

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

A Call to Prayer and Service

By E. B. Rudge

SEVERAL days ago the field leaders of the British Union met at Watford to study together some of the problems of our field work. One burden resting on the hearts of all is the need of a special manifestation of God's power in our midst that there may come into our churches a fresh impulse of spiritual life and to our ministry a greater zeal in service and power for witnessing.

More than fifty millions of our fellow-islanders are facing, with the rest of mankind, the hour of crisis to which the whole world has now come. This is the last hour! These multitudes within our borders must be warned of the coming of divine judgment. They must be invited to betake themselves unto the Zion the Lord has founded for their salvation.

Our task is a tremendous one. Our means are limited. Our force of workers is pitifully inadequate. The difficulties are many. Yet we are called to serve in this hour by our God of whom one has said: "Thine, O Lord, is the greatness and the power, and the glory and the victory, . . . and in Thine hand is power and might." 1 Chron. 29:11, 12.

In Christ is vested for His church "all power . . . in heaven and in earth." In making this declaration the Son of God also said, "Lo, I am with you always even unto the end." This power and presence is manifested through the person of the Holy Spirit. He dwells with man to-day. "There is power for us if we will have it. There is grace for us if we will appreciate it.

The Holy Spirit is waiting our demand, if we will only demand it with that intensity of purpose which is proportionate to the value of the object we seek.—"Testimonies," Vol. 6, page 175.

In order that we as a church may be empowered to fulfil the purpose of God, and not fail those whom we are called to serve, your participation is invited in the simple plan for prayer and service recorded recently by the British Union Conference Committee, at the request of the field leaders. It is as follows:

"BELIEVING that the time has come when a greater emphasis must be given to the work of evangelism throughout our Union territory, and sensing that this is a soul-saving service which calls for the special blessing of the Lord by the out-pouring of the Holy Spirit:

We Recommend 1. That our membership throughout the Union be called to unite with our worker force in setting apart each day ten minutes for earnest prayer, for
 a. The out-pouring of the Holy Spirit.

b. The Lord's special blessing upon our evangelistic work.

2. That our regular weekly prayer meetings in the churches set apart special time when these matters can be mentioned and brought to the Lord in prayer.

3. That throughout our field the working force find ways and means of leading the membership into suitable forms of evangelistic service, encouraging each individual member to devote some time each week to definite soul-winning witness such as:

- a. Voice of Prophecy promotion.
- b. Free Literature Distribution.
- c. *Present Truth* Canvassing.
- d. Personal Visiting and Bible Studies.

"It is a part of God's plan to grant us, in answer to the prayer of faith, that which He would not bestow did we not thus ask."—"Great Controversy," page 525.

"I know not by what methods rare,
 But this I know, God answers prayer.
 I know that He has given His Word,
 Which tells me prayer is always heard
 And will be answered soon or late.

And so I pray and calmly wait.
 I know not if the blessing sought
 Will come in just the way I thought;
 But leave my prayer with Him alone
 Whose will is wiser than my own,
 Assured that He will grant my quest,
 Or send some answer far more blest."

DON'T FORGET
 the
"Messenger" Offering
 on
Sabbath, February 14th

Shall we then as a church take upon our hearts the burden of the work, earnestly seeking God in prayer for the manifestation of His power and blessing in our homes, in our churches, and in all the work that we do for those outside His kingdom?

Union Notes

Special Visitors

WE were privileged to have Elders L. K. Dickson (Vice-President) and W. H. Williams (Under-Treasurer) of the General Conference with us for a special visit to Ireland, January 6th to 12th, in order to give study on the spot to the development of the work in that difficult mission field. It is hoped that as a result of this visit plans will proceed for the establishment of a small medical unit in southern Ireland. Our members are particularly asked to remember this project in their prayers that closed doors may be opened.

Other visitors from the General Conference will be with us in the British Union during the coming months. Elder E. E. Franklin of the Publishing Department for the Colporteurs' Conference at Easter; Elder L. K. Dickson during June and July will return for visits throughout the field in connection with the special Fellowship Meetings, and Elder E. W. Dunbar of the Missionary Volunteer Department will be here for the Youth Congress and Camp. It is many years since the British field was so privileged with special visitors, and we know our members will welcome these brethren.

SUMMER SEMINARY FOR MINISTERS

As previously mentioned in the MESSENGER our younger ministerial workers will this summer have the opportunity of attending an Extension Course of the Theological Seminary to be conducted at Newbold College, June 9th to July 22nd. It is expected that about fifty men will be enrolled for the course which will be in the following subjects:

Archæology and the Bible, Dr. H. Lindsjo; Development of Prophetic Interpretation, Elder

L. E. Froom; Evangelistic and Pastoral Plans and Methods, Elder J. L. Shuler.

In addition to the class instruction there will be discussion hours on "Evangelism and Pastoral Problems" and "Seventh-Day Adventist Work and Objectives." Undoubtedly it will be a most instructive and strenuous programme for our younger ministers, and will offer them an opportunity long desired by many. We certainly appreciate this facility that has been granted us by the General Conference and Theological Seminary Board.

EVANGELISM

At a recent full Union Committee meeting careful consideration was given to the important statement on Evangelism adopted by the General Conference at the last Autumn Council. This statement has been printed in the *Review and Herald* and doubtless most of our members in Britain have read it and have been impressed by it. Undoubtedly we have come to the time when a greater emphasis must be given to evangelism in all its phases, for this is the supreme purpose of the church. With this in mind the Union Committee placed on record two important and far-reaching resolutions which form the basis of a challenging article in this issue of the MESSENGER by the Union president. Our times and our task call us all to more earnest prayer and more vigilant service for the finishing of the work.

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London the Great

FOR nearly a year and a half I have been travelling in the southern part of England, going into many of its extremities. There is cheer at the end of the journey as one meets with God's people. But a sense of sadness often fills me as

I pass through town after town and realize that not one representative of the Advent faith lives there. If one feels it passing to the ends of the Conference it is more accentuated as one traverses the interminable labyrinths of London's great heart. There live in that colossus of man's pride about 9,000,000 souls. This may mean little or nothing, for figures seldom impress adequately. But as I scan the passing faces of the endless multitude my imagination becomes active. Christ declared that He lights every soul coming into the world. But sin has worked havoc so that upon few faces is this light seen to-day. The magnitude of the task of reaching this great mass of needy humanity grows on one the more one contemplates. Especially so when one stops to realize that within this pulsating stream of activity live only 920 who witness to the great truths for this last generation.

At the moment of writing only eighteen evangelical workers are in London preaching and teaching the truths of the Advent message. We have pleasure in giving the MESSENGER family a look at the three teams formed during the past year. Those who have been reading our church paper for the past four months will have become acquainted with some of the names and their ministry to the public in Croydon, Kentish Town, Walthamstow, and Harrow. In reporting we tell of the glad and hopeful things, reserving to ourselves the knowledge of almost baffling conditions of work and of the problems and disappointments that test even stout, faithful hearts. We do not feel any urge to relate them in detail, believing that our good members sense the situation and enter loyally to bring the work and workers before the throne of grace which is more than equal to every need. Steady, faithful work has been done and is continuing, and although it is too early to forecast the harvest, we are trusting the Lord to bring many out of the valley of indecision into the straight pathway of truth. Prayer, intercessory prayer, will accomplish this, for it is of the Spirit and not of might.

We wish to record the willing

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Pastor S. G. Hyde's evangelistic team who are working in North-east London.

and effective service rendered by many of our members and of the great help the campaigns have received from our talented musical leaders and singers. It has been no small sacrifice for these members to travel constantly week by week to the campaign meetings to give of their appreciated services. It is not by chance that our headquarters are near the great metropolis. It was a divine appointment, making it possible for the preached word to be supplemented by stirring choir and appealing solo. Institutional managers have co-operated with ready liberality in sparing the precious hours of employees.

But when all this service is pooled and computed, what is it against the miles and miles of packed population? A veritable drop in the bucket! No wonder the servant of the Lord cried with fervour declaring that London's working force should be multiplied one hundred times. Was the vision prophetic? When one spends hours searching for one or perhaps two workers to complete a moderate team and even then has to continue to search and probe, it requires great faith to believe the day can ever come when the vision will be an actuality. Yet come it must. May Heaven stir our hearts and the ends of the earth until it becomes an accomplished fact.

Where are our twelve London

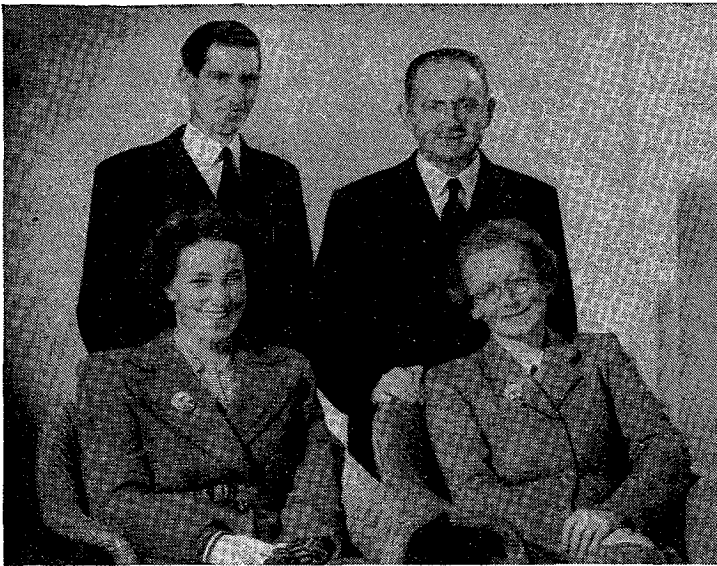
churches in relation to the points of the compass? North? South? West?—Yes! But East?—No! One quarter of the densest portion of this seething mass of humanity practically untouched! Poverty, squalor, ignorance, and vice breed there and the seeds of class hatred lie buried in many a heart. Smothered feelings of injustice are too often found ready to burst out in protest against all the

heavy weight of frustration that is bound to body and soul. We send men and pour our liberality into the heart of dark heathen lands abroad. We feel that NO sacrifice is too great for the devil-cursed black man or yellow-skinned who are steeped in oriental philosophy. Yet the desperate need of our white brothers on our very doorstep scarcely receives the passing glance of the priest in the parable.

As a missionary of many years' standing I ask not less for the foreign field, but I sincerely appeal for all to take up the challenge of this great unentered field. Consider not the need in terms of square miles seen on a map, but in the light of souls thrown together in a congestion that staggers comprehension. Normal evangelical endeavour would fail here. Another but not new technique would have to be followed which is wrapped up in the pronouncement on the Lord's work which says, "He went about doing good." In modern parlance it means medicine, welfare work, house-to-house visitation, and a public approach that is different and specialized. The Lord's coming is very near and this un-commenced responsibility must move into its fulfilment before that solemn hour breaks upon us.



Pastor T. J. Bradley and his associates are conducting a campaign in South-west London.



Pastor G. Bell and his fellow workers are proclaiming the message in the North London area.

Who is equal to this and many another challenge? Is not the miracle of the blessed and broken loaves an answer to the perplexity? The multitude were fed, satisfied, and provided with surplus abundance because the unresisting bread was placed in the hands of the Life-giver. The blessing of the Lord makes richness of poverty and provides abundance in leanness. Yet the giving of what we have is the first requisite. Not a part, but the whole of body, soul, spirit, mind, and means. The Lord awaits in hopefulness at each heart's door. Somehow I believe the problems and tasks of the closing hour will be met and conquered, for the Conqueror is prepared to move along the final part of His royal way. W. W. ARMSTRONG.



Baptism in West London

JANUARY 17th was another blessed day in our Western District of London. On this Sabbath four souls were accepted into the fellowship of God's remnant church. Three were baptized by the writer and were received into the Slough church; one previously baptized candidate joined the Wembley church.

God graced the occasion with His spiritual presence. To the

large audience gathered at Chiswick our president, Pastor W. W. Armstrong, gave a timely address.

May God bless us with such scenes more frequently, and with greater numbers going forward in baptism. We are sure He will seal these new believers with the Holy Spirit of promise.

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Superintendent's Notes

TO-MORROW our advisory committee meets. We shall be greatly privileged in having with us Pastor E. B. Rudge, our Union president. As I see it, the greatest problem we shall have to face is the evangelization of our territory.

An authority recently remarked concerning our world work, that "Britain is the neediest mission field in the world." If this is true, and personally, I do not doubt it, then surely the missions of Britain—of which Wales is the largest—need a double portion of the Spirit of God.

At the moment we have eight

loyal full-time Conference workers, including myself. We have four part-time workers. For four months, owing to ill health, we have been without our second Bible-worker. We are anticipating, however, to welcome Miss L. Gardner into our midst this month.

In the Welsh Mission are fifteen counties, five of which have not even *one* isolated member within their boundaries. Cardiganshire has one member. Brecknockshire shares with Cardiganshire this unenviable honour! Radnorshire has four members; so also has Pembrokeshire. Carmarthenshire has about six. This covers two-thirds of our large territory. In six counties we have sixteen members. The rest of our 400 members are scattered through the counties of Glamorgan, Monmouth, Hereford, Shropshire, and Flint.

A HEAVEN-SENT PLAN

How are we going to reach our 4,000,000 population with our small staff of workers? How are we going to reach the scores of unworked industrial towns and the hundreds of small agricultural and seaside resorts? The questions can be partially answered by what is now known as the Voice of Prophecy Correspondence School.

Conference workers, colporteurs, lay evangelists, church-members, and our isolated folk are all invited to organize in the great work of the evangelization of the Welsh Mission. This little field, which can lead the whole world in Ingathering per capita, can surely as effectively organize for this great home missions endeavour. The plan is simple, although space will not permit us to detail it here. Those of our members who are impressed to help us by giving a few hours weekly to this service please write to me, when the full detailed plan will be outlined. We might say that plans are already afoot to evangelize some of our towns by this personal house-to-house appeal. Let us remember the words of our Lord to those early disciples, "Follow Me and I will make you fishers of men."

OUR COLPORTEUR WORK

AT the moment we have two full-time colporteurs, Brethren

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Cooke and Sly. In spite of the fact that in 1946 we lost Brother A. W. Howard to North England I am sure you will rejoice in their heroic achievements during 1947. Our colporteur sales for last year were £2,365, an increase of £430 over 1946. Pray for these men of faith.

OUR FINANCES

We are grateful to God for His care over His own. Our faithful people sent in £4,082 tithe throughout 1947, an increase of £314 over the previous year. The total mission offerings given by our people in Wales for 1947

amounted to £3,356, an increase of £330 over the preceding year.

OUR MEMBERSHIP

ALTHOUGH we added thirty members by baptism and vote during 1947, yet our losses by death, transfer, and apostasy were abnormally high. We cannot help the two former reasons, but let us not only remain faithful ourselves in these final, treacherous years but also influence our weaker brethren to hold on so that the gains we make in this field will enable us to build up our membership and establish all in the faith. J. M. HOWARD.

year? And, mark this well, the experiences here quoted are most certainly being repeated wherever our colporteurs have worked.

In one sense the reason is not far to seek. Only a comparatively few, even of those who readily buy Adventist books, would seem to be hungering and thirsting after righteousness. This is where we need to pray much.

The importance of praying for people who buy is clearly seen when we come to the emphatic answer given in the Scriptures. Says the apostle: "If our Gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: in whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious Gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them." 2 Cor. 4:3, 4.

There, then is the issue. All the time our literature evangelists are striving to enlighten the people, the enemy of souls is at work casting his dark shadow across the vision of his captives, to obscure the truth that would ulti-



A Call to Prayer

AN experience recorded by Brother J. Cunday and sent in to the office a few days ago touches a vital matter. In part he states: "When I called to deliver a copy of *God's Way Out*, the lady asked me to meet her husband who was a local preacher. After receiving the book he remarked that he had four of the best books obtainable, from which he had been preaching for nearly twenty years. The books he showed me were *Christ Our Saviour*, *The Great Controversy*, *Patriarchs and Prophets*, and *Daniel and Revelation*."

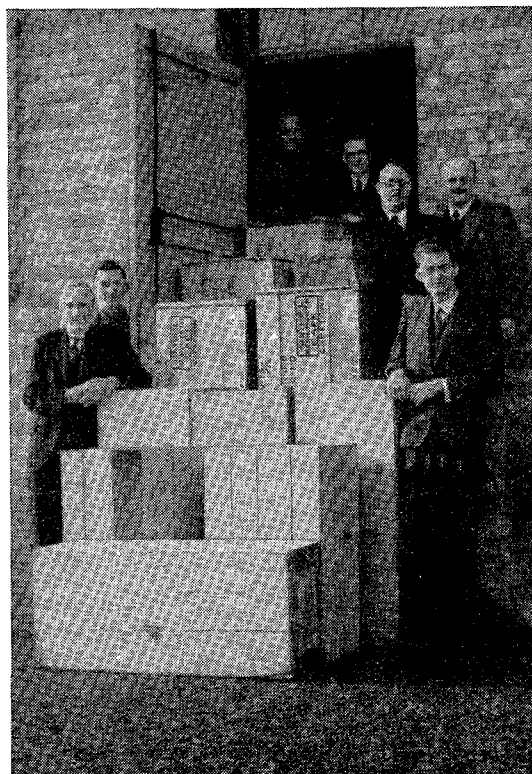
We are greatly encouraged as we think of those fine books, sold by previous colporteurs being so highly prized and well used. That is a cheering fact. But there is another point—for twenty years that Christian man had evidently delved into those enlightening and convincing truths, and yet apparently had failed to grasp and accept their full import.

This immediately called to mind a similar experience many years ago when taking a young student colporteur from door to door soliciting orders for *The Desire of Ages*. Coming to a lady in a draper's shop we were asked to call later to show the book to

her sister, a Sunday-school teacher. On our return the same person greeted us. "My sister will not trouble you to show your book," she said, "but if it is by the same publishers as one she values very much, please bring her a copy. She has been using *Patriarchs and Prophets* continually for twenty-five years."

The question we face then, is, how is it that the testing truths in our publications are often seemingly hidden from the understanding of the readers year after

The Press helps the export drive with a large consignment of "Bible Certainties" in the Afrikaans language for our colporteurs in South Africa.



mately wrench them from his grasp.

May Brother Cundey's recent experience remind us that we all have a measure of responsibility in this book evangelism.

We should frequently take the readers of our books on our hearts and pray that Satan's purpose will be thwarted, and Heaven's light break through to guide them safely to the eternal home.
B. BELTON.



"He Lifted Me"

THINKING that the book *God's Way Out* might interest her son, a mother placed an order for a copy with the colporteur. Now comes this young man's unsolicited testimony:

"If it had not been for Mr. Kelly bringing round a book called *God's Way Out*, I should still be pining in the darkness. I believe it was God's will that my mother should buy one, because from thenceforth I was lifted from sinking sand. 'From shades of night to plains of light, Oh, praise His name, He lifted me!'"

In the light of this good word what possibilities there are in the reading of the seventeen thousand eight hundred more copies sold by our colporteur evangelists.

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Advanced Bible Studies

THE Courses of study provided by our Correspondence School are similar to the classes taught at Newbold College; thus, they are graded from those which are suitable for beginners up to the ones which are prepared for graduates. In this way younger and older, elementary and more advanced students are catered for. Beginners will find such subjects as New Testament History and Denominational History

within their reach, while those who are more mature, and who long to advance still further in their knowledge of the Word, will be able to obtain help and guidance in such fields of study as the Old Testament Prophets and the New Testament Epistles.

We are glad to announce that Mr. D. J. Dunnett, B.A. (Lond.), our History teacher at College, is now providing lessons, by correspondence, in Medieval and Modern History. This is an advanced College subject, and is treated especially in reference to its relation to the Bible; it has an important bearing on the development of the Christian church and the fulfilment of prophecy, providing a most valuable background to the latter-day visions of the books of Daniel and Revelation. We feel sure many of our people will want to take this splendid series of lessons, and thus profit from the specialized study and experience of Brother Dunnett.

All will agree that the earnest student of the Scriptures receives much aid from an acquaintance with the original languages of the Bible. For all who feel their need of such help, for our workers who wish to take a refresher course, or to begin the study of these ancient tongues, we are supplying lessons in New Testament Greek, and also in Hebrew. There must be many of our lay members, too, who are enthusiastic about gaining a deeper knowledge of God's Word; we can assure them they will do well to write to us for further particulars of these advanced studies. The lessons in Bible languages are arranged so that, by easy steps, a thorough grasp of their fundamentals is assured; the student may take his own time, and we are glad to space the intervals between lessons in accordance with the wishes of the individual. Perhaps the personal help of the instructor is needed more in language study than in some other subjects; we encourage students to send in questions on points which are not clear. Those who have taken language work with us in the past have enjoyed the lessons and have made good progress.

Let us emphasize again that

the object of Newbold Correspondence School is to help our members to obtain a preparation for further usefulness in God's work, and to advance in their understanding of, and love for, the Bible; all the courses offered have to do with the study of the Scriptures and this great message, and no merely secular subjects are taught.

E. B. PHILLIPS, B.D.



"A Word to Writers"

THIS little manual on writing is a new and greatly expanded edition of a former booklet by the same author, which has been out of print for over ten years. Since it is the only book of its kind in our denominational literature, it should be of definite interest to those who write for our periodicals. It is primarily designed for the inexperienced writer, but many of the more experienced could also profit from a perusal of its pages.

It contains within its scope a condensed summary of the essential instruction found in much larger books on writing. The ten chapters deal briefly, yet comprehensively, with such matters as Writing Apprenticeship, the Mechanics of a Manuscript, Some Elements of Style, Common Mistakes to Avoid, References and Quotations, The Outline and Its Structure, and Dealing With Editors.

The ever popular question of how to gather and file material for speaking and writing is covered in the chapter, "Utilities of the Writer." The last chapter gives "Special Counsel to S.D.A. Writers."

Those who purchase this book and carry out its instruction will not only derive personal benefit, but they in turn will ease the burden of the editors and proof-readers in our publishing houses, and have more pleasing contacts with editorial offices.

This 64-page book, *A Word to Writers*, was published in 1947, and the price is only half-a-crown, post free. It would make a welcome gift to a writer friend. Order through your local tract society or from The Stanborough Press Ltd.

Wedding Bells

RHODES - DABSON.—Mr. Leofric John Rhodes, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Rhodes of Bradford, and Miss Myrtle Florence Dabson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Dabson of Hastings, were united in holy matrimony on Tuesday, December 30, 1947. The service, which was attended by many relatives and friends, was conducted in the Wellington Square Baptist church, Hastings, by the writer assisted by our resident minister in Hastings, Pastor D. A. Conroy. The bridesmaids were Miss Ursula Rhodes, sister of the bridegroom, and the young cousins of the bride, June and Eunice Gower. Mr. Charles Rhodes, brother of the bridegroom, officiated as best man, and Mr. D. J. Dabson, brother of the bride, as organist. It was a happy occasion, followed by an enjoyable reception. The bridegroom continues his research work in Norfolk in connection with the linen industry; the bride, a 1944 graduate of Newbold Missionary College, he takes from the North England Conference office. A wide circle of relatives and friends will certainly join us in wishing them a married life full of God's richest blessings. W. R. A. MADGWICK.

BENEFIELD-DANDO.—On Sunday, January 11, 1948, the marriage of Mr. Victor Benefield and Miss May Dando was solemnized at the Bristol Advent church. There was a good congregation to witness the ceremony conducted by Pastor C. R. Bonney. The wedding attracted a good interest as Mr. Benefield had been the assistant minister at Bristol before going to Holloway and Hastings, and Miss Dando has been a Bible instructor for several years. Miss Phebe Tovey, a cousin of the bride, was bridesmaid while Mr. W. Crick acted as best man. About fifty relatives and friends attended the reception in the church schoolroom.

We wish these young people God's richest blessing on their united service. After their honeymoon they go back to Hastings to continue their work with Pastor D. Conroy. C. R. BONNEY.

Until the Day Break

WALKDEN.—Brother Victor Walkden fell asleep in Jesus on Sabbath morning, December 27, 1947, at the age of seventy-three years, after a long and trying illness, during which his dear wife cared for and nursed him with real devotion. Brother Walkden first learned the truth through *Present*

Truth brought to him by one of the early colporteurs in London, Brother H. E. Fairchild. He further received studies from Brother W. A. Spicer and was baptized by Brother D. A. Robinson in 1893. He entered the colporteur work that same year, but later joined the staff in the publishing house, where he continued to render valuable service for thirty years. In 1924 he left the Press for Great Yarmouth and here he continued work as a colporteur, seeing a number of his *Present Truth* readers accept the truth and become charter members of the Yarmouth church. In 1940 the war drove him back to Watford and though not well in body, he always loved to be with God's people, and his conversation was of the truth and the work he loved so much. He now rests from his labours and awaits the call of his Saviour. His loved ones rejoice in the hope of a reunion when Jesus comes again. Services were held in the Stanborough Park church and at the graveside by Pastor G. D. King and the writer, and the many friends who knew our brother for so long, tender to his dear ones sympathy and Christian consolation. W. H. MEREDITH.

PARKER.—It is with deep regret we announce the death of our highly esteemed Brother Parker, who has been ill for a considerable time and unable to meet with us in worship. In 1914 Brother B. Belton visited his home with *Present Truth* after which followed a series of visits. The interest was taken over by Brother H. Casson, who gave many Bible studies to Brother and Sister Parker, resulting in their accepting the truth. Both were baptized by Brother H. E. Armstrong on May 22, 1915. Brother and Sister Parker opened their home for meetings to be held and on many occasions the room was not large enough to hold all who attended. Brother Parker was deacon and organist in Sheffield for many years. Our brother fell asleep in Jesus at his home, Royd House, on Monday, December 3, 1947, aged eighty-two years. The service was conducted at the home on December 8th by Brethren R. Vince and H. Casson. The interment followed at Ecclesfield Cemetery. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord," for "they . . . rest from their labours; and their works do follow them." F. S. MUSTOW.

MANN.—After thirty-eight years of following her Master in the truth, our dear sister Mrs. M. E. Mann, passed to her rest on January 18, 1948, at the age of eighty-three years. She was one of the earliest members of the Leeds church, and attended as often as her great age would allow. Pastor J. P. West conducted the funeral services, and our sister was laid to rest in Horsforth Cemetery on Wednesday, January 21st, there to sleep until the Life-giver calls her to walk in life eternal. G. J. CLEE,

CORRECTIONS

In the obituary notice of Brother Matthew Williams of Cardiff, in the issue of January 16, 1948, it was mentioned that Brother Williams accepted the truth during the superintendency of Pastor A. K. Armstrong. It should have been Pastor H. E. Armstrong.

When the death of Sister A. E. Roberti of the Holloway church was recorded in the issue of August 29, 1947, it was incorrectly stated that she had been a member for nearly twenty years. Actually, she accepted the truth under the ministry of Pastor Wm. Maudsley in 1913, and so had had fellowship with the Advent church for nearly thirty-five years when she fell asleep in Jesus at the age of seventy-four years.

Legal Meetings

BRITISH ADVENT MISSIONS

NOTICE is hereby given that the Forty-Third Annual General Meeting of British Advent Missions Limited, will be held on Wednesday, March 3, 1948, at 10 a.m., in the offices of the British Union Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists, Stanborough Park, Watford, Herts.

On behalf of the Board of Directors.

J. H. CRAVEN, *Secretary*.

GRANOSE FOODS LIMITED

NOTICE is hereby given that the Fiftieth Annual General Meeting of Granose Foods Limited, will be held on Wednesday, March 3, 1948, at 11 a.m. in the offices of the British Union Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists, Stanborough Park, Watford, Herts.

On behalf of the Board of Directors.

G. E. ADAIR, *Secretary*.

THE STANBOROUGH PRESS LIMITED

NOTICE is hereby given that the Fifty-Fourth Ordinary Annual General Meeting of the shareholders of The Stanborough Press Limited, will be held in the offices of the British Union Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists at Stanborough Park, Watford, Herts., on Wednesday, March 3, 1948, at 2 p.m.

On behalf of the Board of Directors.

J. C. CRAVEN, *Secretary*.

GOOD HEALTH ASSOCIATION LIMITED

NOTICE is hereby given that the Forty-Fifth Annual General Meeting of the Constituency of the Good Health Association Limited, will be held on Wednesday, March 3, 1948, at 3 p.m., in the offices of the British Union Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists at Stanborough Park, Watford, Herts.

On behalf of the Board of Directors.

N. H. KNIGHT, *Secretary*.

SUNSET CALENDAR

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Feb. 27th	5.35	5.47	5.40	5.37	5.53

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Visiting our Health Institutions in the United States

By G. E. Adair

HAVING been commissioned by the British Union Conference to make a survey of our health work in the United States for the benefit of our food factory and sanitarium, you will I am sure, be interested in some details of my recent visit.

The *Queen Mary* duly delivered me, together with the Autumn Council delegates, at New York on the afternoon of Thursday, October 23, 1947. Prior to landing we had a rather long and very tiring wait in a queue—about three hours—before passing the immigration officers. Fortunately reservations had been made and a taxi took us to the "Victoria" in the city centre.

The view of the skyline from the harbour was impressive with all the skyscrapers standing out, but they are more impressive still when you are standing on the street at the foot of them.

On Sabbath we attended the Brooklyn church, a fine large building seating approximately 1,500 people and with a cordial, friendly atmosphere. On Sunday morning, we left for Washington. My brother was there to meet us and we were motored to Takoma Park where we met many old friends and were introduced to others we knew by name. While there, we attended a meeting of the General Conference Committee.

On the Tuesday evening, I left Washington by train and arrived in Buffalo the following morning. From there, I visited Niagara Falls. The Shredded Wheat Company plant is located there. They have a fine, large factory.

From there I went on to Battle Creek where I saw through Post's Factory where they make Instant Postum, Post Toasties, Grape-nuts, etc. It is an extensive and wonderful plant, everything being automatically and mechanically operated. They take a pride in showing visitors through and really have something to be proud of. Later in the day I visited the

Battle Creek Food Co. They employ about a hundred workers in the factory; some of them are Adventists, but the business is in outside hands.

So also, of course, is the huge sanitarium now operated as the "Percy Jones Hospital." Nearby is the present Battle Creek Sanitarium, quite a large place, likewise operated by non-Adventists.

Leaving Battle Creek I stopped at Niles and visited Emmanuel Missionary College at Berrien Springs, and then went on to Chicago.

From Union station, I travelled by a suburban train to Hinsdale where I located the Hinsdale Sanitarium. It is nicely situated on rising ground and has a capacity of 100 to 130 patients. The average is about 125. The total number of staff on the payroll is approximately 220. It is also the hospital for the community and is well patronized. They do not have any resident medical staff, but the doctors from the district send their patients there.

The manager was most kind and helpful and showed me around, answering all my questions, and we had a very friendly and interesting time together. I stayed there for the night, and the following morning took a train back to Chicago and left later in the afternoon for Denver. On arrival at Denver in the morning, I phoned the Porter Sanitarium and Hospital which is twelve to fourteen miles out and then found my way out there.

This institution is very prettily located and also serves as the hospital for the local community. It is a modern building and is well equipped and beautifully furnished. They can care for a maximum of 150 patients and are full all the time. They have from 900 to 1,000 obstetric cases in a year. There is a fine cafeteria for staff and visitors. Practically all the patients have their meals in their rooms as most are

bed patients. This institution is well run and is kept very busy.

In the afternoon one of the doctors took me along to the Boulder-Colorado Sanitarium about thirty miles away at the foot of the "Rockies." The manager was busy preparing to leave for the Autumn Council, but arranged for our mutual English friend, Pastor R. S. Joyce, to shepherd me around which he did with pleasure. This institution is on a slope at the foot of the mountains and has a large lawn in front studded with trees. It has a capacity of 125 to 130 patients and in the summer time uses a number of cottages on the estate for additional patients.

The Boulder Sanitarium also has quite a list of out-patients. The entrance hall is bright, and comfortable lounge chairs are handy. It was a pleasure to see the way things are done and to associate with the staff who were most helpful and obliging. Both the Porter and Boulder sanitariums as well as Hinsdale have training schools for nurses connected with them. At each place, I have made notes of many things that may be of interest and assistance in the development of our work in England.

After an early lunch with Pastor and Mrs. Joyce, we drove into Denver where I caught my train for San Francisco.

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