

BRITISH ADVENT

MESSENGER

ORGAN OF THE BRITISH UNION CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

OUR QUADRENNIAL OBJECTIVES

By Pastor W. W. Armstrong

President, British Union Conference



REALIZING that the coming of the Lord is very near, and that we must work "while it is day," our Union Committee recently took time to consider and formulate a programme to be followed during the present quadrennium, 1954-1958. We believe it is good for every conference, church, institution, worker, and member to have definite goals in view and to work steadily to their attainment, under the blessing of the Lord. We also feel that every activity and every expenditure should contribute to the saving of souls as much as possible and that our greatest interest at all times should be the hastening of the kingdom.

Naturally our first concern is evangelism, and an action was taken encouraging our executive committees to assign more money to this most important phase of our work. During the past quadrennium we were pleased to report the greatest net gain in the membership in the history of our Union. The figure was 764.

The membership figures for 1954 are already very encouraging, so in faith the brethren decided to set as a goal a 2,000 increase in the membership during the next four years, to be made up as follows:

South England	910
North England	610
Wales	200
Scotland	200
Ireland	80

This is a bold objective, and one that will need "strong works" as well as "strong faith" if it is to

be reached, but if we believe the time for the second Pentecost has come, we should be expecting great things from the Lord.

It was realized that this splendid objective could only be reached as the ministry and laity work together in greater harmony and as broader plans are laid to train our faithful members in the art of soul-winning. It was also felt that more and better equipment should be provided to enable selected lay members to do this work.

This, of course, will take money, but when a live programme is launched, we believe the means for its support will flow in. The brethren responsible for directing this work will be acquainting the churches with the details of the plan a little later. I can sense that already our good workers and members are anxious to get to grips with the task, which actually forms a progressive programme of evangelism month by month throughout the year. It is a plan of "combined operations" to utilize new and better literature, and the splendid soul-saving agency of the Voice of Prophecy School.

It is our desire to strengthen and extend our educational work wherever possible. We do not feel so happy about this side of our activities, for owing to the lack of church schools, many of our children and youth are being trained by non-Seventh-Day Adventist teachers, and the consequent losses to the faith are inevitable. There must be a thorough overhaul of our educational programme so that teachers are made available to do this important work. A deeper conviction of the importance of this

phase of our work must possess our members, leading them to be willing to sacrifice if necessary so that our children need not be exposed to the world's insidious teachings.

As executives we must do our best to provide schools for those churches with sufficient Adventist children.

The Union will address itself to the difficult problem of converting our secondary school at Watford into a Union boarding academy. Such a school would fill a long-felt need in the preparation of our youth for further Christian education at Newbold College.

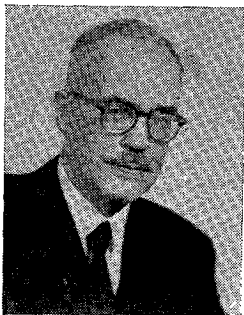
Each of the institutions also has a progressive plan for the next four years. The Stanborough Press Limited, for instance, has had such a splendid record of advancement during the past four years that it is necessary to erect an additional wing in order to cope with the increased orders from home and overseas.

Granose Foods Limited is endeavouring to modernize its plant in a very thorough way. There is keen competition in the food market these days, and mechanization of the factory is an essential factor to success in this phase of the Lord's work.

The Stanboroughs Hydro too needs further modernizing. It is hoped that an integrated plan can be worked out so that the health interests at the New Gallery Centre can be linked up with the Hydro and a strong school of health education established.

One very vital objective we must ever keep before us is to build churches which are representative of the important message we bear. How can the glorious truth be recognized by the public if our worship of the Almighty God is conducted in dingy, and I regret to say, sometimes dirty and dilapidated places? The message of the prophet Haggai is still relevant today, showing that God expects the concern for His house to be first in our minds, even before our own personal needs. The rich blessing of the Lord rests upon those who are careful for God's house of worship. It is sincerely hoped that a good number of churches can be erected or purchased during the coming years.

May faith and works, prayer and sacrifice, and a deep dependence upon God actuate each member day by day so that the coming years may bring a harvest of success to God's work and the promise be fulfilled, "I will fill this house with glory."



H. M. S. Richards

SILVER ANNIVERSARY OF THE

VOICE OF PROPHECY

By Merwin R. Thurber

TWENTY-FIVE years ago the Voice of Prophecy was born—out of the soul of a young man who had faith, for he had seen a vision of what God could do through the new medium of radio.

The idea of preaching over the air first came to H. M. S. Richards, a man of courage and faith, in 1920, when broadcasting was only a novelty. As a young preacher just out of college, he faced a life-work of proclaiming the Gospel to all the world in this generation. Surely God could use this new invention to speed His last-day message, he reasoned. The voice of the living preacher could never reach all of earth's inhabitants by conventional methods. And so he dreamed and talked to his friends. Well did the prophet foretell that "young men shall see visions."

In 1926 Elder Richards was called to California for evangelistic work, and still his dream was unfulfilled. But he continued to express his belief that God wanted him to put the message on the air.

In those days religious broadcasting was almost unheard of. There were no precedents, no experience, no money, no help. Seventh-Day Adventist

conferences had no budgets for such evangelism. How to get started was the problem.

As early as 1929 the first opportunities for radio work came to Elder Richards. Station time was donated by the broadcasters for singing by the evangelistic choir or for short devotional talks by the preacher. Although this was valuable, it was not preaching the message over the air, for the subjects were confined to general Bible themes, and the time available was limited and uncertain. Finally one day two personal friends came to Elder Richards and asked: "Why do you say you believe the Lord wants you to broadcast the message when you really don't believe that He does?"

"Certainly I believe the Lord wants me on the air," he replied.

"No, you don't believe anything of the kind," they pressed him.

"Why do you say that?"

"Because, if you really believed that the Lord wants you to give this message over the air, you would be on the radio. You would step out by faith, and the money would come in. When the Lord

wants something done, and it's time to do it, He provides a way for its accomplishment."

Their reasoning struck Elder Richards with peculiar force. He knew they were right, and that his faith had not been quite large enough. With a prayer in his heart, he courageously stood before his tabernacle audience the following night, telling them of his conviction. He did not feel that he should take the tabernacle offerings for radio, but suggested that the audience might have some old jewellery they would be willing to contribute toward a radio fund. As members of the audience filed out of the door that evening after the service, a number of them slipped money into the preacher's pocket as they shook hands with him. Within a few days there was a fund of two hundred dollars available for a start. The very next Sunday, regular radio broadcasting began for Elder Richards, and it has never stopped to this day. Faith had made reality out of a dream.

That first Sunday broadcast resulted in seven letters from listeners, two or three of which contained money as a tangible expression of their appreciation. Elder Richards acknowledged them all, laboriously penning each reply by hand. The second day there were nine. By the end of the week, ten to fifteen letters a day were coming in. Obviously a secretary would be needed in this budding venture of preaching the Gospel by radio, but of course there was no money to hire one.

At this time Betty Canon, an efficient public stenographer in Hollywood, was impressed to offer her services free, for she wanted a part in God's work. Elder Richards, broadcasting on faith, was delighted to have his prayers answered so promptly. But it was soon plain that more than volunteer help would be needed, and he promised to pay his new worker each day, "before the sun goes down"—if the mail should bring in enough money. And Betty Canon was willing to work by faith too. Sometimes the incoming funds were very low, but she never went hungry. And she never went back to her former work.

Thus the radio staff was born, forerunner of the present force of workers in the Voice of Prophecy office in Glendale, California. And those seven letters in the first mail have multiplied into more than twelve thousand letters every week now reaching the familiar address.

But it takes more than a preacher and a secretary to make a well-rounded radio evangelistic team. Music is as much a part of radio as the spoken word. Many people helped with their musical talent during those first slender years, but there was no music staff. While Elder Richards, was preaching over the air, however, God was preparing four young men in Texas. Singing together as they attended Southwestern Junior College at Keene, deep in their hearts they nurtured the desire to become singing evangelists. After graduation in 1932, with no offers of employment, the three Crane brothers—Waldo, Louis, and Wesley—and Raymond Turner finally went to California and entered nurses' training. This completed, they covenanted to stay together as singers that they might witness for Christ. At Long Beach they met Elder Richards. He saw in

their talents just what he needed to round out his programme on the air, and the Lone Star Four were added to the staff of the radio evangelist. Faith had again created reality out of a dream. On the radio, in churches, and at tabernacle meetings they sang the message of salvation with happy hearts.

Through the years Elder Richards had carried on his broadcasting as a sideline to evangelistic work, and entirely outside the support of the regular denominational framework. Friends and listeners provided the money. At long last, however, the value of radio evangelism became apparent to the Pacific Union Conference committee under the leadership of Glenn Calkins. It was voted to make Elder Richards' programme an integral part of the Pacific Union Conference evangelistic endeavour, and to enlarge the work to cover the Don Lee network on the West Coast.

Thus in 1937 network broadcasting of the last-day message was officially adopted. The newly employed Lone Star Four were given a new name—The King's Herald—chosen from a thousand suggested as a result of a contest conducted among the listening audience; and the name of the programme was changed from Tabernacle of the Air to the Voice of Prophecy. All those who had been interested in Gospel broadcasting took new courage, and the work grew rapidly.

The vision in the heart of Harold Richards in the early 1920's continued to grow as the work spread and strengthened. The next logical step was a national hookup. The Autumn Council of 1941 voted to adopt the Voice of Prophecy as a denominational project, and cover the entire nation. A Sunday half-hour was available in the Mutual network, and so the programme went out coast to coast from eighty-seven stations for the first time on Sunday, January 4, 1942.

At the same time another feature was added which was destined to assume tremendous proportions. Previous to this, several local Gospel broadcasters in various parts of the country pondered the problem of reaping the fruit of their preaching over the air. One of these men was Fordyce Detamore, who later became the first Bible school director of the Voice of Prophecy. The answer seemed to lie in what one man called free Bible correspondence lessons. Even as early as 1936 one or two men had used the idea in a small way. The responses were good enough to justify the belief that here was a new method of Gospel dissemination that had real possibilities.

And so the Bible Correspondence School of the Voice of Prophecy was inaugurated just four weeks after the programme went on coast to coast. The response was immediate—5,000 enrolled the first month. Today 80,000 are currently enrolled in Bible courses, 161,500 have completed courses, and 12,500 have made definite decisions for Christ and been baptized.

In all this expansion it was planned that the radio programme should be largely supported by its listeners. In the first month after the national network programme was launched, the income through

the mail was ten thousand dollars. This was most heartening, although some feared that it was simply a splurge at the beginning. Actually such income has grown gradually until today it averages around fifteen thousand dollars a week.

The Voice of Prophecy is a monument to faith—to begin with, faith in the heart of one man—and the inspiring watchword "Forward in Faith" adopted at the beginning has carried the Voice of Prophecy family through many a crisis and over seemingly impassable barriers.

With denominational sponsorship, national coverage, and the financial backing of the whole church, it might seem that the days of going "Forward in Faith" were a thing of the past. But God in His wisdom never removes all the obstacles from our path.

Through the years, in times of great crises, God has found those who would open their hearts and pocketbooks with the larger gifts. But like the widow's oil, they seemed to come only of sufficient size to cover the special need.

Cheered as they are by such evidences of divine interposition in the large-hearted giving of those financially able, most of the contributions are received in smaller amounts and from a large number of people. This is as it should be, for God is obviously impressing many hearts to help support His work. Often in answer to the prayers of the whole staff in a time of emergency, the necessary funds have come in by a deluge of small contributions.

Since 1942 the radio ministry has spread to other lands, with openings and opportunities coming in unexpected and providential ways. In China, when a scheduled programme failed to appear at a government-owned station, the Voice of Prophecy was invited to fill in with a transcription. Several such transcriptions had been prepared in Chinese. When the programme ended, the station manager immediately drew up a year's contract at one million Chinese dollars—which figure out at eight American dollars. The Radio Commission accepted the contract.

The Bible lessons themselves have been the means of building many a local school. So many requests for lessons came to Los Angeles from West Africa that an office was opened in Nigeria to serve the students more efficiently. In the first year of its operation it mailed lessons to 4,000 students, and by 1950, 10,000 new students had enrolled.

As early as 1943, South Africa had a Voice of Prophecy Bible school, although it was impossible to be on the government-owned radio stations. An orphan boy in Rhodesia, feeling desolate, turned to God without knowing much about Him. One night in a dream a Shining Person appeared to him, and asked, "Do you want to know the way to a higher life?"

"Yes, oh, yes!" answered the boy.

"Then," said the shining Person "write to my servants at the Voice of Prophecy."

So this black boy wrote on a scrap of paper, "I pray you send to me what the Shining Person your master, says you have," and signed his name and address. On the other side of the paper he printed VOICE OF PROPHECY—nothing more. Then with-

out a stamp he dropped it into the post box. That paper with postage due, was delivered in Cape Town at the Voice of Prophecy office, 2,500 miles distant. The star that led the Wise Men to the Babe in the manger still guides truth seekers to our Lord and Saviour.

Today, after twenty-five years, the Voice of Prophecy stands as a monument to God's grace and the faith of a man who believed God wanted something done. Many people have contributed to the success of the work. The personnel has expanded as the needs arose. The years have taken their toll. Secretaries have changed. Managers have come and gone. Bible instructors have served faithfully. The King's Herald's have undergone a complete change-over. Only our beloved Elder Richards, the preacher, remains. An institution, so 'tis said, is but the lengthened shadow of a man. Never has it been more truly demonstrated than in the Voice of Prophecy.

—Review and Herald.

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President's Notes

OUR evangelistic campaigns are all planned for the autumn and winter months and we solicit your continual prayers for God's blessing on the preaching of His Word. In order that your prayers may be more effectual we list the names of the evangelist and the location of the effort.

Conroy, D. A.	Hove	October 24th
Cox, E. W.	Southend	October 31st
French, J. C.	Croydon	Spring 1955
Dougherty, R. W.	Yarmouth	
Graham, R. E.	St. Austell	October 24th
Hyde, S. G.	Ipswich	October 24th
Handysides, J.	High Wycombe	Nov. 14th
Mustard, A. J.	Watford	Nov. 14th
Roper, G.	Norwich	October 9th
Stearman, P. H.	Lodge Causeway, Bristol	October 24th
Stokes, F. L.	Bath	October 24th
Stokes, F. L.	Swindon	October 27th
West, H. J.	Romford	
Wilmshurst, F. J.	Dover	October 24th

A NUMBER of changes have taken place in the location of our worker force:

Pastor W. McClements to Bournemouth
 Pastor G. T. Hewlett to Plymouth
 Pastor J. M. Howard to Holloway/Wood Green
 Pastor J. C. French to Wimbleton/Croydon
 Pastor J. R. Lewis to Lewisham
 Brother R. Burgess to London
 Brother R. E. Graham to Cornwall
 Brother K. Clothier to Swindon

WE are glad to welcome into Conference employment the following graduates:

Trevor A. Benwell
Alex G. Freeman
J. G. E. B. Munson
Miss B. Norman
Miss M. J. Sanders

ON October 21st our application for licences to build church properties at Brixton and Ealing come before the Area Committee in London. May we solicit your prayers that these applications may be granted. We have been applying for over two years for the Brixton church and in both cases the land was purchased three years ago.

OUR members will learn with regret that Pastor G. E. Vandeman has now returned to the United States. The loan of Brother Vandeman to London was originally for one year. This lengthened out to two years. Many souls have found a saving knowledge of the truth through our brother's preaching, 276 having been baptized and received in by vote. Although confined to London during these two years, Pastor Vandeman's influence has been felt in many directions. Our old friend, Pastor R. A. Anderson, will be joining us at the end of October, and he will occupy the pulpit at the New Gallery until the end of January, 1955. In the meantime, Pastor R. A. Vince, while awaiting shipping to Australia to take up his new duties there, has kindly consented to take the Sunday services at the New Gallery. Medical evangelism has been vigorously promoted lately by Dr. W. McFarland of the General Conference Medical Department. We shall miss his cheery disposition when he returns to Washington.

IN a month's time the Week of Prayer will once again have come to us. As you read these lines will you purpose in your heart to prepare for this special season of consecration so that the rich blessing of God may be enjoyed by you? The readings will be coming to you very shortly. They are of a high tone and deeply spiritual nature, emphasizing anew some of the great fundamentals of our Christian experience, and reminding us once again of the blessed hope that should ever be in the forefront of our thinking as Seventh-Day Adventists. May God bless every one of us and give us a deeper consecration during this special season of prayer.

J. A. MCMILLAN.

Carlton Colville Church Dedication

ON Sabbath, September 25th, the church at Carlton Colville was dedicated. Pastor B. W. Dougherty welcomed Pastor W. W. Armstrong, who told us that the last time he saw the church it was a heap of rubble due to enemy action. Pastor Armstrong then expressed the appreciation of the British Union Conference for the good work of Brother D. Dowell, not for his own glory, but to the glory of God. After Pastor Armstrong's inspiring address the dedicatory prayer was offered by Pastor Dougherty.

We were happy to see the old folk from "The Dell," on this memorable occasion and the closing

hymn, "The banner that our fathers waved," expressed our desire to be faithful to the end, to our heavenly Father and the wonderful truth we have embraced. The closing prayer was pronounced by Brother Dowell. We do pray that this little church will ever be a shining light to those in darkness.

O. M. YALLOP,
Church Clerk.

Southampton Reporting

ON Wednesday, July 7th, at the Southampton church we had the pleasure of the company of Brother Norman S. McLeod of New York, U.S.A., who had very kindly come ashore from the *S.S. America* with about sixty beautiful Kodachrome slides of the wonderful and very recently held General Conference Session in San Francisco.

Our brother's lecture was eloquent and entertaining and so very much up to date that we felt we were almost in personal attendance at the great meetings.

The church hall was filled to capacity with churchmembers, MVs, an overflow from Brother and Sister Cox's children's service, and several friends who had been summoned at short notice to enjoy this very special service of praise, pictures, and prayer.

The warm thanks of all present was extended to Brother McLeod by the pastor of the Southampton church for a very happy and instructive evening. The service was closed with prayer that journeying mercies might be extended to our visitor and to all who go down to the sea in ships.

F. S. JACKSON.

Day of Fellowship in Reading

THE Reading church was glad recently to welcome members and friends from High Wycombe, Slough, and Swindon to a happy day of fellowship.

The weather may have been cold and dreary outside, but there was a warmth of welcome and friendship inside.

The morning service was taken by Pastor J. Handysides, his subject being "Jesus as the good and true Shepherd." The afternoon service showed the fruits of many months of labour by Pastor Handysides at High Wycombe, when nine gave evidence of their acceptance of Jesus as their Saviour by baptism and others were received into fellowship by vote.

The children also had a special corner in this service when seven were brought forward for the blessing of Jesus on their young lives and on their parents.

Pastor D. J. Handysides addressed the candidates and members, giving good counsel as to their need of the help of the Holy Spirit in resisting the powerful onslaughts of Satan. It was a unique occasion for these brothers to be on the platform together.

We were grateful also for the help of the soloist, Brother Anthony from Newbold College and we thank all others who had a part in making the day such a blessing to all.

D. BENWELL,
Church Clerk

Sunday School at Bristol

ON January 31st, the weather was as bad as we have had this year—cold, dull, snow, and icy wind. What a day to start a Sunday school!—especially when there were already at least three others in the road! But we knew we had a better message for the children at our new church at Worcester Road, Lodge Causeway, Bristol, and so we said “yes” when Pastor F. L. Stokes asked us to form a Sunday school.

Now we have over thirty on the books, and one tells us that he was helped to decide for baptism by coming to Sunday school. A young lady also has commenced to attend Sabbath school, as well as beginning her association with us at Sunday school.

Miss I. Ashley, Miss S. Brain, Miss B. Wride, and Mrs. Stearman have co-operated to make our Sunday school a success, and we are confident that we shall see many join our Sabbath school and church as a result of going “forward in faith.”

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Pre-Campaign Field Day, Leeds

“LET’S put Leeds on the map,” someone was heard to remark on Sabbath, September 4th, in the Leeds church.

“It is on the map,” you say, “Leeds is a large and well-known industrial city.” Ah, yes, Leeds is on the map as a large black dot, but the purpose of this rally day, when many friends from the surrounding district joined the local church in worship was to announce that an attack is to be made this November on the heart of this city.

Pastor S. H. Parkin is to lead out in shining the flood-light of truth upon a people many of whom still sit in darkness. To help him in the diffusion of this light are Brethren Donald Lowe and Frank Barfoot, and Sister Betty Hannah. Pastor T. H. Fielding is the secretary-treasurer for this large campaign and Mrs. Donald Lowe will give valuable office help.

It warmed our hearts to know that this, our city, was to have such a campaign, and to know that as a church we could have a part in this mighty work. “We cannot work *up* a revival,” we heard, “but we can pray one *down*.” The call was to service and prayer, a reconsecration of each life, as the plans for a spearhead attack were opened before a full to overflowing church.

As Pastor Parkin finished outlining to us our part in the preparations for this campaign, Pastor E. H. Foster arose to remind us of God’s power which

generates the light we have to share. “Go in this thy might,” was the challenge Pastor Foster brought to us, and he strengthened us with the further promise that “the Lord is with thee, thou mighty man of valour.” This message was not for Pastor Parkin alone, but for each member of the church. It is the duty of each and every member to accept this challenge and this promise, with the evangelist.

In the afternoon, the service was an outdoor one—“operation letter-box” went into action. Hundreds and thousands of V.O.P. cards disappeared through and under and around the doors of the homes of Leeds. We hope this will result in many hearts being prepared for the message to be preached from the Town Hall.

A baptismal service was conducted in the evening. Pastor Foster, in his own forceful manner, emphasized once more the doctrines which are the backbone of our message, and encouraged us to remain strong in the message by a more fervent study of the truths we love, and by sustaining worship around the family altar both evening and morning. How sacred and blessed are such moments spent with God, with the family, or alone when a divided home makes unity of worship impossible. From these sacred moments one can go forth with God’s power to guide the life, and to keep it from sin.

As we sang the verses of that lovely consecration hymn, “Just as I am, Thine own to be, Friend of the young, who lovest me,” two young ladies and one young man were buried in baptism to arise to newness of life in Jesus. Later they were accepted into the fellowship of the Bradford church.

This baptism is the second that has been conducted on behalf of the Bradford church as a result of the labours of Brother David Lowe in that district.

As the shadows of night descended and another Sabbath passed by, we left the house of God feeling that He is about to accomplish something good and great before our eyes. We shall wait and work and pray to that end. Will you, fellow members, join us in our daily noontime prayer, wherever you are, that God will bless this work in Leeds, and that many, many souls in darkness may find the light, and walk in safe paths?

I. J. HULBERT,
Church Clerk.

Bradford V.O.P. Campaign

It was just over a year ago when we were invited to run a V.O.P. campaign in the city of Bradford. Although our small budget seemed inadequate to make any impression on a city of nearly one-third of a million inhabitants, we were able to launch out with confidence, due to the excellent preparatory work done by Brother B. Pilmoor, the former minister, and the pledged support of the local churchmembers.

From the first everything seemed to go better than we had dared hope for. At our opening meeting we had an attendance of 450 non-members. Then came our greatest test; we had to move im-

mediately into our church for subsequent meetings. But in spite of picketing by members from a hostile neighbouring church we had the church filled twice each Sunday evening for several weeks.

A week-by-week report of events would be too lengthy, but from the records of attendances and collections some interesting figures can be gleaned. Excluding the opening night, the Sunday evening attendances averaged forty-five non-members during the eleven months campaign period, and collections and gifts amounted to over twice our original budget.

All classes of people attended, and one night we had four ministers of different denominations present. In five weeks 200 requests were made for free literature, besides the 300 V.O.P interests that Brother Pilmoor had aroused. It was impossible to visit such a large number effectively, so we were advised to concentrate on holding a full complement of services, and to circulate the duplicated sermons for an extended period by post. This policy proved effective in sowing the message of truth, but its limitations were emphasized when we came to the time of harvest.

On Wednesday evenings we held a series of health programmes, at the beginning of which we were grateful for the help of Dr. Shone and Nurse Fielding from Leeds. Another mid-week series took the form of a baptismal class, when the Bible studies were illustrated by coloured film-strips. During the winter months we held a youth club in a hired hall, and a group of these young people in the summer continued to study the MV Courses. From the two small baptismal services held, four of the six who were baptized were young people.

Miss Bryant who came to us when the campaign was on its way, and who has now left Bradford to get married, had a fruitful period of ministry, especially with the young people. Our organist, Brother S. Welch, travelled over from Keighley every Sunday evening, and his faithfulness proved a great inspiration to us.

Now, as the interest of the district centres in the great campaign which is to be launched in Leeds this November, we pray that God will richly bless



Brother Lowe, Miss Bryant, and their lay helpers in the Bradford campaign.

the efforts of the united team and that many souls may be led to a knowledge of the truth.

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President's Notes

MAY we, through the columns of the MESSENGER, send a word of greeting to all our believers in the Welsh Mission.

First of all, we would record our appreciation of the faithful service rendered by our predecessor, Pastor J. M. Howard. The Lord has blessed his ministry, and good progress has been made, especially in the number of church buildings which have been established. Our prayers will go with Pastor Howard and his family as they take up their work in London.

It is just twenty-five years since we first went to Wales, and spent five years in the Principality. Now, after eighteen years of mission service in Africa, and two very happy years in South London, we feel that we are really returning home again. Although I cannot say that Wales is the "Land of my Fathers," I can claim to be more than half Welsh, for my "better half" is Welsh, and our daughter's name is Megan.

We are eagerly looking forward to visiting the churches, companies, and isolated members during the coming months. Our prayer is that the Lord will richly bless you all and make you a blessing to others.

We would ask the whole MESSENGER family to continue to pray for the work in Wales.

M. C. MURDOCH.

Harvest in Aberdare

THIRTY-SEVEN weeks have gone by since last November 1st, when eager Aberdarians thronged the Grand Theatre to hear Pastor G. Emm's opening address.

Since that time Aberdare has been aware of the presence of an evangelist out of the ordinary, who had not come for two or three days but to stay for at least a year. The town's newspaper, which goes into 18,000 homes, has been carrying articles of interest about the meetings, which have brought inquiries even from overseas.

From the commencement of the series, the messages given have upheld Christ as the central theme.

The interest shown by those coming along was seen in their eagerness to take part in the Ingathering Campaign, when, with a tin and a smile they were ready for a day of Home Missionary work for the Lord. One eager collector who started rather late in the month is planning to take his tins at the beginning of the month next year.

It was on July 3rd, that we witnessed the beautiful and impressively conducted baptismal service in the Cardiff church, when Pastor Emm and the writer saw the first-fruits of the seed which was sown several months ago. It was a joy to all to see two families (husband and wife) baptized and the uniting of yet a third with God's people for these times. Pastor G. Bell minister of Cardiff's St. Pauls church, gave a message which the ten candidates appreciated as a spiritual and fitting word at such an hour as their baptism.

The harvest is not fully gathered in, for there are still another seven or eight who are, by God's help, walking in the way of Jesus.

We can pray for these delightful people to whom the Lord has shown the light of His Word, and who are already in fellowship with God's remnant church.

G. E. MARSHALL.

Cardiff Old Bible Contest and Exhibition

OLD Bibles! It was amazing how they came in. Bibles large and small, some very ancient.

Pastor G. R. Bell went down to the Cardiff Public Library, and they became so interested, that a removal van stopped outside our church hall, and began to disgorge library show cases, four of them. Then two experts on old books spent hours arranging the exhibits and giving advice to us as the display began to take shape. Dr. Howard Ebdon of Newport had contacted the British and Foreign Bible Society, and their exhibits also arrived.

The story of the Bible on huge show-cards, with photostats of the originals, Tyndale's New Testament of 1525, Coverdale's Bible with its beautiful expressions, the Great Bible or Chained Bible of the time of Henry VIII. The Geneva Bible or Breeches Bible of 1560, and so on, down to the famous King James version of 1611. But I didn't tell you about the exhibits from the Public Library. The first Bible available to the Welsh people for reading in their own homes, 1630; the first edition of the Bible printed in Welsh in Wales, 1770; a copy of the very same edition that Mary Jones acquired after her long walk to Bala, and many others.

To get back to the Old Bible Contest. The very oldest that won the first prize, was brought in by Mr. J. Harrington of City Road, a Geneva or Breeches Bible published in 1586. The second prize was gained by a very fine copy of the King James version published in 1617. A press photographer called and secured a picture of the first-prize-winner with his Bible. Altogether five Breeches Bible were featured in the Exhibition, all dated before 1600.

When the time came the Exhibition was opened by Dr. Howard Ebdon. Pastor Bell gave an interesting talk on Bible Translations and Titles. As the visitors walked around they found that finishing touches in the shape of ferns and flowers had been added. Those responsible, Sister Tucker and Sister J. Smith, also provided refreshments and looked after the book-stall.

Visitors were guided to the most interesting ex-

hibits by conducted tours at frequent intervals by the writer. The Bible Film Shows were cared for in a very commendable way by Brother Ivor Kinnersley. Occasionally throughout the long hours of the Exhibition, Brother Kinnersley would emerge for a breather, then disappear again into the abysmal blackness.

The Exhibition closed with the presentation of the prizes in the form of *The Bible Speaks* in black leather, kindly given by The Stanborough Press. Brother A. J. Timothy was the worthy representative of that institution.

And the verdict? Bible exhibitions are good. They serve to remind busy people of the Holy Word of God, and they bring Seventh-Day Adventists into the news. Dr. Howard Ebdon served as press agent, and secured a number of write-ups in the local newspapers.

Thank you, all who brought in the large, heavy Bibles. You helped to make the Exhibition a success.

C. W. KNOWLSON.

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With "The Jesus Van" in Scotland

THE Voice of Prophecy Mobile Evangelistic Unit has recently completed a three-month tour of Scotland, during which it travelled nearly 3,000 miles. On June 1st the writer left our headquarters at Watford for Edinburgh, where he was joined by Brother K. Smith, one of our young Scottish Mission workers, whose willing co-operation meant much to the success of the venture.

It was obvious from the beginning that our four-ton home was quite an attraction to the general public. In addition to its pleasing appearance, painted in fresh green and embellished with gold lettering, it is superbly equipped. As well as a 16 mm projector there are two independent systems for public address work and facilities for good quality music reproduction. All of this equipment, under the blessing of God, was used to good advantage throughout the period.

A three-point plan was followed: 1. Visitation of V.O.P. students living at too great a distance for their receiving regular attention from Mission workers, 2. Publicizing the work and aims of the Radio and Bible Correspondence School; 3. Preparing unentered towns for the work of the public evangelist who might follow—this being done by the systematic, house-to-house distribution of V.O.P. enrolment cards.

In the process of following through the first portion of the plan, contact was regained with some of our students who for some reason or other had

lost touch with us. Others were visited who were found to be genuinely convicted concerning the truths they had already studied. It is hoped that through this personal contact made in their own homes, and by subsequent correspondence and visitation wherever possible, conviction may develop into a full acceptance of God's last message. Much could be written of the way in which God's providence led and directed, and of how His presence was deeply manifest as we studied and prayed in the homes.

The second feature of our programme we cared for mainly by the many open-air meetings which were conducted. At these meetings, the average attendance was 100, although as many as 250 were present when we visited the Highland capital of Inverness. It was not unusual for cars to draw to a stop on the roadway, while the occupants enjoyed the meeting with us. Most of those present received a V.O.P. enrolment card, and often we distributed pocket editions of *Steps to Christ*. On many occasions we were approached after the service was over and thanked for the blessings received. We in turn thank God for the measure of success He gave to us, particularly in view of the fact that our "summer" was one of the worst for many years, and also that the Scot does not easily bring himself to attend an open-air meeting.

For the benefit of the many who read these words and have not seen our unit, a brief description might not be out of place here. At the rear, one section opens to form a canopy, while the lower section opens downward to form a sturdy platform from which the audience may be addressed. Just behind the speaker there is a translucent screen of Perspex, upon which a well-illuminated image is thrown by a powerful arc-projector, situated inside the vehicle at the front. Attached to the lens is a deflecting mirror, which reverses the picture in order that viewers standing outside may see the film in normal fashion. When operated correctly, a large number may see and hear with ease, for the picture is quite effective even in almost full daylight.

At least five towns, as well as the larger city of Perth, were worked with our third objective in view. In this latter unentered city, over 12,000 V.O.P. enrolment cards were left in the homes, and an encouraging response has been the result. When the opportune moment for a public campaign arrives, we believe many hearts will have been prepared in advance to accept this message, as a result of the influence of the V.O.P. Bible Courses.

In this manner we operated "the Jesus Van" in the cities, in the fishing-ports, and even amid the rugged mountains of Scotland. This lovely title, "the Jesus Van," was given to it by a small Scots boy of four, and we trust that all to whom we have sought to minister may have recognized Jesus as the other Partner in our team. We thank God for the privilege of working for Him, we thank Him for travelling mercies, and we pray His blessing upon the seed which we have sown for Him.

EDWARD BELL.

Can You Help?

Do you have any spare copy or copies of the Sabbath-school lesson pamphlet for the *fourth quarter of last year*? If so, Miss V. L. George of the West African Union Mission, P.O. Box 1016, Accra, Gold Coast, would be so glad to have it. Maybe you remember the interesting account of a Sabbath school in the Accra prison which was published in the MESSENGER some time ago. Well, that's just where these quarterlies will be used.

If you can spare time to write a little letter to Miss George when sending your pamphlets, that would be most welcome, we know.

E. R. WARLAND.

≡ REPORTS FROM MANY LANDS ≡

En Route to South Africa

IN two days time we arrive in Capetown. From thence we travel up the east coast of Africa to Durban, where we are to make our permanent home at 179 Currie Road, Durban, Natal, S. Africa.

As we look back over the past six weeks, so full of preparations, etc., our hearts turn heavenward to give thanks to God for His wondrous grace, His guiding hand, and His protecting care. We still feel we have a link with our friends and all our colleagues in the Old Country for the same heavenly Father watches over all. The vastness of the ocean and the danger of the deep are nought to our Creator, who speaks of the earth as "the drop in the bucket." We have crossed the equator, and the sun shines down upon us from the north, but it is the same sun that shines in the skies over Britain, and it is surprising how friendly that shining orb can be, linking distant shores with homely ties.

We thank one and all for the multitude of good wishes extended to us when we left, for the letters and telegrams which came in abundance to the ship, but most of all we thank you for your prayers on our behalf.

As we shall remember you daily in our devotions, kindly remember us before the Throne of grace, that we may do great exploits for the cause we love.

PASTOR and MRS. D. J. HANDYSIDES,
ALLAN and VERNETTE.

Evangelism in Eritrea

WE believe our members will be interested in the following extracts from a letter just received from Sister P. Bjaanes (née Pattie Parker of Nottingham). Pastor and Mrs. Bjaanes, after working in Ethiopia (Continued on page 14.)

Statement of Tithes and Mission Offerings for the Quarter ending June 30, 1954

South England Conference

CHURCH OR COMPANY	Membership	Tithe	Tithe per capita	Sabbath-School Offering	MV Offering	Ingathering	Week of Sacrifice and Annual Offering	Miscellaneous Offerings	Missions Extension Offering	Total Regular Offerings	Regular Offerings per capita	Special Gifts to Missions	Grand Total All Offerings
Bath	34	73 13 7	2 3 4	18 6 0	11 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	18 17 0	11 1	.....	18 17 0
Bournemouth	101	220 6 5	2 3 7	46 1 8	3 12 1	.....	.....	.....	2 19 5	52 13 8	10 5	.....	52 13 2
Brighton	65	194 19 3	3 0 0	24 8 7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	24 8 7	7 6	.....	24 8 7
Bristol, Arley Hill	115	257 7 0	2 4 9	36 6 8	2 7 8	.....	.....	.....	7 9 0	46 3 1	8 0	.....	46 3 1
Bristol, Lodge Causeway	57	189 2 1	3 6 4	24 8 1	1 5 8	.....	.....	.....	3 2	25 16 11	9 1	.....	25 16 11
Cambridge	14	49 7 0	3 10 6	8 12 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8 12 0	12 4	.....	8 12 0
Central London	74	354 17 4	4 15 11	57 13 8	2 10 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	60 3 8	16 3	.....	60 3 8
Chelmsford	33	254 16 3	7 14 5	52 6 4	9 10	.....	.....	.....	4 5	53 0 7	1 12 2	.....	53 0 7
Cheltenham	21	83 12 1	3 19 8	12 15 9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12 15 9	12 2	.....	12 15 9
Chiswick	120	563 0 11	4 13 10	47 17 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 1 6	52 18 7	8 10	.....	52 18 7
Clacton	14	19 17 3	1 8 5	7 9 11	6 6	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 16 5	11 2	.....	7 16 5
Colchester	24	68 5 0	2 16 11	10 15 7	11 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	11 6 9	9 5	.....	11 6 9
Croscombe	23	121 3 9	5 5 4	22 9 5	12 9	.....	.....	.....	.....	23 2 2	1 0 1	.....	23 2 2
Croydon	48	194 0 5	4 0 10	39 17 6	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 7 6	42 5 0	17 7	.....	42 5 0
Ealing	37	133 17 6	3 12 4	18 11 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 12 0	20 3 0	10 10	.....	20 3 0
Edgware	64	439 16 10	6 17 5	52 2 9	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 2 0	54 4 9	16 11	.....	54 4 9
Edmonton	64	155 14 11	2 8 8	27 3 2	1 11 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	28 14 3	8 11	.....	28 14 3
Exeter	28	76 0 11	2 14 4	12 18 6	9 4	.....	.....	.....	.....	13 7 10	9 7	.....	13 7 10
Folkestone	36	82 7 6	2 5 9	12 4 5	10 6	.....	.....	.....	2 0 10	12 16 11	7 1	.....	12 16 11
Gillingham	28	112 11 9	4 0 5	21 15 11	13 10	.....	.....	.....	2 0 0	24 9 9	17 5	.....	24 9 9
Gloucester	43	103 6 9	2 8 1	23 19 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	19 9	24 19 7	11 7	.....	24 19 7
Hastings	48	113 1 3	2 7 1	23 1 8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	23 1 8	9 7	.....	23 1 8
High Wycombe	23	73 7 7	3 3 9	10 0 6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 0 6	8 8	.....	10 0 6
Holloway	192	925 18 10	4 16 5	91 15 10	2 11 9	.....	.....	.....	4 8 0	98 15 7	10 3	.....	98 15 7
Iford	57	186 2 2	3 5 4	32 5 7	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 14 9	33 0 4	11 7	.....	33 0 4
Ipswich	81	230 12 1	2 16 11	37 10 8	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 11 6	40 2 2	9 11	.....	40 2 2
Lewisham	96	323 9 11	3 7 5	57 19 3	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 6 6	58 1 9	12 1	.....	58 1 9
Lowestoft	60	131 15 11	2 3 11	21 0 10	17 11	.....	.....	.....	1 1 9	23 0 6	7 8	.....	23 0 6
Luton	26	192 13 4	7 8 3	12 10 6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12 10 6	9 7	.....	12 10 6
Newbold	122	580 5 2	4 15 1	59 12 9	2 18 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	62 10 10	10 3	.....	62 10 10
Norwich	51	338 3 1	6 12 7	31 17 4	3 6 6	.....	.....	.....	19 4	36 3 2	14 2	.....	36 3 2
Plymouth	80	203 12 6	2 10 11	49 11 11	3 0 4	.....	.....	.....	.....	52 12 3	13 2	.....	52 12 3
Portsmouth	35	128 2 1	3 13 3	18 3 9	2 1 0	.....	.....	.....	16 0	21 0 9	12 0	.....	21 0 9
Reading	55	152 4 6	2 15 4	29 14 6	1 10 11	.....	.....	.....	6 0	31 11 5	11 6	.....	31 11 5
Richmond	21	102 17 7	4 18 0	15 19 8	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 5 4	17 5 0	16 5	.....	17 5 0
Romford	14	30 9 7	2 3 6	2 18 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 18 0	4 2	.....	2 18 0
Slough	27	95 18 10	3 11 1	24 9 3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	24 9 3	18 1	.....	24 9 3
Southampton	54	161 3 6	2 19 9	25 17 6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25 17 6	9 7	.....	25 17 6
Southend	73	182 8 9	2 10 0	39 15 0	7 4	.....	.....	.....	.....	40 15 4	11 2	.....	40 15 4
South London	93	271 10 0	2 18 6	35 17 3	.....	.....	.....	.....	13 0	36 10 3	7 10	.....	36 10 3
Stanborough Park	538	2641 7 0	4 18 2	361 10 4	.....	.....	.....	.....	13 0	361 10 4	13 5	.....	361 10 4
Taunton	22	49 4 11	2 4 9	15 18 3	7 3	.....	.....	.....	.....	17 6 9	15 9	.....	17 6 9
Torquay	44	135 15 6	3 1 9	24 2 7	1 10 4	.....	.....	.....	4 12 0	30 4 11	13 9	.....	30 4 11
Walthamstow	78	446 10 6	5 14 6	68 7 6	2 3 8	.....	.....	.....	4 10 9	75 1 11	19 3	.....	75 1 11

South England Conference, Continued

Watford	83	287 8 6	3 9 3	46 4 2	4 13 0			50 17 2	12 3	50 17 2
Wembley	39	167 14 4	4 6 0	20 1 0				20 1 0	10 4	20 1 0
Weston	23	43 14 2	1 18 0	24 1 1				24 9 4	1 3	24 9 4
Wimbleton	151	671 16 5	4 9 0	80 7 7	4 11 10		8 3	84 19 5	11 3	84 19 5
Wood Green	77	360 2 3	4 13 7	45 16 1	19 8			46 15 9	12 2	46 15 9
Yarmouth	24	29 5 9	1 4 5	5 7 2	3 7			5 10 9	4 7	5 10 9
Bodmin	12	41 6 6	3 8 10	29 15 0			4 15 0	34 10 0	2 17 6	34 10 0
Chalford	11	63 16 9	5 16 1	7 11 0				7 11 0	13 9	7 11 0
Eastbourne	14	28 16 0	2 1 0	11 14 2				11 14 2	16 9	11 14 2
Ely	19	53 14 0	2 16 6	12 2 11				12 2 11	12 9	12 2 11
Enfield	12	18 15 3	1 11 4	2 16 10				2 16 10	4 9	2 16 10
Godmanchester	8	49 7 0	6 3 4	4 16 9				4 16 9	12 1	4 16 9
Hutton	14	55 11 3	3 19 5	8 8 4				8 8 4	12 0	8 8 4
Maidstone	18	31 15 6	1 15 4	10 18 4				10 18 4	12 2	10 18 4
Medstead	9	15 16 3	1 15 1	11 13 10				11 13 10	1 5 11	11 13 10
Redruth	13	45 8 7	3 9 11	12 6 8				12 6 8	19 0	12 6 8
Rye	7	19 1 5	2 14 6	8 17 0				8 17 0	1 5 3	8 17 0
St. Austell	12	55 1 10	4 11 10	17 1 11			1 19 6	19 1 5	1 11 9	19 1 5
Salisbury	6	14 7 1	2 7 10	6 11 5				6 11 5	1 1 11	6 11 5
Swindon	24	25 9 10	1 1 3	12 10 7			5 0	12 15 7	10 8	12 15 7
Winslow	4	21 7 0	5 6 9	7 12 8				7 12 8	1 18 2	7 12 8
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North England Conference

Barnsley	20	30 15 0	1 10 9	4 13 2				4 13 2	4 8	4 13 2
Beeston	15	67 1 1	4 9 5	16 12 4				10 0	17 2 4	17 2 4
Birmingham Erd.	44	91 8 11	2 1 7	16 5 6	1 10 6			17 16 0	8 1	17 16 0
Birmingham Hands.	95	282 5 6	2 19 5	25 19 11				25 19 11	5 6	25 19 11
Birmingham South	46	351 2 2	7 12 8	20 0 5			2 9 6	22 9 11	9 9	22 9 11
Bolton	20	72 10 8	3 12 6	12 13 1				12 13 1	12 8	12 13 1
Bradford	44	107 15 3	2 9 0	18 13 3			2 6	18 15 9	8 6	18 15 9
Bramley	9	39 8 4	4 7 7	10 4 8				10 4 8	1 2 9	10 4 8
Coventry	69	373 9 4	5 8 3	36 13 7				40 6 4	11 8	40 6 4
Darlington	30	43 0 0	1 8 8	9 4 2				9 4 2	6 2	9 4 2
Derby	70	289 2 5	4 2 7	36 3 4	1 12 9			2 0	37 18 1	37 18 1
Grimsby	18	43 15 3	2 8 8	10 14 9	3 9			10 18 6	12 2	10 18 6
Huddersfield	14	59 2 10	4 4 6	14 4 0				14 4 0	1 0 3	14 4 0
Hull	89	184 14 11	2 1 6	35 15 1	3 9 0			40 9 1	9 1	40 9 1
Kettering	32	98 16 9	3 1 9	24 10 0				24 10 0	15 1	24 10 0
Leeds	63	356 0 0	5 13 2	47 10 10				47 10 10	15 1	47 10 10
Leicester	40	194 12 3	4 17 4	24 12 9			21 10 11	46 3 8	1 3 1	46 3 8
Lincoln	27	62 9 3	2 6 3	12 2 3	16 9			12 10 0	9 7	12 10 0
Liverpool	63	212 6 5	3 7 5	22 0 6	1 17 11			24 9 11	7 9	24 9 11
Manchester	71	172 7 4	2 8 7	32 16 5	2 7 0			2 9 6	37 12 11	37 12 11
Middlesborough	73	143 7 1	1 19 3	25 17 0	1 4 9			2 1 0	29 2 9	29 2 9
Newcastle	108	262 17 1	2 8 8	31 15 0			7 7 4	39 2 4	7 3	39 2 4
Nottingham	98	374 15 5	3 16 6	48 14 2	3 11 3			52 5 5	10 8	52 5 5
Rochdale	17	49 9 7	2 18 2	5 15 8				5 15 8	6 10	5 15 8
Rotherham	20	48 5 0	2 8 3	4 4 9				4 4 9	4 3	4 4 9
Rushden	7	30 6 6	4 6 8	4 11 8	1 1 10			4 11 8	13 1	4 11 8
Sheffield	102	199 7 4	1 19 1	28 19 3				30 1 1	5 11	30 1 1
Shields	9	17 1 0	1 17 10							
Stockport	31	117 16 4	3 16 0	11 6 9	10 1			11 16 10	7 8	11 16 10

North England Conference, Continued

Stoke	84	237	14	8	2	16	7	45	5	3	1	12	6	4	11	9	51	9	6	12	3	51	9	6								
Stretford	41	147	2	3	3	11	9	12	11	8	1	7	7	1	15	0	15	14	9	7	8	15	14	9								
Sutton	42	167	17	6	3	19	11	16	16	4				19	0	17	15	10	8	6		17	15	10								
Wakefield	12	59	1	5	4	18	5	6	15	1						6	15	1	11	3		6	15	1								
Waltasey	21	59	1	6	4	18	11	5	8	6				5	0	5	13	6	5	5		5	13	6								
Wellingborough	14	70	5	2	5	0	4	8	11	1						8	11	1	12	3		8	11	1								
West Bromwich	42	119	4	5	2	16	9	11	3	4						11	3	4	5	4		11	3	4								
Wolverhampton	24	68	4	4	2	16	10	21	8	11						4	5	0	25	13	11	1	1	5								
Worcester	17	28	8	3	1	13	5	8	0	0						8	0	0	9	5		8	0	0								
York	45	207	9	10	4	12	3	27	14	11						5	13	0	33	7	11	14	10	33	7	11						
Blackburn	25	44	13	2	1	15	9	9	19	5									9	19	5	8	0	9	19	5						
Blackpool	19	28	7	6	1	9	0	8	11	8						5	0		8	16	8	9	4	8	16	8						
Burnopfield	11	24	8	0	2	4	4	9	13	5									9	13	5	17	7	9	13	5						
Burton	17	53	3	8	3	2	7	8	17	1						1	4	9	10	1	10	11	10	10	1	10						
Carlisle	17	51	13	8	3	0	10	11	7	9						2	11	3	14	17	11	17	6	14	17	11						
Denton	10	57	1	3	5	14	2	10	9	9						2	1	0	12	10	9	1	5	1	12	10	9					
Halifax	7	26	16	3	3	16	7	3	9	7									3	9	7	9	11		3	9	7					
Keighley	14	48	3	7	3	8	10	5	9	0						5	0		5	14	0	8	2		5	14	0					
Kidderminster	6	9	14	6	1	12	5	2	5	10									2	5	10	7	8		2	5	10					
Killamarsh	6	28	11	4	4	15	3	10	1	4						15	6	10	16	10	1	16	2		10	16	10					
Morecambe	12	12	7	0	1	0	7	6	6	11									6	6	11	10	7		6	6	11					
Northampton	27	110	15	6	4	2	1	7	7	10						1	6								7	9	4					
Oldham	22	40	13	5	1	17	0	8	10	3									8	10	3	7	9		8	10	3					
Rugby	19	11	12	0		12	3	9	15	4						1	0								10	13	10					
Scarborough	8	32	19	3	4	2	5	15	5	2									15	5	2	1	18	2		15	5	2				
Skegness	11	25	1	0	2	5	7	8	14	7									8	14	7	15	10		8	14	7					
Southport	13	5	17	3		9	0	5	6	0									5	6	0	8	2		5	6	0					
Ulceby	10	4	1	0		8	1	3	11	0									3	11	0	7	1		3	11	0					
Ulverston	12	34	4	3	2	17	0	7	19	0									7	19	0	13	3		7	19	0					
Conference	222	1338	18	11	6	0	8	29	13	3						16	12	6								48	15	3				
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TOTAL, 1954	2204	7658	17	0	3	9	6	939	10	10	22	12	1			16	12	6	67	18	9	1046	14	2	9	6	1	17	6	1048	11	8
TOTAL, 1953	2083	7539	3	7	3	12	5	896	10	4	28	9	5			16	19	0	46	12	9	988	11	6	9	6			988	11	6	
Increase	121	119	13	5	-2	11		43	0	6	-5	17	4			-6	6		21	6	0	58	2	8			1	17	6	60	0	2

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Barry	22	76	5	6	3	9	4	14	18	5						14	8	15	13	1	14	3			15	13	1			
Cardiff	68	252	18	11	3	14	5	42	12	6	1	17	1			12	6	45	2	1	13	3			45	2	1			
Hereford	7	23	7	6	3	6	9	5	18	3								5	18	3	16	11			5	18	3			
Newport	114	397	13	8	3	9	9	38	3	6	3	12	10			8	14	9	50	11	1	8	10		50	11	1			
Porth	18	57	16	9	3	4	3	7	1	3								7	1	3	7	10			7	1	3			
Rhyl	33	90	17	6	2	15	1	11	3	3								11	3	3	6	9			11	3	3			
Shewsbury	16	44	3	11	2	15	3	7	8	2								7	8	2	9	3			7	8	2			
Swansea	48	116	14	1	2	8	8	47	4	10						2	12	0	49	16	10	1	0	9	49	16	10			
Aberdare	10	46	4	9	4	12	6	17	7	3						11	3	17	18	6	1	15	10		17	18	6			
Abergavenny	13	41	18	9	3	4	6	7	16	8								7	16	8	12	1			7	16	8			
Caerphilly	21	37	17	9	1	16	1	6	7	8								6	7	8	6	1			6	7	8			
Gellygaer	26	96	13	0	3	14	4	15	19	10						1	8	2	17	8	0	13	5		17	8	0			
Rhos	7	17	18	0	2	11	2	3	10	0								3	10	0	10	0			3	10	0			
Isolated	116	315	11	1	2	14	5	18	3	7						4	19	2	23	2	9	4	0			23	2	9		
TOTALS, 1954	519	1616	1	2	3	2	3	243	15	2	5	9	11			19	12	6	268	17	7	10	4			268	17	7		
TOTALS, 1953	501	1427	2	9	2	16	11	233	13	5	5	9	5			1	12	6	14	14	5	255	9	9	10	2		259	9	9
Increase	18	188	18	5	5	4		10	1	9	6					-1	12	6	4	18	1	13	7	10	2			9	11	10

Scottish Mission

Aberdeen	57	134	15	7	2	7	3	23	8	7	.....	.....	.....	12	3	7	35	12	2	12	6	.....	35	12	2
Undee	52	147	5	2	2	16	8	29	10	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	29	10	8	11	4	.....	29	10	8
Edinburgh	95	245	15	4	2	11	9	34	16	6	.....	.....	.....	2	18	6	37	15	0	7	11	.....	37	15	0
Glasgow	177	415	14	9	2	7	0	57	12	7	.....	.....	.....	14	11	10	72	4	5	8	2	.....	72	4	5
Dunfermline	16	8	2	6	.....	.....	.....	1	16	6	.....	.....	.....	2	10	0	4	6	6	5	5	.....	4	6	6
Kilmarnock	14	42	17	9	3	1	3	4	11	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	11	7	6	6	.....	4	11	7
Isolated	78	273	0	9	3	10	0	12	16	1	.....	.....	3	14	3	.....	16	10	4	4	3	.....	16	10	4
TOTALS, 1954	489	1267	11	10	2	11	1	164	12	6	3	14	3	32	3	11	200	10	8	8	2	200	10	8	
TOTALS, 1953	435	1202	13	10	2	15	4	167	16	6	12	3	10	1	0	18	4	6	196	14	3	9	0	196	14	3
Increase	54	64	18	0	-4	3	-3	4	0	-12	3	-6	6	9	13	19	5	3	16	5	-10	3	16	5	

Irish Mission

Belfast	61	150	3	3	2	9	3	43	14	4	4	9	1	.....	.....	.....	5	0	48	8	5	15	11	.....	48	8	5		
Kilmoyle	9	52	15	3	5	17	3	3	8	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	8	9	7	8	.....	3	8	9				
Larne	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	16	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	16	0	9	6	.....	3	16	0			
Shankill	17	16	16	4	19	9	.....	8	10	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9	13	2	11	4	.....	9	13	2			
Dublin	32	222	12	8	6	19	2	35	10	2	1	12	6	.....	.....	.....	17	6	38	0	2	1	3	9	.....	38	0	2	
Isolated	100	291	16	11	2	18	4	20	11	9	.....	.....	7	0	0	.....	1	18	6	29	10	3	5	4	.....	29	10	3	
TOTALS, 1954	227	734	4	5	3	4	9	115	11	6	6	1	7	.....	7	0	0	4	3	8	132	16	9	11	8	.....	132	16	9
TOTALS, 1953	203	564	1	2	2	15	7	113	0	9	5	15	4	.....	.....	.....	2	5	6	121	1	7	11	11	10	0	121	11	7
Increase	24	170	3	3	9	2	.....	2	10	9	6	3	.....	7	0	0	.....	1	18	2	11	15	2	-3	-10	0	11	5	2

Union Miscellaneous 1954	73	3	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Union Miscellaneous 1953	119	7	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Increase	-46	3	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

South England Conf.	4001	15329	12	7	3	16	7	2267	3	9	46	14	4	.....	34	18	9	61	4	8	2410	1	6	12	0	.....	2410	1	6		
North England Conf.	2204	7658	17	0	3	9	6	939	10	10	22	12	1	.....	16	12	6	67	18	9	1046	14	2	9	6	1	17	6	1048	11	8
Welsh Mission	519	1616	1	2	3	2	3	243	15	2	5	9	11	.....	.....	.....	.....	19	12	6	268	17	7	10	4	.....	268	17	7		
Scottish Mission	489	1267	11	10	2	11	1	164	12	6	.....	.....	.....	3	14	3	.....	32	3	11	200	10	8	8	2	.....	200	10	8		
Irish Mission	227	734	4	5	3	4	9	115	11	6	6	1	7	.....	7	0	0	4	3	8	132	16	9	11	8	.....	132	16	9		
Union Miscellaneous	—	73	3	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Grand Totals, 1954	7440	26679	10	10	3	11	8	3730	13	9	80	17	11	.....	62	5	6	185	3	6	4059	0	8	10	11	1	17	6	4060	18	2
Grand Totals, 1953	7162	24533	6	7	3	8	5	3574	16	10	120	5	8	.....	87	14	3	226	18	9	4033	6	4	11	3	9	15	7	4043	1	11
Increase	278	2146	4	3	3	3	155	16	11	-39	7	9	-25	8	9	-41	15	3	25	14	4	-4	-7	18	1	17	16	3

From Many Lands

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for eight years, have recently moved to the adjoining country of Eritrea. Regarding evangelistic work in Adi Ugri, a small town of some 4,000 people, most of whom are Mohammedans, our sister writes as follows:

"After three meetings in a small hall it was evident that we must rent the local unused cinema. We have had nine public meetings and we have an attendance of about 200. Before the regular Sunday meetings I have had a meeting for the children. Last Sunday we counted them and there were 135 present. It is interesting to see the change in them already. At first they were a noisy mob of boys, but now they come in quietly and sit and pay attention and learn the memory verses. I am also trying to teach them to sing some of our songs in English. It is not so easy to lead them out and play and teach single-handed. I wish there was another European near to help care for these children. I would like to give them memory verse cards, but I just do not have any. I have a flannelgraph and we are taking the "Life of Christ" as our lessons. Why, even some of the adults come early for their meeting in order to see the flannelgraph illustrations.

Twice a week I have Bible studies with a group of young men. We are studying in English the Voice of Prophecy lessons. One of those attending is a Mohammedan, another the teacher at the local Swedish mission, another a teacher at the government school, and still another a worker at the court. Quite an interesting group. They ask very sensible questions, and I believe they are truly seeking for truth. My husband has three efforts running with two meetings at each place in the week. At all places the interest exceeds all expectations. We pray that God will bless our feeble efforts and we would appreciate your prayers on behalf of the work in this district."

Why not ask the children of your Sabbath school to bring in their old Memory Verse Cards so that they can be sent to Sister Bjaanes? We know from experience how helpful such packages and pictures

Wedding Bells

BUNNEY-GOLDSMITH.—On July 27, 1954, many friends of bride and bridegroom and members of the South Birmingham church gathered together to witness the marriage of two dear young people, Sister Barbara Goldsmith, and Brother Raymond Bunney. The bride walked down the carpet laid for her, arm-in-arm with her father, looking very beautiful in her white dress and veil, which formed a train behind her, and carrying a bouquet of very sweet roses. Her five bridesmaids and little page boy were in off-white figured brocade dresses and suit, with pale green bows here and

there, and sashes. Eighty-four friends sat down to the wedding breakfast with the happy couple, and many good wishes went with them as they boarded the plane for their honeymoon in Paris.

Brother Bunney was baptized and accepted into the church earlier this year, and we pray as they walk in the newness of life together, they will walk in the Lord, and finally in the earth made new.

R. GOODMAN.

SWEENEY-READ.—On Thursday, August 5, 1954, Miss Marjorie Edna Read, and Mr. Carlton L. Sweeney, were united in marriage at the Memorial Baptist church, Buckminster Road, Leicester. The

ceremony was performed by Pastor F. Edwards, in the presence of a large number of friends and relatives. The bride was given away by her brother, Bryan, and Miss Pauline Tuller, niece of the bride, made a very attractive bridesmaid. Mr. Eric Williams ably officiated as best man.

The reception was held afterward in the Church Hall, and guests were entertained by singing from the quartet, friends of the bridegroom from British West Indies, who are now residing in Leicester and are all members of the Leicester church. Mr. Sweeney came to England two years ago from British Guiana, and he and Marjorie have worked

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together for the youth in our church. We wish these two young people much happiness and God's richest blessing in a life of united service for Him. H. FULLER,
Church Clerk.

Till the Day Dawn

WHARAM.—Sister M. A. Wharam passed to her rest on August 13, 1954, at the age of seventy years. She was a faithful member of the Barnsley church through the ministry of the late Pastor E. E. Craven, and was baptized by him in 1934. We will miss our sister's regular attendance, but in spite of failing health she was always in her place whatever the weather conditions. To the end she retained her faith in her Saviour and His truth. Brother R. M. A. Smart, assisted by Brother J. Cuthell, conducted the service in the cemetery chapel and at the graveside. Mrs. M. RUDDICK.

CROOK.—It is with deep regret we announce the death of Sister Dorothy Crook, on August 18, 1954, at the early age of fifty-five. Sister Crook came into the truth through the ministry of Pastor W. W. Armstrong at the Wembley church in 1944. She was a tireless seeker for souls, and her one desire was to spread abroad the message of the soon coming of Jesus. She was responsible for adding most of the Perivale members to Wembley church. Her missionary spirit was a shining light and example to all its members. The Wembley church has suffered a severe loss in the passing of this courageous soul. Pastor A. J. Mustard conducted a brief but comforting service at the house before the cortege left for Golders Green Crematorium where she was cremated on August 20th. She leaves a husband, son, and stepson to mourn their loss, and to them we extend our deepest sympathy.
CHURCH CLERK.

SONES.—The Lewisham church regrets to record the death of our dear brother, Frederick Sones, who passed to his rest on Sunday, August 22, 1954, at the age of seventy-three years. This brother accepted the truth through the faithfulness of a friend of his youth, a long-established member of this church, whom he subsequently married. He was baptized in 1943, during the ministry of Pastor L. Vince, and he and his wife were faithful in attendance at church services until about eighteen months ago, from which time both have been in rather indifferent health. Brother Sones was a deacon of the church for some years, and was conscientious in carrying out his duties. Our minister, Brother R. E. Graham, conducted a funeral service at the church on Thursday, August 26th, which was attended by a number of friends from the Old People's Homes

nearby, in addition to churchmembers. He was laid to rest in Hither Green Cemetery to await the resurrection morning. His wife is of good courage as she looks forward to reunion with him at the coming of the Lord Jesus. To her and to his sister we extend our deepest sympathy. M. J. WIBER.

The Adventist Students' Association

The next meeting will be on
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24th
at 3.30 p.m. in the
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when

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Request For Prayer

A LAY worker in Northern Ireland
requests prayer that he may be able to
bear a good witness at a non-Adventist
meeting which he has been invited to
address. Ed.

Lost and Found

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in after the Conference Session at the
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Black leather purse containing cash;
Navy-blue leather folder for Sabbath-
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PURE RELIGION—By A. C. VINE

THAT is what should characterize Seventh-Day Adventist—not pure *doctrine* alone, not just pure lives, not merely pure ideals; but the comprehensive thing called “pure religion.” What is it? “Pure religion . . . is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep” one’s self “unspotted from the world.” James 1:27

On October 23rd special attention will be given in all our churches to the phase of church life called Dorcas Welfare work. Too few of our churches now operate a Dorcas society. Why should that be? Is it because it is now thought that there are no poor and needy? Do we *really* think that? “The poor shall never cease out of the land; therefore I command thee, saying, Thou shalt open thine hand wide unto . . . thy poor, and to thy needy, in thy land.” Deut. 15:11. If we have come to think that way, is it because we are not visiting our neighbours?

Adventists are heralds of the soon coming of the Saviour, and we should know our neighbourhoods and the people’s needs, both spiritual and physical. Under the inspiration of the Spirit of prophecy, Sister E. G. White admonished all churches to study Isaiah fifty-eight. We Adventists usually think of Isaiah fifty-eight as the How-to-keep-the-Sabbath chapter. But please read it again. It opens with a call to the prophet to show the church their sins! Dare we suggest that one of the sins of which we have been guilty is that too few works of mercy have been evident in our relationship with the people around us? Often, when we are conversing with people about our faith, they will say, “Do you have any organization for helping the poor, the blind, the destitute? Do you just teach Bible prophecies and the law of God?”

Sometimes their questions reveal that they would be much more readily impressed with our *teachings*, if they saw some *working*. Somebody wisely said: “What the infidel world fears most is that some day Christians will begin living out their beliefs.” Not only in the dark heathen lands do Christian *works* sweep away unbelief and lead men to God; but right where you live there are people who will believe in the Lord because of the good works and almsdeeds done by the believers. When Jesus bade us, “Let your light . . . shine,” He emphasized that this would be through the medium of good works. (Matt. 5:16.)

It is such work, humble service for the poor and needy whose needs have been learned through personal missionary visiting, that should be fostered by Dorcas Welfare societies in all our churches.

We would appeal to all our churches to strengthen existing Dorcas societies, or to create such where at present there are none. “Let there be first a willing mind.” The church is literally full of willing people. A few are willing to work. The rest are willing to let them! Can we use the former to build up a good name for the church through Dorcas Welfare work; and little by little change the nature of the willingness of the others until they can be co-opted for service?

We think of ourselves as “a peculiar people.” The Greek word used by the apostle Paul in his letter to Timothy, the word rendered “peculiar,” means out of the ordinary. With that meaning in mind, let us set ourselves to be *really* peculiar, in our zeal for good works. (Titus 2:14.) Organize it the Dorcas way, and rejoice to see many believing in the Lord because we did them a loving service.

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