

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

A Personal Message from the Union President

As I take up my new duties, perhaps I may be permitted to write first of all a few personal words. Having been born of Seventh-Day Adventist parents, I have always regarded the proclamation of the message we believe in to be the greatest and most important matter in life. The early training given me impressed this on my mind and heart. The experiences through which I and others passed during the first World War but deepened the consciousness that upon those who have received the truth for these times rests a solemn responsibility. Suffering for Christ can lay in the life a foundation of trust and confidence as nothing else can.

Later on in life a call to the mission field came, and twenty years of service there deepened my implicit trust in the great God, and the surety in my own heart that the great principles we believe in were of God, and that they would ultimately triumph everywhere. As one reviews one's own experiences, it is wonderful to see how God builds men's lives in spite of their unwillingness at times.

To-day my confidence in God and His truth is stronger than ever before. My belief in a quick and final work being done is intensified from day to day.

Ominous are the times in which we live and the possibility of a third world crisis coming within a year is freely written about in the press. Expressions of alarm are heard everywhere, which we as understanding believers need not enter into. Our duty is to establish our hearts in faith, and be patient. The coming of the Lord draweth nigh. In no way must we permit the paralyzing fear which is creeping

over the world to find lodgment within our hearts. It is a time for perfect love to possess us and to cast out fear and doubt. The hour has come when deep confidence in God, in His truth, and in each other must strengthen our service. Before us is a gigantic task, for fifty million people in these British Isles await the enlightening message which must be given before Christ comes. And the hour is late,—very late. Soon we shall be embroiled in war of the most horrible kind which will paralyze all normal effort. To-day is not only the time for preparation, but for doing great things for God. His power is illimitable and awaits our demand. We must stand prepared for its immediate reception. "Be ye ready," is the keyword for to-day. The baptism of power for service must come upon prepared and waiting lives.

In accepting the call to leadership, I do so with a deepening sense of its responsibility and my own unfitness, unless God daily mould me. I enter into my new work assured of the loyalty and support of God's people to His own cause. I believe hundreds are earnestly praying for great things to be seen in our island home. May faithfulness and toil bring a speedy answer to these prayers. One text that came forcefully to my mind last week was this: "Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh: is there any thing too hard for Me?" Jer. 32:27. We may all feel the weakness of the flesh upon us, but it is for us to know and experience now that through weakness God can and will make His power evident, and nothing shall stand against us.

W. W. ARMSTRONG.

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“We Would See Jesus”

Closing Service of the Conference by L. K. Dickson

(Reported by S. G. Hyde)

MAY I turn your attention to-night to the words found in John 12:20-28: “Certain Greeks . . . desired Him, saying, Sir, we would see Jesus. . . Jesus answered them, saying, The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified. . . For this cause came I unto this hour. Father, glorify Thy name.”

It is interesting to notice that these marvellous words came from Jesus in the presence of those who were greatly in need, and who were bent on seeing Jesus. To them and to the disciples Jesus expressed the conviction that “the hour” had “come” for the accomplishment of God’s great purpose. So with us to-day, we come to the close of this great conference where we have all been impressed with the need of finishing the task quickly. At this late hour we are not moving fast enough to meet the need of those souls all around us who wait for the tender touch and the comfort which the Spirit of God alone can provide through the vehicle of His people.

Seventh-Day Adventists recognize that this is a late hour in history. Many others do, too. But we go further and believe that this is the final hour of human history. Seventh-Day Adventists recognize they have come to the focal point of fulfilled prophecy, that the problems troubling mankind are those very things specified in prophecy which constitute omens of the soon-coming Lord. Motivated by this certainty Seventh-Day Adventists are marching to all quarters of the globe telling the good news of Jesus’ coming and of the prophetic signs that tell of the imminence of that great event. They have been doing it for over one hundred years. The early beginnings were small, but now their activities are spread all over the earth.

But millions are still in darkness. We believe that the time has come for a mighty uprising in order to meet the needs of these benighted ones. This is the time for powerful preaching such as has not been known since the great days of the Reformation. We believe that the time has come again, as in Christ’s day, for the Son of man to be glorified.

The purpose of our conference will be lost unless we go from here determined to fulfil God’s plan for this hour. The mighty task it presents should overshadow all else and reveal to us all the critical need to spread abroad the convictions of our heart concerning the coming kingdom.

You may have read the painful cry of Sir John Boyd Orr when, a few years back, surveying the tragic material need of starving millions of mankind, he appealed: “All hands to the plough!” That is the church’s call to-day. Action is needed. All our strength and time should now be centred upon glorifying the Son of God by helping to usher in the day of God. Our ears are very dull indeed if we

don’t recognize that there is coming from the hearts of men a cry for help. Oh, what need there is of a strong voice to echo through the land, pictured as it is in 2 Chronicles 15:5: “And in those times there was no peace to him that went out, nor to him that come in, but great vexations were upon all the inhabitants of the countries.”

We are hovering on the verge of another great conflict. We must recognize this as the crisis hour. Thinking men know that we are come to the time that is fraught with dire possibilities. The world has known hate in the past, but not hate so deep as rankles in the hearts of nations to-day. Yet it is paradoxically strange that while hatred abounds to-day there also abounds great hope.

Deep chasms are yawning before hopeless humanity. There seems no bridge to span them. Never was there such a time for the church to rise up and show the way and reveal the consolation of God’s plan. The call is going out to the church in all lands to rise up and finish the work—that call has been sounded in this conference, the call to step out onto the field of action, to march forward together, not breaking rank, with faith in our hearts and courage in our breasts, and possessed of that divine power that will enable us to declare the message with conviction and in the power of the Spirit.

Face to face with a generation that is sweeping on to destruction the Advent movement must bring its full weight to bear. Mighty changes are taking place every day, doors are being closed that have long been open, and soon what we have failed to accomplish in time of peace and tranquillity, we shall have to do under distressing circumstances. This is the hour, the hour when the world is ready to listen. The church of God is at the peak of its popularity, a popularity that will never return. We must take advantage of this unique situation and be up and at it! The hour has come when the Son of man will be glorified.

Yes, and the time has come when the doctrines we preach must be adorned with lives that are characterized by the graces of the Spirit; lives that possess a character that will glorify the Lord. “Ye are My witnesses,” says the Lord, and that witness must be of grace as well as truth. Men will no longer accept the truth we offer unless our lives adorn it. “I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me.” “Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that . . . have the faith of Jesus.” We have reached the hour when the world must see that God’s people are living by faith. We must have a programme not only of *giving* God’s truth, but *living* God’s truth! And we need something else—

we need to see coming back the old pioneering spirit, the readiness to do or die, the readiness to be good soldiers of Jesus Christ. Our lives must be a greater monument of spiritual possession than ever before.

There are those who would pray for peace—that is right—but let not our prayers be merely for peace, but also for power—power to rise over every obstacle; for the world as well as the church is looking on. Do you know what they are saying to-day? They are saying: “Where is the power of Elijah?” We should never be satisfied until we see an answer to that query.

The servant of the Lord has spoken of the “great work that has to be accomplished,” and if ever we are to fulfil that word we must mount up with wings as eagles and our voices must reach out to the ends of the earth. The church of God must come out of its isolation to accomplish a much greater work than ever before. Our impress on the world must be more definite. Every man of us must be aroused to the crying need of the hour.

There is only one answer for the world and *we* have that answer. How criminal if we fail to give that answer and provide the remedy for the world’s ills, a remedy vouchsafed only to this people.

The nominal church stands paralyzed to-day. What will the church of the Advent movement do to meet this situation? Surely to do what we ought to do needs a power greater than that of Pentecost.

One of these days you and I will have to stand alone. Experiences are coming to us that we have not yet realized, nor do we understand. Oh, how we need to march to-day shoulder to shoulder so that we may, under God, shake the world with the last warning cry! I wish I could say these things so as to help the church of Christ to be changed from being a *field* of evangelism to being a *force* of evangelism. Shall we not decide to rise up and help the church become such a force? To do that, your life and mine must be filled with the certainty of Pentecost, and with its vision and power.

There is need for a seeking after God to-day. There needs to come to us a greater volume of spiritual ability—the ability to pray and effectively to win souls to Christ, to stand in the midst of all the adversity and be serene, to sing in prison and to court death rather than resort to sin.

What do you say to-night? Shall we take the step that will bring about this change? Too many things are hindering its realization, too many trivialities are affecting the successful prosecution of the work. It is time for the important things to come to the top. “Him that overcometh,” we read, “will have the hidden manna,” the hidden manna of all God’s resources. More of these than we can possibly use are at our command. God has His hand on all the agencies needed and will provide the things needful for those importunate souls who plead with Him in faith. Shall we not then set ourselves in line for this new and urgent experience?

Perhaps I am speaking to some who have wondered why their witness has borne so little fruit. Was it not because this very power and these very resources have not been sought or obtained?

How good to know that there is nothing that can thwart the purposes of God nor stop the onward march. But not until we believe, can God give that which we need. The Spirit of God will do mighty things and will make to fall all the mountains of difficulty that overshadow the servants of God. The note on which we should close this conference is that God has given all that is needed to stem the tide of evil opposition and give success to the witness and work of His people.

I with you, to-night, desire to give myself wholly for the finishing of His work.

I wonder if you would like to stand with me as evidence of our determination to give ourselves to God in full surrender for the urgent finishing of His work?

RESOLUTIONS

Christian Education

RECOGNIZING the indispensable part in the saving and training of our youth by the Christian education given in our Adventist schools and colleges,

Resolved.—1. That we co-operate with our local and Union Conferences in establishing church schools wherever practicable, and

2. That we support our church schools, secondary school, and College by every means in our power, morally, spiritually, and financially.

Sabbath-School Work

EVANGELISM

WHEREAS, the Sabbath-school is designated to be a great evangelizing centre, and each class is to be an active evangelizing unit,

We Recommend.—1. That all Sabbath-school superintendents take the lead in planning with their committees for active and continuous Sabbath-school evangelism.

2. That adequate and capable personnel be provided for the fostering of this programme, including:

- a. Comprehensive child evangelism.
- b. Branch Sabbath-schools, Sunday-schools.
- c. Personal and class evangelism.

MEMBERSHIP

WHEREAS, the Sabbath-school is an inseparable part of our church organization, and has been ordained of God for the spiritual upbuilding of each member of the church, from the youngest to the oldest, therefore:

We Recommend.—1. That the Sabbath-school membership objective be the enrolment of:

- a. All baptized members of the church
 - b. All our own unbaptized children and youth.
 - c. Such persons as may wish to enrol as members.
2. That our evangelists encourage all baptismal candidates to enrol in the Sabbath-school
3. That each Sabbath-school work toward the goal of 100 per cent enrolment of the church membership in the Sabbath-school.

NEED OF TRAINED LEADERSHIP

WHEREAS, we are told that: “There is a dearth of educated ability among us, and we have not men

who are sufficiently trained to do justice to the work of managing our Sabbath-schools" (*Counsels on Sabbath-School Work*, page 156) and that: "There is a great field open to the teachers also. They should feel their responsibility, and make use of every opportunity to improve, that they may render the best kind of service in a manner that will result in the salvation of souls."—"*Counsels on Sabbath-School Work*," pages 163 and 94.

We Recommend.—1 That ministers and church officers plan where practicable to organize in co-operation with the Conference Sabbath-school secretary the new Sabbath-school Teachers' Training Course, in which the teachers in every division are given a simple but scientific course of training to prepare them to become effective Sabbath-school teachers and soul-winners.

2. That we continue to urge upon our Sabbath-school officers the importance of strengthening the efficiency of our Sabbath-school teaching by holding, where possible, weekly Sabbath-school teachers' meetings.

3. That conference workers and Sabbath-school leaders be urged to enlist our Sabbath-school officers and teachers as subscribers to the invaluable and greatly improved periodical, *The Sabbath-School Worker*.

DAILY STUDY SURVEY RECORD

WHEREAS, we believe the daily study plan was given to our Sabbath-school by God, and whereas some of our members have thought that the plan has been abandoned,

We Recommend.—That in harmony with the General Conference plan, the Sabbath-school class record cards should provide space for the number of persons following the daily lesson study plan.

THE SABBATH-SCHOOL AND OUR CHILDREN

WHEREAS, the early years of childhood are tremendously important and determine the habits and ideals of later life and that the Sabbath-school is one of the greatest agencies we have for winning our children and establishing them in the message,

We Recommend.—That special effort be made in our churches to provide the primary and kindergarten divisions of the Sabbath-school with adequate equipment such as sand trays, flannelgraph, etc., and that where possible a separate room suitably decorated and furnished be made available for these divisions.

Young People's Work

EVANGELISM

WHEREAS, at the recent General Conference Session the Advent youth throughout the world were called upon to respond to the solemn call to revival and greater evangelism, we believe it is right that a challenge should be issued again to our youth in the British Isles. Therefore,

We Recommend.—1. That we appeal to our youth to make the supreme gift to the Master, that of a life full of loving, fervent ministry on behalf of unsaved humanity whether they be friends, strangers, or those of other lands.

2. That the following plans be accepted for the launching of a great programme of evangelism by all our youth:

a. Many of the youth of advanced experience and outstanding ability will feel called by God to give the message from the public platform. Public halls, or other suitable gathering places should be obtained so that the people may be brought in and the message presented with simplicity, yet with power and conviction.

b. The experience of the past few years has demonstrated that young people can find a ready entrance into many communities by holding Sabbath- and Sunday-schools for children, young people, and adults not of our faith.

c. Another body of youthful workers can take the printed page from house to house for sale or for free distribution. Where openings are secured or an interest aroused, they can follow it up with Bible studies in the home. This is one of the most effective methods of working for others, and it is the foundation of all soul-winning.

d. The modern method of disseminating biblical knowledge through the radio and the Bible correspondence school has opened up a vast field of endeavour which should be enthusiastically entered by our Seventh-Day Adventist youth.

3. That in the conducting of evangelistic efforts, the Young People's Missionary Volunteer organization be utilized to assist in the work which is being carried forward throughout the country.

4. That in order to bring to every young person connected with the Missionary Volunteer organization a realization of the importance of this united evangelistic programme, the society weekly meeting be so outlined and organized as to place the emphasis upon "Share Your Faith" evangelism.

OFFICERS' CONVENTIONS

WHEREAS, there is a great need of educating our Missionary Volunteer and Sabbath-school and Sunday-school officers in the real objectives of these vital departments of the church,

We Recommend.—That our conferences hold regional or conference-wide officers' conventions in suitable places such as hotels or guest homes, where under favourable conditions invaluable help can be brought to those who have been called to leadership in our churches.

Greetings and Thanks

To the General Conference

Voted.—That we send to the General Conference an expression of thanks from this Union Conference in session, for so kindly making it possible for Brethren L. K. Dickson, W. P. Bradley, E. W. Dunbar, E. E. Franklin from the General Conference, and also A. F. Tarr, G. A. Lindsay, and other brethren from the newly-formed North Atlantic Division, to attend, and also for the invaluable services rendered by these brethren at this Union session.

To the Town Hall Authorities

Voted.—That we express our appreciation and thanks to the Town Clerk and Borough Treasurer for their interest in our gathering and for the facilities that they have so willingly extended to us during the period of our Conference session.

For Conference Arrangements

WHEREAS, the arrangements for conducting the Conference session, and the provisions for the comfort of all those present have been attended to in a most efficient way by a large number of willing and self-sacrificing helpers, Therefore,

Resolved.—That we extend our most hearty thanks to them all.

1. To A. W. Cook and his associates on the Reception and Apartments Committee.

2. To N. H. Knight and his associates in the Information Bureau.

3. To Miss A. Ashley and her associates in caring for the young children.

4. To G. R. Bell and his associates on the Stewards' Committee.

5. To J. H. Bayliss and his associates in caring for the platform and announcements.

6. To G. E. Adair, Mrs. Leigh, and her helpers in providing meals for the visitors during the week.

7. To A. K. Armstrong, T. J. Bradley, Mrs. K. J. Watson, and their associates in arranging the music for the session, and to the ladies' and male voice choirs for the fine help given.

8. To J. H. Parkin and his associates in connection with the seating of the delegates.

9. To W. G. Baldry and those who assisted him in his work of cashier and projectionist for the session.

10. To W. L. Emmerson and his associates for

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11. To Mr. J. Todd and his helpers in the excellent production of the session motto.

12. To all other willing helpers who have contributed in any way to the success of this conference.

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Baptism in Middlesbrough

ON Sabbath afternoon, September 9th, a very impressive baptismal service was held in the Southfield Road Baptist church kindly loaned to us for the occasion. Churchmembers from Darlington, Newcastle, Hartlepool, and Middlesbrough formed a good company to witness the baptizing of six precious souls.

Previous to the service the candidates had been publicly examined by Pastor O. M. Dorland and the hand of fellowship extended to them with suitable words of greeting and counsel in their journey toward the heavenly land. A welcome was also given by Brother F. J. Pearse and the elders of the Darlington and Middlesbrough churches.

"I am trusting Thee Lord Jesus" was sung to open the baptismal service and the address given by Pastor Dorland was based on the baptism of the eunuch by Philip.

Pastor Dorland emphasized very strongly that once we have buried the "old man" we should keep him buried.

Of the five sisters who were baptized two were teen-agers. Pastor Dorland said it was good

for young people to give their lives to the Lord Jesus. The wife of the brother who was buried with Christ beneath the waters, saw the fruit of faithful and believing prayers over a long period of time.

How our hearts were stirred as the organ played, "Just as I am, without one plea," as each soul was buried in the baptismal waters by Pastor Dorland.

May God richly bless them and keep them faithful that they may be a blessing to others by faithfully witnessing to His holy name. Brother Pearse, who has been a faithful and zealous worker for souls in this part of the vineyard, must too, have felt very happy that the Lord has been able to use him so mightily. May he and his wife be used to bring many more precious souls to the knowledge of the truth.

MRS. BLANO,
Church Clerk.

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Baptism at Southend

WE are happy to report another baptism, which took place in the Southend church on September 30th. Two dear souls were im-

mersed and one was received by vote. We are hoping that by the early spring five more souls will go forward in baptism. Pastor W. W. Armstrong was with us for the Sabbath, and both at the morning and at the afternoon services the church was filled to capacity. Pastor Armstrong's messages were timely and much appreciated by all.

The two who were baptized are a young lady and her fiancé who had finished the Voice of Prophecy study course. They will unite with the Chelmsford church. The sister who was received by vote will join the Westcliff church. We pray that God will richly bless these new members as they go forward with the remnant church.

L. E. A. LANE.

Irish Missions

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Ireland's Day of Fellowship

A DAY of Fellowship always means much to Adventists, but to the believers in Ireland perhaps it means a little more. Our groups here are so small and isolated that to meet in a larger hall filled to capacity evokes a prayer of appreciation and thankfulness mingled with a warmth of brotherly love for those gathered together.

Sabbath, August 19th, was such a happy and inspiring day for all who assembled in our Belfast

church. Visitors from far and near were present and were warmly welcomed by ministry and laity alike. The occasion was a baptismal service, when three candidates pledged their lives to God's service.

The morning service was an excellent forerunner to this event. The Sabbath-school lesson emphasized the value of effectual prayer and the devotional hour was an occasion for heart-searching as Pastor A. J. Mustard, president of the Irish Missions, delivered a timely address.

The meaning of baptism, its purpose and divine origin, were angles of thought expressed by the writer as a prelude to the baptism of the three dear souls, two of whom were from the Belfast area and one from the district of Portadown. Never did any partake in a more holy atmosphere, and very evident indeed was the power of God which filled the "temple."

Pastor W. G. Nicholson officiated at the service proper, and his heart and voice pleaded with God for those whom he led through the waters. Particularly did he pray for one dear young mother who had risen from a bed of extreme sickness to be baptized in the name of the Godhead. A prayerful silence followed the earnest entreaty for her healing. Truly we all uttered a fervent amen, that God's divine will may bring healing of mind and body to this young sister whose faith was linked with ours in solemn petition.

Hymns sung softly and reverently followed this great climax to Ulster's Day of Fellowship, and we were assured that the Lord had been specially near to us all—He had graced us with His presence.

Descending as it were from the mountain tops, we were rather loath to return to the plains, but it is there that the battles are fought and won. We return strengthened to the fray, and in sending the MESSENGER family our greetings from Northern Ireland we request of them an interest in their individual prayers for the work in this somewhat isolated field. JOHN HANDYSIDES.

Newbold Missionary College

Principal:

Pastor W. R. A. Madgwick

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Our Largest Summer School

ENGLISH is to-day the world's foremost international language. It is also the mother-tongue of Seventh-Day Adventism in which were first written nearly all our denominational books. The demand for English, not least among Adventists, is ever growing. It is then not surprising that 1950 has seen the largest summer school for overseas students ever held at Newbold. It met from July 10th to August 31st, during which time no fewer than fifty students, twenty-six men and twenty-four women, received instruction. Just over two-thirds were Seventh-Day Adventists.

This large attendance was mainly the result of a widespread circulation of prospectuses, which were sent early in the year by Pastor W. R. A. Madgwick, the College principal, to Seventh-Day Adventist centres throughout the Continent. Our students came from places as far apart as Finland, Morocco, Norway, and Greece, while there were also four young ladies from Iceland. The three main groups were French, Finnish, and Scandinavian. In view of our renewed link with the northern countries in the new North Atlantic Division, it was especially interesting to have with us a number of Scandinavian conference workers. Four of these were mission appointees, who by the time these words are read will have been flown out to their work in Ethiopia and Eritrea.

Classes were held in English language and literature, with practice in oral reading and conversation. Efforts were made to explain the intricacies of English idioms, and lectures were given on such features of British life as our schools, our churches, and our government—not forgetting our

table manners! Once a week we sang with our students a selection of hymns and traditional songs, and we even held a debate. Associated with the writer in the enjoyable task of teaching this summer school were Pastor E. B. Phillips, Mr. J. D. Brailsford, and Miss M. H. Dorland.

Perhaps the most popular feature of all was the weekly coach trip to places of interest, of which many are within easy reach of Newbold. By this delightful method our visitors really became acquainted with the land whose tongue they were mastering. In the course of those trips we went to Hampton Court, Kew Gardens, Central London (twice), Oxford, Stratford-on-Avon, Windsor, Salisbury, Winchester, and St. Albans, besides making an enjoyable tour of our own institutions at Stanborough Park.

We felt sorry when the time came for our new friends to leave us. Several of them had made their own contribution to our summer's happiness by taking part in church services, even conducting one M.V. meeting themselves in which they told of their personal experiences in service for Christ. We trust that they have obtained a fuller knowledge of our life and language, and that they will have returned to their homes as missionaries of Newbold, to treasure its memories in their hearts and to recommend it to others.

So Newbold fulfils its ever-widening rôle of service. So may it ever do in the spirit of its motto, *Virtute et Labore*—"By worth and work."

D. J. DUNNETT.

Wedding Bells

JUST-WALTHER.—The Bournemouth church gathered in a goodly number on the afternoon of July 20, 1950, to witness the wedding of Brother Emile Just and Sister Edith Walther. Brother Just was baptized at Prague nineteen years ago, and has since seen many sad happenings in his own country, being imprisoned for three years in a concentration camp. In 1945 he and a few fellow-countrymen were saved from death at the hands of the enemy, and returned to Prague. He worked with the

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Ministry of Food and helped to reorganize the Czechoslovak Vegetarian Society of which he was the secretary. When the communist party seized power in that country, Brother Just was granted the right of political asylum in this country, and he is now engaged as dietitian at the Picardy Nature Cure Resort in Bournemouth.

The members of the Bournemouth church extend to Brother and Sister Just a loving welcome to their church and their hearts, as they set out together on their life's journey, and pray that God will guide and bless their work and their home.

G. VESEY,
Church Clerk.

SCOTT-TOWNSEND.—On Wednesday, August 30, 1950, Miss Ethel Townsend was united in marriage to Mr. Arthur Scott, both of Derby. By the kindness of the trustees, the Junction Street Baptist church,

Derby, was made available for the happy occasion. The service was conducted by the writer and music at the large organ, was given by Mr. Welch of Burton. After disappointing weather in the early afternoon, the sun came out to smile on the bridal pair as they left the church.

It certainly was a high day in Derby church history, as almost all were present, anxious to bring good wishes on this joyful day. A large number of relatives and friends were present later at the Co-operative Hall to celebrate the event and to wish Mr. and Mrs. Scott God's richest blessing on their future.

W. J. CANNON.

PILMOOR-WARD.—On July 20th the little Yorkshire village of Haxby was the setting for a most happy wedding day, when Brian Pilmoor and Dorothy Ward, met in the Methodist church to exchange

vows of fidelity in the marriage service. The bride, arrayed in purest white, and carrying an unusually delicate spray of cornflowers, was escorted by her cousin. Her father was unfortunately too sick to attend. After conducting the ceremony, Pastor V. H. Cooper addressed a few remarks on the lasting qualities and attributes of true love.

Both bride and groom are graduates of Newbold Missionary College, and it was good to see among the relatives and friends gathered at the reception several College students present to wish the bride and groom the blessing of God. After the reception the happy couple left to spend their honeymoon in the Lake District. Their future field of labour for God will be in the Bradford-Leeds district, and as they go forward together to serve the Master, we pray that their home and life will be full of peace

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Church Addresses

WILL visitors to the following churches kindly note the changes of address:

The Hutton company now meets at: The Hall, "Shalom," Rayleigh Road, Hutton (near bus stop, Hunter's Chase.)

As from October 7, 1950, the Ipswich church will meet at the Garrett Memorial Hall, Bolton Lane, Ipswich. Sabbath-school, 10 a.m.; preaching service, 11.15 a.m.

The correct address of the Chiswick church is: Advent Church, Level Crossing, Stamford Brook Road, Stamford Brook, W.

Until the Day Break

PORTER.—Brother C. Porter, aged seventy-four years, was called to rest on Wednesday, May 31, 1950, thus severing a union made by marriage only six weeks previously. We feel sure this parting is but for a short while, for the Lord Himself will again unite Brother and Sister Porter in the earth made new. Brother Porter was baptized and became a member of the Southend church on October 22, 1949, through the ministry of Pastor L. E. A. Lane. During his period of fellowship with us our brother was a faithful member, believing the promises of God. Pastor Lane spoke words of comfort at the service in the Southend church and our brother was laid to rest in the Sutton Cemetery on Monday, June 5th. Our deepest sympathies go out to Sister Porter in her sad loss; also to all relatives and friends. CHURCH CLERK

CANE-TUPPEN.—The Hastings church has again been bereaved of another member and energetic worker in the person of Brother Leslie Frederick Cane-Tuppen at the early age of forty-one years. After studying with Pastor S. Bull for some time he was baptized on November 30, 1940 by Pastor G. D. King. Since then he has given freely of his services to the church and its work. It was fitting that the church as a whole showed its sympathy with a floral tribute. His presence will be missed by all, by some more especially for his personal kindnesses. The churches of the district will miss him as a lay preacher. His enthusiasm was shown in his tireless collecting in the last Ingathering Campaign. Not satisfied with his £65 this year he had planned for £100 as a minimum for the next campaign. He fell asleep unexpectedly on Sunday, August 6, 1950, and is mourned by his wife and little daughter Paula. The following Thursday, August 10th, he was laid to rest in the peaceful Bexhill Cemetery, the service being conducted by Pastor A. K. Armstrong in the cemetery chapel. May the voice of Jesus soon call forth our brother to be reunited with his loved ones and to an eternal inheritance in God's everlasting kingdom.
DENNIS C. HALL.

RATE — Sister Betsy Rate, aged seventy-five years, passed away on Tues-

day, June 27, 1950. Through the ministry of Pastor F. J. Wilmshurst Sister Rate was baptized in August, 1941. For the past few years, our sister had been unable to meet with us owing to ill-health, but she remained a faithful member, patiently bearing much suffering, until her Lord saw fit to call her to rest, where she awaits His return and reunion with her loved ones. Sister Rate was laid to rest in Sutton Cemetery on July 3rd, Pastor L. E. A. Lane conducting the funeral service. Members of the Southend church extend their sincere sympathies to all sorrowing relatives and friends.
CHURCH CLERK.

DEARANA.—Brother George DeArana, tragically drowned in the Serpentine, London, was laid to rest in the Brompton Cemetery, Fulham, on July 26, 1950. Pastor S. G. Hyde officiating. Brother DeArana at one time was associated with the church in Caerphilly, South Wales, and later at Stanborough Park. To assembled relatives and friends in the cemetery chapel a message of comfort was opportunely provided.
S. G. HYDE.

MORRIS.—Sister Morris, of the Conference church passed to her rest on August 9, 1950, and was buried by the writer in the Parish churchyard at Laindon on August 16th. She was seventy-three years of age. During her last illness, our late sister showed that her faith in the Lord was strong, and was completely submissive to the will of her Lord. She went to sleep trusting in God, and we know, by her life of faith, that she will rise again at the last day. Sister Morris was baptized in 1940 by Pastor C. A. Reeves, and has been a faithful and consistent member of the Advent family. There are left to mourn their loss one son, one daughter, and a daughter-in-law, and to them we extend our sympathy and the consolation of the blessed hope. L. E. A. LANE.

ROLFE.—The Cambridge church has had yet another loss in the passing away of Mrs Annie Rolfe at the age of seventy-six years. She passed to her rest after many years of great suffering on August 10, 1950, and was laid to rest in the Borough Cemetery on Sabbath morning, August 12th. A very simple service was conducted by the vicar of St. Paul's church at the request of her step-son. Among the mourners were her own son Rufus, her sister, Sister N. Butler, who had been her companion for so many years, Brother Dougherty and others. Sister Rolfe was the first Cambridge member to keep the Sabbath through the labours of Sister Butler in 1919 and was among the first eight to be baptized into the Advent faith in Cambridge by Pastor Haughey on September 18, 1920. Sister Rolfe was a very quiet, retiring but staunch believer in the message and was faithful to the end. On account of poor health she was unable to attend the church services for a long time, but it was a joy to her to receive visits from our ministers and church officers from time to time. We pray for the dear ones left to mourn their loss, not forgetting her dear friend and constant companion, Sister Butler, that they may be sustained and comforted at this time of parting. May they all meet with her at the soon coming of Jesus Christ.
E. S. RULE,
Church Clerk.

COLE.—The Southampton church sustained a great loss in the sudden death of Sister E. M. Cole in her sixty-ninth year on August 18, 1950. Hearing the Sabbath truth through the labours of Brother Hulbert, she was baptized on June 17, 1911, by Pastor W. H. Mere-

dith at Portsmouth. On January 8, 1921, our sister was transferred to the Southampton church. The Sabbath before her death she testified in the Sabbath-school of God's wonderful love and goodness. She was laid to rest in the Hambledon Cemetery, where Pastor R. H. Smith closed the service with words of comfort to her husband, son, daughter, and relatives who are left to mourn their loss.
CHURCH CLERK.

SISTER FAIRFAX and family of Barry have been deeply touched by the numerous letters, and floral tributes sent to them, and wish to thank all the members of the Advent family, especially in the Welsh Conference, for their kindness in their recent sudden bereavement.
H. M. FAIRFAX.

Gratitude for Healing

So many friends and fellow-members have been praying for the recovery of our daughter Esther, that we hasten to pass on through the MESSENGER the good news that these prayers have been wonderfully answered. We are glad to say that she is now home again with us and well on the road to a complete recovery. My wife and I express our personal appreciation for the support given to us in prayer during the past eight months, and thank God for His blessing and healing hand.

E. R. WARLAND.

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Nov 3rd	4.31	4.44	4.30	4.32	4.46

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