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ANOTHER WEEK OF PRAYER

ANOTHER Week of Prayer has come to the Advent believers of the world field. For many years God's people have looked forward to and enjoyed these special seasons of blessing and fellowship. God has been good to His people all through the years in answering their prayers and ministering grace and blessing to them as they have turned their hearts to Him on these special occasions.

But surely the 1948 Week of Prayer should be the time of greatest revival and blessing the Advent church has ever experienced. We are living during earth's most solemn and perplexing days. Men's hearts everywhere are serious and fearful. These are days of unparalleled need and opportunity for the church of God. The blessings and mercies of former Weeks of Prayer, regardless of how large and precious they may have been, will not suffice for our needs in this crucial year of 1948. Anew and with greater earnestness and fervour we must turn away from the world and look to God for His blessing and help. Unless the 1948 Week of Prayer is an outstanding season of refreshing and revival, it will not meet our need at this time, or God's plan and purpose for us in this late hour of crisis.

A BLESSING FOR THE ENTIRE CHURCH

The first burden of our hearts, should be that God may do great things for our own hearts, and that Heaven's blessings may

A Message from the General Conference Committee

be shared by the entire church membership. As God's remnant people, we must, by the help of Heaven, cleanse our hearts of sin. It is time for a deep and sincere searching of our lives that we may be all that God wants His people to be in this hour. We are to be "blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world, holding forth the word of life." Phil. 2:15, 16.

THE UNFINISHED TASK

Then we should earnestly pray that God will give us richly of the Holy Spirit to enable us to meet the needs of this hour in finishing the task committed to

us. This is an hour of opportunity in many lands, but time is fast running out. In our own human strength and abilities we can never measure up to the challenge of this crisis time in the speedy carrying of God's message to the world. We must have a much larger measure of the Holy Spirit—the blessing and freshness of the latter rain. Our hearts must be ever mindful of the great sections of earth where but little has been done in the proclamation of the Advent message. We must be ever conscious of the urgency of our world task and prepared to place everything on God's altar for its triumph. In the homeland fields and in the great mission sections of earth, there is still much work to be done—much territory to be entered with God's message for this hour of need. We suggest that our people pray especially for the success and extension of the work in the populous mission lands where the task is so large and difficult. God will hear and answer our prayers.

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WEEK OF PRAYER

and Sacrifice

November 13th

to

November 20th

Remember the Week of Sacrifice Offering which will be taken up on

Sabbath, November 20th

A WILLING OFFERING

The last Sabbath of the Week of Prayer is the time for receiving a special offering for the world work. It is fitting that at the close of a week of spiritual refreshing and blessing the people of God should express their gratitude in an offering of sacrifice and love. It is indeed fitting that, as we give our lives anew to God at the close of the week, we bring to Him a thank offering. We long to see God's work finished in all the world, but

first of all the Gospel must be carried to people everywhere. This calls for sacrifice and devotion. We have an ever-expanding work. The needs of God's cause for funds are larger year by year. New territory must be entered; new mission recruits must be sent out. Increased costs of operating our work in mission lands have made the value of money less than in the past, and we trust that our people will respond this year with the largest Annual Week of Sacrifice offering ever given. This is our time of opportunity to do great things for God in mission lands. "The Lord loveth a cheerful giver." He will reward those who in a spirit of

sacrifice have a part in thus hastening on the message in mission lands.

GOD WILL HEAR AND ANSWER

We earnestly pray that the 1948 Week of Prayer may prove to be a time of remarkable spiritual blessing and refreshing to the Advent family in all lands. As we humble our hearts and look to God for help and guidance in this hour of great need and perplexity, He will hear and answer our prayers. Our hearts will be drawn together in the bonds of Christian fellowship, and He will enable us to measure up to the needs and opportunities of this late hour.

the tree! It is therefore high time that each one of us reaffirm our aim and purpose in living as a true reflector of Christ, and justify before God and man the existence of His church in this the world's crisis hour.

The magnitude, ceaseless activity and ingenuity of the forces of evil—their constant and downward tug like that of gravitation—should impress God's people into a realization of the greatness of the tasks set before them of rightly representing God and His Son Jesus Christ before men now.

The remnant church must meet the impact of these untoward and unholy conditions and influences. The definite message of reform committed by God to His church will prove, under the blessing and power of the Holy Spirit, entirely adequate to meet the issue. The Seventh-Day Adventist church has been called of God to erect in the midst of the prevailing iniquity of this degenerate age a standard of truth, of purity, and of Christian conduct which will prove mightier than every obstacle upreared against it.

God's programme calls for us all to be examples in social relationships of whatever sort they may be. We must be examples in simple living, in economy, in consecration, in sacrifice. Our homes must be model homes in the community. Our children must "be in subjection with all gravity."

We must keep ourselves free from all class prejudices or racial rivalries. We must uprear true standards of holy and healthful living in an age of looseness and profligacy. We must avoid excesses of every sort. Our lives must be good examples of Sabbath observance, not given to picnicking or sightseeing on Sabbath. Our dress as well as our deportment must adhere to true standards of dignity and modesty, with simplicity as our guide. Our careful use of such modern innovations as the radio, especially on the Sabbath, should characterize our living example of true devotion.

Our words should be discreet words. Our conversation should manifest cheerfulness, which

Reflecting Jesus

A Sermon preached at Watford by L. K. DICKSON
Vice-president of the General Conference

"I BEAR in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus." Gal. 6:17.

"Those who receive the seal of the living God and are protected in the time of trouble, must reflect the image of Jesus fully."—*"Early Writings,"* page 71.

In this hour when cataclysmic forces are engulfing the whole world, two solemn facts are becoming crystal clear. First, we know that great and progressively more severe testings lie in the to-morrow of the life of each one of us. We are now beginning the ascent of a road that is long and hard and steep. From now on faithful membership in the body of Christ will be interpreted, not so much in terms of privilege, but responsibility; not so much as an opportunity, merely, but as an overwhelming, immeasurable obligation to which we must now abandon ourselves.

It will no longer be business as usual, comforts as usual, or leisure and pleasure as usual. We now enter upon a way of suffering that will lead to cross-bearing of supreme magnitude. Our Gethsemane is approaching, and when and how the crosses will fall upon us, who can tell? But they will come and that right early.

We cannot pass through this crisis simply by the use of slogans or theories. We shall only prevail through true devotion, acceptable prayer, and living faith.

There is a second fact which is alike clear. We must re-examine everything we have and are in the light of the realities of this hour. Before we make any decision, assume any obligation, or undertake any programme, we must ask what effect it will have on us in relationship to our representation of Christ. We are committed by our own voluntary acceptance of Christ and His glorious truth to a reflection in our lives of the Master in preparation for His second advent; that comes first and nothing else matters. Some things will have to be abandoned and forgotten, and many other things will have to wait.

Because the battle before us is to the spiritually strong and the race to the swift, we shall have to learn to do without many things which the present evil world counts essential. What can it contribute to the successful fulfilment of our obligation to reflect the image of Jesus fully? Let us make no mistake. The axe is now being laid at the root of

never rises to the plane of mere levity and cheapness, and characterized by seriousness, which stops short of morbidness and pessimism. Our demeanour, that of cordiality to all, but never descending to vulgarity, cheap wit, or admitting familiarity. To ever be a fit representative of the Lord Jesus Christ, reflecting His image perfectly in the midst of a generation like this will be rewarded with the seal of the living God.

"I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus," said that great apostle who most nearly reflected the image of his Lord and Master. Roman superstition has it that the very scars of Christ's crucifixion were reproduced in Paul's hands, feet, and side. Of course this is not true, but undoubtedly we must conclude, when reading 2 Corinthians 11:23-27, that Paul had permanent physical marks of his labour and sacrifice for the sake of Christ. What the actual, physical marks which the apostle bore on his body were is very debatable, but what he manifested in his life, as marks of the Lord Jesus' presence there, is unmistakably clear. What are the marks of a true Christian, reflecting the Lord Jesus to-day, is likewise clear and unmistakable. It is just as discernible to-day who is a Christian as it was in Paul's day or the day of the

other apostles and followers of Christ. In those early days it was easy to note the difference between one who was a Christian and one who was not, the same as it is to-day in many mission lands. Jews, back there, were known by their careful observance of the Mosaic law. Gentiles were of many kinds and of all possible shades of belief and practice. But the disciples were distinguishable from them all, with their faith in one God and one Saviour, Christ Jesus. Their readiness to renounce personal gain or credit, their willingness constantly to sacrifice themselves for the sake of others, marked them among all others as Christians.

They made it plain that conformity of spirit to the cross is the mark of Jesus in the life. "If we suffer with Him"—so the apostles sang—"we shall also be glorified together."

Joined with their faith which brought a flood of Christlikeness into their lives, these early believers, these first representatives of Christ, manifested an almost stubborn refusal to compromise with any other form of religion or any downward tug of the world. The loyalty of their lives to Christ and the things of Christ was such that they were branded in their day as religious bigots. They were not, but their enemies loved to have them re-

ferred to in such terms. The religious atmosphere about them was lenient, requiring only that the Roman prove his loyalty by offering incense to the image of the emperor. This was nothing but idolatry to the Christian and disloyalty to Christ, their King, and they chose rather to be burned at the stake, torn asunder by lions in the arena, or to be crucified than follow such forms for the sake of satisfying a false religion. Therefore it was easier to distinguish a Christian from the rest of the world in those days.

But how can men tell a Christian now? How can the world know a Christian life as it is lived before men day by day? Will it not be by the fact that in the life of every loyal Christian the emphasis will be found to be on the spiritual side rather than upon the material side of life? Such a life as in the case of Paul is "not disobedient to the heavenly vision." Such a one refuses to be drawn into that attitude of mind and heart where it is controlled by the material, the fleshly side of life. Just as Moses, such a one refuses to be called "the son of Pharaoh's daughter."

That life which carries the "marks of the Lord Jesus" will, with Paul, say: "But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ." Phil. 3:7. Regardless of how coveted those gains might ordinarily be, he will loyally and truthfully declare: "I do count them but refuse." Verse 8.

This great apostle could count many gains as his possessions! He seemed to have just about everything this world would place in such a category. Wealth, culture, high office, distinguished pedigree, education, natural ability—all those things that ordinarily excite the dreams of men and women, boys and girls, were in his hands. But Paul was now converted, his mind and heart were changed. His estimate of true values had changed. When he had looked upon these natural possessions as gains to be held, he had not seen the Lord. But when Christ touched his heart and he became blinded by the glory of the presence of the Lord,



A recent photograph of the headquarter's church at Stanborough Park, Watford.

the value of these things all faded from before him and he could see naught but his great Example, his Lord and Master. All things else went into permanent eclipse and were cheapened in his eyes.

Again, the mark of a true Christian is seen when in his life is found triumph and victory in the midst of adversity. "So I am proud to boast of all my weakness, and thus to have the power of Christ resting on my life. It makes me content, for Christ's sake, with weakness, insults, trouble, persecution, and calamity; for I am strong just when I am weak." 2 Cor. 12:10, Moffatt. Elsewhere he marks the Christian life by that attitude of "having nothing, yet possessing all things." "We glory in tribulation," he shouts as he becomes hilarious in his enthusiasm and loyalty to Christ.

These early apostles had found the secret of reflecting the image of Jesus fully. Had not Christ said: "Blessed are ye when men shall reproach you, and persecute you. . . . Rejoice and be exceeding glad." And now we read of these early reflectors of Jesus: "And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name." Acts 5:41.

As one writer puts it: "This witnessing for Christ by surmounting great difficulties comes from close communion with Christ. It is the exercise of personal faith. The power of the resurrection is best proven in difficult enterprises. There must be a certain quiet and sunny assurance in doing impossible things. Impossibilities are wiped out to that soul which is strengthened with might by His power in the inner man."

Yes, there are the marks of the Lord Jesus. "I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me." "We are more than conquerors through Him that loved us." Phil. 4:13; Rom. 8:37. John Smith, the man whose sacrificial piety made him so famous among Harrovians, was once speaking of some display of moral courage to an old pupil, who remarked: "That was very difficult. I wonder he could do it." "Difficult?" answered John

Smith, "difficult? He was a Christian!"

That was the pristine Christian attitude, the true apostolic spirit. Every frowning problem looked to them like a great opportunity for a great adventure of faith. Difficulty became an occasion for the manifestation of larger and larger resources of God's power. In all their lives they seem to be continually making new and greater discoveries in the midst of deeper darkness. Stephen was one of them! As we find him coming to the close of his ministry he is surrounded by those who seek to kill him. Stones are flying and everything looks like the end so far as this world goes. But watch him. Listen to him! "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God." Acts 7:56. That is a typical Christian's discovery in the midst of adversity.

The marks of the Lord Jesus in the life are many. There is the mark of obedience: "Why call ye Me Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" Luke 6:46. There is the mark of discipleship—service. "If any one is desirous of following Me, let him ignore self [let him disown the usurped authority of his own lower nature and say 'no' to its dictates] and take up his cross day by day, and so be My follower." Luke 9:23. The Christian's life is not merely a dream-life, or an idle one; it is a life of service, a missionary life.

The possession of these things in the lives of the followers of Christ will reflect Him to others to-day as in days of old. This the world needs. This will prepare the church to be sealed. This will finish the work in our own lives and win many others to become like the Master and be saved. Let us determine now to be reflectors of the Lord Jesus, to bear in our bodies the "marks of the Lord Jesus."



"EVERY act of our lives affects others for good or evil. Our influence is tending upward or downward; it is felt, acted upon, and to a greater or less degree reproduced by others."

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College Ambassadors

THE College has had her ambassadors for Christ long before the Ambassadors' Band was organized last year. That is why we are at College—to train for better ambassadorship.

But a new form of representing Christ to the people came in with the new school year as a surprise. Students asked, "Does it really work?" "What do you say?" "How do you start?"

Really, it could not be simpler. It is house-to-house work, in twos, and with the Bible in hand. "We are calling to give a Bible reading and would be very pleased to read your favourite portion of Scripture. May we step inside please?"

Someone at College remarked, "Didn't think it would work in conservative Britain!" But it does work, and it is a joy to do it. One feels a glow within when doing this simple service for Jesus. Angels are present, we feel sure Bible readings were closed with a simple prayer for God's blessing on the home we visited.

Had it quite as forcibly occurred to us before that the world is a large soul-sick hospital? The Word of God is the only balm to cure all spiritual maladies. Nothing else will heal. It is the ambassador's aim that a just, holy God, and a saving Jesus, may be represented as he reads and speaks to the people.

Then what follows after making these friendly contacts? Well, what can be expected of a Seventh-Day Adventist? He will not keep precious doctrines of truth locked up in his heart. The truth is too powerful an influence for saving and sanctifying souls—too good a news for that. Rather, he will be like the householder "which bringeth forth out of his treasure things

new and old." The Ambassadors' Band leader has begun to purchase a series of tracts which we may present to people before leaving their homes. Other literature and Voice of Prophecy Correspondence School cards will help to educate responsive ones to the truth.

Over twenty students went out on Sabbath afternoon, October 16th, to give Bible readings and to pay visits with tracts in surrounding districts to the College. Pray for our contacts, members; we yearn for souls to be won in this way. Try this missionary work yourself. We promise we will pray for you and look for encouraging reports.

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President's Notes

SINCE the last issue of this paper four more campaigns have begun, making a total of seven commenced in the Conference. Pastors T. J. Bradley and S. G. Joyce commenced on October 17th at Wimbledon and Watford respectively, with approximately 500 and 700 non-mem-

bers present. At Enfield Pastor G. R. Bell had an opening attendance of approximately 200 non-members, while Pastor J. C. French had about the same number at his opening meeting at Norwich. At Southampton the workers were made glad by a jump in the attendance from 400 to 650. While being glad for these figures let us especially remember Pastor D. A. Conroy and his team at Eastbourne. In spite of very good advertising the attendance has not been too good. Doubtless this is due chiefly to the good holiday season which is still on in that seaside town. Let us pray that November may see a turning of the tide and that God will reward the faith and work of His servants there. Pastor F. J. Wilms-hurst will have commenced his campaign at Yarmouth before this report reaches the churches.

A NUMBER of churches are now distributing Voice of Prophecy leaflets by the thousand. Of this we hope to report more fully later. We believe a big future in evangelism is before us along this line of endeavour.

I HAVE received a number of letters from members expressing their joy at being able to take part in this soul-saving plan and especially for the privilege of being able to pray for the work in the Conference as a whole. When remembering your own local interest, please also pray for all others, for God looks upon

the work as a "field" and not "fields." Cannot we work and pray for at least 350 additions this coming year? Surely we are nearing the time when 3,000 souls will be added in a day. But such a day will only come as we understand and experience more what consecration means.

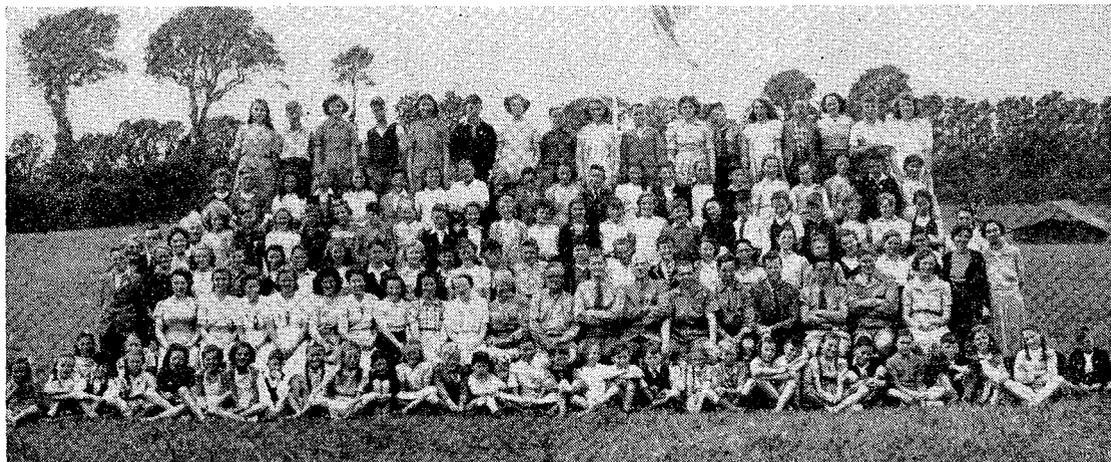
W. W. ARMSTRONG.



At Our Junior Camp

ON the sunny morning of August 17th, one hundred and twenty eager young people, from every part of London, South England, and South Wales, boarded buses, cars, and trains en route for glorious Devon. Excitement was high, for all were bound for two weeks of thrills at the Junior Missionary Volunteer camp at Ladram Bay.

With shouts of rich delight, we arrived at our destination and were met with the smiles and welcome of our enthusiastic South England youth leader, Pastor H. T. Johnson, and his group of workers. What a lovely scene captured our gaze, and brought joy to our hearts as we surveyed the camp and its surroundings! The neat rows of tents for the girls, the cookhouse, dining and worship marquees, the boy's tents, and those for administration and visitors. Above it all, from the flagstaff, fluttered the Union Jack and the Missionary Volunteer's own flag. Before us lay a field of stacked corn waiting to be garnered; then came the shingle



Junior young people at the Ladram Bay Camp.



Camp leaders and assistants at Ladram Bay.

beach bordered with tall red rocks grass capped and beautiful, and between and around them lay a wide expanse of calm blue sea.

Every day was one of happiness and delight. From the moment that the night clouds were dispersed by the transient colours of the rising sun reflected magnificently on the waters of the sea, the sea-gulls awakened, and from their island haunts around and in the camp, tried hard to call us from our beds! By seven o'clock each morning, young lovers of an early dip were escorted in their race to the sea, and half an hour later chorus after chorus filled the air as each tent group held their Morning Watch and prayer band: The Father of all young people must have smiled with heavenly joy, as boys and girls, many from non-Adventist homes, learned to offer their first public prayer.

The daily inspection of tents was made difficult by the juniors aiming at perfection in every way, and with what pride many of them displayed their first-class golden penants at their tent doors.

The organized Missionary Volunteer activities aroused much enthusiasm, as the juniors went tracking and trailing through the red-earthed winding lanes and sweet-smelling pine woods. Some preferred to become experts in the tying of useful knots, or handicrafts, in

collecting specimens of trees and wild flowers. They also enjoyed receiving instruction in the collecting and value of foreign stamps, or in learning to care for the wounded in the first-aid class, while much excitement was raised by those who studied the sea anemones, tiny dog-fish, and other sea life which haunted the dark and fascinating waters of the rock pools.

One small boy enjoyed the duties as much as any other activity for somehow there was a thrill about peeling potatoes or washing up with other happy juniors, especially when the camp photographer took an unexpected snap!

The workers and cooks all did their best to make the camp a success, so that whatever the event, all were satisfied and happy.

Mention must be made of the two special coach outings. The first one took us to the quaint and picturesque town of Wells, with its lovely old thirteenth century Cathedral and famous clock. Then on we went to the Cheddar Gorge and Caves. High rocks rose up on either side of the steep road, and in the caves, stalagmite and stalactite formations of unusual and rare beauty charmed every youthful visitor.

Our second whole-day trip took us by steamer between the lovely soft hill-clad banks of the river Dart, then by coach through

Devon's famous beauty spots, Brixham, Paignton, and Torquay.

Visitors to our camp were numerous. Our South England Conference president, Pastor W. W. Armstrong, was very welcome and how much we enjoyed his stories of experiences in the African mission fields. Pastor E. L. Minchin, our British youth leader, was also greeted with love and delight, especially because he brought a very distinguished visitor with him. No junior present will ever forget that first Friday evening, when we circled around the flagstaff and sang songs of welcome as Pastor Minchin came up the campus by car with Pastor E. W. Dunbar, our world youth leader. Were ever Missionary Volunteers more privileged and pleased! We did so much enjoy his brief visit and his encouraging illustrated address on Sabbath morning.

No camp would be complete without its worships and camp fires, and we had our full share of these. You should have heard the juniors taking part in the programmes—and could they sing! Even the old hills around us echoed the sound of happy voices.

Perhaps the most heart-warming day of the camp was our last Sabbath. It was evident that the Spirit of God had been silently working on the tender young hearts of the boys and girls, for when Pastor Johnson made his appeal on that Sabbath morning, about fifty young people, including several from non-Adventist homes, signified their desire to join a baptismal class. Later that day, during the evening praise service, many a boy and girl publicly gave thanks to God for the camp, the beautiful things in nature, and for Christian parents. Some of these precious young people pledged their lives to home and mission field service, while all expressed their desire to become real Missionary Volunteers. Surely the courts of heaven rang by reason of these decisions and testimonies, and many a praying parent is to-day rejoicing because her boy or girl decided for God while at the junior camp.

MISS I. ASHLEY.

BRITISH ADVENT MESSENGER

Two Wonderful Weeks

'Twas once said by a favourite children's author: "There are no lanes like Devon lanes." You will agree with me when I say there are no youth like Advent youth, and especially J.M.Vs.

Our Junior Camp this year was held down in glorious Devon, and was situated in a field overlooking the rolling Atlantic Ocean. How thrilling it was on that first morning to be able to take a dip in the sea, almost as soon as the birds were awake. But how amusing it was to watch the numbers decrease day by day, until the last few days found everybody resorting to the prosaic wash with soap and flannel.

One hundred and twenty youth were present this year to enjoy living under canvas. It was the first camp of its kind for nine years. Many long hours had been spent in carefully planning a programme that would bring joy and happiness to the juniors. The first day brought many disappointments for some just wanted to swim, others wanted to go walking up to Peak Hill, 500 feet above the sea, looking right across to the famous Portland Bill, while still others thought we might play games on the camp ground. Of course we could not possibly please them all, but we managed to do so on the following day when we visited the caves at Cheddar. Every day, especially during the summer months, hundreds of

people visit this great limestone gorge and the world-famed caves. We had previously been warned by Pastor H. T. Johnson, our campmaster, not to take too much notice of the evolutionary explanations of the age of the great stalagmites and stalactites and sure enough we were told of the hundreds of thousands of years during which the minerals in the soil had produced these tall pillars. It was interesting to notice the incredulous smiles on the faces of our companions following such explanations.

Our week-end services were conducted by Elder E. W. Dunbar of the General Conference, also by our own leader Pastor E. L. Minchin. We were all very sorry to say good-bye to Elder Dunbar after he had spent but a few hours with us. He had a plane to catch for his homeland. Pastor Minchin, however, stayed on with us for three days and was able to thrill us with some of his illustrative stories, especially around the camp fire. This feature of camp life always holds a strong attraction for the juniors, and several happy hours were spent in this way.

The Progressive Course work has its place in all J.M.V. camps and so almost every day, groups met together to study and practise the art of tying knots correctly, first aid, life in the rock pools, wild flowers, birds, and trees. What fun we had, too, tracking and trailing using the

signs outlined in the J.M.V. Handbook.

Another place of interest which a few were fortunate in being able to visit was the home of Sir Walter Raleigh. Many legends have arisen around Raleigh's name; for example, the stories of his laying his cloak in the mud for Queen Elizabeth to step on, and of his being the first in the British Isles to smoke tobacco. Actually tobacco was introduced into England by Sir John Hawkins in 1565, but Raleigh may have brought its use to public notice. He was, however, the first Englishman to attempt to found a colony in North America.

On the second Sabbath afternoon, a large percentage of the juniors combined their afternoon walk with a definite attempt to "share their faith." The little village of Otterton had a leaflet raid and as a result we hope and pray that many will become regular listeners to the Voice of Prophecy radio programme.

Oh yes! Junior Camp was a place of joy and happiness for 120 boys and girls for two whole weeks. Our special visitors, besides those already mentioned, were Pastor W. W. Armstrong, Pastor A. C. Vine, and Dr. E. G. Essery. We were very glad to see them and to be assured by their presence that they have a special interest in the Junior Missionary Volunteers.

R. BURGESS.



A Second Baptism at Croydon

BRIGHT autumnal sunshine gave a cheery welcome to another baptismal Sabbath. There was joy in the Croydon church as seven new Sabbath-keepers presented themselves in consecration.

Baptism is a sign of a new birth, always a time of rejoicing in any family, and particularly in the family of God. Brother E. Cox warmed the hearts of these new-born ones as he spoke of their Saviour's joy in their consecration and the happiness of the churchmembers in welcoming them in as brothers and sisters.



A first-aid class at the Juniors' Camp.

Some had found decisions hard to make and so were not ready for our last baptism, but that victory had brought peace could be seen by the complete happiness in their faces, as one by one they were buried in the watery grave by Pastor T. J. Bradley. He assured them that he and his team, which is comprised of Sisters Richards, Emm, and Mahon, and Brother H West, were united in pleasure at witnessing their determination to follow the Lord in obedience. Knowing their experiences Pastor Bradley assured them of his continued prayers on their behalf.

The ideal way to grow in grace is to take an active part in the church work and life, besides keeping our private communion fresh. This rules out the possibility of becoming weak or losing the first bright vision, said Pastor W. W. Armstrong in the closing message of the service.

As Pastor Bradley presented us to the Lord in his closing prayer, a spirit of reconsecration filled all hearts. We felt God had been very near, that He would be with the new members as they walked with Him, and with us as we begin our new work in Wimbledon
C. EMM.



Proclaiming the Truth in Watford

FOR many weeks our church-members in Watford had been looking forward to Sunday, October 17th, as the opening date for the effort in their town.

The beautiful town hall, of Congress fame, had been booked well in advance, as it is undoubtedly the best hall in the town. Next, every home in Watford was introduced to the Voice of Prophecy Bible Correspondence School. By this medium 250 people were enrolled, each of whom subsequently received a personal letter inviting them to the opening service of the effort.

By this time Brother L. Meredith was fully occupied in gathering together an augmented mixed choir, using the Stanborough Park church choir as a nucleus.

Just how much time and effort the evangelist, Pastor S. G. Joyce, put into these early plans, will perhaps never be known. However, every choir-member will remember his presence at the practices and his words of encouragement and appreciation. Every churchmember, too, will remember his "newsy" five minutes during the Sabbath morning service, when each week he told of the latest developments in the plans, and encouraged all in this enterprise.

'As every evangelist will guess the first Sunday evening was wet and cold. We wondered how many of us would have braved the elements on such a night to attend a meeting in response to a handbill pushed through our own letterboxes!

However, forty-five minutes before zero hour, a queue was forming under the scanty shelter outside the Town Hall door. And when, at 7.15 p.m., the choir went onto the platform, several hundred people had already arrived. Still they came, and our smartly-dressed usherettes were kept busy showing people to their seats, and supplying each with a hymn sheet and an inquiry card.

Again we were reminded of Congress days when Pastor E. L. Minchin led the choir and congregation in ten minutes of community hymn and chorus singing. Then as the choir sang softly, "There is a place of quiet rest," Pastors G. D. King (chairman), Joyce, and Minchin, and Mrs. Watson (Kathleen Joyce), took their places on the platform.

Pastor Joyce prayed and then Mrs. Watson excelled herself as she sang, "The Lord is my Light," and the triumphant words, "Whom then shall I fear?" have, we trust, been echoing in the hearts of many hearers during following days.

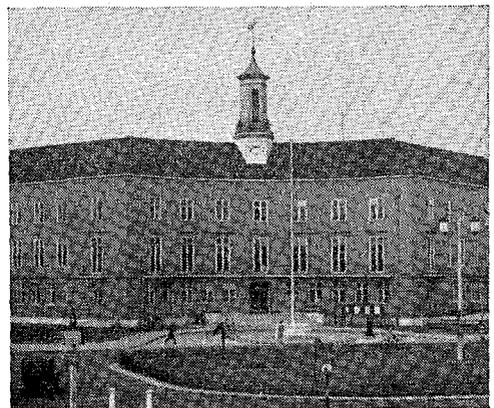
Another enjoyable musical item was the rendering by the choir of the anthem, "Awake up, my glory," and a special word of thanks is due to the College for "lending" us about twenty young men to augment the tenor and bass sections of our own choir.

Pastor King then introduced the film, "We Too Receive," mentioning the heroic deeds of rescue performed in the Pacific by Christian natives during the recent war. This story, though familiar to Adventists, obviously impressed those who had not previously heard it.

By this time there were around a thousand people in the hall, and of that number, about 800 were non-Adventists. Everyone listened attentively as Pastor Joyce urged them to put away prejudice and give the Bible a chance to prove itself. After touching briefly on the prevailing hopelessness, he asserted that this was due to the fact that we had, to a large degree, turned our backs on religion and the Bible. Nevertheless, there is a God in heaven, and He is still in control.

Then the evangelist briefly explained the prophecy of the second chapter of Daniel, and showed how there remained just one more item in God's programme for the nations—His second coming in glory. Though this prophecy is so familiar to

The Watford Town Hall where Pastor S. G. Joyce is conducting his evangelistic campaign.



every Adventist, it was good to see the keen interest expressed on the faces of members of the audience.

As the meeting closed we lifted up our hearts to our heavenly Father in praise for such a gratifying opening to this campaign in Watford. How many, we wondered, would come again next Sunday?

We earnestly ask for the prayers of every Adventist in the British Isles that God will bless the proclamation of His truth in this town.

EDGAR A. WARREN,
Press Agent.

LATE NEWS—The attendance at the second week's meeting was even better. Almost 1,200 attended of whom 900 or so were non-Adventists. Many of the latter have already sent in to say how much they are enjoying the meetings. In the course of our second meeting 150 people handed in their names and addresses. Praise God for His wonderful goodness. E A W.



Harvest Festival at Ipswich

It was our pleasure to unite with the Ipswich believers on the occasion of their Harvest Festival on Sabbath, October 2nd. The services were conducted by the district leader, Pastor A. G. Tapping. Each service was preceded by a song service conducted by Brother Riches.

After Sister Smythe had sung with feeling the solo, "Sow in the morn thy seed," Brother Tapping unfolded his morning subject, speaking of God's great goodness in giving a bountiful harvest, the hope and patience of the farmer, the fact that wheat never grew wild, and the never-ending wonder of being able to grow something that was perfect. He urged his hearers to seek for the growth of a perfect heart toward God. God was the Master-gardener and there was a harvest of the heart. Turning to Psalm one hundred and three, part of which had been read by Brother Riches as the lesson, he emphasized the things for which we had reason to bless God.

In the afternoon several non-member visitors were present. A

quartet was rendered by Sister Aylen, her daughter Dorothy, Sister Smythe, and Brother Riches. Brother Tapping, basing his remarks upon John 4: 34-38, pointed to the present time of challenge as Christianity's greatest hour. There was every sign of an approaching climax. The fields were white unto harvest. It was possible to live and not realize this. There would be a harvest of good and another of evil. All the prophecies focused themselves upon our day. There would be a clear-cut issue when Jesus comes. Would our name be written in the book of life? Would we be among the "delivered" in the time of trouble?

Brother Wright of the Hull church assisted with his violin, as also did Sister Smythe, when her father took her place at the organ. The room was beautifully decorated with green leaves and berries, while a table in front of the rostrum held a good array of fruit and vegetables. Even the mantelpiece was covered from end to end with apples. The morning collection and the proceeds of the sale after Sabbath were devoted to the building fund. Everyone felt the inspiration of this day of thanksgiving. ISOLATED.



What a Harvest!

HARVEST time is thanksgiving time. It is a time when there is visible evidence of God's blessing upon man's co-operation with Him. It is a time when heaven and earth rejoice.

Harvest Thanksgiving at Hastings was indeed a time of rejoicing. All the members, new and old alike, showed gratitude to God by giving many of the best specimens of the produce with which God had blessed them.

It was really a thrilling sight that met our eyes as we entered our little church sanctuary on Sabbath, September 12th. Our hearts throbbed in harmony with heaven as we worshipped.

Pastor D. A. Conroy directed our meditation during the three services, recalling the days of

preparation and seed-sowing—sometimes under ideal conditions, sometimes under adverse circumstances. But over all God rules. He works, and works well—thus comes the harvest.

But the greatest harvest of all time will be that grand millennial year when:

"We shall greet the loved and loving,
Who have left us lonely here,
Every heartache will be banished,
When the Saviour shall appear;
Never grieved with sin or sorrow,
Never weary or alone,
Oh, we long for that glad morrow
When the King shall claim His own."

Will you be there, my brother,
my sister? V. BENEFIELD.



Children's Service at Lowestoft

SEPTEMBER 12th was the date fixed for our special Children's Service. A good number of children from the Carlton Sunday-school and our own Junior Missionary Volunteers were seated on the rostrum facing their parents and friends quite confidently.

Introducing the theme of the evening which was "The Second Coming of Christ," the children sang the first stanza and chorus of "Lift up the trumpet and loud let it ring; Jesus is coming again." Then there were several recitations and songs which we all enjoyed.

At appropriate intervals a four-part Bible study was presented by senior members of our young people's society dealing respectively with the certainty, the manner, the purpose, and the time of Christ's return.

To close an inspiring evening the children sang, "Echo it hill-tops, proclaim it ye plains, Jesus is coming again."

Services like this can do much for the cause of the third angel's message, and we pray that many of the non-Adventist parents who attended the service were led to think more deeply of Christ's second coming.

MRS. D. CROWE,
Church Clerk.

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President's Notes

THIS year 1948 is proving our best for some time in soul-winning. Over one hundred have been added thus far, and there are prospects of a further forty in this last quarter. Also this will be the best year in finances the North England Conference has known.

PASTOR W. MAUDSLEY opened another campaign in Blackpool with an attendance of 475, which taxed the capacity of the hall.

BROTHER F. C. J. PEARSE has been transferred to Darlington to take the place of Brother R. A. Darbyshire, who has gone to Carlisle to hold this northern outpost. Pastor B. F. Kinman has taken over the responsibility of Leeds district, while Pastor J. P. West has moved to Wolverhampton.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS have been commenced in Hull and Lincoln. Hull reports an attendance of nineteen on the fourth Sunday.

PASTOR D. J. HANDYSIDES reports about thirty non-members present and taking part in both ordinances after the presentation of these subjects at Stoke. It is also planned that they shall take part in the third ordinance—that of baptism—in the near future. This will be held in their own chapel, recently acquired, where a baptistery is being installed.

GRIMSBY, where *Present Truth* was first published over fifty years ago, and where Sister White once addressed an open-air meeting in the market square, has at long last obtained a little church building. I am sure we all rejoice with them in having a home of their own after this long wilderness wandering.

GOD in His providence has granted us another Week of Prayer before the storm that will bring destruction. Let us during this Week of Prayer, by repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ, make thorough heart preparation to meet the coming crisis.
O. M. DORLAND.



Leeds' Dorcas Activities

HERE in Leeds, we have a Dorcas society where we "Make do and Mend" garments to send to our needy brethren and sisters in Germany.

We were short of money to pay postage on our parcels, so decided to hold a display of our work in order to interest the church at large in our work.

A hearthrug made of worn-out woollen garments was shown and sold, as also pinafores and aprons made out of black-out material, and various other articles. Altogether we realized £6.-7s. toward the cost of posting our clothing and food parcels.

We humbly thank God who allows us to have a small part in helping our dear people in Germany.

There may be those companies who would like to help these needy people also, but have not a working society. If there are any such, we should be glad to have their co-operation, and would gladly renovate and send to our German brethren and sisters any clean used clothing, etc., sent along to us. E. A. PACE.



Stoke-on-Trent

THE new address of the Stoke church is: Advent Church, Victoria Street, Basford, Stoke-on-Trent. Sabbath-school, 10 a.m.; Preaching service 11.15 a.m. and 3.30 p.m. Sunday, 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7.30 p.m.

D. J. HANDYSIDES.



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Notes from the Superintendent

AT the time these lines are being penned we have arrived at the eve of the opening of the Granose Café and Restaurant in Edinburgh, the first of its kind to be launched in the British Isles. After surmounting many formidable obstacles, a very neat and representative unit is ready for its God-appointed operation. A civic opening ceremony, at which we expect to find present more than one notary public, will be preceded by a service of dedication in the Edinburgh church. A report of the proceedings will appear in a later issue.

NOVEMBER 13th to 20th is the period assigned for the Annual Week of Prayer. These yearly seasons of special devotion have become waymarks in the experience of God's people. They remind us that we are nearing home. Happy thought! But the necessity for vigilance and preparedness becomes keener the closer we approach the eternal prize. Accordingly, the words of Peter assume greater significance: "Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: for so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." 2 Peter 1:10, 11. Our deeper consecration will be manifested in a spirit of sacrificial giving of our means, as well as our lives, for the service of Christ; and the Week of Prayer affords us the opportunity of donating generously to the Week of Sacrifice and Annual offering, to be received in the churches on Sabbath, November 20th. God bless you in fellowship with Him.

JOHN H. BAYLISS.

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DEPARTMENT

Influence of Literature

AFTER successfully leaving some of our literature, especially if it is a large subscription book, in the home of a prospect, there surely comes a certain feeling of satisfaction in accomplishing something worthwhile. These heart-searching publications carry the full message of God's last call to a doomed world.

But sometimes we are tempted to wonder if the people do really read our literature after it has been placed in their homes. Often we see no immediate results and consequently we forget all about the precious Gospel seed that has been so faithfully sown.

God, however, watches over the seed and by the continual guidance and wooing of the Holy Spirit many a heart becomes stirred, changed, and ultimately transformed to the glory of God and the power of the Gospel message. The other day we received an experience from North Wales which should encourage us all to press forward in our ministry of introducing our literature into as many homes as possible in our own neighbourhood.

Evangelist C. D. Watson writes: "Recently I was asked to conduct the funeral of a doctor who was unknown to me, and upon arrival at the home, I found he was not a medical man, as I had assumed, but a doctor of divinity. From relatives I learned that for many years this gentleman had been keeping the seventh-day Sabbath and had hoped to live to see the return of Jesus. Shortly before his death he requested that a Seventh-Day Adventist minister should officiate at the last rites.

"I spent some time with his relatives in his study, looking through his Bible and reading his notes. In almost all details his beliefs were identical with ours.

Verses underlined and pages well worn revealed the soundness of his understanding of God's truths for these days. Looking through his library, one could recognize the fulfilment of the statement that books will be taken down and studied after having been laid away on the shelves gathering dust through the years. Over half a dozen of our books were in his possession, and will bear their fruit in the kingdom. Although this man had studied some with the late Pastor T. H. Cooper, he had come to a knowledge of the true Sabbath and the return of Jesus by personal study. The funeral

TO CHURCHMEMBERS EVERYWHERE

Dear Fellow-Believer,

We are greatly perplexed concerning the question of accommodation for our colporteur-evangelists these days. There are two colporteurs now anxiously hunting for a house, flat, or even unfurnished rooms in which to live in order to continue their ministry of colporteur-evangelism.

Will you kindly write to us should you know of a house, flat, or rooms anywhere throughout the British field which could be let to these valiant ministers of the printed page. We are not in a position to buy houses for our colporteurs, but we do believe that the last warning message must continue to go forward in these closing hours of probation.

Any information or helpful advice from any part of the field will be more than appreciated. Your prayerful interest and hearty co-operation will mean much to the advancement of the Advent message at this time.

Thanking you in anticipation, I am

Very sincerely yours,

A. W. COOK.

Union Publishing Department
Secretary.

was attended by high-ranking officers and leading businessmen who greatly respected Dr. Smith and his views on the Scriptures."

May I remind you of the inspired counsel given to us in Ecclesiastes 11:1: "Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days." Will you not resolve to place more of our books in the many homes surrounding you? If we will diligently sow the seed then God will bring forth the increase.

A. W. COOK.



They are Praying for Light

I HAD been experiencing a very difficult and discouraging day in a certain village, having secured only two orders and night was drawing on. I had just encountered abuse from a publican whom I endeavoured to interest. This tended to discourage me, making me feel like leaving the village where there were three more houses to visit. But while pondering prayerfully as to the best course to take, a voice hailed me from a cottage nearby, inquiring as to what I was doing in the village. It was a railway employee who greeted me, and on learning that it was a Christian work in which I was engaged he was delighted and was anxious to know more. After I had described the work to him, he encouraged me by saying that I had been sent in answer to prayer. The previous night he had been seeking the Lord earnestly in prayer, asking that He would send someone to enlighten him on the prophecies of the Revelation. With deep appreciation he readily placed his order.

Though it was late and I had a long journey before me, I purposed nevertheless to complete the village. This meant making two more calls. I went forth in the assurance of the Lord's promise found in Psalm 145:18, 19, and in a prayerful spirit. Two more orders were gladly placed. I reached my abode before darkness fell and with a joyful heart.

Yes, men and women to-day are praying for light and truth. It is our privilege to be God's messengers, to be used in answer

to those prayers. There is great joy in the consciousness of being used in this way in the literature ministry. At this time the work is great and the labourers are few. God is calling men and women to engage in this heaven-ordained work for the salvation of men, for many no doubt around you are lifting up their hands in prayer for light.

A. REEVE.



It Pays to Visit every Home

As I was out last Monday afternoon I worked a road which had a right-hand turn. This I followed and saw another lane leading away again to the right. I wasn't sure if it was leading me to the backs of the houses which I had already canvassed, but I decided to try it anyway. I soon sold a *Bedtime Stories* and a *Steps to Christ*, which were the last copies I had with me.

When I got to the last house and produced my *Good News* the lady said: "Put my name and address down, and get me some Scripture text cards." She also took a *Good News* and *Health and Happiness*. Just then her sister came in, to whom I had already sold a *Bedtime Stories* for

her little boy. She told her sister about it and she ordered three *Bedtime Stories* and three *Steps to Christ* as prizes for her Sunday-school class.

Another day I called at three houses on a long lane and got no sales. The next lane I arrived at, there were only three houses. At number one, there was no one at home; at number two, the lady looked at the *Good News* and *Bedtime Stories* and said practically nothing for about a minute. Then I saw her counting on her fingers. Presently she said: "I'll have half a dozen of these *Good News* and one *Bedtime Stories*." Number three house took one *Good News*. So it pays to work every house in every road and lane.

H. KIERSTEAD.



A Book He Treasured

ONE experience I had this week was a call in a home occupied by an elderly couple who were very keen to hear what I had to say. After my approach I was directed into the sitting room where a seat was offered to me. I explained my business and when we had talked a little while the gentleman reached a book down entitled *The Desire of*

Ages. It was one he had bought for his wife many years ago and he still treasured it. I asked him, after he had told me that he had read it through and said that he would not part with it, what he thought of the truth it contained? He said, "It is marvellous." I gave him a study and read a portion or two out of the Scriptures, and then we prayed. We felt uplifted, and I came away desiring God's blessing to rest upon them.

I think of other calls I made that day. One in particular was to a woman who had had two children. These children were drowned together, while the younger one was trying to save the other. What a tragedy for the parents left behind! This work does indeed bring us in contact with those who are in great need of consolation.

Another call was to a dear lady who was pleased to have a visit from me and asked me to call again.

I know what the power of God can do for me and how He changed my life. If He can do this for me, He can also do it for others. Jesus is the Saviour of all who accept Him and are obedient.

MISS C. COLCLOUGH.

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The Press book-stall at the summer Youth Congress.



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A C. VINE.

Wedding Bells

BULL-THROSSSELL.—On Wednesday, September 15, 1948, in the

Stanborough Park church, Hector Edward Bull and Elsie Throssell were united in marriage, Pastors W. W and A K Armstrong conducting the service in the presence of a large company of relatives and friends.

Brother Bull has been employed in the Food Factory for a number of years, while Miss Throssell has served The Stanborough Press faithfully for eighteen years. They will now be engaging in field work in the South England Conference.

Following the service, the bride and bridegroom received their guests at the wedding reception, and the happy pair left later for their honeymoon in Switzerland.

The good wishes of all go with them, as also prayers for their success in the work of evangelism.

A. K. ARMSTRONG.

DALTON-WILMSHURST.—On Monday, September 20, 1948, the wedding of Mr. Christian Henry Dalton to Miss Maisie Wilmshurst took place. The bride's father, Pastor F J Wilmshurst, gave her away and the bridegroom's brother acted as best man. The ceremony was conducted by the writer, ably

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assisted by Brother E. Ashton, in our Yarmouth church. A good number of friends had gathered to wish the couple every happiness. After the ceremony, we shared in the ample and well thought out wedding breakfast set out in tasteful array in the rear of the church. As the young couple set up home in Plymouth, the prayer of our hearts is that the Lord will richly bless them. JOHN C. FRENCH.

Until the Day Break

CRAELY.—It is with deep sadness we inform the MESSENGER family that our dear sister, Mrs. Rosina Craely, passed to her rest on August 23, 1948. Sister Craely accepted the Advent message through contacting the tent meetings conducted by Pastor W. H. Meredith in Grange-town, Cardiff, in the year 1905. Here our sister's wanderings in search of God's truth ended in spiritual peace and the full acceptance of the everlasting Gospel. Sister Craely was baptized that same year and with others became one of the charter members of the Cardiff church. Thus for more than forty years Sister Craely bore a faithful witness to God's unchanging truth, and in countless ways adjoined the Advent fellowship with a beautiful Christian life. The funeral service was conducted at the home, "Ben Nevis," by the superintendent of the Welsh Mission, Pastor J. M. Howard, assisted by the writer, when words of comfort were spoken from the holy Scriptures to the large number of relatives, friends, and church members assembled. Our sister was tenderly laid to rest in the lovely meadowlands of Llanishen church cemetery. We extend our deep sympathy to the sorrowing husband, sons, and daughter as well as to the deceased's sisters and to all the relatives. May we all so apply our hearts to wisdom that we shall be ready when the eternal morning dawns, to be reunited, never more to part, with our beloved sister now sleeping in Jesus. F. S. JACKSON.

GRIEG.—Sister Grieg passed to her rest on September 2, 1948, at the age of eighty-six years. She was a charter member of the Kirkcaldy church, having accepted the message under the ministry of Pastors Westworth and Ritchie, during their tent effort in the town in 1903-4. She was a faithful and loyal Adventist, and now rests from her labours awaiting the call of Jesus to life and immortality. Brother M. Roe conducted both the service in the home and the interment. Our prayers and sympathies are extended to sorrowing loved ones, who mourn but not without hope. JOHN H. BAYLISS.

ARNOLD.—It is with deep regret we record the death of Brother Charles Arnold, of Caistor, Lincs. A chance conversation with a Brother Shaw at Medstead thirty-five years ago, interested Brother Arnold in the message. He sent for a number of books and as a result was baptized by Pastor Haughey soon after. Desiring to interest others he entered the colporteur ministry, and as a result of work round his home laid the foundation of the Medstead company. Being a printer by trade he wrote and printed hundreds of tracts and booklets at his own expense. On Friday, August 20th, while he was engaged in distributing literature he was involved in a cycle accident, dying the following

Wednesday without regaining consciousness. We laid him to rest at Caistor, in the presence of a large number of his friends and neighbours, including the Wesleyan minister who kindly lent his chapel for the service, which was conducted by Pastor Farrow. We look forward to reunion with our brother when the Master he loved so well calls His faithful servant home.

L. C. ANDERSON, Church Clerk

SEDDONS.—Mrs Seddons fell asleep in Jesus, August 29, 1948, aged sixty-seven years. Pastor R. A. Anderson baptized her in 1936. She served her Lord faithfully and wholeheartedly and her constant devotion to serve others set a practical example to all. We shall miss her at our Ealing church, where she was a true mother in Israel. Her last words were, "Safe in the arms of Jesus; safe on His gentle breast." We laid her to rest in Hounslow Cemetery on September 2nd, following a brief service at the Chiswick Advent church. Our sincere sympathies go out to her two sons, her daughter, and other relatives. JOHN G. BEVAN.

CARTER.—The death occurred on Sunday, September 26, 1948, of Sister Maud Carter, a charter member of Southend church. Our sister leaves a husband and three daughters to mourn their loss. Mrs Carter accepted the truth in the home of Nurse Scott, where she was staying while suffering from a nervous breakdown, and was a loyal member of the cause of truth for between thirty-eight and forty years. God blessed our sister with a beautiful voice, which, in the early years of her association with the church, she used untiringly in effort work and in the church, bringing hope and joy to many hearts. Her home, too, was always open for study and worship. In later years our sister became afflicted with an acute nervous debility and was unable to meet with the people of God. She had a stroke on September 14th, from which she did not recover. We look forward, with the family, to the morning of the blessed hope, when all the faithful will meet again to enjoy life eternal where sickness and death are unknown. CHURCH CLERK

FROST.—It is with deep regret that we record the death, on August 26, 1948, of Brother Frost of Dereham in his eighty-fourth year. Our brother, who accepted the truth under the ministry of Pastor W. J. Cannon, joined the Dereham company on March 19, 1932. He was laid to rest in the Dereham Cemetery by Pastor J. French, there to await the call of the Life-giver. Our sympathy goes out to his sorrowing daughter, Sister L. Frost, but we know she has the blessed hope of seeing him and her dear mother soon when Jesus comes. G. ELLIS

CAMERON.—In the early hours of Sabbath, September 11, 1948, the Stroud company suffered a grievous loss in the passing of our beloved Sister Helen Cameron at the ripe old age of eighty-four years. Truly the Lord's child, our sister took a lively interest in all church activities, while her daily life was one of continual interest in and care for the welfare of others. Of her it could truthfully be said: "She hath done what she could." Possessed of a strong character, a quiet nature, and firm faith, her love for her Saviour grew with the passing years. It was her greatest delight to tell others of the goodness of God, and especially of how wonderfully the Lord had cared and provided for her all through her life. Faithful unto death, she now awaits the call of the Life-giver who will, at His return, give to her the crown of life which fadeth not away. Sorrowing relatives and friends followed her to the resting place in the Old

Stroud Cemetery, Bisley Road. The funeral service was conducted by the writer. L. SHAW.

BISSON.—Sister Adelina Bisson fell asleep in Jesus on August 21, 1948, in her thirty-eighth year. Never blessed with robust health, her strength slipped away rapidly under sickness which befell her in January. Miss Bisson made her home with her brother, Daniel Bisson at "Woodshield," Millbrook, St. Lawrence, Jersey, C.I. Five precious souls have accepted this message in the island of Jersey, but only one, Brother Daniel Bisson, lives to bear witness today. Three of the five were not baptized, or accepted formally into church membership, yet they believed and lived the truth, to the fullness of the light which they enjoyed. The funeral services were conducted by the writer, and we laid our dear sister to rest in the cemetery of the St. Lawrence Parish church, on the afternoon of August 25th, awaiting the call of her Saviour. Remember Brother Daniel in his complete loneliness and sorrow. G. M. HYDE

CURTIS.—We regret to record the sudden passing of Sister Curtis of the Clapham church, on September 21, 1948, at the age of eighty-one. Our sister was baptized in 1936 by Pastor C. A. Reeves, and since that time has continued a faithful believer in the message. Though of late years Sister Curtis suffered much ill-health, and was largely confined to her room, she was invariably cheerful and vitally interested in every phase of the truth. Sister Curtis was laid to rest by the writer in the Streatham Cemetery, in the presence of relatives and fellow-believers. Hers was a life of simple trust in her Saviour, which soon will receive its eternal reward. E. COX

PORCH.—On September 8, 1948, the church at Southstoke lost one of its old faithful members. George James Forch, after a short illness, passed away, at the age of ninety years, in St. Martin's Hospital. He was introduced to the truth in 1934 by Brother E. Clifford and was baptized at Bristol. His faithfulness to the cause which he loved so much was shown by his generosity to the Lord's work. He was laid to rest in the Southstoke church grounds awaiting the call of the Life-giver. C. R. BONNEY.

FRASER.—The Chiswick church deeply regret to record the death of Brother Fraser, who fell asleep on September 22, 1948, at the age of seventy-three years. He accepted the third angel's message at Torquay under the labours of Pastor A. J. Mustard. Our brother suffered some considerable hardships during the war years, being bombed out, but he was always known for his cheerfulness and kindly disposition, and was a good Christian worker, loving the Lord Jesus, and looking for His glorious return. We laid our brother to rest in Mortlake Cemetery to await the call of the resurrection morning. We extend our sincere sympathy to his wife and daughter. Pastor J. G. Bevan conducted the service on September 27th, speaking words of comfort to the mourners. The writer assisted in the service. H. E. BULL.

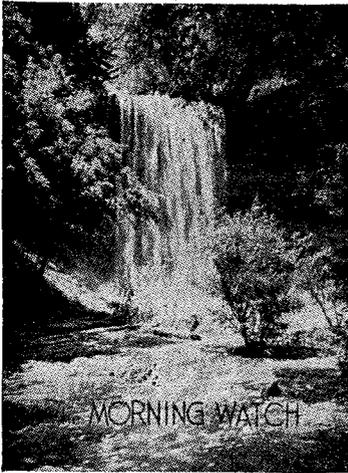
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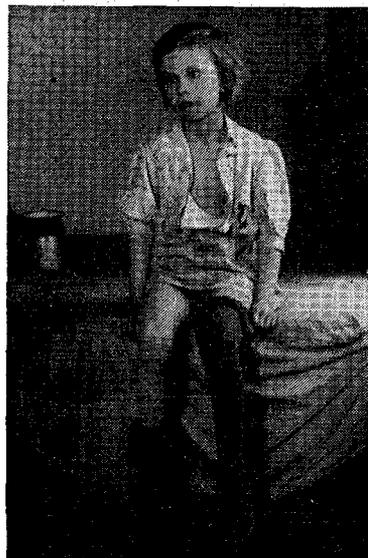
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