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Wings to the Antipodes

THIS is just a short message from one of Britain's sons who recently left the shores of his dear homeland for far-away Australia.

The journey across the Atlantic from Southampton was made on the largest liner in the world—the *Queen Elizabeth*. The voyage was indeed very pleasant, with the exception of a period that lasted just over twenty-four hours when the sea was rough, which resulted in the great vessel being late in its arrival in New York.

The writer met Pastor George Freeman there, who for so many years laboured in The Stanborough Press Ltd., and is now pastor of one of the largest New York churches; and needless to say a very warm welcome was received. After talking as fast as possible for many hours, of the good old days, I made my way to Washington, where I spent almost two weeks with the brethren in the General Conference Publishing Department and the Review and Herald Publishing Association. Again I received the same warm welcome that is always found when meeting our believers. While in Washington I had the privilege of meeting a number of Britishers, including Pastor and Mrs. H. W. Lowe, Pastor R. A. Anderson, Frank Marsh, Henry Argent, and many other old friends.

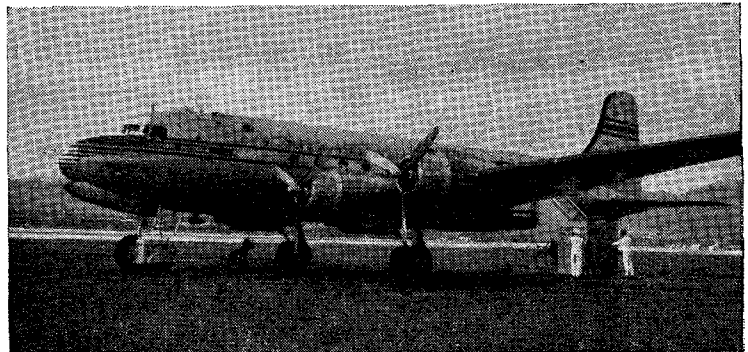
It was planned that I should visit the Southern Publishing Association and also the Pacific

By J. C. CRAVEN

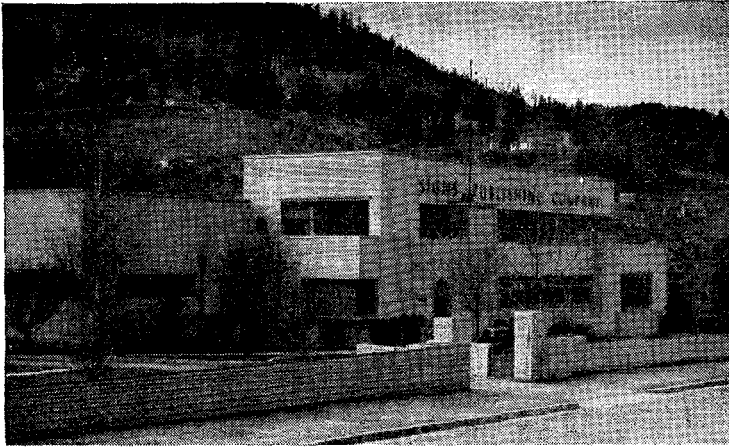
Press Publishing Association. The same wonderful welcome was awaiting me in these two large institutions as in Washington. On reaching Mountain View, California, where the Pacific Press is located, there on the platform to welcome me were Brethren H. G. Childs, the general manager of the Pacific Press, R. P. Rowe, the treasurer, and our very dear friend, Brother A. S. Maxwell, the editor of the *Signs of the Times*. I had spent some time at the Pacific Press in 1936, and noticed immediately the great expansion that has taken place in this plant. A remarkable growth is in evidence in the work that is being done by all of the three large American houses. The Lord is surely blessing our publishing work throughout the

world, and it is remarkable the way in which it has grown since the time when Elder James White took the first few hundred copies of *Present Truth* to the post office in a small carpet-bag. Surely this is proof of the Lord's guidance in the affairs of this important department of His work. A very profitable time was spent at Mountain View.

After visiting relatives and friends in California I stepped onto the giant plane that was to take me the rest of my journey from San Francisco. At eleven o'clock one night the engines of the great monster plane roared, and we were soon airborne and flying out over the Pacific, 10,000 feet above its turbulent waters. Early the next morning we dropped down into Honolulu, the largest town in the Hawaiian Island group, where the passengers were given six



The plane in which Brother J. C. Craven crossed the Pacific refuelling at Honolulu.



The "Signs of the Times" Publishing House in Australia, of which Brother Craven has been appointed manager.

hours to see just a little of the beauty of this island.

We left Honolulu in the afternoon, after having had breakfast and lunch there, and arrived in the darkness of night at Canton Island, where we spent an hour and a half. Again we roared out into the blackness of the night and arrived early in the morning at Suva, Fiji. After partaking of our breakfast in this beautiful, tropical isle, we were soon on our way to Noumea, New Caledonia, where we arrived in time for lunch the same day. An hour later our powerful, winged bird jumped into the air again and headed for Sydney, Australia, where we were soon to land at 6 p.m. the same day. Altogether the journey had been made in forty-nine hours, including the time spent at each stopping place.

It was a wonderful privilege to meet Pastor and Mrs. E. E. White at the aerodrome, together with some of our Australian brethren.

After spending a short time at our Division headquarters at Wahroonga (which is a suburb of Sydney), in the company of Pastor N. C. Wilson, the president of this Division, and other leaders of the work here, I was asked to visit Avondale, where our College is located, and there I met Dr. Murdoch and Brother Rigby. It was just like old times sitting with these two former associates in their homes, talking of the many friends left behind in the Old Country. We have a

large College at Avondale, and there seems to be an excellent spirit there. I was very interested in the College, because we expect John and Pat to be there shortly. The Cooranbong Health Food Factory is located very near the College, and is a very fine institution indeed.

After returning to Sydney, I was soon on my way again by

air to Melbourne, a distance of about 600 miles, and the last fifty miles to Warburton was made by car. On arrival in Warburton I saw for the first time the Signs Publishing Company of which I have been appointed manager. It is a modern building, and we have a very large turnover, especially when one takes into consideration the comparatively small population of Australia, which is less than 8,000,000. We have a fine staff of workers, and they have given me a very warm welcome into their midst; in fact already I feel absolutely at home.

Warburton is a beautiful place, situated amid hills covered with the famous Australian gum-trees. It is, however, very cold in the winter, and at the time of writing, the hills surrounding Warburton are covered in snow. Only two days ago the writer went to Melbourne by car, and while there, there was quite a heavy snow-storm. On the return journey of fifty miles it was snowing and hailing most of the time. When summer arrives I understand it will be very warm, and we shall

A Word of Appreciation

from the General Conference

Now that the Annual Appeal for Missions has closed and all concerned are feeling gratified with the signal success of the campaign which has so evidently been blessed of the Lord. I am sure our band of workers and churchmembers around the field will be pleased to receive a message of congratulation from Pastor T. L. Oswald, Home Missionary Secretary of the General Conference.

In response to a report from Pastor J. A. McMillan, Pastor Oswald states in a personal letter to me:

"As I look on this result I marvel at the wonderful success that our people in England had this year. We cannot help but feel that it took a lot of work to reach the per capita result for the entire Union. I know that most of this money came in small sums and it took many, many calls to make such a large amount per capita possible. We want to thank our workers and believers in the Bri-

tish Isles for what they have accomplished this year in the Ingathering Campaign."

I am sure it is gratifying to us to receive such assurances of appreciation from our world leader in Home Missionary activities. It is also gratifying to the leadership here in the Union Conference office to know that our people and workers around the field have striven so earnestly to make the attainment of this splendid goal possible.

We believe all will be interested to know that the goal in North America of \$2,500,000 has almost been reached and it is expected that this goal will be exceeded by \$100,000.

It is our earnest prayer that the Lord will richly bless in the disposition of this money that has so earnestly been sought by our people, to the enlightening of the hearts of many in the regions beyond.

E. B. RUDGE.

then know what the Australian sun is really like; but at the present time the weather in Warburton itself is very similar to the winter weather in the south of England—some snow, hail, and frost, and plenty of rain.

I am expecting Mrs. Craven and John and Pat to join me about the middle of October; and needless to say I am looking forward to the family reunion. I remember many times the very happy association I had with the work in the British Union, and wish you all God's richest blessing and continued success in His work.

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Luton Church Activities

WE are happy to report a growing missionary spirit in the Luton church. Our two deaconesses have been doing front-line work in going from door to door with the printed page. Their sole purpose is to contact souls for Christ, and their efforts have been fruitful. One soul has been added to the church this year as a result. Three more have almost completed a full series of Bible studies. Several non-Adventist young people also attend the Sabbath-afternoon Missionary Volunteer meeting and are taking the Progressive Courses. This is also the result of home missionary work.

We pass on this word for your encouragement. If each church member found one sincere seeker for truth each year, and passed on that name to his minister, the worker force of the conference would be fully occupied from that source alone. What a saving in funds! What new life it would bring into the church! Brother, sister, how long is it since you had an active part in winning a soul for Christ?

B. W. DOUGHERTY.

A Glorious Sabbath at Bristol

WHILE we sit quietly after our great Sabbath of yesterday, June 22nd, we meditate on the joy of a blessed day at Arley Hill, Bristol, when seventeen souls from the Bristol district were baptized. We who were there knew and felt the divine presence, as the labours of many months found in part their fruition in these dear souls who had crossed the line of decision.

Pastor C. R. Bonney, in his exhortation, called on all to follow their divine leader to conflict and to victory, rather than to Laodicean ease and compromise with those things which are destined to pass away.

The churches of the Bristol district were all represented and the church building was well filled.

Pastors Bonney and R. H. Bainbridge were there with their able Bible instructors Sisters Dyer, Halvorsen, and Guntrip, all of whom have served faithfully. We bid God's blessing to Sister Halvorsen as she returns with the joy of harvest in her soul to her family and home in Norway.

Twenty minutes before time the beautifully decorated church was well filled.

With the hymn, "O happy day that fixed my choice, on Thee, my Saviour and my God,"—the service opened, and we rejoiced to welcome the new children of our God into the "pilgrim ship of Zion."

There were very many happy moments in the service, and we who were witnesses were refreshed in spirit by the testimonies given. Some acknowledged that they were brands plucked from the burning. Old and young rose to praise and thank God for both mercy and preservation. Elders, deacons, and members gave thanks to God for a work well begun and still continuing. So, pressing on toward the mark of our high calling we look forward to the next baptismal service and prepare ourselves and the souls we have won in Bristol and district for the coming of our everlasting King and His kingdom.

"Love holds the key of life and death,

Of hidden heavenly mystery,
Of all Christ is, of all Christ saith,

Love holds the key.
Hallelujah to the Lamb for ever."

JAMES W. G. COVENEY.

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The First Biennial Session

THE first biennial session of the newly-formed Eire Mission was held on the evenings of July 5th and 6th in the Dublin church. Visiting delegates were Elder H. M. Blunden, Pastor G. D. King, and Brother N. H. Knight.

We have only twenty-seven members in Eire, of whom all but one live in the Dublin area. The Eire Mission is probably the smallest organized mission in the world.

The usual procedure for the conducting of the necessary business of the session was greatly simplified by the setting up of one standing committee to make recommendations on nominations and credentials and licences. The following nominations were voted:

Superintendent A. J. Mustard
Home Missionary Secretary

J. A. McMillan
Secretary-Treasurer N. H. Knight
Sabbath-school Secretary and Young People's Leader

E. L. Minchin
Publishing Dept. Secretary

A. W. Cook.
Advisory Committee—A. J. Mustard, N. H. Knight, E. E. Nix, M. Sisson, Miss E. Layng, Mrs. E. N. Stephens.

In his report, the president made reference to the new ventures recently begun in Eire. The treatment rooms, to be known as the American Health Institute, will be opened shortly, and it is confidently expected that the "strong right arm of the message" will open hitherto closed doors to the message in Ireland. The Christian Culture Correspondence School has now opened its

doors to prospective students and to date thirty have been enrolled.

Spiritual messages were borne to the congregation on both evenings by Elder Blunden. First, he spoke to us of the spirit of the pioneers of the Advent movement. We have lost the sense of urgency which motivated their lives and sacrifice and service. We were reminded of the nearness of our Lord's coming, and all responded to his appeal for a new consecration to God.

In his second meeting, Elder Blunden spoke on "The Touch of the Divine Hand." He was led to do this following a visit he and the other visiting brethren made with the writer to a family of three persons, recently discovered in Co. Wicklow, who have been keeping the true Sabbath for years, and are well informed in all our distinctive truths as the result of reading some of our books left them by a deceased relative many years ago. He illustrated the power of the Gospel to transform sinners into saints with stories from his own experience in the United States and the Solomon Isles. God is surely performing miracles of grace in many lands to-day, and we were encouraged to believe that He is working in Ireland, too.

Our first session in Eire was soon over, but ere we parted the belief was expressed, and we prayed that the next one, if time lingers so long, will find a much stronger and more representative work established in the Republic of Ireland.

A. J. MUSTARD.

Ministry of Literature

Thrilled with the Books!

At one house in Ormskirk yesterday when I delivered a *Bedtime Stories* the lady ordered two of the next edition when they come out.

To-day I went to deliver a *Bedtime Stories* to another lady. She asked me in and was thrilled with the little books. She asked if I could spare three copies and suggested that I should leave my

address as she would most likely want more.

While the lady was getting the money from upstairs her companion asked me if I had other books with me, and I was able to introduce her to our magazines. The ladies took three *Bedtime Stories* and one of each of my magazines.

Didn't I lift my heart in praise and thanks as I came down the drive. I trust that I may have many more experiences like this.

MRS. MORGAN.

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Church Addresses

SHREWSBURY

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The times of meetings are now: Sabbath-school, 10 a.m.; Preaching service, 11 a.m.; Sunday, 6.45 p.m.; Tuesday, 7.30 p.m. H. HUMPHRIES.

SKEGNESS

THE Skegness company now meets at Mrs. Hincks, Essex House, Rose Grove, Roman Bank, Skegness.

Sabbath-school, 10.30 a.m.
Preaching service, 11.30 a.m.

A. FAULKES.

Until the Day Break

DAWSON.—Just three months after its inception, the Bolton company has suffered its first bereavement. Sister Sarah Dawson fell asleep in Jesus on June 30, 1949, after a two-day illness.

She was seventy-six years old. Never enjoying the best of health, Sister Dawson was nevertheless faithful in attending the services right up to the end. She first heard the truth from Pastor Johnston, the Canadian evangelist. She lost contact with us for a while, however, but was reunited with God's remnant people as a result of the recent evangelistic work in the town. We "sorrow not, even as others which have no hope," but look forward to the joyful reunion with our dear sister at the hastening resurrection morning.

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DUKE (née Mulliner).—The South Birmingham church announces with sorrow the death of Sister N. Duke, at the age of fifty-five years after a brief illness following failing health. She was baptized in 1934 by Pastor Bird, and faithfully reared her children to follow in the faith. For the past three years she has served as church clerk, a work she always enjoyed doing for the Lord. In passing she leaves behind a husband and three daughters who deeply feel the parting. On these solemn occasions we turn our eyes to the imminent second coming of Jesus, and with patience await the call of our heavenly Father. G. CABBIN.

Gratitude for Healing

Mrs. J. JONES desires to express her gratitude to God for the wonderful recovery of her daughter-in-law, also appreciation of remembrance in prayers of friends of the Lewisham church

Advertisements

FOR SALE, *This Mighty Hour* and *Testimonies for the Church*. Perfect condition. Offers to Mrs. Hale, Cosy Bungalow, Meadow Street, North Cornelly, Pyle, Bridgend, Glam.

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