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## ABERFAN

### AND THE VAN

ONE of the worst-ever disasters in British history devastated this Welsh village when, on Friday, October 21, 1966, a gargantuan slag heap on the mountain top above Aberfan began to move. For many decades the refuse from a coal-pit, a mixture of stone, dirt, and coal-dust, had been dumped on an ever-growing man-made mountain on the real mountain side. Below it was the village with its central feature, the school for well over two hundred children.

Came the day when the evil mixture of dirt, coal-dust, and water, must begin its avalanche descent to the valley below. Slowly at first the horrible mass began to move, and with gathering momentum poured its filthy death-dealing mass downward, the village, and particularly the school, directly in its path. There was no warning. The ghastly Pompeian inundation engulfed the school with all its teachers and over two hundred children, and a road of seventeen houses, crushing buildings to powder and

Rescue workers tackle the murderous slag pile which destroyed Aberfan School and engulfed part of the village, killing about two hundred people—mainly children. © Keystone



burying them and their occupants forty feet beneath the black, slimy ooze, that at last came to a temporary halt in the ground behind a row of houses still further down the mountainside.

Appallingly shocked silence fell on the Merthyr Valley.

The Civil Defence authorities sent out calls across the whole of South Wales and the Western Midlands of England for help in the form of earth-moving equipment and gangs of men experienced in excavation procedures. They came from all over the country, and at first the traffic situation in this old fashioned mining village was chaotic. Eventually a system was worked out to keep the trucks and heavy machines moving; and frantic, feverish endeavours were made to 'rescue' the buried children and people.

Parents and relatives with anguished faces, stood knee-deep in slag and slurry, knowing that almost certainly they would never again see their children alive. Some were mute, some were bitter, some wept silently, some were wracked with gusts of stormy weeping.

A shocked, stunned, sad, and deathly place, is Aberfan.

Yet, as has been seen so often, disaster has brought out the noble qualities which God must know are to be found in every man. From all over the country hundreds and thousands of people came to Aberfan with their pathetic little spades, and hearts swollen with compassion, to help in the work of digging out victims. The army and electricity authorities quickly rigged scaffolding, and strung up hundreds of powerful lights on literally miles of cable, and had the whole ghastly scene well lit up by sunset on Friday.

Ghastly, is the right word to describe the night scene that Friday, as a deep-seated fire feeding on the coal-dust in the slag, sent up a pall of smoke above the excavators.

Here was a challenge to our own newly-acquired "unbaptized" mobile disaster unit. It was driven to Cardiff, carrying such blankets as we had, and was there loaded with large supplies of food donated by a wholesale grocer, containers of water, and a hastily gathered group of workers from Cardiff and Aberdare. The local welfare leader of the Cardiff church is Brother Arthur Roderick who owns a caravanette. This he also loaded with warm clothing

from the local supplies, food, and water. Pastor Amos Cooper, President of the Welsh Mission had contacted the welfare services controller at the site of the disaster in Aberfan, and told him what we had to offer, and that we were ready to go at his bidding.

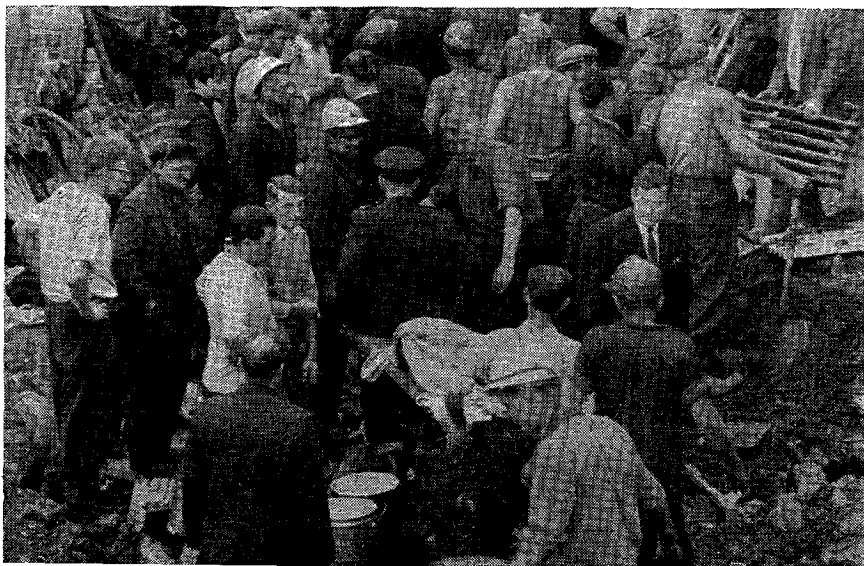
We got the call to go at midnight, and set out on the journey up the valley and across the mountain to Aberfan, little dreaming the conditions in which we would be working.

When we made our way through the murk to the area where the work was afoot, we hoped there would be a good place to site the mobile units. Instead, we were met by a harassed but kindly policeman who advised us to drive on the sidewalk and keep out of the way of the earth-moving trucks. We did so, and then set to work to get water heated for drinks, and hot soup. Some sat at one end of the Union van making sandwiches, others worked out and operated a plan for keeping a supply of hot drinks going. In Brother Roderick's vehicle the soup was heated and more sandwiches were made. We were ready for the jaded workers very soon, and kept up the service throughout Friday night, all the time adjusting to the challenge and improving our own procedures (we were all new to this work). About 3 a.m. Sabbath, a crew from Cadburys came and asked us if we would accept for distribution some chocolate bars of various kinds. We were glad to, but hardly expected to have a total of about three hundredweight dumped on us!

It soon became apparent that although we were in such a very unpleasant position, compared with other relief services, such as the Salvation Army, etc., actually we were strategically well placed, and able to give help where most needed.

Many were the expressions of appreciation for the service we offered, and we had many happy surprises.

When an official asked me: "Where are you from and what is your organization?" I told him. I mentioned that I had brought the Unit from Watford, and that all the other helpers were local church volunteers. He said: "Well, now I know Adventists better. This is really practical Christianity. God bless you!"



A school-child victim is carried away on a stretcher.



One lady said: "I see you are Adventists. I have an Adventist sister in Garston. Good to see you here. Thank you for coming."

A newspaper man took a picture of us in action, and was told "all about Adventists" by Brother Pimm, elder of our Newport church.

We also figured in the radio and TV coverage of the disaster on Sabbath.

By Sabbath morning the Hoover people were making two-hourly visits to the canteen services keeping them supplied with ready-made sandwiches, churns of hot drinks and soups, and keeping up the water supply. It was soon learned that we could work so much better with a light supply, boilers, etc. So the control authorities arranged for us to have gas cylinders, boilers, and lamps. All we had to do was to keep up a regular rota of workers doing twelve-hour "shifts." This we did.

A cruiser of the Royal Navy, *H. M. S. Tiger*, called at Cardiff on a courtesy visit. All the men volunteered to forgo ordinary shore-leave in favour of going up the valley for relief service at Aberfan. Soon our canteen was surrounded from time to time with young sailors, who were obviously shocked with what they had seen of the disaster. They talked as those who *needed* to talk to the ladies in our service vans. I don't think our ladies objected too strongly to the show of naval friendliness!

We also kept up at the actual site of the excavations a service of drinks, soups, and sandwiches. As, on some of these trips, we saw bodies or mangled remains recovered, we were at once horrified and revitalized in the service we were able to give to the devoted workmen, excavators, doctors, press-men, nurses, ambulance men, and others.

We were inspired by the mass nobility in all the thousands of helpers, interested by the remark of one woman: "Never let me hear the long-haired boys condemned again—they've been kindness itself to us!", gratified to receive some public notice (perhaps we can be forgiven for that!), and mutually encouraged by the rallying to our new welfare service of all our South Wales workers, and many fine members from Cardiff, Swansea, Newport, Aberdare, and others.

Aberfan!

We shall never forget our sight of Britain's worst disaster—over two hundred overwhelmed and killed by that filthy, hellish black slag-slide. We shall always feel gratitude that we had a Union welfare vehicle and the use of that of the excellent Brother

Roderick, and the chance to use them so effectively.

We have learned many things. We obviously need still more equipment, and some gifts have already been made to us for the purpose of providing for this. Now that we are able to tell the story of our several twenty-four hour days at Aberfan, we believe that many who would like to have been there, will most probably want to help in other ways.

We now need more blankets, and certain items of disaster relief equipment for the mobile unit such as a lighting outfit, a boiler, and separate gas cylinder, a couple of five to ten gallon urns, and so on.

We think our Welsh welfare workers have brought credit to the Church in the British Union, and that our story will be a source of joy to you all.

PASTOR A. C. VINE,

*British Union Welfare Leader.*

## WELFARE AT ABERFAN

by Pastor Amos Cooper, President, Welsh Mission

It was 12.15 p.m. on Friday, October 21st, when my phone rang and Brother James Huzzey asked me if I had heard about the Aberfan disaster. Until then I knew nothing about it. This began our many inquiries to find out more of the details and to offer our welfare services. We contacted the Police, W.V.S., Civil Defence, the A.A., and other organizations offering voluntary helpers, particularly in the capacity of feeding and preparing drinks for the thousands of workmen already on the site. Brother A. Roderick, our Cardiff welfare leader, had offered his motor caravan to be used as a mobile canteen, and we asked the A.A. to intercept Pastor A. C. Vine who was on his way with the Union welfare van to a welfare rally in Newport, Monmouthshire. We hoped to divert this unit to the disaster area. The police stopped Pastor Vine just before Gloucester. Now with two mobile units and many volunteers to help, we were in a strong position to contribute a worth-while service.

The police asked us to be ready to move in, but to await instruction before proceeding, as every approach road to Aberfan was blocked with traffic. In faith we went to one of the leading grocers in South Wales, "Batemans," explaining that we were from the welfare service of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and they opened the shop, saying: "Take what you want." By late Friday afternoon the Police asked us to take one unit up to Aberdare and to have the second one ready to move at a moment's notice. If necessary they would give us a police escort to see us through. Believing that God was opening the way for us to be of service, both units went up to Aberdare.

They had not been there long when the police called them to move in to the Aberfan disaster area

and were located just below the school which had been tragically enveloped by the coal tip. This proved to be an ideal situation, right at the corner of Moy Road where so many houses had been demolished, and where we were able to give maximum service.

Now we had to make some decisions concerning the welfare rally, due to continue all day Sabbath. Early Sabbath morning, Brethren Vine and Roderick came back to Cardiff in Brother Roderick's van; Pastor Vine to take the morning meeting in Newport and Brother Roderick for more provisions. We decided that apart from the morning services the other meetings should be postponed. In this hour of desperate need, now was the time for action not meetings. As soon as the shops were opened, we contacted "Morgans" another big firm in Cardiff. After stating who we were and what we were doing, they also asked us to take what we wanted. "Britton's Dairies" gave us an abundant supply of fresh milk.

Arriving at Aberfan, we discovered that "Cadburys" had brought about £1,000 worth of chocolate, biscuits, sweets, dried milk, etc. They asked us to supply the Salvation Army and other voluntary organizations with some of the goods. "Hoover" also had begun a mammoth service of supplying ready made drinks and sandwiches to all the distribution centres in the disaster area. Without this wonderful co-operation we should not have been able to supply the thousands and thousands of drinks, sandwiches, cakes, pies, chocolates, and fruit. But more than meeting the physical needs, our willing voluntary helpers were able to speak words of comfort to many who were bereaved, and encouragement to those engaged in the gigantic rescue operations.

We would pay tribute and express our heartfelt thanks to the almost fifty people from seven different churches in the Principality who combined their efforts for this emergency which lasted six days. Some of the folk turned out for a number of shifts. We would not forget also those who held themselves in readiness if called upon, those who looked after children or helped in some other capacity, thus releasing others to go. We appreciate, too, the offers of help which came from different parts of the country, following the encouraging remarks made by the press, radio, and TV regarding the Seventh-day Adventist welfare service. We especially express our grateful thanks to Brother and Sister Roderick for the use of their motor caravan, and also for the offer of its use in any future need by local welfare societies. We would also express our appreciation for the ministry of Pastor A. C. Vine with the Union welfare van, and we would take this opportunity to thank all who contributed toward its purchase. Its usefulness at Aberfan more than justified its existence.

Not only were we able to meet a humanitarian need in a desperate situation, but also helped to break down prejudice and elevate Christ and His cause before the people. I wish you could have had some of the experiences and heard some of the comments. Commendation for Seventh-day Adven-

tists came from all sides, including police officers, the armed forces, managers of firms, miners, as well as many of the workmen engaged on the site to whom we were able to speak while giving them drinks and food.

Here are just a few of these comments and experiences: On Saturday evening, October 22nd, word spread through the whole disaster area of Aberfan that the coal tip might move again. It had been raining hard for several hours. All around our two mobile welfare units, houses were evacuated. The Salvation Army were ordered to move by the police from a building just at the side of us. Although we were permitted to stay, the police repeatedly came and told us that we were in the direct line of danger, and as soon as we heard the siren we had to run immediately for all we were worth. Fortunately this danger abated. A miner thanked us for staying so close to the school, and keeping them supplied with drinks and food when the whole area was evacuated. "God bless you, lady," he said to one of our welfare workers, "we need your prayers." We assured him that many prayers were ascending for the rescuers and bereaved.

Then there was the lorry driver's comment: "I only know of two churches who are doing practical Christian work, the Salvation Army and the Seventh-day Adventists. You really live up to what you preach."

Another worker as he read the words on the side of the van, said, "My sister lives in Garston. I have often seen the Seventh-day Adventist church in the Park."

A fire officer recalled that his grandmother was one of the first Adventists in Cardiff, and he used to accompany her to church.

There was the company official, who was directing some of the big mechanical diggers, who spoke about his happy association with us in the Five-day Plan to Stop Smoking two and a half years previously, and he added triumphantly "I haven't smoked since." Also Dr. Davies, the Medical Officer of Health, who had associated with us in three Five-day Plans in the Aberdare Valley, stopped to say how much our services were being appreciated, as well as to pass on the encouraging news that his wife was enjoying much better health since she gave up smoking, due to one of our Five-day Clinics eighteen months earlier.

A small lad about eleven years of age was brought to our van: "Mrs. can you do something to warm him, his Mum and Dad are still under there and he 'asn't got no home now." A hot drink and a few words of comfort temporarily stemmed the bitter sobbing before friends took him out of the rain and cold to their home.

Many wanted to pay for what they received, but all was freely given. Someone, however, managed to insist that a 10/- note be given to the welfare service.

A minister's wife who had taught at the same

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# PRAYER and SACRIFICE

OUR readings prepared for this year's Week of Prayer have brought many blessings to us. I trust that each of us has been drawn closer to the Saviour as a result of prayerful meditation. May the blessings enjoyed at this special time be sustained as we journey onward toward the kingdom.

We have received a cable from the Division President, Pastor D. W. Eva, informing us of the Autumn Council meetings held at the General Conference in October. The Church is facing great problems that have engulfed our national economy; and to help meet some of the difficulties the entire General Conference staff, with all the Division Presidents attending the Autumn Council pledged themselves to give a week's salary for the annual Week of Prayer Offering.

The cable contained an appeal that all our Denominational workers follow the example of the world leaders in giving a week's salary to the Week of Sacrifice Offering. It is also suggested that our entire membership—according to individual ability—give a real sacrificial offering this year. Should this appeal reach you after you have given your offering, maybe you would like to reconsider what you have given and make an additional contribution. Paul recommends the grace of giving to Christian believers, as an evidence of spiritual experience. (Read 2 Corinthians 9.)

Equally as conferences, churches, and individuals, we need to heed the counsel of the Lord's messenger, to "bind about our wants." We live in an extravagant age, and it is incumbent upon us to watch our personal expenditures so

that we may have means to help forward the work of God. Elder R. R. Figuhr tells of a brother who spent a small sum in purchasing presents for the children back home. Brother Figuhr thought he was somewhat mean. Later, at a camp meeting, this "mean" brother made a most generous gift in answer to an appeal for funds to help the work of God.

Let us then make our Christmas gift to the Lord for all His diversified blessings, and make this the largest Week of Sacrifice Offering in our history.

"From every church, prayers should ascend to God for an increase of devotion and liberality. My brethren and sisters, do not plead for retrenchment in evangelical work. So long as there are souls to save, our interest in the work of soul-saving is to know no abating. The church cannot abridge her task without denying her Master. Not all can go as missionaries to foreign lands, but all can give of their means for the carrying forward of foreign missions." —"Testimonies," Vol. 9, pages 55, 56.

"As you stand before the cross, and see the Prince of heaven dying for you, can you seal your heart, saying, 'No I have nothing to give'? . . .

"Meet around the cross of Calvary in self-sacrifice and self-denial. God will bless you as you do your best. As you approach the throne of grace, as you find yourself bound to this throne by the golden chain let down from heaven to earth, to draw men from the pit of sin, your heart will go out in love for your brethren and sisters who are without God and without hope in the world." —"Testimonies," Vol. 9, page 256. J. A. McMillan.

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school as Sister Burgess came and gave valuable help when we were too busy to cope, religion was no barrier—but as we worked our faith was prominent in the conversation.

At another time a policeman came and asked Sister Benefield and my wife if a young teacher could help; her husband was digging on the site. She worked with us for many hours, during which time she asked many questions about our beliefs.

Brother and Sister Huzzey's home was used as a depot, and several of our workers slept there when off duty. The neighbours noticed and several offered their services. They were also impressed by the fact that Brother Huzzey had left church services in the hands of the lay members so that he could work at the disaster area.

Press reporters from different countries interviewed our welfare workers; two from the Far East took a recording of Brother Pimm being asked questions on his faith.

There was the dirty-faced miner who asked if our work was connected with Pastor Frazer's meetings in Neath where he was a regular attendee;

The old man, homeless, asking for a few provisions so that he could have a hot drink in the caravan lent him for the night;

The woman who came and helped us while several

of her relatives lay buried in the avalanche of death.

One miner who had dug for thirty hours, cold and wet, came for another hot drink. After a word of encouragement and comfort he returned to search for his own children, all under the black sludge.

"Has he lost someone in the disaster?" questioned one of the policemen. "No! Then why is he wearing a black tie?" "He is one of our ministers," replied our welfare worker. Our co-labourer pointed to two or three more welfare workers, indicating that they also were ministers. The questioner said: "I didn't think ministers dirtied their hands and faces like this."

On the Monday I was asking the manager of the local Cadbury firm if they could supply us with a few more boxes of chocolates. He said he would be glad to, and would deliver them to our welfare units on the site. I was mentioning who would be on duty when he said: "I know Doug and Jim. I live opposite Doug Sinclair [one of our ministers] at Llantwit Major."

Some men and women came to us stating that they could not face any more, but after practical help and words of encouragement they went back to the grim task.

A number of times we were stopped by people in the streets who wanted to express their appreciation.

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# SOUTH ENGLAND CONFERENCE



## BEDFORD

### Visit by Brixton Choir

ON Sabbath, September 17th, the Brixton Church Choir under the leadership of Brother Samuel Fenton, visited the Bedford company. It was a most inspiring programme which ended all too soon, and we thanked our brethren for their service.

S. SWEEN,  
*Sabbath School Superintendent.*

## BRIXTON

### "A Lovely Day"

SABBATH, June 4th, was a lovely day at Brixton, for on this day our Sabbath school was honoured with a special guest in the person of one of our brethren from the Middle East. Brother Gary Keshishian, of Cyprus, brought cheer to many hearts as he took the missions appeal in the Sabbath school. He explained many of their customs and what the Gospel is doing for them. As he ended his story a loud amen showed the gratitude of all.

Returning to the MV service in the evening it was another treat to hear of the places in and around where Paul and Barnabas laboured; also where Brother and Sister Keshishian had lived. We are very grateful for the kind thoughts expressed, and pray that God will bless this family in this land. Brother and Sister Keshishian are members of the Ealing church.

OLGA RAFFERTY,  
*Press Relations Secretary.*

## CHISWICK

### Star Collector

In these brief Chiswick notes, we must report our record Ingathering total of £2,392.

Owing to a fall, Sister Sarah Manning, for many years one of our top Ingatherers, had decided to follow her doctor's advice, and rest her injured leg this year. When Ingathering commenced, however, she decided she would have one collecting cannister. Having started, she found she couldn't stop. Result: she was top collector with exactly £100. The Young People collected a total of £1,227.

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As a result of a concert given by Brother Michael Conroy's London Fellowship Youth Group during Christian Aid Week, a cheque for £24 was sent to Pastor H. Dean of the Chiswick Mission the organizer of Chiswick's Christian Aid appeal.

Sister M. Precious, Chiswick Welfare Leader, reporting on six months' activity, referred to 1,400



Pastor Mark Leeds congratulating Mrs. Sarah Manning of Chiswick. Sister Manning collected £100.

articles of clothing handled; and made mention of Sister Gwen Evans, who, although crippled with arthritis, had crotcheted a number of beautiful coloured blankets.

The first Sabbath in September was both a happy and a sad day in Chiswick; happy because eight persons were baptized and five babies were dedicated to God, but sad because the time had come to bid farewell to Pastor Mark Leeds, his wife, and their two sons. Tokens of esteem were presented. Our best wishes go with them as they serve the Lord in Dublin.

The following Sabbath a special welcome was given to Pastor Watson Southcott, his wife, and family. We pray for God's blessing to rest on their ministry in this area.

On August 16th, the JMV's enjoyed an unusual outing when they went on a trip to Paris, organized by Brother Donald Kelly. A month later, a week-end camp was held for them in Epping Forest organized by Brother Dehaney.

ENID TOLMAN.

## EXETER

### Double Event

THE week-end of August 13, 1966, was a happy one for the Exeter church, and especially for Brother John Crabbe who received the blessings of both baptism and marriage.

The Sabbath morning service was taken by Pastor Spencer Maxwell who buoyed up the faith of the congregation by his impelling sermon upon the world-wide magnitude of our work. Pastor Maxwell had come from Weymouth for the occasion.

At 3 p.m. Pastor Colin Martin elevated our minds to the One who had made baptism significant by His death upon the Cross. Brother Crabbe was then baptized by Pastor Maxwell.

Brother Crabbe had been introduced to the Advent message by the Bible studies faithfully given to him by Sister Peggy Fisher.

The following day she and he were united in holy matrimony by Pastor Maxwell. Mrs. Fisher was attended by two bridesmaids, one of whom was her daughter Susan. The reception was held at the home of the minister, after which the happy couple left for a honeymoon in Cornwall.

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## FOLKESTONE

### Watchword: "Forward"

THE fine stretch of coastline, called "The Leas," Folkestone, is well known and much admired.

Not far from the harbour, situated between grass-clad cliffs and the English Channel, nestles the Seventh-day Adventist church. Resting by the Leas? Geographically, yes. Its members "resting on their lees"? Decidedly No!

A year ago, Pastor Gerald Norman opened a campaign, following faithful VOP card and hand-bill distribution. This resulted in four dear souls being baptized. We praise and thank God for this portion of His harvest.

We were sorry that Pastor Norman, instrumental in these results, was unable to engage in another campaign here, but he continues his ministry in Australia. Following a beautiful communion service, Sabbath, September 10th, the church presented a gift of appreciation and affection in the form of a cheque, to our departing minister, wife, and family.

On Sabbath, October 1st, we warmly welcomed our new minister, Brother V. Llewellyn and his wife. They have already established a warm place in our hearts.

Plans for personal campaigning are now in operation, showing that the members are not "resting on their lees." We pray that God may bless these new endeavours.

MISS W. BRADBURY.

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## LOWESTOFT

### Day of Rejoicing

SABBATH, October 1st, was a day of happiness and rejoicing in Lowestoft's church as we united with Pastor A. H. Cowley in welcoming three new members into church fellowship. Following their Saviour's example as they passed through the waters of baptism, were Sister Brown, who has faithfully attended the series of meetings conducted by Pastor Cowley over the past months; Kathleen Hart, second daughter of Brother and Sister H. Hart, who was prevented from attending a previous baptism owing to sickness (Kathleen now joins her parents and sister, and is the fourth member of her family to accept her Saviour); and Brother John Sampson, who was introduced to the meetings by Miss Eunice Pitchers.



Brother John Sampson being baptized by Pastor A. H. Cowley.

Brother L. Crowe aided Pastor Cowley and offered the opening prayer. Community singing was conducted by Brother W. Pitchers during the interval as the candidates prepared for the ceremony.

Although this was a day to lift up our hearts, it was tinged with sad farewells. It was the last service taken by Pastor Cowley who is leaving this area.

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## NORWICH

### Accent on Welfare

SABBATH, October 2nd, was a highlight for members of the church in Norwich. For many months the members of the Welfare society had collected, cleaned, and repaired garments in readiness for any emergency. When news of the Turkish earthquake was flashed to the world, our enterprising Welfare leader contacted the local agent for Oxfam, who was glad to receive fourteen bales of clothing from our society.

On the afternoon mentioned, Mr. Warren came to thank the churchmembers for their help. He showed a film portraying the journey of four young men who travelled thousands of miles to bring relief to people in widely scattered areas. We were shown places that the tourist never sees. Places where despair is a daily companion; places where water is a luxury, and electricity and sanitation non-existent.

Mr. Warren explained that the work of Oxfam included a teaching programme for people to help themselves, as well as disaster relief. He concluded by saying: "The people of Turkey thank you for your help, but a great deal more is needed, and with your help, Oxfam accepts the challenge."

Our Welfare leader presented a cheque to Mr. Warren for the work of Oxfam, and after the collection had been taken, a further three pounds was added.

As we left the service we had much food for



thought, and a fresh determination to work for the Master in co-operation with others who seek to relieve suffering in the world.

MRS. E. M. JOHNSTON.

STOKE NEWINGTON

## Lay Evangelist Graduation

"BE faithful ambassadors for God," was the admonition given by Pastor J. W. Ginbey to nine laymen of the Stoke Newington church, on October 8th.

This was the occasion of their graduation, after successfully completing a course of lectures and satisfactorily passing the examination. He further encouraged them to go out and do great things for God. The hour is late and there is still much to do. They were now equipped with tools to do the job and must use them wisely for the finishing of this great work.

After receiving their certificates, each layman expressed his appreciation of the course, of all that he had learned from it, and pledged himself to do greater service for God.

We wish these Lay Evangelists God's blessing as they go out and do their part in winning souls for God's Kingdom.

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WIMBLEDON

## "Love in Action"

At the Welfare Day Service on October 8th, at the Wimbledon church, the guest speaker, Major Mary Scott, gave a moving account of her experiences as a social worker in the Salvation Army. She received her training at the Salvation Army College twenty-five years ago. Taking up social work in the East and West End of London, caring for and helping young women and girls, she worked closely with the Police Courts and Probation Officers, and many problem cases were referred to her. Major Scott told some heartrending stories of prostitution, unmarried and deserted mothers, children pregnant at twelve, thirteen and fourteen years of age, and of the children of such children. She reminded us that teenage delinquency, drug addiction, and alcoholism were increasing alarmingly, and as she described how they try to help those who have sunk into depravity, she said "Oh, the sadness of it all!"

The speaker said she found help and inspiration for her work in Christ's words referring to the two great commandments "And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, . . . and thy neighbour as thyself." Mark 12:30, 31.

Once, when asked if she enjoyed her work,

Major Scott had to answer that she did not enjoy being "among the sordid and the obscene. But God did not call me to enjoy the work." Sometimes she dreaded going on her night patrols, but after making the effort she always felt a great joy in her heart.

Referring to the social work of the Salvation Army, she said the Army's help for the unfortunate, recognized no barrier of race, creed, or colour. It did not matter whether the needy were drug addicts, alcoholics, or criminals. Her job was "love in action." Christ's love for mankind while He was on earth was manifested in helping the needy, the fallen, the sick in body and mind. Here was the spur and here the inspiration.

Pastor J. C. Collins, in thanking Major Scott, said that the speaker's experiences spotlight the need for God's people to "take off their coats." Not all unfortunate people were in need of money, but all need love. May God bless Major Scott and the wonderful welfare work of the Salvation Army.

E. WALL,

*Press Relations Secretary.*

## NORTH ENGLAND CONFERENCE



BRADFORD

## Farewell and Welcome

TWELVE months ago, Pastor Alvin E. Cook began his campaign in Bradford. Now it was time for him to hand over to Pastor G. Emm the task of caring for the church. On Sabbath, September 3rd, we saw the climax of Pastor Cook's campaign when another five precious souls were baptized. Among them, we were happy to see Priscilla, daughter of our church elder dedicating her life to Jesus in baptism. Altogether thirty new members have been added to the church through the labours of Pastor Cook and his team of workers.

On Sunday afternoon we gathered in the youth hall to say farewell to him, and to give a welcome to Pastor and Mrs. Emm and their family. A very nice gesture of Pastor Cook's was to present Pastor Emm with a book, and to his wife and two little girls he gave boxes of sweets, which he called "Sweet welcomes." He also gave mementos to his team of workers: brethren Robinson, Crowe, and Metzger. Our church elder presented to Pastor Cook on behalf of every member, a cheque to buy a new Bible of his choice, and a pen.

We pray for God's blessing to rest on Pastor Cook as he leaves us, and on Pastor Emm, his wife and family as they join us.

G. GRANT,

*Press Relations Secretary.*



## News Notes

SABBATH, September 24th, was an inspiring day for Nottingham. The Thirteenth Sabbath programme given by the children was much appreciated, especially when a little non-Adventist girl, Rachel White, recited the whole quarter's memory verses. Afterwards, the communion service was taken by our new minister, Pastor L. E. A. Lane.

The next day at 3 p.m. a Temperance programme was held, which included songs, recitations and a play entitled, "The Prodigal Son," under the direction of Brother S. A. Bailey. Visitors from the Central London church, including brethren Riskowitz, Wright, Kelly, Wilson, and Allman, journeyed over and contributed to the programme. Items included the playing of a musical saw by brethren Wright and Kelly.

Pastor Lane, who was chairman, welcomed the congregation and visitors and Dr. Rice introduced Pastor W. A. Scharffenberg, President of the International Commission for the Prevention of Alcoholism, who spoke on the evils of alcoholism. His visit was unexpected and all appreciated his message.

Many finely rendered items added to the interest of this service.

A total of £34 was collected for the Church Building Fund.  
MRS. MABEL BAILEY.

## SCARBOROUGH

### "Come Ye Thankful People"

A GLORIOUS profusion of flowers, intermingled with an abundant display of fruit, vegetables, and other produce, helped to set off the precious gifts at the Scarborough Harvest Thanksgiving service held on Sabbath, October 15th.

Pastor A. Cooper in the sermon counselled, "In everything, give thanks unto the Lord." Harvest-tide hymns were heartily sung, and the language of our hearts was, "Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, *and forget not all His benefits* . . . who satisfieth thy mouth with good things." *Psa.* 103:1-5. In the display, pride of place was given to a special basket of fruit brought by the small children of Sister Webster. Non-members later received food parcels in which VOP invitation cards were enclosed, and our own members were not forgotten.

MARY CHAPMAN.

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## IRISH MISSION



## LONDONDERRY

### Breaching the Modern Walls of Old Derry

THE history of Londonderry makes exciting reading with the city's great efforts to obtain freedom more than 300 years ago. It was from this city that Columba made his historic missionary journey to Scotland.

It was with much pleasure that we responded to the invitation to visit this famous city, in an effort to free men, women, and children from the binding habits of smoking.

The local Health Department gave us permission to use their premises which were very suitable for conducting the Five Day Plan.

The *Belfast Telegraph* gave us a good write-up, reporting the fact that not all applicants could be accommodated. Both the Medical Officer of Health and the Chest physician attended a session and gave us their full support and blessing.

After seeing the success of the Clinic the two local physicians expressed their appreciation of the great help that was being given to the group. As

is usual, those attending wished to stop smoking but realized they were quite unable to do so without the special help we could give them.

The local press not only gave publicity to the clinic work in the evenings for the adults, but also to the fact that senior students of many of the schools and colleges in Derry were visited during the day-time. We were able to visit over 1,000 young people with films and lectures, informing them of the immediate and long-term hazards of smoking. Pastor Donald Lowe introduced the team with its all-embracing appeal to the young and the old. This was made all the more successful by the good preparatory work of Brother Paul Smith, in contacting the headmasters and principals of the various institutions. It was the Roman Catholic headmaster, the Rev. Brother O'Sullivan, that invited us back again after addressing 400 of his boys. These lads in the large hall of "Our Lady of Lourdes" School asked some very searching questions, and we endeavoured to give the right answers. On leaving the hall, one lad said to me, that if the teacher stopped smoking, he would "have no excuse to smoke after seeing and hearing what has been said this afternoon!" What a tremendous influence we can have on the young!

Many are the complications of Irish politics and religion, but believing that the "right arm of the message" can open doors for the entrance of present truth, we heard evidence of this as we met each day with Brother Tony Brownlow who related the success he was having in the Publishing ministry.

As we seek to sharpen and make use of every instrument, and unite with the workers in the ministerial, medical and literature ministries, not only will right habits of living be accepted, but doors will be opened for present truth.

DR. BERNARD RICHARDSON, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S. (Edin.).

## SCOTTISH MISSION



ABERDEEN

### New Member Received

SABBATH, October 1st, was a very happy day for the members of the Aberdeen church, for on that day a new member was added to the Church.

Miss Hogg had attended meetings held by Pastor George Emm and the present minister, Brother S. Hensman, for three years. She was baptized by Pastor R. Brett, President of the Scottish Mission, and warmly welcomed into the Aberdeen church by Brother Hensman, and our local elder, Brother Hay.

We thank God for another soul won for Christ

and the truth here in the granite city of Aberdeen. Our earnest prayer is that there may be others who will follow Miss Hogg's example in the near future.

WILMA SMITH,  
*Press Relations Secretary.*

## EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

*Union Secretary:* Pastor S. H. Parkin



Wendy Alabaster of Hyland House School.

### Hyland House School Festival

THE first event of the autumn term took place at Hyland House School, Walthamstow, on Thursday, October 6th, when the children brought their gifts for the harvest festival.

The picture shows Wendy Alabaster pointing to the Bible which was the focal point of our display.

Mr. Norman Wright, the new headmaster, welcomed the visitors for the afternoon service and Miss Trott, who retired from the headship in July this year, opened the service with prayer. Pastor W. G. Nicholson, minister of our local church, spoke to the children. The girls of the upper school played a recorder item.

On the following day the children took the harvest gifts out to needy families in the area.

PAMELA CADY,  
*Press Reporter for Hyland House School.*

### Stanborough School

#### "Praise Ye the Lord"

"PRAISE ye the Lord" was the theme of the Stanborough Primary School's Harvest Festival service. This inspiring programme took place in the Stanborough Park church on Wednesday, October 5th, when children and parents alike raised their voices in glory to God.

Evidences of the Almighty hand were seen in the

splendid display of fruits and vegetables, later distributed to the hospitalized and needy.

Regrettably Miss F. Poley, Junior School headmistress was recently involved in a car accident. Her absence was keenly felt. Miss J. Coveney ably deputized and welcomed all parents and visitors.

A prayer of thankfulness for daily sustenance and a plea for the wants of the needy was offered by Mr. H. Dunton, the school principal.

An unusual feature of the service was a medley of original poems presented and composed by the pupils. Pastor B. F. Kinman captured the interest of all present as he introduced his talk with the display of two apples. Both looked alike—but one was made of plastic, a product of man's skill yet was uneatable, while the edible fruit could be made by God alone. The offering of £14, was devoted to the Oxford Committee for Famine Relief.

The following day the children delivered the gifts to the needy, and were later able to recount touching stories of deep appreciation from many of life's "forgotten" souls—the lonely, the lame, and limbless. At this time of thanksgiving may we all offer to God what He most desires: "Our humble, thankful hearts."

MRS. AUDREY LOGAN.

### **Newbold Children of the New Forest**

FROM June 10th to 12th, fifteen junior children from Newbold (five were non-Adventists) went camping in the New Forest.

Stuart Ware led the advance party to the camp site near Ashurst and on proceeding to erect the tents discovered that the poles had been left behind, so there was nothing to do but sit and wait for the main party, led by Pat and Dalbert Elias. However, despite this minor set-back the camp went on and was greatly enjoyed by the juniors.

As usual, the first night found them all rather excited and it took them some time to settle down to sleep. They were awake again at 4 a.m. Sabbath morning and Stuart (who isn't used to getting up at that hour) had to take them for an hour-and-a-half's walk. Sabbath school in the open air, sheltered from the sun by trees, with the birds singing away, added greatly to the morning exercise. In the afternoon a hike was organized over the scrubland and through the woods. We all appreciate the opportunity of spending a wonderful Sabbath with Jesus.

After Sabbath we spent an enjoyable time around a camp fire; we all retired to bed considerably earlier than the previous night—much to the leaders' relief.

We left the camp site reluctantly, watched by the forest ponies and their foals, but we took with us happy memories.

There is no doubt about it—juniors appreciate camps and it is also a wonderful opportunity to present Jesus Christ to non-Adventist children.

Is your church arranging a week-end camp for your children and non-Adventist children in your neighbourhood?  
A TEACHER.

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### **SABBATH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT**

*Secretary: Pastor A. C. Vine*

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### **Public Relations Opens the Way for a Better Understanding of Our Church Activities in Brazil**

by Roberto R. Azevedo, Public Relations, Radio-TV, and  
Temperance Secretary, South Brazil Union

THESE last years the attitude of the public toward the Adventists in Brazil has suffered a radical change. By means of radio, newspaper, and television we have enlightened the public as to what we believe, what we are, and what we do. On television we have received from fifteen minutes to an hour of free time to show our films on the work of our twelve medical-missionary launches. Thousands of persons have seen and heard such programmes.

Mayors of some of the towns have secured theatres, and requested us to show our films to their students and teachers. We have also showed the films in public halls, clubs, churches, school auditoriums, and cultural societies to an appreciative public.

There is no doubt that advertising and public relations play a great part in the formation of a favourable opinion of the Church. Prejudice is broken down. Goodwill is built up, and the way is opened rapidly to carry forward God's great plan for the salvation of souls.

Today it is not difficult for our colporteurs to obtain permission to show temperance or welfare films in army barracks, or in factories. By this means, confidence is established in our general Church programme and in our publications, and hundreds of books are sold. Five or ten years ago, books were not sold in this way, and when the customer knew where the books were published or by whom, the sale was almost certain to be lost.

By using this same type of publicity the evangelistic programme is well-accepted by the public, especially when the territory is prepared by the Voice of Prophecy and "Faith for Today" programmes and the assistance of our churchmembers and Bible workers in delivering the Bible lessons to the people.

When a series of meetings is announced, the people come by the hundreds because they already know who we are, and want to know more. From sixty to eighty-five per cent of those attending are familiar with our beliefs, and about the same percentage are baptized from many different

churches as shown by the statistics of three series of meetings recently held in the city of Sao Paulo.

Catholic . . . . .	540	Brazil Christian . . .	14
Pentecostal . . . . .	112	Mormon . . . . .	2
Methodist . . . . .	22	Jewish . . . . .	1
Presbyterian . . . . .	26	Greek Orthodox . . .	1
Spiritualist . . . . .	22	Reform . . . . .	1
Baptist . . . . .	40	Without religion . . .	12
Children of Adventists		51	
Total . . . . .		844	

The Ingathering campaign highly benefited by this publicity. Some workers have shown films, slides, or photograph albums to clubs, and in various places the Ingathering contributions have increased ten or fifteen times over what they had been in the past. What has contributed much to this, has been the aid given to those suffering from savage fire (penfigo). Whenever someone who is being solicited sees the pictures and data about this illness, he at once is prompted to give.

In these days of such great opportunity, it is our privilege to receive a part of the Thirteenth Sabbath offering of the last quarter of this year for two hospitals in the South Brazil Union; the Sao Paulo Hospital (A Casa de Saude Liberdade) in the great city of Sao Paulo with almost five million inhabitants, and the Penfigo Adventist Hospital (Hospital Matogrossense de Penfigo) in the state of Mato Grosso.

We are sure of your generous support for these monuments to the cause of God in Brazil.

## Keep Praying for Ruanda

DEAR Friends in the homeland,

Christian greetings from Central Africa.

Here in Ruanda we have very few pastors and teachers with higher education qualifications. The few who have attended Solusi College are doing a wonderful work, and carrying heavy loads.

At Ngoma we have started a work among the prisoners at Kibuye. The prison is an hour's car drive from our hospital. Every other Sabbath a few students and myself give Bible studies to the prisoners, and now there are twenty-five of them preparing for baptism.

Pastor A. L. Hands, son-in-law of Pastor Maxwell, recently held an evangelistic effort, with the help of African pastors, in a small town in Ruanda. Hundreds responded in this Catholic community, and many are preparing for baptism. Pastor Hands, who is director of Gitwe Seminary, has a heavy load of work, and is one of the only Europeans who speaks Kinyawanda fluently. He found time during the Seminary holidays to hold and direct this effort. How much easier it would be if we had African pastors with more experience to do this kind of work, and ease the heavy loads that some of the Europeans have to carry.

Brethren and Sisters, we need your help. Pray

## A PRAYER

Give me, O Lord, right views of Thee,  
Thy glorious nature, love, and might;  
And draw my spirit's eyes to see  
The things concealed from mortal sight;  
And in the soul which Thou hast wrought,  
Oh, breathe the understanding thought.

Give me, O Lord, right views of truth;  
And give me, too, the honest mind,  
Which of its freedom gives the proof  
In sweet forbearance broad and kind;  
Which will not barter, slight, or sell  
The truth it sees, but guard it well.

H. J. E. Holmes.

much for our African workers, for many have suffered much and have lost homes and families in the past few years, and frequently have poor living facilities.

May God bless you in your work for Christ,  
RUTH A. BROWN.

(Although the Third Quarter is past, with its special offerings for Solusi College, we felt our members would appreciate this brief word from a well known British missionary.—Ed.)

## Welfare at Aberfan

*Continued from page 5*

One such experience occurred on Tuesday night just as Brother and Sister Searles were going off duty. Councillor Jim Williams by whom the Queen was escorted round the disaster area, and with whom she had tea the following Saturday, called our brother and sister into his home and put his arms around them and said: "I want you to take my personal message of thanks to the Seventh-day Adventist Church for all you have done to help us." Councillor Williams had lost seven loved ones.

Surely the words of Jesus are most appropriate: "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

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## LAY ACTIVITIES DEPARTMENT

Secretary: Pastor A. C. Vine

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### Lay-Witnessing Wins

An enlightening testimony of victory on the home front  
by F. Donovan

AN agricultural machinery works with all its bustle and noise and foul language might not be thought to be the ideal place for witnessing for Christ. Yet we often have unexpected surprises.

I found that obtaining an early release on Fridays at sunset in the winter, provided a good opportunity for witnessing, and started men inquiring. More than one has admitted it must take courage to leave early in this way, for religious reasons. One man even expressed admiration.

This simple witness led to religious discussions among the men in an adjoining gang. One concluded I "was mad to lose money like that on Fridays and Saturdays," and that "it was a silly idea keeping two 'Sundays.'" But a newcomer among them seemed to think the subject worthy of further investigation and told him that maybe I was the sane one, and he himself the mad one. This man, Peter, came to me with questions—the first, I think, concerning the end of the world. I always quoted whatever texts I could remember to support what I said, and at the earliest opportunity would give a tract—on the subject if possible. Then I would look up further texts to substantiate the others quoted. Being a thinker, this man seemed immediately to grasp the truth and wisdom of what I was enabled to give him. I gave him other papers to read, sold him *God's Way to Peace*, showed articles in *Our Times* or health magazines or *Australian Signs*. As he had no Bible, I gave him my old Collins Bible, the studies from which enabled him to meet the "onslaughts" of the other men and to enlighten them.

I told him he would be well advised to get *The Great Controversy* and *The Desire of Ages*. He purchased a paper back copy of the former. His comment: "A wonderful book by a wonderful writer." Questions continued daily for about three years, so I was able to give the truth fairly thoroughly.

I then introduced him and another workmate, Ron, to our wholemeal bread by taking a sample to work and I told them of our health reform message. Baker "Percy" now delivers bread to them both. Peter then gave up pork and bacon, cut down on tea and, I think, finally gave it up. I presented both with the subject of tithing, and eventually covered almost every aspect of our faith.

Ron said he would not miss the tithe as both he and his wife smoked—meaning that he could give up smoking, and thus save more than his tithe.

With part of the money saved, he bought a Collins Bible.

Peter had already given up smoking a month or so earlier (cancer, by the way, did not scare him). He had two near-teenage boys, and it worried him that they might take Purple Hearts and other drugs. How could he influence them against such evils, while he drugged himself with tobacco! He too wanted a new Bible, and both were thrilled with the one I got them. They could hardly wait for them, so eager were they to have them.

One evening before the Bibles came, Peter's eleven year old boy met him from work with his savings—£1. 10s. He wanted a Bible, also! You see, all the family by this time wanted Bibles. Peter felt guilty reading *The Great Controversy* just to himself when his children were in bed at night, so he went up to read to them! The Holy Spirit was working on him, and he began to pray. From time to time I suggested he take VOP lessons. He is now doing so under our Pastor's tuition.

As well as the workmates, Peter's neighbours and brother have also been introduced to our message, and been shown his books.

Ron listens to the VOP broadcasts and enjoys them immensely in spite of his wife's adverse comments. Providentially, some dollar books became available, most of which these two men bought. Peter had *The Desire of Ages*, *Planet in Rebellion*, *Patriarchs and Prophets*, and *God Speaks to Modern Man*. Ron had *Your Bible and You* and was later given *Patriarchs and Prophets*. Both are thrilled with these books. Michael (another interested young man) also had *The Great Controversy*. I gave Peter and Ron an old Sabbath school lesson pamphlet to show what and how we study, and they expressed a desire to have the current ones. Michael also has one. I also gave old *Morning Watch* calendars which they appreciated. Two or three had *Time Running Out*. Papers have been left around, which some night-shift men have at least examined.

Ron came to Sabbath school and church on Whit Sabbath, and thoroughly enjoyed the service and friendliness. He said he would come again. On the following Friday, Peter said, as we were leaving work: "I feel guilty in two ways: I feel I should be in church tomorrow, and I also feel I should work to support my family."

I said: "If you wish to win, the church should take first place."

Imagine my delight on Sabbath morning to find him and three of his children, and also Michael, awaiting my arrival. He had made his decision to join our church, and was prepared to sell his house and move into a smaller one if money became a problem, as he had taken out his tithe. They were all thrilled with the services and nineteen-year-old Michael said he had never enjoyed a Saturday more, and would come again, which he has done more than once.

There was little our pastor had to do to prepare Peter for baptism. Providentially again, a baptismal service was to be held in about three weeks from

this date. He and five others were baptized.

From time to time, he mentioned some strange experiences he had had; but it had not dawned on me that he had once dabbled in spiritualism. I learned this only a few days before his baptism, for it was then that Satan showed himself in some terrifying experience, but this only confirmed Peter

of the devil's evil intent. So Christ won the victory, and Peter is continuing his work of sharing his faith with others. We are hoping that Ron and Michael, and others, will take their stand some day. It is pleasing to note that Peter's wife witnessed his baptism, and is gradually becoming more tolerant.

#### OVERSEAS

### Dial-a-Prayer "Down Under"

DIAL-A-PRAYER in Western Australia took another significant step forward with the introduction of the state's first Regional service in the country. The new Dial-a-Prayer service was inaugurated in Bunbury, a town of 15,000 population, on Monday, May 2nd.

Speaker for the new Dial-a-Prayer service, is Pastor I. R. Kinnersley, who is currently conducting a public evangelistic effort. Pastor Kinnersley has previously laboured in Cardiff, Colchester, and Lewisham.

Significantly, the day for the introduction of the new regional service formed the third anniversary

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Pastor I. Kinnersley at the microphone.

of the establishment of Dial-a-Prayer in the capital city of Perth. This double event secured excellent state-wide news coverage through T.V., radio, and newspaper.

Pastor Kinnersley as the "voice" of Bunbury Dial-a-Prayer, was interviewed twice over the local commercial network 6TZ-CI, and, following the opening, was interviewed over the national station 6WA. This national station interview was then syndicated to other government country radio stations in Western Australia for use on "Regional Magazine." In each interview with Pastor Kinnersley, a large segment of the Dial-a-Prayer recorded message was also used.

At the inauguration service, conducted in the Bunbury Adventist church, speeches of welcome were made by the Methodist minister, Rev. G. R. Limb, Mr. Williams, M.L.A., and Acting Mayor, Mr. A. E. Cooke.

Some 1,500 calls were registered at the end of the first full week of operation.

The Perth Dial-a-Prayer service was commenced three years ago, on May 2nd, by Pastor D. J. Mowday, who is at present pastor-evangelist in Chelmsford. During the past three years, nearly 400,000 calls have been logged. Three electronic secretary machines handle this service, tapes for which are changed daily.

ADRIAN M. PETERSON,  
*Public Relations Secretary,  
Western Australian Conference.*



**EVANS-CUTLER.**—On July 31, 1966, at the Erdington Seventh-day Adventist church, Sister Jean Cutler was united in marriage with Brother Alan Evans. The bride, beautifully attired in white satin and ribbon lace, was attended by a college friend, Sister Margaret Wallis, who wore a gown of Gobelin blue. Alan's two young cousins Kim and Mandy Jones, completed the delightful picture in turquoise blue dresses. The guests were welcomed at the church by Mr. W. Cutler, the bride's brother, and by Mr. P. Evans, brother of the groom. Sister Elizabeth Vine officiated at the organ during the marriage service, which was conducted by Pastor V. Hall.

Best man was Brother G. Priest. Reception was at Chadwick Manor, Knowle.

As Jean and Alan return to Newbold College in the autumn to complete Alan's course of study there, we pray their marriage may be a truly happy and blessed union as together they seek to serve the Master in the years ahead.

PUBLIC RELATIONS SECRETARY.

**STAPLE-CHARLES.**—On the Sunday afternoon of August 21, 1966, a very pretty and colourful wedding was solemnized at the Manchester S.D.A. church, when Pastor Horace West united in marriage Albert Staple with Yvonne Charles. These young people, late of Trinidad, and now members of our church here, had certainly come far to make their vows. However, we feel sure that the good advice proffered by our officiating minister, if put into effect, would pay dividends a hundredfold. He stressed the setting up of the family altar; so that they could truly say: "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." His final exhortation was given in the words of Mrs. E. G. White, to "continue the early attentions."

May God richly bless Albert and Yvonne as they walk life's pathway together.

PUBLIC RELATIONS SECRETARY.

**GRIFFITHS-SELBY.**—Monday, September 26, 1966, was a lovely day. The sun was radiant as also was Miss Joyce Selby, as she joined hands in marriage with Mr. William Griffiths at the Watford Town Seventh-day Adventist church.

Both bride and bridegroom are loyal servants of the British Union Conference, Miss Selby the statistical

clerk and Brother Griffiths our capable cashier. The bride wore a gold coloured dress and matching coat of French Wild Silk. The bridegroom had the experienced support of Brother Ray Johnson as best man. Many relatives and friends were there to enjoy the happy occasion, and appreciated the repast provided for them at a nearby banqueting centre. The writer, who performed the ceremony, was ably assisted by the minister of the Watford Town church, Pastor H. E. Bull.

Our sincere wish is that the rich blessing of God will rest upon this union, and give these two the continued happiness they so much deserve.

BERNARD KINMAN.



**AKA-KWARM.**—Members of the Chiswick church, and many others too, will be saddened to learn of the sudden death at the age of 33, of Brother Joseph Aka-Kwarm. Our brother was first cousin to the ex-Ghanaian President Nkrumah. He came to England in 1952, studied for eleven years, obtained his degree, then returned to a teaching post in an Adventist College in Ghana in November, 1965. A few weeks later, he died. He will be remembered for his unflinching cheerfulness and faithful witness to the faith.

ENID TOLMAN.

**BAILEY.**—Members of the Ilford and Walthamstow churches were saddened by the news of the death of Brother Bailey, due to an explosion in the factory where he worked. The members had prayed that God might see fit to heal, but in spite of all that doctors and nurses with every modern facility could do, the Lord called him to rest. A brief service was held in the Walthamstow church on August 24, 1966, which was attended by a large number of relatives, churchmembers, workmates, and friends. We laid him to rest in the City of London Cemetery in certain hope of a resurrection to eternal life when Jesus comes. May God in His great love comfort and strengthen Sister Bailey and her family, and all the other relatives in their sorrow, and be her companion in her lonely walk. May she be buoyed up by happy memories, and comforted by the promises of God who has promised to all the faithful "a future and a hope" when Jesus comes to claim His own. W. G. NICHOLSON.

**HOWARD.**—Forty years ago Mrs. A. Howard was received into the fellowship of the Southampton church, and until her unexpected death in the early hours of July 21, 1966, at the age of 73, her life was dedicated to the service of God—in her home, in her church, and in her neighbourhood. Her faithfulness, often in difficult circumstances, was remembered and spoken of at the funeral service at the church and at the little churchyard at Nursling where she was laid to rest on July 26th. Many relatives, churchmembers and other friends gathered in hushed sadness to pay tribute to one who had been a true mother in Israel, and to hear Pastor F. C. J. Pearce's message of hope in God's promises. It was difficult to believe that Sister Howard would no

more be seen in her accustomed seat in church, that she had made her last missionary visit and given her last talk at the women's meeting in the little chapel in Nursling where she was so well-known and respected. But she "being dead, yet speaketh," and the memory of her life remains as an inspiration to those who were privileged to know her. Left to mourn are her husband; her son John; three daughters—Iris, Mrs. Humphrey Kinman, who flew from Canada for the funeral; Vera, Mrs. Amos Cooper; Joyce, Mrs. Robert Smart—and eleven grandchildren. W. F. BUCKLE.

**TAYLOR.**—Sister Jane Taylor, aged 87 years, passed peacefully away on October 13, 1966, at McKinnon House, Edinburgh. Our sister was well-known having been a member of the Church since 1923. Her faithful and outstanding witness through the years to the truth she embraced will long live in the memory of all with whom she came in contact. The funeral service was conducted by Pastor R. W. Brett in the Warriston Crematorium Cloister Chapel. We extend to her relatives our sympathy, and rest in the assurance of a glorious resurrection morning. CHURCH CLERK.



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