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THE GREAT CAMPAIGN IS LAUNCHED

Reported by PASTOR R. D. VINE

LONDON'S most famous and luxurious theatre, the Coliseum, was packed for the first session of Britain's greatest-ever evangelistic campaign, to-day, Sunday, September 21st. Long before the meeting was due to begin, every seat was taken, and even as Pastor George Vandeman began to talk, there were enough people waiting outside to fill the theatre twice over. The efficient services of friendly bobbies were required to shepherd the flock as they patiently and hopefully waited for the second session due to begin two hours later.

London's Coliseum, almost beneath the shadow of Nelson's famous Column in Trafalgar Square, is a favourite rendezvous of better class pleasure-seekers, and is almost as well known as the giant Albert Hall. As the crowds surged around the doors, we all sincerely wished that in some way the capacity of this palatial place could be miraculously expanded to accommodate them. If only the spaciousness of the Albert Hall could have been transferred to the Coliseum, we workers would have breathed huge sighs of relief.

Here indeed, was something new in the history of Adventist evangelism in Britain. We have witnessed the gratifying spectacle of such crowded halls that there was standing room only, and we have frequently known times when even standing room was fully absorbed and people have been turned away. But never have we witnessed the spectacle of a large, four-floored theatre packed tight with expectant thousands, with twice as many thronging the streets outside. Our feelings can easily be imagined—a queer mixture of intense gratification and embarrassment. Little but good, however, can come from such a situation.

A campaign launched with such overwhelming momentum, and which from its start has aroused such an intensity of interest among members and non-members alike, must surely bear abundant fruitage. We know of at least one Member of Parliament who requested a reserved seat, and have abundant evidence that interest has been aroused among the eminent as well as the humbler strata of society.

The press box was well accommodated. There were reporters, a photographer, and a representative from the B.B.C. Two of them commented on the service at its close, expressing their pleasure and enjoyment. Their warm handshakes gave evidence of sincerity.

As I write, Pastor Ben Glanzer is singing at the opening of the second of the three sessions which it is planned to hold on this opening day. His clear, melodious voice delights this crowd which have been waiting hours to gain admittance. Hearts are stirred and inspired as he and his neatly uniformed choir of 150 singers, direct our thoughts by means of the ministry of song to the mighty God of the universe.

And now the crowd themselves join in the singing of a hymn especially dear to British hearts: "Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah" to the tune of Cwm Rhondda.

Pastor Vandeman's approach to the great truths of our message, is unique. He dwells not on the sordid world conditions with which everybody is already so well acquainted. In fact, there is not the merest passing reference to them. Instead, from the first he directs our minds upward to the stellar regions, and with the help of impressive screen

pictures, some of which were taken through the giant telescope at Palomar, he describes a little of the magnitude and splendour of God's great universe. We are introduced to our sister planets which circle the sun, we listen with awe while the speaker comments on a delightful picture of Saturn; and then in imagination we are whisked off to outer space to other members of our own galactic system, and eventually, by means of Palomar's gigantic eye, to such stellar universes as Andromeda.

We hear of an astronomer's declaration that "all known objects in the heavens belong to one enormous unit," and thrill at the striking conclusion that the centre around which the countless billions of heavenly bodies are harmoniously moving, is the throne of God. The heavens tell of an omnipotent God, we are assured, whose throne is in the heavens, and whose "kingdom ruleth over all." *Psa. 103:19.*

Folk to-day are looking to the heavens for peace and assurance of security, says the speaker; but they are looking by means of the astrologer and the horoscope. But peace and harmony for human hearts can only come to those who acquaint themselves with the great and benevolent God of the heavens.

Thousands have submitted their names for literature, thousands have enrolled—as a result of the pre-campaign work which began last March—in the Voice of Prophecy Bible School. As we move forward in faith, we believe God will provide an abundant harvest.

UNION NOTES

The London Campaign

A FULL report of the opening services of the London campaign has already been given which will help our people to get a good picture of the phenomenal success of the commencement of the campaign.

Doubtless there have been some questions in many minds regarding the matter published in the newspapers, and it is to answer these that I now write these few words.

Some of the statements given to the reporters were confused, some were not according to fact, and others apparently were guesses. Actually the reporters are very friendly and show a desire to present our work in the best way possible, and in spite of some statements which may not seem too helpful, we believe that the Lord will use this publicity for the good of His cause.

Certainly a keen interest in our work has been aroused in the newspaper and business world, and this is exactly what we wish to see. When men's minds are aroused, we have the opportunity to present the truth. So, brethren and sisters, continue to pray that the over-ruling hand of the Lord may be upon His cause, and that a mighty work may be done in London.

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President's Notes

WE are very happy to say that our Conference has at last launched a church school at Leeds. For several months the local brethren have worked hard to transform the premises at 52 Headingley Lane, into a tasteful and truly representative church school. On Wednesday, September 17th, ten young pupils under the instruction of their teacher, Miss I. J. Hulbert, commenced their scholastic career in an Adventist church school. We are hopeful that the pupilage will increase as the existence of the school reaches the hearing of parents who are concerned over the education of their children.

THE members of our Beeston company, numbering fifteen, considered themselves sufficiently strong to assume the burdens of "church" responsibility and privilege. Accordingly, on Sabbath, September 20th, the church was organized. A full report of the services will appear later.

THE evangelistic campaigning season has commenced. On Sunday, September 21st, Brother Derek Mustow, conducting the first effort of his ministry, faced an attentive audience of about 100 non-members. He is confident of an increment in the attendance as intense Battle of Britain celebrations certainly claimed the interest of the populace. We are also glad to report that Brother W. Winterton, one of our lay preachers in Nottingham, is delivering an evangelistic burden on his heart for the people of Loughborough, at his own charges. He also commenced this small lay effort on September 21st.

EACH week the number of voices will increase until we shall have a full loud cry of the three angels' messages by early November. While you undoubtedly remember the giant London campaign in your petitions, please bear up in prayer our workers in the North, regularly.

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President's Notes

MUCH has happened since I was last privileged to contact our Welsh membership through the

BRITISH ADVENT MESSENGER

MESSENGER. Our Cardiff members have said "Good-bye" to Pastor and Mrs. D. J. Handsides and family, and we have all wished them God-speed in their new work and increased responsibility in London. With the moving of these workers a vacancy occurred in Cardiff, and we are more than happy that Pastor and Mrs. G. R. Bell answered the call to Cardiff. They have already found a warm welcome in the hearts of our people here and we believe that the Lord will bless their united efforts in building up the work in this important city.

RECENTLY the Welsh Advisory Committee met and held its longest session in my experience! Much consideration was given to the need for evangelizing in the light of the events of to-day. Brethren and sisters, the end is near and "the work is years behind." Every one of us needs to take our own share of the work of God. Our treasurer, Brother J. A. Clement gave us a brief statement on the finances of this Mission, and we cannot help but thank God for the faithfulness of a loyal membership. Our tithes and offerings have never been higher and the Ingathering Campaign reached a new height of over £2,800. This is a substantial gain over last year's record. But what impressed the committee most was the fact that in spite of very heavy transfers and a great loss by death, we have reached a new height in our membership figures. We are practically on the figure—the elusive figure—of 500! For many years it has been the ambition of the Welsh membership to reach this goal. 1952 will indeed be a year well to be remembered. There is no reason why this membership, under the blessing of God, cannot be doubled by the end of the quadrennium. All it would mean is that we each one win one.

As a result of changes decided upon at this committee, we asked Pastor H. Humphries to pioneer work in the Monmouthshire and Herefordshire border. As well as caring for our church in Hereford, he will this autumn plan to open new work in the small towns of Monmouth and Ross-on-Wye. These will necessarily be mid-week meetings. But with the help of our Hereford members, he hopes to saturate these little towns with Voice of Prophecy cards. Pray for this new work and our brother and his family in this new location. Brother A. Lacey will move into Newport in the beginning of October, and care for that church and the two companies of Pontypool and Abergavenny. This will not be such a heavy assignment as Brother Lacey will have a fine group of lay preachers to help him so that he can spend most of his time in plans for the evangelizing of Newport.

RECENTLY Brother A. J. Timothy came to Wales with his family to care for the publishing interests in this field. He reported before the committee when we met. His figures were most encouraging. There is not the space to give a detailed report here, but our few colporteurs have sold books and periodicals totalling, from January to August, £4,845. This is a gain of £1,805 over the preceding

year. Up to the end of August our seven student-colporteurs in Wales obtained orders for £4,131 worth of literature, and our colporteurs generally in that same period of time worked a total of 10,335 hours. In closing the report Brother Timothy said: "We would hasten to refer to the work done by Brother A. Lacey in the period January to June, and to thank him, and the regular colporteurs for their help and loyalty which under God, made this report possible."

THE committee was very grateful to the British Union and the South England Conference for an action which made it possible for Wales to have the use of the Mobile Unit for one year commencing October 20th. With this unique evangelistic outfit, come of course, Brother and Sister D. Chesters. We give them a very hearty welcome to the Welsh Mission. The plan of the committee is to locate this unit in the agricultural county of Shropshire, and associate it with the good work being done by Brother and Sister C. Knowlson in the Shrewsbury-Owestry-Rhos area. Pray for this new venture.

WE are just about to send out our next quarter's plan, and in closing these notes we would express our appreciation of the splendid work our lay preachers are giving us. We regret that two or three of our very small group have been for some time made unavailable by reason of ill health. We ask you to remember these faithful men in your daily prayers.

ALL will be glad to know that council permission to alter the ground floor of our Rhyl property has just come through. Very soon we hope that a handsome hall with a seating capacity of around 150 will be available for us. Incidentally, Brother Cooke who is located there, plans to open his second campaign on October 5th.

BROTHER and Sister Cooper have found a home in the Rhondda Valley, and all is now set for his campaign to open on October 12th. We welcome his brother, Mr. Arthur Cooper, who is at the moment doing colporteur-evangelism in the Rhondda Valley.

WE welcome also Brother and Sister Simpson and their two charming girls who are seeking a location for colporteur-evangelism around Aberdare. We pray that they may soon find a settled home, as the million souls in and around that valley are so needy.

J. M. HOWARD.

Tract Campaign

WILL our members kindly bear in mind that all Tract Campaign subscriptions for *Our Times* ordered in 1951, and which are not renewed, will automatically expire this autumn.

Make sure therefore, that they are renewed. Please see your local Home Missionary secretary without delay.

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What Is the V.O.P. Doing?

Read this gripping account of progress in the British Union

By PASTOR C. R. BONNEY

FOR many years our members in the British Isles have planned, prayed, and worked for the spreading of the Advent message in our own land so that the work of God can be finished in readiness for our Lord's return.

The task at times has seemed almost impossible. We have faced so much opposition and prejudice that our various plans have been handicapped from the very outset. This great barrier of prejudice which we have faced has been the result of the ignorance which has prevailed concerning what we really believe and teach about the only way of salvation for all men.

There is a widespread belief to-day that we do not accept the blood atonement as our only means of forgiveness and salvation, and that we depend upon our works to bring us into favour with God. So earnest are many of these folk who hold to this belief that they have written and published articles and warned their audiences against us. The masses have been influenced by these warnings because they have not been in a position to learn otherwise, and we have not been able to do very much about it because we have not had the means in our hands whereby we could reach them.

This situation has certainly been a great problem to us in our endeavour to bring the truth of God to the 50 millions within our Union Conference. It has also been one of the reasons why our public evangelism has not been so popular in many of our towns and cities.

Realizing this, how many of our members have said, "How can we ever overcome the great prejudice and break through so that the people will be ready to listen?" After being in the Voice of Prophecy work for two years, I have no doubt whatever that God has placed in our hands a means whereby this can be accomplished. Our radio work and the Bible Correspondence School are giving us personal contact with many thousands of people whom we previously could not reach. The result is that we are receiving letters from men and women of all walks of life, who are surprised at our great emphasis on the blood atonement. Some ministers have recommended their members to listen to the radio or take our Bible lessons. Only this week one sent us a list of seventeen of his outstanding church officers and members, suggesting that they would like our lessons which he has enjoyed so much.

Here is short excerpt from the letter of one who has preached and written articles for the periodicals of a popular denomination and publicly spoken against us as a church:

"I have come to the conclusion that you are endeavouring to preach the whole counsel of God and that your attitude to the Bible is fundamentally sound. I therefore continue to listen to your

broadcasts and recommend them to others."

As the result of reading an article recently written against us as a denomination, one of our Bible correspondence students, who is also a university student, wrote in to say that he did not want to continue our course, which he had just begun, as he had read that we did not accept the full atonement on Calvary. I immediately sent him a copy of *Steps to Christ*. After he read it, I received a letter, from which I take the following statement:

"I humbly apologize for my criticism of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church. After reading this little book *Steps to Christ*, I realize that my criticism was founded on the ignorant statement of someone else. I agree with every statement in it and rejoice to know that this is what you stand for. In these circumstances I will continue to take the Bible Course."

Because of this experience, and others which could be given, and relying upon the interest and generosity of our membership when our special Voice of Prophecy offering is received on October 11th, we have gone forward in faith and have had 1,000 *Steps to Christ* printed as a V.O.P. publication for distribution to all who criticize or show any prejudice toward our work.

Our Voice of Prophecy work is not only breaking down this widespread prejudice, but is also the means of bringing sinners to the foot of the cross. No doubt on October 4th you will have read to you some of the thrilling experiences which have come to us as a result of our work. Just in case you are isolated or did not have these experiences mentioned from the platform on Voice of Prophecy Day, I would like to share some other letters with you.

"Classed as a social outcast, and having no friends or relatives of my own made me very bitter against society in general. But the change came a few months ago when I came in from work and found on my table a copy of *Our Times*. I thought, 'Hello, some more religious twaddle.' After tea I read it and all through the night and next day my thoughts were consistently on certain passages, and then I said to myself, 'What makes it tick? What does Christianity really mean? Is it for me or for a selected few?' At the end there was offered a free Bible Course and so I thought, 'I will write for this.' The day I received my first lessons was the day my life was changed. Yes, changed. It may sound funny to you but deep down in my heart I am sincere. Oh, yes, it is going to be very hard to try and live a Christian life in surroundings of this nature. Already I have received many abuses and slurs because I am trying to live a godly life."—
Parkhurst Prison, Isle of Wight.

"I personally thank God for the moment I first

heard you people over the radio some seven months ago, which moment laid the contact between you and my house. After all it didn't take God so very long to make a Christian, who seriously tries to live with and for God every hour of the day, from the man who was a devil and an atheist for over thirty years."—Holland.

"I do want you to know how very much I have appreciated your very fine Bible Course. Not only has the study of the lessons helped me to understand the Bible better—but they have been responsible for bringing me to Jesus."—Wandsworth Prison.

"A little over eight months ago it was when I first heard your broadcast and enjoyed the message very much. After listening to it for several months, I have accepted Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour and the life which I now live in Christ is a contented one. I pray that your broadcasts will bring many more to Christ."—Belfast, Ireland.

"I am what is called a back-slider, but since I have been taking your course I have seen my foolishness, and wish to come back to God and accept Jesus. I am writing now to ask you if you will pray for me, to ask God to give me strength."—R.A.F., East Lothian.

In the great campaign which is being held in London, the Voice of Prophecy is playing a promi-

nent part. No less than 1,500 of the booked seats were from the Voice of Prophecy students.

Surely God has placed this modern means of evangelism in our hands to help finish the work in the shortest possible time. In the past twelve months we have mailed a quarter of a million lessons; who can tell the complete result of such an influence? It will not be known until we are in the Kingdom.

Next Sabbath, October 11th, a special offering is to be taken up for this great work. What an opportunity to help break down the barrier of prejudice, and open the way for greater evangelism in finishing the task that God has given to us in these islands!

There are two definite projects for which we make an appeal to your generous hearts this year: 1. We are eager to make available to as many as possible the book *Steps to Christ*. Our faith in your response has moved us to put in the first order for one thousand. 2. The Bible Correspondence Course and Radio work are proving so successful in preparing the territory for large campaigns or V.O.P. spear-head campaigns, that we are anxious to do a greater work in this way.

We are in your hands, brethren and sisters! Please give generously to this great endeavour to win men and women for Christ in our own land.



Miss C. Green of Boston, Lincs.

SABBATH SCHOOL CENTENARY



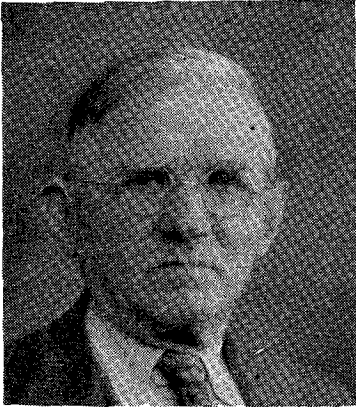
Mrs. L. Osbourne of Southampton.

SABBATH, September 27th, will be long remembered by all who attended the special services held in all our churches in commemoration of the Sabbath-school centenary. The Sabbath-school prepared a very special Thirteenth Sabbath programme, in which the children gave various items. The morning preaching service focused the attention of the membership on the way God's guidance and blessing has been upon our Sabbath-schools throughout the hundred years since the day when Elder James White wrote the first lessons for the *Youth's Instructor* as he sat by the roadside. The morning text was, "They perceived that this work was wrought of our God." Neh. 6:16.

In the afternoon or evening, a programme, gen-

erally rendered by the young people was enjoyed. This showed in various ways, including an interesting dialogue, how the Sabbath-school has grown around the world until to-day with over a million membership the lessons are taught in over six hundred languages.

As suggested by the General Conference, we have endeavoured to find in each Sabbath-school the person with longest Sabbath-school membership, either there or elsewhere. This has been a most interesting search and here are the names of Sabbath-schools having a member with a Sabbath-school membership of half a century or more (only the one with the *longest* membership is listed):



Left.—Brother W. A. Britton, of Cardiff. Sabbath-school member of longest standing in Wales.
 Right.—President O. M. Dorland, Sabbath-school member of longest standing in Ireland.
 Miss J. Archibald of Edinburgh, member for 49 years, holds the record for Scotland. We regret we have no picture.



SOUTH ENGLAND CONFERENCE		
Church	Name	Since
Edgware	Mrs. Van' Gorder	1887
Ely	Mrs. W. Bowden	1894
Iford	Mrs. R. Madgwick	1902
Lewisham	Mr. G. Radcliffe, Sen. ...	1892
Plymouth	Mrs. E. Mills	1894
	Mrs. M. E. Bunker	1896
Reading	Mr. E. A. Vick	1899
Redruth	Pastor A. S. Rodd	1899
Salisbury	Mr. H. G. Buckle	1901
Slough	Pastor R. Whiteside	1901
	Mrs. R. Whiteside	1901
Southampton	MRS. L. OSBOURNE ...	1886
Stanborough Park	Pastor A. K. Armstrong	1888
Swindon	Miss M. Hanna	1902
Walthamstow	Mr. W. Marson	1901
Watford Town	Mrs. G. Norris	1896
Wimbledon	Mrs. H. E. Hancock	1896
NORTH ENGLAND CONFERENCE		
Coventry	Mrs. W. Gaen	1896
Handsworth	Mrs. E. Normansell	1899
Hull	Mrs. S. J. Thompson ...	1902
Kettering	Mrs. A. E. Baldwin	1887
Liverpool	Mrs. G. Mason	1902
Newcastle	Mrs. E. G. Jackson	1902
Nottingham	Mr. W. Reddall	1902
Oldham	Mrs. C. Barton	1902
Sheffield	Mr. H. Casson	1897
West Bromwich	Mrs. E. Young	1896
Conference	MISS C. GREEN	1886
WELSH MISSION		
Abergavenny	Miss A. Stewart	1902
Cardiff	Mr. W. A. Britton	1897
Newport	Mr. R. Jacques	1902
Rhyl	Mrs. G. Corkindale	1902

E. R. WARLAND.

Memories of the Past

JUST one hundred years ago the first Sabbath-school lessons were penned by Elder James White. That was before we had become the organized church known as Seventh-Day Adventists.

Here are some interesting facts:

Sister C. Green of Boston and Sister L. Osbourne of Southampton, share the honour of longest Sab-

bath-school membership in Britain, both being associated with this great institution for some sixty-six years.

During the years, many of our members have moved to other places and so are not now found where they first embraced the Advent message. For example, we find that the pastor of our headquarters church at Stanborough Park, our beloved Pastor A. K. Armstrong, receives the honour ribbon for that large church, claiming Sabbath-school membership since 1888. He is, as many know, a member of one of the oldest Adventist families in these isles, and in this connection we would like to quote the following interesting extracts from the church record book of our little church in Ulceby, Lincolnshire:

"On Sunday, June 10, 1883, a series of Bible studies was commenced in the village hall by the writer (A. A. John, the minister). The services were continued throughout the year. During the summer in the open air meetings were held at the cross roads by the inn on Thursdays, and Sundays in the village hall. The attendance was large at first and was fair throughout the season.

"These services, by the blessing of God and the power and harmony of His truth and Word, resulted in several persons whose names are here given, signing the covenant to keep the Commandments of God and the Faith of Jesus; . . ."

The list of twelve includes the father of Pastor Armstrong and the mother of Sister Green of Boston.

"On August 24, 1885," the report continues, "Sister E. G. White preached in the village hall. Elder Wilcox preached in the morning, also in the afternoon. . . ." The fine church building, which was commenced on May 24, 1887, still stands, and is the spiritual home of the small but faithful Sabbath-school at Ulceby to this day. The witness of those families who accepted the message there nearly seventy years ago has shone in many towns and cities during the years.

By the way, our total British Sabbath-school offerings in 1907 amounted to £261. Last year they were no less than £13,777. As our Sabbath-school work grows in the homeland, so does its contribution to the work of the Lord in lands across the seas.

E. R. WARLAND.

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ADVENTIST doctor, wife, and two children (ages five and one) require furnished accommodation from January to December 1953 in or near London, and within easy reach of church school. Willing to take anything available for a shorter period, if necessary. Please communicate, by air mail, with Dr. R. Branster, 181 Fox Valley Road, Wahroonga, New South Wales, Australia, or with Mrs. F. M. Lauderdale, 10 Sheepcote Drive, Watford, Herts.

ADVENTIST doctor in New Zealand desires to have a young Adventist doctor to assist in general practice. Good opening. Apply to W.W.A., B.U.C. Offices, Stanborough Park, Watford, Herts.

INVALID Dutch S.D.A. would gratefully accept English denominational books such as *Desire of Ages*, *Education*, *Acts of the Apostles*, *Testimonies*, *Daniel and the Revelation*, etc., for personal study. Address: P. Bruinsma, Breedstraat A 140, Schermerhorn, Holland.

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THE sudden death of Brother A. H. Thompson came as a shock to all of us at Watford. Brother Thompson had been ill with gastric 'flu for a week, and we all expected a speedy recovery. Coronary thrombosis, however, set in and cut off our comrade unexpectedly on the morning of Monday, September 15, 1951. The funeral service was conducted by the writer, assisted by Pastor A. K. Armstrong, in the Stanborough Park church, on Wednesday, September 17th. A large congregation of friends and associates were present to pay their last respects. The body was flown to Belfast for interment at Drumboe Cemetery. Brother Thompson had his last wish granted: that the end be swift and painless. We extend to Sister Thompson and the brothers and sisters of the deceased, our sincere condolences. We thank God for the hope of that "better resurrection" unto life eternal.

J. A. McMILLAN.

At Rest

Brother A. H. Thompson

Brief Life Sketch

WE were all deeply shocked when the unexpected news of the death of Brother A. H. Thompson reached our ears. We felt somewhat stunned, and while not finding an answer to our queries as to the Lord's reason for the call, we bow in humble acceptance of His divine will. The loss is great, both to the widow who remains and also to the work that he so loyally supported during his years of service.

Brother A. H. Thompson came from Belfast, where he learned of the truth through a relative of his wife, but more fully through Pastor F. S. Jackson, who had the joy of baptizing Brother A. H. and Sister Thompson in 1924. Since accepting this faith our brother occupied the following positions of responsibility:

1926-1931.—Treasurer of Stanborough College.

1931-1932.—Preceptor and teacher at Newbold College.

1933 - 1935.—Secretary-treasurer of North England Conference.

1935 - 1936.—Secretary-treasurer of South England Conference.

1936-1947.—Business manager of the Stanboroughs Hydro.

1947-1950.—Business manager of Newbold College.

1950 - 1952.—Secretary-treasurer of British Union Conference.

His knowledge of the business interests of the work in this Union was extensive, and he showed good judgment in his decisions.

He was a talented musician and especially gave much valuable help in the compilation of the recently

published *New Advent Hymnal*.

In character he was a kindly man, and all in the British Union Conference office miss his friendly smile. He was forthright in his dealings with his fellow-men, frankly expressing his mind, yet showing a generosity of spirit.

In the two years I have been personally associated with him, I came to love him as a true brother in Christ. Each knew and respected the work of the other, yet frequently sought the other for counsel in problems connected with the work. This made for happy and successful relationships.

The whole Advent family joins in expressing deep sympathy to Sister Thompson in her bereavement. Surely he sleeps in Christ to await the glad resurrection morn. May we all be there to greet him when the gift of immortality is bestowed upon the faithful.

W. W. ARMSTRONG.

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