

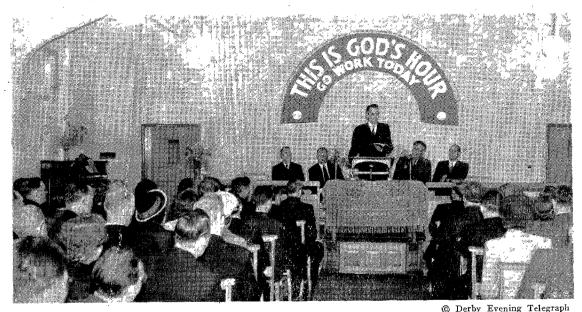
"THIS IS GOD'S HOUR"

Report of the Ministerial Institute at Derby, August 29th to September 4th By R. D. VINE

"Our task is humanly impossible." Such was the sombre assurance given to the ministerial workers of the British Union at their recent Institute in the beautiful Derby church. Of course, awareness of this fact by no means began with the Institute; but as it was impressed on us anew, we were better able to appreciate our need of the provision God has mercifully made for impossible tasks to be successfully done.

It is true to say that every worker left those impressive Derby meetings with a more earnest desire to collaborate with God, so that the colossal task of sounding salvation's message to Britain's fifty millions may be speeded forward. At the opening service on Wednesday night, our Union president and organizer of the Institute, Pastor W. W. Armstrong, reminded us of the resolution made at last year's Union Conference session, in which all workers had shared, that under God we plan to double our membership in this quadrennium. "These meetings," he said, "are for the purpose of helping us to reach this objective."

We should mention right here that apart from our British leaders, we had with us from the General Conference, Pastor A. L. White, grandson of Mrs. E. G. White and secretary of the Ellen G. White Board of Trustees; and Pastor G. E. Vandeman, associate secretary of the Ministerial Association.



Pastor George Vandeman addressing the workers of the British Union at the Derby Ministerial

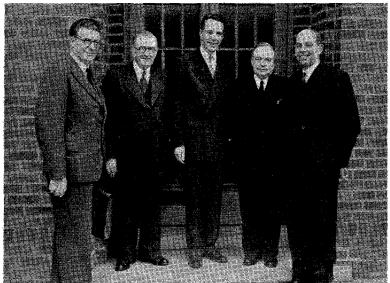


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on the prophecy of Daniel two. He then carried us over to the New World, and related the thrilling story of the Spirit's working even in the very highest government circles. He also told of the mighty revival, in response to united prayers, which preceded his latest campaign in Washington. He convinced us that even in Britain "under God anything could happen." Number one requisite-and in fact the really important requisite-for the "impossible" to happen, however, would be "not a measure of surrender, but a complete abandoning of the life to the Lord."

Turning to Isaiah 57:14, 15 he appealed for the "stumbling blocks" to be frankly faced and completely removed from our lives, so that the allpowerful "high and lofty One

Pastor Vandeman with Division and Union leaders at the Ministerial Institute.

From the Northern European Division came the president, Pastor A. F. Tarr; the secretary, Pastor E. B. Rudge; the educational secretary, Dr. L. Mark Hamilton; the home missionary secretary, Pastor Axel Varmer; and the Ministerial Association secretary, Pastor T. J. Bradley. The ministry of these brethren proved to be most invigorating.

Caring for the lion's share of the meetings was Pastor Vandeman, on his way back home after an extended visit to Australia, India, and the Middle East, and whose evangelistic effort in Washington, U.S.A., in the early part of this year, was so signally blessed. At the opening service he emphasized our need of the Holy Spirit's power if our ministry is

to prevail against the many obstacles it faces. He brought thrilling stories of Advent victories in heathenism's Gibraltar—benighted India. Approaching a likely-looking prospect with a V.O.P. card in previously unentered Nepal, our worker was thrilled yet surprised to receive the reply: "You're too late. I'm already on lesson thirty." This prospect proved to be one of tens of thousands studying our message in this way.

Pastor Vandeman also told of the loud and enthusiastic applause from a mass meeting of Muslims and Hindus after they had seen our sound film

© Derby Evening Telegraph A typical scene during one of the institute sessions. that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy" might be the exclusive possessor of our hearts, and thus empower us as ministers as never before.

"REACHING HEARTS"

Pastor Vandeman was our teacher each day of the Institute, and he suggested as a title for his sessions: "Reaching Hearts." Our message makes a powerful mental appeal. It is so wonderfully reasonable and logical. But conviction must strike down more deeply than the mind if men are to be saved. It must reach the heart. The truth must be presented in a way that will really meet the



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innermost needs of the restless, nervous, disillusioned men and women all around.

somewhat We were all shocked to learn that "a cold, harsh recital of the message leaves a man worse off than if he'd never heard it." For authority he turned to Evangelism, pages 192, 193: "Without the transforming process which can come alone through divine power, the original propensities to sin are left in the heart in all their strength, to forge new chains, to impose a slavery that can never be broken by human power." We learned that "it is dangerous for men to speak the message unless it comes



The workers disperse after another profitable study hour.

from the Spirit of God within. It is dangerous to convince a man, unless God is permitted to convert the heart."

Further basic principles of the science of salvation were presented to us during the Friday morning and afternoon sessions. The many illustrations—some humorous, some tragic, all very moving and relevant—made the sessions unforgettable. We learned that people, like the Samaritan woman, automatically put a barrier around themselves to resist any who would get into their hearts. Yet, paradoxically, the greatest thing for which folk crave is a sympathetic understanding of themselves which can only come when the barrier is down.

To break through the heart barriers we were admonished as was Timothy, to "be gentle," yet to go forward with "boldness, decision, and less timidity." We must strive to win hearts, not arguments. It takes a clever man do the latter, but a consecrated Christian to do the former.

"When the fruit is ripe it should be picked," said Pastor Vandeman on Monday, when discussing the great theme of how to get decisions for Christ. This delicate yet vital operation must be carefully facilitated by following the principle that attention must first be aroused, and converted into interest; the interest must then be converted into desire, and the desire must be wisely nurtured and stimulated until it culminates in a decision.

He considered with us the four main reasons why people hesitate to make a decision: some fail because of friends or relatives; others because of deeply entrenched sins; some because of work responsibilities; still others because of an unsteady faith resulting from doubt. Deepest doubts arise from a "confused idea regarding conversion."—Evangelism, page 286.

Graphically yet simply the experience of conversion and sanctification was portrayed on the blackboard. One young person testified that never before had he really understood this basic plan of God. We were warned, however, that conversions differ in pattern as do people. Genuineness is determined by the life, not the feelings.

His final message on Tuesday afternoon was an urge to live victoriously. Unholy thoughts must be successfully resisted, then the life will be right. This can be done, when evil thoughts assail, by the simple process of shifting our attention from self to Christ. Successful living results not so much from "trying" as it does from "trusting."

THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY

Another unique feature of the Institute was the series of talks by Pastor White. He showed the place of the Spirit of prophecy in the remnant church. A detailed record of his vigorous presentation would make thrilling reading indeed, but we must content ourselves with merely a few points. He showed how God's people in times of crisis. have always had prophets to lead and protect. It is reasonable that before the last and greatest crisis of all, God should again preserve His people by the manifestation of the prophetic gift. Indeed, prophecy demands that this be so. Such a manifestation is characteristic of the remnant church. We have seen a fulfilment of God's promise in the ministry of Sister E. G. White, whose writings have brought conversion and blessing to thousands the world over.

Pastor White's opening address on Friday afternoon spoke of her two thousand visions, during which the normal process of respiration invariably ceased. On Sunday he discussed in detail the various. claims of opponents and sceptics that the visions were due to mesmerism, spiritualism, or the influence of the strong men who surrounded her. Such were freely permitted to test her when she was in vision, but they invariably failed to establish their claims. Though she was in the company of strong men, her messages were frequently contrary to their studied conclusions, and in many cases, even contrary to positions she herself had previously held. Her own comment on the *Testimonies* was: "My opinion and hearsay have nothing to do with my testimonies."



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Armed with appropriate literature the workers set out on Sunday afternoon to visit some of the thousands of homes in the great city of Derby.

During his subsequent sessions Pastor White told story after story showing how the servant of God was used to confirm faith in the doctrines, to point the way when leaders were facing dilemmas, to unite the church by warning against such subtle heresies as pantheism and the "holiness" movements which threatened to disrupt, and to give direction and instruction on matters of health, education, and the publishing work.

Sister White's final words to the General Conference in session, as she stood before the great assembly with her Bible in her hand, were: "Brethren, I commend to you this Book."

How shall we use the Spirit of prophecy? First we should believe. (2 Chron. 20:20.) Then we should study the counsel in its full setting. Thirdly, we should seek to discover underlying principles. Lastly, we should avoid using the *Testimonies* as a hammer. "Our church," said Pastor White, "faces no problem regarding acceptance of the *Testimonies*. It faces rather the problem of indifference to their teachings and failure to follow them. His closing wish, on Monday afternoon, was that we, with Paul, might be able to say: "I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision."

THE LAND AND THE BOOK

Two instructive study periods, on Thursday and Friday at 2.15 p.m., were conducted by Pastor W. L. Emmerson. These intensely packed periods on "The Land and the Book," illustrated as they were by blackboard and map, gave us a wonderful conception of the setting and nature of the Holy Land, and stimulated within us a desire to give more study to the geographical setting of the sacred story. "If we can understand more fully the land of the Book, we will appreciate more deeply its messt on Sunday afterreat city of Derby. minerals and precious things from the bowels of the earth for man's service and enjoyment, has now, in the hands of the archæologists, provided us with the truth.

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age," we were assured. As we listened, the "way that led by Gaza to the south" had new meaning for us. In imagination we could easily see those great ancient highways, and especially the "Way of the Sea" over which so many armies, traders, and travellers passed. We were able to appreciate the strategically vital position held by ancient Israel. located as they were between the two great civilizations of those times. Occupying as they did, the bridge between the civilizations, what a golden opportunity they had for evangelism-vet how dismally

On Friday we heard more of how the spade which has "fed mankind," provided valuable

These sessions made us feel that, in the words of Jude, we could more "earnestly contend for the faith."

SHARPENING THE TOOLS

The evangelist, like the artisan, has his tools. It was therefore with interest that we attended the twice daily periods devoted to "Sharpening the Tools." On Thursday, Bible instructor Jean Cowen discussed pre-campaign work, reminding us that "prayer is more important than publicity." In the afternoon Pastor C. R. Bonney convinced us that the Voice of Prophecy work is "one of God's spectacular ways of finishing the work," and Brother J. H. Craven, general manager of The Stanborough Press, gave excellent advice on the set-out, size, shape, type, colour combinations, and general quality of evangelistic handbills and posters. On Friday morning Bible instructor K. Mahon made a spirited appeal for a "Bible worker recruiting drive in the churches." She gave several practical suggestions for a more effective Bible worker force. In the afternoon, Pastor W. R. A. Madgwick, Principal of Newbold College, emphasized the fact that College training to-day is on the highest-ever level. The fact that seventy-eight of the eighty young graduates taken into the work in the past four years have continued in service, is a telling tribute to Newbold's worth.

Sunday afternoon's home missionary hour found Pastors Axel Varmer and E. R. Warland with many good things to say, but inadequate time in which to say them. Who could resist the fascination of "operation doorbell" after they had made so earnest an appeal to "take the Word to every man's home"? From this session all the workers went forth armed

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with V.O.P. cards, *Our Times*, and handbills, and called from home to home giving personal invitations, and in many cases, having prayer.

One evidence of the success of this brief campaign was seen in the well-filled Churchill Hall that evening, when Pastor Vandeman addressed a public meeting on "The Collapse of the World's Greatest Iron Curtain."

For a brief period on Monday morning, Pastor A. C. Vine made a plea for better Sabbath-schools so that we might have better members and better churches. The lively discussion which followed provided an emphatic amen to the suggestions made.

"CAN YOU EXPLAIN?"

A lighter, though equally helpful part of the programme were the "Can You Explain?" sessions. Each morning at ten, a band of valiant workers, heroically stifling timidity, reluctantly occupied the platform to answer popular objections and explain "dificult" texts. The difficulties of such texts as Matthew 11:20-24, Isaiah 65:20, 2 Corinthians 5: 8, 1 John 4:1-5, etc., simply evaporated in the presence of these skilled explicateurs.

MORNING DEVOTIONALS

We began each day at 8.45 a.m. with devotional messages and prayer seasons. Pastor Bradley on Thursday spoke about the power of God, and of the "indwelling Saviour who makes His power our property." Pastor Madgwick on Friday spoke of the New Testament's greatest preacher, that "self-consuming flame"—John the Baptist, whose ministry and message were symbolic of ours to-day. Pastor J. H. Bayliss on Sunday spoke about the fruits of a crucified life. Monday's period was given over to Pastor White who continued his Spirit of prophecy series.



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Pastor Vandeman in a characteristic attitude during one of his studies on "Reaching Hearts."

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"Winning Hearts"

THE theme, "Reaching Hearts," which ran through all Pastor George Vandeman's talks at the recent workers' meeting in Derby, made a tremendous appeal to the workers of the British Union Conference assembled there. Without question it expresses the fundamental principle of effective work for souls in any and every phase of service for God.

That Pastor Vandeman should pay his first visit to England at this particular time and sound just this note was indeed significant. For August 31st, a date right in the centre of our workers' gathering, was the thirteenth centenary of the death of Aidan, that great Bible-loving Celtic missionary who played so notable a part in the evangelization of Britain after the failure of the Roman mission of Augustine to Kent.

Among Aidan's catalogue of virtues listed by the Venerable Bede was "his industry in keeping and teaching the heavenly commandments," while the historian Bright said of him that he was "so effective a winner of souls, because so potent a winner of hearts."

May many modern Aidans arise in Britain to-day to finish the work which the "apostle of England" began so long ago. W. L. EMMERSON.

The final day, Tuesday, was indeed an unexpected and thrilling climax to a week of blessing. Our Union president, Pastor Armstrong, gave a heart-searching message entitled: "Surely, I come quickly." He emphasized our need of the "tiptoe" experience of perpetual expectation. The usual prayer season then followed. But after this, in response to a suggestion by Pastor Rudge, the workers testified to God's goodness, to their desire to go forward as a united force, and to their resolve to follow faithfully the divine blue-print. Their testimonies lasted until well past midday. That spectacular morning service which began at 8.45 a.m. carried through for four uplifting hours without a break until 12.45 p.m. Lack of time prevented nearly half the workers from giving their testimonies.

EVENING PREACHING SERVICES

We will not soon forget Pastor J. A. McMillan's thoughtful sermon on Thursday evening. "For this cause"—was his theme. He appealed for complete loyalty to God's great cause, and for consecrated, willing service, whose main concern was not the acquisition of lucre, or the inflation of the ego, but the finishing of the work. He sounded a solemn warning against the peculiar dangers which beset God's ministers.

Pastor Rudge on Friday evening was also used of God to stir our hearts with an address based on Mark 7:24: "But He [Jesus] could not be hid." It was an eloquent appeal for us to allow the "unhideable" Saviour into our hearts. "Are folk awed by the dignity and purity of our lives?" he asked. "Our experience must be such that Christ cannot be hid." Pastor O. M. Dorland spoke to our hearts on Monday evening. He dwelt upon fellowship with God, and of the vital need to partake of the divine nature. "This is possible only by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit." he said.

SABBATH-A HIGH DAY

Sabbath in the Churchill Hall was indeed a high day, not only for workers but also for the many local members and others who came from neighbouring churches. Pastor Varmer's early morning address, Dr. Hamilton's lesson study, and Pastor Tarr's sermon, provided a palatable and nourishing morning menu. Pastor Tarr spokeof the pathetic cry for help: "Sir, I have no man" (John 5:1-9) which arises from a hopeless world in spiritual torment. "This cry," he said, "imposes a responsibility on Seventh-Day Adventists which no other church or government ever faced."

After Pastor White's timely message on Hosea 12:13 in the afternoon, we all enjoyed a "Melody Hour" provided by the Philomel Ladies Choir under Kathleen Joyce, and by others, who had journeyed up from Watford for the occasion. The hour went unbelievably swiftly.

Mention should here be made of the beautiful solos, duets, and quartets rendered throughout the whole Insitute period by various workers.

FAREWELL

Our final service, on Tuesday at 3.15 p.m., was one of Communion. Pastor Rudge, like Pastor Vandeman in the previous session, drew our eyes away from self, away from sin, to Christ. He spoke briefly of His humility, His courage, and His confidence in God, as prophetically portrayed in Isaiah fifty. These virtues, essential for successful ministry, will be seen in us if our hearts are given unconditionally to Christ.

The ordinances which followed were a time of deep joy and gladness.

Our final hymn: "I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus," was an expression of our renewed consecration to Him to whose service we have devoted our lives.

Realizing, as our Institute motto said, that "This Is God's Hour," we determined we would more earnestly fulfil that motto's admonition: "Go, Work To-day."

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Baptism at Chiswick

For days many eyes had turned toward the clouded skies watching for evidences of a break in the weather. Many hearts offered a prayer that Sabbath, April 28th, would be a fine day. Now, there are various reasons why people desire sunny days on special occasions, but on this Sabbath the reason was a very genuine one. It was to be the first baptism of new members from the mission campaign which had been conducted in the Chiswick area, West London, And we were not disappointed. The Chiswick church which had been newly painted and decorated inside and out, gave the overflow audience a very bright welcome. Friends flocked from far and near and the rays of the sun, so longed for, danced in through the open windows to make very cheery the already happy scene.

We were pleased to have with us Pastor W. W. Armstrong, on whose initiative the campaign was planned and begun, and Pastor J. A. McMillan, the recently appointed South England Conference president, was also present. And in the audience many friends of evangelism were present, among whom we were glad to see Pastor and Mrs. A. F. Tarr and Pastor and Mrs. G. D. King.

For six months the mission team had worked very earnestly and consistently. The campaign began with intensive *Good News* distribution, in which the loyal churchmembers from Chiswick, Ealiag, and Richmond took a very active part. The home missionary secretaries of these three churches should be specially mentioned because of their willing and self-sacrificing co-operation in all the plans that we suggested for the campaign.

We had our problems. The usual difficulty of halls and advertising were ours, and to make matters worse, in the midst of our campaign the newspaper strike crippled our effort at publicity through the press. But despite all this the Lord was with us from beginning to end and we must give Him the glory from grateful and humble hearts.

During the campaign two of our staff were transferred to other centres in order to care for various plans laid by the Conference executives. Brother K. Gammon went to the Croydon area and Miss K. Mahon to Holloway to assist in a campaign which was then about to be commenced. But the remainder of the team came to the baptismal Sabbath with joy in their hearts and anticipating much happiness as the rite of baptism was administered.

Thirty persons were baptized and received into church fellowship, and a sweet, live, joyous fellowship was noticed among all present, both new and old members. Brother Armstrong's words of counsel to the candidates were greatly appreciated and as Brother McMillan extended the hand of welcome for Conference fellowship, there were tears of joy on a number of faces at the thrill of finding and following the truth.

Most gladly do we dedicate ourselves anew to whatever service the Lord calls us to perform, and as we face another year we only ask that the readers of the MESSENGER will remember us in prayer that God will strengthen our hands and enlarge our success to His glory. If our hearts are all bound together in the love of the message and the joy of service, then truly will the work quickly be finished.

T. J. BRADLEY,	J. C. French,
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An Urgent Request

THE Evangelistic Team conducting the campaign in the Brixton Empress Theatre, commencing Sunday, September 23rd, is most anxious to reach with a special invitation, your relatives and friends in the South London area, and also any former members of the faith. Kindly send names and addresses, with brief comment, to Pastor K. Lacey, 306 Whitehorse Lane, South Norwood, London, S.E.25.

G. M. Hyde.

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President's Notes

GOD'S goodness has again visited the Welsh Mission. For over twenty years we have had a group of believers in Rhyl. In point of fact, Rhyl is a lonely outpost. It is our *only* church in the whole of the North and West Wales area. This group has met for the most part during these past years in a hired room on Sabbath mornings. The prayer meeting has had to be conducted in a member's home and there were no facilities for public services whatever. How the church lived through this long period with so little to encourage it spiritually, God only knows.

Now, under the blessings of the Lord and the faithful work of Brother C. L. W. Cooke and his group of believers in Rhyl, a permanent home has been found and purchased. In this issue of the MESSENGER you will see a photograph of this freehold building, which is even now undergoing certain changes in order to make it convenient for our work. It is a charming ten-roomed residence, standing in its own grounds, surrounded by a substantial wall with front and rear gates giving access to two roads. This building is situated in the centre of the town about five minutes walking distance from the railway and bus stations. There are outbuildings and glasshouses with a large grape vine, etc., also an extensive lawn, large enough to build a church hall if later our work grows and other plans are made for the house.

When alterations have been made (incidentally we are more than grateful for the good work Brother F. Davies and others are doing), we shall be able to accommodate nearly 100 people in the hall. The five large rooms upstairs are now being renovated to make a comfortable home for the minister and his family. The postal address of our church is Albert Villa, Albert Road, Rhyl.

Albert Villa, Rhyl, which is being converted to provide a new home for the Rhyl church. MID AND NORTH WALES RALLY, SEPTEMBER 29TH

ON Sabbath, September 29th, Pastor E. R. Warland will be with us to hold a Sabbath-school Rally, in our new hall in Rhyl. Our members are planning to come from Shrewsbury, Broseley, Rhos, Buckley, Shotton, Mold, Colwyn Bay, Penmaenmawr, Portmadoc, and Beddgelert. It will be a grand reunion. The Sabbath-school will commence at 10.30 a.m., so that our members from sixty miles south and sixty miles west may arrive on time. Five specially brief services have been planned and the day will finish at 5.30 p.m., so that ample time will be given for the return journey. Sister Corkindale and her daughter will give us special musical selections throughout the day. We will meet you at Rhyl on September 29th.

CARDIFF

THROUGHOUT the holiday months Pastor D. J. Handysides and his staff of workers have been greatly encouraged by the attendance at St. Paul's church. Last Sabbath over thirty non-members were present and almost 100 at the Sunday evening service. We will be glad if you will remember especially in your prayers Pastor Handysides and his family. Earlier in the year Brother Handysides, senior, fell asleep and now the family has been further bereaved by the loss of Sister Handysides, senior. We know that the sympathy and prayers of the whole Welsh Mission family will be with Pastor Handysides and his wife as they labour to save souls in Cardiff. We are anticipating a good baptism this year under the blessing of God.

NEWPORT

OUR Newport Youth Hall is almost completed. The bank manager said to me the other day: "Mr. Howard, you have an impressive building going up there on the Chepstow Road." We will let you know in a latter issue of the MESSENGER the date of opening. Brother H. Logan who has done such good work in Newport is planning a special opening programme for the occasion.

I am sure we all congratulate Brother and Sister



Logan on the safe arrival of a baby daughter, Sylvia Margaret. We pray that Brother and Sister Logan will be greatly blessed as they train their little ones for Jesus.

CAMPAIGNS

PASTOR G. Emm is in the midst of advertising his double-pronged campaign this autumn. He plans a church campaign on Sunday night at Swansea and a mid-week campaign in the small nearby town of Gorseinon.

PASTOR J. Freeman is briefly endeavouring to get a house or accommodation in Barry so that his campaign may start in full earnest at the end of October. The delightful Memorial Hall has been secured for this effort. Pray for these two young men as they labour for souls.

PASTOR H. Humphries hopes shortly to move his centre toward the south while still caring for Hereford and Abergavenny. The way is opening up so that the problem of accommodation is being met. We thank God for His many mercies.

BROTHER C. W. Knowlson is courageously holding the fort in Shropshire and hopes soon to blaze the truth in one of the many unentered towns in that delightful county.

V.O.P.

ALL our members will be delighted to learn that our veteran missionary, Pastor A. H. Watson, is gradually recovering from his serious illness, and with Sister Watson is already planning to scatter "like the leaves of autumn" in Bangor, North Wales, the Voice of Prophecy Correspondence Course invitations. We know that all these various interests will be remembered daily by you all before the throne of grace. J. M. HOWARD.

Baptism at Newport

ON July 21st eight precious souls were added to the Newport church, as a result of Brother H. Logan's work of the past nine months. It was such a joy to see three married sisters take their

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Listen to the Voice of Prophecy—Radio Luxembourg TUESDAYS, 1,293 metres Tuesday, Sept. 25th. at 5.15 p.m.; Friday, Sept. 28th. at 11 p.m. "HOW TO LIVE FOR EVER" (Part 2)

Tuesday, Oct. 2nd, at 5.15 p.m.; Friday, Oct. 5th, at 11 p.m. ''THE TRANSFIGURATION''

stand together, now to bear witness before their families. We were reminded, too, that God surely does work in a mysterious way as we heard the story of how one young man has been receiving the Chinese V.O.P. lessons from a faithful member he contacted in Hongkong during the war, and eventually this has led him to accept in full this wonderful message.

We were happy also, that Pastor J. Freeman could bring three of his recent converts from the Bargoed area, two men and a lady, thus swelling the number to eleven who were to walk through the waters of baptism.

Pastor D. J. Handysides from Cardiff was invited to perform this thrilling, yet awe-inspiring ceremony, and in his simple, yet most earnest manner he baptized each one, praying that God's Holy Spirit would indeed fall upon them and upon us that day. V. EVANS.

UNION NOTES

As I write these notes, I am on holiday, but I felt the whole Advent family would like to hear that the workers' meetings held at Derby were a time of real refreshing and inspiration. All commented freely on the splendid help received from Elders G. E. Vandeman and A. L. White from the General Conference. The former gave studies, born out of his own evangelistic experience, which really gripped our hearts. Brother A. L. White gave studies on "The Lord's Messenger," and from his own personal knowledge told of incidents connected with the life of Sister E. G. White. These studies did much to establish us in the "gift" God has sent to Hisremnant people.

The closing day of the council was spent in prayer and testimony and the Lord came preciously near to us as we drew near to Him and to each other. It was a time of preparation for the Pentecost which has been promised.

A full account of these grand meetings appears in this issue. W. W. ARMSTRONG.

SUNSET CALENDAR

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