

BRITISH ADVENT MESSENGER

First Ingathering News

THE first report of the 1948 Ingathering is very encouraging indeed. Northern Ireland leads with a report of £200, which is £200 above the first week of last year, since they were a little delayed in 1947 in getting started. Then comes South England with an increase of £100 over the £700 they reported last year for the first week-end. Scotland has come along with an increase of £18. North England and Wales will recover from the fact that some churches and companies did not report. When all reports are in, it will be seen that there has been an increase all along the line. After all, while the first report is important, it is the final report that counts most.

We like the picture of that South Englander breaking all records. Some records that we want to see broken are the records of slothfulness and discord. There are also the records of envy and spitefulness. When these are broken, there will be plenty of room for the success that the Lord is waiting to bestow upon us. Sister White has written: "Success depends not so much on talent as on energy and willingness." (*Prophets and Kings*, page 219.) These are humble capabilities within the reach of every one of us.

Another vital ingredient of success in the service of the Lord is described by the Lord's messenger: "The secret of our success in the work of God will be found in the harmonious work-

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ing of our people. There must be concentrated action. Every member of the body of Christ must act his part in the cause of God, according to the ability that God has given him. We must press together against obstructions and difficulties, shoulder to shoulder, heart to heart."—*Review and Herald*, December 2, 1890.

When this report comes to you, there will remain four more Sundays in which to labour in the Ingathering. Just three short weeks in which to gather

"ADVENT HYMNAL" (Words Edition)

A NUMBER of orders for the *Advent Hymnal* (words only) have been received as a result of our announcement of the possible printing of a small edition to meet the needs of churches and members until the new hymnal is available, but hardly sufficient have come in as yet to justify printing.

If you have not sent in your order will you do so *at once* through your Home Missionary Secretary so that a decision can be made without further delay.

It should be again pointed out that the new hymnal will not be available for about eighteen months.

THE PUBLISHERS.

into the Gospel garner funds to sustain our far-flung missionary activities, and to extend the work in the homeland. What a great responsibility rests upon each of us to help forward the work of God in these closing days of probation.

As you think of Whitsun, remember that the first Christian Whitsun saw the outpouring of the Spirit of God upon the waiting disciples. When they were filled with the Spirit, they laboured for God, they witnessed to the transforming power of the indwelling Christ, they advanced the cause of Christ, and they won men and women to the Saviour. Let us seek, during this Ingathering campaign, power for service, for witness, for soul-winning. Then indeed will the Lord open the windows of heavenly grace, and cause Israel to bear fruit to His glory. Only by a bestowal of spiritual power will this final Gospel message accomplish the results that God has intended.

Will you then take out and break all those old records that have registered your disappointments, your frustrations, your petty grievances and complaints, and bring out a new record of love and harmony with the Lord and the fellow members who are journeying with us toward the kingdom. If we will do this, then this Ingathering period will be a season of refreshing and we will not only gather in the funds so greatly needed to sustain the machinery of the or-

ganization, but we will also bear witness to the radiant quality of our Christian experience, and thus lighten the earth with the glory of God.

Union Notes

INGATHERING

By the time these notes appear the 1948 Ingathering Campaign will be well on its way to victory. If the enthusiasm and working spirit manifest here at the headquarters church is an evidence of the spirit throughout the field, there will be no doubt about our reaching the £30,000 upon which we have set our hopes for this year's contribution to our world work. There is this added satisfaction as we work this year, we are also making a great contribution to the Lord's work *within* our field, for remember, *the funds we have available for the work of evangelism and every other phase of soul-saving ministry, in this field this year bear a definite relationship to the amount we collect in the Ingathering.* Like the rebuilding of the walls in Nehemiah's day as we build the walls of Jerusalem (our world work) we are also rebuilding for ourselves. (See Neh. 3:28.) Let us "strengthen our hands for this work," "arise and build," and "labour in the work" with the enthusiasm and energy of Nehemiah and his helpers, thus finishing the work in record time as did they. "The God of heaven He will prosper us" as we go forward to triumph in the work of the Lord.

VOICE OF PROPHECY

ALONG with our Ingathering this year we are able again to link a great forward move in the Voice of Prophecy publicity. Thousands of leaflets will go out to the inquiring people of our land, doubtless leading hundreds to become students of our Bible Correspondence School. We can make this a great forward movement in evangelism which should eventually lead many souls into the church of God. There are great possibilities in this for the work in Britain if every confer-

ence worker and every church officer will encourage by word and example a judicious use of the Voice of Prophecy leaflets, folders, and cards now available from the office. We visualize that this autumn and winter could see the conducting of a good number of "Spearhead" evangelistic meetings in various centres throughout the field where good lists of students have been built up throughout the summer months. Now is the time to work and plan for a progressive programme of evangelism throughout our field such as has never been in operation before. If a dozen Voice of Prophecy Evangelistic Campaigns

NOW READY!

Pastor J. A. McMillan's new book "These Days of Destiny"

A Thrilling Message-Filled Story of our Time. You will enjoy it and so will those friends of yours whom you would love to see in the truth.

WATCH

for the special offer to church-members in the next issue of the "Messenger" and avail yourself of it.

could be held throughout the field in the autumn and winter of 1948-9 we should have made a great advance in evangelistic endeavour. Let us move forward with the opening providences of God.

SUMMER SEMINARY

As has already been intimated in the columns of the MESSENGER, this summer will see a great advance in the opportunity afforded our ministers for increased efficiency and experience for their specialized service in the cause of God. The Summer Seminary for Ministers is now definitely planned to convene at Newbold College June 9th to July 22nd. In addition to between forty or fifty of our own

younger ministers, there will also be about twenty students in attendance from the Continent. A considerable amount of work and expense is involved in the organization of such a Seminary as is planned, but it should mean a great deal in the upbuilding and strengthening of our work. This Seminary will offer three advance courses of study as follows:

Archæology and the Bible, H. Lindsjö.

Development of Prophetic Interpretation, L. E. Froom.

Evangelistic and Pastoral Plans and Methods, J. L. Shuler.

We are indeed fortunate to have these experienced instructors come to Britain and we are confident that our churches will be glad to make the sacrifice in pastoral care that will be called for by the release of so many ministers from the field during this course of study lasting seven weeks. Our lay preachers, we know, will rise to the extra task given them by this release and will make their contribution to the care of the churches. Your prayerful co-operation as church officers and members is especially solicited in order that nothing in the field will be lost during the period involved.

VISITORS

ELDER E. E. FRANKLIN'S visit to the field for contact with our colporteur ministry has been especially appreciated. Opportunities for advancement in our publishing work claim our immediate attention. The teeming millions of our land offer a tremendous challenge to increase our colporteur force in numbers and efficiency. Members in our churches can do a great deal by the sale of papers and magazines and our smaller books. An auxiliary force of workers in the literature ministry is another great possibility before us as we plan for advanced moves in our witness for the Advent message here in Britain.

We welcome home to Britain Pastor and Mrs. S. G. Maxwell on furlough from South Africa. We hope they will contact a number of our churches throughout the field during their stay.

G. D. KING.

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Notes from the President

FOR months the church at large has been praying and working that souls may be born into the kingdom as a result of the campaigns started last autumn. On Sabbath, April 24th, some of us were rewarded in part as we witnessed seventeen souls baptized into Christ and one added to the church by vote. This was the "earnest" as the result of Pastor G. R. Bell's labours together with his team and united efforts of the churches in the Holloway, London area. It was a day of great rejoicing in which many took part including our Union president, Pastor E. B. Rudge, and the writer. Much hard and faithful work has been done for which due recognition should be given. A good second baptism is expected before the summer is out. We may confidently expect baptisms in several other places within a few months. Let us continue in prayer. The promise is to the one who faints not.

THE Days of Fellowship have begun and already East Anglia has had a profitable and enjoyable time as a result of gathering together to receive of the ministry of Pastors E. B. Rudge and G. D. King. The following fellowship gatherings are still to be held:

May 1st—Southampton area.

May 8th—Bristol area.

May 15th—Cornwall (St. Austell)

May 22nd—Plymouth area.

July 16th to 18th—General Fellowship Meeting at Watford. Pastor L. K. Dickson from the General Conference is expected to be present.

THE Ingathering Campaign is in full swing now and I know our people will not allow any decreasing momentum to come in,

but will excel themselves once more and beat the record. We will remember Paul's words, "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ." The "strong" are to bear the infirmities of the "weak."

Good success to you all and enjoyable labours.

W. W. ARMSTRONG.

Calling All Juniors!

I AM sure you were thrilled when you saw the notice of the J.M.V. Camp in the MESSENGER and we hope you are all planning to be with us.

All juniors from ten years to fourteen years (and this includes all who have not reached their fifteenth birthday) will be welcomed.

The cost this year is £1. 15s. a week, the same as last year, and registration forms are already in the hands of your leader.

As soon as possible after we receive your completed form we shall send you a lovely blue and yellow camp badge especially made for all campers to wear, so you must treasure this ever so carefully and later on, if we find enough paper, we are going to try and prepare a camp booklet, one for each camper.

Oh! I must not forget there are two wonderful coach and boat trips already booked for you—no, I must not tell you more now, but I know you will enjoy these tours. £1 will cover the cost of both, so save all your pennies.

The camp site at Ladram Bay, Otterton, Devon, is only two fields away from the sea, it's safe for bathing, the scenery is lovely, and what fun we will have living in tents for a whole fortnight.

We have a wonderful team of "Big Brothers" and "Big Sisters," who are going to be with you and what lovely games they are arranging on the beautiful big field. I know they are going to show you how to make things and help you to enjoy the wonderful things of nature—yes, and there will be the campfire in the evening. Oh, there will be lots and lots of good things for the J.M.Vs. in camp this year.

Post your registration form to me now. Yours for a very happy Camp,
UNCLE HARRY.

Baptism in Torquay

SUNNY days in Torquay are always happy days, but never was there more joy in our hearts than when, on Sabbath, March 27th, a day of warm spring sunshine, we added four new members to the church.

The untiring efforts of Pastor F. L. Stokes and Sister Jean Whiting were thus happily rewarded.

Three of the new members passed through the waters of baptism, and one, a chronic invalid for many years, was accepted by vote.

How great were the personal trials of faith experienced by these dear souls perhaps we can never know, but victory over many besetments can be recorded in the case of one of the candidates who, surviving the test of unemployment because of her stand for truth, could join with us in saying, with Paul, "Thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of His knowledge by us in every place." 2 Cor. 2:14.

A short address was given by Pastor G. Roper from Exeter and the church was well filled with members and friends to witness this happy occasion.

R. HEARNE.

Campaign Joys in Croydon

HUMAN nature! Its prejudices and unpredictable reactions, its curious inquisitiveness or its illogical decisions, its longings for light yet its satisfaction with the shadows of darkness. All these notions and more rush into the mind as the toil of the evangelist is analyzed, and the success of his work measured against the background of a spiritually disfigured modern generation.

No easy, gentle demands are made upon the one who carries the work of preaching the message upon his very heart. Great grace and greater courage constitute the ever-present pressing

equipment of the evangelist or Bible instructor. There's a challenging problem at every turn of the way and one must learn the truth of the divine promise, "My grace is sufficient for thee." But the encouragements that come to the worker's heart are an immense joy, and become a treasure of inestimable worth in the mansions of his memories. When people listen to the truth, that's encouraging; but when they decide for the truth, that's an elation.

Our Croydon mission has brought us many moments of elation recently as the number of our interested friends from the mission attending our church keeps steadily growing. With the joys of success and the sombre shades of our set-backs, God is weaving the pattern of His victory. Maybe the reader could recount in his or her experience of the past, something similar to what follows.

Years ago the teachings of Seventh-Day Adventists were brought to the notice of a man and his wife, but with a decided warning that they were "all wrong," the subject was dismissed. These people were sincere Sunday-keepers and looked for the return of the Lord. Each Sunday their neighbours saw them wending their way to worship. They never hid their candle under a bushel.

In September, 1947, a leaflet was handed to them inviting them to the Empire Theatre the next Sunday. A theatre on Sunday! No, it wouldn't be right. But further reading revealed that a series of Bible addresses was to be given, and that was different. So they went. They were interested immediately, and kept coming because they had found meetings where the Bible was truly and helpfully explained. Here was truth!

Imagine their bewilderment on finding that these people were the Seventh-Day Adventists, whom they thought to be "all wrong." The Sabbath was presented. Yes, they could see its truth and began to keep it. But their neighbours saw them going out on Saturday, and doing necessary gardening jobs on Sunday. Were they apostatizing? Had they become discouraged in the way? No! But so, knowing her desire to become

to make sure that the neighbours truly understand, they set about the task of visiting their neighbours and explaining that the "seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God." These folk now rejoice in the clarity of the message which is consistent and consoling to them, but which once they thought "all wrong."

Another man with his wife and three children are weekly rejoicing in the "peace of God's commandments." But how did they hear of the meetings? Well, Mother has to do the shopping and one day she brought her basket home laden with good things. On unwrapping the bundle of beetroot, her eyes were attracted to the colourful handbill in which they sheltered. Her interest was aroused and all the family came to the mission. Now they share the Sabbath blessings with us each week. And it all began with a handbill, probably disdainfully wrapped around a pound of beetroot!

Another sister whose heart is warmly filled with a love for the message now, on learning of the privilege and duty of tithe-paying, went home and talked it over again with her bright high-school son, aged twelve years. He, too, wanted to pay tithe, and so that first week he carefully counted his small allowances from Mother, Grandpa, and uncles. It amounted to 2/1d., that would be 2½d. tithe. The lad thought for a moment and then exclaimed, "Mother, I couldn't give God 2½d.; I'll make it 3d." How God loves a cheerful, liberal giver, and how the Lord rewards the honesty of His people! May God bless this lad and all faithful tithe-payers.

Then sometimes the Lord tests our Christian courage. A young woman who held a good position in the city of London became convinced of her duty to obey God's commandments. Despite our joint requests for Sabbath release from work, her employers were adamant. She had no alternative, and with fortitude of soul resigned from her employment, though there were many pleas for her to alter her decision. Her workmates wished to make a suitable presentation that would enable her to remember them, and

a Bible instructor in our cause, I suggested that they present her with the "Conflict of the Ages" series by Mrs. E. G. White. How she treasures those books now, for though it was a break to leave friends, these books represent the day she determined to stand for God's commandments amid a lawless world. Soon another job, with Sabbath off, presented itself, and now, despite an ever-flowing undercurrent of opposition in many forms, she remains firm, rejoicing in hope and encouraged by truth. Soon the corridors of the College will be a familiar scene as this young woman prepares for a life of service for God.

Could we again invite the prayers of the readers of the MESSENGER for those we have mentioned and the dozens of others who have begun to share the joys of truth with us? Truly God can do great things, and we must see them done in our day if the work is to be accomplished at all. If you could step into our Croydon church on any Sabbath and see the seats filled with worshippers, when but a few months ago they were comfortably empty, your hearts would glow, like ours, with deep gratitude to God for His blessing and His enabling grace in the proclamation of His message.

Our mission team, comprised of Brother H. West, Misses K. Mahon, C. Emm, and C. Richards, and our church pastor, Brother E. Cox, send greetings to the MESSENGER family and ask that your continued prayers may arise for the work which, though difficult at times, is dear to our hearts.

Pray for the number of young people who are coming to the church. Some must find other employment. One young man who was to be married in a matter of weeks, had the tremendous disappointment of seeing his young lady hand back her engagement ring because he was quietly determined to keep God's Sabbath and she was equally determined to have nothing to do with it. Oh readers, these are great days for God to work for us. Scores of people are in the balance. Pray that God will be victor in their lives to the praise and glory of His peerless Name.

T. J. BRADLEY.

Following the Blue-Print

FOR many years the Plymouth church has been one of the outstanding bulwarks of the faith in the British Union. Liberal with her means and her sons and daughters, she has made a noble contribution to the cause of God here and abroad.

Her greatest contributions were made during the days when the church most closely followed the divine "blue-print" for the work of God, as revealed in the counsels of the Spirit of prophecy. And the past year's work gives evidence that the former strength is steadily returning in proportion to the return of the church to the old paths. There is, in the following brief report, encouragement for the belief that there is a bright future before the Plymouth church—a future as bright as the promises of God.

Church School. The re-opened church school has completed its first term, under the leadership of Misses J. Hulbert and M. Stendall. School opened with thirteen pupils and closed the term with twenty-two. There will be forty-eight on the rolls for next term and sixty by September. A waiting list is now developing. The school is young, but promising.

Sabbath-School. January 17th was Sabbath-School Evangelism Day at Plymouth, with Pastors E. L. Minchin and A. C. Vine leading out. There has been new life and interest in the Sabbath-school throughout this quarter. Average attendance, interest in lessons and offerings to missions all reveal marked improvement. The offering goal for the quarter was exceeded by £5. Sister C. Andrews has built up the Junior Division. A working model lighthouse, made by Brother Andrews, stimulated the children to high achievements. They reached their quarter's goal in the first seven weeks!

M.V. Department. The coming of the church-school teachers has brought new life to the young people's society, resulting in an increased attendance. There is a growing interest in the Progressive class work. Mrs. G. Hyde, an enthusiastic Master Comrade, has had the pleasure of investing

eight Helpers and two Friends—four of the Helpers and the two Friends being Cornwall youth.

Dorcas Work. Organized last September as the "Adventist Women's Association," the sisters of the church have gathered, cleaned, repaired, prepared, and shipped nineteen parcels of used clothing to addresses of our brethren in Germany, and they are not weary in well-doing.

P.O.W. The church has been blessed by the presence of two of our German brethren during the past half-year. Their families have benefited by liberal gifts of food and clothing, additional to those listed above. These men have testified to a renewal of spiritual life under the stimulus of brotherly love in a foreign land.

Additions. After the "test of discipleship" had been brought to bear closely upon them, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Eastcott proved themselves worthy in Christ of membership in the Plymouth church, and were joyfully accepted upon profession of faith on March 13, 1948.

Hammond Organ. The spirit of true worship has been strengthened by the installation of a Hammond Electric Organ in the Plymouth church. The instrument was obtained for half its present replacement value, and the price of £550 has been fully met by the Organ Fund which has been quietly growing over a period of years. A bequest of £122 by a member, and another generous gift of £100 are deeply appreciated by the church in the making up of this fund.

Apostasies. In an effort to minimize the possibilities of loss of interest in the church, and faith in the truth, a system of regular visitation to the homes of the membership, has been instituted. The deacons and deaconesses lead out in this work, and will bring in periodical reports of their visits.

The manifestation of the power of God's Spirit is assured when His people show themselves willing to work by the "blue-print" of the Word, pointed by the Spirit of prophecy.

G. M. HYDE.

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Notes from the President

WHEN these notes are read, we shall be in the midst of that campaign which stirs to action more of our members than any other one conducted among our churches. There are indications from the reports coming in that we are heading for another Ingathering record total. Nottingham has led the field with a first-day report of £47. The Conference committee recommends that we aim at a per capita goal of £5; we reached £4. 18s. 10d. last year. We have an extra Sunday in 1948, so we should reach that which I think will be a world record for any conference.

WHEN Pastor D. J. Handy-sides presented the Sabbath in the Potteries, there were over 400 non-members present. The Spirit of God impressed the audience and many were convicted that we have the truth.

GOOD interests are reported from Nottingham, Bolton, Wallasey, Dudley, Ashington, and other places. Baptisms are planned during May for Nottingham, York, Leeds, and Halifax.

SOME who once held the truth but who lost their hold on eternal realities are again taking hold. Five in one district have again decided to keep God's Sabbath and fulfil their obligations to our loving Father that "pardoneth iniquity and passeth by the transgression of the remnant of His heritage."

THE book work is making good progress throughout the field. The angels of God go with and before our faithful colporteurs. The first quarter shows a gain in book sales of some £1,600 over 1947.

OUR young people are planning and eagerly looking for-

ward to the Youth's Congress at Watford over the August Bank Holiday; and the juniors, "bless them," are very enthusiastic about their camp at Cayton Bay the last fortnight in August.

ALL members should bear in mind the two Conference meetings to be held over the week-ends of June 26th and 27th and July 24th and 25th, particulars of which will be issued later.

OUR finances are keeping well

up and we greatly appreciate the faithfulness of our membership. For the first quarter we show a gain of about £500 in tithes.

WE invite you to a renewed consecration to God, to pray daily for every soul-winning effort put forth by our ministers, colporteurs, Bible instructors, and members. Pray for the latter rain. "Armageddon is soon to be fought." We need to be prepared by the power of God to meet the issue. O. M. DORLAND.



Six Years "At the Bar"

FROM March, 1942, to February, 1948, I have canvassed licensees of hotels and public houses, large and small, in city, town, and hamlet, in Lancashire, Cheshire, Yorkshire, Derbyshire, and Nottinghamshire. This work has involved the combing of hundreds of city streets, and the tramping of many a tiring mile from "pub" to "pub" in the more rural parts of those counties.

Orders for *The Bible Speaks* have been received in 3,773 licensed premises and hotels, varying from the little corner "off-license" to the large residential aristocrat, such as the Victoria Hotel, Sheffield. Allowing for some 2½ per cent cancellations on the one hand, and to balance, those who, under one name, ordered up to three, and in one case seven books, quite 3,750 copies of *The Bible Speaks* have been placed in the homes of these mostly sober, but sometimes more spirited, gentlemen.

Mention of Sheffield reminds me of the repeated warnings I received from a relative of mine with whom I stayed while working that place, regarding the dreadful haunts and hard hearts to be found in the "city of steel." He felt sure my heart, if not my ribs would be well-nigh broken. But imagine his astonishment when I came off with some of my

best weeks' sales, two £50's and several of over £40.

From time to time the chief of my experiences have been published, so I will not again relate them. But I often wonder what the results will be from the public house where *The Bible Speaks* was placed in the bookcase in the bar, for I know it was frequently read and discussed by the patrons. Or how the wife of a licensee who set herself the task of studying a page each day, is facing up to the life-changing message of her book.

I am confident that the day will dawn when much of this literature will be brought out and its contents studied and discussed—behind the bar and over the bar. May it be that many of those publicans will accept the salvation offered in the books and at last stand unashamed before Heaven's bar of judgment.

Many are the benefits I have gained from my six years of specializing at "the bar," and now as I turn to canvass the shops and similar premises, I find that I am better prepared to meet the busy business man with a breezy confidence.

W. McLEOD.



The Supreme Means

THE remarkable work of Brother McLeod among the "publicans," which he now reports as

having completed, has been done exclusively with our standard message-book *The Bible Speaks*.

How gratifying it is to know that at any time those hotel proprietors and their families can "have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God." The truths that are so dear to us are within their reach in the precious volumes now in their possession.

Perhaps before, and also during earth's final crisis, "it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not My people; there shall they be called the children of the living God." Rom. 9:26.

We pray it will be so.

One outstanding fact demonstrated by this unusual ministry of Brother McLeod's, is that we can look to the work of our literature evangelists as the supreme means for penetrating the dark recesses of vice with the glorious light of the last Gospel appeal.

Now, as the storm clouds threaten on the world's political horizon, there is need of more and still more courageous workers to go into the haunts of Satan everywhere with the printed page, bearing glad tidings of the coming King.

B. BELTON.

Requests from the Continent

WILL any desiring to respond to any of the following requests kindly communicate with the Missionary Volunteer Department, British Union Conference Offices, Stanborough Park, Watford, Herts.

GERMAN EX-PRISONER OF WAR

A Brother Otto Wolf of Braunschweig, Weinbergstrasse 2, Germany, seeks employment with Adventists in England. He is married and has a daughter nine years of age and offers his services in the following trades: building, fishing—he would be glad no doubt to work on a farm or in a mine.

GERMANY

A Dr. Hedueig Fischdick, twenty-five years of age, would

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like to come to England with her sister, Margret, twenty-three years of age, for four weeks in October. She is a medical doctor and her sister is a technical assistant in the chemical institute of a German University. Their desire is to become more familiar with our people and the English language.

FRANCE

MISS G. LE CAM, a young woman, thirty-one years of age, and a faithful Adventist, desires to find a home in England with Adventist believers, in return for domestic duties. She would be glad to help teach French.

Switzerland

SWISS young lady, aged 23, non-Adventist, relative of Adventists, would like four to six weeks as paying guest in Adventist home to perfect her English by lessons and conversation. Write: Principal, Newbold Missionary College, Bracknell, Berks.

Church Address

WINSLOW

THE Winslow company now meet in the Mission Hall, Boot Road, Winslow, opposite the "Boor" Inn. Sabbath-school, 11 a.m.; Preaching service, 3.30 p.m.
W. R. GIRLING.

Wedding Bells

MAUDSLEY - MADGWICK. — The marriage took place on Wednesday, April 14, 1948, at the Holloway Advent church, of Dr. Roy Homer Maudsley and Sister Belle Alvina Madgwick, both members of the Ilford church. Pastor W. Maudsley conducted the ceremony, Pastor W. W. Armstrong gave the address, and Dr. John Shone presided at the organ. A reception was held at Beale's Restaurant, Holloway, where eighty-eight guests were entertained.

Brother and Sister Maudsley are both workers in connection with the young people's society at Ilford, and our best wishes are extended to them for continuance in the Lord's work, and for their future happiness. The honeymoon is being spent in Scotland.

A. HOWARD, Church Clerk.

NOLAN-ELIAS. — On Tuesday, November 18, 1947, Brother Desmond Nolan and Sister Audrey Elias, two of our well-known and highly esteemed young people, were united in marriage at the Stanborough Park church. The bridegroom has for a number of years been a faithful member of our Park church and young people's society, and is the son of Brother and Sister David Nolan. The bride comes from "Bonnie Scotland" and since her graduation from our Newbold Missionary College, has efficiently served the cause of God teaching in our secondary school at Stanborough Park.

As these young people commence their journey together we pray that our heavenly Father will guide them and that the home they establish will ever be a centre of light, love, and blessing.

E. L. MINCHIN.

GUEST-GRIFFITHS — On Monday, April 5, 1948, there took place in our Parkfield Street church, Manchester, before a full congregation of relatives, members, and friends, an attractive wedding. Francis Burnett Guest, third son of Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Guest of Swansea, and Gwynneth Jones Griffiths, second daughter of Mr and Mrs E. C. Griffiths of Manchester, were united in holy matrimony. At this ceremony it was the writer's pleasure to have the assistance of Pastor G. W. Baird, the pastor of the church. The two sisters of the bride, Edith and Brenda, ably officiated as bridesmaids. Mr. Stanley Guest, brother of the bridegroom, was best man and Mr. John Griffiths, brother of the bride, was groomsmen. Mr. Edgar Halstead with his customary skill rendered appropriate music at the organ, and Pastor G. D. King with his usual geniality officiated as master of ceremonies at the happy reception which followed the wedding.

During our seven years' residence in Manchester, it was our pleasure to see the bride grow out of her early teens and develop into a talented and consecrated member of the church. It is with increased joy that we now witness the blending of her life in marital partnership with one whose Christian worth has been evidenced by his staunch adherence to the principles of the Advent faith. May God continue to shower His richest blessings on this happy couple.

W. R. A. MADGWICK.

Until the Day Break

CHAPPELL — The many friends of Nurse Chappell throughout the British Union will deeply regret to learn of her death. After many years nursing service as a Plunket nurse in New Zealand; engaged in the thrilling pioneer work, she accepted the truth and returned to her home country. She enjoyed fellowship in many of our churches throughout the Union, giving health lectures in various churches both in the North and South England Conferences, but she will be especially remembered for sweet Christian disposition in all her church affiliations. She was laid to rest in the Streatham Vale Cemetery on June 4, 1947, the service being conducted by the writer. We confidently believe that she will rise at the Master's call at the first resurrection.

G. ROPER.
N.B.—It is regretted that owing to an unfortunate misunderstanding this notice was overlooked. G.R.

SHAW.—The Nottingham church sustained a loss in the passing of Sister J. Shaw, one of its oldest members, on January 12, 1948, at the age of eighty-two years. Her death came unexpectedly after a short illness. Our sister was one of the early believers in Nottingham, and was a member of the church for over fifty years. Her Christian character and faithfulness to the Advent message was an example to her children, and she had the joy of seeing all in the truth. The funeral service was conducted by Pastors O. M. Dorland and W. J. Cannon in the Nottingham church. Our sister was laid to rest in the Wilford Hill Cemetery, there to await the call of the Lifegiver on the resurrection morning.
CHURCH CLERK.

FARR — On January 20, 1948, the Hereford company suffered the loss of a faithful member and friend in Sister Farr of Marden. Her witness to her faith in advancing years was an example to all. She studied the message with lively interest under the guidance of Miss M. Cooper and was baptized in 1924. It was her wish to imitate her Saviour, and the ceremony was therefore performed in the River Wye by Pastor D. Morrison. Sorrowing relatives and friends saw her laid to rest in the country churchyard of Marden to await the call of the Lifegiver, whose coming is the consolation of us all.
J. LEWIS.

JEFFERISS.—We regret to announce the death of Brother Alfred Jefferiss, one of our oldest Romford members, on February 2, 1948. In 1910 he gave up a very lucrative business in order to keep the Sabbath. Since then he has served the cause faithfully and well. Although very deaf during the last few years, he was usually the first to be in his seat at Sabbath-school. He was keenly interested in evangelism in the London area and on many occasions would be found supporting the efforts by his presence, as well as financially. The last two years of his life he suffered a lingering illness, but was well cared for by one of his daughters. He died at the age of eighty-seven years, at his home, and was buried in Romford Cemetery, the service being conducted by Pastor H. T. Johnson.

CHURCH CLERK.

ROWLEY.—Sister Clara Rowley accepted this message through the ministry of Pastor S. G. Hyde in 1921. Although

because of her eighty-five years and distance from the church, she could not enjoy regular fellowship with God's people, she was faithful to the end. Her last concern was that her family might be won for the truth. After an illness of a few weeks she passed peacefully away on March 23, 1948, and was laid to rest at Warsop on March 27th. We look for that glorious resurrection morning when we shall all meet around that great white throne. We express our sympathy to the sorrowing family.

W. J. CANNON.

NICHOLSON—Sister Sarah Ellen Nicholson passed away on March 8, 1948, at the age of sixty-nine years. Our sister accepted the Advent message through the efforts of a lay member of the Hull church, and was baptized by Pastor E. Zinns in 1946. Sister Nicholson, though afflicted during the last year or so, retained her happy disposition, and was a faithful member of the church till the last. We shall miss her cheerful smile, but have every confidence that she will have a part in the first resurrection, and that we, if faithful, shall meet her again.

H. W. McCROW

MORGAN—Sister Ann Morgan, of the Newcastle church, fell asleep in Jesus on March 10, 1948, in her sixtieth year. We had long prayed that our sister should be restored to health, but God in His mercy saw fit to release her in death from all suffering. She accepted the message through the labours of Pastor B. F. Kinman and was baptized in 1941. Our sister took a keen interest in Dorcas work, especially before her illness. Services were held at her home and at Saltwell Cemetery, where she was laid to rest on Sabbath, March 13th, Pastor Kinman and Brother M. Musgrave addressing words of hope and comfort to the relatives, friends, and church-members. We extend our deepest sympathy to her dear ones, but we know that they sorrow not as those who have no hope, but with us look forward to the day when the grand reunion will take place at the coming of Jesus.

CHURCH CLERK

SMITH—Another of our aged members of Leeds church has been called to her rest, with the passing of Sister A. Smith, on March 12, 1948. She accepted the truth in 1917, and has since been a source of encouragement to both old and young. In spite of her ninety-two years, she was of keen perception, and her love for the message was bright until the end. "Granny" Smith will long be remembered with tenderness. To spend but a few moments in her presence was to catch a glimpse of that spirit which has made God's people great. She was laid to rest in St John's churchyard, Roundhay, on Monday, March 15th, Pastor J. P. West assisting during the service. Although our church sustains a loss, yet we are confident that very soon we shall meet again, for "the dead in Christ shall rise," and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

G. J. CLEE, Church Clerk.

CLAIREAUX—Sister Elizabeth Claireaux passed away on March 13, 1948, at "Highcliffe," Mt Felard, Jersey, Channel Islands, at the age of eighty-four years. She was one of the four precious souls in Jersey who accepted this truth during the summer of 1938 when the writer and Brother J. D. Maffey were student colporteurs. She was faithful throughout the German occupation, sending word and gifts to England with the cessation of hostilities. Arrangements were made for Pastor A. J. Mustard to visit the island, because of former visits and associations. On this occasion Sister

Claireaux was baptized together with Brother Daniel Bisson—the only Adventist now living in the island. Due to a clause in the will made during the occupation, the funeral services were conducted from the local Wesleyan Chapel, and the writer was not permitted to conduct the service, though he was in attendance at the chapel and the graveside. Hundreds of truft-filled books are in the homes of Jersey. There is a harvest awaiting the labourers. We believe that Sister Claireaux will be one in the kingdom among the saints from the beautiful isle of Jersey.

G. M. HYDE.

COOKE—On February 26, 1948, at his home in Dronfield, our brother Cooke, aged eighty-three, fell asleep. The Sheffield church has lost a good and faithful member who was always punctual. He was baptized in 1921 and for many years he was our well-esteemed treasurer and deacon. He was laid to rest on March 1st to await the resurrection morning, when those who die in the Lord will meet again.

F. I. MUSTOW, Church Clerk.

YALLOP—On Sabbath, March 20, 1948, after a very brief illness, our young brother, Maurice Yallop, entered into his rest at the early age of fifteen years. He was baptized in 1946 by Pastor W. G. Nicholson and was a very faithful boy in every way. He loved Bible study and bore testimony of an abiding experience in Christ to the men with whom he worked. He was laid to rest in the Lowestoft Cemetery, the funeral service being conducted by Pastor F. J. Wilms-hurst, assisted by the writer.

E. ASHTON

FISHER—The Newcastle church regrets to announce the death of Sister Ada Fisher, aged ninety-one years. Our sister was baptized in 1935, but because of her age had been unable to meet with us for some years. She was laid to rest in Blaydon Cemetery, the service being conducted by Brother M. Musgrave on March 27, 1948. We believe she fell asleep in Jesus and look forward to meeting her again in the earth made new.

CHURCH CLERK.

FULCHER—It is with deep regret that we report the sudden death of our dear Sister A. Fulcher on Easter Monday, March 29, 1948. She had been a sufferer from heat trouble for over two years, during which time she accepted the message under Pastor C. R. Bonney. She was laid to rest where her husband sleeps in the Loose Cemetery, Maidstone, on April 3rd, to await the Life-giver's call on the resurrection morn. Our deep sympathies go to those who mourn their loss.

K. L. VINE.

EASTCOTT—Brother Edwin Eastcott died at his home, 5 Widey View, Hartley, Plymouth, on Sunday, April 4, 1948, at the age of eighty-one years. Only three weeks previously, on March 13th, the Plymouth church had voted Brother and Sister Eastcott into fellowship, upon their profession of faith. A mercifully brief period of illness brought to a close a faithful and active life. Brother Eastcott had received some studies from Pastor F. J. Wilmshurst and Miss C. Emm. The writer continued the work for almost a year, during which time Brother and Sister Eastcott accepted and began to practise the truth in its fullness. Conspicuous by his cheery faithfulness and deep interest in the church, he will be truly missed. We expect to see Brother Eastcott in the day of the resurrection. Funeral services were conducted from the church in Plymouth by the writer, and interment was in the Ply-

mouth Old Cemetery on the afternoon of April 7th.

G. M. HYDE.

KEERS—Sister Keers fell asleep in Jesus on Wednesday, April 7, 1948. She was a very faithful member of the Florncerville church, Belfast, witnessing to her faith in the return of Jesus for the past twenty-six years. She was laid to rest in the Dundonald Cemetery, Belfast, on Friday, April 9th, with the certain hope of rising again when her Saviour returns for His people. Pastor W. G. Nicholson conducted the service, assisted by the writer.

C. W. KNOWLSON

GREEN—On April 14, 1948, Sister Green (wife of the late colporteur Brother Green) a member of the Watford Town church, passed peacefully to her rest at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. A. Huse of Handsworth, Birmingham. Sister Green as Mrs. Reeder accepted the truth in Canada some thirty-six years ago. She has been faithful ever since and did her best to witness for the Master she loved. She now rests after a long illness patiently borne. We leave her in the Master's keeping, looking forward to the resurrection of the righteous when the day shall dawn and the shadows flee away. One son and three daughters are left to mourn. The funeral service was conducted by the writer.

O. M. DORLAND

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