

BRITISH ADVENT MESSENGER

OF THE BRITISH UNION CONFERENCE OF YOUTH

Newbold News

"£1 per member! £100 for the church!" A wave of shock must have passed through many minds in the College chapel on Sabbath morning, October 4th, as Brother P. P. Schuil, lately returned from Northern Europe, vividly pictured conditions prevailing this autumn in Germany and appealed for this as our Famine Relief Offering target.

This is a church mainly composed of students, who are notably impecunious; nor is an abundance of wealth possessed by their teachers. But this is also a missionary-minded church, and after recovery from the initial despair, definite plans were laid to reach the goal: each of the two student homes was to raise £40, the remaining members £20.

The students nobly bore the brunt of the effort. A number made great personal sacrifices but were rewarded with the inestimable joy which comes from helping others in desperate need. On Sunday, October 19th, about sixty Christian soldiers, some of them inexperienced recruits, did valiant battle in the colporteur field, and gained a victory to the tune of 422 books and 1,811 magazines sold, all profits going to the relief cause.

Finally, in three parts, the offering was received. From the young men came £97; from the young ladies, £50; from the rest of the church, £36; a grand total of £183.

For the organization leading to this wonderful result we are in-

By D. J. DUNNETT

debted to the Home Missionary department under the leadership of Brother E. H. Foster, and to the room leaders. We glorify God for the power to take advantage of this great opportunity for life-saving work. May this grand success of our leaders-to-be inspire other churches to similar missionary achievements.

PRESS TEA

To celebrate the good work done by student colporteurs during the summer, The Stanborough Press, on Wednesday October 15th, again entertained to tea the Field Missionary secretaries, members of the College board and staff with their families, and the student body. After justice had been done to the ample feast provided by Miss N.

Cumden and her helpers, scholarships were presented and speeches were made.

Miss J. Y. Harrison and Mr. E. R. Norman won prizes for the best performances, and altogether five full, eight three-quarters, and twelve half scholarships were presented for work done in North England, South England, and Wales. Misses J. Smith and W. Sisson, and Messrs P. Parker and K. Clothier thanked the Press and Field Missionary secretaries for all their help, and told of their summer experiences.

Pastors E. B. Rudge and W. L. Emmerson, and Brethren R. A. Carey and J. C. Craven spoke on the progress made in various phases of the publishing work. Brother Craven presented a cheque for £1,640 to Pastor W. R. A. Madgwick, who replied for the College. The cheque represented £1,385 credit on students accounts and £255 Press bonuses. This sum was not far short of the total College appropriation in 1939. Other figures given included the number of volumes sold: 3,800 large subscription books, 12,500 three-shilling books, and over 13,000 sixpenny magazines. The total sales value was more than £5,000.

The College expresses its gratitude to The Stanborough Press for this very happy evening.

WEEK OF PRAYER

The College Autumn Week of Prayer was held October 31st to November 8th, immediately fol-

COMING!

BRITISH UNION YOUTHS' CONGRESS

Watford Town Hall
July 29th to August 2nd, 1948

The greatest and most inspirational gathering of Advent Youth in our history Followed by a united senior Youth Camp. Plan now—YOU cannot afford to miss this great event

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lowing the half-term examinations. The special speaker was an old friend of the College, the North England Conference president, Pastor O. M. Dorland. It proved a week of spiritual refreshing and instruction, as Pastor Dorland drew from his deep knowledge of the Bible a series of heart-moving and thought-provoking themes, under the general title of "Knowing God."

After dealing simply with the initial steps of the Christian life, repentance, confession, and faith, he conducted several studies on the nature, power, and work of the Holy Spirit. We believe that these studies formed part of the heaven-inspired movement now evident among God's remnant people which will teach us more about the Spirit and prepare us for the latter rain.

Throughout the week, faculty and students met in daily prayer bands, in which many hearts were moved to seek God afresh. The culmination was reached in the testimony service of Friday evening, November 7th, when nearly eighty publicly declared their consecration to God. It was especially gladdening to see that several of these were giving God their lives for the first time.

We believe that the influence of this week of solemn devotion will not be lost.

VACATION

By the time these notes are read the students will have finished their Christmas examinations. They break up Tuesday, December 23rd, for vacation till Monday, January 5th, and will be returning to their home churches to tell personally of their happy experiences in the first term of the College year, 1947-8. Meanwhile faculty and students invite your continued prayers.

Nature Lovers Please Note!

PASTOR E. L. MINCHIN would be pleased to hear from anyone who has a special interest in SHELLS, MOTHS, OR BUTTERFLIES.

North England Conference

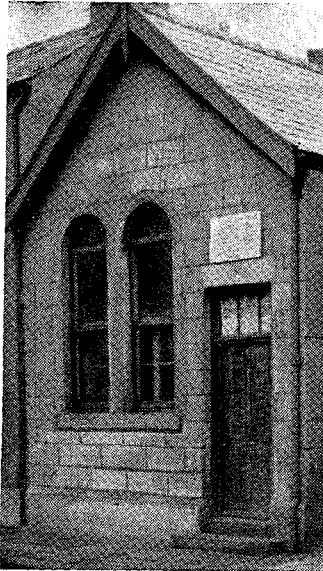
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Our New Church at Blackpool

OUR churches, both large and small, have been likened to beacon lights, and we are happy to report that another beacon has been lit in Blackpool. We know our many



The entrance of the new Blackpool church.

friends will rejoice with us that at last it is possible for our work here to be carried forward in a more stable way than formerly.

For some time we had been searching for a suitable building and from the first moment we viewed the property at 6 Bolton Street, we were sure that God had led us to this place. Firm in construction, suitable in size, and central in position, it seemed in every way to meet our needs. We almost grew impatient waiting for the usual legal procedures to take their course. At last the day came when the key was in our hands, and the formidable

task of decorating and equipping the building confronted us. However, members and friends of both sexes put their shoulders to the wheel and after three weeks what a transformation! One brother had made several sixteen-mile return journeys. Several were experts in one line or another—joiners, cabinet-makers, French polishers, lino-layers, decorators, etc. And each gave of his best.

At last Friday evening, November 7th, arrived and we held our opening meeting. Every heart was thrilled with praise and thanksgiving for all He had done for us. It seemed hardly believable that at last we were able to worship in a church of our own after moving from place to place fourteen times during the three years we have laboured here.

What comfortable seats! Where did they come from? That is another story. Over twenty-two years ago, Pastor Maudsley superintended the erection of the Wimbledon church. This church was bombed during the war, but some of the chairs were salvaged from the wreck and stored. When this church board learned that their former pastor was in need of seating for the new church in Blackpool, they readily voted to make a gift of sufficient velvet tip-up chairs to seat the building. We very much appreciate this gift. We have received to date £300 as a first instalment on the price of the property, and we shall bend all our energies to clearing the remainder of the debt as rapidly as possible.

Formerly we could not hold all the services we desired because of lack of halls. Now we shall be able to plan a fuller programme. We have now Sunday evening and Tuesday evening services in addition to Sabbath morning and afternoon meetings. We find our time well filled with these and the Fleetwood meetings on Sabbath and Sunday, also meetings at Lancaster and Morecambe.

We cordially invite any of our members or friends who may be in Blackpool to pay us a visit. Our address is: 6 Bolton Street, Manchester Square. The church is almost opposite the Windmill (a regular landmark on the pro-

menade). Time of meetings: Sabbath, 10.30 a.m. and 3 p.m.; Sunday, 7 p.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.

Blackpool sends its greetings to the MESSENGER family.

F. PEARSE.



Wallasey Sunday-School

CHILDREN lead us to happiness. Sunday-schools lead us to the hearts of children. Our love for them, our care, our little talks bring up these little ones to become regular churchgoers and youth in Christ—a mighty work indeed.

Yes, we have a Sunday-school in Wallasey and a really prosperous one, too!

We only took over this mission a few months ago, and now we have a grand Sunday-school, growing larger every week, the ages ranging from two and a half to fifteen. Some weeks we think perhaps the membership is too great to manage. Still, thanks to a few faithful youth and older members we have kept it going week by week.

The photograph you see on this page is just a small gathering out of the crowd of children who were present at our Sunday-school treat, and what a treat it was, too.

Imagine a bus trundling down the narrow street one Thursday afternoon toward the mission. You may guess the commotion it caused. A big yellow bus from the Wallasey Corporation marked "Special." People from all around heard the noise. Windows of houses opened and heads peeped out. The children running down the street were shouting for joy, waving their tickets, while the children who had already arrived were inside the mission singing choruses from the C.S.S.M. chorus books.

When the time came for the children to file into the bus, mothers crowded around with their babies and shopping baskets to wave them good-bye, and off we went.

It was a long journey to Thurston, our destination, and I think the driver must have lost his way. But all the way along there was non-stop singing.



Wallasey Sunday-school children during their summer outing.

The children all had one prize each and a pear or apple, as well as a good tea. Races were arranged, games of all kinds, and treasure hunts. At 8 p.m. all returned tired out, especially the organizers.

Our harvest thanksgiving weekend would not have been complete without the efforts of our Sunday-school — when nearly every child added his or her gift to the most wonderful display the church has ever had.

With the grace of God and your prayers we hope to continue the good work among the children here. A hearty invitation is given to any if near Merseyside to come and see and hear them.

JOAN M. BESWICK.



Examination Success at Wallasey

WE are happy to pass word on to the MESSENGER family that Miss Joan M. Beswick, of 30 Grove Road, Wallasey, the writer of the article on our Wallasey Sunday-school, has been successful in the whole of the Qualifying Examination of the National Association of Opticians and is the youngest student to qualify this year. When she comes of age in two years' time she will be entitled to take up Fellowship of the National Association of Opticians. Hearty congratulations!

M. MORGAN, *Church Clerk.*

Birmingham District Baptism

SABBATH afternoon, November 29th, was a happy occasion for the members of the three Birmingham churches, who had met in the Handsworth church. They had assembled to witness the entrance into the church of nine new members, seven by baptism and two by vote.

These precious souls won for the kingdom were the happy fruits of the combined efforts of the ministry and laity in the Birmingham district. Pastor F. Edwards and his Bible-worker, Miss E. A. Buck, had laboured untiringly to win those who had shown interest in their Erdington evangelistic campaign and those who had been introduced to the truth by members.

The address was given by Brother S. H. Parkin, who took for his text Genesis 17:1: "I am the Almighty God; walk before Me, and be thou perfect."

Pastor Edwards took the candidates through the watery grave, and it was pleasing to see that four were young people. Two others were man and wife who went down into the water together.

It was thrilling to know that as one of the young ladies was being baptized, her great uncle was entering the Seventh-Day Adventist Church by the same mode over in Canada. Both she and

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her distant relative entered the church on the same day as the result of the faithful witness and ceaseless prayers of the young lady's aunt, a recent convert of Pastor Edwards'.

The happy day was brought to a close as the new members were accepted into the fellowship of their respective churches, and a prayer of consecration was offered by Brother B. Thompson, elder of the Central Birmingham Church.

S. HOWARD PARKIN.

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The Campaigns in Progress

IN the last issue of the MESSENGER I was able to give a report of two campaigns being conducted at a distance from each other. To-day I can give some information concerning two campaigns which are neighbours in London and both on the north side of the Thames.

Sunday, November 30th, was a raw day with heavy frost and fog. Nevertheless at the Kentish Town Baths about a hundred people had gathered to hear Pastor G. Bell speak on the subject of "God Amid the Shadows." Pastor Bell has advertised extensively and has issued some good bills. The fact that the response from the beginning has been only moderate is due to the fact that people are used to comfort in the cinemas and theatres and are not attracted these days unless the hall is well known and popular. When the truth grips one, he does not consider these matters too much, but initially it is essential to obtain the better halls and provide attractive programmes. This is an important point that must be considered in our evangelistic pro-

gramme. Pastor Bell, however, had no alternative, for the Baths was the only place available to him. The speaker, however, had sought to neutralize the bleakness of the hall by good music, an attractive film, and by a uniqueness in the presentation of his subject. Sister M. Guenin rendered three solos. The rich contralto voice came from a full throat and, we believe, from a fuller heart as the appealing story of Calvary's love was told in song. A "talkie" film was given at the close of the address, giving the story of the raising of Jairus' daughter. Many do not read their Bibles these days and the screening of such films must arrest many and cause them to open the Book of Wonders and read for themselves.

The service was designed to give an elementary understanding of the tabernacle, its services and furniture. On one side of the platform stood a large cross of gold. On the other side the speaker had a concealed chart which was extended and illuminated by a powerful footlight at the appropriate moment. The chart was a pictorial representation of the Israelite camp in the wilderness. The sanctuary's roof, one golden side and veil were all attached to the chart and removed easily as the evangelist developed his theme. In this way the furniture in the first apartment was first disclosed and finally, as the veil was removed, the ark of the cove-

nant was seen. At this stage another chart was drawn into place showing this most holy article in more detail. By a clever device the front was opened and there were seen the two tables of stone upon which were written the Ten Commandments. As each part of the sanctuary was explained the minister turned to the cross and explained all in Calvary's light and love.

The next Sunday I was able to attend the Walthamstow mission which had such a good beginning. Unfortunately Pastor S. G. Hyde has not been able to have the continuous use of the splendid Assembly Hall which has been already described in this paper. On the evening of December 7th the evangelist and some 250 people were temporarily found in the Lloyd Park Hall, near the Assembly Hall. Pastor Hyde expects to be back in the much better building next week. His subject for the evening of my visit was "Palestine Aflame." Brother A. Farthing was conducting some good choruses upon my arrival, which the people were evidently enjoying. As these finished, Pastor Hyde went straight into the service and subject for the hour. The speaker briefly, yet comprehensively, surveyed the present position in Palestine and showed how three great religions were interested in this small but strategic portion of the earth. Nevertheless he pointed out that God had a policy for Palestine and that an eternal mandate had been given to Abraham. Through materialism, his successors had lost sight of the spiritual implication leading to the rejection and crucifixion of the Lord. God still has a Zionist Policy which will triumph. To-day even the Christian churches are supporting a human Zionist Policy which the speaker declared is doomed to failure because it is contrary to the age-long plan of God. Zionism, to-day, is largely espoused by anti-religious people. Was Christ to return to reign as King over atheism? It was fantastic. No. Godless Zion in Palestine was leading the world to a great crisis in which the word Armageddon had a meaning. Then the speaker

YOUNG PEOPLE

A Reunion Social for senior young people will be held in the **Holloway Baptist Church Hall on Monday, January 5, 1948.** Admission will be by ticket only; these may be obtained from the M V. Department, South England Conference

Mark your envelope,

"Social,"

780 St Albans Road,
Watford, Herts.

IMPORTANT.—Give name of the young people for whom the ticket is required. Please enclose donation for Camp Fund (minimum 2s) There is a limited number so send for yours NOW

powerfully showed how the Abrahamic mandate would be fulfilled when Christ came to gather together and rule over those believing in Him out of every nation and tongue. The capital would be a New Jerusalem and not the present city hallowed through sentiment and tradition. A strong appeal was made to know the Word and so avoid being caught up in the meshes of falsehood. "Palestine Aflame" is one of the signals of the approaching end, therefore we must "watch and pray."

A brief prayer followed sealing a strong, convincing presentation of a timely topic. All listened with fixed attention and I felt a good message had been preached, leaving many with the determination to throw off all lethargy and be ready to meet the coming Saviour. W. W. ARMSTRONG.

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Dundee Hears the Advent Message

DUNDEE, Britain's leading jute manufacturing city, was scheduled to hear the proclamation of the Advent message on October 12th. A small yet comfortable hall was secured, bills distributed, and on the appointed date a good number of citizens sat down, waiting expectantly for the explanation of the subject, "Scotland's Coming Ruler," or the unfolding of the prophecy of Daniel two.

From the first meeting the interest was keen. Minds began to inquire into the things of God as revealed in the Scriptures. How encouraging it was to see the same faces return week after week. Never once have we had to draw upon our budget allowance to meet the hall expenses. The offerings have been more than sufficient. Faith was directed to the Saviour, the Bible, and the

prophecies. Attention was then focussed upon the commandments, as God's standard of judgment for all time and all men. Heads began to nod in agreement. Then came the presentation of the Sabbath of the fourth commandment. This was new to the congregation. They began to look puzzled and thoughtful. Then as the evidence of the Bible was given, to our joy, heads continued to nod agreement.

To us, this is the evidence of the Holy Spirit at work in the hearts of the hearers. One gentleman who has travelled three miles by tram and bus every week to hear the truths presented, remarked that evening, "I have waited years for the clergy to speak on these things." Many have gone home with a determination to search "the Scriptures daily, whether those things were so."

Brethren and sisters, pray for these people. Pray that as we sow the seed week by week, God will bring the seed to fruition. God has granted us a good interest here in Dundee. Pray for a good harvest. A. R. MUSGRAVE.

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Evangelism in Ireland

AN evangelistic campaign began in the Shankill district of Belfast on November 16th, with an attendance of forty-five non-Adventists and as many members. Pastor W. G. Nicholson, Brother C. W. Knowlson, and Miss Aikenhead are assisting the writer in this effort. Many disappointments were encountered in our search for suitable halls for this effort, which we had hoped to conduct in another district. All our inquiries proved fruitless, and we were forced, for lack of something better, to begin in a third-rate hall in a district which has been well worked by many evangelists in recent years. Pray for Ireland. A. J. MUSTARD.

Until the Day Break

WALKER.—It is with sorrow that we record the death of Sister G. Walker, a member of the Norwich church, who passed to her rest on September 28, 1947. Sister Walker was brought into the truth through the efforts of Pastor L. D. Vince. She suffered much of recent years, but whenever she could come to God's house, it gave her great joy. Our sister was laid to rest in the Norwich Cemetery, Pastor J. French conducting a service in the Cemetery chapel and at the graveside. Soon we will have the joy of seeing our sister again, when the voice of the Saviour awakens her.

Church Clerk.

Advertisements

COLLEGE STUDENT, doing national service, requires accommodation, without midday meal, in Watford district. Write: R. E. Barber, 780 St. Albans Road, Garston, Watford.

EXPERIENCED cook required, vegetarian preferred, but not essential. Apply: The Business Manager, The Stanboroughs Hydro, Watford, Herts.

Acknowledgment

THE treasurer of the South England Conference acknowledges with thanks the receipt of the Lord's tithe £15, and £2 for Famine Relief Fund, from Anonymous.

Sunset Calendar Ready

THE Sunset Calendar cards are now printed. Owing to the restriction of materials a limited number have been prepared, but there are enough for one per family. They are free of charge.

Please order through your Home Missionary Secretary, and they will be sent with the next regular order to save postage.

STOP PRESS

Will all young men or women in the teaching profession, who are interested in Church School work please write to Pastor H. T. Johnson, 780 St. Albans Road, Watford, Herts.

—THIS IS URGENT

SUNSET CALENDAR

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