

BRITISH ADVENT  
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# GOD'S HELPING HAND

By Pastor A. W. HOWARD

Publishing Secretary, British Union Conference

FOR some years, and throughout the world, it has been the custom in our churches to devote one Sabbath in fifty-two especially to the interests of literature evangelism. This is understandable when it has been expressly stated that "our commission is to let the light shine forth everywhere from the press," and, in respect of this ministry, that "there is *no release* for any who have talents and capabilities"; "they are *required* to be the Lord's instruments," the Lord's "*helping hand*."—*Colporteur Ministry*, page 20.

Repeatedly have we seen it demonstrated in various parts of the earth that the strength of the work in general is proportionate to its literature-distribution effort. The growth of this movement began with the production of simple but effective literature, accelerating rapidly with the development of the publishing programme. It will reach its fullness in the blaze of glory which will lighten the whole earth largely through the same medium. For again we have been assured that "in a large degree through our publishing houses is to be accomplished the work of that other angel, who comes down from heaven with great power."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 7, page 140.

We should therefore observe Sabbath, November 3rd, as a day of particular thanksgiving for what God has already accomplished through His "instruments" of press and Gospel salesman, and for the promised supreme triumph of the great harvest in the near future. Whether we realize it or not personally, we are all under a measure of obligation to the printed page for the spiritual privileges we now enjoy. Let us not fail then to manifest our appreciation by earnestly upholding in prayer all those who labour in this ministry, and by practical

interest in some local programme of literature evangelism.

It was a rare and fascinating experience recently to explore the inside of a well preserved and still active windmill, one of those ancient structures which once graced in large numbers an already charming landscape and whose picturesqueness often makes us wish we could recapture the "yesterday" of Constable or Turner. The mill's beauty, however, was not on this occasion its chief attraction, but rather the simple and yet ingenious manner in which even gently stirring air could be trapped and, through the enormous sails, made to turn the huge stones, producing flour of a quality seldom obtained today. We were not fortunate enough to see the machinery in motion, but the miller assured us of the comparative silence with which the great wooden cogs perform their function. Slowly but surely, quietly and inexpensively, the stones grind away at the grain steadily being fed between the surfaces. A simple, almost primitive mechanism, but most effective.

How like the process of literature evangelism, we thought! Quietly, yet irresistibly, the truth of God through our magazines and books, His "silent messengers," grinds at the hearts of those who will one day become "heirs of salvation," the breath of His Spirit keeping the sails turning. Quantity production may not be immediately forthcoming. To some the process may appear needlessly slow, but few would deny the quality and reliability of the finished product. Moreover this least costly form of evangelism is proving increasingly fruitful as more and more consecrated men and women, burdened for the souls of others, apprentice themselves in the service to the Master Miller.

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## Colporteur Day, Sabbath, November 3rd

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Results will speed up as the end approaches, for "more than one thousand will soon be converted in one day, most of whom will trace their *first convictions* to the reading of our publications." These convictions will, in many cases, have been of long standing. As we talked with the proud owner of that grand old mill, we were surprised to learn about the long life of the grinding stones. Similarly the millstones of printed truth will not fail through age. Rather will they, after perhaps many years of "grinding," lead men to a pure faith, to an unshakable resolve and implicit obedience from which there will be no turning back. With converts from literature, apostasies are uncommon.

Bearing all this in mind, it is our duty to produce more and more attractive publications. The improvement in our periodicals and special magazines over the past few years must be continued, for they are intended to enter homes as regular "visitors" whose constant welcome must be assured. We must place with families beautifully illustrated books, handsomely and durably bound, which will be prized as things of beauty and value, not to be cast aside in periodic clearances, but consulted regularly and in times of need. To this end, all associated with the publishing work in Britain are devoting unstinted service. At no time will we rest content with what we already have. Nothing but the best will suffice, and for us that will always be considered, even with every advanced step, at least one step further.

A phenomenal growth has taken place in literature sales during the past year or so, which can only partly be explained by improved literature and extended training facilities for new colporteurs. Doubtless both have had an important bearing on progress. But God Himself is shortening His work and we who now labour are witnessing the beginning of rapid and thrilling developments. The wind of God's Spirit is gathering force, turning the mill sails more swiftly. Men whose hearts God has touched recently with the truth of His Word are now labouring at the mill of literature evangelism, earnestly endeavouring to impart their blessings. Not only are they being prospered materially, but their God-given zeal is resulting in conversions and baptisms. This is God's way to finish the task! Now is the right moment for others to identify themselves with His plan while precious freedom to operate it remains. Volunteers are rallying to the standard from all quarters. Even as we write these lines a small group is undergoing a concentrated period of preliminary training right here on Stanborough Park, the third such class within twelve months, and we confidently expect the Annual Colporteur Council next January to be the largest gathering of its kind ever held in Britain. Moreover, if present indications can be trusted, we shall at that time be looking back over a year's sales twenty-five per cent in excess of the previous total! What a great volume of truth-laden pages this staggering increase will represent, and what pæans of praise will ascend to heaven for such a wonderful evidence of divine guidance, indeed of prophetic fulfilment!

The new day is being ushered in! Dear brother or sister, if God has endowed you with a strong constitution, if you love Him and His truth sincerely,

and are daily conscious of His undying love for you, if you in turn cherish a genuine love for your fellow men and enjoy their society, if you visualize the kingdom as the joint home of the saved, and not just as an ultimate refuge for the private "fugitive," then you possess at least the foundation talents for successful literature ministry. Some who read these lines may be severally gifted with additional attributes. Perhaps the call of God has sounded not once, but many times, "I have need of you." Remember again the inspired statement: "There is no release for any who have talents and capabilities. They are required to be the Lord's instruments, required to co-operate with the Lord Jesus in shedding the light of heaven into this sin-darkened world." This is the right moment to give themselves wholly and unreservedly for service with the printed page, right now when the harvest of the earth is ripe and vast opportunities lie before us. Can any work be "so high, so deep, so grand," as to become the Lord's "instruments," His "helping hand"? May this be the ideal and aim of many in coming months.

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### President's Notes

SEVERAL other evangelistic campaigns are in operation in the South Conference in addition to those listed in a recent issue of the MESSENGER. These are:

D. A. Conroy	Brighton (Opening meeting, 625 attendance)
G. T. Hewlett	Watford Town
W. McClements	Pennington, Bournemouth

Let us all sustain these brethren before the throne of grace as they proclaim the everlasting Gospel.

#### Maidstone Meeting Place

WE are glad to inform our members that the faithful company of believers in Maidstone have secured the use of the 'Friends' Meeting House, Wheeler Street, for their Sabbath services. The meetings are at the following times: Sabbath School, 10.30 a.m.; Divine Service, 11.30 a.m.

#### Additions to the Worker Force

A NUMBER of new workers have been added to the worker force. Bryan Ball has joined the staff of the New Gallery evangelistic team. Miss M. Ashworth, formerly a captain of the Salvation Army, has joined the Bible Instructors' group, working in London. Dennis C. Uffindell has joined forces with Pastor V. H. Cooper in Twickenham, where a good interest has been aroused. Desmond Murtagh has

been posted to Plymouth, where Pastor J. C. French has launched a strong effort.

Miss D. J. Lack has moved from Ely to Lowestoft, where she will assist Pastor R. E. Graham. Miss M. Anstee has moved from Ipswich, where she has been one of the evangelistic team for the past four years, to Southampton, where R. A. Burgess has launched a vigorous campaign.

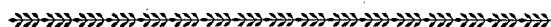
Leave of absence has been granted to Miss Selma Herrington, who plans to take up nurses' training in a London hospital. We wish Selma much of God's grace as she undergoes this strenuous course of service to mankind.

#### Tithe Returns

ONCE more our treasury department reports a substantial increase in the tithe. For the third quarter the tithe amounted to £19,812—an increase of £2,291 over the corresponding quarter of last year. For the nine months of 1956 the total tithe was £56,323. This is equivalent to the total year's tithe in 1953 and is £6,687 over the first nine months of 1955. Once again we express our gratitude to the members who faithfully remember the claims of God upon their means. Cherish the divine promise, "I will . . . open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." Mal. 3:10.

#### Baptisms

SEVERAL baptismal services have been conducted in the conference since our last notes appeared. It was my privilege to address twelve candidates in the Ipswich church on Sabbath evening, September 29th. It was good to see two married couples entering the waters of baptism together. Pastor G. Hyde informs us that a further baptism will be held in Ipswich before the end of the year. So far this year 168 souls have been added to the church by baptism and vote.



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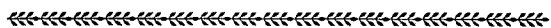
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#### Week of Prayer

THE Week of Prayer readings have arrived from the *Review and Herald* office and they will be dispatched soon to all the isolated members. May we personally seek such preparation of heart as will enable us to receive a genuine revival of faith and love in Christ. As the Lord's messenger reminds us in the first Sabbath reading: "Far more than we do, we need to understand the issues at stake in the conflict in which we are engaged. We need to understand more fully the value of the truths that God has given for this time and the danger of allowing our minds to be diverted from them by the great deceiver." J. A. MCMILLAN.

## God's Providence in Chelmsford

ALTHOUGH most people will associate the winter of 1939-40 with the outbreak of World War II, the members of the Chelmsford church remember this memorable winter as the time when the Advent message was first preached in the county town of Essex by Pastor C. A. Reeves. As a result of Pastor Reeves' effort a number of souls were baptized and a company of believers formed. From that time until August 4, 1956, our believers have met for worship in a number of rented halls, none of which has been really conducive to worship. One of the rented halls was "Haig House," owned by The British Legion, and it was in this place that our membership was organized into a church.

However, the time came when the hall was sold and the church found other accommodation. This other accommodation proved quite unsuitable, but there was nowhere else that we could go, and so a number of years were spent at this place.

During the Ingathering Campaign this year we received notice to vacate even this hall and the Sabbath meetings had to be held in the homes of members. Search as we would, nothing seemed available and the future looked dark indeed.

It is a true saying that, "man's extremity is God's opportunity," because He brought His power to bear upon circumstances and performed a modern miracle on our behalf.

Our heavenly Father answered our prayers in a wonderful way. We asked Him to lead us to a place suitable for worship, but I fear our faith was not strong enough to ask for a church building of our own, as we only had £130 in our building fund and this had taken years to accumulate. But, wonder of wonders, within a matter of weeks after vacating our last hall, and without the slightest idea as to where we could go, we were in a church building of our own.

We at Chelmsford have not ceased to marvel at the love of God and His tender regard toward us.

We think it is significant that the property, previously known as "Haig House," where our church was organized, is now our own church and we have all the accommodation we need, a spacious main hall for our services, a vestry, a usefully equipped kitchen, and two lovely rooms upstairs (where our juniors hold their Sabbath school and YP services), and all the other necessary facilities.

It has been a great thrill to witness the way in which the Lord has worked upon the hearts of individuals to give generously, and we thank them all from the depths of our heart and pray that God will richly bless them.

We also wish to thank the Conference for their generous help, without which the purchase would have been impossible. Words cannot express our gratitude to our own Pastor J. Freeman for working so untiringly for the Chelmsford church.

August 4th was indeed a day of rejoicing when Pastor J. A. McMillan, our Conference president, came to conduct the dedicatory service, assisted by Pastor E. Cox from Southend and our own minister.

It was good to welcome members from the Southend, Hutton, and Romford churches, who came to rejoice with us.

We were inspired by Pastor McMillan's exhortations to rededicate our lives to the service of the Master and to keep our bodies fit temples for Him.

Our one desire now, by God's grace, is to make our church as a light set on a hill from whence the precious rays of truth may shine to guide many souls to the heavenly kingdom.

B. H. PHILLIPS.

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## Grimsby News

ON Sabbath, September 8th the Grimsby church-members travelled over to Ulceby to witness the baptism of a candidate who, through the efforts of Pastor A. Norman, decided to cast in her lot with the remnant church. To many she had generously provided hospitality when they visited other churches in the Fenland district.

Another lady, who has been worshipping for some time now in Grimsby church, was also received into church fellowship.

Pastor E. A. Butters performed the solemn rite for these candidates, as well as for others from Lincoln of whom no doubt the Lincoln church will report. Pastor A. Howard was present as conference representative.

The next day, Sunday, September 9th, we listened to the farewell sermon after two years of ministry with us of Pastor Norman.

As with no other church we believe the minister and members of the Advent church are bound together in love, fellowship, and unity. To him and his dear wife and children we say not good-bye, but God-speed as they go to labour in another field of service for our Master. We are confident that the seeds sown are now growing and will soon be reaped as the interested souls come along still to worship with us.

On Sabbath, September 29th, there was yet another

parting in the Grimsby church as we said "Au Revoir and God bless you" to Brian Anderson as he goes to Liverpool University to continue his studies. We were happy to be able to thank him in a small and tangible way for giving so much of his young life to the church to which he belonged. All through the two years' campaign he has been there to help with the projector and in Sabbath school and missionary work. Many hours he laboured last year when the church was altered to become a building worthy of our worship. He has served also as a deacon.

Brian is the second son of Brother L. Anderson elder of Grimsby church who has not only consecrated his own time to God but also trained his children to be worthy members of God's church. Our prayers will follow Brian, as he seeks to further his knowledge of medical science, which we trust may be a blessing also to others.

E. M. BAILDAM, *Church Clerk.*

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## Press Relations Convention at Cardiff

HISTORY was made at St. Paul's church, Cardiff, on September 16th for it saw the first Press Relations Convention for Wales, and what a day it was!

The devotional service, conducted by Pastor M. C. Murdoch, set the tone and gave us the atmosphere for the day, his theme being "Publishing the Good Tidings of the Message."

Under the leadership of Pastor R. D. Vine and Dr. H. Ebdon, we learned many things concerning the value of a proper relationship between the church and the Press.

To those of us who have an inferiority complex regarding editors, it came as a message of comfort to hear that editors are human, and more surprising, willing to be friendly.

After Dr. Ebdon had stirred us with his lively remarks, and given us some excellent suggestions as to what to report, an opportunity was given to discuss the points presented, many asking questions that proved helpful in clearing up doubts and correcting wrong conceptions.

By this time a "sinking feeling" was being experienced, and many of us were conscious that activities other than Press Relations were on the go. An occasional chuckle, or sound of a tin being opened, or a whiff of something cooking made it difficult to give full attention to the discussions, but our "torture" was short-lived, and we were invited to share the results of the morning's work by our good sisters. Great satisfaction was evident as we all fortified ourselves with the good things that had been prepared.

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## Press Relations Convention at Cardiff

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Supplement)

The afternoon proved equally inspiring and instructive as the morning, many points and pitfalls being illustrated by film-strips and a sound film. "Starting the Story" was a film-strip to give instruction as to how to arrest the attention of the editor, hold it, and of course, more important, inspire him to pass on the information to his readers.

"How to Create News and Use Reports of Sermons to Advantage" revealed some opportunities that have heretofore been overlooked.

Other reminders of avenues of interest were pictured for us as the sound film unwound its story of adventures into the news.

Everyone seemed to think it was a very profitable day as the benediction was pronounced and good-byes were said.

Thank you, Pastor Vine and Dr. Ebdon. We look forward to another convention. H. E. BULL.

### A Newport Baptism

A SERVICE of communion preceded the service of baptism in our Newport church on Sabbath, September 22nd. Without holding any public campaign during the past year, the work has gone more slowly, but progress has been made and changes wrought in several lives. We are happy to record the names of Mr. William Pope and Mrs. Lilian Palfrey as two who have testified to their faith, and have been baptized by the writer.

Many friends in Britain, and relatives in America, will rejoice in that our brother has joined his wife whole-heartedly as an Adventist believer.

Conversely our young sister has taken her stand beside her husband, and together they will have the happy privilege of bringing up their little family in the admonition of the Lord.

A spirit of consecration prevailed throughout the service of the day, and to express the sentiments of the two baptismal candidates, a duet by Sisters

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at Cardiff on Sabbath, November 10th

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Joyce Morgan and Leila Handysides was appropriately rendered. Assisting in the service, Brother R. Jacques, on behalf of the church, welcomed the two new members into fellowship.

These are first-fruits of the seeds which have been sown in pastoral work in Newport. It is our desire before long to record the winning of other precious souls for the Master. JOHN R. HANDYSIDES.

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### A Baptism in Dublin

SABBATH, October 8th, was quite an eventful day for us here in Dublin. It was marked by our first baptism in the new church. A pleasant surprise it was for us all, as the request came so unexpectedly. It was a baptism for one, but how satisfying, as it was a young brother who had carefully studied his way out of Catholicism into the Advent message.

While acting as a radio officer at sea he first came in contact with a Baptist seaman whose personal religion made quite an impression on him. The next significant contact was with a Seventh-Day Adventist passenger on board a ship plying from Durban, who gave him a copy of the *Signs of the Times*, and later a copy of *Bible Readings for the Home Circle*. Our interested radio officer admits that at first the book caused him to have more questions than it answered, but after laying it aside for a while, and then returning to it, its message began to strike home.

Earlier in the year the writer received an inquiry which had been to South Africa, back to the South England Conference, then to Dublin, from a young man (whose home was in Co. Kerry in the west of Ireland), who was anxious to study more of the Seventh-Day Adventist teachings. This sincere inquiry was followed up immediately, and over the months since, our good brother—the radio officer above—has become a very keen student of the Scriptures.

Desiring to do God's will perfectly, the request for baptism was finally made. He has now gone to College to study in a more complete way the "Book" which has made so much difference to his outlook and life. Significantly it was the doctrine of the Sabbath that helped him so much to shape his new approach and ideas. We only hope that many others of this country may come to hear God's last message in the same persuasive way.

Remember us in your prayers and our campaign which began in the church on Sunday October 14th. From time to time on Sunday evenings since the church was opened in March, we have had quite a few folk join us in our worship. We are hoping that a favourable impression was made upon them (some have been back several times) and that they will join us again regularly during these "after-church" campaign meetings. R. H. BAINBRIDGE.

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We would ask an interest in the prayers of the MESSENGER family for these new members, especially for the brother who comes to us from the Roman Catholic Church, as they bear a faithful witness for God's truth in their places of labour.

Pastor W. G. Nicholson preached the sermon and the immersion was performed by the writer.

O. M. DORLAND.

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## Church Address

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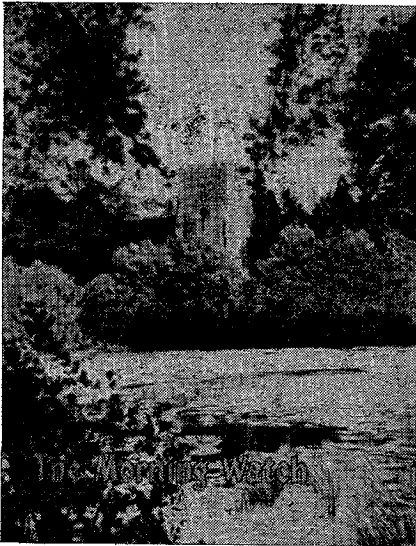
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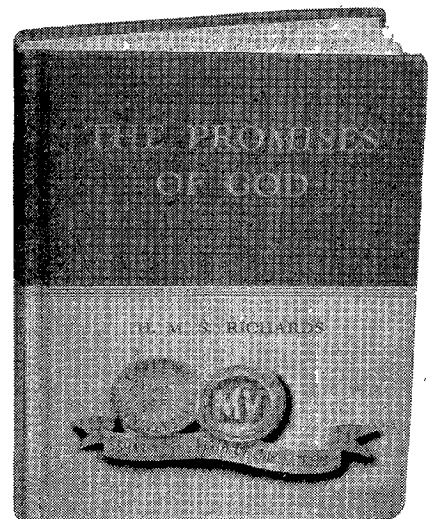
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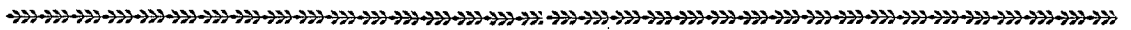
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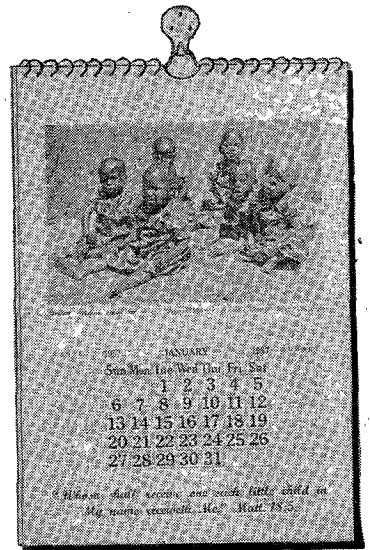
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