

BRITISH ADVENT

MESSENGER

CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

“PRESS TOGETHER”

“AND when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. . . . And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost.” Acts 2:1, 4.

God has promised that “ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto Me.”

Without doubt the fulfilment of this promise of the Father is our greatest individual need, that we may resist every temptation to evil, and as a church, that we may be witnesses of Him and His truth. Evidently to be of one accord and fully surrendered for His working are necessary prerequisites to the receiving of a large measure of the Spirit of God.

“Not until after the ascension was the gift received in its fullness. Not until through faith and prayer the disciples had surrendered themselves fully for His working, was the outpouring of the Spirit received.

“The promise of the Spirit is not appreciated as it should be. Its fulfilment is not realized as it might be. It is the absence of the Spirit that makes the Gospel ministry so powerless. Learning, talents, eloquence, every natural or acquired endowment, may be possessed; but without the presence of the Spirit of God, no heart will be touched, no sinner be won to Christ. On the other hand, if they are connected with Christ, if the gifts of the Spirit are theirs, the poorest and most ignorant of His disciples will have a power that will tell upon hearts. God

By O. M. DORLAND

makes them the channel for the outworking of the highest influence in the universe.”—“*Christ's Object Lessons*,” pages 327, 328.

The presence of the Spirit with God's workers will give the proclamation of the truth a power that not all the honour or glory of the world can give.

“If we would humble ourselves before God, and be kind and courteous and tender-hearted and pitiful, there would be one hundred conversions to the truth where now there is only one. But, though professing to be converted, we carry around with us a bundle of self that we regard as altogether too precious to be given

up. It is our privilege to lay this burden at the feet of Christ, and in its place take the character and similitude of Christ. The Saviour is waiting for us to do this.”—“*Testimonies*,” Vol. 9, pages 189, 190.

“All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way.” We do like to have our own way, and we usually think our way is best. The Holy Spirit will dwell only in the surrendered heart that has chosen God's way.

We must make preparation to meet Jesus. The events of the last days are fulfilling before our eyes. Soon we shall enter into the time of trouble spoken of by the prophet Daniel, and must prepare to meet God without a Mediator.

“The only hope for us if we would overcome is to unite our will to God's will, and work in co-operation with Him, hour by hour, and day by day. We cannot retain self, and yet enter the kingdom of God. If we ever attain unto holiness, it will be through the renunciation of self, and the reception of the mind of Christ. Pride and self-sufficiency must be crucified. Are we willing to pay the price required of us? Are we willing to have our will brought into *perfect conformity* to the will of God? Until we are willing, the transforming grace of God cannot be manifest upon us.”—“*The Mount of Blessing*,” pages 205, 206.

Perfect conformity means to conform to the will of God as revealed to us not only in the big things, such as the observance of

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the Sabbath, but also in the little things.

God will not exclude us from the kingdom of glory or withhold the benefits of His grace from us because we do this or refuse to do that, but because we refuse to surrender the will and allow it to be brought into perfect conformity with His will. It was not the fruit, but the act of disobedience, that brought sin and death into our world with all its woes.

Let us, before the year grows older, determine by God's grace we will be found in perfect conformity to His will. Let us "press together, press together, press together."—"Testimonies to Ministers," page 56.

"Gather yourselves together, yea, gather together, O nation not desired; before the decree bring forth," as stated in Revelation 22: 11: "He that is unjust let him be unjust still: . . . and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still."

GLIMPSES OF INDIA

By A. W. HOWARD

MORE than eight months have passed since a small family stood by the steamer's rail watching the widening gap separating them from a Merseyside pier. Slowly it widened—widened. "Attention, all passengers!"—a loud-speaker above our heads startled us, dispelling instantly a certain "numbness" that had stealthily crept over us. Soon we were being marshalled for boat drill, and the adventure had begun!

These months have been packed with much interest, many surprises, and "journeyings often." We have been privileged to visit several parts of India and have met here and there some of the faithful workers who form but a comparative handful in this benighted land, this "Gibraltar of heathenism," as it has rightly been called.

Here (in India and Pakistan) dwells one-fifth of the world's population, over 400,000,000 human souls, around the vast majority of whom Satan has skillfully woven his net. It is a strong net. Yet it is being broken with increasing frequency, and men and women are tasting the redeeming

"Before the day pass as the chaff." The apostle Paul speaks of this day in 2 Corinthians 6:2: "Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation."

"Before the fierce anger of the Lord come upon you, before the day of the Lord's anger come upon you." This day was witnessed by the apostle John in Revelation 15:1, where he says: "I saw . . . seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God." "For the great day of His wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?" Rev. 6:17.

"Seek ye the Lord, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought His judgments; seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the Lord's anger." Zeph. 2:3.

Let us through faith and prayer surrender ourselves fully for His working, that we may receive the latter rain.

love of Christ. As in other countries, however, not all the ensnared disclaim His name. While perhaps 98 per cent of the inhabitants are mainly Hindus, Moslems, or Buddhists, except for tribal peoples in raw heathenism, of the remaining two per cent Rome claims a great proportion as her adherents. Only a few doors from our mission in Calcutta stands a Jesuit institution, the influence of which spreads far and wide throughout the sub-continent.

Against this great satanic array, we of the Advent movement muster our slender forces, "but with us is the Lord our God to help us" and our cause must triumph. We of the publishing department are seeking to take advantage of a big forward step recently taken in the launching of a monthly magazine in Hindi, voted to become the official language of India. This move promises to bring some aspects of the message before a large section hitherto unreached. Once again, however, an insufficiency of workers qualified and free to handle this publication in the initial stages is the

chief drawback. Numerous and promising Voice of Prophecy interests await much-needed contact by reason of the same scarcity.

Three months ago, in company with two other missionaries, I trekked for some days deep into the Himalayan foothills, reaching at one time an elevation of 10,000 feet. This is a country of alternating deep forests and barren, blistering slopes, of the black bear and the stately sambur, of quaint villages and sturdy, friendly people, a country whence one views the eternally snow-capped mountains, rearing their heads in magnificent profusion, many of them far back in closed Tibet. Or, is it closed? For near its borders at this moment Doctor Dunn and family await permission to cross those mountain passes and establish medical work in Lhasa, the capital. If this miracle happens, we shall be the first missionary body to gain a footing in that heathen stronghold! Pray then, friends, for the miracle.

As we tramped through these villages and sometimes talked with the hard-working hill folk at their doors or in the terraced paddy fields, it was cause for sober reflection that we have not yet begun to reach these people. We talked about it as we lay on our backs in camp that night. Up there thousands die without a hope of medical attention and we have not one dispensary among them as yet, NOT ONE!

But the latter need comes even closer home. Right here on the mission at Karmatar we should have a dispensary. A few weeks ago my wife brought in one sufferer. The trouble? A hideous five-inch tropical ulcer on the right leg. Walking was difficult and extremely painful, but treatment is yielding results; the rotting flesh has gone. Now others come with their various ailments, and the need for a worker with medical training is apparent. But where is the man, or the money? Yes, "More men and more money"—that is the cry of our work in Southern Asia to-day.

In this Union our medical secretary, Dr. R. V. Shearer, battles with the problem, a most exasperating one at times, of hospital erection in Ranchi. There pros-

pects are bright, but shortages of materials hinder the work. The doctor is stout-hearted and pushes on. At Falakata in North Bengal our new Union High School is being built. Over a year ago the way opened for the purchase of an excellent site and now for nine months Pastor M. G. Champion and his wife have been living in tents (not quite comfortable in monsoon weather!) while superintending the building operations, running a school of eighty students in temporary structures of grass, and seeking to get some hundreds of acres into production!

God willing, we hope to visit Falakata in March for the Student-Colporteur Institute. This will be the fourth institute we will have attended since our arrival in India last May. One other was held at Vincent Hill College, where Brother W. C. Mackett, well known to many folk at home, is principal. Another for the promotion of our new Hindi journal convened right here at Karmatar, while a third was held at our Assam Training School for the benefit of the students there. The rough and hilly ride of thirty-four miles by jeep out from Shil-long to Jowai where the school is situated is quite exciting. The warm welcome awaiting a visitor, however, amply compensates for the hair-raising trip. Here we have a fine group of young people from among the Khasi and Lushai hill tribes. Yes, and even a Naga, too, straight from the land of the head-hunters! A good reception is accorded the Gospel messenger in these hills where the boom of Japanese guns could be heard a few years ago. Calls for help are frequent, and Brother Lowry and family have just been moved to Aijal to care for the work in North Lushai territory. God grant him a fruitful service there.

As you dip into your pockets this quarter, dear Sabbath-school members, remember the vast needs of Southern Asia. Make your offerings liberal and your prayers frequent for the work there, and those who labour against such odds. To all our friends at home we as a family send hearty greetings. May the Lord bless you and prosper the work in dear old England.

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Union Notes

General Conference President's Visit

ALL our churchmembers, particularly those in the London area, will be interested to know that Elder J. L. McElhany, accompanied by Elder E. D. Dick and several other General Conference representatives, plans to visit the British Isles in the month of March.

These brethren are coming primarily for a meeting of counsel concerning some problems affecting the work in the British Isles, Northern Europe, and West Africa. While they are here, it is planned to hold a special meeting for our membership in the Holloway Baptist church on Sabbath, March 18th. Elder McElhany, the General Conference president, will conduct the morning service, and Elder E. D. Dick, the General Conference secretary, will take charge of the meeting in the afternoon at 3 p.m.

At both these services we expect to have the help of our Watford choirs, and believe that all who attend can be assured of a very interesting and profitable Sabbath day.

We invite the prayers of our people for the guidance of God upon all that must be considered during the few days the brethren will spend in council, commencing on March 20th.

E. B. RUDGE.

Advent Medical Fellowship

Have You Joined?

A FEW months ago the foundation of this Fellowship was sponsored by the Union Conference Executive. Briefly, its purposes are:

(a) To promote fellowship among those already engaged in medical work, including ancillary services, and to foster the spirit of missionary service in its members.

(b) To advise and encourage those studying or intending to

study, for any line of medical work.

A very helpful general meeting was held last summer, and another was reported in the last issue of the MESSENGER.

We are very desirous of getting to know all who are either studying, or hope to study, to become doctors, nurses, radiographers, or physiotherapists in any branch. Lest this announcement should not reach any such direct, we would ask leaders of all our churches and companies to cooperate with us in bringing it to their attention. Our purpose in this is that we may advise those concerned as to courses and places of study. There are many problems which our students encounter, and if any need advice on such matters, we are anxious to help.

Those planning to become doctors should write to Dr. A. H. Williams, The Stanboroughs Hydro, Watford, Herts.

Nurses and those who are hoping to qualify in this important work should write to Miss D. M. Watts, S.R.N., The Stanboroughs Hydro, Watford, Herts.

For those interested particularly in radiography or physiotherapy, we hope soon to announce a special corresponding secretary. Meanwhile, they may write to the undersigned.

A. H. WILLIAMS,
Chairman, Adventist Medical Fellowship.

North England Conference

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President's Notes

RECENTLY efforts have begun on Tyneside and at Stretford, Manchester. Brother S. H. Parkin reports 230 non-members at his third mid-week meeting in Gateshead. He also informs us of having discovered three men keeping the Sabbath in a nearby village and has begun cottage meetings with them.

BROTHER BUTTERS reports a growing interest at Stretford, with

a non-member attendance at his third Sunday evening service of fifty-seven. While distributing announcements, Brother Butters was questioned by a lady as to whether the meetings had anything to do with Seventh-Day Adventists. When he answered in the affirmative she was delighted. With her husband and daughter she had spent a holiday in Switzerland with her sister, who had recently accepted the truth through the Voice of Prophecy. She was so enthusiastic about her new-found faith that she convinced her sister of the truth of the Sabbath. They were in attendance the following Sunday evening and desire to know more of the truth.

WE greatly appreciate the faithfulness of our people in tithes and offerings. Last year showed a gain in tithe of over £1,500.

RECENTLY we received the annual statistical report of the world field for 1948. The membership stood at the close of that year at 672,658, a net gain for the year of 44,064. This is very encouraging. We invite you to pray continually that God will pour out His Holy Spirit upon our workers and missionaries.

O. M. DORLAND.

Blackpool M.Vs.

THE young people of Blackpool have been very busy in recent weeks, for they have had two special meetings.

The first was held on Sabbath, December 24th. All the members and friends were invited to attend an M.V. Rally Day programme. Several of the children gave recitations and songs, while all joined in rendering some beautiful anthems. Those who took part included young folk from our Sabbath-school, our Sunday-school, and also the M.V. group which meets every Wednesday.

Then on Wednesday, January 11th, a grand social evening was given. Altogether there were in attendance over sixty people. There was plenty to eat and plenty to do. Both young and old enjoyed

themselves in healthful recreation. Toward the end of the evening Pastor Maudsley blew his whistle and all the young people gathered around a huge tree upon which a present hung for everyone under twenty-one.

These events mean much to the children, and it is wonderful to see the young in heart taking part in the activities of our church life. The majority of the children here come from non-Adventist homes, and it is the sincere hope of those who lead them, that they may grow up to accept the glorious truths of God's final message to earth.

A. NORMAN.

Southport Sabbath-School

ON January 4th, by the kind invitation of Brother and Sister White, the members of the Southport Sabbath-school spent a very pleasant evening at their home.

As we entered the cheery home from the rather bleak atmosphere outside, we felt that we had shed any cares and troubles that we had, and had been wrapped round with a cloak of loving kindness and sympathy. After partaking of refreshments generously provided, we retired to the lounge where we passed a pleasant evening in conversation and games planned for us by our host, and Evangelist Smart, whom we were pleased to have with us.

Father Christmas made a special visit to wish us all a Happy New Year.

We thank Brother and Sister White for their kindness and pray they will be long spared to shed sunshine across the paths of those around them.

MARY STUART NEWMAN,
Secretary, Southport Sabbath-school.

Louth

WILL visitors to Louth kindly note that we are now meeting at 10.30 a.m. for Sabbath-school, and 11.30 a.m. for the preaching service, instead of 2.30 and 3.30 in the afternoon.

MRS. H. COOPER.

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Every Means to Win Some

OUR Lord bestowed upon mankind a unique privilege when He commissioned the preaching of the Gospel. No one is able to describe the full extent of this commission or plumb the depth of experience that is to be found in carrying it out; nevertheless everyone can at least taste its priceless joy and satisfaction. The organized evangelical efforts provide an excellent medium whereby this Word may be preached to the people, but this method does not appeal to everyone, however, because there are some who would not think of entering an organized meeting. How then are these to be reached?

Pastor J. G. Bevan has, I feel, entered a new field in Gospel spreading. On January 9th he spoke about "The Doctrines of Adventists" to a full room of about forty young people, members of the International Friendship League in the Community Centre at Richmond. This meeting resulted through a contact made by me at work. They have had several religious speakers, and a friend of mine, who became a member of the committee on programmes, succeeded, with God's guidance, in getting us a hearing.

Pastor Bevan spoke for some forty minutes. He was received sympathetically and the audience was very much impressed. Questions came thick and fast, especially on the Sabbath, prophecy, and God, which were answered to the satisfaction of most of those present, and without any antagonism being created; so we felt that our message made a good impression. Afterward, the speaker held up to view a Voice of Prophecy card, inviting anyone interested to procure one. Several people did so.

I cannot help thinking of the

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many similar experiences Paul must surely have had during his ministry. Many doors were opened to this grand old warrior and many were the conversions that resulted. I am glad that Pastor Bevan has opened out in this new field. We are determined with God's help to procure for him as many similar engagements as possible. May others enter every door God opens.

GOMER EVANS.

High Wycombe Change of Address

THE High Wycombe church now meets at 111 West Wycombe Road. Sabbath-school, 10 a.m.; preaching service, 11 a.m.

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Aberdeen Publishing Convention

OUR northernmost British church was the centre for a publishing convention held on Sabbath and Sunday, January 21st and 22nd. Organized by Brother M. Roe, Scotland's publishing secretary, in collaboration with Pastor I. McGougan, Aberdeen's local leader, the convention, we feel, was a source of blessing to all who attended. Visitors were Pastor A. W. Cook, Union publishing secretary, and Pastor R. D. Vine, assistant editor at The Stanborough Press.

The morning theme, "From Eden to Eden," was a reminder of the high and holy estate from which man fell, and of the present preparation needed for that even nobler state which all the faithful will very soon enjoy in the heavenly Eden.

Emphasis was placed on the health aspect of our needed preparation.

The whole being, which naturally includes our physical bodies is to be saved. Dietetic vigilance

was therefore emphasized as one of the vital factors in the maintenance of bodily health.

In this connection an appeal was made to subscribe to, and circulate, our own health magazine, *Good Health*.

In the afternoon service, Pastor Cookspoke on "Workers Together with God." His message, with the interesting experiences he related, was proof of the following inspired assurance: "To every worker Christ promises the divine efficiency that will make his labours a success."

We all felt the conviction that we must do something positive in the Master's service, and as Brother Cook, and later Brother Roe, pointed out, our Gospel and health literature provide us with a very fine means of promulgating the message we love so dearly.

In the evening we had quite a unique gathering in the dining room of a local hotel. Nearly sixty were present, including many non-member friends of the church, for a "Health Reform Tea." Sister Roe is to be commended for her fine work in preparing the pies, both savoury and sweet, and the various other items, which were all intended to dispel the notion that vegetarian diet is uninteresting and tasteless.

The subsequent health conversation, led by Brother Roe, was of intense interest. His remarkable experiences with animals and birds, his clear description, not only of how man to-day is exploiting the things of nature, but also of the unsavoury results of such exploitation, proved in a most convincing way the truth of Sister White's statements on the undesirability of certain popular foods.

Many questions were asked and readily answered. After a closing prayer the happy company broke up.

On Sunday morning, which was bright but cold, a very gratifying number of both young people and older members assembled with the visitors for a morning's visitation with our publications *Good News*, *Good Health*, and *Present Truth*.

The Lord certainly blessed us as we laboured and fellowshipped together in this warm-hearted granite city. R. D. VINE.

Northern Ireland Mission

President's Notes

THE work of evangelism has been pressed forward vigorously by the workers of Northern Ireland during recent weeks. This territory is notoriously difficult for the Adventist evangelist; prejudice is high and facilities meagre. The courage with which our ministers and Bible instructors carry on with their work reflects great credit to them, and they are deserving of the constant, prayerful support of our membership everywhere.

Pastor W. G. Nicholson has found it impossible to obtain a good hall in the two years he has been in Belfast. At the present time, with the help of Brother E. Logan and Miss M. Clements, he is struggling on in a hall into which he is almost ashamed to invite interested people. He and his helpers are also working long and late with a large Voice of Prophecy visiting list. The year 1950 should be an encouraging one in baptisms for this team.

Up in Coleraine and Portstewart, Brethren Cowley and Lane have been seeking to multiply their opportunities to preach the message. They work with small populations (Portstewart has only 4,000 inhabitants) and attendances have been small, too. Five or six people are now approaching baptism from last year's efforts, and it is planned to organize a strong company in Coleraine shortly. We must hang on to the interests in these small, difficult centres until a permanent witness to the truth is established.

In much-worked Portadown, Brother Knowlson and Miss Aikenhead are working hard to consolidate the work of the past year. There is another hall problem here, and the workers are seeking to overcome it by conducting a series of cottage meetings, using a projector to heighten the interest. A permanent meeting place is also being sought, for without it there seems little hope

of establishing the work in this important town. A week-night effort is also to begin in the nearby town of Gilford in the spring.

Financially, 1949 is expected to prove a good year for Northern Ireland. Statistics are not yet to hand, except for the colporteur work. Here there is an encouraging increase in sales of £558 over 1948. This reflects great credit on Brother H. D. Howard, whose work in Northern Ireland is much appreciated, and on Brethren Reeve and Wilson, who have both done excellent work. These three men are all the regular colporteurs we have in Ireland. For the first time for some years student-colporteurs came to Ireland in 1949, and both gained scholarships. There is room for more in 1950, and success is assured the consecrated student.

There will yet be a good harvest gathered in from the sturdy Northerners. We need courage to press the battle to the gates, faith in the message we proclaim, and an outpouring of God's mighty Spirit right now. Let us all pray for it. A. J. MUSTARD.

Eire Mission

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President's Notes

At a recent meeting of the British Union Conference Committee, approval was given to a suggestion that a new church building be erected on our property adjoining the Health Institute in Dublin. Our present building, which is in an undesirable location, is to be acquired by the city authorities as part of a slum clearance scheme. The new building is made possible by reason of very generous gifts from the General Conference and the British Union Conference. Our own local members are also doing their part to raise funds which are still needed. It is hoped that work will be started on the new building in the near future.

The Health Institute, which

opened in October, is proving to be the blessing that the Lord has told us such institutions will be. Brother and Sister Nix are being kept busy by the patients who come for help. The workers are treating this as a missionary venture, which it really is. They suggest prayer to every patient before a treatment is given, and none has refused, so far. Even Catholics join in heartily with our "Amen." Brother and Sister Nix take every opportunity to speak of our health message to every patient, and dietetic help is given to all. Literature is also used wherever there is opportunity. One patient is studying *Bible Readings*, and another has had *The Great Controversy*. The local members join fervently with the workers in prayer for the blessing of God upon all these efforts, and we believe He is answering our petitions.

The work and influence of the Christian Culture Correspondence School is extending slowly. We were handicapped by lack of funds toward the end of 1949, but with the New Year new funds were made available, and plans are in hand to expand the school more rapidly. Ninety-two are enrolled to date, of whom about 25 per cent are studying faithfully. Personal visitation is being used to encourage those who have not responded so well. Six have completed the Premier Course of eighteen lessons, and have enrolled for the Intermediate Course. One of the six is a Roman Catholic young man, who has shown himself very keen. He has requested a Bible, and has been supplied with a Douay version. The testimonies given freely by the students in their letters are very satisfying to us. This is part of our reward, and we rejoice in it.

While final figures are not yet available, reports to date indicate that 1949 was an excellent year financially in the "baby" mission of the Union. For all the evidences of God's prospering hand, we give thanks to our heavenly Father, and consecrate ourselves afresh to the task still to be finished in Erin's Green Isle.

A. J. MUSTARD.

Wedding Bells

MURTAGH-QUILL.—It was a great joy to have the privilege of uniting two of our young people, Brother John Murtagh and Sister Eileen Quill, in marriage in the Dublin church on January 3, 1950. The church had been very tastefully decorated by the members for the occasion, and a large group of relatives and members were present. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Gladys Quill, and the best man was Brother Desmond Murtagh. A troop from the Girls' Brigade, with whom the bride was associated, acted as guard of honour as the happy pair left the church. The guests were later entertained in St. Luke's Hall.

Both of these young people are active members in the Dublin church, Brother Murtagh being a deacon and church clerk, and Sister Murtagh being the Sabbath-school superintendent. We pray that as these two young people set up their home, they will have the rich blessing of God, and that in united lives dedicated to the service of God and humanity they may realize their greatest ambition of being ready for the marriage supper of the Lamb.

W. G. NICHOLSON.

MUSTOW-FROW.—A very pretty wedding took place in the Stanborough Park church, Watford, on December 26, 1949, when Derek Mustow and Audrey Frow were united in marriage. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Mustow, of Sheffield, and is at present labouring in the Advent ministry in Carlisle. His bride is the daughter of Mrs. E. Frow, of Watford. Both are ex-students of Newbold Missionary College. The ceremony in the church was witnessed by a good number of friends and well-wishers. The bride was attended by three bridesmaids and one matron of honour, while Mr. Alan Norman, a college friend and ministerial colleague, acted as best man. The reception was held in the Granose Reception Hall, where some fifty guests did due and appreciative honour to the happy occasion.

We indeed rejoice that another home has been established from whence can go rays of light and hope to the community around. May God indeed bless Brother and Sister Mustow, in their home life and in their service, that lasting joy, happiness, and success may be theirs.

K. A. ELIAS.

Legal Meetings

BRITISH ADVENT MISSIONS

NOTICE is hereby given that the Forty-Fifth Annual General Meeting of British Advent Missions Limited, will be held on Wednesday, March 1, 1950, at 10 a.m., in the offices of the British Union Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists, Stanborough Park, Watford, Herts.

On behalf of the Board of Directors. A. CAREY, *Secretary.*

GRANOSE FOODS LIMITED

NOTICE is hereby given that the Fifty-Second Annual General Meeting of Granose Foods Limited, will be held on Wednesday, March 1, 1950, at 2 p.m., in the offices of the British Union Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists, Stanborough Park, Watford, Herts.

On behalf of the Board of Directors. G. E. ADAIR, *Secretary.*

GOOD HEALTH ASSOCIATION LIMITED

NOTICE is hereby given that the Forty-Seventh Annual General Meeting of the Constituency of the Good Health Association Limited, will be held on Wednesday, March 1, 1950, at 11 a.m., in the offices of the British Union Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists at Stanborough Park, Watford, Herts.

On behalf of the Board of Directors. G. L. ANNISS, *Secretary.*

THE STANBOROUGH PRESS LIMITED

NOTICE is hereby given that the Fifty-Sixth Ordinary Annual General Meeting of the shareholders of The Stanborough Press Limited, will be held in the offices of the British Union Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists at Stanborough Park, Watford, Herts., on Wednesday, March 1, 1950, at 3 p.m.

On behalf of the Board of Directors. J. H. CRAVEN, *Secretary.*

Until the Day Break

HYDE.—With the passing of Brother J. Hyde of the Stanborough Park church, the cause of God in Britain loses one of the early pioneers of the health food work in this country. Brother Hyde passed peacefully to rest in the early hours of Tuesday morning, January 3, 1950. His life ebbed away in sleep without pain or suffering, as though his work were ended and the Lord were now giving His servant rest. Our brother accepted the Advent message fifty-two years ago, when in the prime of his life, at about thirty years of age. He and his wife were then building up a good bakery business in North Kensington. They had been readers of

Present Truth for some considerable time. Brother Hyde gave valuable help in establishing the health food factory at Redhill, Surrey, the brethren having sent him to Battle Creek, Michigan, U.S.A., to gain experience in this new work. In later years, Brother Hyde was a deeply respected member of the Stanborough Park church. His closing years, after retiring from the health food work at Granose Foods Ltd., were also years of faithful service. He built up in the community a list of regular readers of *Present Truth*, and a number of these readers are now members of the church. The living witness of Brother Hyde's stability and integrity of character is seen in the lives of his large family of sons and daughters who now serve the Advent cause in Africa, Australia, America, and the British Isles. Truly he rests from his labours, but his works do follow him. The funeral service was conducted by the writer, in association with Pastor O. M. Dorland, on Friday, January 6th, in the Stanborough Park church. The interment was in the North Watford Cemetery. As a fitting token of respect, pallbearers were chosen from the staff of Granose Foods Ltd. A large company of members and friends attended the service, and the many floral tributes were an evidence of the deep respect in which Brother Hyde was held. To Sister Hyde and the members of the family we tender our deepest sympathy, although we know they sorrow not without hope, for the faithful life lived by Brother Hyde, and the race well run, will be rewarded by a certain resurrection at our Lord's return.

G. D. KING.

MRS. HYDE, sen., and family wish to thank sincerely all kind friends for their expressions of sympathy and for their prayerful support in their recent bereavement.

HUMPHRIES.—Sister Harriet Humphries, after much suffering, passed peacefully away on November 26, 1949, at the good age of 91 years. She was laid to rest in Yardley Cemetery, Birmingham. The funeral service was conducted by her grandson, Pastor H. Humphries, this being her wish. She had been in the truth for forty-three years, first learning of it through the labours of Pastor J. Gillatt. She was baptized into the Handsworth church in 1906, and was transferred to the South Birmingham church in September, 1922. Although not able to meet with us on Sabbaths for some time her thoughts were always with us. It was through her faithful witness and influence that her two daughters accented the message. She leaves to mourn her loss her son and daughters, and to these we extend our Christian sympathy.

J. MANSSELL,
Church Clerk.

ANDREW.—The Sheffield church has suffered the loss of another faithful member, in the sad death of Sister F. Andrew, aged seventy-four years, on December 17, 1949, after a road accident. Our sister had been to the Sabbath afternoon meeting and on her homeward journey she was accidentally killed by a car. She was laid to rest in Abbey Lane Cemetery on December 22nd, to await the Saviour's call on the resurrection morning. Our sister was baptized in December, 1943, by Pastor D. J. Handysides.

F. MUSTOW,
Church Clerk.

WOOD.—Brother Wood, our oldest Ealing member, who was baptized about twenty years ago by Pastor L. A. Watson, died in Hillingdon Hospital, after an operation. He was eighty-four years of age. His happy, cheerful face will be missed for a while, but we shall see him

again, when Christ receives us unto Himself. He was greatly loved by members, relatives, and friends. We express our sincere condolences to his sons and daughter. He sleeps in the Old Cemetery, Southall, where we laid him on December 21, 1949.

JOHN G. BEVAN.

HOLROYD.—Sister Lily Elizabeth Holroyd passed away peacefully on Wednesday morning, January 11, 1950. Sister Holroyd had been ill for some time, but seemed better during recent weeks. The last time she was out was to attend the Sunday evening meeting the week before. Just before her death she said she wanted to do more for Jesus and this expressed the one desire of her life. She first heard of the truth during the campaign conducted at Nottingham by Pastor John Gillatt. She was baptized in September, 1924. During the years she was loyal to the truth and faithful in attendance at the meetings. Lately she often struggled to church when it was a physical strain. She loved to meet with God's people. Sister Holroyd was laid to rest at the General Cemetery, Nottingham. The service was conducted by Pastor T. L. Gillett and the writer. She sleeps in Jesus awaiting the call of the Life-giver. To her son and his family we offer sincere sympathy and the Nottingham church share their loss.

W. J. CANNON.

Gratitude for Healing

DENYS SAGE extends heartfelt appreciation of the many prayers and several gifts sent during his recent confinement to hospital. He solicits continued prayerful interest as he undergoes further treatment. To God be the glory.

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Health News

Does It Work?

FOLLOWING close on our previous message comes this interesting experience:

It was just after one o'clock as I entered a recently-opened Vegetarian Restaurant in Southsea. There was only one table, occupied by another gentleman, where there was a seat available. It was not long before conversation developed and my table companion revealed his pleasure at finding that I, too, was a vegetarian and represented Granose Foods Ltd., whose products he had enjoyed so much. His being interested to know the reason why I was a vegetarian, as there are so many "varieties," gave me the opportunity of pointing him to the Creator, who knowing all about the construction of man, had given him an ideal diet which consisted of fruits, nuts, grains,

and vegetables. My companion immediately recognized that I was also a Christian, as was he. He began to speak of the hope of the church, which led us on to speak of the return of Jesus. He believed this, but had no idea as to when it was likely to be.

At this stage the waiter brought him a coffee, and asked if I required one. I explained that I did not drink tea or coffee as they were harmful, but if she would bring me some hot water, milk, and sugar, I would make myself a good drink as I carried a small jar of Postum for such purposes. This appealed to my companion in a special sense, for he had recognized that tea and coffee were unhealthful, but had not found a way of getting a hot drink while away. He never had tea or coffee at home.

It was time to leave now, but he was so impressed by what he had heard that he gave me his address and telephone number, requesting that when next in his home town, I visit him. This I was able to do the following week. We had a delightful evening with his wife and her mother present, spending nearly all the time studying the signs of Christ's soon coming, and they were greatly impressed. We closed the evening in prayer together and were conscious of the fact that the Spirit of God had been very near.

As I was preparing to leave, first the mother, and then the daughter urged me to keep in touch with them and send literature concerning the truths we hold. It was truly an occasion when we "sat together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus," and who knows what the outcome will be.

Surely the Health Message provides an entering wedge that other truths may reach the heart.

H. BENWELL.

Missionary Sailings in 1949

OUR membership throughout the Union will be deeply interested in the following list of missionaries who left these shores for lands overseas during the year 1949.

January

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Fitcher and two children, to Australia.

Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Maxwell, to Nyasaland (ret.)
Miss P. Clements, to Gold Coast.

March

Mr. J. C. Craven, to Australia.

April

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Howard and two children, to India.
Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Musgrave and child, to Tanganyika.

May

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Trace and three children, to Kenya.

June

Miss M. M. J. Hardy, to Sweden.
Miss B. M. Turtill, to Nigeria.

July

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Scarr, to Canada.
Dr. and Mrs. J. Shone, to Jamaica.

August

Mrs. J. C. Craven and two children, to Australia.

September

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Clarke and child, to Gold Coast (ret.).
Mr. F. G. Clifford, to South Africa (ret.)
Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Clifford, to South Africa (ret.).
Miss L. E. Guy, to Bechuanaland.
Mr. and Mrs. H. Pearce and child, to Nigeria (ret.).

December

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bartlett, to Sierra Leone (ret.).

The British Union continues to make a great contribution to the cause of God in other lands by the gift of men and means. We invite you to pray for these self-sacrificing missionaries as they labour for the Lord in distant parts.

G. D. KING.



A Request from Germany

BROTHER M. BREMER who was at one time a prisoner of war here in England, and who now is a student at our Neandertal Missionary College in Germany, has made a special request for spare copies of some of Sister E. G. White's writings.

I met this young brother while in Germany and found him very zealous and consecrated and anxious to prepare himself to carry the message to his fellow youth in Germany. He writes English well and speaks of the many friends he made, especially in Sheffield.

If any of our people have spare copies of any of the Spirit of prophecy writings, I know Brother Bremer will be most grateful to receive them. Our people in Germany do not have the privilege of reading these precious writings in their own tongue as we do in ours. Brother Bremer is anxious to become more acquainted with these volumes and, as he can read English, he has an advantage and will appreciate anything we can do for him.

If you have anything to send to our young brother, kindly post them direct to: Mr. M. Bremer, Neandertal Miss. Seminary, Diepsiepenn 16, Mettmann (22a), Rheinland, British Zone, Germany.

E. L. MINCHIN.

Advertisements

WANTED, clean literature for M.V. and other plans—*Light Bearer, Youth's Instructor, Bedtime Stories, Signs of the Times, Present Truth*, etc. (Postage refunded—send open ends—book post.) Send to Mrs. A.J.T., 2 Wheeler Cottages, Wheeler End, Nr. High Wycombe, Bucks.

LEFT in Handsworth church about the time of Pastor Hare's visit, gents brown lamb-lined gloves. Apply: Miss G. Hines, 118 Farnham Road, Handsworth, Birmingham, 21.

HAVE you an organ to donate for the West African Mission? Instrument urgently needed for missionary work. Kindly communicate with Dr. John Hyde, 32 Sheepcot Drive, Garston, Watford.

Thank You!

MISS M. R. SPINKS would like to express very grateful thanks to all those who so kindly sent parcels of toys for deprived children at Christmas, including one parcel of toys and four *Bedtime Stories* sent anonymously. It was possible to distribute over seventy good parcels to the children and they were received with joy and grateful thanks. You may be assured that they were distributed in the main to those who would otherwise have had nothing for Christmas.

SUNSET CALENDAR

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