

BRITISH ADVENT MESSENGER

ORGAN OF THE BRITISH UNION CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

WELSH MISSION BIENNIAL CONFERENCE

By Dr. T. J. GALLIVAN

THE programme of the session, circulated some weeks before the meetings, promised that the theme would be "Revival." It also quoted the statement from the Spirit of prophecy in *Testimonies to Ministers*, page 508, that, "The convocations of the church . . . are God's appointed opportunities for giving the early and the latter rain."

It was apparent that the members of our church in Wales had given much thought to these and other similar quotations, for there was an air of expectancy as we gathered in St. Paul's church, Cardiff, on July 19th for the opening meeting of the conference.

In his welcome to a good number of delegates and friends the Mission president, Pastor M. C. Murdoch, specially included our visitors from the Northern European Division, Pastors A. F. Tarr, and E. W. Pedersen, and from the British Union, Pastor W. W. Armstrong and Brother N. H. Knight. We were also pleased to see on the platform Pastors E. R. Warland and C. R. Bonney, departmental secretaries, who, by virtue of their coverage of our field, we regard as members with us rather than visitors, and Brother W. G. C. Walton, busy with pen and paper as our secretary. Pastor Murdoch pointed out that although a large proportion of our members live within twenty miles of Cardiff, many had travelled up to 200 miles to be with us.

In his stirring opening address, he introduced, in able fashion, the promised theme of "Revival." He invited us to think of previous revivals both in the scriptural record and in the history of the "Land of our Fathers," and as we dwelt on the features, both good and bad, of these events we were able to see clearly the preparation which we must make, individually and as a church, for the revival which we need so much and long to see in our own land. We separated that evening with much food for thought and in joyful anticipation of the rich blessings in store for us on the morrow.

Of course, we were not disappointed, for, beginning with Brother Roe's devotional period entitled, "Labourers Together With God," we had a truly spiritual feast.

By the time the Sabbath school commenced, under

the expert guidance of Pastor Warland, the congregation had grown with incoming coach-loads of believers from places as far apart as Wrexham and Carmarthen, until there was present the largest congregation ever attending a Welsh Mission Session. The rare sight of a packed St. Paul's church was surely good to behold, particularly as, in response to Pastor Murdoch's invitation at the beginning of divine service, scores stood to acknowledge that this was the first session they had ever attended.

We all appreciated Pastor Bonney's excellent presentation of the day's lesson and then listened with undivided attention as Pastor Tarr graphically described the realities of the heavenly home now being prepared for us, told us a few of his own reasons for wanting to be a partaker of its joys, and then invited us to publicly indicate our determination to prepare now, by God's grace, to have a place in the heavenly kingdom.

The afternoon session started inspiringly with an intensely interesting Bible study on "Going On to Perfection," delivered, in his inimitable manner, by Pastor Pedersen. We then listened with great interest as our evangelists told briefly (sometimes not quite so briefly!) the stories of their two years' work in various parts of Wales. We recalled the challenge given by Elder Rudy to open up the "dark" counties of Wales at our last session, and with this in mind were happy to receive good reports of no less than nine campaigns, and to hear of the organization of a new church and a new company during the biennium, and the prospect of the formation of a further new company in the immediate future.

In the evening, following a service of song, Pastor Armstrong introduced with a timely message a service of praise and testimony. Following his brief address, testimonies were given by lay brethren and sisters whose stories were regarded as typical of many aspects of our church activities. This was a thrilling time as we listened to the speakers tell of their experiences in such spheres as hospital visitation, Ingathering, Bible study, etc. Particularly refreshing was the testimony of one brother who

told of his conversion from what he described as "being an out and out sinner" during the as yet uncompleted campaign of one of our younger evangelists in North Wales.

At the conclusion of the day's services well deserved and warmly expressed thanks were offered to Sister Bonney and the King's Herald's quartet, who had added to the spirit of our worship by their musical items throughout the Sabbath.

Prior to the business sessions of the following day, Pastor C. D. Baildam continued the theme of "Revival" in a truly excellent address.

During the business sessions much was heard of the progress of the third angel's message in Wales, and the provocative questions raised were evidence, if such were required, of the interest of our Welsh membership in all aspects of our church work.

Our president, in his report, reminded us that there are over 3,000,000 souls within the Welsh Mission territory, and went on to give good news of increases in membership, despite heavy losses by death and transfer, new groups of believers raised up, the acquisition of much-needed ministers' residences and church buildings, and an encouraging improvement in the state of our mission finances.

Excellent reports were also given by the departmental leaders, of progress in the fields of literature evangelism, Sabbath school and home missionary work, MV activities, Voice of Prophecy evangelism, and the promotion of our temperance work.

While we had been listening to these good reports others had sat in committees and as the result of their deliberations, resolutions calculated to enhance all phases of the work were presented to, and unanimously passed by, the delegates. A further committee had given study to the mission officers for the coming two years and their unanimously accepted report is appended below.

IF YOU LIVE IN WALES

BE SURE TO BE IN CARDIFF ON
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17th

FOR THE SPECIAL VISIT OF
Pastor C. E. GUENTHER

OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

The South Wales Dorcas Welfare Federation extend to you a hearty invitation to the afternoon meetings. Come and acquaint yourself with the work and plans of the societies.

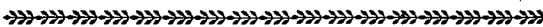
Bring your questions and suggestions.

Hear of our Welfare work in other lands.

DO NOT MISS THE EVENING SERVICE

It will inspire you!

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WELL! WELL!

By Stanley Combridge

[After reading in the MESSENGER the poem about "The Dell" written by resident Mrs. E. A. Thompson, aged 93.]

Now that a poet has arisen at "The Dell,"
Of parting day, for me, the curfew tolls its knell.
For me my laurels fall,
The muse has gone, and all
That is within me bows in deep appreciation
To one who rightly wins the public's approbation.
But, cheer up, O heart of mine.
To "The Dell" my thoughts incline;
For surely there, if I become a patron
And meet the good attentive staff and kindly matron,
The muse will come again
And may be not in vain
When I, its very choice surroundings contemplate,
And see the charming poet waiting at the gate,
A thousand thoughts for poetry will rise in me
As I view the home of Mrs. Thompson—93.



As Pastor Armstrong addressed his closing remarks to the session we all felt that we had been richly blessed during the conference period and each one looked forward to the time when, with David, we shall "dwell in the house of the Lord for ever."

As a suitable epilogue to our conference, Pastor Baildam, our evangelist at St. Paul's, presided at a service of public evangelism in which members and non-members alike were thrilled and impressed by Pastor Tarr's account of his meetings with the political hierarchies of many lands whose reaction to the third angel's message he described as "the greatest sign of Christ's soon coming." Surely as we listened to his words each one of us was grateful for the opportunity we had, and for the present still have, of opening our hearts to the infilling of the Holy Spirit.

Truly Wales must soon see—REVIVAL.

Welsh Mission Officers 1957-1959

President: M. C. Murdoch.

Secretary-Treasurer: W. G. C. Walton.

Home Missionary and Sabbath School Secretary:
M. C. Murdoch.

Radio and Voice of Prophecy Secretary: C. R. Bonney.

Missionary Volunteer Department Secretary: C. D. Baildam.

Publishing Secretary: M. C. Roe.

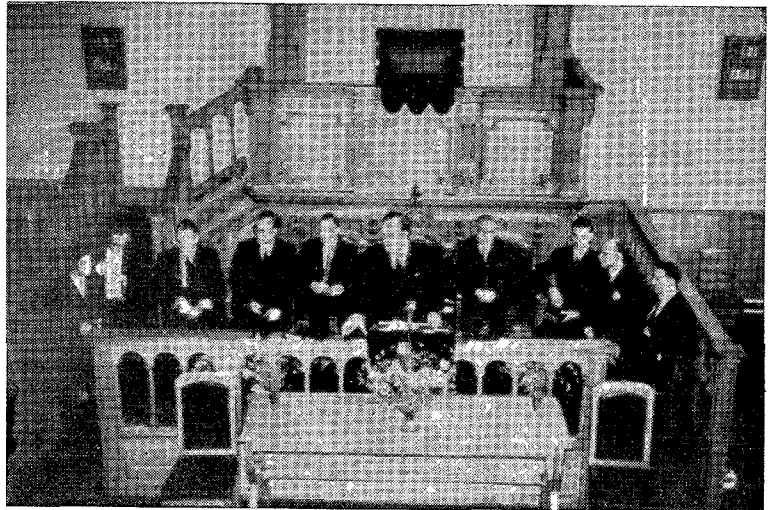
Hon. Health and Temperance Secretary: Dr. T. J. Gallivan.

Hon. Public Relations Secretary: Dr. H. T. Ebdon.

Executive Committee: M. C. Murdoch (Chairman), W. G. C. Walton (Secretary), H. V. Baker, H. E. Bull, C. L. W. Cooke, T. J. Gallivan, L. Shaw.

The Scottish Biennial Conference

By G. S. Crutchfield



Pastor B. F. Kinman, re-elected president of the Scottish Mission, speaking at one of the services.

AS we made our way home after a week-end spent in fellowship with God's people in Edinburgh at the Scottish Biennial Conference Session our hearts agreed with the Psalmist, "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" Psa. 133:1. We had looked forward to this spiritual and social treat for a long time, for a treat it surely is for the Scottish members who are separated by such long distances from each other. From Glasgow, Dundee, Aberdeen, and other Adventist churches, as well as from isolated areas, the members gathered on Friday evening, July 5th.

Earlier in the day the workers from the various churches had gathered for special meetings. Our Union president, Pastor W. W. Armstrong, first led us in a service of communion. It was felt that this would set the high spiritual pattern for the services of the week-end. From this act of reconsecration our thoughts were directed to our great need of understanding and sympathy by Pastor A. F. Tarr, who illustrated his message with experiences from his recent visit to Poland.

Closer co-operation between the ministry and laity was the topic for discussion during the day. New plans and methods were discussed freely by the workers as the departmental secretaries gave their suggestions for co-operation in the several fields of home missionary work. As a result it is hoped that the evangelistic programme in Scotland will be greatly benefited.

At six o'clock the delegates to the conference assembled and chose the various working committees to plan the business session for Sunday. This work was accomplished after the service of welcome conducted by our Mission president, Pastor B. F. Kinman.

Conference Sabbaths are always full days and this year was to be no exception. Under the direction of Pastor E. R. Warland, Sabbath school opened the day's services. We were happy to have Pastor C. R. Bonney of the Voice of Prophecy with us to lead us through the lesson study after Pastor Warland had reviewed the previous week's lesson.

The mission appeal came to us from Brother G. Crutchfield.

Divine service at eleven o'clock was conducted by Pastor Tarr, who stressed the need for the deeper consecration of all present. In the afternoon, Pastor Armstrong's Bible study was followed by a most inspiring Evangelistic Symposium, tracing the work in Scotland over the past two years. The climax of this service was the witness in baptism made by seven souls, six of whom were young people from our churches. As has been our practice in recent years, an offering for evangelism was taken and resulted in gifts and pledges amounting to well over a hundred pounds.

The Scottish Dorcas Welfare Federation presented in the early evening a most interesting hour describing their work. A display in the Dorcas room downstairs emphasized the importance that is attached to this phase of our work in Scotland.

Our day of worship closed with a very impressive Missionary Volunteer rally led by Pastors C. D. Watson and J. Mahon. An illustrated history of the young people's work of the church was followed by films showing the important work that is done for our young people by the various camps and congresses organized by the church.

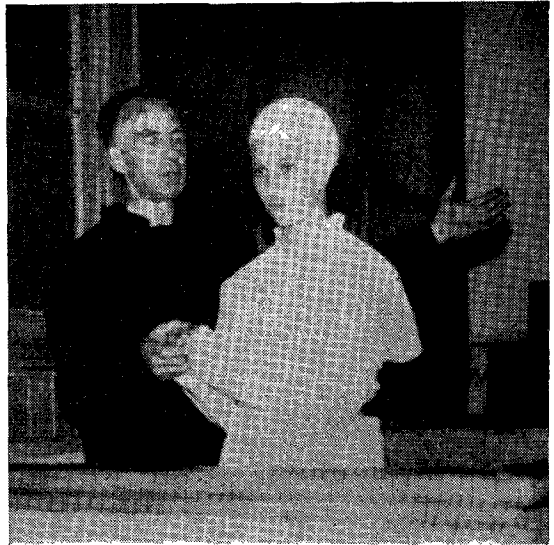
Although Sunday primarily was set aside for conference business, Pastor Warland first led our thoughts to God in morning devotion. The work of presenting the reports took most of the day. A vote of thanks to God for the advance reported by our re-elected president, Pastor Kinman, revealed the spiritual interest that was attached to the more mundane work to be done. As we followed the treasurer's report we were impressed by the faithfulness of the membership in their tithes and offerings. So also, when the other department reports were rendered, was the willingness and loyalty of the laity greatly appreciated. Although almost all the reports showed advance, a call to greater effort was invariably voted and recommendations for further advance made.

It was felt that a local secretary for the Sabbath

School, Home Missionary, and Missionary Volunteer departments would strengthen the work in Scotland. A recommendation, therefore, that Brother George Crutchfield be called to this work was voted. We would like to thank our Union brethren at this time for all the work that they have done for so long.

Our conference was concluded on Sunday evening, when Pastor Bonney preached an evangelistic sermon on Christ's return to a full congregation of members and non-members—a most fitting theme to close another biennial conference gathering of God's people in Scotland. We look forward to and will work toward the grand time when we shall all meet in fellowship about the feet of the Master in our home above.

G. S. CRUTCHFIELD.



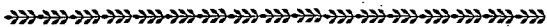
A scene during the Scottish Conference baptismal session.

Scottish Mission Officers 1957-1959

AT the Biennial Session of the Scottish Mission held in Edinburgh, July 5th to 7th, the following officers were appointed for the ensuing period. It will be noticed that local secretaries have been appointed for certain departments formerly cared for by officers at the British Union headquarters. It is hoped that these actions will result in strengthening the work in the Scottish Mission, and your prayers to this end are requested.

- President:* B. F. Kinman.
- Secretary-Treasurer:* W. G. C. Walton.
- Home Missionary, Sabbath School, and Missionary Volunteer:* G. S. Crutchfield.
- Voice of Prophecy:* C. R. Bonney.
- Temperance and Education:* C. D. Watson.
- Public Relations:* B. F. Kinman.
- Religious Liberty:* W. L. Emmerson.
- Publishing Department:* A. Cooper.

W. G. C. WALTON, *Secretary.*



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Sabbath Services at the Irish Mission Conference

By R. H. Bainbridge

WE could not have wished for a more glorious day to begin our Sabbath services at the Biennial Session. When Sabbath school commenced under the leadership of the local superintendent, Brother C. Rhodes, a good-sized congregation had already assembled. The missions appeal was appropriately taken by Pastor W. McClements, who, while on holiday in his native Ireland, was attending the conference. The past week's lesson was reviewed by Pastor R. H. Bainbridge, and Pastor W. G. Nicholson vividly set the scene of Peter's imprisonment and providential release, the subject of the morning's lesson.

The thrill of combined worship in the delightful setting of the new church was continued in the service that followed in which Pastor A. F. Tarr was the preacher. He drew for us from the Scriptures word-pictures of the great love of the Father and Son for the human family. "Where will we find a more one-sided friendship than that which Christ demonstrated on the cross?" the speaker asked us. "And what was the purpose of this manifestation of eternal love in the picture of our Saviour's life? So that the same picture might be painted in our lives also." It was our pleasure to listen to two solos from a guest soloist, Mr. E. Matthews, who in a rich bass-baritone voice rendered two songs, "Bless this house" and "I walked in the garden."

Naturally, the highlight of the day's worship was the Dedication Service at 3 p.m., when the church was filled to capacity by members and friends. From 2.40 p.m. to 3 p.m. it was our pleasure to listen to an organ recital given by Professor Philip Cranmer, F.R.C.O., of Belfast University. He also accompanied

a group of singers who rendered two pieces in the service that followed. Pastor W. W. Armstrong preached the sermon, taking for his theme, "The glory of God in the church." He emphasized that God's chief interest is in the individual members of the church, who are being invited to co-operate with Him in the revelation of His glory to the world. Pastor Tarr led us in the prayer of dedication.

As the hours of evening drew on, a good number again gathered to witness the baptism of eight souls. Another sister was received in by vote, making nine additions in all. All but one of these candidates were from Pastor W. Frazer's district of Portadown and Banbridge. The other sister was received into the fellowship of the Belfast church. There is no greater joy than to see souls added to the Lord, and therefore this service was a very appropriate close to a memorable day for Ireland. Pastor Tarr, addressing the candidates in particular, recounted, from his journeyings in many countries, very interesting instances of the manifestation of the beauty of the Lord in human lives, leading all our thoughts to the desirability of our having this same beauty in our lives. Pastor Frazer baptized the candidates. Brother J. C. Collins was the soloist in this closing service.

Thus closed a day which marked a great advance in our work in the Mission. R. H. BAINBRIDGE.

Irish Mission Officers 1957-1959

At the Biennial Session of the Irish Mission held in Belfast, June 28th to 30th, the following officers were appointed for the ensuing period:

President: O. M. Dorland.

Secretary-Treasurer: W. G. C. Walton.

Missionary Volunteer, Education, and Temperance: C. D. Watson.

Voice of Prophecy: C. R. Bonney.

Religious Liberty: W. L. Emmerson.

Public Relations: R. D. Vine.

Publishing Department: H. D. Howard.

W. G. C. WALTON, *Secretary.*

Let No Man Deceive You

By Varner J. Johns

SOME fifty years ago a tent was pitched in south Denver and the arresting message of a soon-coming Saviour was proclaimed. As I listened to the wonderful words of life and hope, expressions and words with new meaning were added to my vocabulary. One of these expressions was "the truth."

Impressive word, this word "truth." It comprehends all that is right and just and honest and sincere. Theologically, it is the compendium of the fundamentals of the faith as revealed in the

Scriptures. There was certainly in the things I heard so many years ago. The "truth" rang true to the Scriptures. Through the years the light of faith has grown brighter, the truth more precious.

During the half century of my walk with the remnant church, my heart has oftentimes been made sad when friends of mine have left us to walk no more in the path of truth. Some fell under temptation. Others were led astray by false teachers. The danger of deceptive doctrine is very real and very present. The words of a false prophet are always fair words. He comes as a messenger of light. Apparently he is a minister of truth and righteousness. But he deals in death. Error, though clothed in the garments of truth, is always deceptive, destructive. The way of error may seem right to a man, but the end thereof is death and destruction. Why, then, do some depart from the faith? What is the reason for their defection and departure?

1. Some are not rooted and grounded in the faith. They are satisfied with a superficial knowledge of the Scriptures. They have never dug deeply for the treasures of truth.

2. Some have been hurt, deeply hurt, by the hardness of heart of some fellow churchmember. Looking at the mistakes of men instead of to the righteousness of Christ, they become easy prey to the soft-spoken words of a false prophet.

3. Some have never learned the blessedness of victorious living under the new-covenant experience. Defeated and discouraged, unhappy in their Christian life, they eagerly grasp at anything that promises new hope and a better experience.

The faith once delivered to the saints is a saving faith. Though the word "faith" refers to a reliance upon Christ for salvation, it also refers in the Bible to the truth itself. The expressions "the faith" and "the truth" are analogous. In the days of the apostles, churches were "established in the faith" and the believers were admonished to "continue in the faith." Acts 16:5; 14:22.

Said the apostle Paul to the Corinthians, "Watch ye, stand fast in the faith" (1 Cor. 16:13), and again, "Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves." 2 Cor. 13:5. The Colossians he admonished to be "in the faith grounded and settled," to be "established in the faith, as ye have been taught." Col. 1:23; 2:7. His desire for all was that they should be "sound in the faith." Titus 1:13.

Notwithstanding the power with which the Gospel was proclaimed in the apostolic church, there were many who departed from the faith. Satan never sleeps; his ministers never slumber. As a result, even in the days of a triumphant church, some "cast off their first faith," "erred from the faith," "erred concerning the faith." 1 Tim. 5:12; 6:10, 21. The margin of verse ten reads, "have been seduced from the faith."

Error is always seductive. Like the mythical Siren sisters who seduced the Greek mariners with their enchanting music, error sings the songs of the kingdom but leads her victims to the enchanted isle of destruction. "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils." 1 Tim. 4:1.

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September 21st

A date for you to keep in mind
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Plan to spend the whole day at the
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The day's programme will close with the showing of
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Other Special Meetings With Pastor Guenther at:
BRISTOL CENTRAL, Wednesday, Sept. 18th at 7.30 p.m.
HOLLOWAY, Thursday, Sept. 19th at 7.30 p.m.
STANBOROUGH PARK, Friday, Sept. 20th at 7.30 p.m.

PLAN TO BE THERE

WHICHEVER OF THESE MEETINGS IS MOST
CONVENIENT FOR YOU, SHOULD NOT BE MISSED

Christ admonished, "Take heed that no man deceive you." "For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect." This message seems to apply with special force to these last of the last days. The manner of Christ's second coming and the setting up of His kingdom of glory are the special concern of our Lord in His great prophetic message of Matthew twenty-four and twenty-five. The coming of Jesus is "with power and great glory." Matt. 24:30. All the holy angels come with Him when He sits upon the throne of His glory. (Matt. 25:31.) *The Great Controversy* has this to say in regard to the kingdom of glory:

"Not until the personal advent of Christ can His people receive the kingdom. The Saviour said: 'When the Son of man shall come in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then shall He sit upon the throne of His glory: and before Him shall be gathered all nations. . . . Then shall the King say unto them on His right hand, Come, ye blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.' Matt. 25:31-34. We have seen by the Scriptures just given (Matt. 25:31; 24:31; 1 Cor. 15:51-53; 1 Thess. 4:16, 17) that when the Son of man comes, the dead are raised incorruptible and the living are changed. By this great change they are prepared to receive

the kingdom; for Paul says: 'Flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.' 1 Cor. 15:50. Man in his present state is mortal, corruptible; but the kingdom of God will be incorruptible, enduring for ever. Therefore man in his present state cannot enter into the kingdom of God. But when Jesus comes He confers immortality upon His people; and then He calls them to inherit the kingdom of which hitherto they have been only heirs." —Pages 322, 323.

Probation closes before the kingdom is established. The resurrection of the righteous and their change to immortality must precede the setting up of the everlasting kingdom of glory.

Moreover, we have been warned repeatedly against any teaching that sets a time for the second coming or of any event connected with Christ's coming.

It would be impossible and unprofitable to attempt to follow error through all its intricate windings. God gives us no such commission. Strange ideas are brought forward as "new light." Errors that are hoary with age are revived and taught and believed. The name of error is Legion. In a thousand forms the enemy appears with his fables and fiction labelled as truth. There are subtle philosophies in which the thread of pantheism is woven. There are "miracles" of healing. There is hypnotism, "the science of the one who lost his first estate." More deceptive, however, is supposed new light in regard to the coming of Christ, or the kingdom, or the sanctuary. We must ever be on guard, watchful unto prayer.

False teachers have one thing in common—they all unite in singing the chorus of criticism. They attack the ministers of the Advent movement, the leaders, the organization. When men lose faith in the ministers they soon lose touch with the message. We need not condone the mistakes of men. There are imperfections even in the best of men. In this age of "diseased piety and perverted principle" it is not surprising that some who claim to wear the robe of righteousness should be guilty of sin. God takes care of the hypocrites in the church, but it is not for us to judge hypocrisy. Open sin must be dealt with, but we should be slow to question motives. Some may be struggling against temptation, in utter discouragement. They need our sympathy, our prayers, not our criticism. Indeed, we have been told that the time will come when we must draw warmth from the coldness of others and courage from their cowardice. But if we dwell upon the mistakes of others we condemn ourselves.

Criticism is the first step toward apostasy. Not long ago I approached a home where I had arranged to give a study. Unbeknown to me, these people were in touch with an apostate movement, and a group of about twenty people were in the home. As I approached the partly opened door, I heard a melodious voice say, "All these preachers want is to baptize you so that they can get your money." The speaker was a leader in this apostasy.

All around the circle of the earth are found the men and women who are giving their lives for the salvation of the lost. They are our sons and daughters, the children of the church, trained in our schools and sent forth with the glad tidings of

salvation. Only Satan and his ministers would accuse these workers of seeking souls for monetary gain. Satan, the "accuser of the brethren," is the leader in apostasy. His messengers are like him. Their words are dark with doubt, cruel with criticism.

To fellowship with those who are teachers of error, to invite them into our homes, to bid them Godspeed, is to partake of their evil work. Presumptuously, some have listened to false teachers with the sincere purpose of helping them to see their error. "He seemed so sincere," said a woman to me in speaking of a young apostle of apostasy she had permitted to give a study in her home. Often the pastor does not know of these studies until the member of his church has been taken captive.

We are almost home. The great day of our deliverance is near, very near. How sad, fearfully sad, to lose our way on the last mile of the journey. "Let no man deceive you." "Watch you, be strong in the faith." Do not let some "root of bitterness" grow into a poisonous plant of apostasy. Above all, be careful what you hear, whom you hear. These words from the *Testimonies*, Volume 5, pages 273, 274, are the counsel of the Lord:

"Great changes are soon to take place in the world, and everyone will need an experimental knowledge of the things of God. It is the work of Satan to dishearten the people of God and to unsettle their faith. He tries in every way to insinuate doubts and questionings in regard to the position, the faith, the plans, of the men upon whom God has laid the burden of a special work and who are zealously doing that work. Although he may be baffled again and again, yet he renews his attacks, working through those who profess to be humble and God-fearing, and who are apparently interested in, or believers of, present truth. The advocates of truth expect fierce and cruel opposition from their open enemies, but this is far less dangerous than the secret doubts expressed by those who feel at liberty to question and find fault with what God's servants are doing. These may appear to be humble men; but they are self-deceived, and they deceive others. . . . Brethren, never allow anyone's ideas to unsettle your faith in regard to the order and harmony which should exist in the church." —R. & H.

Modern Science and Unclean Foods

By Bruce M. Halstead, M.D.

ATTEMPTS to determine a scientific basis for the Levitical, or Mosaic, laws concerning the use of animal products for food (Lev. 11:1-47; Deut. 14:1-20) have caused much conjecture. Some have felt that the laws were arbitrary in nature and without scientific merit.

The Spirit of prophecy writings are quite pointed concerning the matter: "The angel's prohibition included 'every unclean thing.' The distinction between articles of food as clean and unclean was not a merely ceremonial and arbitrary regulation, but was based upon sanitary principles. To the

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observance of this distinction may be traced, in a great degree, the marvellous vitality which for thousands of years has distinguished the Jewish people."—*Patriarchs and Prophets*, page 562.

And again: "Many articles of food eaten freely by the heathen about them were forbidden to the Israelites. It was no arbitrary distinction that was made. The things prohibited were unwholesome. And the fact that they were pronounced unclean taught the lesson that the use of injurious foods is defiling. That which corrupts the body tends to corrupt the soul."—*The Ministry of Healing*, page 280.

It is noteworthy that most public health workers who have made the subject of disease transmission by lower animals a matter of scientific inquiry are also convinced that the Mosaic laws concerning the use of animal products had a very definite public health basis. Dr. John Hanlon in his book *Principles of Public Health Administration* (1955), page 28, states that the Mosaic law is considered to have been the first formal hygienic code.

Present knowledge regarding disease transmission by lower animals does not permit a complete understanding of all of the public health implications of the Levitical laws, but modern medical research does throw some light on the subject.

The prohibition of the hog in the Israelite diet has been of particular interest both to theologians and to medical people. In one of the most authoritative compilations on diseases in lower animals, Dr. Thomas G. Hull's *Diseases Transmitted from Animals to Man* (1955), pages 639-695, there appears a list of the various diseases most commonly transmitted from cattle, swine, and other animals to man. The following chart listing the

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IN NORTH ENGLAND

Wednesday, September 11th NEWCASTLE
Thursday, September 12th LEEDS
Friday, September 13th SHEFFIELD

GRAND MIDLAND RALLY

at

DERBY, SABBATH, SEPTEMBER 14th

Sunday, September 15th BIRMINGHAM

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Particulars of times of meetings will be announced locally

diseases transmitted to man by the cow in comparison with those by the hog is revealing:

Disease	Cow	Hog
Rabies	Yes	Yes
Q fever	Yes	No
Anthrax	Yes	Yes
Brucellosis	Yes	Yes
Diphtheria	Yes	No
Leptospirosis	Yes	Yes
Relapsing fever	Yes	No
Salmonellosis	Yes	Yes
Streptococcal infections	Yes	No
Tuberculosis, bovine	Yes	No
Tuberculosis, human	No	Yes
Actinomycosis	Yes	Yes
Coccidioidomycosis	Yes	No
Ringworm	Yes	No
African Trypanosomiasis	Yes	Yes
Trichinosis	No	Yes
Hydatid disease	Yes	Yes
Beef tapeworm	Yes	No
Pork tapeworm	No	Yes
Schistosomiasis	Yes	No

The diseases listed do not constitute all of the diseases that may be transmitted to man, but only those considered to be of "major public health significance." According to this comparison the cow might be considered a greater public health hazard than the hog. However, when the list is analyzed from a qualitative or medical basis the picture takes on a somewhat different tint. With the single exception of brucellosis, the cow plays a relatively minor rôle as a transmitter of most of the diseases listed.

Bovine tuberculosis, which was once quite common, has been largely eliminated in this country. The most common worm infestations obtained from the cow are probably the beef tapeworm and hydatid disease. The beef tapeworm is generally of minor medical importance. Hydatid disease can be very serious, but fortunately the incidence is relatively low. The cow has been aptly termed the "foster-mother of the world," and is unquestionably one of man's most indispensable domestic animals.

The hog, on the other hand, is almost universally recognized as a walking garbage can. In many primitive areas of the world it is utilized as the professional scavenger, as well as the food for the community. Dr. William A. Hagan has pointed out in his work, "The Relation of Diseases in the Lower Animals to Human Welfare" [*Annals of the New York Academy of Sciences*, (1947), page 353], that nearly half of the pigs that are born in the U.S.A. die before they reach marketable age. If this is indicative of the health status of pigs in a country which supposedly has good sanitary conditions, what must be the mortality rate of hogs in some of the underdeveloped areas of the world?

In his exhaustive treatise on *Trichinosis* (1945), page 3, Dr. Sylvester Gould quotes Dr. A. C. Chandler, a famous parasitologist, as saying: "There can be little doubt that this worm [speaking

of *Trichinella spiralis*, a worm parasite of the pig that is commonly transmitted to man], with a pork tapeworm as an accomplice, was responsible for the old Jewish law against the eating of pork." Gould and many other public health workers concur in this statement. *Trichinella spiralis* is said to be the most dangerous of the thirty-one species of round worms parasitic to man. There is no known treatment of the disease and most preventive methods, aside from the Mosaic recommendation, are impractical.

The Israelites were warned that they were not only to eliminate the flesh of the hog from their diet but were not even to touch the carcass. It is noteworthy that the diseases anthrax, brucellosis, tuberculosis, and balantidiasis (a severe type of dysentery) are all disseminated through contact. In regard to the balantidiasis it is significant that human balantidiasis is very rare in Egypt despite the fact that about eighty per cent of the pigs of Egypt are infected with the disease. Drs. A. Halawan and M. El Kordy reported that "the rarity of balantidial infections in Egypt may be due to the fact that the great majority of Egyptians are Mohammedans who are not allowed to eat the meat of pigs, or to rear them." Likewise trichinosis is rare in Mohammedan countries because of their religious abhorrence of the hog.

Rodents, ferrets, camels, badgers, and owls were also prohibited items for the Israelite diet. All of these animals have been incriminated carriers of plague and a variety of other serious diseases. The relationship between the dreaded disease tularemia and rabbits is well known in medical circles.

The Bible prohibition against the eating of fishes not possessing fins and scales is one of the most remarkable preventive measures ever instituted. This particular advice has never been improved upon, and modern military preventive medicine manuals are still quoting it. The simple removal of scaleless and finless fishes from the diet eliminates the danger of encountering the two most violent forms of fish poisoning. Puffer poisoning involves more than ninety species of fishes widely distributed throughout the world. Moray eel poisoning has incriminated at least six species of tropical eels. All of these fishes are scaleless, and moray eels would also be considered finless by most laymen.

True, there are many aspects of the Levitical laws that we do not understand completely. Undoubtedly future research on communicable diseases will add greatly to our appreciation of the scientific validity of these laws. The history of communicable diseases attests that mortality and morbidity statistics would have been considerably lower if man had been willing to follow God's plan for diet. —R. & H.

THE most powerful form of energy one can generate is not mechanical, electronic, or even atomic energy, but prayer energy.—*Alexis Carrel*.

PITY is best taught by fellowship in woe.—*Coleridge*.

AS if you could kill time without injuring eternity!—*Thoreau*.

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Two Baptisms in Chiswick

DURING the second quarter of this year it has been the happy privilege of the West London churches to witness two baptisms in the Chiswick church, the first on April 13th and the second on June 29th, when sixteen souls passed through the watery grave to rise to newness of life in Christ Jesus.

Some of these dear people came to accept the message as a result of Pastor Victor Cooper's campaign in Twickenham, others as a result of the Voice of Prophecy work, and three were our own young people.

At the April baptism we were privileged to have Pastor J. A. McMillan with us to address the candidates and Pastor Cooper gave words of timely advice to those who were baptized on June 29th.

The church was beautifully decorated for both baptisms by Sister Mary West.

Pastor Cooper has been ably assisted in Twickenham by Brother Dennis Uffindell. Sister Elsie Izard has also helped with the visiting and Bible studies.

We do solicit the prayers of our believers everywhere for Pastor Cooper's forthcoming campaign in



Pastor V. Cooper baptizing one of the younger candidates.

Hammersmith. Please pray that the Lord will bless him and that many more souls will be added to the remnant church at that time.

ENID TOLMAN.

Ipswich Bids Farewell

It was in 1951 that Pastor S. G. Hyde came to Ipswich to begin a work which has grown steadily over the past six years. Preparations went ahead for a great evangelistic campaign to be launched in the Baths Hall, which opened in October, 1951, and continued for five winter seasons, drawing many hundreds of people to hear the timely topics and the Bible truths proclaimed. It was at these meetings that so many of the newer members of the Ipswich church were first attracted to the Advent message. The Baths Hall services became almost a household word in the district and it was disappointing to many when they had to be discontinued.

In the meantime, through the efforts of Pastor Hyde, and as the answer to very many prayers, we were able to take possession of a beautiful little church, where the popular Sunday evening services could be carried on. We are justly proud of our church in Rope Walk.

When we took the church over certain alterations were necessary, the most important need being a baptistry, and the brethren and friends soon got busy, spending many months in constructing this. A public baptismal service, when the baptistry was in use for the second time, took place on Sunday, June 30th, four more of our young people presenting themselves as they had been led by the Spirit to follow the Lord through the baptismal waters. After extending the right hand of fellowship to these candidates, Pastor Hyde performed the sacred rite in the suitably decorated baptismal pool as the large congregation sang, "Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine." This most recent baptism means that well over 100 members have been added to the church during the period of Pastor Hyde's sojourn in Ipswich.

At the close of this impressive service, we had very reluctantly to bid farewell to Pastor Hyde, a respected minister and a great friend. An expression of thanks and appreciation for all he had done was made by Deaconess Miss Garland, referring to Pastor Hyde's departure as a call from God to take the Advent message a little farther—a call which must be answered. A presentation was made, on behalf of the membership and friends, as a token of our love and gratitude. As Pastor Hyde goes to undertake yet another evangelistic campaign in the city of Oxford, it is with the good wishes and the earnest prayers of the Ipswich membership that God will richly bless him as he labours to win more souls for the kingdom. B. DUKE, Church Clerk.

A Notable Day in Southampton

A DELIGHTFUL day was spent at our Southampton church on Sabbath, July 13th. Some special features marked our Sabbath school service and we started

off with a full complement of members; which, of course, was most gratifying to all concerned.

Pastor W. L. Emmerson was the preacher for the morning service, and we were impressed as he explained to us from the Scriptures the secrets of the "Steadfast Life."

The young people's service in the afternoon was cared for by two student colporteurs, Brother Reg Burgess and Brother Derek Mason. Coming from Newbold College, these two brethren were able to introduce some special attractions for the young folk.

At the close of the afternoon service a Parker "51" pen, which had been subscribed for by the whole church membership, was handed to Miss Anstee, our Bible instructor, by Miss Jennifer Payne.

Sister Anstee is leaving Southampton to associate with Pastor S. G. Hyde in his new campaign in Oxford and the gift was made to her as a mark of the esteem in which she has been held during her stay with us. In the absence of the local minister, and on behalf of the congregation, the elder told Sister Anstee how much she had endeared herself to the church, that her departure was greatly regretted, but that she went with the best wishes of every member.

F. J. KINMAN.

Investiture at Bedford

ON Sabbath, July 27th, after a very patient wait of over twelve months, Penny Morison was invested as a "Helper" at Bedford. During this period she has not been idle, but has almost finished her "Friend" course and hopes to receive her scarf and badge soon. She has also successfully passed her Junior Red Cross examination, gaining ninety-six marks. Well done, Penny, and many congratulations.

F. CORBY.

THE MINISTRY OF LITERATURE

Won to the Message Through Books

By J. Jeremias Oliveira

Secretary, Publishing Department, East Brazil Union

SEVERAL months ago two inexperienced canvassers arrived in Espirito Santo, Brazil, and began looking for a boarding room. They inquired at the hotel, but the rooms were all taken. So they went back to the bus driver who had brought them to that village, and he invited them to stay with him. They were very surprised to learn that the head of the family was interested in the truth, and that another family near-by was keeping the Sabbath. They looked them up, sold them some books, and gave them Bible studies. After they left the main part of town they called at the home of a certain family where they heard the following story:

This gentleman's father had bought several books from colporteurs, and through them he started to keep the Sabbath faithfully. He waited many years for the arrival of a Seventh-Day Adventist pastor to baptize him. The years went by, and the man

died never having been baptized. His son, now the head of a large family, never joined any church because he had read the books his father had left and believed in the doctrines they taught.

We have now organized a Sabbath school with twenty members, old and young, who are today following the truth in that place. *Bible Readings* was mostly responsible for the results of the work there.

—R. & H.

Literature Evangelism in Indonesia

By B. E. Wagner

General Conference Publishing Department

THE Far Eastern Division publishing department secretary, C. L. Finney, writes that some 511 persons were baptized as the result of colporteur contacts in the Far East during 1956. In his letter he sent the following colporteur experiences:

"Paul Tjolle, who has been a literature evangelist for eighteen years, was invited to speak in a Pentecostal church. After his talk he was permitted to display his books and take orders. Later he gave Bible studies to the woman who owned the church building. She was baptized into our message and gave the church to our denomination. Five others were baptized with her, and fifteen others who were members of the Pentecostal church are now attending a branch Sabbath school being conducted by this colporteur and his wife, who is also a colporteur. The woman who owned the church is now in the colporteur work in Indonesia.

"Literature evangelist Ong Tana Hian was tops in deliveries in Indonesia during 1956. From her colporteur earnings she purchased an old building, made it over into a church, and gave it to the mission. There are now twenty persons attending that church. Ten of them are baptized members, and six of the other ten are preparing for baptism.

Another colporteur, by the name of Soul Ander, has been in the work seven years, and in the last year and a half he has seen fifteen people baptized. He operates a branch Sabbath school. The village chief and five teachers from the government school are attending his meetings. A Pentecostal preacher is also attending the branch Sabbath school, and he plans to go into the colporteur work. —R. & H.

NEWS FROM MANY LANDS

South from the Himalayas

By Duane S. Johnson

A TOUGH little jeep moved carefully at twilight along the steep Himalayan trail. Mules and yak driven by sturdy Tibetan and Nepali traders transporting their packs of tea, spices, silks, and provisions had opened the route years before. The trail was not intended for motor transport, but the Seventh-Day Adventist mobile dispensary had come with a message of health and the better life to share with the isolated people of the mountains.

The driver, Allen Maberly, stopped the jeep and

scanned the terraced fields and wooded slopes to the west and north. He reached for a battered case, pulled out a silver trumpet, and pressed it to his lips. The mighty hills resounded with the notes of the hymn, "Lift Up the Trumpet."

After listening from their humble houses jutting out from mountain slopes, the hill people soon began to gather on the trail for treatment—farmers, woodcutters, mothers with babies slung on their backs, and dark-eyed children! Those that could read were invited to enrol in the Voice of Prophecy Bible Correspondence Course in Hindi. Later some were given Bible studies.

In this remote and newly entered bastion of unbelief, fifty-five have already been baptized. Hundreds, in spite of severe opposition and lack of adequate help, are searching for truth. The borderlands of the Northeast Union are rich with prospects for God's last message.

The little mountain kingdom of Nepal is one of these areas. Five of the ten highest mountain peaks in the world, including Everest and Kanchenjunga, are found here. Seven million Gurkhas, famous for their prowess in battle, live here. Though known for their proud and warlike characteristics, they are warmhearted and hospitable.

Two of our literature evangelists visited Nepal to contact Voice of Prophecy students. They also sold our health books, took subscriptions for the *Oriental Watchman and Herald of Health*, and enrolled others in the Bible school. Only a few score Christians live among the millions of Buddhists of Nepal. Our brethren interviewed several officers close to the king and gave them information concerning our medical work. One of these officers asked, "Why have you not started such a work here?" Just a few weeks ago Dr. and Mrs. Stanley Sturges arrived in India to carry on borderland medical work. They are studying the Hindi language now in preparation for this assignment.

Baptisms in 1956

During 1956 there were 269 precious souls found and baptized in the Northeast. Many youth were sent from the hills, valleys, and plains of this area to Falakata school. The Week of Prayer there concluded with seventeen young people joining the baptismal class, two of whom were formerly Hindus. These victories are precious.

We now report 2,071 baptized believers in war-torn Burma. The work is spreading northward into the Chin and Shan hills. Last year 193 persons were baptized in Burma. Just a little over a year ago I spent a week in the Tiddim area. We stopped along the road at Singunan to visit people with whom our workers had been studying. Today our brethren report one organized church of thirty-five members there, and three Sabbath schools. These new members speak three different hill languages and are ardently witnessing to the coming Saviour among their own people.

Since 1947 all our youth in Burma have come to Myaungmya for their high school training. On a small plot of ground and in temporary buildings the work has been carried on though constantly surrounded by rebel activity and uncertainty. Con-

ditions in central Burma, north of Rangoon, now seem more stable, and an excellent five-acre plot of land bounded by a hard-top road on one side and a small river on the other has been purchased from the government. Plans for temporary buildings made of bamboo matting have now been laid. The total cost of temporary buildings to house 120 boarding students will be about £1,330. Then the staff and students together—studying, clearing, singing, and praying—will construct the new buildings.

The South India Union is now moving under God into the greatest evangelistic programme in its history. Our workers and 8,150 members there are waiting to reap the ripened interests from literature evangelism, Bible school evangelism, and past efforts. A Bible school student at Salem, near Madras, writes: "It was because of the message of comfort preached by you I was cheerful in difficult times. For the growing betterment of my character I owe to the sermons, lessons, and literature of the Voice of Prophecy. In fact, for my very understanding of the Bible and the message of salvation I am indebted to the Voice of Prophecy. Yes, it was the Voice of Prophecy that taught me to keep all the ten commandments of God."

The Bible school lessons are now going out in thirteen of the languages of Southern Asia—four in South India.

A lady doctor who is isolated and who has had only one visit from our workers or members writes, "I now close my dispensary on Saturdays. I am convinced of Adventist truth. I have surrendered to the truth and am now ready for baptism."

An eager quest for truth is manifested everywhere today. Brother Pein Gyi at our union office in Rangoon received a telephone call recently. It was from one of the workers at our hospital who said, "We are sending thirty *Pangyis* [Buddhist monks] over to see you!"

Brother Pein Gyi met the *Pangyis* at the entrance to the compound with a polite and hospitable greeting. The leader told him they had come from the Ministry of Social Welfare.

These *Pangyis* had been studying the contributions to Burmese society made by various social and religious groups. Brother Pein Gyi placed the current Uplift folder (Ingathering magazine) in their hands. They were amazed by this report. They were also given a copy of *Your Friends the Adventists*. When told about the Bible school in Burmese, Chinese, and English, they inquired, "May a *Pangyi* also enrol?" Each *Pangyi* filled out the enrolment card.

The search for light and truth goes on in Southern Asia today. Thirty-eight new churches have been organized on the foundation of the Bible school interests since 1947. Ninety-one Sabbath schools have been started in this way. From more than 100,000 who have completed our Bible school courses a large harvest of souls is coming in. Nearly 3,000 persons have been baptized from Bible school interests since the opening of this work in Southern Asia.

Like fire in the stubble, and "by thousands of voices, all over the earth, the warning will be given." (*The Great Controversy*, page 612.) The silent messengers left by colporteurs in thousands of

Hindu, Moslem, Buddhist, and Christian homes are like "voices" warning and winning for God.

Literature Evangelism

A literature evangelist in the Western India field was working at Ahmadnagar. He sold a religious book and gave a copy of the *Signs of the Times* to a man who later became a patient in a sanatorium. From the sanatorium this man wrote us a letter asking for more *Signs*. Fortunately our church at home had been keeping us supplied, so we had these to send. He requested more literature, and the book *The Desire of Ages* was sent. This man's life has been changed. He has organized a worship service each evening, and writes, "During our evening prayers in the ward I ask that the daily reading be from her book."

There are now 110 regular literature evangelists serving the cause in Southern Asia. At the end of the recent colporteur institute at Spicer Memorial College eighty-five students pledged themselves to literature ministry during vacation. These are now scattered in twenty-three main language areas selling our literature and enrolling people in the Bible school. More than £330,000 worth of literature in eighteen different languages was sold by the literature evangelists in 1956.

Other witnesses to the loving Saviour are our workers in the seven medical institutions. Outpatients during 1956 numbered 132,102 persons. More than 6,000 surgical operations were performed, and hundreds of happy mothers gave their babies a healthy start in these clean and pleasant surroundings. An increasing number are finding their way to the true God through observing the love and mercy of those who serve as the "right arm."

In these difficult lands of unbelief and opposition it is a thrill to see the reports of evangelism come in. G. Gurubatham writes regarding Muller Isaac's effort at Koilpatty, South India: "Eight souls were baptized." He writes of S. Anbiah's meetings at Mayavaram: "Eight were baptized. Some are from

Hindu families, and some are college students who are planning to go to Spicer College next year."

C. P. Jonahs writes: "We recently baptized five from our effort in the Kannada Section." C. John writes from Madras: "I was connected with the effort at Pondicherry, and six were baptized there; another four were baptized in Madras."

Nearly 18,000 baptized churchmembers now represent the message throughout this division, and 305 churches and 608 Sabbath schools light the dark corners of these unbelieving lands. Our people are poor, but we are glad to report a steady increase in tithes and offerings as they support the finishing of God's work. Mrs. White had this work before her as she wrote in *Welfare Ministry*, page 273: "Let everyone have a self-denial box in his home, and when he would spend pennies and shillings in self-gratification let him remember the needy and starving in Africa and India and those close by his own door."

Much prayer, labour, and self-sacrifice have been sown in these lands, and now is the time of reaping. The unfinished task is the objective of God's people today. The conquest is sure, for "He will finish the work." If we would fulfil His plan for our lives, each one of us must do his part. —R. & H.

Bibles and Hymn Books Wanted

A REQUEST has come to me from our believers in St. Helena for used copies of Bibles and *Advent Hymnals*.

Our members in this far-off island are not only isolated, but also poor in this world's goods. It would be a real blessing to them if some of our churches here could send any Bibles and hymn-books which they can spare to our faithful members there. Please only send copies that are in good condition, and address them to: Pastor G. Beyers, P.O. Box 9, Jamestown, St. Helena, South Atlantic Ocean. Thank you very much. W. W. ARMSTRONG.

Wedding Bells

ANDERSON-McGEACHY.—On that beautiful summer's day, June 3, 1957, Ruth McGeachy and Leslie Philip Anderson were united in matrimony. The Holloway church, tastefully and attractively decorated for the occasion, was the venue, and in it assembled relatives, guests, and friends from many parts of England to wish the young couple God's richest blessing as they set out on life's journey together.

Ruth is the only daughter of Pastor and Mrs. James McGeachy of Tottenham, and for the past three years she has served the North England Conference most ably as a Bible instructor, first in Birmingham and latterly in association with the writer in Leicester. Philip is the son of

Brother and Sister Anderson of Grimsby, and has laboured energetically in the cause of evangelism in Manchester and Birmingham, where his ministry has been much appreciated.

The bride was attended by four charming bridesmaids, Jean Anderson, Margaret Edwards, Judith Elias, and Margaret Mustow. Mr. James Ginbey, who graduated from Newbold Missionary College the day before, was the best man.

Following the happy reception held in the church hall, the newlyweds left for their honeymoon in Eastbourne. On their return they will set up home in Birmingham.

It is the wish of their many friends, and their colleagues in the ministry, that not only will theirs be a life brimful of happiness and content, but that

in their joint service for God there may be abundant success to their satisfaction and His glory. God bless them both, and the new home thus established.

K. A. ELIAS.

JACQUES-KEIGHTLEY.—It is with great pleasure that we report the marriage between Michael Arthur Jacques and Vera Keightley, both members of Camp Hill church, Birmingham. They were married by Pastor K. Lacey at Wyld Green church, Sutton Coldfield, on June 10, 1957. Mr. John McIntyre also of Camp Hill was best man. The bride was dressed in white and carried pink roses. She was attended by her sister-in-law and three small bridesmaids, two of whom wore pink and the other two white. All carried white Bibles. Sixty guests sat down at

the reception which was held at the church hall. The honeymoon was spent at Torquay.

The members of the Camp Hill church take this opportunity of wishing the newly-weds God's richest blessing and every happiness in the days that lie ahead.

JOHN SAXBY.

Till the Day Dawn

BARKER.—Sister Annie Barker of the Chiswick church passed peacefully away

on January 17, 1957, at the age of seventy-five years, after being confined to a hospital for over three years. It was in 1926 when visiting her sister, Mrs. Hansler (now of the Ipswich church), that our dear sister first contacted the message through Pastor F. W. Goodall. On returning to Chiswick Sister Barker was given Bible studies by Sister Brookes and she whole-heartedly accepted the truth. Our sister loved her church and when her health was good she never missed a meeting. One of her chief interests was in the Dorcas work and she led out in this department for some time. We extend our deepest sympathy to Sister Barker's sons, their wives, her sister, and other sorrowing relatives, and we look forward with them to the glad and glorious resurrection morning when

we believe we shall meet our dear sister again. May we all remain faithful until Jesus comes. ENID TOLMAN.

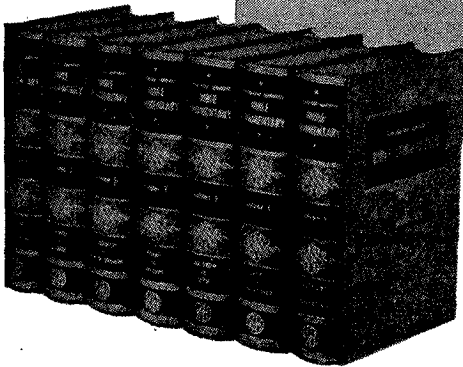
JONES.—It came as a shock to the members of the Chiswick church when they learned of the death of Sister Margaret Jones on May 22, 1957, at the age of sixty-four years. Our dear sister had only been ill for a few weeks prior to her death. Sister Jones accepted the message through Pastor T. J. Bradley in 1951 and became a devoted and active worker in the cause of God both as a deaconess and in the Dorcas work. Pastor V. H. Cooper officiated at a service held in the Chiswick church and afterward at the graveside. Our sympathy is extended to the sorrowing relatives and particularly to Sister Jones' nephew, Brother Glyn Inskip.



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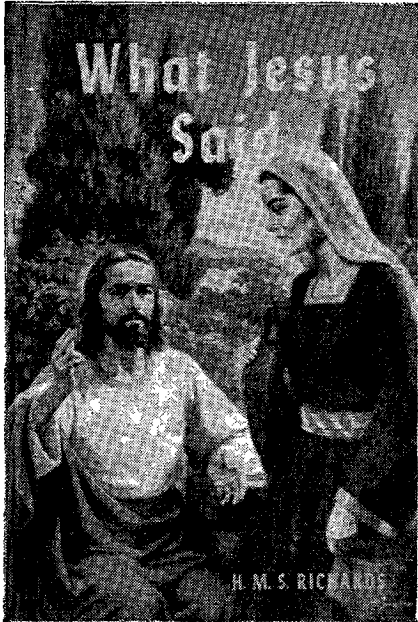
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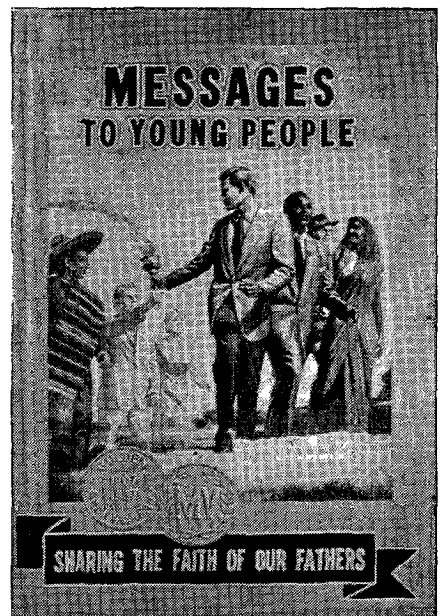
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We look forward with confidence to the day when sorrow and sighing will be no more and when we shall be reunited with those whom we love.
ENID TOLMAN.

JONES.—We record with sorrow the passing of our very dear sister, Minnie Jones, aged sixty-four years who died in hospital on May 23, 1957, after being cared for there for a little over a year. Our dear sister came to know and love the truth through her faithful sister, Mrs. Roberts. She always had a cheery word for everyone. She was kindness itself, and was loved by all. Pastor W. R. A. Madgwick had the joy of baptizing our dear sister in June, 1943, and she had been a faithful and loyal member of the church ever since. Her one aim in life was to serve her Lord. Pastor J. West conducted a very comforting service at her home where a number of churchmembers had assembled, and afterward she was laid to rest in Philips Park Cemetery. We, along with her loved ones, look forward to the glad resurrection morning, when, if we are faithful, we shall all meet again, nevermore to part. To her family, we of the Manchester church extend our heartfelt sympathy and pray that God by His Holy Spirit will richly console them. CHURCH CLERK.

JAMIESON.—By the death of Sister Jamieson at the advanced age of eighty-seven years the Burnopfield company have lost another member. Sister Jamieson received the Advent truth through the ministry of Pastor B. F. Kinman in 1944. She passed peacefully away in her sleep on June 11, 1957. The funeral was conducted by Pastor B. A. Walton and she was laid to rest in the Leazes Churchyard. She now awaits the call of the Life-giver.
CHURCH CLERK.

REID.—It is with heartfelt sorrow that we record the sudden death of Henry Lobban Reid, a dearly-loved and respected member of our Aberdeen church. Our brother had been in very frail health for the last four years, and latterly, was, for the most part, confined to bed, but loved to attend our services when he felt able. About two weeks before his death, he entered the Forresterhill Infirmary for examination. He had a slight operation, and those of us who visited him soon after, found him cheery and able to talk, though weak. We had hoped that he would make a good recovery. But it was the Lord's will to call our dear brother to his rest. He passed away suddenly and peacefully at a late hour on June 25, 1957, aged seventy-two years. He was baptized by Pastor K. Lacey on October 8, 1949. He was a very faithful witness for the truth both in our church and in his contact

with other people. He had held various church offices including those of home missionary secretary, Sabbath school superintendent, and also that of elder, until ill health prevented his continuance in office. For a few years he had been a lay colporteur, distributing a good number of magazines, and never missed a chance to speak a word about Jesus to the people at whose homes he called. The funeral service was conducted by our minister, Brother George Crutchfield, at the Aberdeen Crematorium in the presence of a large number of his relatives and of our own churchmembers, who had gathered to pay their last respects to a well-loved brother and friend. We shall miss him for his many acts of kindness and words of encouragement to others. We know that our dear brother was fully prepared to meet his Lord and that if we remain faithful, we shall have a glad reunion with him, when our Saviour comes to claim His own.
N. CATTANACH, Church Clerk.

RYLAND.—Miss Dorothy Ryland of Camp Hill church, Birmingham, passed away on July 7, 1957. She became a churchmember only a year ago through the ministry of Pastor K. Lacey. For a considerable time her health had been failing. Our sister was laid to rest in the Handsworth Cemetery, the service being conducted by Brother J. M. Cuthell. Although a member for only a short time she rejoiced in the Advent message and fell asleep in the certainty of the "blessed hope."
JOHN SAXBY.



Publisher's Notice

IN view of the annual Factory Holiday, BRITISH ADVENT MESSENGER No. 17 will be omitted. Number 18 will be a sixteen-page issue and will contain reports of the South and North England Conference Sessions.

The September Youth will also be omitted and the October issue will be a Double Number.



Congratulations

CONGRATULATIONS to Dr. Roland Parry, M.B., B.S., L.R.C.P., who has recently gained the higher qualification in surgery of F.R.C.S. (Eng.).
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Literature Wanted

SOME two years ago we published a request for Brother A. A. Nahman, of the Advent Sea Mission in South Africa, for copies of our periodicals and small literature for distribution among seamen. The good response was much appreciated. Our brother, who visits ships calling at South African ports, now renews his request for books, magazines, and tracts which you can spare. If you can help please post direct to: A. A. Nahman, c/o The Advent Sea Mission, P.O. Box 22, Somerset West, Cape Province, South Africa.
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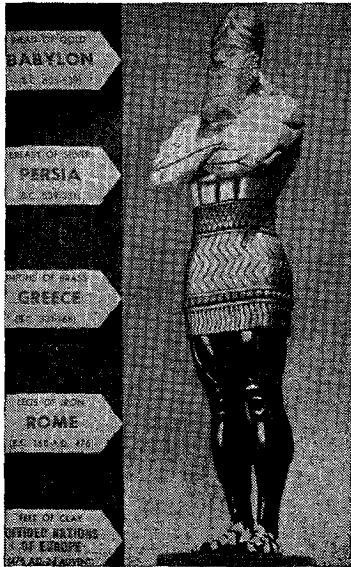
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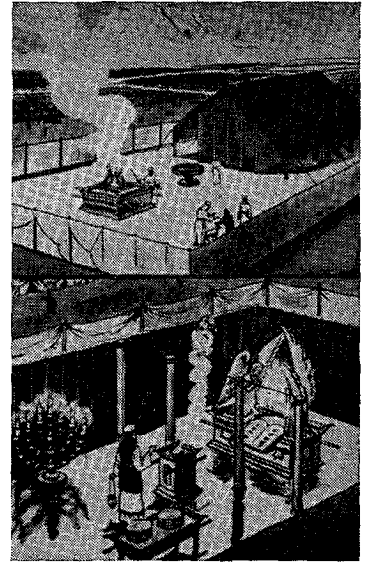
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