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CHRIST THE LEADER

"In reviewing our past history, having travelled over every step of advance to our present standing, I can say, Praise God! As I see what the Lord has wrought, I am filled with astonishment, and with confidence in Christ as Leader. We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and His teaching in our past history."—*Life Sketches,* page 196.

These words of God's messenger should be the present experience of us all to-day. God in Christ, has always been the Leader of His people, and we must learn to trust Him, even when the way is dark and stormy.

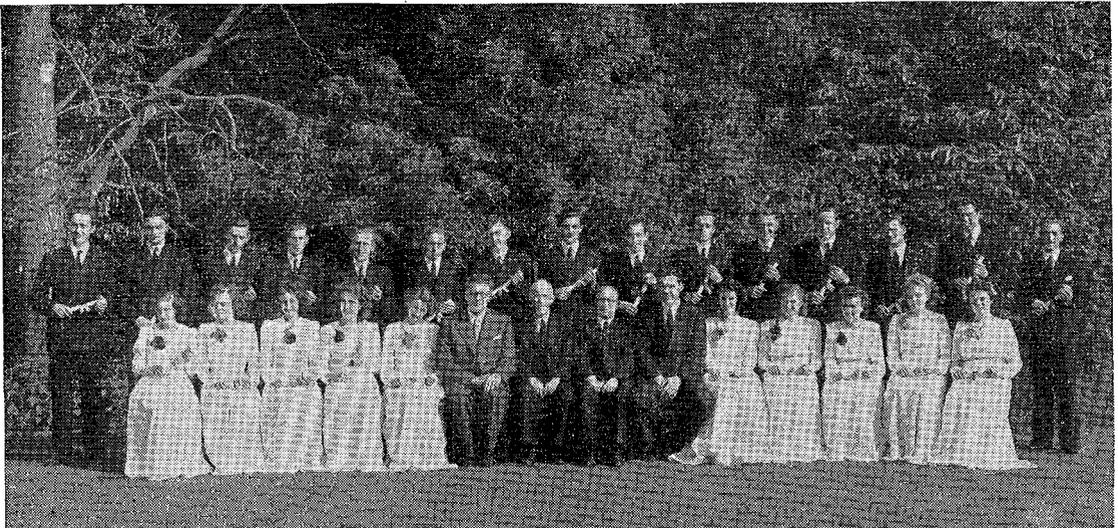
By W. H. Meredith

Former President, British Union Conference

Enoch, while walking with his Leader, learned to look forward to the Lord coming "with ten thousands of His saints." Abraham left his father's house, not knowing where he was going. But with Christ as his Leader, he became "heir of the world" and looked for a city "whose Builder and Maker is God." He was led up the hill with his son, Isaac, and endured the greatest test that could be required of a father.

Christ led David, the shepherd lad, to combat with a bear and a lion, which experience gave him courage to meet Goliath at Gath. He suffered persecution by the hand of the king whom he strove to serve faithfully. He made many mistakes, but his spirit of repentance led him to cry: "Create in me a clean heart, O God. . . . Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me." He became a king, whose kingdom was to continue for ever.

John the beloved disciple followed his Leader through many trials, temptations, and persecutions. Cast on the lonely isle of Patmos, he was shown the



The largest graduation class ever! The twenty-five young people who completed their College Course on June 4th. Seated in the centre from left to right are: W. W. Armstrong, W. R. A. Madgwick, E. H. Foster, and R. A. Vince. Full reports inside.

struggles and wanderings of God's people. But he also saw their victory on the sea of glass, when they sing the song of deliverance. He saw that their Leader had never forsaken them; but through stress and storm, He led them to the haven of rest.

While attending the General Conference in 1909 at Washington, the writer had the privilege of hearing, and visiting, Mrs. E. G. White. It was an unforgettable experience. With the other members of the British delegation I was invited to meet Sister White in her room.

We had heard her speak from the platform to over three thousand people, and that was a privilege we all enjoyed beyond expression. But that afternoon in her room we chatted in an atmosphere of family pleasure. Her son, W. C. White, was there to introduce us, and to hear her

call him by the name of "Willie" was indeed a revelation of mother and son.

When the time came for us to leave, I felt I must ask a question. So I said: "Sister White, I am from London [I was then South England Conference president]. We have only a few workers in that great city; can you tell us how we ought to work there or what we should do?"

At once I knew I had made a mistake. Her face changed from pleasure to sorrow. I saw the dark cloud of sadness come over her; and with bowed head, after a little hesitation she said, "Do not my brethren in London know that Jesus is their Leader? They should go to Him to learn how to work and what to do. No! I have no word for you. Make Jesus your Leader and Guide."

Of course, I had known something of that before, but now it

took on a new light. Jesus was to be our Leader always, in all places. Some time later I read this statement—which doubtless I had seen before—in *Testimonies*, Vol. 2, page 119:

"We utterly refuse to be conscience for you. If we tell you just what to do, you will look to us to guide you, instead of going directly to Jesus for yourselves. . . . You must have an experience for yourselves, which shall be founded in God. Then you can stand amid the perils of the last days, and be purified and not consumed by the fire of affliction through which all saints must pass in order to have the impurities removed from their characters, preparatory to receiving the finishing touch of immortality."

Let us pray for grace that we may always follow our Leader when He shows the way.

Newbold's Marquee Graduation

THE experiment of holding Graduation exercises under canyas has proved most successful. Over one thousand people were in attendance, and the proceedings took place according to plans carefully prepared many weeks before. Even nature happily contributed her share in enhancing the attractiveness of the occasion

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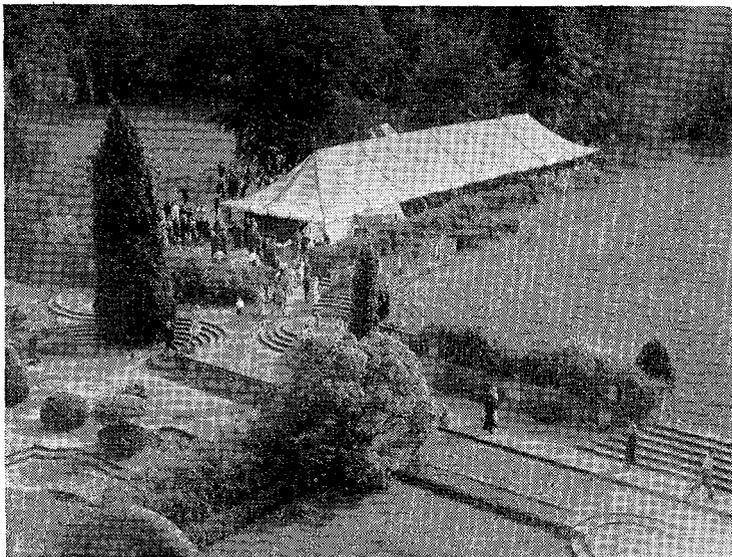
Principal, Newbold College

—the rhododendrons along the entrance drive remained in full bloom, the birds cheerfully gave their melodies, and the sun shone with unclouded brightness. The

Lord certainly was good to us all in giving us a glorious weekend.

The exercises commenced on Friday evening, June 2nd, when the graduates presented their class-night programme, a choice selection of items in which personal friendliness and spiritual ardour pleasingly blended.

On Sabbath morning after the Sabbath-school conducted by the appointed church officers, Pastor R. A. Vince of Sheffield preached with convincing sincerity the Valedictory sermon. Pastor W. J. Cannon of Derby spoke with moving ardour at the Consecration service on Sabbath evening. Following his address the graduates one by one gave their testimonies thanking their parents, relatives, friends, room-mates, the college faculty and staff, and, above all, God, for care, blessings, and guidance abundantly received during their collegiate training. Would that all fathers and mothers had the compensatory



The scene of Sunday's historic service. The large marquee situated amid the beautiful surroundings of the College grounds.

joy of hearing similar expressions of gratitude for the sacrifices made in order to educate and train their children.

Sunday, June 4th, came with its bustle and excitement. Church-members and friends came from far and near by car and coach, bus and train to augment the number of those whom we were privileged to have with us for the whole week-end. Graduation had re-captured its pre-war popularity, and was taking its rightful place in the Adventist social calendar.

Promptly at three o'clock in the afternoon thirty-four ministers and faculty members filed onto the platform and the graduates in their traditional measured step passed up the aisle to their seats. Pastor W. W. Armstrong, South England Conference president, ably delivered the Graduation address, a resumé of which is published herewith. The principal then had the pleasure and privilege of presenting diplomas to twenty-five graduates, the largest number of graduates which Newbold College has ever had in one year—fifteen ministers, eight Bible instructors, and two teachers.

The graduates had chosen as their motto: "Reflecting Jesus"; and their aim: "To Enlighten Mankind"; accordingly Mr. R. F. G. Sweet, the president of the Graduation class, melodiously voiced the sentiments of his fellow-graduates in that attractive song: "The Lord is my Light."



Newbold Missionary College with some of the thousand visitors who attended the graduation ceremonies.

Mr. W. H. Frazer responded for the ministerial graduates, Miss J. K. Laffin for the Bible instructors, and Miss B. Robertson for the teachers.

It would be ungracious not to express hearty thanks to the many who contributed so willingly and efficiently to the success of Newbold's First Marquee Graduation—but where can we begin or end, for the entire College worked as a happy team? We must, however, especially thank Mr. E. H. Foster the Graduates' faculty advisor, Mr. A. H. Thompson who

presided at the Hammond organ, the kitchen staff, those in charge of the refreshment tent (they sold one thousand ice-creams in less than an hour!), the stewards, tentmasters, and of course the many friends who came to Newbold bringing happiness and encouragement to us who are engaged in the vital work of education.

Come again, friends; we are already looking forward to next year's graduation—it will be Newbold's Golden Jubilee Graduation.

VALEDICTORY ADDRESS

By Pastor R. A. Vince

YOUR invitation to me to take part in this happy occasion I have accepted as an honour and a privilege.

I am sure you will be feeling much as Jesus did, when He hung up His carpenter's coat for the last time, and went forth to proclaim publicly the beginning of His ministry. It was no small thing for Him to leave behind the seclusion of the bench and the home, to become a public figure. Henceforth for Him it

was to be an open testimony for all to see. Both Heaven and earth would be watching.

Down to the waters of Jordan He went to be baptized of John. The crowds stood on the river banks and watched Him step in and out of the water, not knowing how great things were begun that day. But the Messiah knew that He was launching into but the first important part of the trinity of true witness, which, in their sequence, were to demon-

strate to the world the validity of His calling.

Those three sections of true testimony, which will form the standards of your success, are mentioned in 1 John 5:7, 8. "For there are three that bear record . . . the Spirit, and the water, and the blood; and these three agree in one."

WATER

To Jesus the water of Jordan was the symbol of His acceptance of public office. For you this week-end, the waters will soon close over your past life of training and seclusion. Soon you will step out of these ceremonial

waters as publicly acknowledged members of the organization we call the ministry. It will be a new life indeed.

Soon you will say, "See, are not my hands full of the responsibilities of office?" Soon success will come, for will not statistics prove it so? Church goals will be attained, sermons prepared, finished, and filed away. Your first evangelical congregations will have listened, and gone away impressed. Then may creep into your hearts the thought expressed in Revelation 3:17: "I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing."

My own first evaluations of success in the ministry were concerned primarily with rhetoric, sermon preparation, church prosperity, effective public approach, etc. But then came experiences which taught me the incompleteness of such views.

Once, in a certain village, churchgoers noticed that the miller's water-wheel was turning on the Sunday morning. One explained to them, however, that the water had accidentally been allowed to continue running over the wheel, but that the wheel was not working anything inside the mill. "That is just like our minister and his sermons," said another. "Every Sunday the wheel goes round clickety-click, though it evidently isn't grinding anything."

So may it be with the ministry of individuals or organizations. The water may be passing over the wheel, glittering as it goes; there may be the outside motion, but somehow the wheel does not join on to the inner human need, and there is little practical result.

SPIRIT

Some people think they can convert the world by philosophy; renew hearts by eloquence; or that ceremonious procedure can regenerate the soul. But we must depend wholly, simply, and alone upon the Spirit of God. The Holy Spirit in our witness is an absolutely essential part of the trinity of true testimony. (1 John 5:7, 8.)

There is an interesting text in Deuteronomy 33:24: "Let Asher be blessed with children; let him be acceptable to his brethren, and

let him dip his foot in oil." Surely Asher left his footmark wherever he went. If his foot were not anointed there would be small trace of him. So if we want to have spiritual children born into the kingdom of God through our ministry, if we want to be acceptable to our brethren, if we want to leave some permanent traces of our work wherever we shall be sent, we must have the unction of the Holy Spirit, wrought through prayer and humility. In vain we shall attempt the vital ministry of Jesus as recorded in Luke 4:18, if the Spirit of the Lord is not upon us.

BLOOD

The ancient worthies who were empowered to do such exploits can teach us of the third step required of us in giving the triple testimony or witness mentioned in 1 John 5:7, 8: "the Spirit, the water and the blood."

When we start in the ministry, as indeed in all Christian life, and are resolved to follow the track laid down by the chart of the Lord, we find it is a course to which the Lord's hand alone can keep us true. The current and the wind are against us. The course is hard. What shall we do for instance, when we find that our duty is contrary to our temperament, or that it means loss of money, ease, and worldly honour that might have been enjoyed in another profession? Suppose that we are exposed to ridicule, spoken of as fanatics,

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mocked as hypocrites, despised as being fools. Can we say as is declared of Jesus, "I set My face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be ashamed"? Isa. 50:7. But this is an important and validating part of our testimony which the Lord will evidently require in the last troublous times before us. Neither will God leave Himself without such a witness.

When the first light of the Reformation broke upon England, many of its feeble followers recanted before the fire and the prison. Then many who had been cowards before, repented of their weakness, declaring that it was worse to recant than to die. For instance, when Frith was being escorted through Croydon toward imminent martyrdom, Archbishop Cranmer, who had little heart for his job, offered him a chance to escape to the woods of Norwood. Frith replied valiantly, "The moment that you let me alone, I will go up to Lambeth myself. I am to die for Christ, and if you make me fly away for a time, I will be back again, for I must own my Master."

The persecutors were surprised at such responses, but you see, the Christians were growing sure of their faith and so were bolder to confess it. We shall be surer of our faith as time and experience mature, for it is one which thrives upon investigation and challenge. More and more will it reveal itself as the pertinent remedy for the ills of the age. More and more will be happy to defend it. There are many who can labour without weariness who cannot suffer without impatience. Patience is one of the Spirit's choicest fruits. It will characterize God's servants in the last great conflict. "Here is the patience of the saints; here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus." Rev. 14:12.

"Wherefore seeing we are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus. . . . Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin." Heb. 12:1-4.

CONSECRATION SERVICE

An Address by Pastor W. J. Cannon

It would be easy to-night to spend time offering well-deserved congratulations. Parents and faculty alike are justly proud of your success. This movement is rightly proud of its youth. To-night, however, I want you to think more of the future than of the past.

Most of you have been sheltered by a Christian home influence, by the school, and College. Now you are leaving these protecting and shielding guardians to answer the call of service. It will be a wider life. There will be greater responsibilities and greater opportunities.

There may be a temptation at this point to count on your future success by the grades you have made—to look on your diploma as the guarantee of your ability to handle the task before you. I believe sincerely that your training has fitted you to do better work for God than you could possibly have done without it, but—and I want to say this with all the force at my command—your academic attainment will not make you a success in the Lord's work unless it is backed up by a consecrated life.

When you stand before the great Judge eternal, He will not ask for your diploma, but He will judge you on your heart relationship to Him. If you surrender your all to Him unreservedly, your life will be a success. "There is no limit to the usefulness of one, who by putting self aside, makes room for the working of the Holy Spirit on his heart and lives a life wholly consecrated to God."

Here is my text in Job 22:1-30: "Give way to God, submit to Him and it will mean prosperity for you; accept the orders that He issues, take His words to heart. If you turn humbly to the Almighty, and banish evil from your home, if you will throw your treasures to the ground, and fling your gold of Ophir in the stream, and make the Almighty Himself your treasure, sound wisdom your wealth, then the Almighty shall

be a joy to you, and you can raise your eyes to God; when you pray, He will answer you, and then you can fulfil your vows to Him; whatever you plan shall prosper, and you shall live in sunshine; for He humbles haughty upstarts, and He helps the lowly, He saves those who are guiltless, rescuing them for their unspotted record." (Moffatt.)

Mark it well and read it to yourself when you are tempted.

Notice the promises: verse 21, He promises success; verse 27, when you pray He will answer; verse 28, He promises we shall live in sunshine. Not that happiness will always be our lot in pleasant things, for often our happiness and peace come to us in times of adversity. The kind of joy that He promises to us is real, deep joy and sweet peace, that we can experience even when things go completely wrong. This He will do for you if you will give yourself to Him.

Think of what men will do for worldly causes. In the last war for Hitler the German youth would jump right into the line of fire crying out: "Heil, Hitler."

In China the tanks were rumbling onward. There were no anti-tank guns. They had to be stopped. So the commander called for volunteers who would tie explosives to their bodies and lie in the track of the tanks. Certain death. There was no shortage of volunteers.

A Japanese statement said, "We do not worship our Emperor, we only love him utterly." The commander before Port Arthur called for volunteers to cut the barbed wire entanglement. He said to them: "You will never come back" They could not carry a gun, only a pair of pliers. They would cut one or two wires and fall dead. Another would take their place. "But you will know," they were told, "that on your dead bodies the Emperor will march to victory." Whole regiments volunteered for what was sure death. Then this Japanese statesman said: "If you Chris-

tians loved your God as we love our Emperor, they would have long since taken the world for Him."

The Lord desires that we dedicate ourselves to His service as Paul did of old. He was offered fame, wealth, and all that the world could give, but he willingly gave up everything that he might dedicate his life to God. He said: "I count all things but loss that I might win Christ." None had greater success as a missionary than Paul.

It was an entire consecration.

What does consecration mean? It means, especially, work. The marginal rendering of the word consecration in Exodus 29:9 is given as: "filled the hand." The hand is a symbol of work. No one is fully consecrated to the Lord unless he is anxious to work to the utmost of his capacity. "Go work to-day," said Jesus.

The pioneers were not ashamed of work. Our work will be one evidence of our full consecration to the Lord. Do something every day for Him. The famous lines of Lord Lytton are something to think about:

"Let me look across the span 'twixt dawn and dark, and to my conscience say because of some good act to beast or man, the world is better that I lived to-day."

Secondly, consecration means study. "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of truth." The early morning hours are precious. We should never miss our study in the morning. Ministers and workers in the cause of God should be men and women who are well acquainted with God's Book. The early Adventists were known by their diligence in Bible study. There must be a place in the worker's life for study every day of the Word of God.

If you will give way to God and surrender your lives entirely to Him, He promises you success. This is a supreme moment in your lives, for if you will now dedicate all that you have to Him, your life will be one of usefulness in the Lord's service

(Further Graduation report on centre pages.)

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Investiture at Southampton

SABBATH, April 22nd was a very special day for the juniors at the Southampton church, for it was Investiture day. Our very good friend and leader, Pastor H. T. Johnson was with us. He spoke to the grown-ups first, reminding them of the great responsibility that rests upon them in the upbringing of the children, and of the fact that a child is never too young to accept Jesus. As a most fitting end to the first part of the service, Miss Brenda Smith sang: "A Dream of Calvary."

The children who were to receive their badges then filed onto the platform. After they had successfully answered questions, Pastor Johnson pinned "Friend" badges on Esther Phillips and Robin Townsend, and "Helper" badges on Wendy Smith, Anne Duncan, and John Billard. He then charged them to be true missionaries for Jesus. The pro-

gramme closed with a hymn and prayer. We are hoping to have another Investiture soon.

R. CHARLTON.

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Baptism at West London

SABBATH afternoon, June 17th, was a high day for West London. A large congregation attended our Chiswick church. Pastor A. K. Armstrong preached a positive message on our fundamentals.

H. W. Forster with sympathetic feeling sang: "There is a Green Hill Far Away," and: "The Old Rugged Cross." Five candidates went forward in baptism, being immersed by the writer.

Testimonies of wonderful personal victory, deep gratitude to God, and confidence in His gracious providence, were publicly expressed by two of the baptized brethren, who spoke with the deep conviction of a quickened experience. God still works mightily, and His living Word effectively results in "new creations."

Three members were added to the membership of Wembley and two to Chiswick church. Brother H. E. Bull expressed in the benediction thanks to God, pleading for God's keeping power on the new members.

Possibly this will be our last

baptism in London, and we leave with many a heart-ache, having to part from numerous friends, for our stay has been most happy: we have a wonderful people for whom it is a privilege to minister.

Pray for us as we leave South England to start work for the North England Conference. Pray for Blackpool, the greatest seaside resort in the world, where we are to labour.

JOHN G. BEVAN.

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Baptism at Croydon

THE members of the Lewisham church were guests of their sister church in Croydon on the afternoon of Sabbath, May 13th, when thirteen new members joined the family of God in the rite of baptism.

A very welcome visitor was Pastor W. W. Armstrong, the president of the South England Conference, who was our first speaker. His theme was drawn from the last phrase of Luke 10:20: "But rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven."

With what joy the recording angel would write these new names on that wonderful register in heaven. He reminded the candidates, and those, too, who had accepted the service of God in times past, that it must be our solemn endeavour to see that our names are not blotted out when they come up for review before the great Judge, our Lord and Saviour, so that we may realize the fulfilment of that wonderful promise in Revelation: "He that overcometh shall inherit all things."

Pastor T. J. Bradley then guided our thoughts to the significance of the baptismal service when he referred us to the words of Paul, in Romans 6: "Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ, were baptized into His death? Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life." The whole meaning of baptism has been largely lost in the world



The Southampton juniors with their leaders.

of to-day because of the practice of infant baptism, or christening. The Christian man or woman makes the decision to forsake his old life and follow His Lord in the full knowledge of adult experience.

Now followed the happy moment when members of both churches received into fellowship these new friends: one sister for Croydon, eight sisters and three brethren for Lewisham, while Pastor Armstrong welcomed another sister on behalf of the Conference church.

While the congregation sang the well-loved hymns: "I will follow, Thee, my Saviour" and "Just as I am, without one plea," Pastor Bradley immersed the candidates in the baptismal waters. We thought of the One who was baptized of John the Baptist in the waters of Jordan, not for His own sake, but for our example, that we should do as He had done.

The baptism at an end, Pastor Bradley called for a re-consecration of those present, and while we all stood, Pastor Armstrong concluded with a prayer of dedication.

These are the "first-fruits" of Pastor Bradley's campaign in the Lewisham district, which commenced at the end of last summer, and Lewisham churchmembers are looking forward to a further baptism in the near future.

May God's richest blessing rest upon these new candidates for heaven.

MARGARET J. WIBER,
Church Clerk.

Puzzled Bus Conductor

AT a terminus in Brighton six young people boarded an empty bus to go to Hove Seventh-Day Adventist church. Ages ranged from five to twelve years.

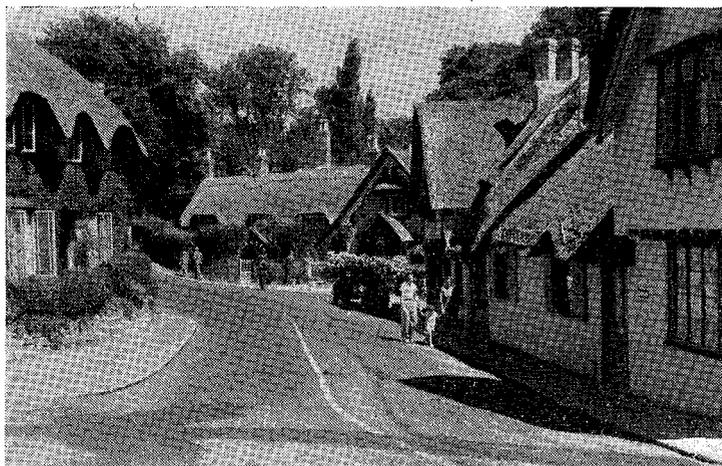
"Going to the pictures?" asked the friendly conductor.

"No, we are going to Sabbath-school," they replied.

"Sunday-school you mean; but it's not Sunday to-day," chipped the conductor.

"No, but it's the Lord's Sabbath and we go to Sabbath-school to-day at our church."

"Well either you're 'crackers'



Old Village, Shanklin, Isle of Wight

or I'm 'crackers,'" the conductor replied.

"Well *we're* not 'crackers,'" came from a chorus of voices with the emphasis on the "we."

"Umph!" muttered the conductor as he surveyed the little group with a puzzled look, and then rang the bell.

E. COOLING.

M.V. Camp SPECIAL NOTICE

ARRANGEMENTS have been made so that those attending the South England Camp at Landguard Manor Farm, Shanklin, can travel by either Ferry:

Portsmouth — Ryde
Southampton — Cowes

This applies particularly to those entitled to the cheap travel vouchers.

Calling All Youth of South England and South Wales

I AM spending my holiday on the Isle of Wight in order to be able to give you a first-hand report of the place where we are camping in August.

Actually I do not think I have ever selected a place more profuse with places of interest and walks than here: Boniface Downs, Luccombe Common, and on down to the old church with its relics of harsher days — the whipping post and the stocks,

America Woods, Carisbrooke Castle—why the days will not be long enough to cover half the places of interest; places connected with the poets Swinburne and Keats, and with folk of less respectable pursuits—smuggling, etc.

Then the "all day" tour round the Island! What a thrill of changing scenery. Only a day or so ago we visited Alum Bay and the Needles (you cannot sew with these) and yes, we had a little competition with special tubes and the wonderful coloured sands. Black, white, red, brown, yellow, and green and the results were truly beautiful. We shall arrange a competition for both seniors and juniors to see who can present the best work in these coloured sands.

Then bathing! The beach is about fifteen minutes from the camp at Welcome Bay, and what wonderful sands! Perhaps the best we could find anywhere, and perfectly safe for all. I hope we may be able, not only to have good bathing, but also spend time on the sands with organized games. This is why we are suggesting that the girls bring a "button through" cotton frock to slip over their bathing suits, and the boys cotton shirts and shorts.

We have just spent an hour or so at Blackgang Chine, a spot where until recently one could peer into the caves where the smugglers carried on their illegal

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Ivan W. Abbott
Kettering



Geoffrey L. Brown
Bradford



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Denmark



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Louth



Ainsley C. Elston-Hurd
Croydon

Graduation Address, Sunday June 4, 1950

ON the occasion of so important a function as we are holding to-day there will be a natural excitement and even exultation in the bosoms of the graduates. It is indeed a great day in your lives and one to be looked back upon with strong, fond memories.

First, let me sincerely congratulate you upon your accomplishment. By dint of patient plodding and perseverance you have progressed along your road until you have reached this important milestone.

A brief sigh escapes your lips as you turn your mind's eye to the future, for you perceive it calls for a farewell and a step into the yet unknown. I would attempt to comfort and assure you by reminding you of the familiar picture which Moses painted to the Israelites when they stood puzzled in the wilderness after having left the com-

parative security of Egypt. The eagle builds her nest, hatches her young, and tends them with care for a while in their cosy security. But finally the mother bird breaks up the nest so that her young shall take to the skies for which they were made. Yet she does not forsake them, but flutters round them ever watchful of danger. When they become tired or frightened she spreads out her wings and rests them till they recover strength and nerve.

The World's

By W. W. ARM
President, South Island

It is a shattering experience but necessary.

The analogy may not be perfect, but it serves a purpose. Newbold College has given you much in the development of mind, spirit, and body. Its value is incalculable, and will be

NEWBOLD GRADUATES

Class President

Class Motto:

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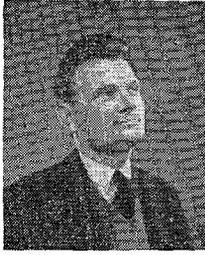
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better appreciated as the years pass.

There is, however, one thing with which these halls cannot equip you; something which is most necessary in life. It is personality. Comfort and security do not produce this inestimable

quality. It can only grow through battling alone.

The faculty is to be congratulated that so large a class is graduating to-day. Most of you are hoping to become ultimately part of the organized work in one capacity or another. We should remember the great need of our day is not so much the discovery of new truths, but the vitalization of the ones we know. The man of the hour is the one who can breathe new life into the simple, elementary truths of the Christian faith, and give a

new meaning to those specific doctrines that have made us a distinct body.

Among the truths which need to be restored to full potency and influence in our midst is the solemn fact that the Lord is King and that He reigns. Our God is not an inert God, but a living, working God, actively engaged in directing, overruling, and shaping the affairs of nations and men. Our ministry to the world will become deep, serious, and virile, when this exalted conception of God is continually with us, and motivating all our services.

To-day the world is embarrassed and preoccupied by the discovery of power which may become a thunderbolt to-morrow, and result in mutual annihilation. Nineteen centuries ago a far more potent power was discovered at work in the world. It was the power of God revealed in the resurrection of Christ, and released into the hearts of men

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through the gift of the Spirit. The world of the early church was palpitating with power.

In the person of Paul, in particular, we see a being who throbbled with the consciousness of the activity of God. He exulted in its strength and direction. He faced life's tasks and trials like a man who knows his resources are more than enough to meet all commitments and emergencies.

That same spirit is needed to-day, for with all our boasted success in some directions, we are living in a limp and flaccid period. The world's beliefs are invertebrate, and religion has become little more than a genial humanitarianism. The intellectual temper of the day tends to make us soft and self-dependent. Surely what we all need to-day is a new vision of God—the mighty God. There is a danger lest the pendulum swing too far away from the position once held in that we over-emphasize the tenderness and compassion of divine love at the expense of revealing His "awful purity." We shall never fully comprehend in this life the wonder and beauty of the Fatherhood of God. In our striving to enter into this mystery we must also often pause to consider Him as the cherubim and seraphim do, as with veiled faces they cry, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts."

Oh, how I fear Thee, living God,
With deepest, tenderest fears;
And worship Thee with trembling
hope,
And penitential tears.

The world to-day does not "fear" God and does not "tremble" in His presence. There is not a worship with "penitential tears." Awe has largely passed out of religious worship and something of shallowness, superficiality, and even flippancy has entered into the life of professed believers.

It is because the world is depressed, nervous, harassed and anxious that it has need of an injection that will awaken and revivify it with solid hope. Eloquence, knowledge, science, and philanthropy are useless to touch the aching nerve of man's need.

What greater remedy could be found for the universal deadness of to-day, and the stark dis-

illusionment of this age, than the great message God has put into the mouths of His servants of this generation? "Fear God, and give glory to Him; for the hour of His judgment is come: and worship Him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters." It is the renewal, in a different form, of the ancient message to Jerusalem, "Lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities . . . , Behold your God."

I wish to give the graduates here to-day a personal word. As you go to your task for the Master, a realization that God is your King and reigns in your lives will bring calm, peace, and strength amid the varied experiences that will surely come to you. Surrender yourselves to His control so that every life will be a plan of God. He encompasses your path; He is acquainted with all your ways; He orders your steps. The niche you occupy, the sphere you try to fill, the work you seek to do—they are all of His appointment. Lives become harassed sometimes because shadows steal across and hide the presence of God. "Be still, and know that I am God." Once we realize that He who gave His life for us is on the throne, we shall find it easier amid life's manifold perplexities to be still.

It is a great privilege to be called of God, but it carries with it greater responsibilities. We think sometimes of the terrible risks Christ took in calling the disciples, for they all inherited characteristics that could easily have wrecked the infant movement and brought it into disrepute on all sides. It is a marvel of Christ's grace that only one really failed Him. Christ's faith in men is really staggering. It seems as if He puts unlimited confidence in us and depends on us to-day just as much as He did on those He called centuries ago.

Let us recall that the Lord has said, "Ye have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you." It is a great strength to a man in a particular task to know he has been chosen for it, especially if the task involves risk or difficulty. When he has his back to the wall, it heartens him to know

he did not get into the position by his own choice, but was placed there by One who trusted him. To know we are trusted awakens all that is best in us.

A story has been recorded of a boy who had been adopted as a baby and the time had come for him to know of his position in the family and his relation to the other children. The mother was very wise in her approach. She said, "The others just came and I accepted them; but I chose you." He saw the point and was comforted.

Yes, God has chosen you and called you into marvellous light and splendid service. To comprehend this joy and wonder brings us to our knees and then sets us on our feet again. There are men and women in this hall to-day who have hung back and been tempted to turn away from the pathway of Christ's calling; but within them was that insistent Voice, and on their shoulder was the arresting hand of the Great Love. They continued to serve and sacrifice as a fresh realization swept over their consciousness of the Divine calling.

If our calling be truly from God the world will soon be aware of it, even as the contemporaries of the apostles recognized that they had been with Jesus. The onlookers drew the right inference. The presence of Jesus could be felt, and the ministry of the apostles was indeed notable because they had spoken with God, and He with them. Only communion with God can give to the soul a fine excellence. Every act of a being who has had real contact with the temple of God, has a touch of grandeur. The act of worship, consistently followed, brings a distinction of character that can never be obtained by normal methods of seeking. Worship makes the casual word lovelier than the tones of an orator; it brings into the very look a hope that is sure. The powers of life that woo and influence men to be obedient to the divine will cannot be consciously cultivated, but are the natural fruit of a devotion to, and the worship of, the great God "in whom we live and have our being."

We can only point men to
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"Fear God" as we learn ourselves to enter into the great experience of the latter part of the threefold message which invites us to "worship Him." Much of our service is faulty because we have not acquired that finer skill which worship brings. When the

curtains which dim our vision are rent asunder, and once more the Lord of glory and power stands revealed to us, we shall be able to step down to the great tasks still before us, meet the world's need, and accomplish the everlasting purpose of our great God.

It is our sincere prayer that this large sum of money may be wisely used and blessed of the Lord to the salvation of souls, in the needy "regions beyond"

E. R. WARLAND

Calling All Youth

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business; but the sea has now encroached so as to make this impossible

To our youth and girls and all our youth, I send from this glorious island a word of welcome before we embark for home. Make a special effort to join your fellow M Vs. at Landguard Manor Farm, Isle of Wight this year. Seniors: from July 30th for fourteen days; and Juniors, from August 15th for ten days. DON'T DELAY—POST your registration form TO-DAY.

This may be our final word, as we leave for camp on July 26th
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H T. JOHNSON.

North England Conference

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"This Is the Lord's Doing, and It Is Marvellous"

WE would like to thank all our North England members who contributed in any way to the wonderful success of our 1950 Ingathering Campaign. Over a thousand individuals took part while others helped indirectly or made personal gifts. Then there were those who, for reasons of age or infirmity, were unable to take an active part; but with words of encouragement and earnest prayers gave help which, while unable to be weighed in the scales of human measurement, was just as real and valuable.

Most of us found that we had to work a little harder and longer

to reach the same results as in 1949, but we are glad to say that, in spite of our fears at one period of the campaign, our total will be no less than that of last year. It will represent a per capita of well over £6.

In our contact with the churches during the campaign we have heard of many whose help has represented considerable self-sacrifice. Some have taken part who might well have excused themselves on the grounds of age or poor health, and others have given many hours and even days of their own valuable time to render this service. We know of three people at least who spent six to eight hours of each weekday of the campaign period collecting for missions!

It would be impossible to give names here without omitting others whose service has been equally appreciated. We believe, however, that the MESSENGER family will be interested to know that of the 1,074 collectors no fewer than 625 gathered in £5 or more. An analysis of their amounts shows these encouraging facts:

4 collected between £150 & £190;
5 collected between £100 & £150;
5 collected between £70 & £100;
16 collected between £50 & £70;
16 collected between £40 & £50;
112 collected between £20 & £40;
233 collected between £10 & £20.

We thank all who have helped, with a special word of appreciation to the local officers who directed the work in the churches and to the local agents who so ably cared for the official records and the money collected. Most collectors remembered to return their official badge and certificate of authority at the close of the campaign. Any who have not yet done so would help us greatly by letting their local agent have their credentials back without further delay.

Baptism and Investiture in Hull

SABBATH, May 27, 1950, was a big day for the Humber churches. Visitors from Grimsby and Ulceby helped to fill the Hull church building to capacity. Addressing those to be baptized especially, Pastor H. W. McCrow spoke of our need to be established in the present truth.

At three o'clock we assembled at a nearby Baptist church where ten young people were to follow their Lord through the water. Brother A. H. Cowley spoke a few words to the candidates before the baptism, which was performed by Pastor McCrow. Our hearts thrilled as we saw these young lives consecrated to Jesus, and as Pastor V. H. Cooper invited any backsliders, or those who had never known the Lord, to come to the mercy-seat, we all felt our own need.

Several of those who were baptized have loved ones not in the truth and solicit your prayers that they may be faithful witnesses and in due time see their families united in Christ. One new member is a hospital sister, and three others are anxious to train for the mission field.

At 6.45 p.m. in the M.V. meeting, Sister Sylvia Marshall showed what she had been preparing in Ulceby. A group of young people, mostly not from Adventist homes, gave a programme of songs and recitations. Not only could these young people sing and recite, but they had qualified as M.V. "Helpers." Seven "Helpers" from Ulceby, and two "Friends" from Grimsby were invested by Pastor Cooper.

This wonderful Sabbath ended with Grimsby the richer by one young man, Ulceby by a young lady and a young man, and Hull by six young ladies and a notably strong young man.

HUGH DUNTON.

Change of Address

WILL visitors to Skegness kindly note that from July 1st, the meetings of the Skegness company will be held at 12 Dorothy Avenue, one minute from the G.P.O. and railway station, and opposite the hospital. Services: Sabbath-school, 10.30 a.m.; Preaching, 11.30 a.m.

LESLIE SHAW.

Northern Ireland Mission

President: Pastor A. J. Mustard

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Building for the Master

IN February 1947, after a lapse of sixteen years, a public effort was conducted by the writer in the Coleraine Town Hall. Ministerial opposition toward our services was encountered even before the first Sunday meeting commenced, and only seventy-five people were present on the opening night in a hall seating 500.

After seven weeks in the Town Hall we transferred our meetings to the Orange Hall, a smaller hall in the town, taking along with us what little interest had been created. Opposition toward the truth had by no means abated, and our enemies were simply waiting for an opportunity of having us turned out of the only

hall available to us, and one which we had come to regard as our spiritual home.

Their opportunity came in January, 1949, and we were given one month in which to vacate this building in which we had been meeting for almost two years. During that month we worked hard and prayed long that God would protect those who had become interested in His truth, and that if it was His will He would open up the way that His work might be established in this small town. It seemed as if every door was closed, and that of ourselves we could do nothing.

The suggestion of erecting our own place of worship in the town was brought by the writer to the president of the Northern Ireland Mission, Pastor A. J. Mustard. But this suggestion involved many problems. First, could we find a suitable building? Could we obtain a piece of ground on which to build? Then, would the Town Planning Officer approve of our proposed building and the plans? And finally, could we secure the financial backing essential to this building project? Very practical questions to be sure, and questions we could not answer at the time. But the God whom we serve knew of our difficulties and answered all the questions for us.

First, the British Union Conference committee agreed to the original suggestion of erecting a temporary building, and accor-

dingly voted a sum of money toward this building project. Secondly, a piece of land was given to us in a good locality by Brother and Sister Aiken of Coleraine (even before these good souls were baptized into the church, and who since have bequeathed their entire property to the denomination). Thirdly, the Planning Officer approved of our building plans; and fourthly, we succeeded in purchasing the right type of building.

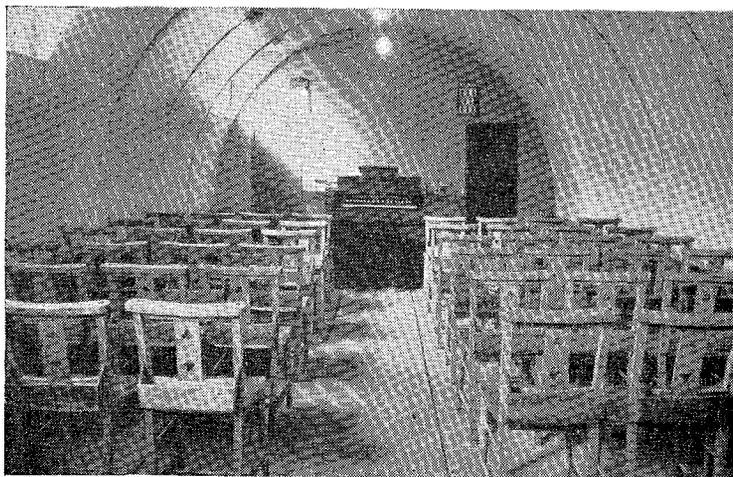
Could anyone doubt that the Lord was leading in all these things? He gave us all we needed, and more. He was with us at every step of the way, solving each problem as it came along, in order that His truth might be established in this far-off corner of this benighted mission field.

In less than three months after being turned out of the only public hall available to us in Coleraine we were meeting in our own church building, the interior of which can be seen from the accompanying photograph.

Almost all the work involved in erecting this place of worship (like the digging out and laying of foundations, mixing concrete, the laying of bricks, the joinery, painting and decorating, etc.) was done by Brother L. A. D. Lane and the writer. Long hours and hard work were given in order that this building, humble though it may be, might become a suitable spiritual home for the new believers, and also for those who are showing an interest in the Advent message.

Pray that the blessing of God may rest upon the work which has been done, and upon the work that will yet be done. Pray for the new believers, and for those who have not yet taken their stand but yet know the truth. Pray for the new worker and his family that God may give them many precious souls for His kingdom, and that there may be a good harvest of souls prepared to meet the Saviour when He returns.

A. H. COWLEY.



Interior of our church at Coleraine.

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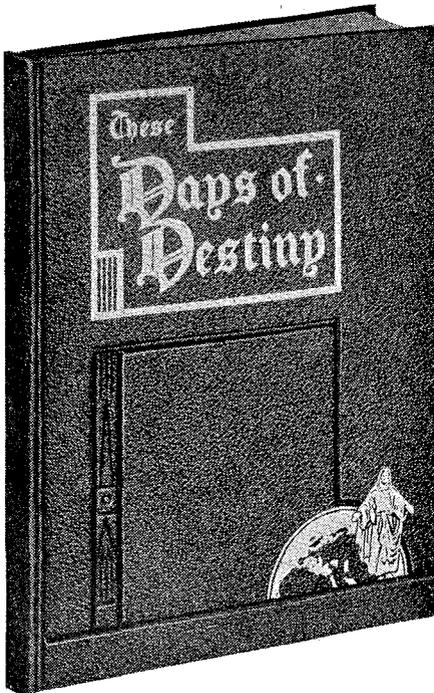
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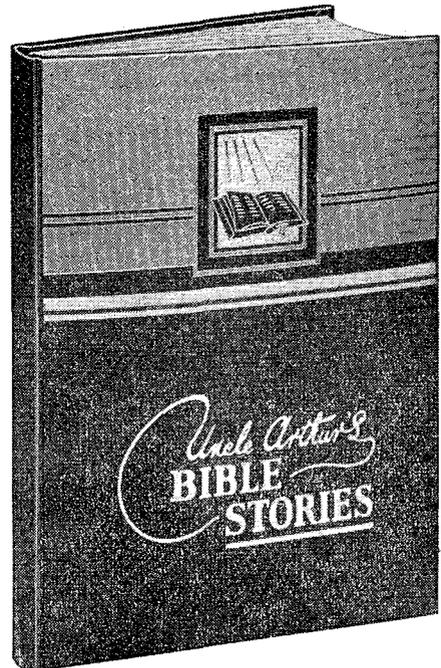
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Wedding Bells

CLEE-SCHOFIELD—At 1 p.m. on Easter Monday, April 10, 1950, a large congregation assembled in the Advent church, Bradford, to witness the marriage ceremony between Miss Margaret A. Schofield and Mr. Donald O. Clee now residing in Coventry.

Despite the most contrary weather, the bride arrived completely undisturbed and very pleasingly attired in purest white, followed by two little train-bearers, and attended by two bridesmaids in floral array.

Recounting fragments from the wedding address, one remembers certain sincere injunctions suggested by Pastor John Handysides, who solemnized the marriage. He advocated the practice of mutual forbearance; a combined prayer life, and the introduction of Jesus Christ as a resident within the new home.

There followed a fitting reception at which one hundred guests assembled in honour of the bride and bridegroom, and from which the bridal pair departed for their honeymoon.

As Brother and Sister Clee establish their little home in Coventry, our prayers and kindest wishes follow them. May theirs be the happiness that will bring bountiful blessings to them throughout life's journey, and develop into the perfect love which will gain entrance to that eternal Eden home.

L. C. HANDYSIDES.

LANE-SMITH.—A happy company of relatives and friends gathered at the Llanishen Baptist church, Cardiff, on Thursday, April 13, 1950, when Leonard A. D. Lane and Jean M. Smith were united in marriage by the writer. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by three bridesmaids: her two sisters, Audrey and Anne, and Rosemary Lane. Keith Lane acted as best man.

After the ceremony, relatives and guests sat down to the traditional wedding breakfast at Hallinans Hotel. Pastor and Mrs. F. S. Jackson and Pastor J. M. Howard were among the guests.

These young people graduated from Newbold College two years ago, since when Brother Lane has been engaged in ministerial work in Northern Ireland and Sister Smith in teaching at Stanborough Park. After a brief honeymoon, Brother and Sister L. A. D. Lane will return to Belfast to work together in the cause they both love.

And so another Christian home is set up, and their many friends will wish them the rich blessing of God as they seek to make it a centre of light and blessing.

L. E. A. LANE.

PORTER-LYONS—The Westcliff church was bright with flowers on Wednesday, April 19, 1950, and many friends were present when Brother Charles F. Porter and Sister Bertha F. Lyons were united in marriage by the writer. The bride was given away by her eldest brother, and Mr. J. W. Hall acted as best man.

Afterward, relatives and guests enjoyed a special luncheon with the newly married couple at a near-by restaurant.

Brother and Sister Porter are both highly esteemed members of the Westcliff church, and we wish them every blessing and happiness in their united lives.

L. E. A. LANE.

TOUSSIROT-TEW. — At Stanborough Park church on Sunday, May 14, 1950, Jean Toussirot and Dorothy Rose Tew were united in matrimony. Jean is a member of our Paris church and first made acquaintance with Dorothy during one of the special Youth Rallies, which are proving so popular these days. We shall miss Dorothy at Stanborough Park, where she has been an efficient member of the Granose office staff, and a splendid youth leader in the Park church. A large company of friends witnessed the service conducted by the writer, and a privileged group of relatives and friends joined the happy bride and bridegroom at the reception held in the Stanboroughs Annexe building. The bridal party with the two charming bridesmaids — Miss Miriam Henley and Miss Joan Gallaher—made a most pleasing picture in its seasonal setting of green trees and spring flowers.

We wish Brother and Sister Toussirot every happiness in their Paris home and church.

G. D. KING.

BEECH-HARRISON. — On Whit Monday, May 29, 1950, Brother P. Beech and Miss J. Harrison were united in marriage in the

Stanborough Park church before a good number of our own people who assembled together with relatives and friends of the bride and bridegroom. The writer officiated, assisted by Pastor A. K. Armstrong. Both of these young people are graduates of Newbold Missionary College, and Brother Beech has spent some time in the North England Conference. Recently they have accepted a call to work in Egypt, and are expecting to go to their new field of labour during the month of July. The MESSENGER family wish them every blessing in their united lives, and in their service for humanity abroad.

W. W. ARMSTRONG.

EASTWOOD-RUSSETT.—The happy sequel to an association which developed from one of our M.V. camps at Plymouth, was witnessed by a good number of relatives and friends on Monday, June 12, 1950, when Mr. Philip Eastwood and Miss Evelyn Russett joined hands and hearts before God in matrimony, at our Arley Hill church, Bristol.

Pastor C. R. Bonney conducted this joyous church ceremony, and it gave pleasure to all present to know that yet another Adventist home was being established. We pray that even with the same abundance that the sun shone upon them on Monday, God's blessing will rest upon these young people as they commence the joys of journeying together with God.

ROY E. GRAHAM.

Until the Day Break

GREENHOW.—We are sorry to announce the death of Sister Elizabeth Ann Greenhow at the ripe age of ninety-one years on April 6, 1950. She was laid to rest in the Croscombe Cemetery after a brief service conducted by the writer in our little church. She first came into contact with the Advent message about fifty years ago under the instruction of Brother Destey of Southampton. She lived with her daughter, the wife of the faithful elder of our Croscombe church—Brother A. C. Johnson—for the last fifteen years. During her last years she was unable to attend church because of deafness and infirmity, but we believe she died a child of the Lord, having shared through the years that great hope that makes us all one in Him. Those who remain to mourn the loss of our sister are comforted in the anticipation of that glad day.

R. H. BAINBRIDGE.

KIDMAN.—The Cambridge church has lost another of its members by the passing away of Miss Peggy P. Kidman, aged twenty-seven years. She passed to her rest on April 4, 1950, after being in Linton Hospital for several years, being paralyzed and unable to do anything for herself. When she and her two brothers were younger, they were regular in attendance at our young people's meetings, Sabbath-school, and

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services. Peggy was baptized by Pastor S. Joyce on October 22, 1938. Unfortunately she has not been able to attend any services for a long time, nor has her brother Bernard, who was always a regular attender until he, too, became paralyzed. He is in the same hospital, with Raymond, the other brother. Peggy was laid to rest in the Borough Cemetery, Cambridge, on Sabbath, April 8th. We remember in our prayers those who are left to mourn their loss, trusting that when Jesus comes they will all meet, free from all pain and sickness, never to part again.
E. S. RULE, *Church Clerk.*

GOODIER — Sister Hannah Goodier passed away peacefully just before midnight on Sunday, April 9, 1950. She had suffered for some time with severe heart attacks. The last day of her life was passed with her family around her. They had spent a happy day together, but just after retiring for the night Sister Goodier was taken with an attack and passed away in a few minutes. She was born at North Rode in 1874, but spent most of her life at Stretford, Manchester. Her cheerful nature enabled her to meet her many trials with a smile until the greatest sorrow of her life came in 1935—the passing of her husband. It was at this time that Sister Goodier found and accepted with her daughter Nancy the comfort of the Advent message. The keynote of her life was service to others. She spent many years in nursing. When she accepted this truth she sought some way to serve, even though she was sixty years of age. She soon became an outstanding collector for missions and made her home a place of welcome to visitors and strangers. Many now overseas will hear of her passing with regret and will treasure many memories of her fireside. On April 13th a service was held at Sherwood Street church, Nottingham, conducted by Pastors O. M. Dorland, T. L. Gillett, and the writer. The burial service was held at the graveside in Stretford Cemetery. The writer officiated, assisted by Pastor H. K. Munson. Many members and friends were present at both services.
W. J. CANNON.

BEAZLEY.—On Easter Monday, April 10, 1950, Sister M. Beazley, wife of our church elder, was quietly laid to rest in the Old Church Cemetery, Bushbury, Wolverhampton. She was eighty-five years of age, and was one of the oldest charter members of the Wolverhampton church. Brought into the message under the ministry of S. F. Tonks and baptized by Pastor W. H. Meredith on July 28, 1916, she has given many years of faithful service to the church. Our kind thoughts and sympathy turn toward her dear husband and daughter Agnes, who grieve their loss. We know that their comfort at this time is found in the blessed hope of the day when loved ones will be reunited.
J. P. WEST

TAYLOR.—Sister A. H. Taylor, aged sixty-seven, of the Worcester church, fell asleep on April 13, 1950, after a long illness. She endured much suffering with great patience and fortitude. Sister Taylor was baptized by the late Pastor J. McAvoy, in 1917. Pastor J. Clifford conducted the funeral service, bringing comfort and consolation to the bereaved from the thought of the soon-coming of Jesus, and the glorious resurrection.
CHURCH CLERK.

BROOKS—It is with regret that we announce the death of Brother Joseph Ernest Brooks, a member of the Stanborough Park church, who passed away on Friday, April 14, 1950, at the age of seventy-six years. Brother Brooks accepted the third angel's message through the influence of his wife thirty

years ago. The church has lost a faithful and loyal member, and our brother will be greatly missed. We extend our deep sympathy to Sister Brooks and the others of the family who can look forward to the day of glad reunion when long years of faithfulness will be richly rewarded at the call of the Master. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer, and our brother was laid to rest in the North Watford Cemetery.
A. K. ARMSTRONG.

SISTER BROOKS appreciates floral tributes and letters of sympathy which have come to her.

BOURNE.—Our dear Sister Eva Bourne passed peacefully to her rest on Tuesday, April 18, 1950, at the age of seventy-five years. Having lived in India for many years, Sister Bourne accepted the message in that country under the ministry of Pastor Conley in 1928. She was laid to rest by Pastor P. O. Cumings in a beautiful little churchyard on the outskirts of Paignton. The Rev. Stevens assisted in the service. We extend our heartfelt sympathies to her husband and look forward with confidence to meeting our sister on the resurrection morning.
CHURCH CLERK.

TROWSDALE.—On Tuesday, April 18, 1950, at the age of eighty-one, Sister Annie Jane Trowsdale was laid to rest in the little village of Snainton, near Scarborough, where she had lived all her life. The burial service was conducted jointly by Pastor R. A. Vince, and the local Wesleyan minister, in the Wesleyan Methodist chapel. Later the interment took place beside the St. Stephen church. About forty sorrowing friends and relatives were present, including nine fellow members of the Scarborough church. To the remaining members of her own family we especially extend our sincerest sympathy at the loss of one so much loved. Sister Trowsdale received the Advent message through the testimony of her youngest son, Harold, in 1930. At that time he was visiting her from Australia, where he himself had accepted the truth. Since then his mother was zealous and earnest in her witness until ill-health intervened. Surely, at the Lord's return, Sister Trowsdale will be raised to eternal life.
R. A. VINCE.

FAIRFAX.—We deeply regret to report to the MESSENGER family that our beloved Brother William James Fairfax, of Barry, died quite suddenly on April 23, 1950, aged seventy-five. Brother Fairfax was a loyal and devoted member of our Barry church, who served as deacon with distinction for many years. He was received into church fellowship in the year 1933 by Pastor G. D. King. We feel stunned at the great loss that has overtaken us. We have, however, the gladdening consolation in our grief that our dear brother is safe in the arms of Jesus. Almost his last words were: "What a wonderful Saviour is my Jesus." Our deepest sympathy goes out to our dear Sister Fairfax, and to every member of the family. After prayer at the home, the funeral service proper was conducted in the beautiful Barry Adventist church by Pastor J. M. Howard, our esteemed president, assisted by Brother George Emm and the writer, in the presence of a very large congregation composed of relatives, friends, and churchmembers. The interment was in Barry Cemetery. Brother Fairfax was a prominent figure among our Adventist membership in South Wales, well known and loved for his kindness, Christian love, and consideration for others. Soon our tears of grief will be turned to everlasting joy in the reunion when Jesus comes.
F. S. JACKSON.

FISHER.—Mrs. Harriett Fisher passed to her rest at the age of eighty years on May 1, 1950. Sister Fisher met with us when she could, but for the past year or two she had been very frail. Our sister was a faithful member for many years, having met with us since 1932. On May 5th Pastor L. E. A. Lane spoke words of comfort at the funeral service held in the Southend church. The burial took place in Sutton Cemetery. Our sympathies go to sorrowing relatives and friends.
CHURCH CLERK.

ANDREWS.—On May 3, 1950, the Ely company lost its oldest member as Sister Mary J. S. Andrews fell asleep in Jesus at the age of eighty-four. Under the guidance and ministry of Pastor R. S. Joyce she embraced the Advent message and was received into the fellowship of the Great Yarmouth church on October 6, 1932. Following the outbreak of the war she moved to Ely where, since 1940, she has been a member. Her increasing age and infirmity have prevented her attending services during the past year or so, but she will nevertheless be missed from our small company of believers. Pastor S. G. Hyde conducted the funeral service at the City of London Cemetery, Manor Park, and his ministry and words of comfort were indeed greatly appreciated by the family who mourned their loss, being assured of reunion on the great resurrection day.
A. W. S., *Church Clerk.*

BERNETTE.—On Sabbath, May 6, 1950, Miss Jane Bernette passed peacefully to rest and was later buried in the Western Cemetery, Darlington. Almost every member of the church was present at the service in the home, which was conducted by the writer. She will be missed by all but especially by her own sister, who has lost a life-long companion. We extend to Sister Crowther our deepest sympathies in this hour of bereavement, and look forward to that day when there will be "No more death, neither sorrow, nor crying."
F. C. J. PEARSE

BATT.—Sister Batt, a member of the Wood Green church, passed to her rest on Sunday, May 7, 1950. Owing to a change of address she had not been able to attend church for some time. After having a fall, she was taken to hospital, where she contracted meningitis. We extend our sympathy to her family and friends.
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JOHNS.—Brother Johns was called suddenly to rest on Friday, May 12, 1950. He had been suffering for some time from diabetes, and was staying at the time of his death with his daughter at Epping. Brother Johns had known and treasured the truth for forty years, and was baptized by Pastor H. Armstrong at Aberbargoed, South Wales. He is now resting with his dear wife who passed away only seven months ago. We extend our deepest sympathies to his family, who have the comfort of knowing their dear one died watching and waiting for the coming of our Lord.
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DURRANT.—It is with deep regret that we record the death of Mrs. Durrant on May 15, 1950, at the age of seventy-seven. Sister Durrant accepted the Advent message in 1926 during the ministry of the late Pastor Hall in Manchester. Although for some years our sister has been confined to bed with rheumatoid arthritis, she did not complain, and remained cheerful to the end. Brother E. Butters conducted a short service at the home, and spoke words of comfort to the sorrowing relatives at the graveside. We are confident we shall meet our dear sister again soon,
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if faithful, when Jesus comes to gather His true followers.

M. THOMSON, *Church Clerk.*

SNOWDEN — Mrs Clara Snowden passed away suddenly and unexpectedly, at the age of sixty-eight years, on May 27, 1950. Sister Snowden was brought into the truth by Pastor J Hyde, and she and her husband were baptized by Pastor J J Gillatt on October 10, 1917. Sister Snowden has been a faithful member of the Grimsby church ever since, and has held the office of senior deaconess for a number of years. Her quiet, efficient service in the church has been appreciated very much. She leaves to mourn two brothers, five sons, and five daughters. A service was held at the home by the writer, and interment was at Cleethorpes Cemetery, where Brother L C Anderson, the church elder, was associated with the undersigned in the last rites. We have every confidence of meeting our sister again on the joyous morning of the resurrection.

HAROLD W McCROW.

COLE — Sister Mrs Cole, who accepted the message and joined the Walthamstow church under the labours of the late Pastor L. W. Barras, over a quarter of a century ago, died, on May 29, 1950, in Whipps Cross Hospital, Leytonstone, and was laid to rest in the Walthamstow Cemetery on June 5th. Relatives and churchmembers shared an appropriate service in our Walthamstow church, conducted by Pastor S. G. Hyde. Our sister who had reached the age of seventy-two, was a well-loved churchmember, and a loving wife and mother. She sleeps until Jesus calls her at His coming.

E. A. O. BROWN, *Church Clerk*

HILL — Sister L. Hill accepted the truth under the labours of Pastor J. M. Howard in January, 1949. She was made a deaconess in the newly-formed Abergavenny company, and since then has been a faithful witness to the Advent message in the midst of opposition and persecution. Quite suddenly she was rushed into the local hospital on May 31, 1950, and passed away the same day at the age of sixty-nine. On June 2nd she was laid to rest in the Llanwenith churchyard. A short while ago Sister Hill wrote a letter to the writer in which she stated she felt that her days were numbered, but that she would be among those who would meet the Lord in the air. Our prayers go up on behalf of the husband and daughter who are left to mourn the loss of their dear one. We pray that the memory of her life will lead them to find the Saviour whom our sister loved.

C. L. W. COOKE

SHORT — The Huddersfield church regrets to announce the death of their elder, Brother Walter Ramsden Short, on June 5, 1950. He was one month short of seventy-six years of age. Our brother had suffered ill-health for some time, but the call came very suddenly at the end. At the age of ten years he came into the truth of the Advent message at the same time as his parents in 1885, as the result of the labours of the pioneer worker, Elder A. A. John, who opened the work in the little village of Ulceby, Lincs., about the year 1882. There our brother, when a lad of sixteen years, along with his father helped to build our first place of worship in this country. He had the joy of meeting Sister E. G. White, when she came to England, and stayed with his parents in their home, in the eighties. For ten years he laboured in the colporteur work. His chief interest, all through his life, was the cause of God. He seized every opportunity to further the Advent message, and has collected hundreds of pounds for missions. Our brother was a member of the York

church for many years, also of the Leeds church. He had been a member of the Huddersfield church about eighteen months, and was ordained an elder by Pastor O. M. Dorland in November, 1948. He leaves a widow, two daughters, and one step-daughter, to mourn their loss. He was laid to rest in Shelley churchyard on June 8, 1950. Pastor B. F. Kinman held a service at the house, where many relatives and friends were gathered. He now rests from his labours, and awaits the call of the Life-giver on the glorious resurrection morning "He giveth His beloved sleep." CHURCH CLERK

SCRIVENER — Brother John Scrivener, an aged member on the isolated list of the North England Conference, residing in Little Harrowden, Northants, passed away peacefully in his bed on June 9, 1950 at the ripe old age of ninety years. It was around fifty years ago that with Sister Scrivener, our brother attended meetings conducted by Brother Altmann in Birkenhead. A man of powerful physique, Brother Scrivener was not afraid to declare his faith in his own forceful way. His reminiscences of former days were always enjoyable, and having known Brother Scrivener one can never forget his intricate charts and figures with ready pencil and paper. We laid our brother to rest in Little Harrowden churchyard by kind permission of the vicar on Monday afternoon, June 12th. Words of comfort were read from God's Word to Sister Scrivener, her daughter, and other relatives in the home, by the writer, who also committed our brother to the earth at the graveside. We look forward to that day when the great Life-giver will come to call His own "He giveth His beloved sleep."

T. H. FIELDING

BARNES — We regret to announce that our sister, Mrs. H. M. Barnes, passed away suddenly on June 12, 1950. She came to a knowledge of the Advent message under the ministry of Pastor W. W. Armstrong and became a member of the Ealing church. Having lived in various parts of Scotland she recently settled in Edinburgh. Poor health prevented her from attending church regularly. Prior to her death her health had been improving and she was hoping to be able to come to church more often. We laid her to rest to await the Master's call "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."

DAVID J. DABSON

SMITH — Susannah Smith whose membership was with the Wellingborough church fell asleep in the blessed hope at her home in Little Harrowden in the early hours of June 26, 1950. She had reached the ripe old age of eighty-six years. About twenty-eight years ago, Brethren Hawkins and Casson, elders of our Rushden and Wellingborough churches, held meetings in this old time, lovely Northants village. Our sister was among those who embraced the truth, and she was duly baptized by Pastor A. K. Armstrong. For many years now our sister had been unable to attend church on account of her advancing years, but her love for the truth was undiminished and we believe she died at peace with her Maker. After a brief service in her home which was attended by a large number of relatives and friends, we laid Sister Smith to rest in the village churchyard to await the life-giving call of Jesus when He shall return. Her grave is alongside that of her elder brother, John Scrivener whom we committed to the earth a few weeks ago. Our deepest sympathy was expressed on behalf of the Advent family to Sister Wilford, her daughter, to her daughter Polly, and to all relatives and friends present. "Stablish your hearts for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh."

T. H. FIELDING

Acknowledgment

THE treasurer of the British Union Conference acknowledges with thanks the receipt of the Lord's tithe, £2 6s, Anonymous

Advertisements

A YOUNG German whose father and mother are missing in the Russian zone and who is studying in a German university, expects to come to an English farm camp next month for two weeks. He desires to stay with an Adventist family for a week or two after leaving the camp. Although not an Adventist, this lad has excellent recommendations and is a very sincere Christian. Would anyone willing to take this boy kindly write to the Union Missionary Volunteer Department?

A SWISS Adventist youth by the name of Charles Rochet, desires to stay in England from July until September. He is a farmer's son and would like to work on a farm with an Adventist family in return for his keep. He attended summer school at Newbold three years ago. Address: Charles Rochet, Mont sur Rolle (r d), Switzerland.

PLEASE send your back numbers of *Present Truth*, *Signs of the Times*, *Little Friend*, and Bible text cards to me for distribution to hospitals and old people's homes, etc. Acknowledgment will be made through these columns. Thank you, R. H. Marshall, c/o Mrs. Quinton, 55 Oxford Road, Cambridge.

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