

BRITISH ADVENT
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MISSIONS EXTENSION PROJECTS FOR 1954

FOR many years the Northern European Division has cherished the hope that it might some day be privileged to have a Seventh-Day Adventist senior college, to which the youth of its many countries could go for their higher training. The need for such a college has been felt not only in the home conferences of Northern Europe, but also in the mission fields of West Africa and Ethiopia, where a good number of our more promising young people have also sought a higher education.

Since the Division's re-organization at the 1950 General Conference, the need for such a college has become of even greater urgency. Many of the youth of Scandinavia, Britain, the Netherlands, and even of our African and Ethiopian mission fields have either gone abroad for study or have attended their own national universities. Many have thereby been lost to denominational service in their own home country, or have succumbed to worldly influences and have left the church.

The more we have studied the situation the more imperative has seemed the need to stop the exit of our youth into the world, and to guide them into effective service for their own people in their own home country. Also—and this is a very important factor in our thinking—there has been the need to prepare them for service in the great mission fields for which our Division has accepted responsibility.

After much careful study, plans for a senior college have now taken concrete shape. Through the kind courtesy of the British Union Conference, the Newbold College site and existing buildings have been placed at the disposal of the Northern European Division to serve as a nucleus for the much-desired Division College, and already students are in attendance from many of the countries, both home and foreign, comprising our Division.

Considerable expenditure will be necessary in the way of additional buildings and equipment before

the school can be regarded as in any way meeting our ultimate objective; but in the meantime we are installing some of the essential services which from the very beginning are of vital concern to the staff and students alike. One of these is a school laundry. Not only will this meet a most urgent and direct need, but it will also supply a measure of employment to a number of our students.

We are asking that the equipment for this laundry be furnished by the Missions Extension Fund for 1954. The cost is estimated at £1,607. Will you not give most generously to help us meet this most urgent need? Small though the project might on first thoughts seem to be, it is a very vital factor in the satisfactory operation of this newly established institution.

A. F. TARR.

"We Need Such A Place"

WHEN we were soliciting funds for our school building at Olfus several years ago, we used to tell people that we planned in the future to conduct a sanitarium at the school during the summer months. The public responded well to this, and funds flowed in quite liberally to aid in the building of the school.

One Saturday evening I went out Ingathering in Reykjavik with a young teacher who was studying our message but had not yet been baptized. This was his first experience in house-to-house work. We had been working for a while in a certain street and had not yet met with a single refusal. In this street a well-known physician had his surgery, but as I had the opinion that he was not at all interested in our work I decided not to call on him. The young teacher, however, seemed to think that everybody was as interested in our school project as he was, so he insisted that we interview the doctor. As I

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was giving him his first lesson in Ingathering work I did not want him to have the impression that I was afraid of a medical doctor, so in we went. First, however, I informed my "student" that since the doctor was specializing in massage and hydrotherapy we had better not mention any summer sanitarium, for he might look at this as in competition to his work.

The doctor was busy but very friendly, and while he was signing his name on our list he asked: "Do you intend to do any medical work there in the summer time?" I could not very well deny it, so I said that we hoped we might be able to do so sometime in the future. "We need such a place," the doctor answered as he handed me the list together with a hundred kroner note.

How many times that sentence has been repeated since! For three years we have invited people to spend their summer vacation and week-ends at the school. As we have had no facilities whatever for nursing cases we have not felt that we could invite patients who needed medical attention. However, last summer we did this in a small way. A doctor in town sent us some patients who needed rest in a quiet environment, and we therefore employed a nurse to look after them. But it was felt keenly that we needed to improve our equipment so that we could offer patients the necessary treatment. Over and over again we have been told by people that as soon as we have proper facilities they will come and stay here for a period of time during the summer months.

Repeatedly people of influence who have visited our mission school have referred to it in the newspapers as an ideal place for those who need rest. Everybody knows, however, that so far we cannot offer any treatments and for that reason many who would like to stay here have to select another sanitarium.

It is our conviction that a properly equipped summer sanitarium will prove a great asset to our witness for the truth in this country. Surely we can tune in with the statement of our doctor friend and many others in saying, "We need such a place." And we are happy to say that we have "the place," but what we badly need is the necessary medical equipment.

We earnestly appeal to you to pray for us here in Iceland as we strive to advance the third angel's message, and we thank you now for the generous Missions Extension offering which we know you will be constrained to give.

J. GUDMUNDSSON.

Literature For Greenland

GREENLAND, the world's largest island, with a population of approximately only 20,000 inhabitants, including 600 Danes, has now been entered with the Advent message in literature. It was arranged between the Division and the East Danish Conference, that Pastor Andreas Nielsen should go to Greenland for a couple of months in the summer of 1953, and take with him a brochure in the vernacular to distribute among the people. The brochure entitled *Survival Through Faith*, by C. B. Haynes, was trans-

lated and printed in Copenhagen. He was also to arrange meetings wherever possible.

The mission was a success indeed. Brother Nielsen distributed all the tracts that he had with him. Besides that, he sold literature in Danish to the value of about \$500. He visited a large majority of the people of the island, as they live chiefly along the west coast, travelling up and down the coast by the regular boat service.

The highest civil authorities in the island, the governor as well as the chief of police in Godthaab, and others, were most friendly and helpful to our brother and toward his mission.

One of the Danish state officials from Copenhagen who happened to be visiting Greenland when Pastor Nielsen was there, and knowing about his mission, inquired how it was going. Pastor Nielsen replied: "It is going fine. Even if I meet some opposition here and there, I find many good friends." Then the state official replied, "Is it not always that way in pioneer work?"

The opposition came largely from a few of the Lutheran church ministers. They made it very difficult in a few places to hire halls for meetings, and to secure interpreters. However, in several places large audiences were gathered, eager to hear. Not being able to get into the hall, some climbed up a ladder and sat in the window listening to the truth of God.

All the people in Greenland read and write. They like reading. The outstanding need in Greenland today is Adventist literature. And really that is the best way to reach the people in this large island. From inquiries made, the book *Steps to Christ* could be printed and sold at about seven shillings and sixpence. The high price is due to the small edition required. But several thousand could easily be sold there. They would also need a book on the message. A book of about 300 pages would have to sell at about a pound.

We solicit your interest in the production of literature for the people of Greenland in 1954.

G. A. LINDSAY.

Konola School, Liberia

"EVERY plant which My Father hath not planted shall be rooted up." Much of the education of today is the wrong seed planted by men who are not divinely inspired. There are many evidences which make it plain that this type of education prepares the student very inadequately for Christian service in this world and for the world to come. Much of what is learned has to be unlearned or rooted up before the student can be used of God.

Our school at Konola was established in 1937 to present to the youth of Liberia the true values of life in Christian service. To be discouraged at their slow progress in grasping Christian ideals is to fail to understand their background. For about ten years our school served almost entirely boys of the Buzy tribe who came some 200 miles to the mission. The largest tribe among whom the school is established see little need for education or for Christianity. There are exceptions to this rule: three of our most

promising young evangelists are members of this tribe. Howbeit, today our school is serving not only one or two tribes, but young men and young women from all parts of Liberia.

Instead of fifty-six pupils enrolled in grades one to eight, as was the case four years ago, this past year we enrolled 114. We have received to date 175 applications for boarding students plus many for day school pupils. It is a touching scene to observe tears come to the eyes of the parents upon being told that it is too late to enrol their children for this year because of lack of room and facilities. Among our students there are two girls and two boys sent and sponsored by His Excellency the President of Liberia and his wife. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court has requested six application blanks to be filled for his children. We have now a representative cross-section of the Republic. What a wonderful field for evangelism! Forty-three young people joined the baptismal class last year, fifteen of whom were baptized. The others have promised to return to continue their Christian education and follow their Saviour in baptism. To this group we hope to add many more.

In spite of many harsh criticisms received throughout the years because of our high standards, differences, and inflexibility, our enrolment has been increasing steadily. Many who so bitterly criticized us a few years ago, are among the first to send their children to our school because of these same differences and our inflexibility in complying with worldly standards.

There are many shadows that seem to hang over our work, but we do realize that there can be no shadows unless light is somewhere near. We hope that those who read this article will help to bring the light closer and dispel many of these shadows.

For many years we have been "making bricks without straw." Our equipment and facilities have been very meagre. We continue to work, realizing that a staff used by God is more powerful than Pharaoh's armies, and that more can be done with barley cakes under divine direction, than with gunpowder without His power. Nevertheless, we are to avail ourselves of every possible means to speed the Lord's work. Up to the present time we have only one representative building on our campus, not including the two mission homes. This one building was erected in 1950 and was used for two years as the boys' dormitory. We accepted girls for the first time last year and we had to turn this building partially over to them. Upstairs lived sixteen girls. Downstairs was used as a dining room for seventy-two students, classrooms for 110 students, a church for 225 members and visitors, classrooms for home economics, typing, etc. It would be superfluous to say that this condition was far from ideal, especially in a co-educational system. We are thankful that our boys' dormitory is nearing completion. This building will easily house 125 boys. We are planning, however, to use the first floor for classrooms and possibly for Sabbath school and church, and as a dining-room for the boys. This, of course, will reduce our lodging accommodation.

With an enrolment between 150 and 200, and a

membership between 200 and 250, a school building and a church are both needed. At present sixty members gather in one room with the speaker; another forty fill the adjoining room where they can neither see nor hear the speaker; another thirty-five sit on the piazza where everything seems to distract.

We are thankful for a beautiful site and a fine campus which compares favourably with the best in the country. We intend to keep our campus this way in spite of the discouraging 204 inches of yearly rain which makes the grass, weeds, and bush a constant menace because of their almost over-night growth. Konola school is a lighthouse for Liberia. Since "a city set on a hill cannot be hid" regardless of what kind of city it is, shall we not try by God's help to make this city representative in all respects of the high standards of Christian education.

PS.—We learned that our school was brought very forcefully to the attention of the elite because of two outstanding reasons: 1. The remarkable change that came over the lives of two of the sons of a very outstanding citizen after they had attended our school for one year; 2. The performance of our choir at the President's birthday celebrations.

P. E. GIDDINGS.

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President's Notes

WE are very grateful to the Lord for His signal blessing on the activities of the church during the past year. While we are still some twenty-two short of the 4,000 membership, we are glad to report that this past year was the best in soul-winning experienced in the South England Conference. A total of 323 were accepted into the church fellowship by baptism and vote. Sixty-six of our members died during the year and forty were dropped from our membership because of apostasy. Our net gain of 222, however, is the highest in our history. The outstanding baptisms of the year were: London 195, Ipswich 21, Norwich 13, Bournemouth 10, Folkestone 9, Brighton 5, and Reading 5.

WE are also glad to report that our tithes have shown a corresponding gain on the previous year, being £4,608 higher than in 1952. We are thankful for this evident token of God's blessing and the faithful discharge of their stewardship on the part of our members. The Sabbath-school offerings are up £592, the Ingathering by £1,418, and the Missions Extension Offering, £60. The colporteur sales for the year also showed the encouraging gain of £1,814. Let us water this Gospel seed by our fervent prayers to the Lord of the harvest.

A COMPARISON of the past two quadrenniums is equally encouraging. The number of souls received by baptism and vote during the years 1946-1949 was

706. During this past quadrennium, it was 905. The net gain in tithes for the former quadrennium was £10,494; for this last period it was £13,682.

These figures betoken loyal service on the part of our ministry, both evangelists and Bible instructors, as well as colporteurs and lay preachers. They also betoken the cheerful acceptance by our believers of the tithing system.

MUCH publicity has been given of late to the doings and beliefs of Seventh-Day Adventists. This corroborates the statements by the Spirit of prophecy that the world is watching us. May each of us be a living witness of the saving and transforming grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are living in challenging times when the souls of men are being subjected to every kind of stress and strain. Soon we shall move into those conditions foretold by the Lord's messenger. Ponder these fateful words:

"Already the judgments of God are abroad in the land, as seen in storms, in floods, in tempests, in earthquakes, in peril by land and by sea. The great I AM is speaking to those who make void His law. When God's wrath is poured out upon the earth, who will then be able to stand? Now is the time for God's people to show themselves true to principle. When the religion of Christ is most held in contempt, when His law is most despised, then should our zeal be the warmest and our courage and firmness the most unflinching. To stand in defence of truth and righteousness when the majority forsake us, to fight the battles of the Lord when champions are few—this will be our test. At this time we must gather warmth from the coldness of others, courage from their cowardice, and loyalty from their treason."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 5, page 136.

There are fourteen evangelistic campaigns under way in the conference. About 2,000 non-members are listening to the unfolding of the truths of God's word each Sunday. Pray earnestly that their hearts may be open to receive the Word with all readiness of mind.

May we adopt the attitude of Samuel when he said: "Moreover as for me, God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you."

J. A. McMILLAN.

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Cardiff Campaign

*Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace.*

THE strains of this moving chorus died away, on Sabbath, January 24th, our evangelist and church leader, Pastor G. R. Bell, came to the pulpit, and the fourteenth meeting of our church campaign had commenced. These previous meetings had, perhaps, been a little unusual; from the opening night when hundreds had to be turned away, even after every available space had been filled, including platform and vestries, to the present, when, here before our eyes was assembled a large congregation in the largest Seventh-Day Adventist church building in the British Isles, to witness a baptism. In that intervening period the best choirs of South Wales had entered our church. The Pendyrus Male Voice Choir of 120 voices, The Cardiff Snowflakes, The Treorchy Royal Welsh Male Choir, all regular broadcasters helping us to break down prejudice, and bring us a regular audience for St. Pauls Sunday Evening Fellowship; and now, from that Sunday congregation, a growing interest was being manifested in our Wednesday Bible Fellowship, where the good old down-to-earth doctrines are being presented. Now, this fourteenth night, this great assembly was to witness, many of them for the first time, the rite of Bible baptism.

The singing, the prayer, the Scripture, led up to the message, and provided the atmosphere. Pastor Bell spoke of the importance of following in the steps of the Master. The six candidates in white, sat below the pulpit facing the speaker, and to them were addressed words of encouragement and counsel. Then, a hush, as the first candidate descended into the water. She was buried beneath the waters, and rose again to witness for the Saviour:

*Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a tribute far too small,
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my life, my soul, my all.*

How appropriate, those inspired words, sung with such feeling by the congregation, and so, one after another they, the candidates, passed through the water. As Brother Ivor Kinnersley assisted the candidates up the baptism steps, surely his heart rejoiced for he had been faithful in helping to prepare these people for this great day, and now, here they were, youth and age, determined by the Saviour's help to go all the way. One elderly lady had

tried almost every church in the city, including Roman Catholicism and Spiritualism. When she attended our church she knew in her heart that she had found the truth. The Seventh-Day Adventist truth brought peace and satisfaction to her heart. The meeting closed, our friends took their departure. Three came to our Bible instructor, Sister Clements, and confided in her, "I've decided to be baptized!" The witness was already bearing fruit.

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President's Notes

THE final figures for 1953 have just come to hand and we must be thankful to God for the increase in the Scottish Mission during the year. Our total baptisms throughout the year were seventy-one, but death, transfers, and apostasies have accounted for fourteen members, leaving a net increase of fifty-seven. Our membership at present stands at 457.

Our tithe increase is a little over £1,000 for the year, for which we must give God thanks and the glory. We are continuing to evangelize to the utmost of our abilities and resources.

PASTOR I. MCGOUGAN is continuing to do a very good work in Glasgow in collaboration with Dr. G. M. Brown. Audiences ranging from 600 to 1,000 are returning each Sunday night to the large cinema to hear the messages that the evangelist and the doctor are giving. Pastor McGougan is being ably assisted by Pastor R. H. Bainbridge, who is caring for the pastoral side of the work, also Mr. Crutchfield and Miss A. Laming, who make up the evangelistic team. We are looking forward to another good harvest of souls in that area.

PASTOR C. D. BAILDAM is continuing to hold a good interest in Kirkcaldy and is being assisted by Miss Ponder, who has been loaned to the Scottish Mission by the kind courtesy of the Irish Mission. Kirkcaldy has always been considered to be one of the hard areas of the Scottish field, but Pastor Baidam is provoking a lively interest and we shall look forward to a good baptism in that part of Scotland.

BROTHER D. J. DABSON, who is also being assisted by Dr. Brown, reports very good progress in Dundee. On Sunday evenings the church is well filled, and he reports between fifty to sixty non-members each Sunday night. The health talks which are delivered on Tuesday night, are also proving to be a successful addition to his evangelistic plan, and

Brother Dabson has high hopes that the baptism in that area will be the largest he has yet conducted.

IN Edinburgh we are very grateful to have the services of Dr. W. Roberts, who is at present studying for his Fellowship degree and comes to us from the Resthaven Hospital in Canada. We commenced a series of Sunday-night meetings in co-operation with the doctor, and using a small health film and the doctor's fine contribution, we have been very pleased to see the body of the Edinburgh church filled. Many have expressed their appreciation of the doctor's good help, and we are trusting that as a result of these meetings we shall see a good addition to the Edinburgh church membership.

As the Glasgow church membership is now too large to be comfortably accommodated in the present church, a committee has been formed to search for new premises. The Scottish Advisory Committee have therefore advised that the church school proposition, which has been planned for Glasgow, be temporarily held up until a report is received from the church building committee, in order that it can be ascertained if the new premises would be more suitable for the school than the present building. We are still hoping, however, that this school will be established by September, 1954, as all the plans have been laid and we are waiting to see enough money to put them into operation.

B. KINMAN.

Edinburgh Dorcas Society

ANOTHER year of welfare work has ended and, as we stand on the threshold of 1954, it is our desire to continue to succour the deserving poor.

Last year forty-six persons were helped and 116 garments distributed.

In June of last year we "adopted" the Edinburgh Nursing Home for Mothers and Infants. This home depends on voluntary aid for its upkeep, and before the end of the year we were happy to assist by sending a gift of thirty garments for the mothers and their babies. All of these were sewn or knitted by our members.

We have augmented our funds by sewing, knitting, mending, and making alterations to garments for our churchmembers and friends, a reasonable charge being made for this service. The income from this source enables us to meet the appeals for assistance which come in from time to time.

A copy of *Our Times* is enclosed with each gift, with a prayer that the receiver may be led to accept Jesus, the greatest gift of all.

Two Sales of Work were held during the year, the proceeds amounting to about £160.

We praise God for what has been achieved, and go forward with love and fresh zeal for the Master, ever remembering the words of our Lord: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me."

M. LIVINGSTON,
Dorcas Leader.

And Now a Chinaman

GOODNESS me, you can never be certain, can you? The Gurkha I told you about wanted his book to read from back to front. So I expected that this man would want his in parallel perpendicular hieroglyphics. But what joy one does get out of this work.

However, I haven't told you yet. Well, you see, I sold to the Pakistani all right, but the Gurkha method was just a little beyond anything we could supply.

Now here is a gentleman in the British Army all the way from Hong Kong. How shall I approach him? But there, I don't suppose he will understand much English. Anyhow, we will try him.

"Good morning, sir, Mister —, er?"

"Oh yes, Mr. Sey."

"You would like a copy of a book like this in your home, wouldn't you?"

"I haven't got a home."

Oh, that's all right. We've got him talking.

"But you can read English, sir, and you have a mother?"

"Yes, that's right."

"Then, of course, you will make her a present of this volume."

"Yes, I will. Bring me one of those red ones."

Well, thought I, that was an easy order, but will it deliver? The answer comes to my mind. If the Lord wants that book to go in it will go in.

And it went in.

It was a copy of *The Bible Speaks*.

"In every nation he that feareth Him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with Him." Acts 10: 35.

F. J. KINMAN.

"Shopping"

"AND are you still finding business quite brisk with the publicans, Brother McLeod?" Even after six years' retirement from that worthy occupation I am still accosted in this way. I feel sure that just one fleeting glance in my direction must conjure up in the minds of many, a picture of the Red Lion, The Brown Cow, or the Black Swan. What a reputation! But once a "publican" not always a publican, you know, and so for the benefit of those who may not have heard, I am "shopping" nowadays.

For the last fourteen months I have been calling at shops and offices in the Lancashire cotton-spinning town of Oldham, and hope to continue there for some little time yet. No longer meeting "rum" customers, I have been making "counter" proposals to butchers and bakers and wicker-skip makers. Although no longer appearing "before the bar," I have been soliciting orders from solicitors, accountants, estate agents, and so on.

People of many denominations, including a number of Roman Catholics and much to my surprise and delight, four Jews, have purchased our large subscription book. Why? Because God's Holy Spirit and heavenly angels have moved upon their hearts, fulfilling the promise of Jesus, that "I, if I be lifted up . . . will draw all men unto Me." To the astonishment of many, a prominent dance band leader and two dancing instructors readily purchased. We are "sowing beside all waters." Thus already over 800 copies of *The Bible Speaks* have been delivered in this town.

And now to add a bit of local colour. "Ironing done Saturday morning while you wait." This notice, displayed in a shop window, rather intrigued me. "Quick work," thought I, "but if it is only on Saturday morning, I for one, cannot avail myself of it." Then I realized I was gazing into a cobbler's shop window and remembered that Oldham still wears clogs; wooden soled clogs carrying an iron tread which requires renewing occasionally. A simple process—it can be done "while you wait."

Following the refreshing inspiration of the recent Colporteurs' Council at Stanborough Park we are all expecting still more wonderful experiences during 1954. Such was the enthusiasm at our annual gathering that the parting remark from many was "Double Sales This Year." More sales mean more souls because "My Word . . . shall not return unto Me void, but it shall accomplish that . . . whereto I sent it." "But the labourers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth labourers."

W. C. McLEOD.

HOME MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT

"It is the Missionary Spirit"

WE believe that the following report of the Home Missionary activities of the Denton company, near Manchester, will be of interest and encouragement to others. This little group of *only eleven members*, in addition to collecting over £300 for foreign missions in the Ingathering campaign, reports the following Home Missionary work for the year 1953:

Bible Readings	202
Missionary Visits	67
Literature distributed	15,147
Persons helped	485
Treatments given	128
Hours of Christian Help	323
Clothing given	24

Brother W. Hilton, the elder, says: "It is the missionary spirit, with a desire to advance the cause of God in every sphere, that has enabled us to do it, and so all thanks and glory are due to our Helper." Should not the good example of Denton "provoke unto love and to good works" (Heb. 10:24)? Should not this excellent report "provoke to emu-

lation" (Rom. 11:14) on the part of many other churches and companies? Shall we not all reconsecrate ourselves to more faithful witnessing for the message and resolve to report our work regularly for the encouragement and inspiration of others?

"Arise, shine," is the message of Isaiah 60:1. And the Lord Jesus says: "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

E. R. WARLAND.

REPORTS FROM MANY LANDS

Iraq Officials Recommend Health Books

By J. R. Ferren

NEWSPAPERS proved helpful to colporteurs recently in the Middle East. Two health books fell into the hands of government officials in Baghdad, Iraq, and the officials were so impressed with the contents that they placed the following advertisement in the *Al-Bilad* (Baghdad Daily News) for all to read.

"A recommendation of Health Books.
"The Middle East Press and Publishers have published two books, *The Cigarette as a Physician Sees It*, by Dr. Daniel Kress, and *Health and Longevity*, by Dr. A. S. Salmon.

"These two books have been reviewed by the Department of Public Health and the Defence Department and are highly recommended to the public. These books will benefit the readers. The sales from the same should be an encouragement to the publishers to produce further books of similar nature."

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OUR REST HOME

A Message of Thanks

It gives me much pleasure to report—and I am sure all will be interested to learn—that since the opening of the Seventh-Day Adventist Rest Home

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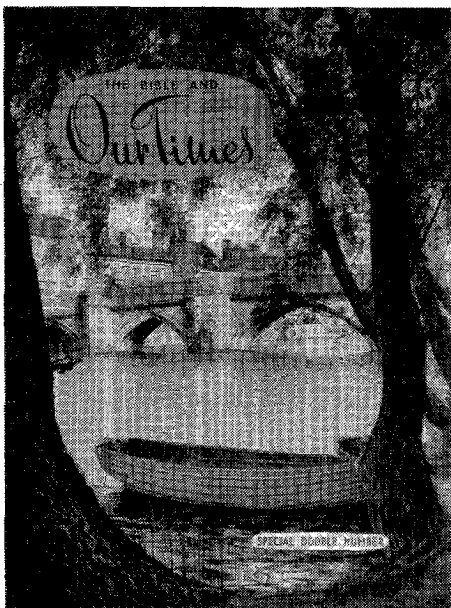
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Resulting from appeals appearing in the MESSENGER from time to time many have sent in gifts ranging from 10/- upward, quite a few promising to make annual contributions. In some instances the

gifts have been anonymous. These have been acknowledged in the MESSENGER, and all other donors have received from me a personal letter of thanks and appreciation.

As Union treasurer it is my privilege to be fully informed regarding all the funds throughout the Union to which our members contribute so faithfully and liberally, and again I would thank all those who are loyally helping to support the Home at Oulton Broad which in the opinion of so many is filling a long-felt need.

N. H. KNIGHT.

At Rest

D. R. Davies

On Friday, January 29, 1954, another zealous servant of God and former leader in His cause, Brother D. Davies, passed to his rest at the age of seventy-five years. Although a number of years have passed since failing health contributed to an early retirement from leadership, our brother will be remembered by a large section of the Advent fellowship in Britain, particularly in North England, where he served for twelve years as Publishing Department Secretary for the Conference.

Called to the colporteur ministry in 1921, Brother Davies served with distinction for three years before his appointment to field leadership, in which he displayed characteristic ardour and enthusiasm. It was while working underground as a young man that the foundations were laid for many years of suffering. But even after his retirement, he continued in colporteur work as far as his failing strength would permit, placing thousands of volumes in the homes of Nottingham and Leicester.

When he was finally compelled to abandon door-to-door ministry, the Word of God, which had played so great a part in his life, was still circulated from his home. Many souls have been blessed through the helpful notes by Pastor H. M. S. Richards, contained in the Collins Bible, for which Brother Davies was sole agent in Britain, and which agency will be continued by his daughter. At his special request his own Bible accompanied him at the last, an evidence of faith unquenched by years of increasing pain.

The funeral service, which was held in harmony with Brother Davies' desire, in the chapel of the Nottingham Crematorium was conducted on Tuesday, February 2nd, by the writer, assisted by Brother B. Pilmoor, minister of the Nottingham church. Relatives and friends attended, including members of the Conference office staff. To Sister Davies and her daughter Evelyn, who so faithfully ministered to him in his protracted helplessness, we extend our deepest sympathy, at the same time rejoicing in the promise of God in Christ

upon which their dear one's confidence rested. May this same assurance keep us all true in future trial and prepare us to share with him beyond the resurrection day, the glorious reward of those that endure.

A. W. HOWARD.

WRIGHT.—The MESSENGER family will, we are sure, share with the Southampton church in their sorrow at the loss of Sister Mrs. E. Wright who died a day or two before Christmas, 1953. The funeral service and interment ceremony combined was at Bitterne churchyard and was conducted by the writer. Sister Wright became an Adventist more than thirty years ago having heard the truth preached by Pastor F. A. Spearing. Our dear sister served her church's Lord faithfully as deaconess and in other capacities of gracious service. Some six or more years ago, Sister Wright had a bad fall which more or less crippled her, rendering her a bed patient in her home where she was devotedly nursed by her daughter, Mrs. Godfrey. Our sister rejoiced ever in the Advent hope which sustained her in faith and confidence to the end. When Jesus comes we shall, if faithful, meet our sister who is loved and lost for a while, but who rests from her labours in the sure and certain hope of a joyful resurrection. Because her Saviour lives, she shall live also. We extend deepest sympathy to our dear friends, Mr. Wright the widower, Mrs. Godfrey, and grandson Tony, and all relatives of our deeply loved and respected sister.

F. S. JACKSON.

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Feb. 26th	5.34	5.46	5.39	5.36	5.52
Mar. 5th	5.46	5.58	5.54	5.49	6.06

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