

BRITISH ADVENT  
**MESSENGER**  
 ORGAN OF THE BRITISH UNION CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

## Old Contacts in the New World

OUR hearts are very much with the Advent family in England, although we have been over in Canada for over two years. We were very happy to welcome Brother and Sister R. Scarr during the past summer as they came to locate at Canadian Union College, where they have taken up work in the music department. A still later arrival, Ernest Waring, has awakened in us memories of Newbold and the many friends associated with it

The past two years have been very eventful and interesting. When my wife, children, and I boarded the *Aquitania* in 1947, it was with mixed feelings that we saw the shores of England receding. It was hard to leave familiar ground and enter on the unknown, but we felt that God was leading us, and we have indeed found His guidance to be in pleasant places. We soon found ourselves among a warm-hearted, friendly people. It was in the middle of April when we landed in Halifax, but on the trip to Montreal we looked out on snowy wastes for hundreds of miles. When we reached Montreal, we saw civilization again; it is a large, busy city. There we found kind friends and the Adventist church. The city, we found, is largely French and has a strong Catholic element. On the Sunday we spent there, it was pitiful to see the numbers of people who chose to climb, on their knees, the scores of steps leading to one

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of the prominent Catholic churches.

Our destination was Oshawa, Ontario, where we spent a busy and happy year. Awaiting our arrival was Miss E. R. Howard, who is well known to most of you. It was my privilege while there to travel somewhat in Eastern Canada, from the beautiful lakes and forests in the north to the Niagara peninsula in the south.

One very precious trip I made was to the eastern townships in

Quebec, where for a special weekend of fellowship I united with the first Seventh-Day Adventist church ever to be built in Canada. This was indeed historic ground. The wooden church building stands conspicuously on a hill, and there are still the hitching posts where the teams were tied while the owners attended service. Near this site Mrs. White attended the first Canadian camp-meeting. I looked over the church records and was astonished to find the name of my wife's father as one of the churchmembers of many years ago. We felt quite proud to have a personal connection with such a historic place.

At Oshawa it was a great pleasure to work with H. L. Rudy, the Canadian Union president, who will be well remembered because of his connection with the Northern European Division some years ago. We soon began to find that we were not at all isolated from British friends, and within a few short months we had visits from Leonard Standen, Brian Jacques, Gerald Hardy, Henry Musgrave, Pas. or W. J. Cannon, Pastor and Mrs. E. E. White, and the Reeves family.

Just two miles from Oshawa Missionary College is a little village called Harmony. By the way, it was here that Mrs. Huse, wife of Dr. Huse in Birmingham, spent her childhood, I believe. At this place we became acquainted with a very old gentle-

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"Radio Question Box,"  
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lian, not an Adventist unfortunately, who claims he remembers hearing William Miller preach in Harmony.

Another contact we were very happy to make was with Elder Millner, the Ontario-Quebec Conference president. He is very happy to relate the story of his experience in England during World War I. Brother Millner was at that time a sergeant in charge of a group of C.Os. on Dartmoor. One of these prisoners was Brother N. H. Knight, who evidently gave Brother Millner food for thought and led him to decide to become an Adventist. Elder Millner also tells of the good experiences he had with Brother J. J. Annable when they were room-mates in Oshawa Missionary College dormitory.

While we were at Oshawa, Brother A. G. Rodgers and family came to join the working force at the conference office. They are very well and happy after the ordeals they faced in Japanese prison camps, and we had some very good talks together.

Last year we bade farewell a little reluctantly to our new-found friends and old acquaintances and made our way across the continent, via the United States of America, to Canadian Union College here in Alberta. On the way we visited several Adventist colleges and found many old friends.

Arriving at Battle Creek, we felt a little strange and knew of no way to find the spots we planned to visit. I entered a department store and approached a man, obviously the manager, telling him we were strangers and asking if he knew of any Seventh-Day Adventists in the city. He replied that he was an Adventist himself, and as I had come from England, did I happen to know anyone by the name of W. G. Murdoch, as they had been to Emmanuel Missionary College together. This was a strange coincidence, and we had no more trouble in finding our way around the city. They were happy but solemn moments that we spent standing by the grave of Sister

E. G. White and viewing the spacious auditorium in the city.

Farther on our way we stopped at Union College, Nebraska, and renewed acquaintance with Brother H. M. Johnson from Denmark, who is the business manager there. Unfortunately, Pastors R. S. Joyce and L. G. Hardinge were not available at the time, so we did not have the privilege of meeting them. We did, however, have a pleasant visit with Elder Maynard Campbell and his wife, who are well known to many in the British Union.

And so we came to Canadian Union College. This large college here in Western Canada has been an inspiration to us. There are about three hundred and sixty young people training for the Lord's service, and their willing-

ness and consecration is the same as that which we found in England at our own Alma Mater, Newbold.

How we wish you could have been here to visit the camp-meetings with us. We found crowds of young people willing and eager to share their faith. We heard the old Farnsworth brothers sing; they live right here in Alberta. They made a very real link between the past and the present, reminding us of the pioneers who faced the challenge in their day and passed it on to us.

Our thoughts and prayers are indeed with you all in Britain, and we eagerly read all the news that comes to us. But we know that wherever we are matters little, so long as we are helping to finish the work of God.

## Stanboroughs Secondary School

By A. J. WOODFIELD

STANBOROUGH PARK SCHOOL is now settled down to the work of another academic year. The enrolment is again good; 294 at the time of writing, and a good number on the waiting list, with inquiries coming almost daily.

So great is the demand for admission to the Secondary Department that we have now to refuse applicants for lack of space. This demand is largely due to the fine reputation for scholarship and spirituality that the school has in the district. Two pupils have given up scholarships to local grammar schools to join us. This we feel to be particularly encouraging, especially as sometimes even members of our own church tend to weigh the glamour, tradition, and endowments of ancient grammar schools against the spiritual scholarship offered by God's own school, and to make the wrong choice.

There was a good number of children from the school at the South England Camp again this year. Most of them were not from Adventist homes, but nevertheless they joined in with the spiritual activities of the camp and many expressed their desire

to serve the Lord. It is hoped to be able to include nine of them in the Stanborough Park church baptismal class this autumn. The sowing of the seed may often seem fruitless, but God will give the increase in His own time and way. "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bearing his sheaves with him." While we enjoy our work, despite problems, too much to indulge in much weeping, we feel we are sowing precious seed that will one day give us a super-abundant cause of rejoicing. Some of our pupils have expressed a desire to serve the Lord Jesus Christ, and one on leaving school wanted to join the church on the Park. Though he has had to accept work entailing Sabbath duties, we look forward to his taking a full stand one day. A good sprinkling from time to time attend our youth services and activities and are forming friendships with the Adventist youth that are helping to bind their interests to the remnant church.

The School Certificate results were even better this year than

last. Two of our pupils qualified for exemption from matriculation, one gaining three A's and four C's among her nine results; while four others gained certificates. It was also gratifying to see among the students assembled at Newbold six or more of our old pupils. It is the earnest desire of our hearts that the Secondary School shall become the link between our church schools and the College and that the flow of students from here shall increase. Let us pray that the Lord will open up the way for more of our children from all over the field to attend the Secondary School in preparation for fuller training in College. At present there are several of our children placed in local homes so that they may come to school, but it is disappointing to have to refuse others who cannot find accommodation.

We are very happy to welcome Brother R. W. Luxton to our teaching staff to take over the science department from Brother A. H. Watson, who has gone to America for further training. May we appeal to consecrated qualified teachers to consider prayerfully taking up service in our own schools as the need arises. The opportunities are great and challenging and the Lord wants efficient teachers to meet and turn these opportunities into victories for Him. Please pray for the educational work at Stanborough Park.

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### President's Notes

THE autumn campaigns for the proclamation of this last message of warning and the winning of souls to its obedience have begun. These are being visited, in turn, by myself, and as I do so I plan to report on their progress,

#### LEWISHAM

PASTOR T. J. BRADLEY, could only obtain the Town Hall for three nights commencing August 21st, or wait till January of next year. Although August is not a good time to begin, it being the holiday month, he decided after consultation to take the earlier opportunity. A moderate attendance was the result, which happily has been maintained. On my last visit, September 18th, Pastor Bradley had transferred his meetings to the small Town Hall, seating about 250 people. It was packed that night and additional chairs were brought in. All enjoyed a splendidly delivered address on Armageddon. The speaker emphasized that God will intervene among the warring nations and appealed for all to be on His side ere that moment arrives. It was an impressive appeal and was followed by a brief prayer service at which about eighty attended. There was a good response in earnest prayers. This prayer season is a marked feature of Brother Bradley's campaign work.

#### GLOUCESTER

BROTHER E. SYME is testing his wings in evangelism in this town and is having very good success so far. On September 28th, which was his third meeting, almost 300 people attended to listen to a strong Gospel address on the Atonement. By means of good visual "build up" devices, our brother illustrated his address showing Christ as the bridge of salvation and repentance, faith, and obedience as the pillars. No matters of topical interest or of prophecy were introduced, yet the people were held in interest to the end. The greatest satisfaction was found in the fact that the next week the same audience came again in strength in spite of a transfer to another hall and to Monday nights. Both husband and wife are fully united with the church in this endeavour.

#### WESTON-SUPER-MARE

A VISIT to this town on October 9th revealed that about 200 people were interested in Pastor C. R. Bonney's campaign. This was the second meeting and all confirmed that the Spirit of the

Lord had broken down the obvious opposition and suspicion shown on the first evening. The third evening showed a further addition of about forty people, so the interest is growing. Apart from this Pastor Bonney and his team are running a similar campaign in Bristol, which is showing good prospects. The latter campaign is held on Thursday evenings. The next day a splendid workers' meeting was held in Pastor Bonney's home with Pastor R. H. Bainbridge, Miss E. P. Dyer, Mr. R. E. Graham, and Miss N. Roe in attendance.

#### HOLLOWAY

ON October 16th a visit was made to our church at Holloway, where we have a large church building, but a membership that only partly fills it. Pastor G. R. Bell is bravely endeavouring to attract the public to come in to our church. Much hard work has been done but it is not easy to get people within church walls. Nevertheless a good fifty non-members were there to hear the speaker deal with a timely subject, well supported by the Stanborough Male Choir.

WE much regret to report that by committee action the South England Conference has lost the services of Pastor I. McGougan. He will be transferred to the Scottish field to labour in Aberdeen. Brother McGougan has done splendid work in saving souls these past few years and many rejoice to-day in the truth because of his ministry. He has endeared himself to many and we shall miss him. Yet we believe he will bring much blessing to the land of his birth and we wish him and his good wife every joy and success in their new field. We welcome Brother A. J. Timothy as he will soon be coming to this conference from the Scottish field. We hope to write of our plans for this worker in our next issue.

IN the next number I hope to report on further soul-saving endeavours which will cheer the hearts of our good people. The work is onward in this conference. By prayer and work let us advance the kingdom of Christ.

W. W. ARMSTRONG.

## Baptism at Southend

"VERY happy," "very happy indeed." Not once, but many times these words were used by speakers, members, and candidates, on Sabbath, August 22nd, at the Southend church. The occasion was a baptism, and I know of no other occasion where true happiness is more manifest. The Spirit of God truly was present, and we felt the angels were round about, rejoicing with us as five precious souls, in following their Lord, were buried and rose again to newness of life, while two others were received into church fellowship on a former baptism.

At the morning service, Pastor L. E. A. Lane primarily addressed the candidates, but the message was pertinent to us all: "Cast not away therefore your confidence . . . for ye have need of patience, that . . . ye might receive the promise." Heb. 10:35, 36. The word translated "confidence" means "boldness," and just as in the apostolic days it took boldness for a Hebrew to decide to follow the crucified Nazarene, so to-day it requires the same boldness to join the remnant church. Endurance is then needed to stand firm through all the vicissitudes of life, and it is the love of God, with the hope of the joy set before us, that enables us to endure to the end and receive the crown of life which is promised to those who love God.

The baptismal service took place in the afternoon, and the church was filled to capacity, as members from Chelmsford and Brentwood, and visitors not of our faith, joined with us for this blessed occasion. The usual joy was thrice doubled, as first an elderly brother and his wife, and then a young couple, entered the water together; and a third husband and wife were received into fellowship. How happy it is when man and wife walk together in this blessed truth! Another brother, who has been attending our church for some time, also, to our great joy, took this decisive step of baptism, thus uniting fully with God's remnant people.

Pastor H. T. Johnson was with us for the baptismal service, and, after examining the candidates, spoke helpful and encouraging words based on the experience of Ruth, who left behind home, family, country, and the gods of her youth, to follow the God of Naomi, whom she had learned to love and trust. Ruth's great confession has stirred the hearts of all who have read it: "Thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God." Pastor Johnson assured those who were also stepping out in a new direction that they too would receive a "full reward" from the Lord, "under whose wings" they "had come to trust." A "full reward" from the Lord means that kind of blessing where the windows of heaven are specially opened, and such a blessing is poured out that there is not room enough to receive it. Pastor Johnson assured them also that though life would bring trials and difficulties, the wings of the Almighty would be both above and beneath them, to shelter and support.

Pastor Lane immersed the candidates, who were afterward welcomed into the South England Conference and the local churches by Pastor Johnson, Pastor Lane, and Brethren Wilby and Phillips, elders respectively of Southend and Chelmsford churches. The young couple will unite with the church at Chelmsford, and the other five with Southend,

and so both these churches are rejoicing in added members.

Sister Waltham sang of the call of God in the words: "Come, O My Child," and to close the service Brother Phillips voiced the consecration of all present by singing Jude's arrangement of the stirring words: "Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee."

All of those baptized made first contact with the truth through lay members. The elderly couple have had *Present Truth* brought to them for twenty years, but did not realize that the truth called for a change in their own lives. Now their fervent desire is to bear witness for Christ among their large family of children and grandchildren. The young couple have three young children to train for the Lord, and the others are doing active service for Christ as they have opportunity. Two of the brethren have completed the two Voice of Prophecy courses of study, which have been a great help in preparing them for baptism. And so the seed of truth, sown by faithful home missionaries and the Voice of Prophecy workers, yields a joyful increase to the remnant church. Further contacts will be made with some of the visitors and friends who were present, and we earnestly ask your prayers that these, too, may result in a happy harvest. Pray also that those who have just made a public beginning may endure to the end.

The sun shone brightly during the greater part of the services, and though later the rain descended, joy was still shining in all our hearts. As we made our way homeward through the rain, memory repeated over and over the key-words of the day, "very happy," "very happy indeed!"

LOTS L. LANE.

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## TO *Friends of Holloway*

Special  
COMING OF AGE  
Service

SABBATH, DECEMBER 3, 1949

It is now twenty-one years since the present church was dedicated. We are having a special celebration and you are invited to come and join us for the day.

Sabbath-School 10 a.m.

Divine Service 11 a.m.

Handing over the key 3.30 p.m.

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## Evangelism in Sunny Sussex

MEMBERS of the MESSENGER family will rejoice with us to have news of the blessings of the Lord in the Sussex coast towns of Has-

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tings and Eastbourne. During the past two years it has been our high privilege to preach the Advent message in two campaigns in these towns and the Lord has rewarded and encouraged our labour with thirty-six souls and there is the promise of more to come.

Being about to open two further campaigns, we ask your interest and prayers that greater blessing and success may be given to the band of workers and lay members of this area.

The past two years have in truth been a true co-operative effort on the part of the various workers with us at different times, and always supported so loyally by a true and growing membership. Miss Mary Pickering and Mr. and Mrs. Benefield, who have now gone to labour elsewhere shared largely in the labour and the success of the work here. Miss E. Donaldson, one of our most experienced workers, who for the past year has been caring for the interests of the new work in Eastbourne, and who has borne most of the burden of the visiting in this rather difficult town, has been successful in leading an encouraging number to this great message of truth. She, with us, looks forward to seeing the Eastbourne company grow, and so establish itself among the great fellowship of Advent churches throughout the world.

We ask your prayers that our main campaign here in Hastings, which began on October 16th, supported faithfully and energetically by our two new young workers, Miss Vera Howard and Mr. Dennis Hall, may be richly blessed of God to be the means of yielding a large harvest in souls. This is the Lord's work and He is expecting His people to have their part in it. Will you pray?

May we pay tribute to the faithful and most excellent help given to our work by two male voice quartettes, one of them local, led by Mr. Richard Wilshire, and the other from the ever-helpful Stanborough Press. This last quartette, made up of Pastor R. D. Vine, Mr. E. Trace, Mr. Ted Wallis, and Mr. Ray

Johnson, made the long journey from Watford each Sunday and rendered most excellent service as the People's Service Singers. May I make a plea that efforts be made in our churches, where talent may be found and trained, to form such quartettes as an aid to evangelism. Such a group of four can be reasonably mobile and inexpensive in the service of evangelism.

May we be assured of your prayers and interest as we go forward in faith and courage as a band of workers united in one purpose to find men and women and young people who will respond to the Lord's appeal in our lovely Sussex.

DENNIS A. CONROY.



## Ipswich Harvest Thanksgiving

THE Ipswich church gave thanks to God for a bountiful harvest at their annual thanksgiving service on Sabbath, October 15th, when Pastor A. G. Tapping, district resident minister, gave the address.

The pulpit and surrounds had been tastefully decorated with flowers and the display of fruit, vegetables, and food was illustrative of the beneficent supply of man's needs by a kind and loving Creator.

During the service Miss Pelikan of Germany translated a letter received from a Seventh-Day Adventist minister in Hamburg thanking the members of the Ipswich church for food and clothing parcels sent to relieve the distress in that war-scarred city. This incident served to impress all with the truth of the message delivered by Pastor Tapping that if one sows seeds of kindness he reaps in return the fruit of well-doing, earning the praise of God for faithful service in His name.

The congregation, among which were several isolated members, was given opportunity to thank God in song, while special music was also rendered by Miss Smyth both at the organ and in song. S. RICHES.

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## Fire Mission

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## President's Notes

THE new phases of work in Eire, so long planned for, are now coming into operation. The Ranelagh Health Institute, which is the name we have given to our treatment rooms in Dublin, has at last opened its doors to patients, and even before any advertizing was attempted, a few were asking for help. Brother and Sister Nix, our nurses, have had a busy time making the final preparations for the patients they hoped would come, and now they are happy to be doing the work for which they have been trained. The formal opening and dedication of the Institute is planned for November 5th, when we hope to have several of the Union brethren with us.

THE Christian Culture Correspondence School is expanding. In the first three months of its life seventy-six enrolments were received, most of them from the city of Dublin itself, but there were also some from almost all the twenty-six counties. Some of the students are making excellent progress, and one or two homes are already opening for visiting.

One student writes: "Thank you for your instruction. It is a great joy and uplift to search the Scriptures."

Another says: "Thank you very much for giving me the opportunity of this study of God's Word. It is very satisfying."

A lady, who has received the award of the M.B.E., writes: "I think your correspondence school is very beautiful, and I pray you may have many candidates for your course of Christian Culture. I am a Protestant myself, but feel you will be repaid in your great work."

Yet another writes, quite amusingly to us: "I return your two booklets as I am a confirmed Protestant and as such they have no interest for me. It is also sur-

prising to me to find a Roman Catholic School anxious to distribute scriptural teaching, which the Church has all along refrained from doing, lest the people in reading the Scriptures should discover the real divine truth for themselves." Of course, we took advantage of this letter, and are now visiting this indignant gentleman.

We are encouraged by the early results of this method of work, and plan to develop it steadily. Under God's blessing, we believe it will be an instrument to win many sincere people to the truth. "Poor, suffering Ireland," as one historian describes it, will yet shine with the glory of the everlasting Gospel in its last-day setting. A. J. MUSTARD.

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## Northern Ireland Mission

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### President's Notes

THE evangelistic campaign season is with us again, and here in Northern Ireland we are once more made conscious of the limitations imposed upon us by the lack of suitable halls in which to preach the message. The difficulty is not always that halls do not exist. More often they are closed to us by religious bigotry and prejudice.

PASTOR W. G. NICHOLSON has had a particularly disappointing time in Belfast. For the third year in succession that city is without proper representation of this message because of the closing of the halls he would like to use. However, with the help of Brother E. Logan and Sister M. Clements, Pastor Nicholson will launch a small effort from a hall which, in normal circumstances, we would not want to use.

In Coleraine religious opposition drove Brother A. H. Cowley out of the only hall available to him over an extended period. We could only maintain him in the town by purchasing and erecting a temporary building on a piece of land loaned to us for the purpose. During the

summer months Brother Cowley and Brother L. A. D. Lane have spent much time in preparing the building for worship, and they are now ready to begin another attack on this conservative town. They will also campaign on a second front. The neighbouring town of Portstewart offers an opportunity for public evangelism, and a week-night effort will be conducted there in addition to the one in Coleraine.

BROTHER C. KNOWLSON also has a hall problem in Portadown, but is vigorously seeking to overcome it. Miss M. Aikenhead has lately joined him, and together they will begin a second effort (in recent years) in this important and much-worked town. They are working to the goal of establishing a permanent representation of the truth in this centre which has disappointed us so often in the past.

ALL these efforts will be in progress when these lines appear in the MESSENGER. We earnestly request the help of the prayers of God's people in carrying forward the battle in this most difficult field. A. J. MUSTARD.

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### Until the Day Break

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STREET—We regret to record the death of Sister Street, of the Stoke-on-Trent church, who passed away on September 5, 1949. She had not been able to meet with us for some time owing to heart trouble. She was baptized in December, 1937, having accepted the truth under the labours of Pastor H. K. Munson. We look forward to meeting her again on the day of resurrection. CHURCH CLERK

BARTLETT—On September 17, 1949, at the age of seventy-one years, Mrs. Olive Bartlett passed peacefully away, after sixteen months of patient suffering. After a service in the home with her family and friends, we laid her to rest with her husband in the Edmonton cemetery. She joined the Advent movement through the labours of Elder W. A. Spicer and became a member of the first organized church in London, at Duncombe Hall. Later, she entered the work, and there are still many in Wales who will remember her as Miss Olive Eastcott, Bible-worker and secretary-treasurer of the Welsh Mission. Her loss will be felt by many relatives and friends, not least the sons and daughters of her late husband, to whom she gave years of loving care and guidance. Two of these, Mrs. Lethbridge and Mrs. Trace, are taking their part in the work of the Advent cause. Mrs. Bartlett went to her rest fully trusting they would all unite in the new earth. G. R. BELL.

McBROOM.—It is with the deepest sorrow that we record the death of Sister McBroom of Belfast, one of our oldest members who, for over forty years walked the way of God's commandments. God was merciful to her at the last in that she passed away on September 18, 1949, with very little pain or suffering. Sister McBroom's life was one of usefulness in the church of God. Often at great inconvenience to herself, she was to be seen visiting other members who were sick or in trouble, and those whom she visited will long remember her. She was very faithful in church attendance, and only severe illness would cause her absence from the house of prayer. We believe that our sister died "what she could." We laid her to rest in Knockbreda Cemetery in sure and certain hope of a joyful reunion when Jesus comes. To her friend and fellow-member, Sister Ferguson, and her many relatives, we extend our sympathy and Christian love, and trust that her life will be to them "a savour of life unto life" so that they, too, may rejoice in "the blessed hope" and be ready for the glad reunion. W. G. NICHOLSON.

LEACOCK—Almost forty years ago, a young man, Sandy Houston, read one of our subscription books, and there discovered the Sabbath truth. He immediately began to keep it, not knowing that there were any other Adventists in Ireland. One Sabbath a neighbour, William Leacock, came in from the field, and said that he could fight the truth no longer. These two were the first to keep the Sabbath in the Magherafelt area, and with others who came later were baptized by Pastor R. Mussen. Sandy Houston died some five years later, but William Leacock lived for a further thirty-three years to testify to God's goodness and to His truth. All around the neighbourhood our brother spoke of the truth that he had learned to love very dearly. Lately, through failing health, he was not able to get out very much, and after a very painful and distressing illness, patiently borne, he passed to rest on October 4, 1949. He has lived in isolation all these years, and almost all the services that were conducted in the district were held in his home. Another warrior has laid down his arms, his voice of witness is silent, and another gap has been torn in the ranks of the isolated brethren in Ireland. We shall miss Brother Leacock, but during his recent illness it was a great comfort to hear him speak of his readiness to rest, and of his eager joy in anticipation of the return of Jesus. To his sorrowing wife, who nursed him so patiently and tenderly, and to his family, we extend our deepest sympathy, and we shall continually pray that his life of witness may not have been in vain. We laid him to rest in the Curran churchyard in the presence of a large company of friends and neighbours. W. G. NICHOLSON

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### A Confidential Chat

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tracing of the great collapse, and the abandonment of sound interpretation under the impact of the devastating Latin apostasy. The evidence of this early period is both startling and significant. Hundreds of facts and factors, heretofore untouched, have been clearly brought out. But much

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of it is locked away in the Latin tongue, and quite a bit in the German and French. Getting it into usable and acceptable form has been slow, heavy work, calling for much expert collaboration. Tracing the beliefs of men on prophecy during the long, bleak centuries of the early Middle Ages—where there was so little progress and much confusion in prophetic interpretation — required a tremendous amount of work.

When we come to the twelfth and thirteenth centuries, we note a marked advance in prophetic interpretation. In fact a whole new school blossoms forth that is vital to us, and for the first time the year-day principle begins to be applied not only to the

1,260 days, as years, but to the 1,290 and 1,335 as well, and in at least five instances, to the 2,300 days as years—and all this in the thirteenth century, with which Volume I closes. This has been a thrilling discovery of the greatest importance to us. The last four chapters present the intriguing story of the Waldenses, of special interest to us as Adventists—for here we find a most amazing treatise on the Anti-christ written about 1120.

Well, all this work is done, the last checking completed—and as this goes to press the linotype machines are pounding out the pages of the last chapters. The various drawings and cuts are all made—and the illustrations are even more impressive and numer-

ous than those in Volumes II and III. Soon the presses will be rolling it through, and the copies of Volume I will be in your hands, we trust, shortly after the close of 1949. The delay we truly regret but we see it all as a providential leading. You will have a much better book, far broader in its scope and, in the opinion of the writer, a product even more stimulating in some respects than either of the other volumes. This greatly improved and vitalized product will more than compensate for your disappointment over the tedious delay. Remember, this is the foundational volume of the set. And the leading hand of God can now be seen in it all.

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## "The Prophetic Faith of Our Fathers"

WE all know that this first volume of *The Prophetic Faith of Our Fathers* should have been out at least six months ago. Its long delay has caused deep disappointment and distress to author and publisher alike, as well as to a host of waiting readers. But there is always a reason for such delays, and I am confident that when we know the reason we will not only understand, but will actually be glad. Someone has said that "to know all is to forgive all," and this will certainly be true in this case.

It may not be generally known that Volume I was the first of the set of four to be written. It was prepared before either Volumes II or III, which have now been available for some time. But the style of this first volume, as first written, was vastly different from the other two—for it was originally prepared for release primarily to our own workers, and therefore in a style and approach appropriate to such a familiar objective.

But the author was earnestly urged by many counsellors and readers of the manuscript of Volume I, to make a much wider approach to the whole subject. This was vital material, particularly for the scholarly world—ministers, teachers, religious editors, lawyers, physicians and other professional men—and a fully documented scientific approach would make a stronger appeal to such. The documentation and exacting detail demanded in such an ambitious project would, they urged, serve our own needs equally as well, but would at the same time have much broader appeal and perhaps reach a class we have heretofore scarcely touched.

This the author was eager to do, and so Volumes II and III were written and published in this new form. This meant, of course, much greater toil and more exacting checking. But the remarkably favourable reception accorded these two books (Vols

II and III), by leading teachers, preachers, and religious editors, not of our faith, has fully justified the venture and the added expense. Both conservatives and liberals in Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, Evangelical and other circles, have, through book reviews, personal correspondence, and personal talks, borne remarkable testimony to the appeal of Bible prophecy in the unique historical approach here employed. Prominent men, widely scattered in the University of Chicago, Southern Methodist University, Union Theological Seminary, Fuller Theological Seminary, Yale Divinity School, Harvard University, and in some of the great libraries, have written of their value, and the indebtedness of the Christian world for these valuable books.

Certain prominent religious leaders have already been profoundly moved to far-reaching action through study of these volumes, and when the time is opportune to acquaint our workers with these facts it will make a thrilling story. The books are doing their appointed work, and God is using them to reach some of the intellectual class who were hard to contact with this message.

To bring Volume I into harmony with the other volumes in style and form required a prodigious amount of work. The volume needed to be enlarged in order to become the strong foundational volume of the set. This involved additional, intensive research in the British Museum and other libraries in the spring and summer of 1948. And our readers will rejoice to hear that within the past year some of the most startling and important evidence of the entire quest has been finally secured from the great libraries of Europe, revealing points that will prove priceless to our cause. In fact Volume I has required almost complete rewriting. And it was the most difficult volume of the set in the first place.

The whole principle of prophecy—the wondrous provision of God for communication with man—has been set forth in the opening chapters. Then the unique relationship of the book of Daniel to the Old Testament canon and of Revelation to the New Testament canon, has been clearly presented. Next follows the difficult inter-testament period, and the earliest pre-Christian Jewish interpretation. And from thence we are led into the fountainhead of Christian interpretation which, of course, stemmed from Christ and the apostles, an interpretation which was remarkably sustained through the next four centuries.

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