

BRITISH ADVENT MESSENGER

Malamulo Camp Meeting

By PAMELA BRANDT

It is impossible to describe just what the annual camp meeting means to the African believer. It is talked about and planned for as no other event in their lives; and the blessings they receive from association with fellow Christians renew their faith and establish them in the truth. In the early days of missions, camps were held at great distances, but in this district they are organized every fifteen to twenty miles, which reduces the number in attendance. Even so, there are about 5,000 to the Sabbath meetings.

At Malamulo there is a regular camp site, which is on the way down to the leper colony. It is pleasantly shaded by tall eucalyptus trees, for in the daytime the sun is hot, even though it is winter now. There is a permanent structure with a raised platform for the pulpit, and a lower level where the Europeans sit. Every year this ground has to be cleared from tall grass, a new fence is built round, and dried grass strewn on the ground for the modest seating accommodation. In the evening, pressure lamps are suspended from the trees, and the effect of the swinging lights on the multitude of shining, black faces is both fascinating and inspiring.

The evenings are cold at this time of the year, but that does not discourage the people from attending the last meeting of the day. The Europeans sit huddled in warm coats and protected by mosquito boots. One of the ladies from Canada even wears snow boots, whereas many of the poor Africans sit shivering, with nothing more than a little square of cloth round their shoulders, over one thin garment. They do not seem to mind, however, for

the glamour of the swinging lanterns in the trees, the expectant, thrilling hush of the multitude and the inspiring messages, carry them away in a vision of heavenly things.

The people who do not live at Malamulo arrive a few days earlier to build temporary grass huts for themselves. Probably the idea of "pre-fabs" originated in Africa, judging by the speed with which they can erect a dwelling-place! Each church in the district has its own huts—a sleeping one for women, one for the men, and a labour-saving kitchenette. Then on the day of the first meeting the women arrive. They come down from the hills and up from the plain, carrying their babies on their backs and smoke-blackened cooking pots on their heads. One unusual sight was a mother with the baby in a basket perched precariously on her head!

One corner of the camp ground is fenced off from the rest and the people who sit there look pathetically different from the others. Yes, you have probably guessed already; these are the few lepers of the 350 inmates who are able to walk the short distance from the colony, and no preacher could wish for more attentive listeners. Their poor, emaciated faces strain eagerly forward as they try to catch every word of hope, for the older ones have no hope in



Pastor and Mrs. A. H. Brandt with associate workers at Malamulo. Miss Mary Ford is at the extreme right (seated).

this life and long for release from pain, suffering, and isolation in the life to come.

Another group sits separated from the others, not because of the tragedy of disease, but because they are the chosen few of Malamulo church choir. Their rendering of sacred songs in English and Cinyanja is inspiring, and touches many hearts, for the Africans loves singing. Indeed, the congregation itself is not far behind the choir in accomplishment, for everyone sings with the natural harmony of a music-loving race.

This year our visiting preachers were Pastor S. G. Maxwell, who is our Union superintendent, and Pastor M. C. Murdoch, who came with his wife and daughter from Johannesburg, where they are in charge of the European work. We thoroughly enjoyed our association with them and naturally our conversation was mostly about the homeland—a common weakness of missionaries!

A few weeks before the meetings, my husband had sent out invitations to all the chiefs in our district and we were eager to see the result, as this was a new venture. Imagine our delight when twelve chiefs came, and among them none other than Paramount Chief Mwazamweni, arrayed in his colourful robes of office, with a medallion hanging from a gold chain round his neck with a picture of King George V. His entrance into the camp ground caused no little stir, for he was attended by a body-guard of soldiers. He was very impressed by the meetings and before he left, he even spoke to the people himself. This was a wonderful testimony, for he is the native authority over a large area and wields great influence.

The children were well looked after as usual and had their own meetings in the church. Indeed, this was a necessity as well as being more interesting for them, for they came in hordes and there was not room enough at the adult meetings. Of course, there still remained all the babies and toddlers, who stayed with their mothers on one side of the site, while the men sat in splendid isolation on the other. This year we held our first baby show, which caused great excitement. Prizes were awarded for the cleanest and healthiest babies, and never before have little black piccaninies shone so brightly from the effects of soap, water, and elbow-grease! The judges were hard put to it to choose the most deserving one, and if the entrants had not been so numerous they would probably have received a prize each!

The great day of the feast was, of course, Sabbath, when everyone wore new clothes if at all possible, and the camp ground was a galaxy of bright colours, punctuated by radiant, black faces and dazzling white teeth. At six o'clock the early-comers were already arriving and an hour later the first meeting began. Sabbath-school, with 5,000 adults and 1,000 children present, was a wonderful experience. There were many teachers and each one had his name pinned to a tree, with the name of the district he would care for. It took some time before everyone found the right tree, but eventually the majority settled down to a study of the doctrines—the Africans do not have the same lessons as we do.

Usually they have the same missions appeal as at home, but this time the native pastor of Malamulo made an earnest appeal for the camp meeting offering. Then a large blackboard was brought to the front and, one by one the leaders of the out-schools and churches and heads of the mission departments stood up and announced the total given by their district and workers. According to our idea of money, the amounts were not very large, but the Africans give far more in proportion to their salary than Europeans do. For example, the highest wages are about £5 a month and an average of £3 is given in offerings. It is touching to see how the Africans will give to help their fellow countrymen, while they themselves live in such utter poverty and need. Even last year, when the terrible drought caused prices of maize (their staple food) to soar up, and the natives could not possibly afford to buy enough to live on, the offering was the highest ever known. This year it has made the record again with £120.

The Sabbath morning service is always one of consecration, and at the close of the sermon Pastor Murdoch invited all those who wanted to give their hearts to the Lord to come forward. As the choir sang softly, they gradually made their way through the closely packed throng to the front. One by one they came, and our hearts overflowed with gratitude to God for the souls that had been won to Him, snatched from the snares of heathenism. The influence of Christianity upon a native is far-reaching. He not only becomes cleaner and discards his filthy rags, but he must turn his back for ever on the wicked habits and customs of the people. This is not easy to do when they are constantly surrounded by evil in their villages, and they need our prayers if they are to remain faithful.

This year we had a record baptism of 250, showing an increase of about 200 since 1945. The baptismal service was the closing one on Sunday afternoon and they all made their way down to the dam used for watering cattle in the dry season. The heathen also came in great numbers to see what strange things the Christians do. They believe that there is some magic in baptism and strict watch has to be kept to prevent them "gate-crashing!" Every candidate is given a card which must be presented as he steps into the water. Sometimes the heathen cause much trouble by shouting and deriding, but we were thankful that everything went well and the presence of God was felt in the solemn hush. The choir stood by the water's edge and sang as the newly baptized members waded out of the water, and although there were six pastors baptizing it took quite a long time before they were finished and my husband had to rush home to get a hot bath to thaw his limbs before proceeding with the service. What rejoicing there must have been in heaven that beautiful afternoon, as these many precious souls were re-born and stepped forth to begin a new life with Jesus.

And so another camp meeting came to a close at Malamulo. As soon as the sun rose beyond the Mlanje Mountain on Monday morning, the people were on their way home, carrying their loads on

their heads and bearing many blessed experiences in their hearts. Soon we were caught up again in the busy routine of school life, with examinations looming ahead, but the memory of those inspiring days remains with us and helps us to remember that it is not in vain that we leave our homeland to help the Africans of Nyasaland.



The Chief Came to Our Hospital

THE workings of the Holy Spirit are daily manifested in this dark continent of Africa. Recently an African chief lay on the table in our little operating theatre at Malamulo, and, as is our custom, the doctor, nurses, and assistants gathered around the patient to speak a few words, asking him if he knew Jesus, and inviting him to join in a short prayer. It was then that he told us his story. He was an important chief known as a Native Authority, a member of the government, in a province over a hundred miles from Malamulo.

When he was taken sick he was urged by the District Commissioner to go to the government hospital which was near his district. But no! He felt impressed to come to our mission hospital, and so, despite all their persuasions, he undertook the difficult and long journey, across rivers, through wild bush country, and over such roads that only those who have travelled them can appreciate their roughness.

The doctor went on with the operation, marveling that this heathen chief who had no knowledge of God should come so many miles to our little hospital, and many prayers ascended that during his stay with us he might learn of the love of his Saviour.

To-day he has recovered from his sickness and what is much more wonderful, he has accepted Jesus and joined the Bible class. Who knows what a mighty power for God his changed life might be in his district when he says "Good-bye" to Malamulo and returns to his home.

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President's Notes

BROTHER N. H. KNIGHT, our secretary-treasurer, having received a call from the General Conference to the Transportation Office in London, has now left the South England office. We have enjoyed the most cordial relations with Brother Knight, and we

record his going with real regret. We all wish him the rich blessing of God in his new responsibilities.

BROTHER C. H. ANSCOMBE, who has carried the transportation work for so many years, has accepted a call to the work vacated by Brother Knight. We extend to him a hearty welcome and we know that he earnestly desires to serve our churches and workers in such a way that the work of the Lord will prosper throughout the conference.

It was our happy experience on Sabbath, June 9th, to organize two new churches. The first was that of Lodge Causeway, Bristol. The city of Bristol has now two congregations fully officered and organized for worship and missionary service. A number of workers have contributed through the years to the steady growth of these two Bristol churches. Lodge Causeway have a plot of ground and it is hoped that a church building will be erected there in the near future. Forty-nine charter members signed the church covenant.

In the afternoon we organized the new church of Weston-super-Mare. With us at this meeting were Pastor C. R. Bonney, whose evangelistic campaigns had contributed largely to this new group, and Pastor R. H. Bainbridge and Sister Dyer, whose faithful team work was greatly appreciated. Twenty-three charter members were enrolled in church membership. We pray that both these churches will grow continually in grace and membership.

WE part with Pastor Bainbridge in the knowledge that South England's loss is Scotland's gain. Brother Bainbridge has given most faithful and acceptable service in the conference and we are assured that he will pastor the new flock at Dundee with fidelity.

WE are happy to have Pastor K. Lacey join our forces in London. The mighty challenge of the world's largest city must ever press on the conscience of God's people. Plans are laid for a major campaign in Brixton, beginning September 23rd. Associated with Brother Lacey will be Pastor G. M. Hyde, Brother W. H. Frazer, Sisters P. Nippress and M. Emm. Plans are laid for aggressive evangelistic campaigns in other parts of London and throughout the conference. Details of these efforts will be published later.

WE are now drawing near to the time of our Conference session. There will be in attendance from the General Conference Pastors R. A. Anderson and L. L. Moffitt. A number of brethren from the Northern European Division will also be present and our leading brethren from the British Union. You must be there, too. If you are an appointed delegate, please plan to attend from the very first meeting on Thursday evening. Let us pray that the Lord will be present to bless and enrich us all with an outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

J. A. McMILLAN.

Youth Leader at Folkestone

REMEMBERING how many calls are made on the ministry of Pastor E. L. Minchin, the church at Folkestone gave him a warm welcome on May 12th, when he arrived for the Sabbath services.

In the morning Pastor Minchin gave a thrilling account of the Adventist work on the Continent, from where he had recently returned. He found that the message for these last days, had made great advance during times of persecution, as in Bible days.

In one country where no preaching of doctrine is permitted, the foundation truths are being conveyed to the listeners by the medium of the prayers. God is blessing this means by which men and women are taught and prepared for baptism and church membership.

In the afternoon service, the church was practically filled when members from Canterbury and visiting friends were added to the gathering. On this occasion Pastor Minchin dedicated the baby son of Mr. and Mrs. Hunt, and used the opportunity to emphasize the inestimable value of a Christian home.

He afterward gave a heart-searching talk on the call of Christ to youth from the incident of the rich young ruler. (Mark 10:17-22.) What a tragedy if the one thing lacking should keep a young man or woman from eternal life.

May Pastor Minchin's message remain to help and inspire those who heard his words.

CHURCH CLERK.



Baptism in Hastings

ON June 9th, in the White Rock Baths, before a large group of members and interested people, five dear souls followed the example of Jesus and bore their witness to His saving power in the waters of baptism. These five, with two others baptized several weeks before and one to be added by vote, are the first-fruits of the work in the east Sussex area for 1951.

We ask the interest of the prayers of the MESSENGER family that those who are now preparing for baptism in our main evangelistic work be blessed of God as they respond to the third angel's message.

D. A. CONROY.



Holidays in Sussex

HASTINGS, Bexhill, and Eastbourne are anxious to give a warm welcome to holiday visitors. We like to have them worship with us.

Church services in Hastings at 90 St. Georges Road and in Eastbourne at Foresters Hall, Langney Road, Seaside.

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Fruit that Remains

THE passing of our esteemed minister, Pastor E. E. Craven, came as a tremendous shock, and it is with a deep sense of loss that we seek to continue his labours for the advancement of God's cause in this Roman Catholic city of Liverpool.

On Sabbath, June 16th, a baptismal service was held in the tastefully decorated Advent church, when twelve members were added to Liverpool and two to Wallasey. For the beginning of events leading up to this blessed occasion, we go back to October, 1949, when Pastor Craven, with Brother F. Wood and the writer, began aggressive work. By September, 1950, the firstfruits of this campaign were ready for baptism but, unfortunately, Pastor Craven suffered a nervous breakdown, and Brother Wood was called to the College. Then Brother R. M. A. Smart and his wife came in to help hold the fort until Pastor Craven should be well again. By February, 1951, another campaign was in progress, Brother Smart taking the burden of the preaching, and Pastor Craven supervising and visiting again. On June 16th, just three days after Pastor Craven had been laid to rest, fourteen precious souls were added to the Lord.

Pastor V. Cooper conducted a very lovely service, solemn in its simplicity. His kindly counsel and encouraging words were much appreciated and will live long in the memory. Very touching was his tribute to the enduring and faithful work of Pastor Craven, and as the congregation stood in reverent silence, we wished he could have been present to see the fruit of his labours.

It has been a very great privilege to be associated in service with Pastor and Mrs. Craven, and we believe sincerely that the good works and self-sacrificing life of him who now awaits the resurrection morning, will still bear fruit in the months that lie ahead.

We extend to Sister Craven and her family deep and sincere sympathy, and trust that they will find comfort and courage in the knowledge that their loved one rests where no shadows fall, and that, in very truth, his works do follow him.

E. E. CLEARY.



Coventry's Baptism

SABBATH afternoon, May 19th, was a very happy day for the Coventry church. It was a red-letter day long to be remembered in the lives of the six candi-

dates who passed through the waters of baptism in the presence of a congregation of about seventy members and their friends. The service was conducted by Pastor F. Edwards, who outlined the Advent faith and guided our thoughts to the significance of the baptismal service.

We rejoice with the parents to see the youth of our church, also one of more mature age, taking their stand and witnessing for Jesus through the watery grave. We are very happy to welcome five new members into the Coventry church and one member has been added to the Rugby church.

May God's richest blessing rest upon these dear ones, and may the light of truth burn ever brighter as they journey on toward the heavenly kingdom.

L. M. HEALEY,
Church Clerk.

Welcome to Blackpool

PASTOR J. G. BEVAN invites visitors to Blackpool, to the Sabbath services at the Advent Church, 6 Bolton Street, Nr. Manchester Square, South Shore. Sabbath-school 10.30 a.m.; Preaching, 3 p.m.

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Advancing the Health Message in Edinburgh

It has been my privilege for the past two years to conduct a course of health lectures at the Granose Cafeteria, attached to our church in Bristo Place, Edinburgh; and the deep interest and enthusiasm of the people who have attended these lectures in both the health and spiritual side of our message has been a great source of encouragement. We meet every Thursday at 7.30 p.m., and as I have seen these people so faithful in their attendance all through the hard, cold winter nights of our northern climate, I have been reminded many times of Sister White's statement, that God has designed that the minds of the public shall be deeply stirred on the question of health reform. "Educate, educate, educate" the people. (*Counsels on Health*, page 449.)

It is now over eighty years since God gave to the Seventh-Day Adventist Church special light on how to live, in order that they themselves might receive great personal benefit from it, and then having freely received, that they might impart this knowledge to others. It was no mean light that God bestowed upon His people, but great and mighty truths relative to the needs of the human body, and the medical world to-day is slowly but surely unearthing by scientific research, facts which we

as a people have known, but only followed in a half-hearted way these many years.

It was not chance but the direct guidance of God that led Pastor L. G. Hardinge to find a church home for Edinburgh in Bristo Place; and it is due to his vision and untiring efforts that we have what is acknowledged by all who see it, to be one of our finest church buildings in the British Isles. Here, with its adjacent Cafeteria and Health Food Store, the first and only one in Great Britain, we have a unit of witness for God's truth in this capital city of Scotland.

The site of these buildings is unique. A stone's throw to the left is the famous University and Medical School of Edinburgh, and just around the corner is situated the Royal College of Surgeons, the oldest medical school in Great Britain, with its date of 1561, proudly carved on the front of its building. In these historic halls there walked and worked men who have made famous this city—Symes, Lister, Simpson, Schafer, and many others too numerous to mention, who have gone forth to all parts of the world, and made Edinburgh famous. Last but not least, to the right of our buildings stands the historic St. Giles Cathedral, and the Assembly Buildings, the centre of the strong Presbyterian Church of Scotland, closely associated with John Knox the ardent defender of the Scottish church. So we can truly say we are in the midst of the halls of great learning. God has seen fit to place in the midst of all these illustrious buildings, a witness for His work, and a representation of the third angel's message in all its branches.

In the *British Medical Journal* of January, 1950, there was given a remarkable survey of "Fifty Years of Medical Research and Practice," and some of the statements were outstanding in their significance. Sir Henry Cohen, Professor of Medicine in the University of Liverpool, made this statement: "This century's contribution to research in human nutritional disorders has revolutionized our knowledge and transformed our practice. In this, the study of vitamins, and the part played by essential amino-acids are outstanding."

Then, after reminding us that, although the expectation of life has risen by fifteen years the increase of deaths from degenerative diseases of heart, blood-vessels, and brain, with the increase of cancer, give increasing hazards to this lengthened life-line, which was not very encouraging, Sir Henry concludes his enlightening article with this sentence: "Life is not living, but living in health."

When we recall the outstanding light God gave His church in those early years from 1863 and onward, on diet, urging the use of whole-wheat preparations, and an abundance of fresh fruits, vegetables, etc., we can see how He was seeking to make His people a leading light on nutritional work, vitamins, etc., which fifty years later was to be slowly unearthed and discovered in the laboratories of the famous medical schools.

As the spade of the archæologist has confirmed the teachings of the Bible, so the laboratories of the medical world to-day are confirming the teach-

ings of the Spirit of prophecy on diet, nutrition, and natural methods of healing. Those who have followed and appreciated the teachings of God's servant along these lines have proved their value in their own improved health. Personally I owe my life to this light, for it has raised me from invalidism, and given me a measure of health that I never thought could be found in this world. I have received freely, and by God's help I hope

to contribute freely to those who are willing to share its benefits.

A number of our people visit Edinburgh in the summer months. Don't forget the address of our church and cafeteria—3 Bristo Place, very easily reached by tramcars 23 and 27. From corner of the Mound, Princes Street, a fare of 1½d. takes you to within sight of the cafeteria, where a hearty welcome awaits you.
DR. G. M. BROWN.

Wedding Bells

NASH-FANCY.—On Easter Monday, March 26, 1951, Brother Eric Nash and Sister Ada Fancy, both members of our Croscombe church, were united in marriage. The ceremony took place in the Baptist Chapel, Union Street, Wells, kindly loaned to us for the occasion. It was the writer's very happy privilege to conduct the service.

It is a special joy to see our young people having given their hearts to the Lord, cement their lives in this strongest of earthly ties. We pray that their lives and home will ever be filled with the presence of the great bridegroom.
R. H. BAINBRIDGE.

PROUDLEY-LINE.—On Sunday, April 22, 1951, a full church of Bournemouth members and friends witnessed the wedding of Sister Jeannette Louise Line, only daughter of the late Mr. S. J. Line and Mrs. Line of "The Haven," Christchurch, and Brother Derek Proudley, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Proudley of Manor Lodge, near Wimborne.

The church was tastefully decorated with flowers and evergreens by the bridegroom's uncle. Sister Line has been our Sabbath-school secretary for the past year and has endeared herself to us all. Brother Proudley has grown up in our Bournemouth church.

The bride was given away by her uncle and the best man was Brother Brian Proudley of Watford. The bridesmaids were Jeanette Birtwell, Brenda Norman, and Sandra Turner, with Master David Proudley as page. These all gave added charm to the bridal party.

The marriage ceremony was conducted by Pastor F. L. Stokes, and Sister Beryl Trimmer, a Bible instructor friend, rendered music on the organ. After a brief and fitting address the bridal pair left to spend their honeymoon at Bridport.

The love and prayers of all their friends at the Bournemouth church go with them as they set up yet another Christian home to the glory

of God, and as they themselves witness for Him.
GRACE VESEY,
Church Clerk.

THOMSON-McARTHUR.—On May 29, 1951, Brother T. F. Thomson, octogenarian elder of the original Kirkcaldy church, joined hands in marriage with Sister M. McArthur, recently returned from Pakistan. The increasing sense of loneliness, resulting from the decease of his wife about four years ago, constrained Brother Thomson to pray intently for human companionship. His persistent prayers were being answered, although he knew it not at the time, when, by chance, he opened a letter addressed to his wife, from Mrs. McArthur requesting information concerning our churches in Scotland. Brother Thomson forwarded the letter to the present writer for attention, and penned an apology to the author. A regular correspondence developed into a happy romance. Both parties sought divine guidance and received convincing evidence that the Lord had led them to enter into matrimony. Neither saw other until less than a week before the ceremony, and are satisfied that their confidence in each other is not misplaced. Both give all the glory to God. In the presence of a few relations and friends, the service was conducted by the writer in the bridegroom's home. We wish Brother and Sister Thomson much of God's blessing upon their union, and trust the mutual comfort each can give the other in the evening of their lives will lead both to enjoy closer fellowship with the God of love who answers true, importunate prayer.
J. H. BAYLISS.

COOPER-HOWARD.—On June 4, 1951, Amos Henry Cooper, son of Brother and Sister Cooper of Louth, was united in marriage to Vera Eunice Howard, second daughter of Sister Howard of the Southampton church. The bride, making a very pretty picture in her white bridal gown and veil, was attended by her sister, Mrs. Smart, and the bridegroom's sister, Miss Jean Cooper. The best man was Mr. Roy Graham, one of our young workers, and the bride was given away by her father.

It was a glorious day of wonderful sunshine, when the large number of friends and relations of the happy couple, with many local members, gathered in a church gaily bedecked with many flowers for the happy occasion. In this beautiful setting, with many sincere and heartfelt prayers for their future in the Lord's work, the two young people plighted their troth and were united in holy matrimony.

Since her graduation in 1949 from Newbold College, the bride has served with much success in the Bible work with the writer in Hastings and with Pastor T. J. Bradley in Chiswick. Brother Cooper has been labouring in the Welsh Mission, where many of his new-found friends will give them both a welcome in their new home.

The young couple are to take up work immediately in the campaign in Cardiff, associating with Pastor and Mrs. D. J. Handysides.

Very many friends, especially those in the Hastings area, unite in wishing these two young people much of God's blessing as they serve together in the Lord's work.
DENNIS A. CONROY.

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Until the Day Break

WHITEHEAD.—By the death of Miss Annie Whitehead on March 23, 1951, the Derby church has lost one of its most loyal workers. Sister Whitehead was a member of the Derby church for nearly twenty-five years. She was baptized in July, 1927, during Pastor J. Bell's effort, but even before that date she was an enthusiastic collector for the Ingathering Campaign, and continued to be one of the chief collectors until failing health forced her to curtail, but not relinquish, her efforts. It was with great sorrow that the Derby church-members heard of her death. The funeral service which was conducted by Brother Watson, took place in the Derby Cemetery on March 28th, when there was laid to rest one who was always found ready and willing to do what she could in this corner of God's vineyard. CHURCH CLERK.

SHEPHERD.—Sister Alice Kathleen Shepherd passed peacefully to rest on Thursday, April 12, 1951, in her seventy-

eight year. Brother Fitzgerald brought the Advent message to her about forty years ago and in her quiet, unobtrusive way she found joy in passing on the good news to friends and neighbours, being one of those faithful followers of whom it can be said, "She did what she could." She had made her home with Brother and Sister F. Buckle for the past seventeen years, where she has been lovingly cared for. We laid our sister to rest on Monday, April 16th in the plot of sacred ground in the North Watford Cemetery where a number of believers are resting, in the sure and certain hope that she will respond to the call of the Life-giver when He gathers His saints together. H. T. JOHNSON.

ROSE.—Miss Margaret Rose, a faithful member of our Aberdeen church, passed away very suddenly on April 26, 1951. She was baptized in 1934 by Pastor S. G. Joyce. Sister Rose was a very ardent Adventist and a faithful charter member of the church. She attended our services regularly, and held the office of home missionary secretary at one time. She will be much missed by all. Our dear sister was laid to rest in Trinity Cemetery on April 30th, there

to await the call of Jesus on the glad resurrection day. CHURCH CLERK.

STONE.—It is with regret that we announce the death of Brother Charles Stone of Stanborough Park church, on May 13, 1951, at the age of eighty-three years. Shortly before he died he had an accident, breaking his hip bone and had to be taken to hospital. An operation was performed, but our brother died a few days afterward. In the mercy of God, he was not allowed to linger and suffer. Brother Stone was a faithful follower of Christ, and the sweetness and goodness of his life were felt by all around. He leaves his wife, daughter, and other relatives and friends who look forward to meeting him again at the resurrection. He was laid to rest in the Aldbury churchyard, the services being conducted by the writer, assisted by Brother H. Bull. A. K. ARMSTRONG.

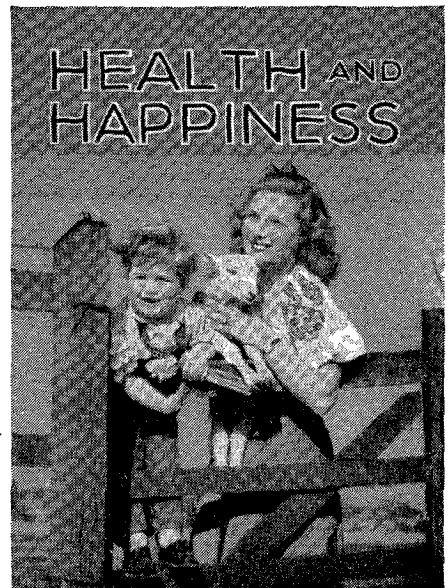
HILL.—The Croydon church has sustained another great loss by the death of our treasurer, Mr. H. B. W. Hill, who fell asleep after a short illness on Friday, May 18, 1951, at the age of fifty years. Brother Hill first studied the message under Pastor Haughey, and

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since his baptism in 1919, has set a wonderful example by his consistent consecration and trustworthy devotion to duty. He has served for some considerable time as the church treasurer, and maintained his interest in this service to the Lord right to the end. The funeral service was held in the quiet and peaceful chapel of the Sutton Cemetery, and was conducted by Pastor W. W. Armstrong, assisted by the writer. Our brother was laid to rest in the sure and certain hope of the glorious resurrection that will take place when the Saviour he loved so well shall return for His own. In extending to the sorrowing relatives our sympathies and prayers, we join with them in looking forward to the soon-coming day of joyful reunion. **K. H. GAMMON.**

KIRKBRIDE.—The Blackpool church regrets to record the death of Mrs. Kirkbride. She was voted into membership in 1944, under Pastor Maudsley's ministry. We shall miss her, for she was a constant attender at church. She was laid to rest in Marton Cemetery on May 22, 1951. Soon Christ the Life-giver will fulfil His plan, the "dead in Christ shall arise," and we shall see again our member, nevermore encumbered by sickness, and having no fear of death, for she will be alive for evermore. We pray the comfort of God on her husband, son, and daughter, who have lost so much in her death.

JOHN G. BEVAN.

SHOOTER.—The York church regret to report the death of our dear Sister

Eva Shooter at the age of forty years. Twenty-one months ago Brother and Sister Shooter, with little David, left us to take a farm in Lancashire, and at the beginning of this year transferred to the conference church, although they visited a few times during this period and were welcome always. Sister Shooter's health had not been good for a long while and the strain of asthma told on her heart. The end came unexpectedly on June 17, 1951, and we laid her to rest on June 20th in York Cemetery. Pastor O. M. Dorland spoke words of comfort in the church and at the graveside to relatives and many churchmembers. Our hearts go out to our brother and little one in their sorrow, but they rest in God's love and will, and their great expectation is to meet again a devoted wife and mother. Sister Shooter was baptized in February, 1941, at Scarborough by Pastor W. M. Lennox and she loved the Advent message and people to the end. **J. BARKER.**



At Rest Edward E. Craven

office of the food factory and then in the publishing house. Feeling the need of preparation for larger service, he studied from 1912-1915 at Stanborough College, while continuing his institutional work, following which, from 1915 to 1916, he served as business manager of The Stanboroughs.

In 1916 he was called into conference work, first as Secretary of the North England Conference (1916-1917), then as Field Missionary Secretary for North England (1917-1918), and finally into evangelism. As an evangelist he laboured successfully in the North England Conference from 1918 to 1936, when he was called to the superintendency of the Irish Mission. There he remained all through the war years, returning in 1946 to ministerial work in North England, where he laboured in the South Lancashire district until his death.

The funeral services on June 13th in the Stanborough Park church and at the graveside in the North Watford Cemetery, were conducted by Pastor O. M. Dorland, president of the North England Conference, and Pastor W. H. Meredith.

Our sincere sympathy goes out to Sister Craven and her two daughters, Mona and Eileen, in their sad bereavement, as also to his sister, Mrs. F. S. Jackson, and brother, J. H. Craven, manager of the publishing house. We know, however, that in their mourning they are comforted by the knowledge that their loved one served faithfully to the end, and that before him and them is the blessed resurrection. **W. L. EMMERSON.**

With deep sorrow we have to record the death of yet another veteran worker in the Advent cause in the British Isles, Pastor Edward Evans Craven, who passed to his rest on Friday, June 8, 1951, in the Stanboroughs Sanitarium at the age of fifty-eight years.

During the last year of his life our brother had been incapacitated by a protracted illness, culminating, after a hopeful period of recovery, in a cerebral haemorrhage, which brought on the end.

Pastor Craven was loved and respected by all his associates for his cheery disposition and untiring labours. He will be greatly missed by the whole worker force in Britain, and especially by the churches for whom he laboured through the years.

Edward was the oldest of the four children of the late Brother and Sister B. Craven of Stanborough Park, Watford. He was born in August, 1892, at Bradford, Yorkshire, where his parents lived for many years before moving down to Wellingborough. Here the whole family heard and accepted the Advent message.

In 1907 Brother Craven embarked on a business career in the Advent cause, serving first in the

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