

# BRITISH ADVENT MESSENGER

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## Summer Seminary at Newbold

By R. D. Vine

It was surely a happy day for the British Union when the brethren of the Theological Seminary at Washington agreed to hold a summer school over here. It is the conviction of the ministers who attended, that great good will accrue from this noble experiment.

The school was held in Newbold Missionary College, amid the ideal surroundings of the Berkshire countryside. It was launched on June 9th by our union and conference leaders, Pastors E. B. Rudge, union president; G. D. King, vice president; W. W. Armstrong, South England president; O. M. Dorland, North England president; W. R. A. Madgwick, College principal; and our three instructors from Washington: Dr. Holger Lindsjo, principal of the school, Pastors L. E. Froom, and J. L. Shuler. As the days proceeded, we developed an ever deepening appreciation of these American brethren and of the excellent instruction which they offered.

The course was an intensive one lasting until July 21st. Mental energy was stretched to unaccustomed limits in a valiant endeavour to cope with the requirements of the various classes.

Dr. Lindsjo's classes in "Archæology and the Bible"

were fascinating. In his erudite way he skilfully resurrected the ancient past, and gave new life to the biblical records. Pastor Froom gave us the benefit of his many years of arduous research, as he outlined the thrilling story of our spiritual ancestry. He dealt with the "History and Development of Prophetic Interpretation." Our hearts were deeply stirred and sobered when we realized as we had never done before, that we are the privileged custodians of truths that have been cherished and upheld by the thin line of spiritual stalwarts ever since apostolic days.

Elder Shuler's classes in evangelism opened before us undreamed-of possibilities. Somehow he soon made us feel that the most noble and essential work

on earth to-day, could be done in ways that would make the barrier of British conservatism assume an infinitely less formidable nature. He carefully outlined for us the divine blueprint for evangelism, and inspired within each one a desire to follow it.

The school was composed of over sixty students—about forty from Britain, and twenty-five from Scandinavia and the continent. At least fifteen nationalities were represented. This cosmopolitan group provided clear proof that the only infallible way of realizing the spirit of unity so woefully absent in the world generally, is that of cherishing the blessed hope of the second advent.

We Britishers were profoundly stirred as our brethren from other fields related their exploits for the Master. Pentecostal blessing is surely attending their la-



Photo by P. Cumings

Over sixty workers in class at the seminary. Pastor J. L. Shuler is standing at the back, and to his immediate left sits Pastor L. E. Froom.

hours. And as we daily met in our prayer groups to seek the greatest of all evangelistic necessities—the baptism of the Holy Spirit, we were mutually inspired.

Our daily chapel periods proved both stimulating and inspiring. The messages from our union and conference leaders were timely and pointed; and the heart-searching remarks of Pastor L. K. Dickson, vice-president of the General Conference, as he discussed the tests of a man's call to the ministry were very solemnizing.

Pastor J. A. McMillan deepened our realization of the tremendous possibilities before the comparatively new evangelistic medium—that of the Voice of Prophecy Bible School.

An urge to grapple with the lesser-preached-on prophecies in the vital books of Daniel and Revelation, was either resurrected

or refired when Pastor W. L. Emerson addressed us on "Prophetic Preaching."

Dr. E. G. Essery, in a spirited address, portrayed a sombre picture of the modern mind, and the fundamental problems which have to be encountered by Gospel workers as they battle against present philosophies. Speakers included Pastors Rudge, King, Armstrong, Dorland, Brother A. Carey, and Elder Johnson, president of Emmanuel Missionary College, Michigan.

As workers we thank our Union for making it possible for us to attend the school. We are grateful too for the excellent way we were cared for by all concerned in our "home away from home." To our three instructors who came so far to help us we would say: "We greatly appreciate all you have done. We are sure that the results will prove to be eternal."

of Pastor Mustard our mission superintendent.

In the service which followed Pastor Dickson brought us a timely message and every soul felt his need as our brother urged us to go forward with God. How long we have gazed at the difficulties, and none will deny their reality, we have cried for deliverance, but may it not be that God is speaking to us softly; "Take your eyes off the difficulties, look to Me, and go forward." Forward movements in the lives of the members will lead to forward movements in the churches, and then to the fulfillment of that greatest desire in every Irish Adventist's heart, forward moves in the work of God in this island. The members were unanimous in their desire for this fellowship of victory in Christ—attested by all rising in consecration.

On Sabbath afternoon, Pastor Maxwell and his wife brought us good news of the work in Africa, urging us to pray for special guidance in solving some difficult problems. In this service we found the fellowship of difficulty.

Later in the afternoon our isolated believers found fellowship in the communion service conducted by Pastor Mustard.

In the evening, Brother Adair told us of the progress of the health work in Australia. The films shown were of great interest and inspiration.

On Sunday morning Pastor Rudge led us into the fellowship of testimony. Many took the opportunity of expressing their desire to enter into the fellowship of triumphal victory in Christ.

Pastor Dickson developed further the theme of Sabbath morning; "Go Forward." Forward in heart-cleansing, forward in soul-winning.

The closing service in the church was in the hands of Pastor Maxwell who chose as the basis of his study Jude twenty-one: "Keep yourselves in the love of God." How much the church and the world need love, and have they not the right to expect it of Adventists?

On Sunday evening, Pastor Dickson conducted the service in the Shankhill church at which there were many strangers. A clear picture of our spiritual

## The Irish Annual Meeting

FELLOWSHIP is life. Communion is vital to Christian living. To our believers in Ireland, especially the isolated, the fellowship of the annual meetings brings great blessing. Cut off as so many are from others of like faith, able only to meet once a year, there is real joy in joining with others to sing God's praise and to study His Word. The Irish annual meetings were no exception in this respect this year.

The meetings were held in the Florenceville church from July 9th to 11th, and members came in from far and near to enter into the spirit of praise and find refreshing in fellowship.

It was also a real joy this year to have an Irishman to minister to our needs, Pastor L. K. Dickson. Although his passport claims him as American his forbears hailed from the County Down. As he spoke to us we felt that there was in his heart a love for the emerald isle and the land of his fathers. Pastor E. B. Rudge was with us, and although not Irish, he has, during the last two years, revealed a great interest in Ireland's needs. Pastor S. G. Maxwell and his wife brought us news from the great continent of

Africa, whilst Brother G. Adair of the Granose Foods Ltd., who also has parentage of Irish stock, brought us word of the progress of the health work.

At the first service on Friday evening Pastor Rudge, speaking on Zephaniah chapter 2 led us into the fellowship of prayer. Many were the prayers, spoken and unspoken that ascended each carrying its own special burden.

At 9 a.m. on Sabbath we again enjoyed the fellowship of prayer. Surely God will stretch forth His hand to deliver His people if this spirit of earnest supplication is maintained.

The Sabbath-school was conducted by Dr. Houston and Sister Taylor, superintendents from Belfast and Dublin respectively. During the missions appeal we could almost see that poor leper woman as she moved from her home to make the long journey to Mafamulo for healing, only to be turned away because there was no room. We are grateful to Pastor Maxwell for this story and in our hearts we vowed we would do more to make a repetition of this story impossible.

The lesson was taken from the desk and was in the capable hand

needs in view of the serious world situation was set before us. Many stirred uneasily in their seats as Pastor Dickson in the power of the Spirit solemnly and seriously brought us face to face with our need. In the final call to consecration many stood, and we believe that victories were gained for God which will yield fruit in the Kingdom.

W. G. NICHOLSON.

## Northern Ireland Mission

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### Superintendent's Notes

THE 1948 Annual Meeting of the Irish believers, recently held, was an occasion of rich blessing to all who attended. The ministry of Pastors L. K. Dickson, E. B. Rudge, and S. G. Maxwell was blessed of heaven, and Brother G. E. Adair also brought us inspiration and provoked us to jealousy with his films of our health food work in Australasia. A full report of the gathering appears elsewhere in this issue.

A few days ago a further forward step was taken in the laying of a broad and strong foundation for a large advance in Ireland. Pastor Paul Wickman, secretary of the Radio Commission of the General Conference, visited Dublin with Pastor J. A. McMillan, and obtained an interview with the Director of Radio Eireann, the state-owned broadcasting corporation of Eire. We invite the prayerful interest of God's people everywhere in this venture of faith. What a quick work might be done in Catholic Ireland if the truth could wing its way into the homes of its people through the radio. "With God all things are possible." Our faith must match our opportunities, at least.

For the first time for many years, the college has sent its representative to visit our people in Ireland. Brother C. W. Fitcher has recently visited our Dublin and Belfast churches and our companies at Shankhill and Coleraine. We are glad for this

close contact between our members and the college, to which the Irish Sea sometimes manages to give a distant aspect. It is a matter of pride to us that the Irish field is well represented in our "school of the prophets."

The tithe report for Ireland shows a gain of £244 over 1947 for the first six months of the year. We thank God for this evidence of His blessing upon His people, and commend our membership for its faithfulness to God's cause. A. J. MUSTARD.

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### Superintendent's Notes

IT was our privilege to visit Aberdeen on Sabbath, July 24th, upon the occasion of a large baptism of twenty-five souls. It was the fruitage of Pastor K. Lacey's evangelistic work in that city. A report appears elsewhere in these columns. Problems have

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been legion, but the workers have consistently turned heavenward, believing and claiming the promises for power and blessing, and remarkably has the Lord preceded His servants to open the door of faith. There is the distinct prospect of a further baptism in the granite city before the year closes. Our prayers have been answered, and further intercessions are requested for the work in Aberdeen, and especially for the establishment of a permanent house of worship.

We extend our hearty congratulations to Brother David Bull,

of Edinburgh, who has recently successfully passed the qualifying examinations of the Scottish Conjoint boards—L.R.C.P. (Edin.), L.R.C.S. (Edin.), and L.R.F.S. & S. (Glas.) A potential missionary has been trained and now awaits the Lord's call to service.

At the time of going to press, a number of Scottish Missionary Volunteers are receiving the thrill of their lives, along with other British and Continental youth, at the "Share Your Faith" Congress at Watford.

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## Our Student Colporteurs

IMMEDIATELY after the College graduation fifty-six students, twenty-nine young ladies and twenty-seven young men, left Newbold Missionary College in their quest for a scholarship.

A special scholarship mile chart has been prepared and every student is featured as a runner in this all important objective. It has been quite a thrill to see how well some of the students have been sprinting along the scholarship trail.

Within the eight week period leading up to the Youth Congress at least seven students reached a full scholarship in orders taken and small literature sold. Miss E. Fenz, first home from the Mansfield area, sold *These Days of Destiny*; Mr. A. Haran, 2nd, sold *The Bible Speaks* in Cardiff district. Mr. Amos Cooper, 3rd, worked with *These Days of Destiny* in the Bridgend area; Miss J. Harrison, 4th, canvassed with *God's Way Out* in the City of London; Miss W. Sisson, 5th, sold *God's Way Out* in the Isle of Wight; Mr. W. Frazer, 6th, and Mr. Arthur Cooper, 7th, in the fishing villages of North Scotland worked with *These Days of Destiny*. Hearty congratulations young

people. A wonderful achievement.

The great scholarship race is still on. Ten students are swiftly approaching the threequarter mile mark, whereas twenty are in the half mile area. It will be a glorious finish. Every runner has set his face toward the winning post. So continue to run student-colporteurs and complete the scholarship mile.

In a recent report one young lady booked £54 worth of orders for *These Days of Destiny* in one week. Another young lady £44 with *God's Way Out*. Some students have canvassed well over sixty hours in a single week. The achievements of the students are most encouraging. God is richly blessing their efforts.

Note just one experience from our student-colporteur band which indicates how the work is being done.

"It was a Monday—busy day for many. I came back home in the evening with five orders for *The Bible Speaks*. I felt I had done enough and deserved a good rest for the remainder of the evening. Mrs. Price, one of my last summer's customers was anxious for her son, an invalid, who became ill and was to go

to hospital. Mr. Price himself was not well. She needed some comfort. To make things worse her lodger was getting drunk every night. So her home was a miserable place. I started off with my prospectus in hand, walking toward her house. I called at the public house, where this good man was "drowning his sorrow" as we say in French; canvassed the licensee and got an order for *The Bible Speaks*, then I went to Mrs. Price's. She ordered a book from me, without my canvassing it. Just the look of it and the Spirit of God did the rest. Later on the lodger came in and sat with us in the living room. After a conversation on spiritual things he turned page after page and asked the price of the blue binding, then paid right away for one.

When I went back home that night I felt happier than ever. As you read this experience do not forget to send a word of prayer on behalf of these three people, that they may be led to the cross and finally saved."

A. W. COOK.

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