

BRITISH ADVENT

MESSENGER

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Another Graduation at Newbold

GRADUATION exercises held at Newbold Missionary College, May 27th to 29th, were eminently successful. From beginning to end the proceedings went as planned. And significantly enough, the beginning and the end each provided a scene with an emotional reaction typical of our feelings throughout the week-end.

Friday evening was Class Night, when the graduates themselves presented a programme full of attractive items. By 7.30 p.m. the Bartlett Hall was filled with friends, staff members, and students. Never have we seen the hall so attractively decorated with flowers, the class Motto, and the class Aim. At the appointed moment the twenty-two graduates walked onto the platform and took their appointed places in groups. They were attired in the traditional graduation apparel, the young ladies in long white dresses and the young gentlemen in black suits. The array of graduates on the platform and the excellent programme which followed gave one a thrill of joy. How we wish that every member could have been present! All would have been proud of their College and of its graduates.

The final scene referred to came at the close of the Graduation service on Sunday afternoon. The graduates arose from their seats in front of the platform and with measured step passed down the aisle of the Bartlett Hall into the Palm Court and beyond out of sight. Unexpectedly we were filled with a sense of bereavement—yes, bereavement—that's the only appropriate word. These twenty-

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two graduates had spent in the aggregate over one hundred years at Newbold College!—as Mr. Mahon told us in his farewell speech. And now they were gone. Graduations are like that; joys are tempered with twinges of sadness. But soon there comes to us an engrossing vision, a vision of the graduates entering into active service in the cause of God. May God bless them all.

In our presentation speech we emphasized that the success of the graduates was due to God the Giver of every blessing, to parents who had sacrificed so lovingly, to the students themselves who had persevered so commendably in their studies, and to the members of the faculty and their worthy predecessors.

Summaries of the addresses and speeches given during the week-end will be found in this issue of the MESSENGER and in the *Light Bearer*. We were privileged to have Pastor C. R. Bonney of Bristol for the Sabbath

morning Vaedictory sermon, Pastor E. B. Phillips of Newbold for the Sabbath evening Consecration service, and Pastor T. J. Bradley of Croydon for the Sunday afternoon Graduation address.

In a large measure the success of the week-end was due to the untiring services of our preceptor Mr. E. H. Foster, who was chosen by the graduates as their faculty adviser. Our thanks are also due to other faculty and staff members and students who entered wholeheartedly into the week-end activities.

Graduation marks not only the completion of the course for certain students, but the end of another academic year. Most of our students are now dispersed throughout the field in the colporteur work. We bespeak on their behalf the prayerful interests of all our members. At our last chapel exercises before the departure of the students, the entire College family pledged one another to meet every day at noon for a moment or two at the throne of grace. May we invite all our members to join in the prayer fellowship?

Notable Ingathering Achievement (Semi-Final Report.)

	1949 Totals	Inc. over 1948
South England Conference	£15,600	£600
North England Conference	12,100	1,170
Wales	2,292	48
Scotland	1,334	85
North Ireland	1,060	75
	£32,386	£1,978

Hearty congratulations to every field, to all collectors and helpers.
J. A. McMILLAN.

Valedictory Address

By Pastor C. R. Bonney

I AM very happy to have this opportunity of addressing you this morning and count it an honour to be invited to do so by the 1949 class.

I can appreciate to some extent the feelings of sadness and joy which mingle in your hearts to-day. Sadness when you think of leaving this place with its pleasant associations and memories, for the routine of College life becomes a part of the student, and the College for some years has become your home.

The joy is found in the attainments you have reached and from this experience of standing on the threshold of your life's career. I realize that such joy is fraught with a certain amount of apprehension. You are leaving the protection and comfort of these halls to go out into the world with all its allurements, its sin, and its wisdom. This brings me to my theme, Are you graduates equipped with the knowledge and wisdom adequate to become leaders of men in this enlightened age?

The futility of the wisdom of the world is seen as we study three periods of history which stand out as periods of wisdom and learning.

In the days of Babylon we see the wisdom of men pitted against a revelation from God. The second chapter of Daniel reveals to us the fundamental error of Babylon, ancient and modern. The wise men failed because they had no connection with the "gods whose dwelling is not with flesh." The wisdom and philosophies of men have always tried to push God out to the borders of His own universe.

As we come to the seventeenth chapter of Acts we have the story of Greek philosophy in argument with a revelation of God. Paul set out to reveal to the Greeks on Mars Hill the same fundamental error. They had set up an altar to "the unknown god." They had an idea that there was a power in the universe, but His

dwelling "was not with flesh." With all their intelligence and general knowledge they were ignorant of the God who created the universe. Paul pointed out to them that He was a God who was not very far from every one of them.

We are living in the third of these periods, an enlightened age which has eclipsed all the wisdom of Babylon and Greece from a worldly standpoint. Yet the false philosophies of Greece provide the foundations of the modern evolutionary hypotheses which are filling the great institutions of learning to-day. There is much talk of the "First Cause" or "Creative Energy," a power or god responsible for our existence and yet having "no dwelling with flesh." There is the deistic conception of God as an absentee landlord. This is in part the result of the gradual discovery of the magnitude of the universe. The larger the telescope the farther God is pushed out! David's dilemma when he said, "When I consider Thy heavens, . . . what is man, that Thou art mindful of him?" has grown

Education apart from God is but foolishness with Heaven. This is where Daniel and Paul differed from the wisdom of their age.

In Daniel 2:19 we read that the secret was revealed to Daniel. He had contact with the God "whose dwelling was not with flesh." It was God who gave Him "knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom," so that he was ten times more wise than all the wise men of the realm of Babylon.

In Ephesians 3:3, 4, Paul declares that the mystery was made known to Him by revelation. When on the way to Damascus, fortified and prompted by the world's wisdom, a revelation of Christ changed him so that all his man-made theories and philosophies fell from him, and then for thirty-three years he stood

head and shoulders above all the wisdom of this world. No wonder he could write from experience the first two chapters of Corinthians and declare that "God made foolish the wisdom of this world" and that "the world by wisdom knew not God." This is why "the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness."

Jeremiah tells us that "it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps." Therefore in this age education is important, but a divine revelation through God's Word is an absolute essential. We go out into the world not professing to be among the mental giants or philosophers, but called of God and chosen by Him. (1 Cor. 1:27-30.) We have the message of a crucified and risen Saviour who is coming again, which in its truth places us as far ahead of the philosophies of men of our day as Daniel and Paul were in their generations.

Graduates, you go out into the unknown not only equipped with an advanced education, but with a revelation from God's Word which places this College ahead of all the institutions of learning in our land and you in a position comparable to that of Daniel and Paul. We do not go out with the theories of men, but with the facts of salvation; a revelation of a God whose dwelling is with flesh through the indwelling Christ. We are told by Paul in 1 Corinthians 2:16 that "we have the mind of Christ," that profound mind of humility and love. Our prayer for you is that you may go out "filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding" and "increasing in the knowledge of God."

What better motto and aim could you have chosen than to be "Linked with Omnipotence" "To Serve in Time's Last Hour?"



"THEN did He see it, and declare it; He prepared it, yea, and searched it out. And unto man He said, Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding." Job 28:27, 28.

Consecration Service

By Pastor E. B. Phillips

WE rejoice with you to-night, Graduates, as you complete your College course, and attain your goal. Many memories of your years of training come flooding over us; of your struggles with lack of money; ill-health, and hard studies; difficulties met and overcome; of years hallowed by special prayer-weeks, prayer-bands, and devotional meetings. It is fitting that you signalize your graduation by a service of consecration.

There are three words, dealing with holiness, whose meanings are often confused: Dedication, Consecration, and Sanctification. Some misunderstand such a text as 1 Corinthians 1:2 (where modern versions correctly read "consecrated" instead of "sanctified"), and draw the erroneous conclusion that at conversion one becomes permanently holy, and cannot fall from that state of perfection.

"Dedicate" really means to give something to God, for sacred use; "consecrate," to give oneself to God; and "sanctify," to make holy. Sister White tells us that sanctification is the work of a life-time. God alone can make us holy, but we enable Him to do so by consecrating our lives to Him. Many of us were dedicated to the Lord in our infancy by our godly parents. You, Graduates, have given yourselves to God before. When you were converted you consecrated *y o u r* hearts to the Lord. The second outstanding occasion of consecration was when you, individually received the call to train for a life of soul-saving service. To-night, having completed that training, for the third time you surrender your all to the Master.

It is indeed a privilege to be able to give ourselves to God, the greatest privilege we can ever have. Actually, it means giving our lives *back* to God, for we are His by creation, by birth, by redemption, and by innumerable providences. The third, fourth, and fifth verses of Psalm 103

furnish ample reasons why we should joyfully surrender to the Lord. Consecration gives us the key of the universe; it brings every blessing; love, joy, peace, health. It is the secret of true living.

Like every other spiritual service, to be effectual consecration needs to be often repeated. Do not rest in some historic surrender you may have made. This is where many err. "Consecrate yourself to God in the morning; let this be your very first work." (*Steps to Christ*, page 74.) I am convinced that your success in the work depends on this more than on any other factor or group of factors—on your daily, sincere consecration. Beware lest any "busyness" in the cause steal from you your early morning hour of devotion, of yielding to and talking with God. When a worker fails, is unsuccessful, the primary cause of his failure is to be found in this neglect of daily, secret communion with Heaven.

Consecration is a growing experience. There are promises in God's Word which are so staggering that it seems sheer presumption to dare to claim them. The practice of yielding to God daily, and conversing with Him intimately, leads us on to understand these wonders, until we come to appropriate them for ourselves. This experience issues in sanctification. What a bright, glorious future is yours! As you practise this life of faith, what happiness lies ahead of you! I see a vision of hundreds of souls won by your ministry, who will bless God through all eternity for the way you are consecrating your all to Him for service.

I am sure all the other teachers join me in saying how much you have helped us, as we have watched your spiritual progress. May you grow in grace, to the full stature of manhood and womanhood in Christ; may your love for souls ever increase; may your appreciation of the truth deepen. Finally, may your ardent

longing for the appearance in glory of our Lord and Saviour burn ever more brightly.

(Further Graduation reports on centre pages.)

South England Conference

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President's Notes

THE South England Conference will be the last to convene in the Union and will be held at Watford, July 29th to August 1st, inclusive. The opening service will be in the Stanborough Park church and all subsequent meetings in the Watford Town Hall. Our visiting brethren will be Pastors H. M. Blunden, W. E. Read, and A. S. Maxwell, and a number of our own Union brethren whose ministry we have appreciated in the past. These meetings should be a real inspiration to all. Surely we need the help that such gatherings can bring, and for this reason I appeal to all who possibly can do so to plan now to attend the full conference. If you need accommodation please write at once to: The Accommodation Committee, 780 St. Albans Road, Watford, Herts.

Instructions to the churches relative to delegates and members of the Recommendations Committee have already been sent out.

SOME good baptisms have already been conducted, notably at Norwich, Southampton, and Bournemouth. Others follow this coming month and all told the prospect is very encouraging. We hope to give a fuller report later on. For these prospects we thank the Lord most sincerely.

THE 1949 Ingathering Campaign is now over and the Lord has again signally blessed the efforts of His people in this conference. It is a source of encouragement to know that in spite of

the apparent general shortage of money our total to date shows that we have exceeded our goal of £15,000 by nearly £600. We give praise to God for this magnificent achievement and would also extend our thanks and appreciation to all who have helped gather in these funds for the up-building of His work. May many souls find their way into the kingdom as the result of the willing and sacrificial service of all who have engaged in the campaign this year. W. W. ARMSTRONG.

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Camp Plans

PLANS are almost complete for the August camps. Registrations are trickling in both for the junior and senior periods. The dates are:

August 2nd-16th—Seniors

August 16th-23rd—Juniors

Now we ask for your kindly cooperation, young people. *Will you please let us have your registration form now*, as there are certain details that are crying out for attention which cannot be dealt with until we know how many are coming?

We have had inquiries from quite a number of senior young people about suitable storage for bicycles. In response we are setting aside a small marquee for this purpose. This has naturally involved us in additional expense, so we are making a very nominal charge for storage.

We welcome Pastor and Mrs. E. W. Marter to our senior camp staff. I am confident that if you have not already become acquainted with them, you will find in both, friends of the youth. Pastor E. L. Minchin knows that the campers have a warm welcome for him. He plans to visit at the tail end of the senior camp and stay over to give the juniors his enthusiastic help.

A very fine group of senior young people have volunteered as group leaders for the J.M.V. camp, so parents, you may place your boys and girls under our care with perfect confidence.

Parents: We are expecting a delivery of the royal blue berets, cap badges, and blue and gold neck-ties any day now. These,

with grey clothing, will make a very smart uniform for all our juniors and we would like to see all our J.M.V. campers in this outfit, for uniformity grips the imagination of the juniors. They then "belong" to a group, which calls forth the highest endeavour to live up to the standards. The cost of the beret, tie, and badge only amounts to 15s. 6d. and with each set we are presenting free an M.V. brooch for the tie. Write to me for details. We want you to know that this outfit is not *compulsory*. This comes to our parents as a request for your cooperation in a new venture.

Under God's guidance and through your prayers and support our camps in August, 1949, will go down as the best year for decisions for Christ ever known.

H. T. JOHNSON.

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Day of Fellowship at Colchester

ALL who were gathered together on Sabbath, May 21st, from Colchester, Clacton, and Ipswich at the Colchester church for our annual Day of Fellowship received a rich blessing.

Sister A. Smith led out in Sabbath-school, Brother Riches from Ipswich conducting the missions reading and Brother A. Smith of Colchester refreshing our minds on the previous week's lesson. Pastor G. Tapping brought fresh light and interest to an already well-known prophecy from Daniel seven, which was our lesson for the day. The singing of the hymns by both young and old was a real inspiration.

Pastor W. W. Armstrong, our well loved president of the South England Conference was with us for the day and spoke at both the morning and the afternoon services. His messages were heart-searching and opportune.

In the morning, he spoke on the necessity of experiencing the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives, basing his theme on John 1:29-34, and in the afternoon the message was reinforced by an exposition of Daniel 12:5-7. Again we were brought to a realization

of the necessity of humbling ourselves before God that we may receive from Him the power that He has promised. May God awaken us from our sleep, and fire our lukewarm hearts to zeal in work for Him "while yet it is day."

Solos were beautifully rendered by Sister Stephens, who sang "Cleansed by the Life," and Brother Evers, jun., who very feelingly rendered, "God's To-Morrow."

In the interval between the services, hot or cold drinks were served by the sisters of the Colchester church, and a visit to the lovely park nearby provided another reminder of our loving Father, who has given so many beautiful things for us to enjoy.

It was certainly a day to be remembered, and we still thrill over the joy of meeting together and are sustained by the spiritual uplift we received on this Day of Fellowship. May God grant that all may experience the promise of the latter rain that "all these things may be finished."

ENID B. SMYTH.

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Walthamstow Dorcas Work

THE Walthamstow church has received a letter from Germany, expressing appreciation for the second consignment of clothing which has been received safely and in good condition. Combined with our prayer for delivery, we have had a good packer in Brother C. Betts, who is also one of our deacons and highly esteemed by all. Several of the young people have helped, and our church-school teacher, Miss H. Maudsley, very kindly lets us meet in her spacious front room to do our sewing.

A. A. MARSON.

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God's Ideal

"HIGHER than the highest human thought can reach is God's ideal for His children. Godliness—godlikeness—is the goal to be reached."—"Education," page 18.

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News! News!! News!!!

NORTH ENGLAND has made another world record for In-gathering! By God's help and blessing our 1,150 collectors have gathered in no less than £12,100 in the five weeks of the campaign.

This wonderful figure represents £6 per churchmember! We believe that North England is the first organized conference in the world to reach such a high per capita. "This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes."

We sincerely thank everyone who has helped to make this inspiring total possible: It is indeed the work of Ernest Ness and Percy Verance as well as of many, many individuals whose names will never appear in print. But the angels have a faithful record and no one will be unrewarded.

We thank God for those who collected £100 and more. (There were at least six of them.) But we thank Him no less for the aged sister whose consecrated crochet hook yielded over £3 for missions; for the junior who sold her puppy for 10/-; and the six-year-old girlie in hospital who gave up her dad's weekly visit for the campaign period so that he could spend the Sundays collecting. We thank God for the "agents" who carefully kept the records, for the church officers who led the collecting bands, for the conference workers who inspired their churches and companies by precept and example. We thank Him for the glorious weather, for the liberal public, and, above all, for such a wonderful, loyal, self-sacrificing people as the Advent message creates. "Let all the people praise Him."

E. R. WARLAND.

Developments in Derby

THE campaign in Derby, the "good beginnings" of which we reported in a recent issue, has continued to hold the interest of the people.

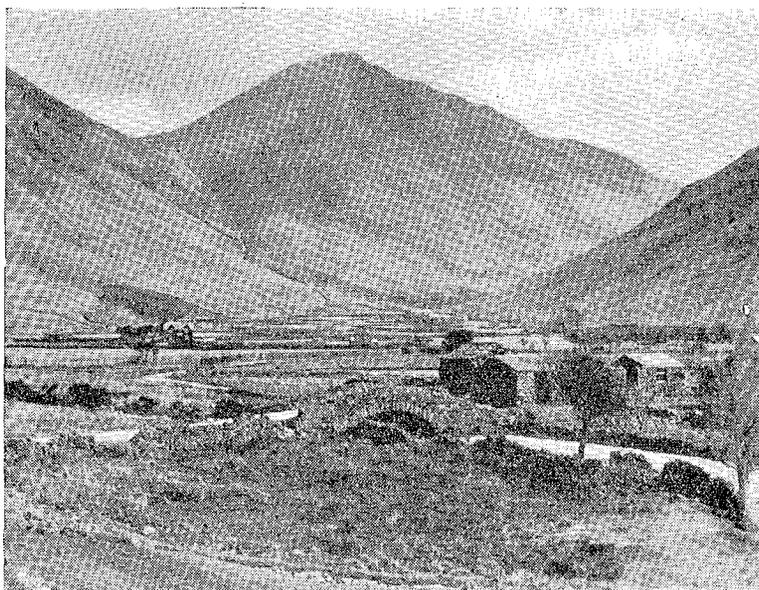
The number of names requesting literature has grown to such an extent that we have been very grateful for the capable help of Miss Wroe, Pastor Handysides' Bible instructor.

Some interesting features in the series of meetings have been the visits of Kathleen Joyce and the Ladies Choir, whose singing was much enjoyed and appreciated,

the special youth service when Pastor E. L. Minchin came with a band of Adventist young people. Their testimonies and singing were an inspiration and, of course, Pastor Minchin captured the hearts of the many young people present.

The largest attendance of the ten weeks in the Churchill Hall was on the night that Pastor W. J. Cannon presented the Sabbath truth. Now is the time when the depth of the people's interest in God's Word is really being tested. We would ask for a continuance of your prayers.

ELIZABETH A. BUCK.



Lovely Lakeland.

Dear Senior Youth,

Come to Cayton Bay M.V. Camp and visit the Lake District! The Lake District? Yes! You've never been? Then here's your chance. And if you've been once we know you will wish to make another trip.

On Wednesday, August 3rd, we have booked one twenty-nine-seater coach to leave the camp field for Windermere, Ambleside, and Grasmere. Fare 22s. return. Seats will be given to the first twenty-nine applicants to send in their fares. If sufficient applications are made we shall fill a second coach.

See you at Cayton Bay!

Yours for the grandest time ever,

V. H. COOPER.

Northern Ireland Mission

Annual Meetings

CHURCHMEMBERS in Northern Ireland are reminded that their biennial business session will be held July 8th to 10th this year at Florenceville church, Belfast. Delegates have been appointed by the churches, and these brethren and sisters are particularly requested to be present for the first meeting, which is timed to begin at 7 p.m. on July 8th.

Visiting brethren will be Elder H. M. Blunden of the General Conference, Pastors E. B. Rudge, G. D. King, and J. A. McMillan, and the Mission secretary-treasurer, Brother N. H. Knight.

It is hoped there will be a large gathering of our members again this year. Those coming from a distance and desiring arrangements to be made for their accommodation in Belfast should write immediately to Pastor W. G. Nicholson, 52 Dunlambert Park, Belfast.

The first session of the new Eire Mission will convene in the Dublin church on July 5th and 6th. The visiting delegation will include all those mentioned above with the exception of Pastor J. A. McMillan.

An item of exceptional importance will be the adoption of the new constitutions in both missions.
A. J. MUSTARD.

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A New Baby!

MAY 21st should certainly be marked in the records as providing an historic event in the progress of the Advent cause in Ireland. That day saw the birth of the latest arrival in the Voice of Prophecy family! Although the infant bears a close resemblance to its respected parent, yet,

strange as it may seem, he does not bear the family name! You see, this baby was delivered in a land where to use the parental name might endanger its existence and lessen its chance of survival. So it has taken to itself the euphonious title of *The Christian Culture Correspondence School*.

Experience has shown that if we are successfully to work for the Roman Catholic, we must give him literature which, at least, will not offend him. A recent letter from a young Roman Catholic gentleman of good education speaks of our "most insulting" literature. He means a good Voice of Prophecy publication, which is normally and successfully used among Protestants. Someone also sent him *Signs of the Times* and this good paper he describes as "offensive." An experience like this teaches us that if Roman Catholics are to be won for the message, they must have the opportunity of becoming acquainted with it from literature that will not "insult" or "offend" them. That is a matter of elementary tact and common sense.

So here in Dublin much time has been spent during the past year in preparing suitable literature for the Irish Roman Catholic. That good friend of Ireland, Pastor J. A. McMillan, came first to our rescue and gave us the manuscript for four *Good News* folders on the subjects of *The Holy Scriptures*, *Calvary*, *The Blessed Virgin Mary*, and *The Second Advent*. These have been attractively printed and arranged so that they advertise the twenty free lessons of the Christian Culture Correspondence Course. A "snappy" card and a handsome, two-coloured leaflet are also being used as advertising mediums of the "C.C.C.C."

The Dublin churchmembers are right behind us in this new attack on Ireland, and have entered enthusiastically and prayerfully into the task of getting these pages out so that names may come in.

The "C.C.C.C." lessons follow the general plan found so successful in the Voice of Prophecy work, but additional subjects have been added to help the

Roman Catholic find a solid foundation of faith and Christian virtue on which to stand before the testing truths of this last-day message are presented to him. The approach to these is more slow and more careful than is necessary in work for people with a background of Protestant tradition. All the quotations used are from Roman Catholic sources and the versions of Holy Scripture used are the Douay and Mgr. R. A. Knox's translation of the New Testament.

Those concerned with the preparing and planning of this venture have sought earnestly and prayerfully for a way to reach the fortified mind of the Irish Roman Catholic. This is a new departure. So far as is known, we have previously produced no literature in this field for the Roman Catholic mind. Here is a large, neglected field of opportunity opening to the Advent messenger.

How we wish you could have joined us when, on Sabbath afternoon, May 21st, after a brief Bible study by the writer on "A Burden for Souls," the lay members and workers in Dublin knelt in prayer around this precious literature and humbly consecrated it to its task, asking the rich blessing of Heaven upon it and upon the needy souls who might receive it! Will you pray with and for us now that by this and other methods being developed, the Advent message might break through the wall of Popish prejudice in this beautiful Emerald Isle?
A. J. MUSTARD.

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Notes from the Superintendent

AT the time of writing these notes we are in the midst of the first Welsh Junior Camp which is pitched in that delectable little spot on the Welsh coast called Oxwich Bay.

It was only my privilege to spend one day with the campers—last Sabbath—but the sun chose to shine and it seemed to us as we looked at the hills and the sea and the miles of beautiful, golden sands, that the spot was a veritable garden of Eden. Brethren E. L. Minchin, C. D. Watson, and C. L. W. Cooke, ably assisted by Sisters Roe, Tremlett, Watson, Cooper, and Hartland, are giving the forty-four juniors the time of their lives! A full report will appear in a later issue of the MESSENGER.

ANNUAL MEETING

As already stated, our Welsh Annual Meetings will convene at Cardiff, over the week-end, July 22nd to 24th. The meetings on Friday and Sabbath will be held in the Salem Baptist Church, Moira Terrace, and in the Cory Hall on Sunday. Plan to be present. Remember this is a biennial meeting, a time when we are privileged to listen to the reports showing the progress of God's work in Wales during the past two years. We shall also have great spiritual refreshing from the visiting brethren who are meeting with us at that time. It is not too early to write to Brother C. L. W. Cooke, c/o 21 Merthyr Road, Abergavenny, Mon., to secure comfortable and reasonable lodgings over the week-end. Remember, Sunday as well as Sabbath will be a big day this year.

INGATHERING

It is too early to know the final total of the Ingathering Campaign, but from various remarks it would appear that most of the churches and companies have exceeded their last year's total. It has been an inspirational year. Already the goal set for Wales by the Union Committee has been reached and we trust the overflow will exceed last year's figure. We send a hearty thank-you to all our faithful members for the splendid response during this 1949 campaign. J. M. HOWARD.

How Old!

SUBSEQUENT to the publication of a photograph of Pastor Robert

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Salau in the *Daily Graphic*, and the write-up of his life by a correspondent, stating among other things that Salau did not know his birthday, he received through the post the following poem, and stamped on the back of the envelope was the monogram of the House of Lords:

"Age is a quality of mind
If you have left your dreams
behind
If Hope is lost
If you no longer look ahead
If your ambitious fires are
dead
Then you are old!

But if from life you take the
best
And if in life you keep the
jest
If Love you hold
No matter how the years go
by
No matter how the birthdays
fly
You are not old!"

A. G. STEWART.

Wedding Bells

BUNKER-CROCKER. — Our own church in Plymouth provided the setting for the marriage of Brother Eric J. Bunker and Sister Phyllis M. Crocker, on Thursday morning, May 12, 1949.

Brother E. Bunker is the eldest son of Sister M. E. Bunker, and he has been the respected treasurer of the local church during the past ten years.

Sister Crocker, whose home is in Fresno, California, has given five years of faithful service as nursing sister at our Ile Ife Hospital, Nigeria, West Africa. Her training as a nurse was received at our St. Helena Sanitarium, California.

The bride was given away by her uncle, Mr. S. Harding of Plymouth, and the bridesmaid was Miss Julia Bonney of Bristol. Four little attendants, Elaine and Elizabeth Bunker, Pauline Coombe and Rodney Hyde, gave an added charm to the bridal party. The best man was Brother Kenneth Bunker, brother of the bridegroom.

The marriage ceremony was conducted by Pastor C. R. Bonney of Bristol, who is a cousin of the bride, and a life-long friend of the bridegroom. Pastor G. M. Hyde, of Plymouth, gave a brief and fitting address.

The wedding reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Bunker.

Another Adventist home is established. May it ever know the presence of Jesus.

G. M. HYDE.

Graduation Address

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consecration join your every power in service in "Time's Last Hour." God has this day committed to your hands the task of proclaiming a message divinely suited to the needs of earth's last and perishing generation. Let not fear nor favour dissuade you from a clear, convincing, and convicting presentation of *all* the message. Preach Jesus and Him crucified that men may be converted. Preach the prophecies that men may discern the course of history and know the times in which they live—that this is "Time's Last Hour." Preach a full health message that body as well as spirit may be entirely consecrated to God.

"Let no man despise thy youth," but with the undaunted courage of your vigorous powers, with the appealing influence of your own consecration, lit, as it were, with the knowledge of the seer within you, press forward in your conquests for Heaven. You are challenged by the hosts of evil, a frowning world, and men indifferent to the claims of God. Meet them face to face and in the power of the Holy Spirit and you can be more than conquerors. Be true to your motto, be true to the principles you have learned in these halls, be true to yourself, and "Linked with Omnipotence" you can be true to your God.

Gratitude for Healing

MISS R. C. JAMES wishes to express her thanks to God for bringing her safely through an operation to renewed health and strength. She also thanks the many friends for their kindness during her illness and also for their prayers.

MR DENNIS PORTER of Edmonton wishes to express his gratitude to all friends who so kindly prayed for, and inquired about him during his recent illness, and to tender his thanks to God for a complete recovery.

I WOULD be remiss in the privileges of this hour if I failed to follow the customary expressions of congratulation to the graduates. You have almost completed another stage in an education, which, if it is to be successful, must be life-long. We all assemble here with feelings of pride and gratification at the fine results that have attended your efforts, and your names are shortly to be added to the growing list of student representatives who travel far and wide, taking with them the principles and traditions of our beloved "Alma Mater"—Newbold Missionary College.

You have worked hard and well, and I have no doubt that your present feelings must be somewhat rapturous and ecstatic while the sounds or thuds of closing text-books and the last faint scratchings of examination pens have become transformed into sweet though distant music to your ears. We can share your feelings and estimate the measure of your joy and relief as we draw from the reservoir of our own memories.

As you wave farewell to fellow-students, and pay your final homage to familiar classrooms, your hearts, no doubt, will be torn between affection for the past, and aspirations for the future. It has ever been the same with graduation classes, and ever will. And here is where I feel that your class Motto and Aim render appropriate assistance.

When you entered these halls nervously, yet hopeful, you had an aim, an ambition. You have attained it, though at times you may have felt like Theseus groping your way through a darkened labyrinth. Now, you turn to enter the vaster halls of the world, and what is your aim—your ambition? "To Serve in Time's Last Hour." What is your Motto? "Linked with Omnipotence."

"To Serve in Time's Last Hour" is probably one of the most appropriate aims the graduates could have chosen. If we believe our Bibles and the evidences of current history, thundering as they do their message that "Time is short," and that the hour of the divine reckoning with mankind is at hand, we need no

greater inner compulsion to service. If we can see clearly the value of a soul, and yet the doom of that soul without Christ, we will be moved by the same emotion as was the apostle Paul, when he exclaimed, "Woe is unto me, if I preach not the Gospel." Height nor depth, honour nor insignificance, wealth nor poverty, charm nor squalor—none of these things will inspire nor depress you. You will recognize the equality of men and their needs

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in this universal service which God has ordained and which you choose as an aim. But you will never be able to settle down to an attitude of indifferent comfort,

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for there will be ever the vision with you, of the eternal loss some may suffer if you engage in a weakly, paralysed form of service. Give to God nothing less than

your best and may your service be abundantly blessed in this, "Time's Last Hour."

The vision of a world's need, which is challenging your service, is rather a frightening aspect. We appear individually so diminutive before the colossus of man's iniquitous Frankenstein that oft-times our souls well-nigh faint within us at the immensity of this task and challenge. But sin and wickedness have ever produced this hideous terrorizing

challenge. It's part of the devil's technique for victory to cause timidity and uncertainty to permeate our lives and dominate our plans and work.

The ten spies whom Moses sent to search out and spy in the land of Canaan, were not wrong in their description of the land. The people *were* strong. The cities *were* walled and great. The children of Anak *were* there. But they *were wrong*, when they decided that there was no way of matching themselves with the immensity of the task of conquest. They forgot that, "Linked with Omnipotence," they had in their hands already the key to every problem, the solution to every difficulty, the victory in every battle!

And to-day, Graduates, your motto is of paramount importance to the success of your work.

You are about to join in a task of service and evangelism that has infinitely more complex difficulties than confronted Israel on the borders of Canaan. What can your motto do to help in meeting the demands of the hour? Have you contemplated your motto or merely chosen it? "Linked With Omnipotence."

Perhaps you have done what I did. My first reaction was to tabulate a list of names of great men whose lives reveal the clearest evidence that they succeeded in the service of God. I then asked myself, "Why did they succeed?" And when I had tabulated my answers, I found that I had sure and certain evidence on which to base some observations!

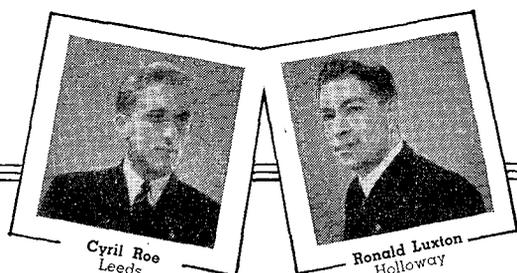
The chief names in my list were Nehemiah, Moses, John the Baptist, Noah, Paul, Elijah, Enoch, and Abraham. I remembered that these were "men of like passions" with us, and yet there was something of a dominant, controlling motive in them, which made each, in his turn, an outstanding figure. Let us gather the cream of their experience for our own edification to-day. Let us, by a few bold character strokes, determine what these outstanding biblical characters can contribute for our learning and inspiration.

NEHEMIAH. "Linked with Omnipotence," he possessed no *horizontal vision*. It was neither

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convenience nor yet circumstance that entered into his decisions. He lived and served in the palace of King Artaxerxes; why should he have worried that his fathers' sepulchres lay waste and the gates of Jerusalem were consumed with fire? Could not he have been satisfied with his own position and security, and excused his apathy on the ground that it was merited punishment? No! Nothing could lower his vision from the perpendicular to the commonplace horizontal. "Linked with Omnipotence" he always cherished a vision of God's highest, grandest purposes.

MOSES. What, in the life of the great lawgiver and leader of ancient Israel, reveals that he retained unbroken links with Heaven? It was this: *A clear sense of duty!* From the day his astonished gaze contemplated the mystery of the burning bush which did not consume to ashes, until his death (with but one recorded exception), Moses was conscious of the divine initiative and "mysterious spiritual coercion" in his life. Duty, with him, had the "clarity of lightning rather than light." He fellowshiped so closely with God that even his face beamed as it reflected the burning wonder of his soul.

JOHN THE BAPTIST. Here's a rugged character, who dominated the scene in Palestine immediately prior to the ministry of Jesus—the John Knox of two millenniums ago. He was a plainspoken man, fearless, delivering a powerful message. "Linked with Omnipotence" John went forth to challenge the unlearned peasant and fisherman, the Roman soldiers, the avaricious taxgatherers, and the phylacteried priests. "Herod in his palace heard the message and the proud, sin-hardened ruler trembled at the call to repentance." And remember, Graduates, that "in preparing the way for Christ's first advent, he [John] was a representative of those who are to prepare a people for our Lord's second coming." —*The Desire of Ages*, page 101.

NOAH Had we been called to stand where Noah stood, on a precarious pinnacle between two

eras, what might have been our reaction? The brazen wickedness of the times and the case-hardened defiance to all mercy's appeals would probably have isolated us into depression. But it was not Noah's reaction! The soul of that great man rang true for God, as the hammers echoed and re-echoed upon the timbers of the ark, giving visible demonstration of his unbending faith.

PAUL. The greatness of the apostle to the Gentiles is well attested. His writings were powerful and his sermons soul-stirring and convicting. His breadth of understanding in Christian living and service was equalled by no other in the early Christian church. The extent of his personal persecution would have irrevocably weighed against a successful ministry had it been focused upon the lives of many of his contemporaries. But Paul was one who saw life in that truly dual sense of present reality as well as eternity. "Linked with Omnipotence," Paul's life shows an impressive balance between the needs and demands of both; and he retained a sense of his duties in present reality while never losing sight of the meaning of eternity.

ELIJAH. If ever a hero walked this earth it was Elijah. Most heroes reveal themselves when the odds are greatest and the opposition most violent, yet God's great men have dwarfed the heroism of the earth's great men, because the source of their power is Omnipotence with which they are linked. As Elijah contemplated the Palestine scene, his soul within him could have withered through a hundred bitter roots of anxiety and care. The temptation in such environment would be to avoid the inevitable malice, anger, and hate of the reproved by silence. But not Elijah. He who had lived with the fire, found his message lit from the divine flame. His own soul enclosed a burning more fierce than all the flames that the altars of Baal could boast. And as the challenging message of the prophet rang out over the barren slopes of Mount Carmel, it was evident that the fires that leapt from heaven onto Elijah's altar were but the symbols of his inspiration, the evidence of the ori-

gin of his message for the people.

ENOCH. Little is known of this intriguing personality, but his epitaph, if I may use the term for one who had no tomb, is an inscription with an impressive and singular meaning for us to-day. "And Enoch walked with God; and he was not; for God took him." Gen. 5:24. Graduates, constant communion, is the inferred parallel of your motto. "Enoch steadfastly maintained his communion with God. The greater and more pressing his labours, the more constant and earnest were his prayers." (*Gospel Workers*, page 52.) This is surely one of the most convincing comments on the value and efficacy of your noble motto.

ABRAHAM. "The friend of God," James 2:23. If ever I could covet the title of another, it would be this divine appellation for Abraham. Like Moses, "he endured as seeing Him who is invisible," and all of Abraham's interests were parallel and identical with the interests of God.

I must pause in my illustrations lest I be found to imitate Paul's great chapter of Hebrews eleven where the names of God's heroes shine forth with a brilliance unrivalled anywhere in God's universe. The accumulated evidence from these lives, Graduates, convinces me of one fact. Wherever you go, whatever you are called upon to do, whatever you face, or whatever circumstance threatens you—you can never be permanently defeated if you are "linked with Omnipotence." With Nehemiah, resist the deadening influence of a horizontal vision. With Moses, guard well your sense of clear duty. With John the Baptist, keep your message exalted. With Noah, refuse to be depressed by the most forbidding surroundings. With Paul, retain a sense of reality, but never lose the meaning of eternity. With Elijah, keep your message and your life lit from the divine flame. With Enoch, walk with God in fervent, constant communion. And with Abraham, think God's thoughts after Him, making your interests parallel and identical with His.

Shortly, Graduates, some of
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you, if not all, will move from out these halls 'into the busy activity of wider service. Your commission is clear. Your marching orders are already posted and with undaunted courage and inflexible determination you will go forth to "Serve in Time's Last Hour." Go forth to save the lost, to rescue the perishing, and bring fresh hope and life and courage to fainting hearts. Rest not in the heat of the day nor the cool of the eventide lest some wanderer stray too far and heed not your warning voice.

Falter not in your service in this destiny hour. Go hasten! Find whom you will and win them for God and eternity. A word spoken to-day will echo in the hereafter. A soul saved now will bring you the richest satisfaction in the glory day of our Lord's return.

Go forth, and with prayer and
(Please turn back to page 7.)

1949 Class Song

Link'd with Omnipotence, to serve in time's last hour;
Chosen to tell to men, God's wondrous love and power;
Eager and willing to give our youthful best;
Strong thro' our link with God, and with His courage blest
Lowly in service true, as Christ would have us be;
Link'd with Omnipotence; to serve with loyalty.

Boldly to warn the world her day of grace is here;
Soon Christ, our mighty Judge, with His angels will appear.
On us the burden of dying souls is laid:
We must with God's great strength, go forth to bring them aid.
Help us, O God, to go; imbue us with Thy power—
Link'd with Omnipotence to serve in time's last hour.

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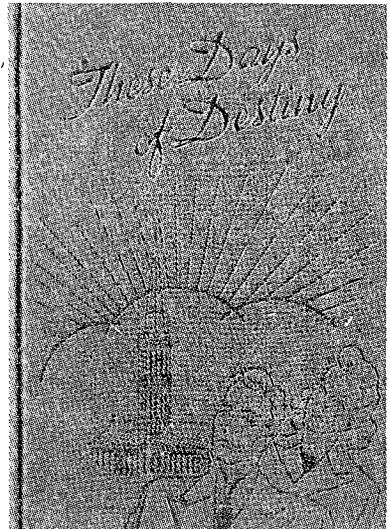
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HOWLETT.—We regret to record the death of Sister F. Howlett, a member of the Holloway church, who passed to her rest on February 3, 1949, at the age of eighty-two years. Our sister had been an Adventist for many years, and an invalid for a long time, which prevented her from coming to church, but her faith in her Lord and His message was strong. We look forward to meeting her again on the resurrection morn. We extend our sympathy to her husband who mourns his loss.

MISS A. HEWITSON.

HAYNES.—Mrs. Clara Haynes of Marlpool, Nottingham, passed to her rest on February 11, 1949, at the age of eighty-eight years. She became a member of the Nottingham church under the labours of Pastor J. D. Gillatt and was baptized by him in June, 1920. She remained a loyal member from that time, and now rests in the sure and certain hope of a resurrection to eternal life at the coming of our Saviour. She lived her religion, and it can be truly said of her: "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them." The interment took place in the Methodist Cemetery on February 17th, the service being conducted by the writer.

O. M. DORLAND

KAYE.—It is with deep regret we have to record the death of our dear sister, Mrs. E. Kaye, who after much suffering, patiently borne, passed to her rest on Sunday, February 27, 1949, in her seventy-ninth year. Pastor B. F. Kinman held a short service at the house, with her dear ones and friends around, before she was laid to rest on March 1st, in the Newsome churchyard, the vicar officiating. There she awaits the call of the Life-giver on the resurrection morn. She had been ill for over twelve months, but was always very cheerful and bright when visited. Sister Kaye was brought into the truth by Pastor S. G. Joyce and Miss Cowen, and had been a very faithful member. She was loved by all and will be greatly missed. Our sympathy goes to her three daughters, and other dear ones, who are left to mourn their loss. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."

O. C. FAIRBAIRN

THOMAS.—It is with deep regret that we record the death of one of our most faithful members of the Stanborough Park church. Sister L. H. Thomas had been a member for forty-six years, and was faithful in attendance at all services until a short time before she died on March 1, 1949, at the age of eighty years. She became endeared to all who knew her. She leaves a son, a brother, and three sisters to mourn their loss, but not without hope. Our sister was laid to rest in the North Watford Cemetery to await her call to everlasting life. The service was conducted by Pastor W. H. Meredith and the writer.

A. K. ARMSTRONG.

BUTTERS.—The Wimbledon church has suffered a sudden loss in the death of Mrs. Emily Butters who died after a brief illness at the age of seventy years. Sister Butters accepted the truth in 1925 and was baptized by Pastor W. Maudsley. Our sister was noted for her faithful church attendance, being seldom absent from either evangelistic or devotional services. For that reason alone we shall miss her very much. After a short service in the sole remaining room of our bombed

church, Sister Butters was laid to rest by the writer in the Wandsworth Road Cemetery on March 4, 1949. We extend our sincere sympathy to her sorrowing husband, her sons William and Edward (the latter is the minister in charge of our Accrington district), and her daughter Elsie. We look forward to that day when we shall ascend together to meet our Lord, nevermore to part.

E. COX.

DONLEY.—After a long illness patiently borne, Sister M. A. Donley passed peacefully away on Friday, March 4, 1949, aged seventy-six years. A member of the Parkfield Street church, Manchester, she accepted the message through the literature ministry and labour of Sister M. Prest, and was baptized on September 4, 1911. The services at the home and graveside were conducted by Pastor E. E. Craven, following which, our dear sister was laid to rest in Southern Cemetery, there to await the call of the Life-giver. During her long illness she was nursed devotedly by her two daughters. We extend to her family and relatives our deepest sympathy.

MRS. J. KEELING

VINE.—The Bournemouth church sustained a very sad loss in the passing of our dear Sister Vine on March 14, 1949, at the age of seventy years. She and Brother Vine accepted the message through the labours of Brother Green forty-two years ago and were baptized by Pastor W. H. Meredith. Sister Vine will be very much missed by all. Their three sons and one daughter have all given their lives to the Lord's work, overseas and in the homeland. Sister Vine was laid to rest on March 18th, the funeral service being conducted by Pastor F. A. Spearing. Much as her loss is mourned by those she leaves behind, we know Brother Vine and his family look forward with hope to an early reunion.

CHURCH CLERK.

WILLIAMS.—Abergavenny, the youngest church in Wales, suffered a severe shock on March 17, 1949, when one of its youngest members, Brother Cecil Williams was very tragically killed at work by the tractor he was driving. It overturned and pinned him to the ground causing instant death. Cecil was only twenty-three years of age and was baptized in the Newport church on January 29th, this year. He was planning to go to our College this autumn to train for the work of God. He was serving as deacon, Sabbath-school superintendent, and assistant treasurer to our church at Abergavenny, and his devoted life and daily witness will ever be remembered. Ever anxious to please God he obeyed every requirement of the Word, and bore a grand testimony at every opportunity. As he was laid to rest in the little cemetery at Crickadarn, Breconshire, it was with a perfect assurance that when Jesus comes, it will be our dear brother's privilege to be raised by the voice of the Life-giver. In the Congregational chapel, where Cecil had previously been a member, some two hundred people assembled for the funeral service. It was shared by the Rev. Williams (Congregational), the Rev. Thomas (Baptist), the Rev. Jones (Libanus), Pastor F. S. Jackson, and the writer. Our deepest sympathies go out to Cecil's mother and father, his seven sisters, three brothers, and relatives who are left to mourn the loss of such a precious and promising life.

C. L. W. COOKE.

CARRON.—The Dublin church regret to announce the loss of one of their most faithful members, sister Mary Catherine Carron, who passed to her rest on March 24, 1949, aged eighty-three years. Although unable to attend church regu-

larly for some time through failing health, her final illness was very short. Our sister came to a knowledge of the message through the labours of Sister J. Bastow, a Bible-worker, and was baptized by Pastor S. Joyce (Sen.) in 1920. Since then she has walked with her Lord, and fell asleep in Jesus with the assurance that when He returns she will have a place with the saints on that glorious morn. She was laid to rest in Drumcondra Cemetery to await the call of the Life-giver. We extend our sincere and deepest sympathy to her relatives who are left to mourn their loss. Pastor Mustard officiated at the graveside.

J. W. MUSTAGH.

DRAPER.—We regret to announce the death of Brother G. F. Levett Draper, on March 30, 1949, at the age of eighty-five years. Brother Draper received the truth some twenty-three years ago through the influence of Sister E. M. Powell, who at a later date became his wife. He was a loyal member of the Stanborough Park church. All through his illness, he was gentle, kind, and patient. He leaves a wife, son, and two daughters who will mourn the loss of a faithful husband and father. We laid our brother to rest in the North Watford Cemetery. He will be greatly missed, but we look forward to the glad reunion soon to take place.

A. K. ARMSTRONG.

SISTER DRAPER wishes to thank all kind friends for floral tributes and letters of condolence at the passing of her husband—and also of Sister Thomas.

APSEY.—Our dear sister, Mrs. Annie Marie Apsey, passed to her rest in Jesus in the early morning of Friday, April 1, 1949, after a protracted illness. Sister Apsey accepted the Advent message some five years ago under the ministry of Pastor S. G. Hyde in Cardiff. She will be sorely missed from our Cardiff church membership circle which she ever adorned as a Christian lady of great charm. Sister Apsey was a faithful follower of her Lord and Master and her life of witness for God's truth for these last days was an inspiration to us all. Jesus her Saviour was our sister's abiding joy and support in suffering, and to all who visited her in hospital Mrs. Apsey's fortitude and cheerful trust was wonderful to behold. The funeral service was conducted by the writer in the presence of a large number of sorrowing relatives, churchmembers, and friends. The interment was in Cardiff Cemetery. We extend our deepest sympathy to our dear friend and brother, Mr. Apsey, the bereaved husband, and to every member of our sister's family. For just a little while now our dear sister sleeps in Jesus, awaiting in peace that sure and certain hope of a joyful resurrection to eternal Life when He comes in His glorious second advent.

F. S. JACKSON.

HARRIS.—The company at Worthing have sustained a much regretted loss on April 7, 1949, in the death of Sister A. E. Harris at the age of eighty-three years. Sister Harris became a member of the Croydon church when it was first formed in 1908 during the ministry of Pastor McCord. Since that time, amid trials and sorrows and yet with compensating joys, she remained faithful to the end; and though in later years she was much confined to her room, she was ever seeking to extend the kingdom of God in the hearts of men. Sister Harris was laid to rest in the cemetery at Lancing, Sussex, near her home, accompanied by many floral tributes and in the presence of her children, grandchildren, and friends, who find much comfort in the hope that

she rests to await the call of the Life-giver. She leaves to mourn a daughter, Mrs. C Daniels, who graduated from the nursing course at Caterham in 1912
R. T. BOLTON.

FELSTED.—We deeply regret to announce the death of Sister A. Felsted at the age of eighty years. Our sister accepted the truth during the ministry of Pastor E. E. Craven, twenty-five years ago. She has since been a faithful member of the Leeds church, and was loved by all who knew her. A service, conducted by Pastor B. Kinman, was held in her home, prior to her being laid to rest in the Bramley Churchyard. To her sorrowing relatives, we extend our deepest sympathy. We look forward to the day when we shall meet our sister again in the earth made new.
D. BALDWIN.

PULFORD.—The Holloway church regrets to announce the death of another faithful member, Sister M. A. E. Pulford, who fell asleep on April 4, 1949, at the age of eighty-five years. Our sister accepted the message and was baptized in July, 1944. She was laid to rest on April 8th to await the call of the Life-giver, on the resurrection morn. The service was conducted by Pastor G. R. Bell. We extend to her three sons our sympathy in their bereavement
MISS A. HEWITSON.

PRENTICE.—On April 7, 1949, Sister S. E. Prentice fell asleep in Jesus in the St John's Hospital, Halifax, at the age of eighty-six years. For many years she had been a faithful member of the Leeds church, having accepted the truth and been baptized by Pastor E. E. Craven while he was labouring in the Leeds district. She was laid to rest in Dudwell (Halifax) Cemetery, on April 12th, where she awaits the call of the Life-giver.
D. BALDWIN.

SPINDLER.—On April 18, 1949, Sister Spindler, the oldest member of the Ipswich church, passed away after having been laid aside for many years. Pastor Tapping conducted a short service in the home, and then laid Sister Spindler to rest in the Aldeburgh Cemetery, Suffolk. To her son and daughters we extend our heartfelt sympathy, and remind them of the blessed hope of the glad reunion when Jesus comes.
CHURCH CLERK

HAWKINS.—Brother George Hawkins, aged eighty-five years, passed away on April 29, 1949, and was buried in the Wellingborough Cemetery on May 3rd. The writer associated with Pastor T. H. Fielding in the conducting of the service in the cemetery chapel. Brother Hawkins had been a member of the church for approximately sixty-two years, being one of the "first of the few" in the Advent movement here in the British Isles, accepting the message under the ministry of Elder Durland. Following the establishment of a church at Rusden, Brother Hawkins was the elder of that church and maintained a constant ministry there for over forty years. His life of service was a source of inspiration to those who knew him and he was well respected among those outside the church, having been a councillor, and years ago held the office of "overseer" of the parish. Brother Hawkins loved to speak of the old days, and one of his happiest recollections was that of hearing Sister White speak on the occasion of her visit to the Midlands of England. Of him it can be truly said "he rests from his labours, and his works do follow him." To sorrowing relatives and friends our sympathy is prayerfully extended.
G. D. KING.

CLARKE.—The Lincoln church mourns the loss of its pioneer member in the passing of Brother William Frederick Bedford Clarke. He fell asleep in Jesus on April 22, 1949, at a nursing home after a long and trying illness at the age of sixty-eight years. Brother Clarke accepted the truth under Pastor Washburn fifty-one years ago, and since that time has given untiring service. For years he served as a colporteur, cycling for miles over Lincolnshire. He was a great believer in the right arm of the message and distributed mainly *The School of Health*. Coming originally from Kettering, he settled in Lincoln over forty years ago—the first Adventist member in this ancient city—and latterly he was connected with the City Health Department. He had two daughters, one, Connie, passed away at the Stanboroughs in 1936. He now leaves his beloved wife and married daughter. To Mrs. Clarke, Pastor A. S. and Mrs. Jackson, and other relatives we extend our sincere and heartfelt sympathy. The service was conducted at All Saints church by the vicar, assisted by the son-in-law, and our brother was laid to rest at Newport Cemetery in the shadow of Lincoln Cathedral. Besides the local membership, the conference was represented by the writer.
W. J. CANNON.

RIDGEON.—On April 19, 1949, with deepest sympathy for her two remaining sons and daughter we laid to rest our dear Sister C. Ridgeon, the oldest member of our Clacton church. Sister Ridgeon accepted this message under the ministry of Pastor J. M. Howard and was a loyal member until at the age of eighty-two years our Lord called her to rest. The members and relatives attended a simple, impressive service conducted by the writer in the cemetery chapel, the Easter message of hope being the subject of the short address. As we thoughtfully left the graveside we found in our hearts a joy in the promise that one day, soon, death will be no more. The floral tributes made a sad scene assume a beauty of colour which spoke eloquently of the Christian hope in Christ.
A. G. TAPPING

WILLIS.—We regret to announce the death on Sunday, May 1, 1949, at the age of seventy-five years, of Sister Emma Willis. Sister Willis accepted the Advent message through the labours of Pastor John Gillatt and was baptized in July, 1916, becoming one of the charter members of the Watford Town church, which was organized at that time. She dearly loved the message and took part in all the activities of church life until failing health in later years deprived her of church association. On Wednesday, May 4th, after a brief service in the Stanborough Park church conducted by the writer and Brother F. D. Buckle, our sister was tenderly laid to rest in the Watford Cemetery by Pastor A. K. Armstrong. We extend our sincere sympathy to her two sons and four daughters who look forward in hope to reunion with their mother on the resurrection morning.
W. L. EMMERSON.

BUTTER.—Sister M. E. Butter, of the Wallasey church, passed peacefully away at the home of her niece, Mrs. Penny, early on Sabbath morning, March 12, 1949, at the age of eighty-three years, and was laid to rest by our president, Pastor O. M. Dorland, at Mansfield, near Worksop. Sister Butter accepted the Advent message under the labours of her late brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Hatton, of the Liverpool church, and was baptized at the Derby conference in August, 1919. She was a faithful isolated member for many

years before coming to Wallasey, and was loved by all who knew her. Relatives and members of the Wallasey and Liverpool churches attended an impressive funeral service at the home of Mrs. Penny, conducted by Pastor E. E. Craven. Our sister now awaits the call of her Saviour on the resurrection morn.
H. FRALEY.

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