

BRITISH ADVENT MESSENGER

ORGAN OF THE BRITISH UNION CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

A WORD OF APPRECIATION

It affords me a great deal of pleasure, on this the fortieth Ingathering anniversary, to congratulate our brethren and sisters of the British Union on your wonderful achievement in the Ingathering of funds for missions this year. From a financial standpoint, this has been your best year. The Ingathering of funds for missions means the gathering in of souls.

As far as we know, you hold the unique position of being the only Minute Man Union in the world field. You have raised not only the Minute Man goal of \$18.00 per member, but you have gone quite a little beyond that figure. Having spent a few days in the British Isles, and knowing a little about the financial condition of the country, we think it is marvellous what you have accomplished this year. We thank our heavenly Father for the success that He has given you.

To Elder Rudge, the president of the Union; to Elder McMillan, the Home Missionary secretary; to Elder King and the other officers of the Union we say, "Thank

From T. L. OSWALD

Secretary of the General Conference Home Missionary Department

you." To the local conference presidents and mission superintendents, the local conference secretaries, and to every worker and pastor, we are very grateful for what you have done, with the Lord's help, in your Ingathering campaign. To our dear brethren and sisters in every church in the Union, we are most thankful for your faithfulness, loyalty, and hard work in the campaign. To Him who giveth unto all of us

health, strength, and a desire to work, we bow our heads in reverence and thank Him for your success. All of you have worked hard and untiringly in the Ingathering.

The officers of the General Conference join the General Conference Home Missionary staff in congratulating all of you for what you have been able to do. We are very grateful indeed to our believers for their untiring efforts this year. We are confident that this will be, by far, the best year in the entire world field in our Ingathering work. May God continue to bless you and give you much of His Spirit.

Will You Help, Too?

By A. W. COOK

WHAT a joy and a privilege to carry the light of present truth to the souls around us who still sit in darkness and in the shadow of death! Many hearts are filled with fear and have no hope for the future.

Surely the hour has come

when the church should arise and shine! We have the truth and angels are standing by our sides ready to speak through us that God's name may be glorified and that this sanctifying truth may reach those who in this late hour may find Him and be saved. Are you willing to act your part?

There is a wonderful experience in going forward in faith, carrying the precious Gospel seed as the following experience indicates:

"The other day I was out with my *Bedtime Stories* and *Good News* canvassing and I knocked at one door and an elderly gentleman answered me. He would be about sixty to sixty-five years of age, and I thought

British Union Final Ingathering Figures, 1948

				Per capita			Beyond 1947
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£
South England Conference ...	15,472	0	0	4	12	6	1021
North England Conference ...	11,166	11	2	5	13	1	1132
Wales	2,359	5	0	5	9	0	—23
Scotland	1,308	13	5	5	2	0	159
Ireland	1,033	10	5	5	16	6	75
Union Total	£31,340	0	0	5	1	0	2366

that he would be a little too old to start reading a bedtime story; however, I managed to sell him a *Bedtime Stories* and a *Good News*. I then started to canvass the Voice of Prophecy Bible Course, and he told me that he had started to do the course but that he had let it drop, so we had a chat. He did not agree with the condition of the dead as explained in the lesson, so we offered a little prayer and then I went through the study with him. Much to my joy, after we had finished, he was satisfied concerning the condition of the dead and he was eager to carry on with the course to obtain more light. I left this man feeling very happy that I was doing this work and glad that God had used me to help that man with his studies and put the desire to carry on with them in his heart."

Could you not do something in your own area to spread the Advent message? Will you join those who have expressed their desire to help in some small way? If you will, great happiness will be yours and God's work will prosper in the hearts of men everywhere.

Many are responding in various parts of the field. Here are just two examples:

"I am very anxious to do some canvassing here in — where I live. I am the only Seventh-Day Adventist here and I have a burden on my heart to work for the Lord and to carry God's message to the people here. I would very much like to canvass the book *These Days of Destiny*. I think it would be a wonderful book to canvass here. I will only be able to put in part-time canvassing as I have my home and husband to care for; however, I feel that I would like to do some canvassing in my spare time. So, will you kindly reply, letting me have all instructions. My husband is not a Seventh-Day Adventist so I may have some opposition to put up with but I am determined to do some work for the dear Lord with His help. Please pray that God will give me success in this work for Him. I feel rather timid, perhaps, but I am willing to work for Him and I know that

God will help and bless me."

"I am a Voice of Prophecy student having Bible studies. I have just been baptized into the truth and have found much joy in the study of the Scriptures. I am receiving the MESSENGER and have just seen your advert. I think that as Christians we ought to do something in the way of winning souls for Christ, so if I can distribute some literature here in — it may do some good. Please let me hear from you."

Now is the time to act. Many seem to feel that 1948 will be a year of destiny. Probation's hour will soon close. Kindly write and let us know how best we can help you in joining God's noble army of workers and thus speed the day when the work will be finished.

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Baptism at Croydon

"HARVEST Home" is always a happy celebration, but when the harvest is a band of joyful souls thrilled with the glory of truth and gladly surrendered to the Master of the harvest, the reaper's joy is full.

How easily we forget the difficulties and problems that from time to time threatened to spoil the precious grain. True to type, we always had one eye on the weather and oh, those awful Sundays when after a glorious opening and a thrilling series of meetings, with interest mounting every week and names piling up, the winter showed its teeth in ugly fashion! How *our* teeth chattered as we sat among a slowly freezing audience, wondering that so many had dared to risk pneumonia in that icy theatre. Almost desperately we prayed for heating inside or outside and how graciously our need was provided in the nick of time.

At one time spirits of devils tried to wreck one all too intense meeting. From every direction, soon after the sermon had been introduced, spiritualist mediums and their supporters jumped to their feet and began to hurl denunciations at the platform. As in all judgment, they were their own condemnation and had they not beaten a hasty retreat, some of our enthusiastic audience would gladly have hastened their departure.

After a Christ-crowned Sabbath had been presented a search for a smaller hall proved in vain. This kept us praying for weeks in sober realization of our need of God's miracles. Did He disappoint us? Of course not! The hall we obtained left much to be desired, the neighbourhood was not of the best, but truth and God's Spirit had gripped the hearts of the people and how they came, how they listened, how they changed as the weeks went by. Eagerly they read the books on loan and for sale at the book-stall. Gladly more and more homes were opened for study. Week by week our prayers in church bands and workers' meeting bore this precious group of God's children to the Master's care and oh! how prayer changes things! Members and workers grew in faith as new Sabbath-keepers joined the older ones in prayer bands with a burden for others not yet fully surrendered.

A continuous spirit of joy has filled our hearts in spite of the great responsibilities and anxieties. How we thanked God for a church of loving members eager to pray and to help. It did us good to hear folks say, "What friendly people your members are; we feel we belong already." Truly in the Lord's presence is "fullness of joy" for He has been with us every step of the way.

So just as exciting as that first grand opening at the Empire, was this great day when we presented the firstfruits to God. The church was filled. Behind the platform, the artistic member of our team Mr. H. West had painted a most realistic country scene. This blended with flowers and leaves on the platform and over the vestry doors, and made a very suitable setting for this

repetition of the Jordan scene, when Jesus Himself was buried in the baptismal waters.

We were glad our president chose to stress that baptism is not only a death to sin but also a resurrection, as he spoke of what the new life could mean to candidates and congregation. Hearts were filled with courage to conquer in Christ, neglected vows were renewed, and halting ones knew that they too must come. This was revealed when our team leader Pastor T. J. Bradley made an appeal for those who had decided to go forward in the next baptism, for those who would consecrate their lives to Christ, and for reconsecration of those who had drifted. Many rose till the whole congregation was on its feet.

Twenty-four were gently led to the fount or given the right hand of fellowship—twenty-four who had given up a job, braved a partner's wrath, risked ostracism from friends or loved ones, or had gone through the fiery trial in some other way. We all knew that only God could give this increase. Yes, only God could keep these dear ones faithful, only God could make them grow in grace to become pillars of the church and witnesses for Him. We believe He will.

K. MAHON.

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Superintendent's Notes

"Oh, it must be the breaking of the day!

The night is almost gone,

The day is coming on;

Oh, it must be the breaking of the day!"

How frequently of late we have sung this chorus, and how true it is. Even here in this conservative little country of Wales, we seem to see the dawn. Indications are in evidence that the work of God is onward.

BAPTISMS

It was a great pleasure to add a further four members to the Swansea church recently. One was a Voice of Prophecy student. Our strong group of lay evangelists in this district—Brethren F. E. Powell, D. J. Francis, A. J. Sly, and I. Phillips are a credit to our cause. Brother Powell was given a small budget to enable him to conduct a campaign at Llansamlett, near Swansea, this year. He has written us that all is now ready and he hopes to commence operations early in October. Pray for him that God will bless his endeavours. Brother Powell, as principal of a commercial school in Swansea has little time for leisure, but what he has he plans to use for God. Like Matheson, the famous hymn-writer, he says, "I cannot rest while souls are being lost. There is all eternity to rest when life is done."

It was a great pleasure also to baptize a young man in Shrewsbury recently and to know that he is about to become a student in Newbold College. Brother H. Humphries has done good work in this area and we believe that this is but the beginning of a group of other Salopians who will soon take their stand in this beautiful town of Shrewsbury. Incidentally I am sure that we all rejoice with Brother Humphries that at last he has secured living accommodation for himself and family.

On Sabbath, September 11th, we plan to hold a small baptism at Newport when three or four young people will follow their Lord.

CAMPAIGNS

THE campaigns at Abergavenny, Caerphilly, Hereford, and Shotton, are still proceeding, and although it is too early to state the results of these endeavours, all our members will be pleased to learn that there are new Sabbath-keepers in every place.

LITERATURE

It was with much gratitude to God that we learned a little while ago that Brother A. Lacey was coming to Wales to lead out in the literature work. He has now been here for some weeks and has done valiant service. I shall not forget in a hurry meeting him on

one of the steepest hills of Newport, on a blistering day, in the midst of delivering seventy books for a couple of young lady student-colporteurs. The intense heat had produced a continual shower bath of perspiration on most of us, with the exception of Brother Lacey!

We extend a hearty welcome to Wales to Brother and Sister L. Wood of North London. This young couple have located in the town of Ammanford, near Swansea. Brother Wood is a colporteur evangelist and already God is blessing his endeavours. He finds the territory in Wales much more fertile than London where he has been working. Brother Wood writes: "I am really being blessed in my colporteur work. I have started to work my territory so that I shall have covered the Amman valley and all the houses around Ammanford twice before next August and September so that you will be able to start a campaign there as you suggested." It is certainly a remarkable coincidence that years ago Sister Wood lived in Wales and their neighbour was Mr. Sly (not then acquainted with the truth) who happens to be our only other full time colporteur in the Principality. We are glad to report that the literature sales in Wales are at the moment over £500 ahead of last year at this time, and this in spite of the fact that we have lost one of our most experienced men, Brother C. L. W. Cooke, to the staff of regular mission workers.

WORKERS' MEETINGS

PRAY for the forthcoming Welsh workers' Council. Some time in early October we plan to hold it. We expect to invite our conference workers and lay evangelists to this special prayer and counsel gathering.

TITHE

It is encouraging to notice that our tithe income is £140 ahead of this time last year. When we consider the great increase of 1947 and the fact that here in Wales I am told that wages are beginning to fall, we cannot help thanking God for the faithfulness of His people. God bless you all. J. M. HOWARD.

Until the Day Break

DOWIE.—Sister E. Dowie passed peacefully away on Sunday, April 16, 1948, in her seventy-third year. Our dear sister had been ill for some time, and was unable to attend the services, but continued to be a faithful, loving member. She accepted the Advent message under the ministry of Pastor D. J. Handysides and was baptized at Barnsley Zion Baptist church on October 25, 1941, by Pastor R. S. Joyce. She was laid to rest in Barnsley Cemetery on April 19th.

Mrs. M. RUDDICK.

NASH.—The Caerphilly company sustained a great loss in the death of Brother J. Nash on Sabbath, May 29, 1948. He accepted the message under the labours of Pastors O. M. Dorland and will always be remembered for his readiness to speak for his Master whom he loved and served. The writer, assisted by Brother G. Emm, conducted the funeral service in the presence of a large gathering of relatives and friends. To his sorrowing sons, daughters, and grandchildren we extend our heartfelt sympathies. Brother Nash was laid to rest in the Caerphilly Cemetery on June 2nd. We are confident that if we are faithful we shall meet our brother on the glad resurrection morning.

JOHN FREEMAN.

LANGLEY.—It is with deep regret that we record the death of Sister Langley, who fell asleep on June 10, 1948, at the age of seventy-three years. She accepted the third angel's message under the labours of Pastor C. A. Reeves on June 14, 1936. Our sister who had been a faithful member of Clapham church had held office until the beginning of this year, when she was confined to her home owing to her illness. Sister Langley suffered much during the last six months and had gone to Clacton-on-Sea for a short rest. It was while she was there, she was suddenly taken seriously ill. Our sister was laid to rest in Clacton Cemetery, where she awaits her call on the resurrection morning. We extend our sincere sympathy to her relatives and friends in their bereavement. Brother A. G. Tapping conducted the service on June 15th, speaking words of comfort to the relatives and fellow members who had come from Clapham, Cambridge, and Clacton.

JEAN WILLIAMS

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Please place your revised order through the usual channel as early as possible to avoid disappointment.

CIRCULATION DEPARTMENT

Invitation

CHURCHMEMBERS who are visiting in the neighbourhood of Felixstowe are invited to meet for worship with the company in that town. The meeting is at 3 p.m. on Sabbath and is held in the home of Mrs. Catchpole, 133 High Street, Walton, Felixstowe, Suffolk.

J.H.P.

Examination Successes

AN increasing number of our young people are achieving success in academic and professional examinations. We offer our congratulations to Hugh Williams and Leslie Williams, both members of the Stanborough Park church and the sons of Dr. A. H. Williams, who is well known to many of our members. Hugh recently passed his qualifying medical examinations, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., and Leslie his B.Sc. (Special).

G. D. KING.

Special "L.B."

A THRILLING sixteen-page account of the recent Youth Congress with excellent pictures is contained in the September-October special Congress issue of the *Light Bearer* at 6d. per copy. You will want extra copies to send to your friends. Order now from your Conference Missionary Volunteer Department.

E. L. MINCHIN.

Information Desired

INFORMATION is desired concerning any of our churchmembers, male or female, who may have affiliation in the Society of Chartered Masseurs, or the

Chartered Society of Physiotherapists. Will any such kindly communicate with me at the British Union Conference Office.

E. B. RUDGE.

Gratitude for Healing

Mrs. S. HAMRLIN of Nottingham wishes to express her thanks to God for renewed health and strength. And to express her desire to serve Him in appreciation. She also thanks the many friends who sent messages of encouragement, and remembered her in prayer, during her illness.

Advertisements

ADVENTIST young lady and young man seek work together on a farm. Young man a mechanic and able to drive tractor. Young lady willing to do work inside or out. Write: J. Cook, 2 New Road, Cleveland Street, Taunton, Somerset.

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Lost at senior camp, gents trousers, brown suiting with red and white stripe. Any information to: Sage, c/o 2 Beaumont Street, London, W.1.

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SUNSET CALENDAR

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Sept 17th 7.11 7.23 7.26 7.16 7.36
Sept 24th 6.55 7.08 7.08 7.00 7.19

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