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The Voice of Prophecy

OUR members will have noticed that the Voice of Prophecy programme is now being broadcast at 4 p.m. on Tuesday instead of 4.15 p.m. This is due to re-arrangements at Luxemburg because of the ending of summer time.

Pastor E. B. Rudge and I visited Paris and Luxemburg last month to discuss our future plans with Mr. L. Merlin, the president of Radio Luxemburg. It is proposed that in April of 1950 we should broadcast in the late evening. We are planning at that time to put on two fifteen minute programmes to replace the present thirty-minute one from Los Angeles. Further details will be announced as plans mature.

To advertise the new time and stimulate enrolment in our Bible Correspondence School, we have printed a new, attractive two-colour enrolment card (postcard size). We urge every worker and member to use these cards freely throughout the winter months when Bible study is more congenial during the long, dark evenings. We wish to see our total enrolment leap from 21,000 to 30,000 before the end of the year. You can help—will you? Let us apply the slogan—"EACH ONE—REACH ONE."

Here are excerpts from letters received during the past few weeks:

"I feel convinced now that God's Sabbath is Saturday, and I intend to keep that day holy. It is a great joy to me to know I can study God's Word through

By J. A. McMILLAN
Radio Secretary

the Voice of Prophecy Correspondence Course. . . . I pray for the broadcast message that it may be the means of many coming to know Christ as their Saviour, as I have done."—London.

"This week I have been very fortunate in receiving ten shillings as a present . . . so I gladly send it on to you to help you carry on your good work."—Sussex.

"I feel I must add a word of appreciation for your kindness in forwarding the lessons, which I find so very interesting, revealing, and most helpful toward a better understanding and knowledge of God's Word."—Scotland.

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Subjects:

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November 22nd

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November 29th

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Excellent reports reach us of the progress of the Voice of Prophecy schools in other lands. South Africa receives 1,000 new names each week, India has 100 new students each week. These are mainly from non-Christians, and thousands of them are accepting Jesus as their Saviour through this course. Their total enrolment is 55,246.

From Australia comes word of encouraging progress. The president of the Greater Sydney Conference reports that about half of the ninety souls baptized there this year were Voice of Prophecy students. It is interesting to note that our radio enrolments are about equal to theirs despite their advantage in using forty-nine local stations as against our one continental station.

Our radio work now covers most parts of the globe, using about 850 transmitting stations to bring Christ to the millions. We were deeply impressed at Luxemburg when we learned that from

the same studio where "Lord Haw-Haw" used to broadcast his hate against Britain, the message of Christ's love is being sent forth by the Voice of Prophecy for an hour and fifteen minutes every week in four languages.

Pastor A. J. Mustard reports that some eighty-one have enrolled in the special course for Catholics in Eire. May the Lord mightily bless this new avenue of approach in this difficult field, that it may break through the encrusted prejudices of the people, leading many to the Saviour.

Brethren and sisters, support this growing work by enlisting new students, by giving of your means to sustain its many activities, and by praying for God's blessing on all its interests.

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President's Notes

SEVERAL days in October were spent in the West Country. The Sabbath was a Day of Fellowship enjoyed by the Cornish believers. It was very encouraging to see our Brother Jolliffe at the services for the first time after his very serious illness, but we missed the happy faces of the twins of Brother and Sister Sanders. They however, are happily situated at our College preparing for greater service. We admire their parents' sacrifice, for it has put a much greater strain on their farm life. The Lord will provide and reward.

Pastor and Mrs. V. Benefield are becoming settled in their work, and in the heart of the believers there. A new Bible School is being started by them on the plan evolved by Pastor Shuler of America. Already forty people have been enrolled and by means of advertising and house-to-house visits our brother hopes for three or four hundred names by the end of the year. He hopes to com-

mence two small efforts in the vicinity early next year. I felt a solid foundation was being laid by our sincere workers there.

On Sunday a visit was made to Plymouth where Pastor G. M. Hyde has launched out in a campaign. Halls' could only be obtained in this much blitzed city for a matter of weeks. During this time every effort was made to gather names and addresses before the transfer was made to our own school hall. The attendance was good and to-day there are 140 people being visited as a result of the interest aroused. We are most happy to report that in her advancing years Sister M. E. Brookes (so loved as a successful worker in the past) is there assisting in the work, and we hope and believe a good number will be added to the church as a result of this campaign. The Plymouth members are happy and united in this endeavour.

HASTINGS

A VISIT was made on October 31st for the third meeting at this seaside town. The campaign is being conducted in the Pier Hall where a similar effort was made two years ago by the same evangelist, Pastor D. A. Conroy. An interesting and satisfactory observation is that the attendance has been considerably better this year than before. Other evangelists have had the same experience which tends to show that territory can be successfully evangelized by the same leader in successive years if the subjects are presented in a virile, up-to-date way, illustrated by different and arresting visual aids.

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my visit was Daniel two. Instead of the "movie" film "stills" were used with rear projection. The lights were raised twice in the address when the speaker wished to emphasize his point and make an appeal. It was quite effective and the people's interest was held. There were a good 500 present. Miss E. Donaldson, Miss V. Howard, and Mr. D. Hall form the team here.

LEWISHAM

ON November 2nd a visit was made to Pastor T. J. Bradley's mid-week meeting. It was a very foggy night. Nevertheless about fifty non-members were there to hear a good Bible study on the important truths of faith, grace, and obedience. Misses K. Mahon, C. Richards, and Mr. W. H. Frazer form the team in this campaign.

NEW WORKER

WE are pleased to report that Brother A. J. Timothy has been able to obtain rooms in High Wycombe and is now superintending his removal from Scotland to the above town where he will care for the church in that district. We have been assured that the members there are very pleased at the prospect of having a resident minister in their midst. We wish Brother and Sister Timothy every joy and success as they are about to take up their abode in this conference.

May the good spirit in our conference for the saving of souls continue and may greater success attend our united efforts.

W. W. ARMSTRONG.



Ipswich Harvest Festival

A GOOD number assembled for the celebration of this joyous occasion on Sabbath, October 15th. With a family from near Leiston, a German sister from Grundisburg, and a lady recently come to Woodbridge from Croydon, we could see the hand of the Lord placing "jets of light" in the outlying districts.

Preceding the service the German young lady from Sternberg was received into the membership of the church and was

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immediately useful in translating a letter of thanks from Germany for a parcel of clothing, which, being written in German, had remained untranslated since August last.

Sister Smythe rendered the solo, "A sower went forth sowing," being accompanied on the organ by Robin Riches.

Surrounded by the usual tokens of God's goodness in a display of fruit and vegetables, suitably arranged, the preacher was once again Brother A. G. Tapping. Verse seven of Galatians six was the basis of a thoughtful sermon emphasizing the eventual reaping by the Advent people of a great harvest of souls as a result of the sowing of the past hundred years. The 144,000 were the first-fruits. Three principal thoughts were enlarged upon: that life is a preparation for the future; that our earthly life is but a short period, moving on to the harvest; and that the law of the harvest is that like produces like.

There is an exact correspondence between the seed and the harvest. "Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?" We reap the reward of our deeds. We therefore need patience to sow to the Spirit.

This inspiring address should live in the minds of all who heard it. In the evening the goods were sold in aid of the church funds.

May none of us grow weary in well doing is our prayer.

A. B. CHEESBROUGH.



Norwich's New Campaign Begins

SAME day! Same time! Same place! That is the Stuart Hall, Norwich, every Tuesday evening.

How many would the announcement bring? This thought kept crowding into our minds as we

Correction

IN the report of the baptism at Southend in the last issue of the MESSENGER, the date was inadvertently given as August 22nd. It should have been October 22nd

LOIS L. LANE.

awaited our campaign day! But need we have feared? How little our faith!

By 7.30 p.m. our hall, so tastefully set out with flowers, was packed, and as our Ladies Choir, dressed neatly in white blouses with black bows and skirts, walked onto the platform, a hush of expectancy fell over our audience.

Soon the lovely words of, "There is a place of quiet rest," rang through the hall. Our meeting had started!

An interesting movie film and inspiring address held the attention of all until 9 p.m. Two beautiful solos were given by Sister Watson and we would like to thank her and all those who helped to make this evening such a great success. It gave us all a great thrill to hear those 250 voices unite as we sang our closing hymn.

Happily, and yet reluctantly, we left our seats. Our meeting had ended. We thank God for this successful start and ask for the prayers of all the MESSENGER family that many souls may yet be won for Christ in this city of ours.

MRS. TAYLOR.

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President's Notes

A NUMBER of efforts have commenced in the North England Conference. Pastor E. E. Craven, assisted by Miss E. E. Cleary and Brother F. Wood, is working in Liverpool and reports an attendance of 219 at his third meeting.

PASTOR J. P. WEST, assisted by Brother P. E. M. Beach, is running a campaign in West Bromwich, and had an attendance of 260 at his fourth meeting. He reports having received sixty-three names.

PASTOR B. F. KINMAN, assisted by Brother K. H. Rosier, Miss A. F. Clarke and Miss A. Trafford, is holding a campaign in Bram-

ley, Leeds. His second meeting was attended by 250 non-members.

PASTOR K. A. ELIAS, assisted by Brother D. Mustow and Miss H. M. Ford, is running a second effort in Bolton in the same hall as used last year, and reports 100 non-members attending his opening meeting.

PASTOR D. J. HANDYSIDES, assisted by Miss E. Wroe and Sister D. J. Handysides, part-time, is running his second effort in Hanley. At his second meeting he had a non-member attendance of 392; 150 names have been received.

PASTOR F. EDWARDS, assisted by Miss E. Hanna, is holding an effort in our own church building at Handsworth, Birmingham, with a non-member attendance of thirty.

A BAPTISM was held in the Leeds church on October 29th. Five were added to the membership at Halifax, and one to Keighley. They are the result of the work of Pastor John Handysides and Miss J. Mitchell. Another was added at York, the result of a Voice of Prophecy contact.

THREE were baptized at Nottingham on October 22nd as the result of the Voice of Prophecy school, and studies by Brother L. Shaw and Brother P. Binks.

BROTHER D. MUSTOW is to take charge of our work in Carlisle, and Brother R. M. A. Smart will assist Brother Elias in Bolton.

O. M. DORLAND.

LEICESTER YOUTH RALLY SABBATH, NOVEMBER 26th

LEICESTER youth invite the young people from Coventry, Birmingham, Nottingham, Derby, Northampton, Kettering, and Rugby to the Forresters Hall, High Street, Leicester.

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Manchester Home Missionary Convention

"AREN'T you glad you are an Adventist?" demanded one sister of another after the closing meeting of our Home Missionary Convention at Manchester. All who attended would certainly answer with a hearty "Yes" and "Amen."

It was one Friday night that the convention opened in the Parkfield Street church and Pastor J. A. McMillan gave the opening address. His theme was developed from three words in Joel, the second chapter: "Now," "Then," and "Afterwards."

We need at times, he suggested, to forget the past and future and think of the present "now." The times in which we live are peculiar times, times of crises, of moral degeneracy. In fact we might say that it is a wholly secular age. We have the message and it is the remedy for the situation. That message is, "Turn ye to Me, saith the Lord." It is not a new set of doctrines we need, but a "quickening of spiritual life." Then the Lord could work for us and through us. But we must prepare the way, for too long have we "limited the Holy One of Israel" by our lack of consecration. "Afterwards" the Spirit of God will be poured out in copious measure.

A call to whole-hearted consecration was made and a number prayed in a season of prayer.

Brother E. Halstead, our local Sabbath-school superintendent, was unable to be with us, so Pastor E. R. Warland took charge of the Sabbath-school and gave the missions appeal. Brother A. W. Lethbridge presented the lesson from the desk in an unusual and interesting way.

Pastor McMillan was the speaker at the devotional service. Through his address we saw the "excellencies of Christ."

God, through Isaiah tells us to "Behold My Servant." Pastor McMillan told us when he used to use a copy book at day school he found that as he descended the page his writing deteriorated because instead of keeping his eye on the copy, he copied his own writing. Even so we must keep

our eyes on Jesus, not on our fellow-members.

The speaker found three characteristics of Jesus in the chapter. He saw Jesus as modest; He did not suffer from "I-strain," but accomplished His task by patient, prayerful, persevering effort. He was courteous, that is patient with the erring ones, and able to see the other man's point of view. By this method he restored self-respect. He discerned infinite possibilities even in the most sinful. The address concluded by presenting to us the tenacity of Jesus. "Having loved His own . . . He loved them unto the end." Although all seems failure, He will not fail nor be discouraged.

"God's plan for our witnessing" was the topic of Pastor Warland's address in the afternoon. He showed us that Israel to-day can learn lessons from Israel of old. From Deuteronomy 20:1, he showed that Israel were not to fear an enemy with superior equipment and numbers, for God was with them. Victory came by co-operation within their own ranks and with God. They made captains over companies and any who could not enter wholeheartedly into battle remained behind. They were not to fight until they had made peaceful overtures to the enemy. (Verse 10.) The Lord is with this movement and it will succeed if we co-operate with each other and with Him.

The next hour lived up to its title, "Inspirational H o u r ." Three friends, including a Jamaican brother, showed their faith in home missionary work by telling their experiences. This was immediately followed by a discussion group made up of ministers and laymen asking and answering questions on home missionary work. This was under the chairmanship of Pastor McMillan.

Enjoyment and inspiration were evidenced by the interest with which the whole congregation watched the film on the "Voice of Prophecy." To bring a well-filled and happy day to its close a well-chosen item was given. Brethren Munson, Elias, and Butters told thrilling stories of their work with Voice of Prophecy students. It was on the way home after this service that

the opening question was asked. Not only had we had a spiritual feast, but it would be remiss to neglect to mention how the children had been cared for by our local sisters and Pastor Warland, and how the deaconesses had provided both hot and cold drinks during the intervals between the services.

E. A. BUTTERS.

Northern Ireland Mission

Larne

THE Larne company now meet in the Victoria Orange Hall, Curran Street. Sabbath-school, 3 p.m. A real Irish welcome to all visitors.

J. MACKEEVER.

Until the Day Break

GREENWOOD—It is with regret that the Rochdale church announces the loss of its oldest member, Mrs. Emily Greenwood, who was called to rest on September 20, 1949, a few weeks before her ninety-third birthday. She accepted the message under the ministry of Pastor W. J. Cannon, who conducted cottage meetings in the home of Mrs. Thorp of Todmorden in 1940, and later she became a member of the Rochdale church. She expressed her thankfulness to God for allowing her to live to hear and accept the Gospel message for these days. Her only income was the old-age pension, from which she paid a faithful tithe until the end. She rests in the blessed hope of the first resurrection.

E. BENNETT, Church Clerk.

KERSHAW.—It is with deep regret that we record the death on October 24, 1949, of Sister Kershaw at the age of seventy-four years, after a very brief illness. She was a faithful member and will be sadly missed by the members of the Exeter church. Sister Kershaw accepted the Advent message in 1942 under the ministry of Pastor R. H. Bainbridge. She was laid to rest in the presence of many members and friends in the Higher Cemetery, where she awaits the Master's call. The funeral service was conducted by Pastor P. Cummings.

F. A. POPE,
Church Clerk.

LEIGH.—The Stretford church has sustained a great loss in the death of Mrs. Leigh on October 17, 1949, in her seventieth year, after a prolonged illness, patiently borne. Our sister joined the Advent church through the ministry of Pastor S. G. Hyde in 1935. She served the church very faithfully in the capacity of deaconess and Sabbath-school secretary, until failing health prevented her. We all miss her cheery smile, but sorrow not as those who have no hope, looking forward to meeting her again at the resurrection, which is not very far distant. Pastor J. Bell officiated at the funeral service, speaking words of comfort to the sorrowing relatives.

M. THOMSON,
Church Clerk.

Granose

News

BELIEVING that the restaurant work is an effective means of promoting our health principles, the first "Granose" Vegetarian Cafeteria was opened just twelve months ago in Edinburgh, the world-renowned city of medical education.

Good success attended our efforts right from the start, although quite often the staff problem has driven us to seek God earnestly for a solution, and He has never failed us.

Every mid-day sees our Cafeteria literally besieged by good-class residents, business people, and medical students. For almost two hours our staff and facilities are taxed to the limit, but the constant stream of people moves along steadily, for it now only

takes twenty-four seconds to serve a three-course meal.

To see the same faces day after day is indeed a good testimonial, especially as many of the patrons have been coming regularly right from the very first week. Few indeed are vegetarians, but they all thoroughly enjoy our food. Quite a number have become health-conscious and now visit our adjoining health food shop frequently.

The biggest thrill of all, however, comes from seeing our patrons reading *Signs of the Times* and *Present Truth*, which they take from the six literature racks in the dining hall. Some look forward eagerly to each new issue and ask for a copy to take home to their friends.

Brethren and sisters, a good work has begun. Please pray that

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THE treasurer of the South England Conference acknowledges with thanks the receipt of £4 tithe and offerings from "E.W."

God will water the seed sown, and that He will make this institution to be a real entering wedge for the truth to reach the many honest-hearted people here.

H. BENWELL.



Appreciations of the late Pastor Gilbert Lewis

KEEN, alert, loyal hearted, and true was our brother Gilbert. A missionary of the first order. In his twenty years' service in Africa he gave of his very best. It was a privilege to be associated with him. His zeal inspired his African workers to great achievements. There exists no brighter field in Africa to-day than what is found in the Kisii hills of Kenya. Gilbert did a noble work there. Far beyond what others have done, he gave that tribe the New Testament in their own tongue. To add his achievements in Uganda and the North Bantu field of South Africa but increases the glow on his crown of life. His name in Africa will never die. Truly a prince in Israel has fallen, but

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S. G. MAXWELL.



PASTOR GEORGE GILBERT ALBERT LEWIS was born in Cardiff, South Wales, on February 1, 1907. He was brought up in the Advent message and in 1921 went to Stanborough College, Watford, to train for the ministry, graduating in the year 1927.

After labouring for two years in England, he married Miss Constance Langford, and together they set sail for East Africa to give their lives in mission service for the Master. He was superintendent of the Kisii Mission for fourteen years and knew the

language of the people perhaps better than any other living European. It was during that period that he left an enduring memorial to his work in the translation of the New Testament into the Kisii vernacular. This has since been printed and published by the British and Foreign Bible Society and the lives of thousands are being touched by his work. In the year 1936 he was ordained to the Gospel ministry.

Pastor Lewis was called to head up the work in Uganda in 1942 and during the four years of his leadership there, he saw the membership in that Protectorate reach almost the thousand mark.

In 1947 he accepted a call to the presidency of the North Bantu Mission with headquarters in

Johannesburg, South Africa. After spending some months at the Theological Seminary in Washington, U.S.A., he and his family arrived in Johannesburg in May, 1948. During the past eighteen months he did not spare himself and visited nearly every section of the field, notwithstanding the fact that he was a sick man. His untimely passing came as a severe blow to his loved ones and his fellow workers in the cause of God.

Although it is true that "his sun is gone down while it was yet day," it is also true that there is a new day dawning soon, when he will hear the call of the Life-giver on the morning of the resurrection.

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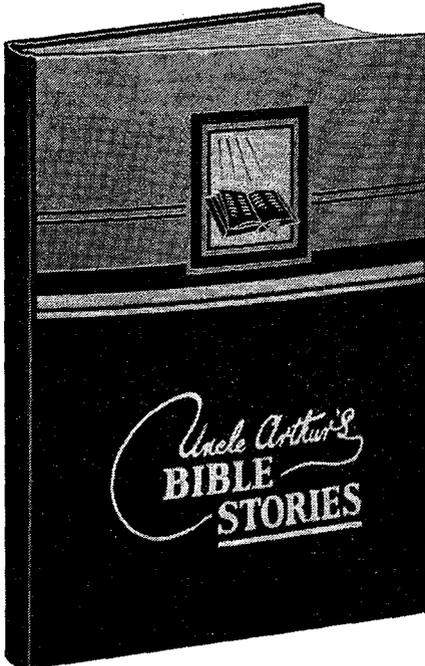
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Pastor Gilbert Lewis

PASTOR GEORGE GILBERT ALBERT LEWIS, only son of Mrs. and the late Mr. A. Lewis of Cardiff, died at Johannesburg, South Africa, on Sabbath, October 8, 1949, at the early age of forty-two. Eighteen months previously the dread disease, leukæmia, had been diagnosed and immediately the brethren saw to it that all that was humanly possible by the way of medical and nursing skill (including, during the last weeks, that of Sister Gwen Nickels of The Stanboroughs) was provided. When medical science admitted inability to do more, then Gilbert and Connie, his wife, along with hundreds of others sought divine intervention. And when it was made apparent that Gilbert's life's mission had been completed, he courageously met the new situation and with cheerfulness and calmness encouraged his dear wife to meet the greatest crisis of their lives. Only the Sabbath before his death, Gilbert requested to be taken to the Youth Congress attended by Elder Dunbar some miles out of the city, and there, upon a stretcher, he enjoyed his last opportunity of sharing the fellowship of the Lord's people.

It was on Tuesday, October 11th, that they laid Gilbert to rest in an African grave until the great day of resurrection. Pastor Matthew Murdoch (by request of Gilbert two months before his death) conducted the impressive service before nearly 500 mourners. Two hundred natives formed a guard of honour and six ordained ministers served as bearers. Pastor W. E. Read, representing the General Conference, and Pastor J. I. Robison, representing the Division, participated in the service. A large number of ministers, including Pastors E. D. Hanson and C. H. Mackett from the South African Union Conference, Pastor J. Van de Merwe from the Natal-Transvaal Conference, and Pastor G. S. Stevenson from the Sentinel Publishing Company, travelled to do honour to yet another of the many Adventist missionaries who have laid down their lives in

service, and for whom is reserved "a crown of righteousness."

Here in Britain, a large circle of workers and members will mourn the passing of a friend and colleague. Pastor Lewis hailed from the Welsh division of our British field, where his aged mother, now well over eighty years of age and his sister Grace, are active members of the Cardiff church. This dear mother had carried Gilbert, as a baby, to the Mountain Ash Sabbath-school and had inculcated in him those ideals that eventually led him to the mission field. Graduating from College at the early age of twenty, he set out for Africa with his young wife at the age of twenty-two, and together they gave twenty years of service.

On Sabbath, October 15th, we conducted a memorial service for Gilbert in the Cardiff church, Pastor J. M. Howard, representing the British Union, sharing this opportunity of expressing sorrow and sympathy.

Even the press gave prominence to the passing of Pastor Lewis, referring to him as an Adventist missionary and one who had made a great contribution to Bible dissemination by his translation of the New Testament into the Kisii tongue which was accepted by the British and Foreign Bible Society.

The prayers of God's people will be offered on behalf of Gilbert's widow, Connie, and the three children, Jennifer (18), John (16), and Marcus (10), that their needs in this affliction may be supplied. The two eldest children are at Helderberg College, S. Africa, preparing to take up the task that their father has laid down. Two other sisters of Gilbert—Lily (Mrs. Bevan) and Doris (Mrs. Nickels)—are left with Grace to support the mother in her great sorrow. May they and we, like this noble missionary hero, prove worthy to join with him in the great gathering of saints and share the blessings of eternal day.

S. G. HYDE.



Thanks

MRS. G. A. LEWIS and family wish, through the medium of the MESSENGER to thank the many friends who have sent letters and telegrams of sympathy in their recent sad loss of husband and father. They are not able to acknowledge each message personally, and so ask their friends to accept this expression of deep appreciation.

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