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Edinburgh Health Food Store Opens

By G. E. Adair

ON Thursday, February 19, 1948 members of the Edinburgh church attended a dedication service held in connection with the opening of our first Health Food Shop in the British Isles. Following the singing of an appropriate hymn and after prayer had been offered, a brief outline was presented of the circumstances leading up to the establishment of this Hygienic Health Food Shop. When the two book shops attached to the church building were vacated in August 1947, it was thought that this presented a good opportunity to make a start with our health food work by providing some kind of a depot where our people and others could easily obtain our health foods.

Applications were lodged with the Ministry of Food for a retail licence and a catering licence but both were refused on the grounds of there already being sufficient food distribution units in the area and that new licences were being issued only to those who were re-establishing businesses which they had lost during the war period.

However, an appeal resulted in being granted a "restricted" retail licence to sell our own goods, with the prospect of a quota of dried fruits at some later

date when it was hoped the dried fruit position would be easier. Rationed goods or points goods, apart from a very limited range, are outside the scope of our licence.

With the licence granted, the Board of Directors of Granose Foods Limited authorized the opening of the shop to be proceeded with. Difficulties and problems in connection with "fitting up" had since then been

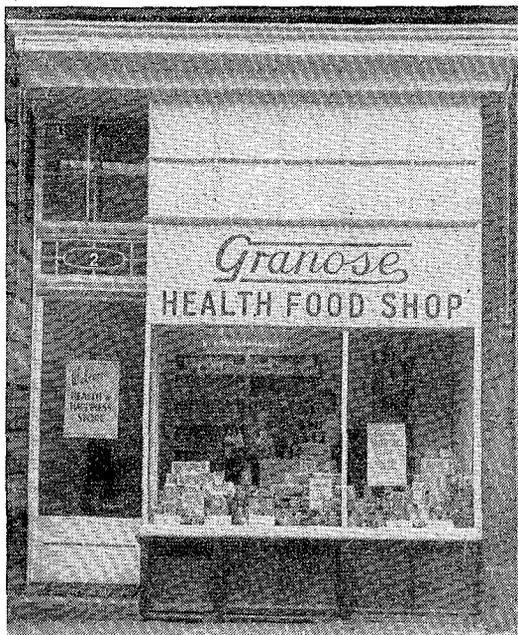
successfully overcome and the time for the official opening had now arrived.

Dr. G. M. Brown, very enthusiastically entering into the spirit of the occasion, spoke of the earlier days of the health food work, and of what the principles of health reform had meant to her and to others, and concluded by offering her whole-hearted support to the development of healthful living promotion efforts in Scotland.

Pastor J. H. Bayliss drew attention to the counsel given in the Spirit of prophecy relative to the establishment of health food stores and restaurants and of the relationship that the health reform message bears to the whole message, and then offered the dedicatory prayer asking for God's blessing on the new enterprise.

When thirty or forty members adjourned to the shop itself, there was a queue of people waiting to get in. Pastor Bayliss turned the key in the door and declared the shop "open." Very brisk business followed and the takings for the afternoon exceeded expectations.

Our Edinburgh members are loyally and enthusiastically behind the effort and their activities in advertising our health foods should result in our shop soon becoming



Scotland's first denominational health food store, recently opened in Bristo Place, Edinburgh.



Interior view of our new health food store in Edinburgh.

well and favourably known.

The passing public and many who are definitely health-minded are also showing a keen interest.

May the Lord's rich blessing rest in full measure on this health unit and use it to the honour and glory of His name.

Union Notes

BACK TO AFRICA

ON Sunday, February 15th, Brother R. A. Carey and family sailed on the steamship *Orbita* from Liverpool for East Africa. Brother Carey, who has spent some fourteen years in Africa, returns to take up his new appointment as secretary-treasurer of the Kenya Mission with headquarters at Nairobi. About eighteen months ago Brother Carey returned to England expecting to remain in this field, and was appointed circulation manager at The Stanborough Press. His service there has been much appreciated and it was with regret that he was released to return to his "first love." The call to Africa could not be resisted! We wish Brother and Sister Carey and family much of the Lord's blessing in their new sphere of service in their old field.

UNION APPOINTMENTS

IN view of Brother R. A. Carey's release, Pastor B. Belton has been appointed circulation

manager at The Stanborough Press. As our membership know, Brother Belton has given a lifetime of service to the literature ministry and this appointment will undoubtedly offer an opportunity for his experience to be used fruitfully in the strengthening of our literature work throughout the Union. Literature workers will give Pastor Belton a warm welcome and helpful co-operation in his efforts to build up the circulation of our message-filled literature.

Mention has already been made of Dr. E. G. Essery's connection with the Stanborough Park Sanitarium. Dr. Essery is also the medical secretary of the Union, and in that capacity is deeply interested in all phases of medical service throughout our territory. Medical students will find in Dr. Essery a helpful friend and wise counsellor, and are advised to make contact with him on any problems affecting their work. As opportunity affords, Dr. Essery will be happy to render service to the field in his capacity as medical secretary. Correspondence can be addressed to him at the Stanborough Park Sanitarium,

At a recent Union Committee, Pastor W. R. A. Madgwick, principal of Newbold College was appointed educational secretary of the Union, and in that capacity will be happy to render such service as he can on educational problems. Correspondence should be addressed to him at Newbold College, Bracknell, Berks.

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Notes from the Superintendent

A FRESH page of denominational history was written in Edinburgh on February 19th, when the first "Granose Health Food Shop" was opened to the public.

Long have we possessed special inspired counsel for Scotland: "Let sanitariums be established, let hygienic restaurants be started. . . . There are many places where the Lord's work has not a proper showing. Help is needed . . . in Scotland. . . . A larger work should be done."—*"Testimonies," Vol. 8, page 38.*

The spacious shops connected with our Edinburgh church fell vacant in August, 1947, and were immediately "let" to Granose Foods Ltd. The original plan was to follow the counsel of the Lord's servant and open a hygienic restaurant. Our application for a permit, however, was rejected. A further appeal was made to commence a Health Food Shop, and official sanction secured. By the untiring activities of the Granose management one of the shops was quickly transformed into a first-class inviting food store. A brief dedicatory service was held in the church, and the Mission superintendent led the procession of our members present to the shop, turned the key, and declared it open. A queue had already formed and brisk business commenced at once. Judging by the initial unadvertised response of the public, we are assured that the Lord's signal blessing rests upon the project.

In order to further the interests of health, a series of health lectures has been planned to start on March 18th in the church hall. These will be under the direction of one of our experienced and competent doctors. We have confidence that this spear-

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head of evangelism is the means in the Lord's hand to bring many souls to a knowledge of the truth

EVANGELISTIC PROGRESS

OUR evangelists are reporting consolidating interests Pastor K. Lacey, of Aberdeen, has an average attendance of 200 at his Sunday evening services, and about sixty attend a week-night meeting Pastor T. S. Brash, of Glasgow, tells of a sustained attendance, now numbering 100 on Sundays at his Hillhead campaign despite the presentation of the Sabbath truth.

Brother Musgrave is working hard with about twelve souls who have heard the testing message for the times These brethren, at this time, need the earnest prayers of all loyal Adventists daily in their battles with "principalities and powers," so that they may be used of God to deliver many precious brands from the burning.

May I bring to your attention, in this connection, the resolutions on "Prayer and Service" which appeared in a recent issue of the MESSENGER? They were recommended by the Union committee, and adopted by the Advisory committee, to be translated into practical policies in the field, namely—that workers and laity unite in "setting apart each day ten minutes for earnest prayer, for (a) The out-pouring of the Holy Spirit; (b) The Lord's special blessing upon our evangelistic work," and that we encourage "each individual member to devote some time each week to definite soul-winning witness." The present is the time to begin.

PLANS

A FEATURE of our Mission programme in future will be a quarterly workers' meeting. The first of these important assemblies will be held in Edinburgh on March 22nd and 23rd.

We also give notice to the field that our Annual Conference this year will convene at Glasgow on July 2nd to 4th. We are to be favoured by the special visit of Pastor L. K. Dickson from the General Conference. Owing to the heavy programme throughout the Union this summer and the obsolescence of the local field constitutions and new ones under review, the Advisory committee

has accepted the counsel of the Union Committee—to waive the regular business of conference sessions this year and have strong fellowship meetings. We provide this information well in advance, so that good preparations may be made by all to spend the days of conference in happy and profitable communion with God and others of like precious faith.

JOHN H. BAYLISS



"Aberdeen for Christ"

"LOOK at the queue!" Never before on a Sunday night had Aberdeen witnessed such a queue. Over a thousand people waiting to crowd into a theatre with a seating capacity of only 850!

It was the talk of the city for weeks, and possibly gave us as much publicity as any of the paid methods of advertising which we used! Even so, it was with much regret that we saw between three and four hundred people turned away that first night. Certainly God's blessing has rested upon our campaign from the very beginning, and we gladly give Him all the praise and glory.

After the first four Sundays, the interest became so great that we were forced to make an appeal for an additional worker. Pastor T. S. Brash, of Glasgow kindly released Brother A. J. Timothy,

and with our staff increased to three, plus the part-time help of the evangelist's wife, we attempted to visit some 550 interested people who had applied for our free literature! This proved an impossible task, and for several weeks we visited what we could, and supplied the remainder through the post. In desperation we cut our visiting list drastically, but still the names came in and those we had dropped began to complain that they were not receiving the literature! What wonderful experiences we have had, and are having, and how we thank God for the evidences of His blessing and power in our ministry.

Halls have been our greatest problem. We were privileged to commence the campaign in a well-appointed theatre—the only one available in the city—but because of the very high rent were forced to leave after only four Sunday meetings. We continued for six weeks in the beautiful Cowdray Memorial Hall, during which time we searched the city for other accommodation, as the secondary hall we had in mind was altogether too small for our needs!

After trudging the streets for days on end, we could find only one available hall, and that at the top of a high building, with no heating of any kind! We were



Pastor K. Lacey and his Aberdeen evangelistic team.

forced to take this hall, or close the campaign! There was only one thing to do. We took the hall, bought or borrowed several Valor oil heaters, discovered where we could buy paraffin oil, and advertised our meeting! Friends, God has certainly blessed this venture, and for the last four or five Sundays we have been encouraged with an attendance of some 200 eager listeners to the blessed truths of the Advent message.

When we commenced this campaign, we were determined to know nothing, save Christ and Him crucified. To this end we have made many earnest appeals, and have been thrilled to see men and women, old and young, give their hearts to the Saviour, most for the first time. Already we can see evidences of an abundant harvest, which, with God's blessing, we hope to gather in before the end of 1948.

Will you not pray for us here in Aberdeen, the "Granite City," that hearts as hard as granite may be broken by the love of Christ, and souls born again into the family of God?

KENNETH LACEY.

Wedding Bells

POINTON-BOOKER.—On Sunday, February 22, 1948 at 2.30 p.m., in the Stanborough Park church, Mr C. E. Pointon and Miss M. Booker, both of Wembley church, were united in marriage before a large number of relatives and friends. It was a white wedding, the bride being attended by three bridesmaids. The writer officiated at the ceremony.

The reception was at the Stanborough Park Secondary School Annexe, speeches and many good wishes for future happiness made it a very happy occasion. Mr. L. C. Rose of Ealing, was best man. We wish the bridal pair much happiness and the blessing of God in their united service for the Master.

JOHN G. BEVAN.

Until the Day Break

HAMMOND.—The Watford Town church suffered a loss on January 16, 1948, when our highly respected brother, Thomas Charles Hammond, passed to his rest after a brief illness, aged seventy-two years. It was more than thirty years ago that he learned the truth from Brother Edward Armstrong, the grand

father of our South England Conference president. Without hesitation he relinquished a prosperous baker's business in order to keep the Sabbath. Many will remember his faithful service at Granose Foods Ltd. He leaves a widow and two brothers to await the glad re-union at the call of the Life-giver very soon. We placed him in his brief resting place at the North Watford Cemetery, on Wednesday, January 21st.

F. D. BUCKLE.

LUFFMAN.—The Exeter church sustained a great loss in the death of Sister Emma Luffman, a faithful and much-loved member, who fell peacefully asleep at the age of eighty-one years on Tuesday, January 6, 1948. Sister Luffman was baptized at Newport in 1926 by Pastor O. M. Dorland and came to Exeter in December, 1928. The funeral service was conducted by Pastor G. Roper in the Advent church. He spoke of the faithfulness of our dear sister and gave words of comfort to the relatives. She was laid to rest in the Higher Cemetery to await the call of her beloved Master. We extend our sympathy to her husband and family.

CHURCH CLERK

REYNOLDS.—Our dear Sister Reynolds passed to her rest in the home of Brother and Sister Beasley, at Wolverhampton, on December 18, 1947. Sister Reynolds was greatly beloved by all who knew her. She possessed a fine Christian character and loved the Advent message which she embraced as the result of the godly example of Brother and Sister Beasley, who have faithfully witnessed for their faith for over thirty years. Sister Reynolds attended the Wolverhampton campaign two years ago and it was a joy to welcome her into the church. We extend to Brother and Sister Beasley and Miss Beasley our deepest sympathy. We believe that the glad reunion is just a short time ahead.

L. MURDOCH.

REEVES.—The Chiswick church has sustained a sad loss in the death of our faithful and aged Sister Reeves. She accepted the Advent message under the labours of Pastor O. M. Dorland some thirty years ago and regularly attended the church services until two weeks before her death. She seemed to suffer no illness, but it was noticeable that her body became more frail during the last year of her life. Then, when she was unable to hold out any longer, she closed her eyes in trustful resignation to the divine call of the Saviour, and passed away peacefully to her well-earned rest on February 9, 1948, at the age of eighty-seven years. She fought a good fight, finished the course, and kept the faith. She now rests in hope of another call that will soon come from the Saviour, this time to awake and receive the crown of life that fadeeth not away. She leaves loved ones and many friends to mourn their loss. We laid her to rest in the Chiswick Old Cemetery. The service was conducted by the writer, assisted by the church elder, Brother Manning.

A. K. ARMSTRONG.

ABBERLEY.—On January 15, 1948, the Stoke-on-Trent Advent church lost one of its faithful members, Sister E. Abberley at the age of eighty-eight years. She became a member on March 18, 1922, as a result of the labours of Brother F. L. Chapman, and was a regular attender at church until about twelve months ago when her health began to fail. After a service held in her daughter's home by Pastor D. J. Handysides she was laid to rest in the Burslem Cemetery, to await the call of the Life-giver on the resurrection morning.

W. PHILLIPS, Church Clerk.

BACKHOUSE.—It is with regret that we record the death of Sister Louie Backhouse, a member of the Holloway church, who fell asleep on February 1, 1948, at the age of fifty years. She had been a member of the Advent church since 1921. On February 6th our sister was laid to rest in the Southgate Northern Cemetery, to await the call of the Life-giver. Pastor G. R. Bell conducted the services at the home and at the graveside. We extend our sincere sympathies to the bereaved family.

CHURCH CLERK.

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