

# BRITISH ADVENT MESSENGER

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## Stanborough Park's Community Hall

By E. A. WARREN

To celebrate the opening of Stanborough Park's new Community Hall, an inspiring series of meetings was planned, beginning with the formal opening on Monday night, October 24th.

This new hall is the realization of hopes and plans extending back a number of years. It has long been felt that a hall of this kind was vital to the social life of young and old, but many difficulties had first of all to be surmounted.

Indeed, as Pastor E. B. Rudge remarked on the opening night, in these post-war years the acquisition of such a hall as we now have, is nothing short of a miracle.

Over a year ago the young people—some *very* young, and others not so young—began work on the foundations of the hall. In this way voluntary labour equivalent to nearly £1,000 has been supplied.

The hall is of prefabricated aluminium construction with a seating capacity of about 600.

From such an excellent series of meetings it is impossible and undesirable to single out individual programmes for special comment, but Tuesday night's programme was undoubtedly one of the outstanding events of the week.

Photo by S. R. Priestley

Mr. and Mrs. Guildford send their son, Irving, to invite Wm. Miller (Mrs. Guildford's brother) to explain the prophecies to them. (Parts enacted by Dennis Young, Janet Hyde, Norman Gullely, and Annette Wynne.)

This was the School Night and Brother A. J. Woodfield had been very fortunate in borrowing two excellent films, "God of the Atom," and "God of Creation." The first film showed the actual explosion of the atom bombs at Bikini and explained simply something of the structure of the atom.

The second film dealt first with the vastness of the universe and the wonders of the heavens. Then, to illustrate how God's care extends to the more familiar things of nature, we were shown how individual kinds of flowers have their own characteristic way of

opening into bloom. These and other "speeded-up" pictures, including those showing the growth of a bean, were indeed marvellous.

We were all sorry that the Stanborough Male Voice Choir, who were listed on the programme for Wednesday night, could not sing due to the indisposition of Brother I. Owen.

However, an alternative film programme was arranged at short notice. First there was a film depicting a trip through Wales, and the beautiful scenery helped us to understand more fully why Welshmen generally are very proud of their lovely country.

The next film was entitled: "The Great Mr. Handel," and





Photo by S. R. Priestley  
 Hiram Edson (Pastor R. D. Vine) receives the light on the sanctuary question while walking with a friend (R. W. Luxton).

whenever we hear any of that composer's music again it will take on a new meaning. Especially touching were the scenes showing the composer at work on his immortal "Messiah."

The Hydro, the Granose, and the Press were all represented in Thursday night's programme. We were both entertained and amused; and also impressed with the talent to be found here on Stanborough Park.

The week-end meetings were all held in the new hall, and at these services our minds were directed back to the early days of our movement.

For instance, on Friday evening we had depicted William Miller's decision to preach the message. We saw also Hiram Edson and his companion, as, disappointed that Jesus had not come at the expected time, they walked across the cornfield. Then, suddenly, the truth came to Edson; the "sanctuary" was in heaven.

An enjoyable Sabbath-School programme was presented on Sabbath morning, including a solo sung by Mrs. Watson, the review by Pastor R. D. Vine, and the lesson study by Pastor W. L. Emmerson.

Pastor E. B. Rudge preached in the morning service, when

many of the pioneers in the British Isles occupied seats of honour, and at the close of the service several spoke of the great privilege they had enjoyed in their association with this glorious Advent movement through the years. Some of those present had been connected with this denomination for upward of fifty years.

On Sabbath afternoon the story of the pioneers was resumed with some interesting scenes from the story of young Brother Loughborough and Brother Joseph Bates and his wife.

The evening meeting was a replica of an old-time camp meeting,

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and both at this service and during the afternoon meeting we sang again some of the old Advent melodies which so deeply stirred the early believers.

Every movement, said Pastor T. J. Bradley, has its own particular kind of music, and it was not the classical type of hymn that fitted into the Advent movement. There was a typical kind of Advent hymn, which expressed the deep conviction of the hope of the imminent return of Jesus.

To close this thrilling meeting, we joined hands in the traditional camp-meeting style, and sang that old favourite, "What? Never part again? No, never part again!"

On Monday night the final meeting was held in the hall—an inspiring evening of recitation, story, and films.

We here at Stanborough Park are very fortunate in having such a splendid hall at our disposal and we pray that it may be a source of blessing to all in this community, and that it may bind our hearts together in the blessed hope of the soon return of our Lord and Master.

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## South England Conference

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## President's Notes

THE tour of the evangelical campaigns continues, bringing encouragement to myself, which I would pass on to all our believers in South England.

### LEWISHAM

ON November 13th, the thirteenth week of the campaign, Pastor T. J. Bradley presented the Sabbath truth in a virile, convincing way to nearly 200 people. The encouraging feature was that upon a call to remain behind for prayer concerning this testing subject, about eighty people responded. There were a number of short earnest prayers, showing

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that minds had been aroused and were anxious for guidance. The next morning a worker's meeting was held when careful consideration was given to the names, followed by sincere prayers for the interests.

#### COLCHESTER

AFTER a number of attempts and some disappointments, a campaign has begun in Colchester. On November 15th, Pastor G. Roper opened up in the Town Hall which was suitably decorated with flowers. Over 300 people came out, in spite of fog, to hear a good message. The valiant Stanborough Male Choir was there giving of its service of song, as was also Mr. A. H. Thompson of Newbold College leading the singing, etc., as he played on the large pipe organ. An excellent programme was arranged and a good percentage of the people signed their names either for literature on the subject presented or for the Bible Correspondence Course provided by the Voice of Prophecy. The church there is much encouraged and wholehearted in the effort. I felt a good beginning had been made.

#### TOOTING, LONDON

BROTHER E. COX started his campaign in the Co-operative Hall on November 17th. It was a late start, but unavoidable as the hall was not available earlier. The night was cold, nevertheless about 100 turned out to hear a good programme and a message on "Recovery or Chaos." The points of his address were emphasized in a recapitulation by a parade of boys and girls holding banners proclaiming the "signs" of to-day. When the speaker asked how many believed from the evidence given that the "end" was near and Christ about to come, a good seventy-five per cent of the people held up their hands. Although the congregation was not large, I felt the speaker had obtained their confidence to a measure. Brother E. Norman ably assisted, and the "Celeste" Male quartette rendered two good items.

"Watch" for further reports on other campaigns in the next issue and "pray" for them all.

W. W. ARMSTRONG.

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### Y Wyddfa

AN amusing struggle with a foreign language is half the pleasure of a holiday abroad. But you do not need to cross the ocean to find a strange language. In the Principality of Wales are folk who do not, and sometimes cannot, speak English.

To a Welshman there's no mystery about the title of this article: he knows it means "The Snowdon," the highest and finest mountain south of the Border—the pinnacle of that magnificent holiday-land, North Wales.

Would you like to see Snowdonia each morning of your holiday, young people of North England? Then come to the 1950 North Missionary Volunteer Camp to be held at Dinas Dinlle, near Caernarvon. The large sloping field we have booked for the camp-site adjoins a pebble and sandy beach offering safe bathing. Nearby is an old Celtic fort and the field also overlooks the Snowdonia Range, so that morning by morning we shall have opportunity to behold the changing moods of Y Wyddfa.

Camp dates and terms will be announced later.

V. H. COOPER.

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### Healing in Hull

ONE of our sisters, aged seventy-seven, awoke one morning, a few weeks ago, to find that the sight of her left eye had gone completely. She felt very distressed and wept and prayed over her affliction. She declared that she had never before felt such real sympathy for the blind.

We tried to encourage her with the thought that the Lord is still able to heal, even though her doctor assured her that the sight had gone, and nothing could be done to help her.

She and her husband prayed much about the matter, and one Sabbath during the evening service, our sister was healed, fully and instantly. She was able to leave off her glasses, which she had worn for over twenty years, and gave testimony in the service to the Lord's healing power.

Her testimony has already been given to many, and we believe, will prove a great blessing.

H. W. McCrow.



### Lincoln Sunday-School

THE Lincoln Sunday-school celebrated its second anniversary on October 2nd. Regular meetings conducted by the youth of the Lincoln church are held each Sunday at 3 p.m. Mr. Leslie Pain, Miss Pamela Pegg, and Miss Valerie Baldwin have seen the school grow from a very humble beginning to an enrolment of over thirty boys and girls, many of whom this year attended the Cayton Bay Camp.

A packed audience, which included eighteen non-Adventist parents, listened intently to an interesting programme of recitations, songs, and poems rendered by the children. An attendance prize was presented to Jacqueline Hacking (forty-four attendances out of a possible forty-eight), Eva Priestly won the general conduct prize, and class prizes were given to Jacqueline Gresham, John Gray, Elizabeth Morely, John Bottwell, and Ann Kay.

Prizes were presented by Pastor V. H. Cooper, youth secretary for the North England Conference.

V. H. COOPER.



### Evangelism in Elvington

WITH new words to that well-known and well loved chorus:

"Roll, roll your burdens away,  
For *Jesus is coming* to take them all!

Roll, roll your burdens away." we began the third of a series of Sunday afternoon outdoor meetings on the old village green of this pleasant district of Elvington, some seven miles outside York.

The Young People's society have based their addresses on Mark 1:15: "The time is ful-



The York young people's evangelistic team at Elvington.

filled, and the kingdom of God is at hand." The people of this village where much literature has been faithfully sown, have requested our message. Although the number of our helpers is but a handful and our voices as one crying in the wilderness, we nevertheless believe that this is a Macedonian call.

Within a stone's throw of our meeting place, exactly three-quarters of a century ago, was laid a stone tablet, the words on which are clear to read and symbolically prophetic: "Now my days are swifter than a post." "So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom." Job 9:25; Psa. 90:12. In the light of the Advent message these words ring true and we request that your prayers may be with us that souls may be won in this place for Him.

YORK Y.P. SOCIETY.

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### President's Notes

THE evangelistic campaigns which commenced in the autumn are developing very favourably. Pastor T. S. Brash reports a steady attendance both on Sunday and

at the mid-week service. In Edinburgh, the effort in the church is attracting a full church each week, and the interest is crystallizing. Pastor K. Lacey has started his "spear-head" work with literature in Dundee, and writes concerning "meeting with a good reception on the second call." The Aberdeen Voice of Prophecy campaign has produced more than 260 names. We congratulate the members of that church for their loyal efforts in searching out souls in the "highways and the hedges" and bringing them into the kingdom.

A YOUTH Rally is to be held in the Glasgow church on December 17th. Pastor E. L. Minchin will be there, and young people, and those who feel young, know what that means! We extend a call to all young people to avail themselves of this grand opportunity for fellowship.

ON the same day the Famine Relief Offering will be received in our gatherings. Remember those in greater need than ourselves!

WE are bound to thank God, brethren, for His blessings during the Week of Prayer. And having dedicated ourselves afresh, let us go forward in the renewed strength we have received from this annual season of refreshing. Our appreciation is also extended to Pastors Rudge, King, and McMillan, and Brother Foster for the channels of blessing they proved during this memorable week.

JOHN H. BAYLISS.

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### President's Notes

IT is with great pleasure that we welcome Brother and Sister Herbert Logan and baby boy to Newport. Already Brother Logan has "discovered" a house and is concentrating all his efforts on preparations for the forthcoming spring campaign which he and the writer plan to conduct in this city. It is a pleasure to see our membership growing in the church and we trust that this will be a continuous state of affairs, not only in Newport but in every church and company in our mission.

#### WEST WALES

BROTHER G. EMM has been with the writer since the autumn of 1946 and immediately his work is finished in Newport he will pass on to West Wales to develop the work in Swansea and the surrounding cities. Within a stone's throw of Swansea there are yet a million people unwarned and unacquainted with the third angel's message. Needless to say, the prospect of a trained evangelist going to West Wales, where for two years Brother Powell and his able committee have worked alone, is bringing considerable encouragement to the membership in Swansea.

#### LITERATURE RALLY IN SWANSEA

ON Friday, Sabbath, and Sunday, December 16th-18th, Pastor E. B. Rudge and Brother A. Lacey, together with the writer, are spending the week-end in Swansea. The occasion is the development of our literature work in West Wales. We trust that all our colporteurs and auxiliaries and any interested in the literature ministry in Cardiff, Barry, Porth, Aberdare, Gelligaer, or even Newport and Caerphilly, will plan to be there. If accommodation is required, please write to Mr. F. E. Powell, 21 Lon-Coed-Brân, Sketty, Swansea.

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## BAPTISMS

It was a great pleasure to conduct a further baptism in Newport recently, when seven dear souls were added to the Advent church. Two of these will increase the Gelligaer membership, two Hereford, one Cardiff, one Barry, and one the new little company in Blackwood. Brethren F. S. Jackson, J. R. Lewis, and J. Freeman have respectively prepared these candidates for baptism.

Our membership will be glad to know that another baptism has been arranged in Rhyl for Friday, December 9th. We are hoping that quite a number of our members from Shotton and Buckley will be present. Any friends who would like to attend and stay overnight for the Sabbath services kindly write to Brother C. D. Watson, 260 Sandy Cove, Rhyl, for particulars and accommodation.

We are planning a further baptism in Newport on December 31st, when the first-fruits of Brother Emm's recent campaign will be baptized. We would be glad to hear from any of our South Wales membership who would like to join us on this happy occasion.

## THE CLOSE OF THE YEAR

We are gratified to see that the tithe and offerings are still advancing and would remind all our members that as we approach the end of the year, we would appreciate very much indeed the same promptness and liberality which has always characterized our faithful Welsh believers.

J. M. HOWARD.

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## Until the Day Break

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HIMSWORTH.—The Parkfield Street church, Manchester, has suffered a sad loss by the passing away of sister Sarah Jane Himsworth, aged seventy-six years. She was baptized by Pastor John Gillatt during his ministry at the Free Trade Hall, Manchester. Since her baptism in July, 1918, she has been a faithful member and a good friend and counsellor to all. During the war she and her husband were evacuated to Wardle, and her influence was felt in the Rochdale company. She returned to Manchester lately and passed away in the home of her daughter, Freda. Pastor O. M. Dorland conducted the funeral service, assisted by Pastor H. Munson. She leaves three daughters to mourn, Sister Irene Himsworth, our Bible instructor, and two sisters, Freda and Mildred, to whom we extend our sincere sympathy. CHURCH CLERK.

CROKER.—We deeply regret to announce the death on September 4, 1949, of Sister Croker of the Gelligaer company. On Wednesday, September 7th, we laid her to rest in the Redwellly churchyard in the certain hope of the soon return of the Saviour to call her from her sleep. The funeral service was conducted by Pastor F. S. Jackson, as-

sisted by the writer. Through various influences in her life our sister accepted the truth and was baptized four years ago. She was ever a faithful member and rejoiced greatly when a campaign was begun in her home town, Blackwood. She deeply regretted that she could only attend a few meetings on account of ill-health, but she always maintained a deep interest in the progress of the work by her prayers and encouraging words. To Mr. Croker and the family we extend our deepest sympathy and would assure them that they sorrow not as those that have no hope. J. FREEMAN.

JACKS.—Mrs. F. M. Jacks, a faithful member of the Nottingham church, fell asleep in Jesus on October 24, 1949, and was laid to rest in the Redhill Cemetery after a service conducted by the writer on October 27th in the presence of sorrowing relatives and friends. Sister Jacks received the truth through the labours of Mrs. F. D. Buckle in the year 1941 and was baptized by Pastor R. S. Joyce. Although a great sufferer for nearly five years she held her faith and confidence steadfast unto the end. God has mercifully given His beloved sleep. She leaves to mourn a husband and a devoted daughter, who rejoiced with her mother in the truth, and faithfully nursed her through her long illness. They are sustained by the hope of the resurrection, and thank the members for their sympathy and floral gift. O. M. DORLAND.

HOSKING.—Brother Stanley J. Hosking passed away peacefully in his sleep in the Kettering General Hospital on October 10, 1949. He was seventy-four years of age. For some years he had been crippled with arthritis and was unable to walk. Sugar diabetes hastened his end, which came quite suddenly. It was close on forty-eight years ago, when in 1902 he was baptized into the remnant church by Elder E. E. Andross. We shall all miss Brother Hosking in the Kettering church, where even in his later years, seated in his wheel chair, he quite regularly worshipped. Pastor O. M. Dorland, and the writer laid our

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brother to rest on October 13th in the Kettering Cemetery. A large representation of the churchmembers gathered to pay their last respects. There Brother Hosking awaits the coming of the Life-giver. He is safely and mercifully hidden from the evil to come. The blessed hope has become a very real one to Sister Hosking who, as her husband did, loves the truth. Our sympathy is extended to her and to Brother Hosking's children, Raymond, Muriel, Edric, and Daphne, who are known to many of the Advent family. "Even so, come, Lord Jesus." T. H. FIELDING.

JOHNS.—The Wood Green church regrets to announce the loss of yet another dear member, Sister Johns, who passed away on October 3, 1949. She had been very ill several times in recent years and was again stricken suddenly while staying with her daughter at Epping. From this illness she did not recover. From there she was brought to Wood Green church, where the funeral service was conducted by Pastor G. Bell after which she was laid to rest in a cemetery at Epping to await the Saviour's call. Sister Johns, who was seventy-eight years of age, had been in the truth for forty years, having been baptized with her husband by Pastor H. Armstrong at Aberbargoed, South Wales. She was a real old soldier for the truth, and always advised people to read Matthew twenty-four. We, with her family, look forward to the day when we will see her again.  
IRENE GEORGE,  
Church Clerk.

COLLINS.—On September 30, 1949, Mrs. C. Collins passed to her rest in her sixty-ninth year, after a long illness, patiently borne. Sister Collins accepted the truth through the ministry of Pastor F. J. Wilmshurst, and was baptized in the Southend church on October 6, 1940. Although unable to meet with us for some time, owing to ill-health, she was a faithful member and believed the promises of God. The funeral service was conducted by Pastor L. E. A. Lane, and our sister was laid to rest in the peaceful cemetery at Thundersley on Thursday, October 6, 1949. Our deepest sympathies are extended to her loved ones and friends.  
CHURCH CLERK.

ELLIS.—On November 8, 1949, Brother John Ellis passed away, after a brief illness at the ripe old age of eighty-three years. He was a professor of music, and had played at most of the churches in the city of Hull during his long life. For a number of years, he was a familiar figure in our own church, where his talent was devoted to the service of the Lord. After a service in our own church, we laid him to rest, on Armistice day, in the Western Cemetery. We believe that the time is not far distant when "the dead shall hear His voice, and shall come forth," and then, we believe, our brother will come forth, with all the saints of God to "possess the kingdom." Words of comfort were spoken to the mourners from Job 5:26 and 1 Corinthians 15.  
HAROLD W. McCROW.

### Thanks

Mrs. A. LEWIS wishes to thank all who have written expressing kind thoughts and sympathy since the passing away of her son, Pastor Gilbert Lewis. Her daughters Grace, Lily (Mrs. S. Bevan), and Doris (Mrs. Nickels) would like also to associate themselves with this message.

MISS IRENE HIMSWORTH desires to thank all who have sent messages of sympathy since the passing away of her mother.

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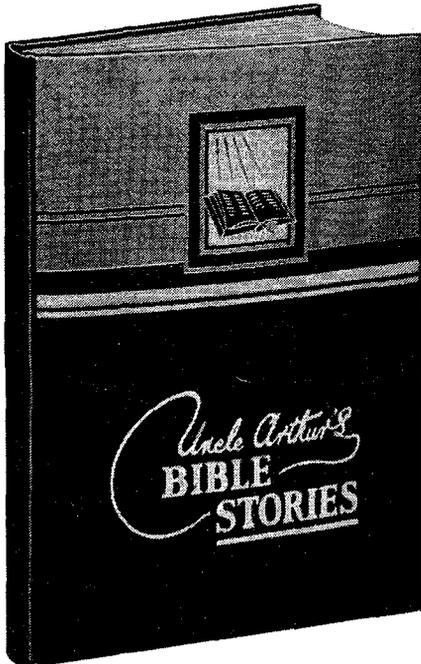
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IN a recent issue of the MESSENGER congratulatory mention was made of two of our young men graduating from La Sierra College, California. We are now glad to add to that mention, the name of Miss Ina Jean Hopson, formerly of the Ealing church. Miss Hopson has graduated with a B.A. Degree in Religion and Home Economics. We know that many friends will be pleased to read this news and, in spirit at least, join in this word of congratulation.

Recent word from Brother and Sister Hopson, the parents of Ina, indicates that the "Hopson family" are happily settled in their new surroundings. They send greetings to all old friends in the homeland.

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