

BRITISH ADVENT

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ORGAN OF THE BRITISH UNION CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

Conference Highlights in Wales

"ARISE, O Wales, for the Lord will do great things for thee." These words, spoken by Pastor A. S. Maxwell, set the keynote for the Biennial Conference of the Welsh Mission. God has blessed Wales. An increase in membership, the best for some years, has been noted. The worker force has increased. The number of col-porteurs has grown, and a new church and a new company have been added to the sisterhood. There were therefore reports and blessings that greatly cheered all who attended the session. Pastor Maxwell and Pastor H. M. Blunden from the General Conference were very welcome visitors.

A fine group of twenty-three gathered in a workers' council two days before the session, and some profitable and practical study was given not only to the Word of God, but also to some of the problems of evangelism.

Friday night saw an enthusiastic congregation filling the Salem church and singing, as only Welshmen can sing, under the baton of Brother G. Emm. Pastor J. M. Howard addressed the gathering on the theme, "Peace in our Time." "The world," he said, "promotes a false peace which will be shattered by sudden destruction, but Jesus gives a peace of heart which is permanent and eternal." He urged all to banish anxiety and to accept the peace of God.

On Sabbath morning at nine o'clock, Pastor J. A. McMillan in a devotional period spoke of the invitations of Jesus His illus-

By J. R. Lewis

trations of a restive colt yoked to a slow shire horse and of the limitless river water silently raising the huge liner in the lock basin effectively described Christ's yoke and His power.

In Sabbath-school, which was led by Brother C. Watson, Brother A. Lacey reviewed the previous week's lesson on the ancient churches of "Ephesus and Smyrna," while Pastor W. R. A. Madgwick, took the lesson for the day on "Pergamos and Thyatira." These churches had prayed for John in his captivity, and as a result the Spirit had drawn near the captive and given him his visions.

The highlight of the morning was the sermon preached by

Pastor Blunden. He bade all remember that God had not only greatly loved the church, but also a very hostile world. The appeal was very powerful, and many hearts surrendered to the Lord, one young person standing in testimony for the first time. Pastor E. B. Rudge gave a Bible study in the afternoon; his experience of deliverance from fire will long be remembered.

What a procession of triumphs was provided by the afternoon Symposium of Evangelism! Ten souls had been won after a hard fight in Abergavenny, said Brother C. L. W. Cooke, and others were keeping the Sabbath. He hoped by the power of God that there would be an organized church soon. A campaign was in progress in Blackwood and Brother and Sister Freeman are confident of a harvest in this new centre. From Shrewsbury came the news of a baptism of seven, six from one family and a lady who found the truth by reading *Present Truth*. A young man had gone to college; his father had conquered the tobacco habit, being encouraged by the son repeatedly placing "poison" labels in his tobacco box! Newport, represented by Brother G. Emm, had been blessed with twelve Sabbath-keepers as a result of the campaign then running. All this good news encouraged the members, and our generous believers immediately pledged the sum of £200 for evangelism when Pastor Maxwell made a dramatic and inspiring appeal. Wales has cause to thank God for a loyal band of



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In the evening, Brother C. D. Watson projected a film of the youth camp at Oxwich Bay. The celluloid had captured the happiness of fifty juniors. A baptism in the sea was impressive for four young people had had their sins buried in the depths of the Atlantic Ocean. Nearly thirty non-Adventist youth attended the camp and were greatly influenced by the Christian atmosphere.

All hearts were stirred as we listened to Pastor Maxwell's closing Sabbath message on "Greatness in a Great Hour!" Calling for great men to live in this great hour, he used Isaiah's vivid tale of the crawling, trodden-upon worm growing wings, and fanning them with such vigour that the very mountains were pulverized to dust and carried away as chaff. Such was the power that God could give to the most insignificant of men. The technicolor film, "For Time and Eternity" was released in Wales! It realistically screened the production and message of the

world's greatest prophetic weekly, *The Signs of the Times*.

In the business sessions, a new constitution was adopted. The delegates elected their committees and officers. Reports were rendered by the various departments, some useful discussion taking place. The work will go forward in Wales as a result of the best attended business session seen for a long time. Pastor Maxwell brought the whole session to a close on Sunday night by conducting a public service, when there was much heart searching as he appealed to all to be ready for the coming of the Lord.

During the session the following officers were elected:

Superintendent J. M. Howard
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 A. Lacey
Advisory Committee: J. M. Howard, N. H. Knight, H. V. Baker, D. J. Francis, A. Lacey, S. Smith, C. D. Watson.

RESOLUTIONS

Passed at the Recent Biennial Sessions

THANKSGIVING

WHEREAS, the Lord has blessed the labours of our evangelists during 1948, enabling them to add 417 souls to the church throughout the Union, and

WHEREAS, He has also blessed our Ingathering Campaign to the extent that £33,269 has been gathered for missions, an increase of £1,977 on the previous year, and

WHEREAS, our members have maintained their loyalty to the principles of the Gospel and have supported the cause with their tithes, offerings, and willing service,

THEREFORE RESOLVED, That we return thanks to God for all His mercies and blessings, and gratefully rededicate our lives and

labours to the finishing of the task entrusted to us.

HOME MISSIONARY ACTIVITIES

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of every member to witness for Christ and the Advent message among his friends and neighbours,

RESOLVED, (a) That we rededicate our lives to the finishing of the work by holding forth the Word of life in consecrated missionary service, and

(b) That in every church we seek to establish the vigorous functioning of a Home Missionary committee to organize the church in specific witnessing and soul-saving, and

(c) That we urge our members to report regularly their mission-

ary activities for the encouragement of others.

CIRCULATION OF "PRESENT TRUTH"

WHEREAS, we have been counselled in *Life Sketches*, page 214, that "the press . . . can reach and influence the public mind as no other means can. The press, controlled by men who are sanctified by God, can be a power for good in bringing men to the knowledge of the truth," and

WHEREAS, our missionary paper, *Present Truth* has been a soul-winning agency throughout the sixty years of its ministry,

THEREFORE RESOLVED,

That in addition to encouraging our members to continue the circulation of the *Present Truth* as at present, we endeavour to place our missionary paper in the homes of friends and neighbours, of prominent people in public life, and also in libraries and hospitals.

THE VOICE OF PROPHECY

WHEREAS, the Voice of Prophecy has been signally blessed of heaven in soul-winning—gaining an enrolment of 2,729 this year—with a total enrolment of 19,045 and contributing to the baptism of 99 souls in 1948,

THEREFORE RESOLVED

(a) That we support this soul-saving work with our prayers and our means, and that we aim at a personal goal of enrolling five interested people in the Bible Correspondence School before the end of 1949, and

(b) That we use our influence to encourage our friends and neighbours to listen to the radio programme each Tuesday at 4.15 p.m., wherever reception is satisfactory, thus accepting the personal responsibility contained in the slogan, "Each one—reach one."

SABBATH-SCHOOL MEMBERSHIP

WHEREAS, the Sabbath-school is an integral part of our church organization, and has been ordained of God for the spiritual upbuilding of each member of

the church, from the youngest to the oldest, therefore,

WE RECOMMEND, That the Sabbath-school membership objective be:

(a) All baptized members of the church.

(b) All our own unbaptized children and youth.

(c) That our evangelists be encouraged to enrol all baptismal candidates in the Sabbath-school, and that each Sabbath-school work toward the goal of 100 per cent attendance of the church membership in the Sabbath-school.

NEED OF TRAINED LEADERSHIP IN THE SABBATH-SCHOOL

WHEREAS, "there is necessity for trained leadership and trained teachers in our Sabbath-schools because of the increasing importance of the Sabbath-schools to our people, and to our denominational activities. Teachers should feel their responsibility, and make use of every opportunity to improve, that they may render the best kind of service in a manner that will result in the salvation of souls."—*Counsels on Sabbath-School Work*," pages 165, 94.

WE RECOMMEND, (a) That ministers and church officers plan, wherever practicable, to organize in co-operation with the Conference Sabbath-school secretary the new Sabbath-School Teachers' Training Course, in which the teachers in every division are given a simple but scientific course of training to prepare them to become effective Sabbath-school teachers and soul-winners, and

(b) That our workers encourage Sabbath-school leaders and teachers to use the *Sabbath-School Worker*, and to promote the Sabbath-school teachers' class.

THE SABBATH-SCHOOL AND OUR CHILDREN

WHEREAS, the early years of childhood are vitally important, determining the habits and ideals of later life; and the Sabbath-school is one of the greatest agencies we have for winning our children and establishing them in the message,

WE RECOMMEND, That special effort be made in our churches to provide the primary and kindergarten divisions of the Sabbath-school with adequate equipment, such as sand trays, flannelgraph, etc., and that where possible a separate room suitably decorated and furnished be made available for these divisions.

BRANCH SABBATH-SCHOOLS AND SUNDAY-SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, we are instructed that, "the Lord desires that those who are engaged in the Sabbath-school work should be missionaries, able to go forth to the towns and villages that surround the church, and give the light of life to those who sit in darkness."—*Testimonies on Sabbath-School Work*," page 74.

WE RECOMMEND, That earnest efforts be made by our churches to establish Sunday-schools, and Branch Sabbath-schools, thus providing a means of personal service and of enlargement to the church.

NEED FOR MORE COLPORTEURS

WHEREAS we are counselled by the Spirit of prophecy that where there is one colporteur in the field there should be one hundred, and whereas the opportunities and needs for more effective soul-winning through the printed page are even greater than ever before,

WE RECOMMEND, (a) That our local church elders and conference workers be requested to pass on to the Publishing Department secretary the names of promising individuals who might be enlisted in the colporteur ministry,

(b) That where suitable persons are unable to devote the whole of their time to the literature ministry, they be encouraged to become Auxiliary Colporteurs,

(c) That wherever possible, Auxiliary Colporteur bands be organized in our churches,

(d) That in all our promotion work, emphasis be placed upon the spiritual rather than the financial aspect of the colporteur work, and

(e) That suitable men and women take the "Colporteur's Efficiency Correspondence Course" as a preliminary to full-time colporteur work.

HEALTHFUL LIVING

WHEREAS, sickness and suffering abound everywhere, and the Lord calls us "to present the principles of health reform, impressing our hearers with the thought that they have a part to act in keeping themselves in health" (*Evangelism*, page 261), and

WHEREAS, "the body must be kept in a healthy condition in order that the soul may be in health" (*Ibid.*),

THEREFORE RESOLVED, That we endeavour to practise and preach the sound principles of healthful living, abstaining from all harmful indulgences that would impair our health, recognizing that "faithful adherence to right principles in eating, drinking, and dressing is a duty that God has laid upon human beings."—*Ibid.*

YOUNG PEOPLE'S EVANGELISM

WHEREAS, the British Youth Congress, realizing that opportunities for soul-winning by youth were never more urgently needed than at this present time, has sounded the call for a mighty forward march in youth evangelism, which our young people stand ready to implement:

WE RECOMMEND, (a) That our workers and church leaders co-operate with our young people in the "Share My Faith" programme launched throughout the world field,

(b) That earnest endeavour be given by workers and church officers to make our Missionary Volunteer societies, centres in which our youth are trained in soul-winning methods and evangelistic activities,

(c) That during the annual M.V. Week of Prayer, workers encourage our children, first to surrender their hearts to the Lord, and then to dedicate their lives to some form of soul-winning endeavour,

YOUTH TRAINING

WE RECOMMEND, (a) That in every church our Juniors be trained in the progressive class work, and our Seniors take the Master Comrade Course, thus fitting them for investiture services.

(b) That our M.V. leaders be encouraged to gather non-Adventist children and youth into progressive classes with a view to winning them to Christ.

EDUCATION

WHEREAS, Newbold Missionary College was founded in harmony with divinely given counsel for the purpose of preparing young people to become active workers in the cause of God, and

WHEREAS, the work of God is in constant need of young people trained and qualified for service,

RESOLVED, (a) That we continue to give every encouragement to suitable young men and young women to avail themselves of the education offered by our College.

(b) That we give liberally of our means to the Students' Aid Fund to assist worthy young people in their training at Newbold Missionary College.

(c) That where there is demand or need for a church school, the church school policy be given careful study by a responsible committee appointed by the church.

(d) That we constantly remember in our prayers the College faculty, the teachers in our secondary and church schools, and all those who have the oversight of our children and youth.

CHURCH NOTICE BOARDS

(South England Conference only)

WHEREAS, the name "Seventh-Day Adventist" is designed by God to bear before the world the distinctive character of our special message and work,

THEREFORE RESOLVED, That we urge our church committees to place prominently on their church notice board the name "Seventh-Day Adventist."

CARE OF CHURCH PROPERTY

(South England Conference only)

RESOLVED, That we encourage each congregation to keep their church property in a representative condition.

CALENDAR REFORM

(South England Conference only)

WHEREAS, the three world religions, Christianity, Judaism, and Islam believe the week to be a divine institution with which it is unlawful to tamper, and

WHEREAS, the adherents of these faiths regard the weekly observance of a particular day of rest and worship as essential to their religious practice, and

WHEREAS, the proposals of the Calendar Reformers would lead to the interruption of the regular sequence of weeks and consequently of the weekly Sabbath,

THEREFORE RESOLVED, That the South England Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists in conference assembled, express their strongest protest against any proposal of Calendar Reform that would interrupt the continuity of the weekly cycle, thus bringing distress and hardship to people of religious conviction respecting the observance of the Sabbath day. And furthermore, we respectfully submit the suggestion that His Majesty's Government oppose the acceptance of any such calendar proposal that would infringe the freedom of any subject to observe a specific day of rest in obedience to a divine commandment.

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"Again . . . Rejoice!"

WITH Adventists, a baptism is always an occasion for rejoicing. Surely then, a further baptism, within a short time, is an added

cause for even more heartfelt thanksgiving.

That was how we felt as we thronged our Croydon church on August 13th for a second baptism this year in the South-West London area.

We were privileged to see ten more souls witness to their determination henceforth to follow Jesus. Seven will unite with the Wimbledon church, two with Croydon, and one was brought forward by Brother B. W. Dougherty from his Bedford district.

Brother Horace West, in a thoughtful and encouraging address, spoke of the candidates' crossing of this spiritual Jordan, drawing powerful lessons from Old Testament experiences connected with the famous river. Brother Dougherty also brought us a word of timely counsel, warning us of the ease with which we might in the future find excuses for *not* doing those things for God which now we promise to do. Only by a daily obedience can we be sure of salvation.

After speaking briefly of some of the trials and triumphs already experienced by the candidates, Pastor T. J. Bradley conducted their baptism.

We are grateful to God as we remember that during the past two years something like sixty souls have been added to our membership in this area. We shall not soon forget the stirring inspiration of many of Pastor Bradley's campaign meetings both at Croydon and Wimbledon. Tribute should also be paid to the untiring labours of his loyal team of helpers, Sister K. Mahon, Sister C. Richards, Sister C. Hall (née Emm), and Brother H. West.

Faithful support throughout the two campaigns has also been given by Brother W. Butters and his band of ushers and tastefully-attired usherettes. Brother W. Baldry has helped appreciably by his expert projection of many of our films, and Brother H. Cowen has given aid with his artistic skill. Brother David Elliott has unfailingly supported us with his musical gifts, while Sister Watson, with her wonderful voice, and Brother Idris Owen with his efficient male choir have proved

to many hundreds of appreciative listeners that Adventists even musically "need not to be ashamed."

Our Wimbledon church school, too, has played a not unimportant part, for as a result of a baptismal class (kindly included by our head teacher, Sister Thomas, in the school curriculum, and taken weekly by the writer) three of the senior pupils have been baptized this year.

We praise God for all the means He has given us for saving souls, and also for the many noble men and women who have given so untiringly and unselfishly of their skilful service. We would praise Him, too, for the many humble, but powerful prayers that have ascended through the months, on our behalf.

The full fruition of all these endeavours will not be seen until at last we come together to the kingdom. Surely then, as we see those with us whom we have, in various ways, helped to save, we shall "again . . . rejoice!"

E. Cox.

Baptism at Bournemouth

JUNE 4th was a day of rejoicing and thanksgiving to the Bournemouth church. On Sabbath morning seven precious souls went forward in baptism, Pastor I. McGougan officiating. We rejoiced to see four of our young people among the candidates. Two other sisters were received in by vote, making an increase of nine to our church membership.

We were privileged to have with us also Pastor W. W. Armstrong and Pastor H. Smith, the former addressing the candidates. The spirit of God moved on all hearts as we listened to our president's inspiring message. Pastor Smith and Pastor McGougan received the candidates into church fellowship.

There was a full church again in the afternoon to receive another message of blessing and inspiration from Pastor Armstrong. CHURCH CLERK.

The Plymouth Church School

WHEN the Plymouth church-school re-opened in January of last year, there were thirteen pupils. The enrolment is now approaching the fifty mark. By keeping to this figure, we find that our teachers, Misses I. J. Hulbert and M. Stendall, are able to maintain a high standard of work and discipline. This figure is adequate also to make the school self-supporting. The school budget for the current year calls for an expenditure of £950 for teachers' salaries and running expenses and we expect the fees to be sufficient to meet all expenses, without calling upon the local church or the conference for financial help.

The number of Adventist pupils is still small, but it has increased from two to six since last year, and this number should steadily increase. However, there is no questioning the Adventist atmosphere of the school. We are prayerfully awaiting the establishment of a boarding academy for our youth, to provide a link between the church school and the College. We shall then have heart to dissuade our children from accepting scholarships to worldly schools, knowing that we shall be able to offer them a complete and unbroken course of education within our own schools. Until such time our

pupils will sit for scholarships. Our first entrant, who has been with us since school re-opened, has recently received a scholarship to one of the selected secondary schools.

In recent months the school has had a number of visitors: Pastors W. W. Armstrong and H. T. Johnson from the South England Conference, Pastor E. L. Minchin from the Union; Pastor E. W. Marter from the College, and, recently, Pastor and Mrs. H. M. Blunden from the General Conference. All have freely expressed their appreciation for the strong spiritual tone, the quiet discipline, and the high scholastic standard maintained. They have paid tribute to the faithful work of our two teachers.

We acknowledge that baptisms resulting directly from church schools come slowly; nevertheless they are an end in view. Toward that objective we can report success in getting favourable reports of the school into the local daily newspapers. These serve to break down prejudice against our message. Twelve non-Adventist pupils are regularly attending our Junior Sabbath-school. The mother of one pupil is now attending all our church services, and is a regular reader of our literature. Together with her husband, she was praying for such a school as ours to open in Plymouth. Now she is joining us in hoping that we will soon have a boarding



Pupils of Fletewood School, Plymouth.



Miss J. Hulbert with the older children, Fletewood School.

academy, so that her daughter may go right on in Adventist schools. Her older son is now attending our Sabbath-school. And what shall we say of the ultimate influence of this school, in the light of the following:

"The lesson-books used in our church schools should be of a character to bring the law of God to the attention. Thus the light and strength and power of the truth will be magnified. Youth drawn from the world, some even whose minds have been depraved, will connect with these schools, and there they will be converted. Their witness for the truth may be stopped for a while by the false theories entertained by the parents, but in the end the truth will triumph. I am instructed to say that this kind of missionary work will have a telling influence in diffusing light and knowledge."—*"Testimonies," Vol 6, pages 203-4*

Fletewood School still does not meet all the specifications laid down in the Spirit of prophecy for our church schools. Nevertheless, we will, by God's grace, move ever nearer the ideal. What new power will be released for the work in this our beloved and needy land when we shall have church schools established throughout the British Union, together with a boarding academy and a greatly enlarged College programme! We shall be able to offer our parents a "haven of refuge" for their little ones, and

present to God that "army of workers" for which He waits.
G. M. HYDE.

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Plymouth Sabbath-School Outing

AMONG the treasured souvenirs of the earlier days of the Plymouth church is a group photograph taken at an outing enjoyed by the members in the year 1914. Something of the glory of those "good old days" was recaptured at the recent Sabbath-school outing held in a delightful meadow at Clearbrook, a picturesque village on the famous "Moors."

The weather, the food, and the games combined to make an out-

standing day for the one hundred and ten who shared its joys. One of the veteran members declared it "the best outing we've had for years and years."

Perhaps the most pleasing feature was the participation of some twenty-five of our church-school pupils and fifteen non-member parents. The unaffected friendliness of the contact thus established between these visitors and the church was gratifying to behold, and gives promise of reaching some of these fine folk through other church and school activities.

The spontaneous appreciation expressed by members and visitors alike, was more than adequate reward for the combined efforts of the organizing committee and the deaconesses of the church.

F. COOMBE.

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Miss M. Stendall and the kindergarten class, Fletewood School.

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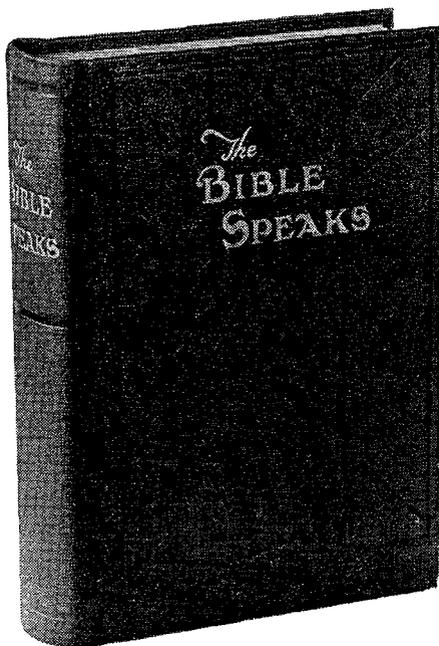
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"So it went on all along the route. The General himself was so impressed by our appearance that he questioned the Mayor as to who we were. And he learned that we were the Seventh-Day Adventist youth of Watford."

The General who asked this question at the recent Empire Youth Sunday Service at Watford, was Lt.-General Sir Arthur Smith, K.C.B., K.B.E., D.S.O., M.C. We know the General quite well and it is not the first time he has asked a similar question. He asked it of us when we were invited to his house to tea.

The General saw me once in difficulties when I was arrested by the military police because I was working in a part of a military camp not covered by my pass. On that occasion the General wrote a personal letter to the authorities (the original of which I saw), in which he said: "This man wants to get into—Camp. . . . Let him in. We want a few more like him."

Well, we went in; indeed we are still in and have sold many, many books there.

And, by the way, the General himself has a copy of each subscription book that has come forth from The Stanborough Press.

So the General knows now what a Seventh-Day Adventist is.

F. J. KINMAN.

Until the Day Break

ARCHER.—Sister R. A. Archer of the Stanborough Park church passed to her rest at the age of fifty-seven years on June 6, 1949. Her mother's family became Adventists under the labours of Brother Champness in Leytonstone about the year 1905. Sister Archer was baptized when a girl at Stanborough Park by Brother J. J. Nethery. She remained a very conscientious and faithful member of the church until the time of her death. She will be greatly missed by those who knew her. She leaves her husband, who is superintendent of the Stanborough Park Sabbath-school, a son, and many loved ones and friends who mourn their loss. She was laid to rest in the North Watford Cemetery to await the call of the Master. The services were conducted, and words of comfort spoken, by Pastor L. E. A. Lane and the writer.

A. K. ARMSTRONG.

COWLEY.—On July 5, 1949, Anne, the dear and only daughter of Sister Winnie Cowley of the Handsworth church, was laid to rest at the tender age of five years. The service at Rycroft Cemetery, Walsall, Staffs., was conducted by Pastor F. E. Edwards, attended by the family and many friends. The members of the church were saddened by this sudden and unexpected loss of one of their little ones, and extend to the bereaved parents their deepest sympathy. CHURCH CLERK

FRANCE.—Brother Arthur W. France, aged seventy-eight years, a member of the Blackpool company, collapsed in his home on July 12, 1949, and died shortly after admission to hospital. He had been in feeble health for a considerable time. Several children and grandchildren mourn their loss. Brother France was buried at Southport. We look forward to meeting him in the first resurrection. W. MAUDSLEY

DEAN.—On July 16, 1949, Brother J. Dean, of the Hove church, passed away after a short illness at the age of eighty-four years. During nearly half his life Brother Dean had been in the Advent message, joining the church at East Dulwich through the godly influence of his wife. For twenty years he was engaged in the work as a full-time colporteur and for the same period he was a part-time worker. He was happily engaged in this work until his illness. Brother Dean has been a familiar figure in the Brighton and Hove church for the last thirty-five years, and has served the church as deacon and elder; his regular presence at the church and his voice in prayer and praise will be not a little missed. He was laid to rest in the Portslade Cemetery on July 21st in the presence of his son and a good company of the members of the Brighton and Hove church. There remain to mourn his death Sister Dean, two sons, and a daughter, and to these we extend our deepest sympathy while they, with us, trust in the coming of the Lord Jesus when partings will be no more. R. T. BOLTON.

Tew.—Sister Ellen Tew, one of the earliest members of the Rushden church, fell asleep in Jesus during the early hours of July 8, 1949, after a short illness. She was seventy-three years of age. It was thirty-nine years ago that our sister accepted the final message as a result of the continued labours of that faithful Bible instructor of yesteryear, Miss C. Sanders. Pastor A. S. Rodd had held a tent campaign in Rushden. A few days before her death, although

Sister Tew was barely conscious the writer was able to gain the assurance from her that she fully believed the promise, "Behold, I come quickly; and My reward is with Me." At the home of her son, where a large company of relatives gathered on the day of the funeral, the writer drew attention to those precious words of the Lord which bring so much comfort to those who mourn. In the Rushden Cemetery, W. M. Lennox, her pastor in the Leicester church, committed her to that earth from which our sister will rise when Jesus comes to call His own. Our sympathies are extended to her son, Charles, of our Stanborough Park church, to her daughter in the Leicester church, and to all her children and relatives.

T. H. FELDING

JACKSON.—Mrs. Hilda Jackson of the Hereford company passed away on August 7, 1949, at the age of fifty-four years. Sister Jackson accepted the truth of the third angel's message under the labours of Pastor J. Bevan in 1934 while at Cheltenham. She remained a faithful member throughout the years. For some time she had been in failing health, and was laid to rest in the North Watford cemetery. She leaves a husband, two sons, and a daughter to mourn their loss. Words of comfort were spoken at the service which was held in the Stanborough Park church. We look forward to that joyful day of glad reunion soon to take place. A. K. ARMSTRONG

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Sept. 2nd 7.45 7.58 8.07 7.52 8.15
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