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SUPPLY AND DEMAND

THE stellar jewels which adorn the midnight sky led Daniel to think of even greater gems. He looked forward to the day of the Lord when those that have turned "many to righteousness" "shall shine as . . . the stars for ever and ever." Dan. 12:3.

To be thus endowed with bodies which shine with undiminished and eternal glory is a prospect dearly cherished by every true believer. Missing this wonderful experience of glorification will be an irreparable disaster.

What are your prospects? Are you doing your utmost to share with others your God-given revelation of righteousness? Or does your life—your practices, habits, and indulgences—constitute a hindrance to any? You naturally and rightly shrink from the suggestion.

To come quickly to the point of this present article, however. Is it conceivable that any Adventist should indulge in anything whose production leads not to the saving but to the damnation of souls? Are you, by your practices—even though they may merely be occasional—helping to create or maintain a demand for things which directly lead to the spiritual bankruptcy and desolation of those who create them?

This is exactly what happens when we frequent cinemas, theatres, or when we read popular novels and "cheap" literature. We are helping to create a demand for these things, and as long as there exists a demand for any-

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thing, suppliers will strive to meet it.

The writer had personal contact with an author who gave up writing popular fiction because of the effect on his own soul. Rest assured that if a book or journal has an injurious spiritual effect on the reader—and none who reason honestly will dispute the possibility—the effect on those who write is infinitely more damnable.

Ultra-modern writers profess to portray life as it really is, and then proceed to ignore the good, the wholesome, the upright, in order to give prominence to the bad, the corrupt, and the immoral. As someone has appropriately put it: They purposely bypass the perfumes to describe the odours. This is so in an overwhelming proportion of modern books and magazines.

And why? Simply because there is a demand for such production, and to supply such a demand is a sure means of making money. But think of the effect on the producers. Their whole minds and imagination must be soaked with their unwholesome themes in order to produce the goods. Which is hardly a condition conducive to godly living.

By buying and reading such books and journals, are we encouraging the authors to develop the wholesome state of mind described by the apostle Paul in

Philippians 4:8? Make no mistake, if we read, and thus sustain the demand for such productions, in the judgment we will not be accounted guiltless of the blood of these misguided men and women.

There is no need to expatiate on the evils of the cinema. Adventists are by no means alone in their recognition of this. But why evil? Simply because the cinema caters for the tastes of the majority; and the majority are not spiritually minded. The nature of their tastes and pleasures, and the nature of the tastes of true Adventists, are poles apart.

As a cinema manager remarked to one of our Bible-workers some years ago: "When I tried to raise the standard, by concentrating on pictures that were more instructive and elevating than the average, attendances rapidly dropped and the cinema was soon half empty." So he *had* to revert to the popular pictures illustrating crime, delinquency, infidelity and moral laxity.

The effect on the producers of making such unsavoury films is infinitely worse than the injury suffered by those who see these films. Moral laxity and the most flagrant cases of marital unfaithfulness are notorious among those who strive to meet the popular demands. And even where no extreme sins are indulged in, there must nevertheless be much barrenness of soul and consequent unhappiness.

Which reminds us of the well-

known story of the melancholy man who sought medical advice for his persistent depression. The doctor said: "The best thing for you is to visit the circus which has just come to town. The clown is world-famed and his sparkling nonsense will provide you with the very tonic you need." "Alas," replied the patient, "I am that clown."

As Sister White assures us, levity, trifling, and jesting, all lead to barrenness of soul.

The question is: Are we helping to create a demand for things which are so disastrous in their effects? Would we feel happy at the realization that in the judgment souls will be condemned to perdition for the very things we have required them to do for our pleasure and entertainment? The answer is obvious.

Though we may be unable to lead everyone into righteousness, let us avoid condoning or encouraging anyone in ways of unrighteousness. It is a good rule that we never require anyone to do for our pleasure—or for any other purpose—that which we know to be wrong. How otherwise can we be absolved in the judgment from their blood?

Our duty is clear. Seek righteousness and pursue it. Uplift it for all to see. Only thus may the prospect be confidently cherished of shining in God's kingdom "as the brightness of the firmament; . . . and as the stars for ever and ever."

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President's Notes

LAST week the British Union Conference Committee met and part of our agenda was the study of the membership gains and financial reports for 1948. The figures presented were gratifying, although not satisfying. We were happy to see the good report from

the South England Conference. The total number received into fellowship by baptism and vote was 205, which is almost 100 higher than the previous year.

This is encouraging and leads us to believe that good team work under the blessing of the Lord is very profitable. If our contact with the Lord was more intimate and consistent, our relationships to each other, both as regards workers, officers, and churchmembers, would be sounder and much more could be accomplished. The "give and take" method is the only one that brings the highest results. It brings harmony of action and tranquillity of mind. We are glad for the measure of united endeavour in our conference that has brought about the good result stated above.

We regret, however, that this good figure was considerably reduced by an exceptionally heavy death report—seventy-nine in the South England Conference. Many old warriors have passed to their rest having fought a good fight. Their reward is certain and awaits them at the coming of the Lord.

Their passing is a challenge to all to see their places are filled in our churches. Why can't we specialize on the young and get more strong, virile blood into our gatherings? While not setting any special goal for souls, why cannot we pray, as we work, for at least 300 additions to our conference this year? Will you make this a regular determined objective in your church life as well as in your private devotions? The campaigns are showing prospect of a good harvest everywhere and even the places that started slowly are picking up in hopeful anticipation.

FINANCES

OUR treasurer reports that the year-end record reveals a truly wonderful tithe record. £43,014. 5s. 6d. was the sum for 1948, as compared with £39,105. 12s. 10d. for 1947, as increase of £3,908. 12s. 8d. The figure for 1947 was itself an increase of £4,208 over the previous year; so that there is definite evidence of faithfulness on the part of the majority of the members.

The Sabbath-schools accounted for £398 more offerings, including Thirteenth Sabbaths, Birthday Offerings, and the Investment Fund. As there were slight decreases in some other mission offerings, the aggregate increase was £257. The Famine Relief Fund contributions totalled £863. Gifts for the Voice of Prophecy reached the sum of £380. Sundry special gifts to specific foreign missions totalled a further £85. In the realm of home missions, our members contributed £4,478 for the support of their own churches during the year, in addition to the following: Good Samaritan Fund, £350; Medical Aid Fund, £199; Students' Aid Fund, £307; Evangelistic Box Fund, £306; MESSENGER Fund, £143; etc. Altogether, for the home and foreign needs our faithful members and young folk, including their Ingathering collections of £15,470, accounted for some £74,535 within the space of the twelve months of 1948. A truly great investment, with hopes of great returns!

W. W. ARMSTRONG.



"First the Blade . . ."

THERE is good evangelistic news from the Watford corner of the Master's field.

Week by week the Gospel seed has been sown, and now, in the springtime of the year, many more signs of spiritual life are appearing.

We can almost date these fuller signs of spiritual life from the night when Pastor S. G. Joyce spoke to the large audience about the seventh-day Sabbath. He and his Bible instructors, Miss V. Warren and Miss A. Ruddick, had, of course, been visiting the people all along and making friendly contacts, but as soon as the Sabbath was presented, first one and then another made the vital decision: "By God's grace I am going to keep His Sabbath day holy."

So besides the Sunday night meeting, which was still bringing large crowds to the Palace Theatre, we began a Sabbath afternoon meeting in the Watford Town church.

And the people came. The church was well filled from the start, and the count at our last meeting showed that forty-five non-members were among those present. Were any of the pessimists who predicted that Watford would prove so difficult to work present that Sabbath afternoon? We sincerely hope so!

But how about the Sunday nights? What were we to do about those meetings? Every meeting was still well attended. Of course, we had to finish some time. But was this the time to stop?

Anyway we announced the "final" meeting. The Male Choir was to make its "final" appearance; the "final" bills were distributed. But many requests came in for the meetings to continue.

So we decided to go on through March—the sixth month of the campaign!

We wish every Adventist in the British Isles could have seen inside the Palace Theatre that night—last Sunday night. It would have thrilled your hearts.

Almost every available seat in the main body of the theatre was occupied and the circle was packed—and over three-quarters of the people present were non-members! After the preliminaries Pastor Joyce announced the good news that we might be able to continue the meetings a little longer.

"If," he said, "we can manage to carry on these meetings through March, shall we go ahead? What do you say?"

Instantly a murmur of approval swept the audience, while one voice, heard above all the rest, shouted out, "Certainly!" And up went every hand in a vote of approval.

It was a thrilling moment.

"But then," continued the evangelist, "if we do continue, how many of you will come?"

A moment's suspense. Again every hand was raised! Some older people, as well as boys and girls, even raised both!

The emotions of the members who were present can best be imagined. God's Spirit has truly been at work in this town which everybody said was "so difficult."

The meeting proceeded. The

evangelist began to read out the usual batch of questions and comments that come in week by week. These are some of them:

"Thank you, Mr. Joyce, for your grand talk this evening. It has made me think."

"I thought I knew my Bible, but since attending your meetings I realize how little I knew."

"Your booklet, *The Sign of Loyalty*, given away last Sunday night has been a great help to me. May God help me to be loyal to Him and keep the true Sabbath."

"Dear Mr. Joyce, I am convinced. God bless you and your work."

"I have found more joy in keeping the seventh-day Sabbath than I have ever before experienced."

"A beautiful service. Words of truth that come with conviction. My prayers shall continue for this work which is of God."

"If God saved Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego from the seven-times heated furnace—then I'll obey Him and keep His commandments, including the seventh-day Sabbath."

"I feel I must write and tell you of the joy it has been to me to keep the Sabbath of the Lord, and there is only one thing I want to see—large numbers doing the same. My cup is full and running over."

Wasn't that encouraging? And in the address that followed the evangelist spoke on the subject, "Can the dead communicate with the living?" and developed an appeal that obviously touched many hearts.

Watford, the hardest place in the British Isles (so some had said) is yielding to the gentle influence of God's good Spirit. He is gathering out from this town those whose hearts are longing for something better than the things of this world.

May we each be faithful that His divine purpose may be accomplished.

EDGAR A. WARREN.



Youth Crusaders' Day at Southend

THE sea breezes blew in our faces as we wended our way to the church on Sabbath morning,

February 12th. Yes! It was another of those rally days which are always looked forward to by our youth. This time it was held at Southend-on-Sea.

The church has the characteristics of so many of our Adventist churches—small but neat; and what an air of friendliness greeted us as we entered, making one feel at home immediately. It made me realize still more, what a bond of fellowship links us all together, so that wherever we go, whether we are known or are strangers, we are greeted with the same love and respect as brothers and sisters in our message; our hope, and aim, one in Christ Jesus.

We reverently took our places and bowed our heads in silent prayer as we asked our heavenly Father to bless us as we gathered together.

The Sabbath-school was taken by the members of the local church. Malcolm Crouch directed our attention to one of the needy mission fields in the story of Shinaboo. He ended with the appeal, "Does your face shine with the coming of Jesus?" Shinaboo's did!

It did our hearts good as we listened to the kindergarten children as they recited their memory verses and sang that good old favourite, "When mothers of Salem, their children brought to Jesus." It certainly was an example to us older ones, for each child repeated the verse perfectly.

"Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy." Sabbath is creation's memorial. We were reminded of this statement as Brother Phillips of Chelmsford reviewed the previous week's lesson. From sunset to sunset we are to keep the Sabbath. But—are we to start thinking about it just five minutes before the sun goes down behind the horizon? No! All through the week our thoughts, actions, and plans should be centred on the Sabbath. Guard even the inmost thoughts! so that we will not take any time which belongs to God. We can be examples to those around us. Imagine the curiosity it must cause those who see us starting for church each Sabbath morning all dressed in our best. Of

course they do not know it is for church, and might even venture to ask. Here is where we can "share our faith"—so don't forget!

Pastor H. T. Johnson, lover of the juniors, reminded us that the first seven years of a child's life are the best ones. "Train up a child in the way he should go and he *will not* depart from it." And parents, go with your children! They need your counsel and advice. If you do this you will gain their love and win their hearts. The parents are mostly to blame if their children are unruly, disobedient, unthankful, and unholy. These are some of the signs of the latter days. Our homes should not be like this but "models of the heavenly home."

Children, "honour thy father and thy mother that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee." The plan is to bring harmony into the home. Let us make our homes places where the angels will delight to linger.

"The Lord's my Shepherd," was the title of a duet beautifully rendered to us by Aileen and John Wilby.

The children were delighted with the story which Pastor E. L. Minchin told them, "Learning to pay our love debts." It was of a little lad who thought Mummy owed him six pennies for doing six good things in one day. He sent her a little bill, but was surprised to receive one back. On it were listed all the good things that Mummy did for him. And what was the total? Nothing! This little lad certainly learned his lesson, didn't he? And I think he appreciated what Mummy did for him more after that.

The inspiring message from Pastor Minchin of the progress in the various mission fields throughout the world thrilled us, and as we listened to the story of the little Rumanian girlie who was beaten to death because she loved Jesus, I think we all determined to serve Him better each day, and to "share our faith" no matter what the cost.

The words, "The Lord keep thee . . . and make His face to

shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee," spoken so reverently by Pastor Lane, made us realize more and more that our heavenly Father's ever-watchful eye is upon us, and with this thought in mind we parted on our several ways.

Anyone passing along the road at about 3 p.m. that afternoon would have heard the zealous Advent youth singing lustily the songs and choruses of Zion.

This was a wonderful setting to the symposium, and for over two hours we listened spellbound to the reports of the "share my faith" activities which are going on in the London and Essex area. I am sure all would agree with me when I say that I could have sat there and listened for a further two hours and even more, so interesting and intriguing were the accounts.

During the evening we journeyed to several parts of the British Isles viewing the work, which was shown to us by means of slides, some of which were in colour.

I know that everyone enjoyed the day and was truly fired with the enthusiasm of the early pioneers. And, let me add, I did hear that some of the young people went out on the following Sunday morning "sharing their faith" with magazines.

As we leave Southend and another Rally Day, let us determine to "share our faith" more and so "let others see the light full and free; let our light shine for Jesus."

BERYL WILLIAMS.



"Suffer the Little Children"

No doubt many of our members, who take seriously and practically what was one of our Saviour's sternest commands, will be interested to hear of the progress of the Wimbledon church school after its first year of operation.

For many years the church at Wimbledon had felt the urgency of doing a practical educational work for our children in order to protect them from the faith-destroying, pseudo-scientific educational methods of the world. We felt the responsibility upon us,

that our children should not only be faithfully instructed in what is God's truth, but that they should also be actively shielded from innocently imbibing what is Satan's lie—as that lie is inculcated in the almost universal evolutionary teaching of to-day.

At the beginning of last year we were ready to start. The planning, scheming, and saving of years began to show results as we started our little school with an attendance of eight children—seven from Adventist homes and one from a non-Adventist family.

To-day, in spite of but negligible advertising, we begin our second year filled almost to capacity, with an attendance of thirty-five eager children. Eight of these are from Adventist homes, while the rest are from parents who are glad to pay the higher fees charged to non-Adventists, since they recognize that ours is a school run by godly, competent teachers who uphold definite Christian standards. Four more children from Adventist homes are to start school after Easter.

It is sometimes objected that we cannot really afford church schools—that their eventual return in membership increase is not such as to warrant even the moderate initial outlay.

To this it may be answered that church schools are not the most expensive, and they are certainly not the *least productive* form of evangelism. We spend much money (and necessarily) in public evangelism. As a result, we often see a large number of converts who bring great joy to our hearts, but who are admittedly past, or passing, the full maturity of their capacity and vigour. The fresh young life emanating from our church schools have their whole lives before them for God's service.

During this first year we have received, in fees alone, nearly £500. While naturally our initial and operating expenses are somewhat heavy at the moment we anticipate now a marked expense decrease, since our equipment is almost complete, while our income is showing a steady increase.

It is not suggested that church schools can ever take the place

of public evangelism, though it is significant that Rome is making great advances largely by means of her strong schools programme. But since our world figures show that the peak age for baptism is now about twelve years, it may reasonably be contended that our church schools, carefully fostered and wisely administered, will prove an increasingly valuable adjunct to public evangelism. E. COX.



Walthamstow Dorcas Society

AFTER a long period of waiting, we have restarted our Dorcas meetings. Although there were only a few present at the first meeting, yet they came in the spirit of Gideon's three hundred and accomplished in less than two weeks, what I had concluded would take at least two months. Consequently our first consignment of good clothing is now well on its way to the distressed of Europe. So keen was the effort to pack the large parcels, that each member had to guard her own coat, as Mrs. Betts, one of our deaconesses, almost found herself coatless for the homeward journey on that cold January day.

I am sure the Lord will richly bless those who rallied to the call of His needy people. A.A.M.



Church Address

HIGH WYCOMBE

ON and after March 12th the High Wycombe church will meet in the Gospel Mission Hall, West Wickham Road, Near Oakridge Road (bus stop near hall). Sabbath-school, 10 a.m.; preaching service 11 a.m. M. WRIGHT.



Warning!

CHURCHMEMBERS are warned that a person giving the name of "Chapman" has been soliciting financial help among the churches on the grounds of having been visited in prison in Cardiff by a member and recommended to contact Adventists when in need. Enquiries prove that he is an impostor. J. H. PARKIN.

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President's Notes

DURING 1948 one hundred and fifty-nine were added by baptism and vote, our net gain in membership being eighty-four. We thank the Lord for these new witnesses for the truths of the Sabbath and the second coming, and pray that the latter rain may soon fall on these islands and that thousands may be won instead of hundreds.

BROTHER JOHN HANDYSIDES has begun his second campaign in Halifax, with about one hundred and fifty non-members present. Pastor W. J. Cannon begins an effort in what was the Temperance Hall, Derby, on Sunday, March 20th. We request that you continually uphold in prayer our worker force.

It is planned that our Polish brethren have a special day of fellowship in Nottingham church on Easter Sabbath, April 16th. We invite all who can possibly attend to come to the church in North Sherwood Street on that day.

BROTHER A. W. HOWARD and family leave our shores for India on April 23rd. We wish them God-speed and a fruitful time of service in the mission field.

LAST year our Missions Extension offering was somewhat lower than 1947, being £181. Let us all do our part so that the 1949 offering will be greatly increased, thus demonstrating our faith by our offerings.

YOUNG People's Week in the churches comes this year from April 2nd to the 9th. We pray that the Spirit of God will turn the hearts of the parents to the children, that we may all be in the soon-coming kingdom together. Let us as parents and leaders work and pray to this end during Missionary Volunteer Week. O. M. DORLAND.

Easter Outing Correction

IN the announcement regarding the North England Conference gathering of youth at Castleton on Easter Monday, we unfortunately gave the wrong date. We are sorry. Please remember Easter Monday is APRIL 18th. E. R. WARLAND.

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Notes from the Superintendent

OUR small band of evangelists in the Welsh Mission will be delighted to learn that we shall soon be operating two Carpenter's Sound Projectors within our territory. We are indeed grateful to the British Union Conference for the help given to make this possible.

BAPTISM

IN this issue of the MESSENGER will be seen a photograph of the "first-fruits" of the Abergavenny and Newport campaigns. On April 16th we hope to hold another baptism at Newport, larger than the last, with further additions from these two towns, and also a group from Caerphilly. The Lord has blessed the faithful labours of Brother and Sister Freeman in that town.

HEREFORD AND SHREWSBURY

WORD arrives that soon our churches at Hereford and Shrewsbury will be enlarging their membership. The faithful, patient labour of Brethren Lewis and Humphries is beginning to bear fruit.

SPRING CAMPAIGNS

THE great problem these days is to obtain halls for our campaigns. For months we have been negotiating for halls in Abertillery and Risca and Newbridge and Bridgend, but in vain. Now we are grateful to tell you that we have been able to book delightful halls in Blackwood and Newport. Brethren J. Freeman and G. Emm will commence their public work this month—pray for them.



The first-fruits of the Abergavenny and Newport campaigns recently baptized at Newport.

SABBATH-SCHOOL CONVENTION

WE are more than happy to announce that Elder E. B. Hare of the General Conference and Pastor E. L. Minchin will be coming to Newport during the week-end, April 8th to 10th. The services will be in the nature of a Fellowship Day on the Sabbath, plus a Sabbath-school officers convention. It will extend over the whole week-end. We trust all our churches in South Wales will avail themselves of this grand opportunity to come to Newport at least for the Sabbath day. Our Congregational friends at the Emmanuel church, London Street, have graciously consented to lend us their building for the Sabbath. Other services on Friday and Sunday will be held in our own church. Printed programmes will be sent to all our members in due course. Any of our people who would like to stay, for the week-end, especially Sabbath-school officers, kindly write to Miss L. Gardner, c/o 92 Risca Road, Newport, Mon.

WHITSUN JUNIOR CAMP

PLANS are now going forward to hold a Junior Camp, under canvas, in the midst of the scenic beauties of the Gower coast. The camp will convene during Whit-week, June 2nd to 9th. Parents of juniors from nine to fourteen years of age who are interested should write to me at the above address for further particulars. Of course any other juniors living

on the borders of the Welsh Mission in the Bristol or Cheltenham areas will be welcomed.

OUR GOAL FOR 1949

MAY we close these notes by thanking our membership for their prayers and faithfulness. During 1948 our tithe income was over £350 ahead of the previous year's total, which was the highest on record. It is because of this continued faithfulness that we can go on from strength to strength in evangelism, and hope to reach a membership goal of at least 470 souls by December, 1949. May God help us every one to consecrate our all to His service.

J. M. HOWARD.

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Notes from the Superintendent

SATISFACTORY progress is maintained in the evangelistic programme undertaken for the winter months. Pastor T. S. Brash baptized six persons into the faith during February, and there is distinct promise of further Glasgow baptisms. Pastor Lacey,

Brother Musgrave, and the writer report encouraging interests, and we may confidently anticipate accessions to our ranks as the year matures.

ENTHUSIASM for the Easter Youth Camp-Convention at Loch Lomond was increased by a visit of Pastor E. L. Minchin to Glasgow for a Scottish Youth Rally. Almost daily letters arrive requesting registrations for this grand convention. There is still opportunity to register, and an early application will forestall disappointment.

JOHN H. BAYLISS.



Glasgow—Second City

It was a thrill to see a crowded kirk on Sabbath morning, February 5th, as had been the case for some weeks. Members and friends alike had come to share the mutual blessings of the day. Twenty-three non-members were present with us. Six candidates were there to experience the glories of baptism and to seek the blessing and power of the Holy Spirit.

But it was a morning of mixture. We had received the sad news of the sudden death of Dr. Doris Bleasby who, that same morning, was laid to rest. Pastor T. S. Brash, who ministered at the funeral, was able later to join the baptismal service at which our field superintendent, Pastor J. H. Bayliss, was officiating.

After an impressive charge had been given to the candidates, Pastor Bayliss in his address showed how love was the real evidence of the baptism of the Holy Spirit and he exhorted all to pray for an infilling of that love and exercise it to God and to our fellow-men. "Thus we show the fruitage of the Spirit within us," he said.

A touch of uniqueness marked this juncture of our service. Two of our new friends, Brother and Sister J. L. Bell, who contemplate baptism, brought their new baby for dedication. Pastor Brash smilingly and sacredly offered this little one to God. Pastor Brash had reason to be proud, for Baby Bell was named with his own name. "I pray I

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may always be worthy of the name the baby bears," he remarked very touchingly.

Thus we came to the high moment in this high day in Israel. It was thrilling to see six dear souls take their places among God's remnant, having accepted the third angel's message. God's Spirit had been ministering on behalf of two more families, adding still more children to our ranks and to our ever-growing Sabbath-school. Brother and Sister Brown of Paisley have seven children, Brother and Sister Waddell have two. In addition to the four parent-souls, Miss H. O'Hare, and Miss Rachel Dornan took their places. The commencement of the work and witness in leading these precious people to the truth of God dates back to our campaign of 1947-48. It was more than a year since Brother Harry Brown received a Voice of Prophecy enrolment card from one of our members, Sister Stewart, while both were travelling on a tram. In turn we sent this brother invitations to attend our meetings. He came, and with his wife accepted the Sabbath truth, along with other truths. Both had been active workers with the Salvation Army, and are using that same action with us. On their return home from the baptismal service, a letter was awaiting them from a relative in America together with the booklet, *Forty Reasons Why You Should Not Be A Seventh-Day Adventist*. But our brother and sister have the answer to all forty "reasons."

At the invitation of friends, Brother and Sister Waddell came along to our Campaign meetings. Taking their stand has been a fight for them. They decided to love the Lord and leave the world aside, claiming the promise, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Praise God for the victory!

For three of our faithful members it was a high day. Brother and Sister Dornan were happy to see their elder daughter Rachel, taking her place with them among God's people. Sister O'Hare had left the Roman Catholic church and had been greatly helped by the unceasing labours of our dear

Sister Chisholm with whom she had lived for some long time.

It was inspiring for the candidates to witness such a sea of hands unanimously voting and welcoming them into fellowship. "Just turn round and look at them," said Pastor Bayliss.

From the side of the baptistery, Pastor Brash made a strong appeal, and others in the audience indicated their desire to follow their Lord.

So ended this solemn and sacred service. We had been uplifted. We had touched heaven.

Pray for our work here and for other men and women who will, by God's help, take their stand with Him.

C. DENYS BAILDAM



Wedding Bells

DUST-TAYLOR.—Sunday, December 19, 1948 was a joyful occasion when the first marriage to be held in the Edmonton church was solemnized. Brother Frederick Dust and Sister Millicent Taylor were the happy pair whom Pastor G Bell united. The bride, who was given away by her father, had three attendants. They were Miss Edith Taylor, sister of the bride, and the Misses Joan and Ruth Dust, sisters of the bridegroom. Mr. Stanley Dust carried out the duties of best man. The reception was held at the White House Café, Enfield, where a large party of relatives and friends were well catered for.

The newly-married pair have always taken an active part in church life and both hold office this year. We wish these young people much of God's blessing as they journey through life together, and trust that their lives will be an inspiration to one another.

MRS I M HEYWOOD,
Church Clerk.

Until the Day Break

LITTLE.—Mr Charles Little, of Walthamstow, died very suddenly on November 6, 1948, and, after an appropriate service in the Walthamstow church, was laid to rest in the Chingford Mount Cemetery on November 10th. Brother Little accepted the Advent message through the campaign in the Assembly Hall conducted by Pastor S. G. Hyde. Following a remarkable conversion, he rejoiced in the truth and the love of the Advent fellowship. His one regret was that he had not surrendered his life earlier to His Saviour. He died fully trusting in the hope of the resurrection.

Mr. Eric Syme assisted at the funeral services.

E A O. BROWN, Church Clerk

GREGORY.—The Croydon church has lost by death a very dear member, Sister S M Gregory, aged ninety-eight years, who passed peacefully to rest on December 15, 1948 after a short illness. Her resting-place is in the Plumstead Cemetery, where she awaits the voice of the Life-giver. Our sister was a charter member of the church, having accepted the message many years ago during a Gospel tent effort conducted in Croydon by Elder McCoid. A faithful worker, she distributed tracts until age prevented her doing so personally, after which she used the post to continue her work. "Blessed are they that die in the Lord, for their works do follow them." We extend our sympathy to her relatives.

M. ADAMS, Church Clerk.

WESTCOTT.—Brother Oliver George Westcott, aged eighty-one years, passed away on December 30, 1948, and was buried in the North Watford Cemetery on January 4th after a service in the Stanborough Park church conducted by the writer and Pastor A. K. Armstrong. Brother Westcott was baptized in 1893 and was a faithful member of North London church for fifty-five years, being a charter member. He accepted the message under the Bible instruction of Miss Bray, who subsequently became Mrs W. T. Baitlett. Brother Westcott was endeared to many by reason of his patient, cheerful disposition which he maintained to the last. We offer our sympathy to Mr. and Mrs G Annis and other near relatives and friends at the passing of a true father and loyal friend.

G D KING.

BICK.—Sister E Bick fell asleep in Jesus on December 20, 1948. She was for many years a faithful member of the Herne Bay Sabbath-school, but recently had to go to live in Coventry. Her sympathetic, kind, and helpful nature, and her love for the Lord, made her very much missed. She was laid to rest in Eddington Cemetery, near Herne Bay. We look forward to meeting her again on the resurrection morning.

N TAYLOR

BARWELL.—It is with deep sadness that we record the death of Mrs Susan Barwell, on January 23, 1949, at the age of eighty-four years. Our sister accepted the message under the ministry of Pastor S G Joyce, and joined the Leicester company in 1942. Although of late years she suffered much ill health, hers was a life of simple trust in the Saviour. Our deepest sympathy goes out to those who mourn, especially to her daughter, who has tended her during the long illness, but we know she has that blessed hope of reunion when the Master comes for His own.

H. FULLER, Church Clerk.

SAVAGE.—We regret to announce the death of Sister M. Savage, which occurred on January 6, 1949, at Cheddar. Sister Savage was a member of the Mansfield company, but when she became too infirm to care for herself was taken to Cheddar and lovingly tended by her daughter, Margaret. Hospitable and generous, willing and hard working, she looked eagerly for the Lord's appearing. She was eighty-two years of age, and is now numbered with those who "all died in faith, not having received the promise, . . . and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth."

T. STENDALL.

GREENFIELD.—Sister Greenfield passed to her rest on January 11, 1949, at the ripe age of ninety-four years. She accepted the truth about ten years ago through some Bible studies given in

Herne Bay by Sister Guntrip, and the subsequent ministry of Pastor Bonney. She showed, up to the last, the keenest interest in all that concerned present truth, and was specially a woman of prayer and intercession. She is greatly missed, and our sympathy goes out to her daughter. On the Sabbath day she was laid to rest in Eddington Cemetery, near Herne Bay, to await the coming of the Life-giver—our blessed Lord.

N. TAYLOR.

RENEW.—It was with deep regret that the members of the Wood Green church heard, on Sabbath morning, January 15, 1949, of the death of Sister Renew the previous day. Our dear sister, in her eighty-fifth year, had been a great sufferer for many years, but her faith in her Lord and His message was strong. She came into the truth during one of Pastor R. A. Anderson's London efforts and was baptized by him in July, 1931. Our sister was laid to rest at the Edmonton Cemetery, Cambridge Road, the service being conducted by Pastor G. R. Bell. We extend to her sons and daughters our sympathy in their great bereavement.

A. MASON, Church Clerk.

ARMSTRONG.—Another link with the early days of the message in North London has been broken. Sister Armstrong, wife of the late Walter Armstrong passed peacefully to her rest on Sabbath morning, January 15, 1949 in her eighty-second year, and was buried in the North Watford Cemetery on Friday January 21st. Sister Armstrong nee Vince—accepted the truth in North London in the very early nineties, and for nearly sixty years continued a faithful Adventist. A hard-working wife, a faithful mother, and an earnest Christian, she will be remembered by all who knew her for her cheerfulness and sincerity. She will be missed by many friends in London, Cardiff, and Watford, where through the years she laboured with her husband. Her children, Mrs. E. Craven, W. W. Armstrong, and Mrs. H. W. Lowe and all the members of the Armstrong and Vince families will sorrow, yet confident that their loved one is now resting in the safe keeping of her Saviour, whom she served for so many years, awaiting the Last Trump when the righteous will come forth to the grand reunion of all who are faithful to the end. Services were held in the Stanborough Park church and at the cemetery in the presence of a large number of friends by the writer, assisted by Pastor G. D. King and Brother F. D. Buckle. May the consolation and comfort of the heavenly Father be with all who mourn and His grace keep us faithful till we are all called to meet loved ones again, never more to part, and to be with our blessed Saviour for ever.

W. H. MEREDITH.

KAY.—The Huddersfield church regrets to announce the death of Sister H. Kay, on January 23, 1949, aged seventy-three years. Our sister had been in failing health for some time, but had attended the services when able. Our sister had been an Adventist for many years. She was laid to rest in the Almonbury Cemetery on January 27th to await the call of the Life-giver on the resurrection morning. Brother John Handysides of Bradford conducted the funeral service.

OLIVE G. FAIRBAIRN.

MAY.—On Sabbath, February 5, 1949, the sad news was received of the death that morning of our dear brother, John May, of Corfe Mullen, Dorset. Brother May learned of the truth forty years ago when his wife and her sister were baptized. The message came to this family through the faithful labours of

Pastors A. D. and A. K. Armstrong. Our deceased brother, although for many years in sympathy with the Advent movement, did not definitely unite with the denomination until last year, when it was our privilege to extend to him the right hand of fellowship. He became a member of the Conference church. He was then seventy-two years of age. Now, one year later, he has passed to his rest. Seven years ago his wife passed away, and five years later, her sister, so all three now rest in the beautiful Corfe Mullen Cemetery, awaiting the coming of Jesus, when we are sure they will rise again. Just a few hours before he died, Brother May confessed anew his trust in God, and in Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour. We know, therefore, that all is well. Sister A. R. Hastings of Corfe Mullen, Brother May's daughter, with her husband, Brother A. R. Hastings, and their niece, Miss Betty Hastings, all of whom have so lovingly cared for their dear ones through the years, are left, not to mourn, but to rejoice at the prospect of soon seeing once more those who have gone before.

F. A. SPEARING

HARDINGE.—On January 10, 1949 we tenderly committed our Sister A. Hardinge to the care of Him who has "the keys of hell and of death," sincerely believing that when that life-giving call is made she will come forth unto eternal life. Our sister came into membership of the Bath church through the labours of Brother L. Shaw and was baptized on November 4, 1945. An illness which finally claimed her life, prevented church attendance in her later days, but she continued to live and at last died in the hope of the precious Advent truth.

R. H. BAINBRIDGE

TAYLOR.—It is with regret that we record the falling asleep of Sister Amelia Taylor, of Wigan, at the ripe old age of eighty-three years. Our sister accepted the truth she loved so dearly during the first world war, as the result of the faithful ministry of Brother T. H. Nicholson, now of Blackburn. She became a faithful and eager labourer, circulating truth-filled literature until her strength failed her. Sister Taylor passed to her rest on January 13, 1949, and we laid her beside her husband, in the Lower Ince Cemetery, to await the coming of the Master in whom she put her trust. Our sympathies go out to her three sons and their families in this their hour of grief.

K. A. ELIAS.

ROBINSON.—After a long and painful illness, borne with fortitude and Christian grace, Sister Robinson of the Belfast church fell asleep on January 27, 1949, and was laid to rest at Glenavy. The service in the home was conducted by the writer and words of sympathy and hope were spoken to the bereaved. Thus another "warrior" has fallen, and her passing will leave a big gap in the ranks of the very small "Advent Army" in Ireland. But we sorrow not without hope, for our faith looks for the speedy return of our blessed Lord and the glad reunion.

W. G. NICHOLSON

MONTGOMERIE.—After a long illness, Brother H. Montgomerie of Heskett-Newmarket, passed quietly away in the early hours of Sunday, February 6, 1949. He had been an isolated witness to the truth of God for many years. Our Brother was laid to rest in the Carlisle Cemetery, there to await the call of the Lord. The service at the graveside was conducted by Brother R. A. Darbyshire. To sister Montgomerie and relatives we extend our deepest sympathy.

MRS D. K. MUNN,
Church Clerk.

SPARROW.—On Sabbath, February 26, 1949, just after the hour of noon, we

laid Mrs. Daisy Beatrice Sparrow, aged sixty-six years, to rest in the Figs Marsh Cemetery, Wimbledon. A weary life had closed, and all the relatives except our beloved missionary in West Africa, Pastor Bernard Sparrow, were able to be present at the graveside for the tender farewell. We express to the husband and all whose loss is great in this parting our Christian sympathy. Surely our hearts long for the return of the Lord Jesus Christ, when these sorrows shall pass and eternal bliss and happiness be established.

THOMAS J. BRADLEY.

Gratitude for Healing

MRS A. RUDDICK wishes to express her appreciation to all friends for their kind letters and inquiries following her recent accident; and her gratitude to God for their answered prayers.

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