and prospects of the Advent cause in this northernmost portion of Britain. Scotland needs more workers—men who will not be afraid to test their mettle in this land o' kirks and young men who will not be daunted by the prospect of having to win their spurs on this ancient battlefield of theology. May God send us such men!

—And now before we end these notes, one more item of interest and importance to our Scottish members. We have now moved into the residence in Scotland's capital which has been acquired by the Union Conference for the Scottish superintendent. Please note, therefore, our new address and telephone number: "Lynn-house," Davidson Park, Edinburgh 4. Telephone: 84892.

May God abundantly bless and prosper you all during 1947.

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Farewell Service at Cardiff

SABBATH, November 2nd, was unique in the history of the Welsh Mission, when a large number of friends met to bid farewell to Pastor and Mrs. Hyde who were leaving after ten years' service in the Principality. The appreciation of a length of service so unusual in the Mission was seen in the arrival of believers from as far as Milford Haven in the west, and of travellers from Shrewsbury in the north, to take part in a Day of Fellowship planned to linger long in the minds of the chief participants. The lovely church in West Grove was as well filled as at any time known.

The day was a full one. Pastor F. S. Jackson of Newport supervised our Sabbath-school at 10.30 a.m., and gave opportunity to Pastor B. E. Sparrow to provide us with an excellent study of the Sabbath-school lesson. The hour's study provided an auspicious atmosphere for our superintendent to address us during divine service. Pastor Hyde opened the Scriptures at the book of Isaiah and developed the theme of the Lord's soon coming. Frequent and apt references to present political activities emphasized the nearness of this glorious climax to earth's sorry history, and there was a personal element in the speaker's testimony that bred much confidence in this blessed hope. An appeal at the end of the service for re-dedication of life was responded to by every man, woman, and child in the congregation.

The Farewell Service proper was held in the afternoon, following an address by our new superintendent, Pastor J. M. Howard. Experiences with prisoners, tales of our work on the Continent, and timely anecdotes made the latter speaker's study hour instructive and heart-searching. At 3.30 p.m. Pastor Hyde once more took the pulpit. He spoke of the ten years spent in fellowship with

the Welsh believers, and of the pleasure he had in his association with them. He felt that he and his family had a warm place in their hearts. A few minutes were spent in recalling an administration which had begun in days of peace, and which had continued during six years of war, the longest and most difficult administration in the history of the Mission. The Lord had wonderfully led and blessed in those days and had brought a blessing into the association with church elders and officers. Reminiscences of births and deaths, marriages and other events followed as our retiring leader spoke of fellowship with the members in home, workshop, and church. It was fitting, when Pastor Hyde sat down, that members of the congregation should rise to give spontaneous tribute to Pastor Hyde's ministry.

In the evening, the church hall presented a gay appearance; for members, their friends, and families had met for a social evening, with games for the younger element. The fun and games sped the time happily, and there was ample opportunity for one and all to say that personal word to the pastor and his wife which so many desired to express. During the interval, a number of presentations were made by different churches in the field. Sister Lewis, who spoke on behalf of Cardiff, dwelt on the love and esteem in which Pastor Hyde and his family were held after their ten years of unstinted service, during which time the pastor had endeared himself to them as he had dedicated their children, married the espoused, and given comfort to their sick and bereaved.

The writer, having commenced his work in the ministry under the guidance of the superintendent, can well say on his own behalf, and on behalf of the other conference workers in Wales that the work of their leader in pulpit and office, and the work of Mrs. Hyde in her hospitable home, has been greatly appreciated, and will be much missed. The prayers of the whole field will follow them to London, and all will be happy to see success and blessing following after them to South England.

J. R. LEWIS.

Union Notes

GREETINGS

THE Union office family take this opportunity of sending sincere greetings to the workers and membership throughout the Union field for the forthcoming year. We are hopeful that 1947 will see progressive moves in every direction and we bespeak the prayerful co-operation of our entire membership and working force.

SPECIAL VISITORS

THE membership will be interested to know that Pastor W. E. Read, a former president of the Union, and now Field Secretary of the General Conference, is spending a week or two in Britain in transit for West Africa. He has recently attended council meetings in the Southern European Division and brings to us news of progress throughout that territory in spite of difficulties and hardships that are unknown to us here in this land of liberty and freedom.

Pastor Read has been able to contact some of our churches in the field and we are hopeful that he will be able to make further visits on his return from West Africa.

PASTOR J. B. CONLEY

WE are glad to welcome Pastor J. B. Conley, the Ministerial Association Secretary of the Australasian Union, who is passing through Britain on his way for visits in America. During his brief stay we are hoping to arrange for Pastor Conley to visit some of the churches in the field, and we know that his messages will bring inspiration and blessing to our believers.

VISITS TO THE FIELD

DURING the first quarter of 1947, Pastor E. B. Rudge and the writer will be visiting in every field throughout the Union. It is expected that in each conference and mission there will be gatherings of worker groups so that personal contact can be made with every worker in the Union. The first such gathering convened in London on December 17th,

and it proved to be a source of inspiration and blessing to all who could attend.

We are naturally hopefully expectant that during the course of this year strong evangelistic plans will be made, and that our soul-winning efforts will be greatly increased throughout our territory.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

THE year 1947 will be a busy one for us and a number of special meetings will be convened throughout the field. It should be remembered that in each of the local fields, annual meetings will be held during 1947. No such gatherings have been held in any of the fields since 1939; consequently strong plans should be made by our members to be in attendance at the particular meeting held in their field. The days of fellowship held during the war were a source of inspiration and blessing, but they could not possibly fully fill the place previously held by the annual conferences. Dates and places of these meetings will, of course, be announced by each field in due time.

It is also expected that the long-delayed Lay Preachers' Council will be held, and this should be a source of real strength to the many laymen who are doing such a valiant work throughout our territory.

EVANGELISTIC COUNCIL

IT has been definitely decided that a full Evangelistic Council for our Union workers will be held in early July when visitors will be with us from the General Conference. Further full announcements concerning these important gatherings will be made later. Above all else we need in this field a new impetus in the work of soul-winning evangelism and we are hopeful that members and ministers will unite in a co-operative effort during the coming days. G. D. KING.

Change of Address

THE Romford church now meets at the Y.M.C.A. Hall, Western Road, the times of the services being as follows: Sabbath-school, 10 a.m.; Preaching Service, 11 a.m.

K. J. SARGANT.

Until the Day Break

KIRBY.—Sister S. E. Kirby was buried in the North Watford Cemetery on December 2, 1946, after a service in the Stanborough Park church. Our sister was eighty-seven years of age and had only come to live at Watford with her sister, Mrs. Gallaher, some five weeks ago. She was a member of the York church and had been an Adventist for twenty-five years. She died firm in the faith and was ready to meet her Lord. The hope of reunion at the coming of the Lord is the solace of the bereaved at this time.

W. W. ARMSTRONG.

HUGHES.—Mrs. Hughes, of the Cardiff church, died on October 28, 1946, in Manchester, whither she had gone to visit her daughter. All that loving hands could do was done during the days and weeks of sickness and pain. Mrs. Hughes and her late husband were both baptized by the writer a few years previously, the message having been introduced to them by the late Brother Thomas of the Cardiff church. Sister Hughes never ceased to appreciate the Advent faith and hope, and was a loyal and faithful member of the church. Her life, which had its full share of suffering, has closed, but we shall see her again in that glad day of reunion when pain shall be no more and all shadows flee away. S. G. HYDE.

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