

The Stanboroughs Baby Show

Two years ago, when our maternity department was in its infancy, the brethren kindly gave us an appropriation of £40 to enable us to establish our welfare clinic. Last year we were unable to secure this appropriation, and so we launched what proved to be a very successful sale of work.

This year we decided to have a "baby show," sale of work, and concert, which were a huge success. A large number of mothers and babies, together with friends, gathered on the lawn outside the Annexe while the opening ceremony was performed by Pastor H. W. Lowe.

The babies who competed in the "baby show" were divided into three classes, namely:

Class A—Babies under six months.

Class B—Babies over six months
and under twelve months.

Class C—Babies

over twelve months.

The judges, Ford, Miss Matron of the Bearsted Memori a l Maternity Hospital, and Dr. St. Vincent Buss of London, had a very difficult task before them. Three silver cups were presented to the first prizewinners and there were also three second prizes.

By A. H. THOMPSON

The keen interest in the "baby show" was reflected by the remarkable number of 120 entrants.

It would not be out of place to mention here that at the "baby show" held at Cassiobury Fair, two babies who were born in our maternity home secured first and third prizes.

During the judging of the babies the mothers and friends were able to visit the various stalls set out in the Annexe dining-hall. Outside, the children were able to ride ponies and buy balloons, whilst their parents tried their skill at can-can and darts. The ice-cream sellers were besieged and the homemade candy stall was soon depleted of its store of food. The baby

stall, too, was popular, while many mothers were glad to avail themselves of the opportunity to visit the refreshment stall. Many mothers met others whom they had known in the maternity home and were eager to make comparisons.

The concert held in the evening wound up a very successful day. We were fortunate in securing two talented artistes from the Royal College of Music, and we also enjoyed items contributed by members of our own organization, namely, A. Dutton, Nurse E. Brown, G. Clarke, Miss J. Gallaher, and the Syntonia Male Quartette.

Altogether we have raised the sum of about £30. On this page you will find a photograph of the mothers and babies who were present at the opening ceremony.

We might add that our maternity department is increasing in popu-

larity and patronage. The mothers are so pleased with the care and treatment they receive, that they recommend on the approached, recommend our maternity hospital to their acquaintances.

Every Wednesday afternoon the baby clinic draws a large crowd of mothers.



Brother A. H. Thompson, manager of The Stanboroughs, addressing the mothers.

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Overheard

THE Thirty-sixth Session of the North England Conference convened in the Circus Street Hall, Nottingham. This building is watched over by an eighty-five-year-old gentleman. He has been caretaker for over twenty-three years. We here record his possible conversation after the meetings closed.

Caretaker: "Well, old Hall, that's the end of another Adventist conference."

Hall: "Yes, and what a crowd there was! Wherever did they all come from?"

- C: "Oh, I don't know, but on Saturday morning I saw some from Newcastle, Worcester, Manchester, and Hull."
- H: "Let me just correct you there. It wasn't Saturday morning. It was Sabbath. Those people were Adventists, remember!"
- C: "Well, whatever they were, I've never in my life seen such a fine crowd on a Saturday. Just think of it—all those folk never work on that day—they just go to church. Queer, but wonderful!"
- H: "If you had heard the sermon during that hour, you wouldn't wonder at it. Pastor Ochs from America just held and moved that congregation."
- C: "It wasn't the only time either. Were you awake on Saturday—sorry . . . er . . . Sabbath evening? I peeped in for a wee while—and lo, I was young again. The preacher (he came from the General Conference, so I understand) was talking to the children. And, d'ye know, the older folks were listening harder than when he preached at them!"
- H: "Ah, I well remember that. I was just a-dozing, but I had to wake up and listen. As I listened, I longed to be filled with children learning of Jesus their Friend. But there, never mind, the Lower Hall had some happy times with the juniors, so I mustn't be selfish."

- C: "Come now—you've a good memory—what else impressed you?"
- H: "I don't really know, for it all seemed so good. In fact, I'm really sorry for those that didn't get there. Just a moment, though. I'll tell you what I particularly enjoyed."
 - C: "What's that?"
- H: "Those Bible studies. I don't think my walls have ever heard the good old Book so clearly explained. I'll never forget those studies!"
- C: "And what about those stalls laid out beneath your clock?"
- H: "Ah! They were excellent. I wish I'd seen more of them, and the Foods Display downstairs, too."
- C: "Yes... they're queer folk. Their religion seems to concern every part of life. Eating, drinking, buying, selling, reading, studying. Nothing is left untouched by those Adventists! And how sincere they are! Their ringing testimonies quite stirred my old heart. But did you notice a sort of 'hushed' feeling once or twice?"
- H: "I surely did. On Sunday night I vow I saw one or two having a little weep. They were losing an old friend, weren't they?"
- C: "Yes. I know him quite well. He's Pastor Dorland, president of the conference for six and a half years, I believe. They'll miss him, I'm sure."
- H: "I expect they will—but still, they gave a good welcome to his successor, didn't they?"
- C: "They certainly did. By the way—you had better get acquainted with him, for he'll be in charge of the conference next year."
- H: "Your mistake. There will be no meetings here next year. They are all going down to Stanborough Park for a quadrennial gathering."
- C: "Ah well, we'll wait until 1941. Get ready and give them a grand welcome."

B. E. SPARROW.

York's New Church Building

"Excuse me, but could you direct me to the Seventh-Day Adventist church?"

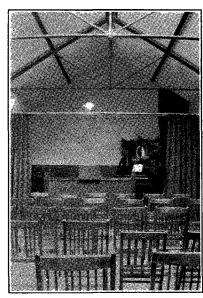
"Why, yes. I'm going that way myself. Come along with me. Are you a stranger in York?"

"Not exactly. I have been two or three times before, but each time the Adventists have met in a different place, usually at the top of many stairs, which caused such a lot of grumbles."

"Ah, but you will find a big difference this time. They have a worthy meeting-place now, centrally situated, on the ground floor, exclusive to their use ——. But here we are. Just along this corridor. Here is the Junior Sabbath-school and Y.P.S. room. Yes, the library finds a home here, and is greatly used, I believe. The gas fire soon heats up the room on chilly days. There's plenty of room for the children and the piano. But come into the church proper."

"Well, it is a lovely place. Seats about 120, I suppose? A raised platform and rostrum, green curtains, and everything so spick and span. I like the colour scheme, light stone and dark brown."

"Yes, but only if you had seen it before could you appreciate it fully now. It was a wreck of a place. Damp had rotted the back and side walls and the floor and it seemed in a hopeless condition.



Interior view of new church building at York,

But Scottish initiative, plus willing hearts and hands, began to work and, with the blessing of God who caused the means to flow into the treasury, produced this modest meeting-place for the remnant church in this city.

"A new floor has been put in, of course. First a six-inch depth of concrete, then this composition top. And the walls have been treated with damp-proof material to prevent a recurrence of the trouble. Then the whole place was decorated and cleaned up. It was a hive of busy bees during the cleaning operations. There were aching backs and sore knees, but all was forgotten in the joy and peace of a quiet church building where meetings may be held at will."

"The roof lighting makes the place light, doesn't it?"

"Yes, and the acoustics are excellent. It does one's heart good to hear the organ and the singing every Sabbath day.

"Ah, here is Pastor Lennox. He'll be able to supply the details. I'll say good-bye, but don't forget the address, 41 Micklegate, and every friend who comes is sure of a welcome." B. CLEARY.

Manchester

"On that men would praise the Lord for His goodness," wrote the psalmist. We want to praise Him for the marvellous way He has blessed us during our stay in Manchester since September, 1936.

The call to take charge of the work in Manchester district came while I was struggling along on sticks during a severe illness. The task seemed impossible, but "the Lord's biddings are enablings." Restored health was given to meet the challenge of such a formidable task.

Our only church building in Manchester was in urgent need of repair. In a few months, with conference help, we had raised nearly £200. Just as urgently did we need another building for our Stretford members. Eighteen times in one year we were turned out of the hall we had hired for our meetings. In 1938 we commenced a special-campaign to buy a build-

ing of our own. In just twelve months we have raised about £400. This with what we had in hand, plus the generous help of the union, has purchased a free-hold building and altered it to make it a temple worthy of the Lord's worship.

During our stay we have been carrying on aggressive work on very limited budgets. First we entered the Catholic stronghold of Stockport. There a new church has been organized. This last winter we have been back in Stretford where new people are finding their way into the truth. In two and a half years fifty-four precious souls have been baptized and received into church fellowship, sixteen of whom are men. We are expecting another baptism at the end of the summer.

We do praise the Lord for these signal blessings, but as yet we have only touched the fringe of the problem of reaching the thousands of this vast area. There is a movement on foot to incorporate Manchester and the surrounding boroughs in a county council the same as London. We are told this would take in a population of nearly five million.

We have shared our labours through many changes with Brethren Lewis, Clarke, and Freeth, and Sisters Taylor, Brown, and Handysides.

We give to God all the glory. W. J. Cannon.

Baptism in Hull

Sabbath, July 8th, our morning service in Hull closed half an hour earlier than usual, thus enabling us to call the church officers together in order to consider the names of those who were presenting themselves for baptism and church fellowship in the afternoon. A long list of people who will be an asset to the cause in the days to come was brought under consideration. It was with praise and gratitude to our heavenly Father when, at the close of this important meeting, thirtyseven new members were gladly accepted by the officers to be added to our church. This number was far beyond our highest

expectation, as the city of Hull is by no means virgin territory; but on the contrary, evangelistic campaigns have been conducted regularly for the past four or five years.

At the baptismal service at 3.30 p.m. Pastor O. M. Dorland spoke words of encouragement, which were greatly appreciated by all of the members, new and old, and his message made a great appeal to the large number of interested friends who were present to witness the ceremony. We believe that from ten to fifteen more who are now endeavouring to keep the Sabbath will also be added to our church before very long. At the same time Brother Dorland presented a large number of certificates to the successful members of the Bible Training Class. It was a great joy to see the students receive such high marks in their examination, the youngest member (thirteen years of age) obtaining no less than ninety-five per cent, he also having given the required number of Bible studies as well. We believe this must be a record.

With our church membership increased, and our church building enlarged, and a staff of lay workers trained for greater service, we feel we have accomplished that which we set ourselves to do, as workers and churchmembers, exactly ten months ago. For the future we are laying still wider plans, and our prayer is that God will continue to bless us and make us a blessing, that we may represent Him aright, and be prepared to meet Him at His coming with many sheaves to lay at His feet.

L. MURDOCH, L. ADAIR.

Baptism at Birmingham

On Sunday, June 25th, at the Handsworth church, seven souls were buried with their Lord in baptism, and rose to newness of life. Five of these were young men, the other two were young women. Four were received into fellowship with the Handsworth church, two with South Birmingham, and one with the Stoke church, representatives of each church being present.

The service was a happy climax to a week-end visit of our president, Pastor O. M. Dorland. The church was comfortably full, a number of non-members being present.

A powerful address was delivered by Brother Dorland on the significance of baptism, after which the candidates were immersed by the writer. An interesting feature of the service was the fact that three families were thus made complete, all the members now being members of the church.

Six others are preparing to take the same step before the year closes, and we invite our members to pray for the work in this great city of a million people.

HAROLD W. McCrow.

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The Annual Meeting, 1939

Swansea is fast creating a new centre and city. Looking from the famous Mumbles coast, one can see this vast new city stretched out upon the face of a great hill-side. It is within this new area, almost on the corner of an important street junction, that the new Seventh-Day Adventist church is located. And when we accepted the invitation of the Swansea church to use their new building for the 1939 Welsh conference, it was with a certain amount of misgiving.

But when we came to the opening meeting on Thursday, July 13th, our fears faded away; for the unusually large congregation provided ample promise of a wellattended conference from beginning to end. And so it was. In point of attendance, this was the best of Welsh conferences. More delegates were seated at the opening conference session than last year, and more managed to hold right through until the business of the conference was completed. Another very encouraging feature was that all but one of our twentytwo churches and companies were represented; a most gratifying feature considering Swansea is not exactly a central venue for a Welsh conference.

How delighted our friends were with our new church building and how admirably it suited our requirements! How tastefully and florally the church had been prepared for our reception, and how well the sisters of the Swansea church—not forgetting to mention Pastor Jackson, Miss Pinch, and the church officers—cared for the material needs of the delegation.

They say that every conference is "the best yet." But we never remember hearing that phrase expressed so dogmatically or so generally as at Swansea. We could readily appreciate the testimony of Principal Murdoch when he publicly declared that he never remembered attending a conference which brought so much benefit and blessing as this one.

We had splendid help from the representative of the General Conference, Pastor D. A. Ochs. His Bible studies and his messages were just what we needed and were given in a way that appealed to his hearers. The Lord greatly blessed Pastor Ochs, and we were delighted to be the first of the British conference sessions to welcome Pastor and Mrs. Ochs after their five months of crusading in the many lands of troubled Europe.

We shall not soon forget his message entitled "Horse-Christians" or his thrilling discourse on the signs of the times—paying particular attention to the European crisis—at the public Sunday night service. Neither shall we easily forget his Sabbath morning appeal: "Look unto the rock from whence ye are hewn;" or the many valuable quotations such as: "Where there's no self-examination there is no self-discovery; where there's no self-

discovery there's no sense of need; where there's no sense of need there is no conviction of sin; where there's no conviction of sin there is no repentance; where there's no repentance there's no confession; where there's no confession there is no forgiveness; where there is no forgiveness there is no justification; where there's no justification there's no separation there's no sanctification; and where there's no sanctification there's no fitness for heaven."

Excellent help came also from Pastor H. W. Lowe who, among other things, reminded us of the miraculous ministry of the Holy Spirit; from Pastor G. D. King with his essentially "Adventist" messages, and from Pastor W. G. Murdoch with his timely and vitally important studies on "Righteousness by Faith."

Early morning prayer-meetings were conducted by Pastors T. H. Cooper and H. K. Munson, while a very encouraging praise service was directed—with an appropriate message preceding—by the Mission superintendent.

The large Sabbath-school this year was largely in the hands of the younger men. Brother Paul Cumings served as superintendent, Brother Conroy gave the lesson study, Brother F. E. Powell the review, and Dr. C. Cumings the missions appeal.

For the missionary meeting on the Saturday night we had three speakers-Pastor W. W. Armstrong, of Kenya-following whose appealing message an extra sum of nearly £7 was donated to missions; Brother George Rodgers, recently returned from India; and Pastor D. A. Ochs, representing one of his past fields of labour-South America. A very inspiring meeting indeed. The business sessions were carried through with dispatch and goodwill. Five resolutions were introduced for discussion and duly endorsed by the delegates. One who was to have been with us and who has rendered such signal service to Wales-Pastor F. W. Goodallwas not forgotten; as a tribute to his service and memory the entire congregation stood in respectful silence.

An unusual and unrehearsed item was the dedication of three little children by Pastor Hyde at the afternoon praise service. The mothers came from the Rhondda valley—sacrificed much to get to the conference for the purpose—in order that they and their little ones might obtain much-needed inspiration for the trying days ahead.

Miss Grace Thomas and Miss Betty Pope made personal sacrifices in rendering service for the children. How the children loved those meetings!

The young people, too, were not forgotten, and they were very grateful to Pastor Ochs for finding time to come and help them in their own meeting.

In the realm of music, not only

did the congregation sing their songs as Welsh men and women can, but individual vocal items were rendered by Mrs. G. Rodgers and Miss Doreen Hyde.

The superintendent and the field committee were re-elected for a further year and the confidence of the membership in their administration publicly proclaimed.

And so we go to our tasks for another year. Surely, as the result of this 1939 conference, the task of leadership will be lightened, churches and members will catch the spirit manifested in our annual assembly, shoulder cheerfully every responsibility which presents itself, and join with the very small group of eight workers in a prayerful and enthusiastic soul-winning evangelism.

S. George Hyde.

were received into the sisterhood of churches at the recent conference session.

A man who is healthy is active, and so is a church! It therefore argues well for the spiritual vitality of Ilford and Romford, in that both places already have made an extremely gratifying beginning in the Ingathering Campaign.

We know that your prayers in the past have helped us, and we believe that your prayers in the future will sustain us as we press forward to a wider and stronger witness in this needy and populous area of Greater London.

E. Cox.

Baptism at Bournemouth

On Sabbath, June 10th, twenty-two candidates for church membership came from Salisbury, Poole, Ringwood, Blandford, Ferndown, Winton, Southbourne, Boscombe, as well as Bournemouth itself, to the Bournemouth church to make a public confession of their covenant with our Creator.

These were the fruit of the winter campaign conducted by Brother G. R. Bell, ably assisted by Sister V. Warren, Bible-worker, and the churchmembers.

Pastor W. H. Meredith conducted the service on Sabbath afternoon, when twenty candidates were baptized, and two voted into fellowship.

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First-Fruits from Romford

The Messenger family, interested, as they always are, in evangelistic endeavours, will doubtless recall the previous reports of progress in this eastern district of London. We are glad now to add this further word that progress has been maintained. In spite of great difficulties regarding hall accommodation, as well as much determined local opposition in the Romford area, Pastor Reeves and his co-workers have been able to see definite first-fruits of their labours, in baptisms held on July 1st and 12th.

We were indebted again to the unfailing kindness of our Walthamstow friends for the use of their beautiful church. In these now familiar surroundings, it was a special joy to see twenty-three souls, "as brands" verily "plucked from the burning," witness publicly to their new-found faith, and definitely take their stand with God's remnant people.

We were privileged to sit under the ministry of Pastor W. T. Bartlett, who, from his long experience in the Christian life, spoke words of wise counsel and strong encouragement, before the candidates entered the watery grave.

As Pastor C. A. Reeves baptized the new converts he spoke a brief word regarding the distinctive experience in each case. He told how

the Lord had tenderly led, guided, and cared for them individually.

These baptisms, with the one held earlier in the year, will establish the work in this district on a strong basis. The n e w Ilford church will now have a membership of seventy, and the Romford company was duly organized into a church of thirty members on Sabbath, July 15th. These two n e w churches



Baptismal group at Bournemouth.

Statement of Tithes and Offerings for British Union

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Baptism at Bournemouth

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To each of these twenty-two souls was presented a copy of Steps to Christ, a gift from the conference. Special prayer for our new members, and for all our members, concluded a beautiful and inspiring service.

HILDA M. FISK, Church Clerk.

Conference Changes

Now that all our annual meetings are concluded we are able to announce certain changes in field leadership in which our members are greatly interested.

Pastor O. M. Dorland, who has been in charge in North England for six and a half years, is to be succeeded in the presidency by Pastor R. S. Joyce, who has been in charge in South England since the early part of 1935. We join the delegates in expressing to Pastor Dorland our appreciation of his faithful services, and his loyal spirit during the years he has been in administrative work. We feel sure that God will be gracious to him and his family, and that Pastor Joyce and his wife will receive in the days to come the loyal cooperation from all our membership and working forces in North England.

Pastor G. D. King has been elected as the new president of the South England Conference, and will enter upon his duties almost at once. Pastor J. M. Howard has been invited to become the new Union Field M ssionary Secretary. Pastor O. M. Dorland has been invited to take charge of our large district in 1/2. Bristol area. All these brethren will receive our loyal support and prayers, and we trust their service will be fruitful in the days to come.

Further word concerning our annual meetings will follow in the next issue. Suffice it to say that God has been manifestly present in all our gatherings, that the reports were encouraging in almost every respect, and we thank God for His goodness to His people.

H. W. Lowe.

"ALL things work together for good to them that love God."

MINISTRY OF LITERATURE

Tracts in a Million British Homes

OVER a million homes are visited by our members every year when Ingathering!

In about 600,000 of these homes a little Ingathering leaflet is left. It bears facts relating to our missions—but that is all. Should the occupants decline to contribute, or should they be out, they do not even receive this leaflet.

If, however, our members could leave a tract in every home they visit—push it through the letter-box if the people are not at home—over a million people would receive some Gospel message.

Over a million souls!

Many churches have large stocks of tracts in their cupboards. Why not carry these on their life-giving mission this Ingathering season?

Should the cupboard be bare, send to the Press for an assorted bundle of tracts at sixpence a hundred.

And warn and win these million souls! A.W.

Still More Good News!

Another sister writes from Scotland: "Please send me 1,000 copies of the new magazine Good News. The few I had went very well here in Edinburgh." A.W.

Notice

As usual, during the August holidays, No. 17 of the Messencer will not be issued. Copy for the next issue, which will be a double number, should reach us not later than August 24th.

Erratum

By an oversight the name of G. McNaughton was omitted from the Advisory Committee list as shown in the Report of the Scottish Annual Meeting. This name should be added to the list as shown in our last issue.

H. W. Lowe.

Wedding Bells

TAYLOR-BIGGINS.—A quiet and impressive service was conducted on June 25th in the Denmark Road Baptist Church, Bedford, when Brother Charles Robert Taylor and Sister Marjorie Biggins were united in marriage by Pastor O. M. Dorland.

The writer, who gave the bride away, has a particular interest in this union, as it was while he laboured in the Sussex district this happy couple were baptized.

May God's richest blessing rest upon them as they go forth in life together.

A. G. TAPPING.

Willis-Jones.—A very pretty wedding was solemnized at Stanborough Park Church on Wednesday, July 19, 1939. The contracting parties were Miss Gwyneth Jones, one of the Union Office staff, and James George Willis, both members of our church at Stanborough Park. The service was simple, yet very beautiful, conducted by Pastor G. D. King. The church was well filled with guests and churchmembers. After the wedding ceremony a reception was held in the Hydro Annexe. We wish Brother and Sister Willis much of God's blessing and every happiness as they establish their new home.

A. CAREY.

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Advertisements

Young man seeks situation. Good driver, adaptable, willing. Write: 50 Kingsdown Avenue, Ealing, London, W.5.

Would an Adventist share home with another in Frome? Particulars on application. Write: Mrs. Bridgewater, 6 Beechwood Avenue, Frome, Somerset.

Wanten.—Cook-general for bachelor gentleman, Comfortable home, good outings. Duties shared. About September 1st. Write: Mrs. Kenys, Shepherds Way, Hythe, Kent.

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

FARMHOUSE, ten miles Scarborough. Bedroom and sitting room to let. One double bed, one single. Do own cooking. Use of paraffin stove with oven. Eggs, milk, and bread available on the farm. Terms 35/per week. Apply: Dickinson, Grove Farm, Sawdon, Scarborough.

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SUNSET CALENDAR

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