

BRITISH ADVENT
MESSENGER
 OF THE BRITISH UNION CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH DAY ADVENTISTS

A MOMENTOUS COUNCIL

ON January 6th last the following General Conference representatives arrived in Watford: Elders J. J. Nethery, vice-president of the General Conference; W. H. Williams, under-treasurer; E. E. Cossentine, educational secretary; and Dr. T. R. Flaiz, medical secretary of the General Conference.

These men came to join a group of our own brethren appointed by the British Union Executive Committee as a Survey Committee, to give special study to the needs of our College and Sanitarium. These two institutions have for some time past been a source of anxiety because of their inability to make their way financially. The Survey Committee spent two days in thoroughly inspecting the institutions and their surroundings. Then followed three days of earnest and prayerful study of a mass of detailed information relative to the institutions and their problems. The outcome of this study was submitted to a full meeting of the Union Executive Committee on January 13th. This meeting unanimously accepted the plans and suggestions of the Survey Committee.

In view of the somewhat revolutionary changes suggested by this report, a further action was taken calling for a full council of all the Executive and Advisory Committees within the Union, together with certain experienced and former executive leaders. In addition to all the committee members, there were present Pastors W. H. Meredith, F. A.

Plans and Projects for our Educational and Health Work

By E. B. RUDGE

Spearing, S. G. Hyde, S. Joyce, E. E. Marter, and Brother A. J. Woodfield. Several of the field publishing secretaries were also invited to be present. The attendance numbered approximately seventy men. Illness prevented the attendance of Pastors J.

Harker and E. E. Craven. This council meeting was held at the Sanitarium on January 20th.

The report of the Survey Committee was submitted and, after prolonged and careful discussion, was unanimously accepted by a standing vote of the full council. Your attention is drawn to the reports printed in this issue of the MESSENGER in conjunction with this statement.

With regard to Section two of the Survey Committee Report it should be said that since this action was taken, developments indicate that it may not be possible for the Union Conference to be placed at Edgware. Further study will doubtless be given to this feature of the report.

In conclusion I wish to state that careful thought was given to all that the servant of the Lord has counselled regarding institutional and educational work, not merely in regard to location, but to student responsibility for fees, the avoidance of debt in the management of institutions, the need for industrial and agricultural facilities, and other related matters. The plans outlined are the best our brethren in council have been able to devise in view of all the existing circumstances to-day. It is the conviction of the brethren comprising the Union Executive Committee that the Lord has led in all our deliberations and conclusions. We earnestly invite your prayerful support as steps are now to be taken to implement the decisions recorded.

Dates to Remember

■
Missions Extension Rally Day

Sabbath, March 5th

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Sabbath-School Council

at Holloway Church
 North London

Sabbath, March 12th
 to
 Sabbath, March 19th

SANITARIUM AND COLLEGE SURVEY COMMITTEE

THE committee comprised the following members:

From the General Conference: J. J. Nethery, W. H. Williams, E. E. Cossentine, Dr. T. R. Flaiz.

From the British Union Conference: E. B. Rudge, G. D. King, A. Carey, W. R. A. Madgwick, Dr. E. G. Essery, W. W. Armstrong, O. M. Dorland, J. H. Craven, and by invitation: J. C. Craven, G. E. Adair, A. H. Thompson.

The committee appointed have spent three full days of prayer and council in studying the situation obtaining in the operation of the Stanboroughs Hydro and Newbold College.

The operating costs have been examined in detail as also have the buildings and estates in which these institutions are located.

Careful consideration has been given to the present locations of these two institutions in the light of the circumstances now prevailing in the country and in view of the type of work which these institutions are expected to accomplish.

The Sanitarium. It is the opinion of the committee that the continuance of the Sanitarium at Stanborough Park is likely to result in a constantly recurring operating loss with little satisfaction resulting from the class of patient now attracted to the institution.

The College. One of the most important features in operating a denominational College is the facility accorded students to earn at least a part of their fees from industry. The possibility of establishing any worth-while scale of profit-earning industry at Binfield appears to be increasingly remote. This factor is a serious consideration relative to the operating costs of the College and weighs heavily as we think of the future. Both the Sanitarium and the College experience increasing

difficulty to operate within a balanced budget in their present locations and apparently will be a source of financial embarrassment to the Union if continued as at present constituted.

Therefore the Committee recommends:

1. The removal of the Stanboroughs Hydro from Stanborough Park to operate as an economic unit elsewhere. Study as to the future location of the institution to be given by the Union officers and other co-opted members of the committee at an early date.

2. The removal of the British Union Conference administrative office from Stanborough Park to occupy the Edgware property, presuming the General Conference will give favourable consideration to our request relative thereto.

3. The transference of Newbold College from Binfield to Stanborough Park to occupy the Hydro, Annexe, and B.U.C. building in amalgamation with the Secondary School as a financial and administrative unit. It is estimated that these properties would accommodate from 208-225 students in addition to the present Secondary School day students.

4. The separation of the Junior department from the Stanboroughs School to operate in harmony with the church school policy under the South England Conference administration. In due time it is proposed that this school would occupy separate premises.

5. The adoption of a definite policy by the Union Committee authorizing the employment of student labour in Granose Foods Ltd., The Stanborough Press Ltd., and by the Stanboroughs estate, such a policy to be co-ordinated within the College administration by a special co-ordi-

nating committee comprising the College business manager, the College principal, the manager of Granose Foods Ltd., the manager of The Stanborough Press Ltd., and the Union president. It is estimated that sixty-six students could be absorbed by these industries in the first year with an increasing number employed as contemplated institutional development takes place. This provision of labour facilities for the students of the College should make possible the raising of College fees to £150 per school year. Such an increase in fees is recommended by this committee.

6. The expense incurred in these contemplated changes in locations to be met from the receipts of the sale of the Binfield properties.

7. That a memorial be drawn up and lodged with the General Conference requesting that the status of Newbold Missionary College be raised to that of a Senior College, which would also serve the needs of other sections of the British Empire and Northern Europe.

8. That we ask the General Conference to arrange a meeting of the officers of the Northern and Southern European Divisions with the officers of the British Union, and for some General Conference representatives to be present at such a meeting, to give study to the suggestion that such a College would meet the needs of the European Divisions; further that this meeting be arranged in time for the report to be brought up at the Fall Council of this year, 1949.

9. That the Union officers constitute a committee, to which other members may be co-opted as necessity arises, to expedite the carrying through of the administrative work contemplated by these changes.

10. That a full council composed of the British Union Conference Executive Committee, the local Conference and Mission Committees, along with experienced former executive counselors, be called at an early date when these plans would be presented for a vote of the full council.

E. B. RUDGE, *Chairman.*

G. D. KING, *Secretary.*

BRITISH UNION COUNCIL

HELD AT STANBOROUGH PARK

ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 20th

IN harmony with the British Union Committee action of Wednesday, January 12th, a full council, composed of the Union Executive Committee, the local Conference Executive Committees, the Mission Advisory Committees, along with experienced former executive counsellors, was called for Thursday, January 20th.

There was a most encouraging response to this call, there being almost seventy members present in the Sanitarium lounge where the council convened. Apologies were received from the four or five invitees who could not be present.

The Chairman, Pastor E. B. Rudge, in opening the council spoke of the assurance which we can all experience of God's leading us to victory in his remarks on Romans 9:28: "He will finish the work." The challenge of an unfinished task faces us in this British Union, but our confidence is to be that God is leading us to victory in the finishing of His own work.

In a fervent prayer season, Brethren A. Lacey, F. A. Spearling, and W. H. Meredith led us to the throne of grace.

Pastor E. B. Rudge outlined the work of the Sanitarium and College Survey Committee, giving the background of events that led up to the report of that committee, which had been unanimously adopted by the full Union Executive Committee. Brother Rudge spoke of his recent contacts while in America at the Autumn Council and of the counsel he had sought of the General Conference Officers in regard to our Sanitarium and College. As a result of those contacts and conversations a special delegation of General Conference visitors to the British Union was voted by the General Conference Committee. That delegation consisted of J. J. Nethery, vice-president of the General Conference,

W. H. Williams, under-treasurer of the General Conference, E. E. Cossentine, secretary of the Educational Department of the General Conference, and Dr. T. R. Flaiz, secretary of the Medical Department of the General Conference.

Pastor Rudge stated that these brethren had met with the Survey Committee in its work, and their counsel and help had been much appreciated. Careful and prayerful study had been given to all details relative to the operation of the College and the Sanitarium, and the report of the Survey Committee was the outcome of that practical and prayerful study of the facts.

He was able to assure the council that the brethren working on that committee had given diligent and practical consideration to the various aspects of the problem and were unanimous in their recommendations as outlined in the report.

Following Pastor Rudge's remarks, the secretary presented the Summary Report of the College

and Sanitarium Survey Committee (which is printed elsewhere in this issue).

This report was distributed to the members of the council. The council members gave very careful study to it. Practical questions were asked arising out of the report and these were given every consideration and were answered as far as possible in relation to all the facts at the disposal of the committee. There was a good spirit of freedom in discussion and the vote for acceptance of the report was not put until all who wished had had every opportunity to speak. Four hours were spent in open discussion of the varied aspects of the report. Finally, as a vote of confidence in the Union leadership in this matter, it was:

Moved and seconded that the Summary Report of the College and Sanitarium Survey Committee be accepted by this council and that in accepting this report we assure the Union officers of our prayerful support as they undertake the administrative tasks connected with its operation.

The motion was unanimously adopted by a standing vote of the whole council.

Prayer for God's blessing on this report and decision was offered by Pastor W. H. Meredith.

E. B. RUDGE, *Chairman.*
G. D. KING, *Secretary.*

Calls and Changes

ONCE again we are reminded by recent actions of the British Union Committee that the "great Advent movement is always on the move." Just before the Christmas holidays we had the thrilling experience of receiving a telephone call from Australia, and hearing, over many thousands of miles, the voice of Pastor N. C. Wilson, the newly-appointed leader of the Australasian Inter-Union Conference. His call was to speak with the writer and Brother J. C. Craven of The Stanborough Press. This was an intimation that the Australian brethren were planning to call for the services of Brother Craven as

manager of the Signs Publishing Company at Warburton, Victoria. Later the call arrived through the customary channels, and has been considered and acted upon by the British Union Conference Committee. The brethren very reluctantly released Brother Craven to accept this call to wider service and placed on record their appreciation of the faithful and skilful service Brother Craven has given to the Press during the years of his management of that institution.

A little later we received a call through the General Conference for the services of Brother E. Trace, the present production

manager at the Press, to serve as the manager of the Advent Press, Gendia, Kenya Colony. Brother Trace is an experienced press foreman and in recent months has given excellent service as our production manager. He, too, was released with regret to answer this call from the mission field. We believe that the good wishes and prayers of all the workers will follow these two brethren as they leave this field on the call of the work to serve the Lord in other spheres. In order to replace Brother J. C. Craven at the Press, action has been taken by the Union Executive Committee releasing Brother J. H. Craven from his duties as auditor and secretary-treasurer of British Advent Missions to take the place of general manager of The Stanborough Press. Brother Noble Vining, at present foreman of the composing room at the Press, has been appointed as production manager in addition to his duties in the composing room.

Brother A. Carey has been called upon to take again the secretaryship of British Advent Missions, and Brother W. G. Baldry to be the treasurer and assistant secretary of British Advent Missions.

We are glad to say that Brother N. H. Knight, who is at present on leave of absence, is rapidly regaining his former health and has been appointed secretary-treasurer of the Scottish, Welsh, and Irish Missions.

We wish these brethren, who are taking up their new responsibilities at an early date, a full measure of the blessing of the Lord; and for them, as we also do for those who are so soon to leave us, we seek the prayerful support of the Lord's people.

E. B. RUDGE.

Congratulations

We are happy to congratulate Brother Kenneth Prior, of the Wimbledon church, on having gained his M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. degrees. We are sure that Dr. Prior will find many opportunities for skilful witness in his medical career.

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Additions at Wembley and Chiswick

MEMBERS of the West London churches were truly catered for in body, mind, and spirit on Sabbath afternoon, January 29th.

The comfortable, warm Chiswick church, such a contrast to the damp fog outside, supplied our body needs.

For our minds, Pastor J. G. Bevan gave all present something to think about, as he recounted how God used three people to bring Naaman the leper to salvation, a maid, an unknown man, and a king. He stressed how God uses people of every station in life to bring about His will.

And what a spiritual uplift we all experienced as four young candidates publicly passed through the waters of baptism, afterward giving their testimonies.

Ruth Pasco, whom we have all seen grow from childhood, told how her grandmother was brought into the truth and baptized by Pastor Bevan. Her own mother was led into the truth and baptized by Pastor W. W. Armstrong. Now at her own baptism, Ruth thanked God for His great love and expressed her desire truly to serve Him. The Pasco family are sailing for New Zealand on February 3rd. Who can tell the results of spiritual seed sown here and now scattered so far away? May God's blessings be with them.

Peter Mather, giving his testimony, told of his army experiences. He is indeed a brand from the fire. We believe that a full and varied life lies ahead for him.

Kenneth Rayner also expressed his desire to work earnestly for his Lord.

Finally Vera Millwood spoke, so young yet so sincere. What a joy for her mother to witness her faith!

These three young people have been received into the fellowship of the Wembley church.

Another greatly appreciated item during the service was a young men's quartet, one member of which was the young brother of Ruth Pasco. They sang, "Lord I'm coming home," Paul Pasco singing the solo part.

With the singing of "Children of the heavenly King," another very happy baptismal service ended.

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President's Notes

BROTHER S. H. PARKIN, who was working in South Birmingham, has now located in the Newcastle-on-Tyne district to carry on the work being laid down by Brother M. B. Musgrave, who sails on March 31st for East Africa.

BROTHER W. J. CANNON, who for some years has been working in Nottingham, is preparing for a campaign in Derby. Brother L. Shaw, from Cheltenham, is taking over the work at Nottingham to release Pastor Cannon for this new effort.

WE are pleased to report a gain in tithe for 1948 of £1,776, the total figure for the year being £21,442. There are prospects that January will show a further gain. We do appreciate very much the faithfulness of our membership here in the North England Conference in returning to God His own in tithes and offerings.

IN spite of the loss of three colporteurs from the field, who each sold £1,000 worth of books a year, we were able to show a gain in literature sales of £890 at the close of December, the total being £23,174 for the twelve months. We ask your daily prayers on behalf of our faithful colporteurs.

BRITISH ADVENT MESSENGER

INQUIRIES have been made as to when the Ingathering campaign will commence this year. It has been officially fixed from April 24th to May 31st, Rally Day being Sabbath, April 23rd. We will soon be polishing our armour ready for the fray.

THERE is to be a Sabbath day for our youth at York on February 19th, beginning on Friday evening at 7 p.m. and closing with films on Saturday evening. Youth from the surrounding churches are cordially invited.

O. M. DORLAND.



Birmingham District Youth Rally

It was fitting that the last district youth rally Pastor E. R. Warland should attend as North England Conference young people's secretary should be the best in his experience. For at the close of the Birmingham District Youth Rally on January 22nd, that was his impression and the feeling of the other leaders who were present.

Over 200 members met that Sabbath in the well-appointed Friends Hall, Greet, to encourage the Advent youth of the district. They came in full representation from the Birmingham and Worcester churches and before the end of the morning Wolverhampton, Kidderminster, Nottingham, Derby, and Stoke-on-Trent were also well represented.

But the convention actually began on Friday evening in the Handsworth church, when a good crowd of ex-campers and friends listened to 1948 campers being interviewed by Pastor Warland and saw screen pictures of last year's camp. As happy memories flooded back, there was an eager desire expressed by many to be at camp in 1949.

Sabbath-school in the Friends Hall went with a rare swing and precision. First a coloured member from Nigeria, Brother Oyelese, made a splendid missions appeal. Then followed a streamlined review from Brother S. H. Parkin and a masterly lesson presentation by Pastor Victor Cooper, Conference Y.P. secretary-elect.

The morning service was conducted by Pastor E. L. Minchin, and as he unfolded the thrilling progress of the Advent message in lands abroad, it was noticed that even older and more staid Adventists were sitting on the edges of their seats. So that when the appeal came for first the veterans and then the young people to re-dedicate their lives to the Advent cause, it was not difficult for all to rise to their feet.

Meanwhile, in the children's room, "Uncle Roy" and his assistants armed with flannelgraphs, chorus books, and stories had been valiantly and successfully controlling and developing the interest of the tiny tots in things spiritual.

The afternoon really was the climax of the convention, when in a grand "Share Your Faith" programme the youth demonstrated the thrill and joy of passing on the good news of salvation by personal contacts, by literature, and by Sunday-school work.

Sister Buck ably spoke on the importance of personal contacts and illustrated her talk with a dialogue by two Handsworth young people. In this Noreen Young re-enacted the incident which led her to win her school chum, Joan Lewis, to the truth.

The South Birmingham M.V. society next showed the power of the literature ministry as in several scenes they depicted the fruitful results of faithful colporteur work.

The most moving item of the afternoon was surely the Sunday-school Symposium in which Peggy Appleyard and Maureen Huse, aided by their scholars, reviewed the excellent work that has been accomplished in the Handsworth Sunday-school. As the songs and recitations of these non-Adventist children were heard, and four of them were invested with Progressive Course badges, it was generally admitted that more Sunday-schools ought to be held in our churches, to win non-Adventist children to the truth.

A good response was made to the appeal for volunteers to go out the following morning with Voice of Prophecy cards. But the most surprising response came

from the Quaker caretaker of the hall, who had evidently been listening at the back. For he afterward asked for thirty of these cards to distribute among his friends.

The happy day ended with a showing of the Congress film and a social. Many old friendships were renewed and new ones formed during the games. Just before "Auld Lang Syne" and the benediction three cheers rang out from all the young people as an expression of thanks to Pastor Warland, or "Uncle Roy" as he is more affectionately thought of, for his splendid leadership in the past, and to assure him that the loyal support he had received would also be given to his working successor, Pastor Cooper.

S. HOWARD PARKIN.

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Notes from the Superintendent

LAST Sabbath was a day of inspiration and joy for the Newport church. Twelve souls, the first-fruits of the work done in Abergavenny and Newport during the past nine months, were baptized. Our co-labourers, Brethren Emm and Cooke and Miss Hartland (who has been away for three months in hospital undergoing an operation), gave splendid help. Indeed, Brother Emm, though called away from the Abergavenny campaign by the Summer Seminary, was directed to Newport on his return and four of the candidates were the result of his personal work, two of them having been Voice of Prophecy students. Fourteen candidates went forward in baptism and Cardiff and Hereford were represented among this number. We were privileged to have Pastor W. L. Emerson with us on this occasion and his services were very highly appreciated. A detailed account of the Abergavenny work appears elsewhere in this issue.

WORD comes through that the Caerphilly campaign is progressing slowly but surely. Brother and Sister Freeman anticipate holding a baptism there in the near future. Several are keeping the Sabbath.

LAST week I visited Rhyl and Shotton and it was an inspiration to see the young people lined up outside the Shotton Advent Mission. Brother and Sister Watson and Miss Cooper have to hold the Monday night services in relays because of the crowds. I arrived just when the "first house" was leaving and the "second house" about to enter! I thought what an intelligent and orderly crowd of children they were. Through this youth work Brother and Sister Watson hope to make an entrance into the homes of the people. North Wales has been called the most conservative section of conservative Britain.

OUR COLPORTEUR WORK

BROTHER A. LACEY tells me that the colporteur strength of the Welsh Mission will soon approach twenty. This is excellent news! Last year the literature sales in Wales were £2,365, nearly twice as much as the previous year. Our gain in 1948 was £1,164.

V.O.P. CAMPAIGNS

A FORTNIGHT ago it was my privilege to hold the first of a new series of campaigns we plan to hold in Wales. A town is chosen where we have some good home missionary isolated members. A hall or church is hired for the night. The service is well advertised; the film on Daniel two is shown; literature and Voice of Prophecy cards distributed. When the interested ones have completed the course the names will be sent on to the active isolated member or members of that town, and they will see to the weekly visitation of the people.

We thought we would make a start at Milford Haven. Brother and Sister Rawlings have done good work in that town for a number of years. The Deep Sea Fisherman's church was hired for the night and we greatly appreciated the kindness of Mr. Chisnall, the superintendent of the

Mission. The church was packed to overflowing. There must have been well-nigh 300 people present. Almost all the people took away literature and Voice of Prophecy cards. We feel assured that this method of soul-winning, in a field where the worker staff is so small and the need so great, will bear fruit to His glory.

MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCE

THE year-end figures for tithe and offerings have not yet arrived, but we are assured of good increases. We are grateful to God for a faithful membership. Pray for our work in Wales that we might soon reach the 500 membership goal. We are still hoping that when we hand this Mission over to our successor we can bequeath to him a fully-fledged conference with all the appropriate officers and offices.

JOHN M. HOWARD.



Firstfruits in Abergavenny

NINE months ago in the town of Abergavenny, which is situated in one of the most beautiful parts of Monmouthshire, a campaign was launched by Pastor J. M. Howard, assisted by Brother G. Emm and Miss A. Hartland.

From the start this campaign has been conducted at a disadvantage, for Pastor Howard had a distance of twenty miles to travel to attend each service, as well as carrying the heavy responsibility of Mission superintendent. Then he had to part with Brother Emm at the end of six weeks, just when the people were getting attached to him.

The writer was called in from Swansea to fill his place, but then, just as the message began to take root in the people's hearts, our Bible-worker, Sister Hartland, had to undergo a major operation. About this same time we had to leave the Y.M.C.A. and seek another hall. Nothing can be more disconcerting than such a series of "changing horses mid-stream," but the Lord knew there were souls to be reached and won, and led us to secure the hall we have at present. Not only so,

the opposition brought an increase in attendance to our meetings and soon after we found a number of people were observing the Sabbath and signs of fruitage began to appear.

Some twenty-six people have been receiving Bible studies each week in their homes, and the Lord has blessed the preaching of the message in a wonderful way. One young man, twenty-three years of age, who is anxious to train for the Lord's work, took his stand for the Sabbath, and informed his employer that he intended having Saturday free from work because the Bible convinced him that it was sacred. He got it!

Soon after he decided to return the tithe to the Lord, he was offered a job on another farm with a large increase in his salary. Here again he told his employer that he did not work on Sabbath, and the Lord blessed him. He has been tested in different ways, even to having his wages offered to him by cheque on the Sabbath, but he refused them. This young man has been so keen to have his Bible studies each week that we have even held a study in the chaff house of the farm, with three puppies crying behind us! We were reminded of the humble surroundings in which our Saviour was born and prayed for the Lord to bless us in the study of His Word.

From the commencement of our meetings we have been blessed with the services of a young lady as pianist. This young lady, who is only just sixteen years of age, has listened to the Word preached and has received studies with her parents at home until the Sabbath truth convinced her and she requested baptism. The Baptist chapel naturally did not want to part with her, and we can understand how reluctant, too, were her parents to let her leave their chapel to join the Advent fellowship. We could understand their determination against her decision, but feel sure the day will arrive when they will not only realize that her decision was correct and led by the Spirit of God, but will experience the same conviction themselves. May the witness of this courageous girl lead

to her parents uniting with her in the Advent faith. This young sister has felt the call of God into His service and we are sure that the way will open for her to go to College to train as a worker for Him

There is also another friend of the truth who has drunk in the message and is fully convinced that it is of God, but five weeks before the date appointed for our baptism, she had to go into hospital for an operation. The prayers of God's people were wonderfully answered for this sister, for the Lord not only brought her through the operation successfully, but in time to be received into our church fellowship at the first baptism.

Yet another young lady has accepted the truth in spite of much opposition at home and we pray that the Lord will use her life as a great power to draw her parents into the same path of obedience.

Many other experiences could be written, but space forbids. We are, however, very happy to report that on January 29th in the Newport church, seven dear souls were led into the baptismal waters, determined by the grace of God to follow Christ and obey His commandments. One other was received in by vote. These eight, added to our four isolated members, will form a good nucleus for the new church which God is raising up in Abergavenny to form a fresh beacon light in our Welsh field.

In a few weeks' time we are planning another baptism, when we anticipate at least a similar number of candidates. Already there are others who are enjoying the blessings of Sabbath observance. We rejoice with the angels for the fruitage thus far received, and look forward in faith and assurance to a still greater harvest in the days which lie ahead.

It will greatly strengthen our faith to know that the MESSENGER family is praying with us as we continue to sow the seed in this small agricultural town of seven thousand people.

C. L. W. COOKE.

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Scottish Mission

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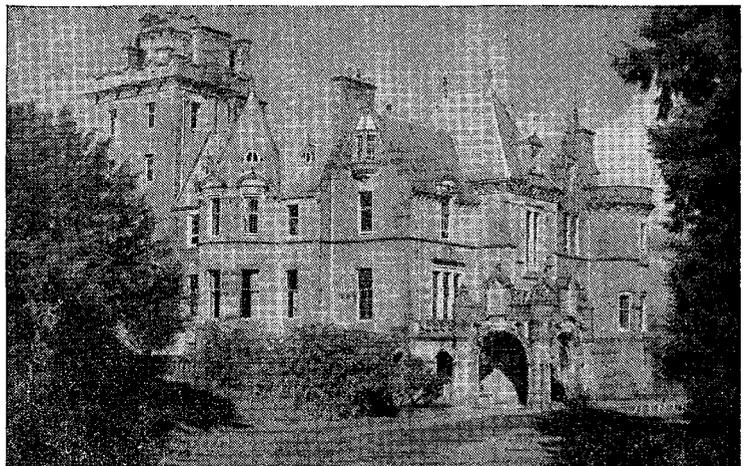
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Loch Lomond Easter Camp Convention

SCOTTISH Advent youth are bent on adventure for Christ. The idea of an Easter camp became the vision of one M.V. Soon, the conviction was shared by others, and broadened into the possible exploitation of the splendid chain youth hostel venture, already an established agency for viewing Scotland at infinitesimal cost. Inquiry unearched one such glorious hostel, "Ardrennan," on the "Bonny, bonny banks of Loch Lomond."

A brief visit to the venue was a charmingly intriguing experience. The open gates seemed to utter their mute welcome. The winding drive, through six acres of oaks, firs, cedars, and sward, rising gently to the imposing mansion, merely increased the pleasure. As we admired the ornate building (see illustration) from its fore-court, the eye was at once attracted by the background—the loch and rugged mountains with Ben Lomond outstanding in bold relief.



The Loch Lomond hostel, where the Scottish Easter Camp will be held.

The warden was most co-operative, affording us opportunity to view the conference room, with its walnut doors and panelled walls and huge open fireplace; the girls' dormitory on the second, and that of the boys on the third floor; the kitchen, with every modern convenience, and the spacious dining-room. He told us, too, of the "Chinese" garden, known to possess the rarest shrubs in Scotland. What an environment for a Youth's Camp-Convention!

Yes, Missionary Volunteers, we are planning a thrilling Easter-tide for you. The duration of the gathering will be from Thursday evening to Monday afternoon, April 14th to 18th. It will cost you no more than your fare, and 30/- for the period. All you are required to bring are your rations (fats, sugar, jam, and cheese), two camp plates, cutlery, mug, a double sheet, pillow slip, toilet requisites, Bible and *Gospel Melodies*. A pillow and three blankets are provided. You would be advised to travel light, wearing your second best clothes or camp-kit.

Pastor E. L. Minchin will be there! And you know what that means! He has promised an exhilarating and elastic programme of both indoor and outdoor features, to accommodate the gloriously uncertain Scottish climate. Accompanying him will be Pastor Eric B. Hare of the General Con-

ference Sabbath-school Department, renowned as the denomination's champion storyteller. Anticipate the true adventure tales he will tell as we sit around a real indoor camp-fire! A launch cruise across the loch to the foot of Ben Lomond, which we believe many volunteers will climb; a visit to Scotland's famous show village of Luss; and a thrilling film evening will figure among the items in a packed programme. Scottish youth will be there in force. Who will come from England, Wales, and Ireland? Make sure of this grand Easter Youth Rally by sending, without delay, your camp registration fee of 5/- to the superintendent of the Scottish Mission, 9 Davidson Park, Edinburgh 4; and watch the MESSENGER for further details.

JOHN H. BAYLISS.

Aberdeen Calling!

YES, it is good news from Aberdeen. As we look over the past months in retrospect our hearts are filled with gratitude to God for His manifold blessings. A year ago our church membership was twenty-five; to-day, because of God's rich blessing upon our campaign, we are able to report a membership of fifty-five, due to the fact that thirty-one new members have been added during 1948, thus more than doubling our membership!

From the very first night, when we were forced to turn away between three and four hundred people, we have experienced the blessing of God. Difficulties and obstacles have been legion from the very beginning—even now we are still using oil burning stoves to warm the atmosphere of our hall, still climbing to the second floor, still paying very high rents—but God has been with us every step of the way.

Needless to say the work in Aberdeen is not yet finished. Already we are preparing for another baptism in the spring, when we hope that still others will follow their Lord through the waters of baptism and join us on the road to the kingdom of God. Almost immediately we are starting an intensive door-to-door campaign, going out literally "in-

to the highways and hedges" to find the lost sheep of the house of Israel and gather them home to the true fold before the storm breaks.

Thank you for your prayers on behalf of the work in Aberdeen; God has heard and is answering. Please keep on praying. Granite is hard and difficult, but when it is quarried and polished it is beautiful! Pray that God will help us to find many more beautiful stones in this Granite City for the building of His spiritual temple, and to Him we will give all the honour and glory.

KENNETH LACEY.

Until the Day Break

POLLARD.—We regret to record the death of Sister Pollard of the Nottingham church, who passed away on October 16, 1948, after a long and painful illness patiently borne. Our sister accepted the Advent message during an effort conducted by Pastor J. D. Gillatt, and was baptized in 1920. A service was held in the church and she was laid to rest on October 21st in the Wilford Hill Cemetery. Pastors O. M. Dorland and W. J. Cannon officiated. We extend our deepest sympathy to Brother Pollard, her two daughters, and relatives in their sad loss. CHURCH CLERK.

PUGH.—It is with deep regret that we record the death of our beloved Sister Jessie Pugh, on November 18, 1948 at Birdlip, Gloucestershire, at the age of seventy-five years. Sister Pugh was baptized twenty-four years ago by Pastor D. Morrison at Plymouth, and later joined the Cheltenham church, of which she was a member until the time of her death. Since accepting the truth, she has given faithful service for the Master. Her love of Sabbath-school was an inspiration to all, and her dissertations on the lesson were most appreciated. During the evening of the day on which she died, she was giving a Bible study. May we all be found as faithful. Sister Pugh was laid to rest in Winchcombe Cemetery on November 23rd. VERA E. WRIGHT, Church Clerk

PRALL.—After much sickness, Brother T. G. Prall, of the South England Conference church, fell asleep in Jesus on December 16, 1948, at the age of sixty-two years. It was in New Zealand, before World War I, that our brother first heard the message he loved, and he was voted into fellowship with us in this field in 1927. He was a faithful soldier of the cross, and as his health permitted, was very zealous in seeking to share his faith with others. As we laid him quietly to rest in Chatham Cemetery on December 21st, we did so looking forward to the great day of glad reunion, when none shall say, "I am sick." The writer conducted a brief service in the little chapel, and again at the graveside, commending Mrs. Prall and Margaret to the God, who alone can comfort, that their sorrow may not be without hope. EDWARD BELL.

CARTER.—It is with great sympathy toward her relatives and friends that we record the death of our sister, Florence Jane Elizabeth Carter. A beloved member of the Shrewsbury church, our

sister had lived a cheerful, earnest and faithful Christian life. She was eighty years old and her memory remains a splendid testimony of joy in the Advent faith. Her mortal remains were laid to rest in the Shrewsbury Cemetery on January 5, 1949, by the writer "until the day dawn." H. HUMPHRIES.

Gratitude for Healing

MISS A. HARTLAND wishes to express her gratitude to God for good progress following a successful operation, also her thanks to ministers, fellow-workers, members, and friends of the Welsh mission for their letters, gifts, and remembrance in prayers.

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