

BRITISH ADVENT
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THE SCOTTISH CONFERENCE

WHAT a gathering! They came from city and croft, from mountain and glen, to share the blessing and fellowship with those of like precious faith, a remnant in this ancient land of Scotland, and they were not disappointed.

Scotland's biennial conference session was a time of great spiritual blessing to all who were fortunate enough to attend. Who will soon forget those seasons of spiritual refreshing under the ministry of Pastor H. M. Blunden, field secretary of the General Conference, as he challenged us to accept the "more abundant" life; to be spirit-filled men and women sharing the victorious life of Christ?

Sabbath was without doubt the great day of the feast. After a profitable Sabbath-school, in which Brother N. H. Knight and Pastor J. A. McMillan made valuable contributions, we again enjoyed the ministry of Pastor Blunden who on this occasion reminded us of the certainty of the "blessed hope" and warned us of our greatest danger, that because of the apparent delay in our Lord's return, we grow careless and indifferent so that that day take us unawares. Rather should we live day by day in constant expectation of an imminent event.

We were all sorry to learn that it was not possible for our Union president, Pastor E. B. Rudge, to be with us on this occasion, but were more than happy to welcome our old friend Pastor G. D. King who conducted the Sab-

By Kenneth Lacey

bath afternoon Bible study, reminding us among other things that we are called to be saints. This was followed by the Evangelistic Forum, and how our hearts thrilled as one after another the evangelists recounted the wonderful providences of God which had enabled them to baptize thirty-seven precious souls during 1948; and we were encouraged to know that the prospects for 1949 are even brighter, and that a larger increase of souls is anticipated.

The Sabbath evening service was devoted to youth, and was conducted by Pastor A. S. Max-

well whose enthusiasm and zeal were infectious. To conclude this very thrilling service, a sound colour film was shown depicting the origin and progress of our splendid denominational paper, *Signs of the Times*.

Sunday was occupied with the business sessions of the conference. A unique feature of the afternoon session was the launching of the first subscription campaign for *Present Truth* in the British Isles. At this session Pastor Maxwell obtained nearly 1,000 annual subscriptions from those present. All good things come to an end, and our Scottish Conference ended with a stirring evangelistic service conducted by Pastor Maxwell; a grand finale to a feast of good things. And while talking of good things we must not fail to mention the splendid provision made for our physical needs by Granose Foods Ltd., in the new Vegetarian Cafeteria. The meals and refreshments provided were excellent, and full credit is due to the management and staff who worked hard to supply the needs of all.

What a grand conference it was, and what happy memories we shall cherish throughout the coming days until, by God's grace, we meet again. And now in retrospect we would say, "To God be the glory, great things He hath done." And for the future let us take the motto of William Carey: "Expect great things from God; attempt great things for God!"

Conference Dates To Remember

North England Conference

July 14th to 17th

Welsh Conference

July 22nd to 24th

South England Conference

July 29th to August 1st

South England Conference

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Meals at the Watford Conference

AS on previous occasions meals will be provided at the Town Hall on Sabbath and Sunday only. Lunch will be 2/3, tea 1/6, drinks 6d., ices 6d.

Those requiring meals should write at once, stating their requirements, to Pastor G. R. Bell, 30 Cranley Gardens, London, N.10. G. R. BELL.

Baptism in West London

"HE that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed,

shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." Psa. 126:6.

After many months of preparation in personal Bible study, sowing the precious seed of God's truth, the sheaves were gathered for Christ, and seven souls were united by baptism and vote, on Sabbath afternoon, June 18th, at Chiswick. These new believers became members of the Ealing, Wembley, and Slough churches.

One candidate, when quite a young woman, spent three years in Russia teaching Count Tolstoi's youngest daughter English. One child of twelve who has found Jesus her Friend and Redeemer, was for a number of years during the past war, in a Japanese concentration camp in the Philippine Islands.

Many gave public testimony as to how Christ had led them and of the unspeakable joy and power of our message in their hearts as the glorious truth of the Advent faith was brought to them in Bible study.

The Ealing Quartette sang, "Shall We Gather at the River?" the fourth chorus being joined in by the large congregation, who again repeated the chorus with great fervour and spirit.

We shall indeed gather one day at the river of God to sing the merited praises of our matchless Redeemer. With unutterable delight the Lamb shall lead us unto living fountains of waters and that far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory shall be ours.

The writer was assisted by the Chiswick minister, Brother H. E. Bull. JOHN G. BEVAN.

Edmonton Sunday-School

DURING the recent series of evangelistic meetings held by Pastor G. Bell in Enfield, we were well pleased to see the interest manifested by a large group of children who attended regularly.

At the close of the campaign it was felt that something should be done to maintain and extend this interest, and so it was decided to begin a Sunday-school at the Edmonton church.

The combined planning of Sister Ashley and Brother Farthing, and the prayerful and financial support of the churchmembers, are responsible for the degree of success that we have had since its inception on February 13th, this year. Brother J. Pearce is the cheerful superintendent and Maurice Rogers his associate. Miss K. Grant acts as youth leader, Miss B. Pearce is pianist, Miss Ashley the Bible instructor, and Brother Farthing is our minister.

The attendance has grown from eight until now we have an average regular attendance of thirty children, and over sixty enrolments.

Apart from the special features that the children enjoy together, they have their regular classes where they study the truths of God's Word as set out in the Sabbath-school lessons, the tiny tots learning their Bible story by means of the illustrated sand tray. Sister Ashley has now started Progressive Classes and we expect a lively interest.

Since we are sure that the
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Don't Miss the South England Conference

July 29th to August 1st.

Opening meeting in the Stanborough Park church
Friday, July 29th, at 7.15 p.m.

All other meetings in the Watford Town Hall, beginning with
Sabbath-school at 9.45 a.m.

Visiting Brethren

Pastor H. M. BLUNDEN,

General Field Secretary of the General Conference

Pastor A. S. MAXWELL, Editor of the "Signs of the Times"

Pastor E. B. RUDGE,

President of the British Union Conference

Pastor G. D. KING,

Vice-president of the British Union Conference

Pastor J. A. McMILLAN,

Principal of the Voice of Prophecy Bible School

Pastor W. R. A. MADGWICK,

Principal of Newbold Missionary College

For accommodation please write to: The Accommodations Committee,
780 St. Albans Road, Watford, Herts.

Special services for the children are being arranged by
Pastor H. T. Johnson

YOU MUST PLAN TO COME

Spirit of God has lead these children thus far, we are confident that with the continued prayerful support of our believers they will be shepherded from the Sunday-school into the church itself. We hope, too, that the influence of these young lives will bring their parents and loved ones to a knowledge of the third angel's message.

R. D. NEUFELD,
Secretary-Treasurer.

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Hull's £1,000 for Missions

FOUR years ago, the Hull church, for the first time in its history, passed the four-figure mark in its Ingathering Campaign.

The total for that year was £1,040 with a membership of 100. This was a remarkable achievement, inasmuch as it was one-tenth of the whole amount raised in the North England Conference that year.

In the following year, 1947, with a slightly reduced membership, the total amounted to £1,006.

In 1948 we decided once more to attempt the four-figure total, though our membership had been reduced further, by transfer and death, and, as a consequence, we had lost a number of valuable collectors. Although a very valiant attempt was made, we failed, on this occasion, to reach the £1,000.

What should we do in 1949? How high dare we set the goal? It was felt by many that it would be more encouraging to set a goal that we might reach, and even pass, than set a goal that now seemed beyond us, with a membership still further reduced to eighty.

So, with some trepidation, we decided to fix the goal at £830, an average of over £10 per member, and to go beyond it as far as possible. For the first week or two of the campaign it seemed that we might just reach the goal,

if only we could maintain the same measure of zeal to the close of the campaign. It was not until the fourth week that we began to feel at all sure of reaching £830, not to speak of exceeding it, but by the fifth week we began to get visions of reaching at least £900 or even of exceeding last year's total. However, it was not until the very close of the campaign that the £1,000 seemed to be a possibility. What a thrill it was to watch the figures gradually creeping up until—at last—the four figures were reached once more.

How was it done? Firstly, by careful study and preparation by the church board some weeks before the campaign was due to begin.

Secondly, by adopting the "band" system. Six responsible members were chosen, including the minister, to lead these bands. Each leader had a "band" goal of £140. Incidentally, it should be mentioned that every band passed its goal. The leader was expected to take a personal interest in each member of his band and encourage all to take their part in the campaign. Those who could not collect were invited to give. These individual amounts ranged from gifts of £30 downward. Altogether sixty per cent of the members contributed in some way.

Thirdly, by keeping the campaign before the members at all meetings. Every Sabbath morning time was taken for the reading of the reports, letters, etc. received from the Conference office and also to relate any items of special interest. Plans for the following week's work were announced in detail. The plans were also posted up for members to see at any time.

At the mid-week devotional meeting, opportunity was given for members to relate any interesting experience during the campaign. These testimonies proved to be most inspiring, and gave us definite objectives for prayer.

Lastly, and most important of all, plans were made for *every working day* of the campaign. Every Sunday morning saw a band of workers meeting as early as local transport would allow. The minister of the church was present, in good time, to arrange

individual territory, and generally to lead out in the morning's work. Usually three or four hours' solid work would be put in. Other members, unable to meet with the band, would be doing their share in other parts of the town. For the rest of the week, a band would meet each day at 5 p.m. and work on till dusk, with the exception of Tuesday. Tuesday was "away" day, when up to a dozen or more members would leave early—sometimes as early as 7.20 a.m.—for a day's work in a distant town, returning in the evening. From one such trip, ten members brought back almost £30 in spite of rain.

Another factor which, no doubt, contributed in no small degree to the final achievement, was the earnest request made at the commencement of the campaign that each member should set his or her personal goal at not less than the final achievement of the previous year. We commend this plan to every church.

We should like you to have seen the "count up" each Sunday and Wednesday evening. This usually began about 4 p.m. and often lasted till 11 p.m., and would keep three or four members busy for anything up to seven hours without a break. In addition, there was the responsibility of getting all this weight of money transferred to the bank every Monday and Thursday, which was no *light* task.

£1,000 from the labours of eighty members! This means that 2½ per cent of the conference membership raised 8 per cent of the conference total. Such an achievement could not have been possible without an almost unlimited amount of hard work on the part of a membership, mostly past middle age.

One member collected £105. A brother and his wife, both of them nearer eighty than seventy, collected £110 between them. Another aged member collected £64.

As we look back on the campaign, we cannot but feel that, in spite of many drawbacks, the Lord blessed us in a signal way, in reaching the fascinating four figures of this year's achievement.

HAROLD W. McCROW.

Further News from Derby

SITTING on the platform while Brother Lethbridge is conducting the song service and looking around the congregation, one feels thrilled with the greatness and wonder of evangelism.

This message calls out a people from all places and from all creeds. Near the front on the left there is a group of four fine young ladies. They do not miss a meeting and during the series of meetings have learned to love the Lord Jesus. They have taken a wonderful stand for the truth. Two of them are sisters and live on licensed premises. Yes, the Lord has priceless gems in unlikely places.

Just behind them is a husband and wife, ardent churchgoers for fifty years. Fellow churchmembers tried hard to dissuade them from continuing their attendance at these meetings. "Why!" the husband said, "we have learned more of the Bible during the past weeks than we had learned previously in twenty years." The Lord is leading them into the remnant church.

On the other side of the aisle is a man who, after the first meeting in the Churchill Hall, told us that he recognized us as Seventh-Day Adventists and declared his prejudice against our work. Now he declares that the meetings are bringing to him great blessing and is finding joy in following "the new light."

Now, there is coming in a man with silver-white hair. He hails from Canada. He is a fine Christian gentleman and gave his heart to the Lord years ago out in "the Wild West." He told me that he was a "saddlemaster" and had roamed the Canadian prairies on horseback. Now he is in Derby and has found the third angel's message. "Do you know," he said this past week, "I cannot understand how it is that I have kept Sunday all these years and did not know that it was the wrong day." "But I want to follow Jesus," he added.

There are a number of adherents of a certain Gospel mission attending. One who is sitting near the centre of the hall was a member of the jury on our

CALLING ALL YOUTH TO OUR NORTH CAMP

Visit

Bridlington and Flamborough
Ambleside and Windermere
Yorkshire Moors and Redcar

July 20th is the last day for
enrolling

"Trial by Jury" evening. That night was a moving occasion, when the jury—composed of Brethren, Baptists, Methodists, and Church of England members—returned a verdict "that we are unanimous in our decision that Pastor Cannon has proved the case presented." We did not have one adverse vote that night, although most of those present cast their votes.

Four non-member husbands of Adventist wives are here to-night. They have been following the

meetings with great interest. One is the sub-editor of a local paper and to him we owe our thanks for a good article that he wrote about one of the meetings.

Listen! the congregation is singing heartily one of the Wesley "favourites" and an old gentleman, who is over eighty years of age is enjoying the hymn immensely. He says that the meetings have brought a great joy to his soul. He lost his beloved wife recently, but he is looking forward to the day when he will meet her when Jesus comes.

The hall is now well filled and it is time for the service to commence, so much must be left unwritten. Do remember Derby in your prayers. The work is not easy, but there are many to be won for the Lord and His cause. Brethren, pray for us.

W. J. CANNON.

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Notes from the Superintendent

THE biennial conference is over. They were four days of glorious fellowship, graced with brilliant sunshine. One hoary



Pastor W. J. Cannon and the Derby Evangelistic Team.

head remarked, as he made for home, "This is the best conference we have ever had in Scotland." A review of the proceedings confirms this opinion of experience: Two half-days of absorbing, instructive workers' meetings, followed by the convocation itself, which included the heart-searching studies of Pastor H. M. Blunden, the infectious enthusiasm of Pastor A. S. Maxwell, the practical exhortations of Pastor G. D. King, and the applied theology of Pastor J. A. McMillan, punctuated by the soul-stirring melodies of Kathleen Joyce. A full description of the gathering will appear in a later issue.

THE following report of the nominating committee for the officers of the Mission was unanimously accepted by the delegation:

Superintendent J. H. Bayliss
Secretary-Treasurer

N. H. Knight
Home Missionary and Voice of Prophecy Secretary

J. A. McMillan
Sabbath-school and Missionary Volunteer Secretary

E. L. Minchin
Publishing Secretary M. Roe
Advisory Committee: J. H. Bayliss, N. H. Knight, T. S. Brash, K. Lacey, J. McGillivray, A. L. Barr, D. Morrison.

WE welcome into our worker ranks Brother and Sister V. H. Hall who are locating in Dundee. Brother J. Mahon joins the Mission staff in September.

Two further souls were baptized in the Glasgow church recently, under the ministry of Pastor T. S. Brash; and seven were received into the Edinburgh fellowship on June 25th. The total number added this year is 21, making the aggregate Mission membership exactly 300.

J. H. BAYLISS.

Baptism in Edinburgh

THE sun shone and our Father in heaven smiled upon us on Sabbath, June 25th, the occasion of our baptism. The candidates were led into the church in their spotless white garments during the singing of the first hymn, which seemed to echo the experience of

those submitting themselves to the rite:

"A cloud of witnesses around
Hold thee in full survey;
Forget the steps already trod,
And onward urge thy way"

Pastor T. S. Brash delivered the address. The seven candidates assented publicly to their faith in Jesus as their Saviour and Lord. One Gælic-speaking sister, from the island of Lewis, months ago, in an hour of despair, raised her Bible and looking wistfully heavenward, in the privacy of her home, prayed: "Heavenly Father, lead me into Thy truth, in Thine own good way and time."

During that week a notice advertising our evangelistic campaign was slipped through her letter-box. She heeded the invitation, and God has answered her prayer abundantly.

Another young sister suffered the pains of a growing faith for several weeks, and then "staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief." She approached and secured from her employer the all-important Sabbath privileges. It was a moving moment when Pastor J. H. Bayliss spoke words of counsel to his own son Peter and then tenderly immersed him in the watery grave.

A unique feature of the service was the welcome into fellowship of the candidates by the entire church membership. We thank God for this precious fruitage, and eagerly await a further increase, by His grace, later in the year.

L. HAZEL HEYWOOD.

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Notes from the Superintendent

WE are planning to send copies of the conference programme to all our churches for distribution, and copies also to our isolated members. Remember the date—July 22nd to 24th—and be sure to be there. One very important

item on the agenda of the conference is the adoption of the new constitution for Wales.

PASTOR E. L. Minchin writes to me concerning the Oxwich Junior Camp: "It was an outstanding success. We thank God for His blessing and His care over us."

MAY we congratulate Brother and Sister J. Owen of Mountain Ash on the celebration of their golden wedding. Many happy returns!

It was our privilege to hold another baptismal service at Swansea last Sabbath, when two more souls were added to the church. One gained her first interest through the Voice of Prophecy, and the other came as a result of studies given by one of our veteran members, Brother Jones, now living at Llandoverly. May God bless the faithful labours of all who are working for Him.

WORD has just arrived that the Lord is blessing the work of Brother H. Humphries in Shrewsbury. On Sabbath week we hope to be in that city, when five or six more souls will take this blessed step. Pray that the Lord will continue to bless the work in this corner of His vineyard.

THE Welsh field has suffered a great loss in the passing away of Sister Cooper of the Rhyl church. She was a saintly soul, always "full of good works." Her one desire was to see the work of God progress in Wales, particularly the unentered sections of the northern part of the Mission. May God grant that this brave, godly woman may one day see souls saved from that area as a result of her years of self-sacrificing home missionary endeavour. J. M. HOWARD.

Welsh Junior Camp

NINE THOUSAND miles they came! Those juniors had been saving for months to get there. Only a very few had been camping before and their minds were full of very big questions.

What would it be like to sleep on a straw palliase in a tent? What had been planned for those seven long days? Those questions were soon answered when they arrived, and they were pleased with the answers. Fifty M.Vs.

from all over the Welsh Mission were enjoying themselves to the full in the beautiful surroundings of Oxwich Bay.

The camp site was ideal in many ways. Safe bathing, unspoilt beauty of cliffs, woods, marshland; irises, water-lilies, rare birds, animals (including white rabbits in one field), sand dunes, and long stretches of golden sand on the shore.

Pastor E. L. Minchin was camp-master. The discussion periods that he had with the juniors and the stories that he told at the camp fires will never be forgotten by the children—or the leaders. Juniors will recount for years the fun that they had on the beaches and especially “King of the Castle” on the sand dunes, when Pastor Minchin was thrown bodily from his fortress and spent the rest of the afternoon vainly trying to regain the fort.

Those were happy hours for all, and the spirit of trust and friendliness between the children and their leaders contributed greatly toward the spiritual help that was given. We hope that Satan and his host will be as violently rebuffed when he attacks those juniors’ spiritual fortresses as were Pastor Minchin and the other leaders when they attacked the Junior Fort in the sand dunes. The angels must have been gladdened to hear every one of those children praying in little groups around the camp site in the early morning. I know many mothers and fathers would love to have heard, too.

Miss M. J. Cooper and Miss M. Roe were counsellors for the girls. Brethren C. L. W. Cooke, Norman Tew, and C. D. Watson shared the same position for the boys. These leaders joined in all the activities with the children acting as spiritual guides and caring for the thousand-and-one needs.

The catering staff excelled in producing the rarest dishes and plenty of good food on a temperamental stove. Everyone appreciated the splendid job which Mrs. Tremlet, of Abergavenny, Miss Alice Hartland, and Mrs. C. Watson did in producing such excellent fare.

Some of the highlights of the Camp?

The baptismal service which was held on the beach on Sabbath morning. The photograph will show the ideal setting of this service which was conducted by Pastor J. M. Howard, who spent the day with us. Four young men were baptized.

The party on the last night. The kitchen staff produced a real birthday cake with one candle to celebrate the first Welsh Junior Camp. All the rest of the treats that go to make up a party were there in abundance, including decorations! The bottle of lemonade for each one was a gift from Mrs. Tremlet.

The camp fires in the woods, and the “make-believe” one in the marquee. The “make-believe” one in the tent seemed to be more real than the real one!

The trip to Horton, and the “short cut” home which proved to be a longer way, but was worth the extra mile.

The bus ride to the wonderful sands and cliffs of Rossilli.

The nature classes—many rare and beautiful things we saw and learned.

Classes in camp craft and first aid.

Hauling logs!

Fetching water!

Peeling potatoes!

And—there were many, many things that happened which all helped to make the camp a wonderful success.

We were grateful to our heavenly Father for the glorious weather, the spirit of comradeship, the wonderful opportunity for helping juniors to make great strides to the heavenly city.

Parents, we hope you can see that Junior camp helped your children and that you have evidence that M.V. Camps are worth while. Why not write to Pastor J. M. Howard or Pastor E. L. Minchin and let them know what camp did for your boys and girls? They will appreciate your letters.

C. D. WATSON.

A Welsh Golden Wedding

SUNDAY, June 19th, was a very happy day for Brother and Sister J. H. Owen of Mountain Ash,

Wales, for it marked the fiftieth anniversary of the day they commenced life’s pilgrimage together.

The celebrations took place in the home of their son, Brother Idris Owen at 813 St. Albans Road, Watford. Their two other children, Harold and Phyllis and their families, also a number of friends, were present to join in the service of thanksgiving and to wish Brother and Sister Owen blessing and happiness during the coming years.

The writer, with Pastor A. K. Armstrong, conducted a short service on the lawn at the rear of the house. It was fitting that we should give thanks to the Lord for His tender care and for His blessing during the past fifty years.

Brother Idris Owen presented a beautiful bouquet to his mother, reminding her no doubt of the one that she held half a century ago. After telegrams and cards were read, refreshments were served on the lawn. One of the honoured guests of the afternoon was our dear aged Sister Buchman, whose ready pen and poetic spirit had brought forth another beautiful poem especially for this occasion.

Brother and Sister Owen first met at a chapel anniversary service at Talywain and were married at Nazareth, Mountain Ash, two years later. Forty years ago, under the ministry of Brother H. E. Armstrong, Brother Owen accepted this message and has been a loyal and fervent witness for the truth ever since.

As Brother and Sister Owen continue their pilgrimage, the Advent family in Great Britain wish for them every blessing and happiness. May the sunset years be radiant with God’s presence and glory for “at eventide it shall be light.” E. L. MINCHIN.

Lost!

ON the boat trip on the Sunday of our Loch Lomond Camp, a pair of field glasses was lost. If anyone on the trip that day has any knowledge or information concerning this loss, kindly communicate with Pastor E. L. Minchin, B.U.C. Offices, Stanborough Park, Watford.

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How God Works

I MADE a call at a home in Neath. An elderly man was the interested prospect. At the end of the demonstration he requested me to call the next morning at about ten, so that his son, a Methodist lay preacher, could see the book. I promised and called at the appointed time.

I found this young man exceptionally keen. He plied me with questions and all at once asked me what church I belonged to. I told him, "The Seventh-Day Adventist church." He seemed to know a good deal of our doctrines. He said, "I make

no attempt to dispute that Saturday is the Sabbath; I have known that for a long time;" but he did oppose baptism by immersion which seemed to trouble him quite a bit. I tried to reason with him, and then showed him Bible texts with which he was quite conversant. He said, "You people are splitting hairs." After a short time he thanked me for a very interesting discussion and also expressed his regret at not being able to take the book.

I was leaving, feeling somewhat disappointed, when a voice from another room said, "How much is that book?" It was the young man's wife, who had ap-

parently heard what was being said. I gave her the prices and she chose a red binding. So *The Bible Speaks* has gone into another home.

I shall not easily forget the great pleasure on the face of that young man. It is wonderful how God works.

Some months ago I entered the home of a young man and his wife. I had made my approach and started the demonstration when the young man told me that he was an unbeliever. I prayed silently for God's help.

I showed in greater detail the section in *The Bible Speaks* on archæology and then gradually worked on to the section on prophecy. By this time he had become really interested. He ordered a copy and paid a good deposit. A month later when I called with the book his wife told me that he was anxiously waiting to receive it.

I pray that God will open his eyes and his heart to receive those precious truths. A. J. SLY.

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In the Day of Trouble

"CALL on Me, and I will deliver thee." We found in canvassing after Christmas a certain reaction against buying anything, until one day we were brought to a first-class crisis. We just could not do anything. Evil angels pressed around with thoughts of discouragement and hopelessness. We broke off the conflict and at home made it a special matter of prayer. Next day we prayed in every street and practically at every house, keeping uppermost in our mind that this was God's message, and His Holy Spirit would impress hearts to buy. Gradually the spell was broken and the books started to go in as usual.

Yes, praise God, this is no ordinary work. This is the work of God and we are co-labourers with Him and with heavenly intelligences.

At one house the woman asked, "Is that an Adventist book?" "Yes," we replied. "Well, I will buy it, because I think they are a lovely people." What a powerful testimony from an unbeliever!

Which reminds me that one of our most bitter enemies in the Romford area, who attacks us through the press, by pamphlet and in every way on every and any occasion, has written of us, "They are the kindest people on the earth"—our only redeeming feature in his eyes.

Yes, brethren and sisters, keep up these little kindnesses done. They are the wheels on which the kingdom of God goes forward. Has He not said that "a cup of water" given in need shall not go unrewarded?

JOHN OLLIVER.

Taking an Interest

A LADY had ordered a book and when it was delivered she showed quite a friendly spirit. She told me, however, that her husband had been in hospital for two years and that her daughter had been off sick for some time, too. Her husband had worked in a brewery for many years and she was getting a pension for him.

"Can I take you and your two daughters to the hospital

next time you visit?" I questioned.

"It's very kind of you to take such an interest," she replied.

By taking an interest in the family and in the sick husband on two or three occasions, and having Bible studies with them, I have gained their confidence and friendship.

Having no services in Dublin on Sundays at present, I was sorry I could not invite them to our service. I mentioned this stating that our services were held on Saturday only—thinking she would be unable, or unwilling, to come. Prejudice had been broken down, however, by the little deeds of kindness and she said at once; "Yes, I'll come on Saturday morning to your preaching service." We are hoping she will continue her interest and finally join the remnant church.

To show our practical and genuine Christian love for them we intend to continue these acts of charity, first to break down prejudice and finally to win them to the family of commandment-keeping Christians.

H. D. HOWARD.

Until the Day Break

SMITH—The Handsworth church mourns the passing of another of its charter members, Sister Lily Smith, who died on April 11, 1949, at the age of seventy-one years. For almost fifty years Sister Smith had remained loyal to the faith, which she accepted through the efforts of Pastors Haughey and Andross, and by her humble, loving spirit had endeared herself to all who knew her. During the last few years of her life Sister Smith was denied the joys of fellowship with her brethren and sisters because of sickness, but she maintained a bright and courageous outlook, and the "blessed hope" was her beacon-light during her pilgrimage. The funeral service was conducted by the writer at the home of Mrs. M. Merchant, the deceased's sister, with whom she spent most of her last years, and the interment took place at the Smethwick Cemetery. We extend to her surviving loved ones our deep sympathy. F EDWARDS

HULL.—Sister Hull, one of the older members of the Shankill group in Belfast, fell asleep after a very trying illness at the City Hospital on March 22, 1949. Her faith and confidence were rich and deep, and at all times she was resigned to God's will for her life. Her constant anxiety through her illness was that she was being burdensome to those who cared for her. The message had attracted her when it was preached by Pastor E. E. Craven about twelve years ago and she followed all the way. Her faith and love for her

Saviour gave us hope and comfort as we laid her to rest beside her husband in Carnmoney Cemetery. To her son and two daughters we extend our sympathy. W. G. NICHOLSON.

BALDRY—The Clacton-on-Sea church has lost another charter member in the death of Sister Lizzie Baldry on May 15, 1949. Sister Baldry had been a great sufferer for a number of years, and for several years had been unable to attend the church services. Short services were conducted in the home and at the graveside by Brother A. G. Tapping. She was laid to rest in Weeley Churchyard, where she now awaits the call of her Saviour on the resurrection morning. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to her husband and two daughters. F. JENKINS

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