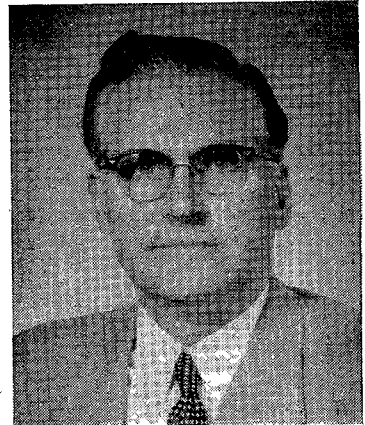


BRITISH ADVENT MESSENGER

A Task to be Accomplished

By Pastor J. M. Bucy

Publishing Department Secretary, Northern European Division



FELLOW-BELIEVER in the great Advent message, do you know what you believe and believe what you know? Are you doing all you can to propagate this message which is so near and dear to your heart? Are you looking forward with thrilling expectation to that glad day when the glorious Gospel will have been preached to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people? Is there more that you can do to help? Are you willing to be used in a larger capacity just now? When the call comes will you respond with, "Here am I, Lord, send me"?

AN ANSWERED PRAYER

Not long ago a colporteur felt an urge to turn off the beaten path to visit a home on a nearby hillside. Here he found a real interest. The woman of the house was at home. She unburdened her heart to the colporteur. She told how she had fallen to her knees the day before and prayed that the Lord would send help. "O God, send a Methodist, a Baptist, a Jehovah's Witness, but please send somebody." This woman and her husband had become addicted to alcohol. "When Jackie came I felt that I would be able to give it up" she said. "But it seems that my husband and I drank all the more. I thought of suicide. I had already purchased the lethal pills. Then yesterday, when I went for the pail of water I felt that urge to pray." That woman, her husband, and little Jackie, are now happy Adventists. The colporteur had arrived just in time. But what if there had not been someone there whom God could use?

Thousands, waiting, waiting, waiting!

O friend, what of the tens of thousands perishing in Christless graves all around us? Have you given them a thought? Soon we must give an account of what effort we put forth for the fifty-three million blood-bought souls in Britain. God has called us to do this work. He has no other plan. In that day what will the record books reveal? There are many who need the tender, loving word which perhaps only you can give. Note: "How can the work of the third angel be accomplished? It must be largely accomplished by persevering, individual effort; by visiting the people in their homes." (*Historical Sketches*, page 150.) And again: "Unless the workers appointed by God do the most interested hunting for lost sheep, Satan will succeed in his work of destroying, and souls will be lost that might have been found and restored." "Souls are perishing for the lack of personal labour."—*Ibid.*, pages 433, 430.

DELAY IS COSTLY

In September while in Germany I was greatly saddened by a report that came to my attention.

Literature Evangelism Day, Sabbath, November, 2nd

One of our leaders was privileged to attend one of our churches in a country where our colporteur work is at a complete standstill. Dozens of valiant colporteurs gathered around him weeping bitterly. Oh, if they could only be permitted to carry on their work. They would work harder. They would be more faithful. But the question comes to mind, Is it too late? Only our heavenly Father knows the answer. Friend of mine, we must not delay longer. We must act now. The Lord is calling many to higher responsibility. If you hear the call, or if you see the need, which in itself constitutes a call, will you not respond? Reverses can come overnight. They have come to peoples and nations least expecting it. NOW is the day of golden opportunity! Today is the time to do more for God and fellow-man. Never again will such an opportunity be ours. Many are waiting only to be gathered in. To delay now will result in inestimable loss.

GOD NEEDS MEN

1. There is no higher calling than the canvassing work.
2. We have the best literature in all the world.
3. We have high-speed presses capable of producing all of the attractive literature we can sell.
4. We have the best training methods available for quickly training our churchmembers to do literature evangelism.
5. God assures us that we will never be in want. He is the best paymaster there is.
6. We lack only one thing. We need legs for our books and magazines. They must be carried to the

Literature Ministry Day

O task so great. The hour is late,
 Time's hast'ning tread will end earth's story;
 The fading light, approaching night,
 Will bring eternal day and glory.
TELL OUT THE MESSAGE, the moments are flying
 And souls without hope are dying, yes, dying.

Print the word plain, that all may gain
 The knowledge that each one is needing;
 Make the truth clear, that all may hear
 The voice of the Saviour who's pleading.
TELL OUT THE MESSAGE for Christ testifying,
 Scripture with scripture the truth verifying.

Labour apace. The day of grace
 In mercy and love has been lengthened;
 Pray much for light to lead aright
 The weak, till in faith they are strengthened.
TELL OUT THE MESSAGE the Gospel supplying,
 That souls may have hope by simply complying.

Work while 'tis day, turn not away,
 The harvest is ripe for the reaping;
 Effort is gain and not in vain
 If God's glory in view you are keeping.
TELL OUT THE MESSAGE the Master is nearing,
 Then for the "Well done!" at His soon appearing.

—Stanley Combridge.

people. People everywhere are ready to buy. We must go to the people where they are. They will not come to us, for many do not know that our wonderful literature exists. After a sermon on the Sabbath so many say, "Pastor Bucy, I want you to know that my heart is in the colporteur work." What the Master wants is for the men and women of this denomination to get their feet into it.

A GREAT FORWARD STEP

Recently at the All-European Publishing Convention in Freudenstadt, Germany, where over two hundred delegates discussed many vital problems relative to the publishing and circulation of greater quantities of our message literature it was voted to immediately augment our colporteur forces. If we are to fully co-operate with the plan, and we must, it will mean that we should before long have 530 full-time colporteurs in Britain. One full-time colporteur calls on approximately 6,000 homes per year. Averaging four members to the family this means he reaches some 20,000 blood-bought souls each year. Therefore, with one colporteur for every 100,000 of population, as we voted, it would seem that our forces were still inadequate, especially in view of present conditions.

TIME TO WAKE UP

Whatever we do must be done quickly. We must be awake. We must be on our toes.

- It is time to: "WAKE UP"
 "GET UP"
 "STIR OTHERS IN THE CHURCH UP"
 "LIFT YOUR HEART UP"
 "KEEP LOOKING UP"
 "LET JESUS LEAD YOU UP"
 "FOLLOW UP"
 "DO NOT GIVE UP"
 "AND SOON WE WILL ALL GO UP"

We must never forget that "Man's greatest need is God. God's greatest need is men."

"Men are looking for better methods. God is looking for better men. Men are God's methods."

November 2nd will be Colporteur Rally Day in every Seventh-Day Adventist church around the world. Are you ready to help? Why not tell us so on that day? The whole denomination will be behind you. We are ready to train you.

Remember, friend of mine: "It is never difficult to do what we love to do; but to take a course directly against our own inclinations is lifting a cross."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 5, page 94.

"And he that taketh not his cross . . . is not worthy of Me." Matt. 10:38.

MORE ABOUT THE ALL-EUROPEAN PUBLISHING CONVENTION

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FOR the first time for many years, our denominational leaders from the three Divisions of Europe

met together in counsel for nearly a week. The meeting was called to consider the interests of the publishing work and the publishing men from all over Europe were present, including the publishing house managers, editors, and colporteur leaders. Most of the union presidents were in attendance, and representing the General Conference was G. A. Huse, secretary of the Publishing Department, and three vice-presidents of the General Conference, A. F. Tarr, W. Mueller, and M. V. Campbell, who are also the presidents of the three European Divisions. The Review and Herald Publishing Association sent to the council J. D. Snider and C. E. Palmer.

The meeting was held in Germany, in the city of Freudenstadt, whose name literally means "city of joy." It is particularly suited for conventions and is situated in the heart of the Black Forest like a jewel in its case. Here we have an Adventist church with attached apartments and convention halls, admirably suited to care for such a gathering.

There were 118 delegates in attendance. Several brought their wives with them, which enlarged the number attending the meetings to about 150. Elder R. Dettmar, president of the South German Union, in whose territory the meetings were held, kindly took the wives of the delegates by bus one afternoon on an excursion to see the Union headquarters and some of the interesting territory of Southern Germany.

As would be expected in a convention representing all of Europe, many nations and languages were represented. Delegates were present from eighteen nations, speaking twelve different languages. To bring about an efficient and speedy exchange of ideas among people speaking so many languages might seem to be an almost insoluble problem. It was, however, handled very smoothly and after the first few hours it did not occur to us that people were speaking in tongues unknown to us, for through the means of expert interpretation each delegate heard in his own language everything that was said. Every word spoken was translated publicly into German and English. Peoples of other languages sat in groups, each having an interpreter who could translate to them from one of these two languages. Even when relatively small committees were held, interpreters were usually needed. For congregational singing, care was taken to select hymns which were known in nearly all the languages and each man sang in his own tongue.

It was a pleasant surprise to find that among the delegates considerable music talent was represented, and solos, duets, quartets, and choirs rendered their numbers in English, Norwegian, Swedish, Finnish, Danish, Czech, German, and French. If nothing else had been accomplished other than the friendly relations which were engendered and the inspiration and enthusiasm that was awakened, the meeting probably still would have been worth while, for the delegates left knowing much better the problems and hardships of their brethren in other countries and also feeling for them a new-found sympathy and love.

There will undoubtedly be a greater spirit of

unity in the future throughout Europe not only in the publishing work, but also in the conduct of many of the other activities of the church, for it brought together the top echelon of our denominational leadership and enabled them freely to exchange thoughts, purposes, and plans.

The meeting was of special benefit to some of our brethren from rather isolated sections of Europe who had not heretofore had an opportunity to associate with their brethren from other lands. The magnitude of the work in some of the more privileged nations was a surprise to them and they are taking back to their home fields new ideas and greater zeal.

The first few meetings were held in the main church auditorium, with all delegates present. Later the convention during a portion of each day was divided into three groups: the publishing house managers, the editors, and the colporteur leaders. Each of these three groups brought recommendations to the full council.

There are three large denominational publishing houses in Europe located at Hamburg, Germany; Watford, England; and Melun, France. There are, in addition, quite a large number of smaller houses, some with their own printing plants and others which have to have their printing done for them on commercial presses.

During one evening the delegates and their wives were asked to forget their cares and problems and to become the guests of the central European Division, at which time Elder and Mrs. W. Mueller were host and hostess to nearly 200 guests in the main banquet hall of the Kurhaus. The president of the Chamber of Commerce was present, and in a welcoming speech gave an interesting account of the origin of the city, of its destruction during the last World War, and of the sacrifice and enthusiasm with which the citizens rebuilt the city when the war ended. During the banquet, several guest artists, all Seventh-Day Adventists, gave an inspiring recital of music from the masters: Bach, Handel, Brahms, Schuman, Chopin, as well as folk music from Finland. It was a delightful evening for all.

An interesting feature of the council was a series of reports of the publishing work given by the three Divisions during the first three evenings. They were filled with accounts of progress and experiences of souls being won.

On Friday evening, the entire time was devoted to this latter subject, with each of the three Divisions presenting their most thrilling soul-winning experiences.

From one country we were given a report of what might have resulted had there been a strong colporteur work. Brother Germanis, the treasurer and publishing department secretary of the Greek Mission, was asked what he considered the cause of the fact that after fifty years of Adventist work in Greece there are still only 180 members. Brother Germanis stated: "It is true that the Greek Orthodox Church is very powerful, that the people are held in superstition and fanaticism and that they do not enjoy full religious liberty, but these are not

the most important reasons for our small membership, because the same conditions also exist in Roman Catholic countries and in other Greek Orthodox countries where there has been a much greater membership growth. There is no doubt in my mind that the real reason is the fact that the colporteur work and publishing work were not developed in Greece. In neighbouring Roman Catholic and Greek Orthodox countries the pioneers of this message began from the very first to work from house to house with our literature, and the colporteur work developed quickly in spite of persecution, beatings, and imprisonment. It is through this house-to-house colporteur work that the strong work in the countries around us has been established. If the same work had been developed in Greece, no doubt today we would, as in Italy, have more than 2,000 members instead of only 180."

These remarks reminded us that the publishing work in Europe started immediately upon the arrival of our first missionary, J. N. Andrews. He started printing *Les Signes des Temps* in 1876. From that small beginning eighty-one years ago, our literature sales in Europe have now grown to more than £700,000 per year, and the printed page has been the foundation on which evangelistic work has been built.

Our publishing houses received a serious set-back during the second World War, but in post-war years have grown immensely. The Hamburg plant has arisen from the ruins of war. The house has been rebuilt and is now printing the message with some of the world's most up-to-date equipment. Our French publishing house, just after the war was able to sell, because of its crippled capacity, only £22,000 worth of literature. Today, the sales of this house are almost £170,000 annually. S. Christoffers, of the Hamburg publishing house, J. H. Craven, of the Watford Press, and E. Bénézech, of the French publishing house, are all doing excellent work, as are also the managers of the smaller publishing houses in other lands of Europe.

Our European colporteurs are pioneer evangelists. In Italy, one church out of every three was organized as a result of colporteur work. Most of the seventeen churches and companies in Sicily are the result of the colporteur ministry. H. Schnötzing, of Austria, gave an interesting report regarding evangelistic campaigns organized in his country. Groups of colporteurs came together for a number of days with the evangelist and churchmembers of a particular district, selling books and enrolling people in the Voice of Hope correspondence course, and gathering addresses of interested persons. In one of the suburbs of Vienna, where several times successful evangelists had tried in vain to raise up a church, a group of colporteurs instituted this type of an evangelistic campaign last winter. With the help of the addresses found by the colporteurs, the evangelist began a series of Bible studies which were attended by some sixty persons from the beginning. Already six converts have been baptized and there are good prospects that many more will receive baptism before the end of the year.

On Sabbath afternoon, the closing day of the

convention, the three Division presidents gave a report of the progress of the work of God in their fields. These were thrilling reports telling of advancements along every line not only in Europe but also in the many sections of Africa which are supervised from Europe.

This convention will long be remembered for the wise leadership given by G. A. Huse, the chairman, the very efficient preparation and organization provided by S. Christoffers, for the most friendly reception of our hosts, the South German Union Conference and the Central European Division, and for the concrete plans which have been laid for progress in the publishing work in the future. It is also the beginning point of a new co-operation on the part of our publishing houses to join in reducing costs through the sharing of articles, pictures, cuts, and translations. It is planned to feature the Adventist message more clearly in our periodicals and to give greater emphasis to the sale of religious books. We shall all keep in our hearts and minds pleasant and unforgettable memories of this great gathering and are resolved to intensify the part which the literature ministry will have in preparing the work for the coming of our Lord.

AN INVITATION FROM THE NORTHERN EUROPEAN DIVISION

You are cordially invited to attend the special Day of Fellowship which is to convene at the New Gallery on Sabbath, November 9th. This meeting is

DAY of FELLOWSHIP

at the

NEW GALLERY

Sabbath, November 9, 1957

In connection with Northern European
Division Winter Council

SPECIAL GENERAL CONFERENCE VISITORS:

Vice-President, H. L. Rudy

Associate Secretary, J. I. Robison

Leaders from all parts of the Northern European Division
will be in attendance.

SABBATH SCHOOL 10 a.m.
PREACHING SERVICE 11.15 a.m.
BIBLE STUDY ADDRESS 2.30 p.m.
MISSIONS MEETING 4 p.m.

Special Music at All Services

Refreshment Facilities Provided

ENJOY this Day of FELLOWSHIP and INSPIRATION

being held in connection with the Northern European Division Winter Committee.

Each year—usually in late November or early December—the full committee meets to give study to the evangelistic programme and financial provisions essential to the carrying forward of our wide-spread work throughout the Division territory. The leaders from all parts of our European field, along with the Union mission presidents of Ethiopia and West Africa, will be with us this year for the committee which will be in session at Stanborough Park, November 6th-13th. We are especially happy that Pastor H. L. Rudy, Vice-President, and Pastor J. I. Robinson, Associate Secretary of the General Conference, will also be with us. Both these brethren are old friends of our Division, having served on the Northern European Division staff in former years. At this special Day of Fellowship they both will have a message of inspiration and blessing for all who attend.

The story of our fast developing work in mission lands, and the opening providences of God in the Polish Union will be brought to us on this Sabbath. Your heart will rejoice as you hear of God's guiding and protecting hand over His church as it bears its witness and fulfils its mission in the frozen north of Greenland and in the tropical heat of Africa.

This should indeed be a good day of fellowship and blessing. Plan to attend all day. Pastor M. E. Lind is arranging something really special for the Sabbath school. We shall look forward to seeing you at the New Gallery on Sabbath, November 9th. Please come. G. D. King *Secretary, Northern European Division.*

1957 INGATHERING ACHIEVEMENT OVER £62,000

WE know that all our members, and particularly the 4,464 who collected, will be thrilled to read these final figures for this year's Ingathering Campaign.

| CONFERENCE | PER CAPITA |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| South England £30,157. 13s. 11d. | £7. 1s. 0d. |
| North England 22,006. 16s. 11d. | 8. 14s. 8d. |
| Wales 4,422. 4s. 0d. | 8. 2s. 0d. |
| Scotland 3,549. 12s. 8d. | 6. 19s. 0d. |
| Ireland 1,890. 15s. 1d. | 8. 8s. 0d. |
| BRITISH UNION 62,027. 2s. 7d. | 7. 13s. 6d. |

South England's total was nearly £3,000 higher than that for the previous year. Splendid! North England had the highest per capita, and the honour of being a "minute man" conference. Well done! Wales passes the £8 per member figure for the first time. Ireland, even though no collection is possible in Eire, is a "minute man" mission. Scotland's brave force of barely two hundred collectors totalled £3,560. The British Union total of £62,027 represents an increase of £3,485 for missions overseas.

For all these achievements we praise the Lord who gave His people a willing heart and blessed the service they rendered to Him. May it be our joy to meet in the new earth, where disease, suffering, and death will be no more, many souls saved as the result of the 1957 Ingathering Campaign!

E. R. WARLAND.

Note.—A "minute man" is one who collects £8. 5s., the cost of maintaining our world-wide work for one minute. A "minute man" church or conference is one whose average amount per member equals this figure.

The amounts collected by each church and company will be published shortly in the MESSENGER.

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President's Notes

THE majority of our evangelistic campaigns are now in full swing and we are glad to report a strong interest in the Advent message throughout the conference. The attendances at the New Gallery are most encouraging. In the Oxford Town Hall a steady interest is being developed. In Portsmouth, Pastor R. A. Burgess began on Sunday, October 13th, and the Foresters' Hall was comfortably filled. The people listened with close attention as the message was delivered. The following evening, a good attendance was registered in the Slough Ballroom, where Pastor G. Emm spoke on the Advent hope. Brother Burgess was supported by the King's Herald and Brother Emm by the Newbold College choir. On Sunday, October 20th, Pastor G. Roper had about 600 at his opening service in Hastings. Here Sister Watson (Kathleen Joyce) rendered most effective musical items. We are happy to hear the strong, positive Advent emphasis at all these meetings. Pastors L. Murdoch and P. H. Stearman report over 200 at the opening meeting in Weston Town Hall. In addition to these meetings, these brethren, assisted by Brother T. A. Benwell and Miss A. A. Ruddick, are conducting meetings in the two Bristol churches.

In west London, Pastor V. H. Cooper has commenced an effort in Hammersmith Town Hall. A good beginning has been made and souls are being drawn to the Saviour. By the time these notes are printed, Brethren D. Conroy, A. H. Cowley, J. Freeman, and R. E. Graham will have started their campaigns in Worthing, Torquay, Maldon, Lowestoft and Yarmouth respectively.

As you consider these fires that are being kindled in various parts of the conference, we ask that by your prayers you will command Heaven's winds

to fan the flames into an irresistible force for righteousness and truth. Now, if ever, is the time when we should expect great things from God and attempt great things for the kingdom of Christ.

Elsewhere in this issue of the MESSENGER will appear the magnificent achievements of this year's Ingathering. We wish to thank all within the conference who helped to collect that £30,157. 13s. 11d. This excellent increase of almost £3,000 on the previous year is most creditable. We are also glad to report that the tithe returns for the first nine months of the year show a very substantial gain over the corresponding period of 1956.

Our baptismal figures for the past nine months are most encouraging. Already 238 souls have been added to the membership, and a net gain of ninety has been reported for the third quarter. There are a number of baptisms yet to be conducted, which should bring the year's total to a figure well above the average of past years.

As the Week of Prayer approaches, let us seek the Lord for renewed faith in His love and grace, for an infilling of the Holy Spirit that will prepare us for the finishing of the work and the hastening of the coming kingdom. May our hearts respond to the messages that have been prepared for us, that the mellowing influence of God's Spirit may make us "a people prepared for the Lord."

J. A. McMILLAN.

Bristol Builder Baptized

MILLER the builder is almost a family name in the city of Bristol. Hundreds and thousands of houses have been built by this firm. It was about five years ago that Mr. Miller was approached to build a church for the Adventist believers in this

city, and so pleased were our churchmembers that he was asked to build a second church in Bristol within two years.

King David wanted to build a house for the Lord, but because he had been a man of many battles he was not allowed this honour, for indeed it is an honour to build for God. Mr. Miller had a desire as a young man to be a minister of the Gospel, but life has an odd way of leading us in a different direction from what we wish sometimes. But now almost at the close of a long and busy building career it is wonderful how God has given to Mr. Miller the joy of building two churches for Him. One has only to see the churches to realize that something more than ordinary work has been put into the building.

It brought great joy to all the churchmembers to see Brother and Sister Miller stand together in the baptistery just a few weeks ago. May God bless the building and the builder as he and his wife go forward building for eternity.

L. MURDOCH.

Fruits For Our Labour

MEMBERS who united together from the three North London churches on Sabbath, September 28th, rejoiced and sang praises to God as they watched seven dear souls being baptized at the Holloway church. This was partly the fruits of the earnest labours of Brother D. Logan, who has now left us for Brighton after his brief but happy association with us.

A good number were present as Pastor J. A. McMillan officiated at this moving service. "This is the way, walk ye in it. Christ is the rock, build on Him," was the theme for the hour.

Worthy of note was the fact that Brother Paul



Pastor L. Murdoch congratulates Brother and Sister Miller after their baptism.

Sayers, another of our young people, was baptized. This was the answer to his mother's years of sincere prayers, and yet further evidence that prayer changes things.

The baptismal service over, Brother Logan made an effectual appeal to the congregation, asking if there were others desiring to follow the example of our "newly born" brothers and sisters. Eight souls responded for future baptism.

Bringing an added blessing to the service was the rendering of the sacred song, "Oh what a change when I shall be free," by the Holloway Male Choir conducted by Brother A. Collins.

Our membership is increasing—let our faith do likewise and may the blessings of God refresh us as we labour not in vain.

PRESS SECRETARY, *Holloway.*

Bournemouth Baptism

WHAT a joy it is when a new member joins the family of God. On Sabbath, October 13th, the Bournemouth church gathered together to witness the baptism of a dear sister, Mrs. Tabor. Her late mother was one of the pioneers of the Seventh-Day Adventist faith in Bournemouth. How she would have rejoiced to know that her daughter is now a member of the Adventist family.

Pastor R. D. Vine gave the baptismal address which was much appreciated by all.

As we witnessed the ceremony we could feel the presence of the Lord in our midst, and felt that we must renew our own baptismal vows.

As we welcome another member into the family of God we pray that one and all will be faithful until He comes to receive His own.

We are hoping in the very near future to witness the baptism of a brother who was greatly disappointed that he could not be present at this same ceremony owing to an attack of influenza. We are praying that as soon as he is well again he too will be able to enjoy membership with the Advent family.

S. FRENCH, *Church Clerk.*

Ipswich Activities

SUNDAY, September 22nd, was Ipswich church outing day and two coaches of members and friends left the church in slight rain for a tour of the Suffolk coast. We visited Orford, Aldburgh, Thorpness, and Southwold. It was while some of the party took a row on the river at Thorpness that the sun came out and we had a glorious afternoon by the sea, before returning home in good spirits, and thankful for a good day.

The following week-end was "flu" week-end in Ipswich and many of our young people and children were affected by the epidemic and had to remain at home. Our Thirteenth Sabbath programme was curtailed as a result and our attendance considerably reduced, but our special offering, amounting to over £12, exceeded all expectations and we passed our goal with flying colours. We thank God for what

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He enables us to give for His work in the mission field.

Gifts of flowers, fruit, and garden produce were brought by members to decorate our church for the Harvest Thanksgiving service which was held on Sunday, September 29th. As we looked upon all the "good gifts around us" we did indeed thank God for His goodness. Pastor J. M. Howard's address was based on the parable of the sower and led our thoughts to the great harvest day when the Lord comes to gather His faithful ones from every corner of the world. We pray that we may all be ready in that day. B. DUKE, *Church Clerk.*

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Newport Vegetarian Society

ONCE again, three members of the Newport church were re-elected to the executive committee of the Newport Vegetarian Society, at their annual general meeting which took place at the Youth Hall, on Thursday, October 3rd. They are: Dr. Howard Ebdon, Chairman and Hon. Secretary; Miss Grace Bond, Hon. Assistant Secretary, and Mr. R. Jacques, the senior elder of the Newport church.

Other members of the committee are Mr. R. F. Stephens, Hon. Treasurer; Mrs. Maud Jones, and Mrs. J. Bryan-Jones.

Dr. Ebdon is also a member of the executive committee of the Vegetarian Society of Great Britain. He will be addressing a public meeting of the Cardiff Vegetarian Society at the Friends' Meeting House, Charles Street, Cardiff, on Wednesday, November 6th, at 7.30 p.m. His subject is, "The Bible and Vegetarianism." If you can attend this meeting, a warm welcome will be given you!

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Baptism in Aberdeen

ON the afternoon of September 28th the members of the Aberdeen church, met in the Church of Christ, Skene Terrace, kindly lent for the afternoon, to witness two ceremonies. Firstly, two little children were at their father's request dedicated to the Lord. Brother G. Crutchfield entreated the father to bring them up in the way of the Lord and we all prayed that God would guide and bless them, as they journey on life's way.

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THE Scriptures declare, "The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof; the world and they that dwell therein." Psa. 24:1. Again we read, "For every beast of the forest is Mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills." Psa. 50:10. And again, "The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine, saith the Lord of hosts." Haggai 2:8. Everything on earth belongs to God. We are simply His stewards, and must give an account when our Lord returns.

Seventh-Day Adventists, therefore, would do well to study diligently the parable of the talents, as found in Matthew 25:14-30, and heed its admonitions. All have been entrusted as stewards with certain of this world's goods—some more, some less—and God will hold us individually responsible for the use that we make of them.

We are told: "The parable of the talents has not been fully understood. This important lesson was given to the disciples for the benefit of Christians living in the last days. And those talents do not represent merely the ability to preach and instruct from the Word of God. The parable applies to the temporal means which God has entrusted to His people."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 1, page 197.

It is thus very clear that God claims as His rightful property all that we have, and that He has only entrusted it to us as His stewards. This not only calls for faithfulness in tithing and liberality in offerings, but also calls upon us to make proper plans for the final disposition of our possessions, houses, and lands when our life's journey shall end. So let us ask ourselves a few questions and seek the answers from the Scriptures and the writings of the Lord's messenger to the Advent people.

What does God expect us to remember?

"Thou shalt remember the Lord thy God: for it is He that giveth thee power to get wealth." Deut. 8:18.

What is God's purpose in giving men the power to obtain wealth?

"It is God who blesses man with property, and He does this that they may be able to give toward the advancement of His cause."—*Acts of the Apostles*, page 75.

SYSTEMATIC BENEVOLENCE

What is the best way of assuring that our means go to the cause of God?

"If you want your means to go to the cause, appropriate it, or all that you do not really need for support, while you live."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 5, page 155.

How much of our means are we to place in the Lord's treasury?

"We are to place in the Lord's treasury all the means that we can spare."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 9, page 49.

Besides direct gifts, what other methods are there of benefiting the cause with our means during our lifetime?

The General Conference, and also the British

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Union Conference, have made provision for the entering into Annuity Contracts with members, which provides that an Annuity (i.e., the payment of a definite sum of money at regular stated intervals for a fixed period of time, say for example ten years, or for an indefinite period, say for a lifetime) may be purchased for a sum of money. Such sum of money will be dependent on the amount of the Annuity required, the period of payments, or life expectancy, as the case may be.

Another plan is the writing of trust agreements. These specify that the control of the property remains with the truster as long as he shall live, and then passes to the beneficiary specified at the truster's death.

The Secretary of British Advent Missions, Stanborough Park, Watford, Herts., will give full information about these plans of safeguarding for the cause the funds and properties that God has placed under your control and over which He has made you the overseer.

WILLS AND THE CAUSE OF GOD

After placing "all the means that we can spare" (*Testimonies*, Vol. 9, page 150) in God's cause during our lifetime, what else are we admonished to do?

"Christians who believe the present truth should manifest wisdom and foresight. They should not neglect the disposition of their means. . . . They should have their business in such a shape that, were they called at any hour to leave it, . . . it might be settled as they would have had it were they alive."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 3, page 117.

Should we do this while we are in apparent health?

"Many are not exercised upon the subject of making their wills while they are in apparent health. But this precaution should be taken by our brethren. . . . They should arrange their property in such a manner that they may leave it at any time."—*Counsels on Stewardship*, page 328.

What responsibility have we to our families?

"Your wife and children, of course, should not be left destitute."—*Counsels on Stewardship*, page 328.

"Many families have been dishonestly robbed of all their property, and have been subjected to poverty, because the work that might have been well done in an hour had been neglected."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 3, page 117.

LORD'S PROPERTY

Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists

While we have an undoubted responsibility to our families, what are we told should have first consideration in disposing of our property?

"In disposing of your property . . . be sure you do not forget God's cause. You are His agents, holding His property, and His claims should have your first consideration."—*Counsels on Stewardship*, page 328.

Naturally, we must make provision for our families and dependants. God expects that of us, but when this has been done we should see that other funds are safeguarded and eventually made available for our world-wide work.

In view of these facts, what counsel are we advised to seek?

"While they have sound minds and good judgment, parents should, with prayerful consideration and with the help of proper counsellors who have experience in the truth, and a knowledge of the divine will, make disposition of their property."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 3, page 121. (Read also *Testimonies*, Vol. 3, pages 116-130 and Vol. 4, pages 476-485.)

MAKING A WILL

What care should be exercised in the drawing up of wills?

"Wills should be made in a manner to stand the test of the law."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 4, page 482.

What other advantages are there in making a legal will?

First, should you desire to give any article or sum of money or property to a particular person after your death you can only make sure of this by dealing with the matter in your properly executed will. It is most unsatisfactory and unwise to rely on the promises of those who will benefit if you do not make your will to carry out your intentions.

Secondly, the making of a will involves your estate in less expense and trouble in obtaining authorization to handle your estate after your decease.

Thirdly, one must consider that if a person dies intestate, that is without disposing of their estate by a properly executed will, then the general rules of the law of intestacy will apply in disposing of the estate involved. Thus persons may benefit from your estate whom you would not wish to benefit.

By way of general guidance, in the making of a will, the following information will be of value.

It is essential to the making of a legal will:

1. That you have testamentary capacity, that is you must be over twenty-one years of age (unless you are a soldier or airman on active service or a seaman at sea) and you must be in complete possession of your faculties when you make the will.

2. The will must be made voluntarily. Undue persuasion or compulsion by another party to make you execute your will may invalidate it.

3. Your will must be in writing. It does not matter whether you type your will, dictate it to someone else, or write it out, provided you observe certain legal formalities, viz:

(a) The will must be signed by you or by someone acting on your behalf and by your direction. If necessary you can be assisted to sign. Legal advice should be sought, however, if you cannot sign the will yourself.

(b) Your signature must be at the end of the will.

(c) You must sign the will or acknowledge your signature in the presence of two witnesses present at the same time.

(d) The witnesses must sign their names in the presence of each other and must do so in your presence, and as stated in (c) above, both must be present when you sign your will.

The two witnesses chosen should be responsible persons over twenty-one years of age and persons not benefiting under your will. This point is very important, for if an intended beneficiary under your will witnessed your will he would forfeit his benefit.

If you have to alter your will in any particular before signing it, see that the alterations are also initialled in the margin by yourself and the two witnesses in your presence and in the presence of each other.

Should you wish to cancel or alter some provision in your will or include some additional beneficiary after executing it, then it is advisable to destroy the old will and execute a fresh one giving expression to your new intentions. Every will should have a revocation clause at the beginning, reading somewhat as follows: "I hereby revoke all other wills or testamentary dispositions heretofore made by me." This avoids much confusion and makes quite clear that your final intentions are as outlined in your last will.

Following the revocation clause you should name the person you wish to act as your executor and it is wise to obtain his consent to act before naming him. It should be noted that an executor should not be a minor, and should be in possession of all his faculties.

In disposing of personal property by will, the testator must make the will conform to the law of his

domicile at the time of his death. Therefore, if a testator executes his will according to the law of the place of his residence, and afterward changes his residence to a place where the law in regard to executing wills differs, and dies without re-executing his will, it may be inoperative. When real estate is disposed of by will, the execution of the instrument must conform to the law of the place where the real estate is located.

If it is your intention to ask the denomination to handle your estate, then you should appoint the Secretary of the British Advent Missions Limited to be your executor. Likewise, any legacies to the denomination should be left to the British Advent Missions Limited of Stanborough Park, Watford, Hertfordshire, to be used for the benefit of any particular phase of the work you may name.

So precise and intricate is the law of wills that it is

not possible in a brief outline such as this to touch on any but the more obvious and perhaps more important points to be observed in making a will. The British Advent Missions Limited handle the legal work of the Seventh-Day Adventist denomination in the United Kingdom, Northern Ireland, and Eire, and the services of the secretary are at the disposal of churchmembers wishing to execute their wills. He will be pleased to send, on application, a "Form of Bequest" where monies are to be given to the cause and give any advice or help required, including scrutinizing wills to check their validity and correct wording. Members may also feel free to deposit their executed wills with the secretary for safe keeping.

NOTE.—This Statement will shortly be available in pamphlet form on application to the Secretary-Treasurers of the Union and Local Conferences and Missions or from the Secretary of British Advent Missions.

Baptism in Aberdeen

(Continued from page 7.)

We then had a baptismal service, when two dear souls made public profession of their faith by going through the waters of baptism. The service was conducted by Pastor B. F. Kinman and Brother G. Crutchfield. Pastor Kinman, who performed the rite of baptism, gave us a very edifying talk, and while the two candidates were being immersed in the baptismal waters, our members sang that beautiful hymn, "Just as I am." The new members were given the right hand of fellowship by Pastor Kinman, Brother Crutchfield and our elder, Brother R. Hay. The candidates had previously been instructed by Brother Crutchfield and Miss J. Mitchell, our Bible instructor.

This was the third baptism which we have held within a year. On June 1st, four souls were baptized, and two voted into the fellowship of the church. Again, on June 30th, two more souls, who had given their hearts to the Lord, were baptized. This made a total of ten added to the Lord this year. These baptisms were the result of a campaign conducted by Brother G. Crutchfield since last October.

There is still considerable interest being shown by many who continue to attend our meetings and we hope to have another baptism in the near future.

We pray that God will richly bless all those new members and give them grace to stand firm to the end.

N. CATTANACH, *Church Clerk.*

A Unique Thanksgiving Service

ON Sabbath, October 5th, the Edinburgh churchmembers were greeted by a splendid display of harvest gifts and also by a special display of Dorcas work. Why was this unusual service planned? On looking at our church calendar we found that three very important phases of our church worship concentrated on the same period.

The idea was born that we should combine three in one, namely, the Tract Campaign, Harvest Festival, and Dorcas Welfare. The suggestion was that we bring gifts of produce as a token of thanks for our daily food, that the Dorcas Society demonstrate our thanks for clothing by their display, and that we give thanks for the greatest gift of all—salvation in Christ—and increase our endeavours for souls by advancing our annual subscriptions to the church missionary paper *Our Times*. What happened?

First, the harvest festival proved to be one of our church's best displays. Secondly, the offering was devoted to our Dorcas Society's work and totalled £8. 12s. Thirdly, our subscriptions for *Our Times* advanced from 249 copies to over 300. Our home missionary secretary, Miss Isaacs, did valiant work in order that our offering of thanks should be ready for the morning service. Our beloved members, ever grateful for God's provision, expressed themselves in no uncertain manner by giving abundant evidence of their thankfulness. In Edinburgh we have a very enthusiastic membership in our Dorcas Society led by Sister Livingston, whose report was received with great interest. This day will long be remembered here.

With this spirit in our midst we launch another evangelistic effort in the nation's capital. Already requests are flowing in for seat reservations in the campaign hall and over a quarter of the seats have been reserved. By the time you read this, the first services will have been held. Pastor B. F. Kinman our President, will be conducting this campaign and we request that you find a place in your daily prayers for the work in Presbyterian Scotland.

Thank you

D. J. DABSON.

November Is Here!

AS was announced at the biennial session of the Scottish Mission, and mentioned again in a recent MESSENGER, the "Britain for Christ" month for

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Scotland is November this year instead of the usual month of September.

There were two reasons for postponing this campaign in which all members can take part. The first was the special visit to Scotland of one of the General Conference Home Missionary secretaries during the early part of September, while the second was owing to the general feeling of the members and ministers that a special V.O.P. card with a Scottish address would be more acceptable and therefore attract more applications for our Bible course.

Taking this advice we have produced a special application card and printed 100,000 at considerable cost. We have already dispatched to the various churches and companies a total of 61,000, so they should all arrive in good time to start right in on the week-end of November 2nd.

Pastor D. J. Dabson is organizing this all-out campaign for Scotland, so if you are needing any more cards please write to him at 3 Bristo Place, Edinburgh.

This card distribution is a wonderful opportunity for the isolated to cover every house in their village or surrounding streets. What a grand work would be done if every house in every district where we have a member or members, received an invitation to listen to our weekly broadcast or to take one of our Free Correspondence Courses. Will all isolated members write to Pastor Dabson stating just how many cards you are needing.

On Sabbath, November 9th, the special annual Voice of Prophecy offering will be taken in all our churches in Scotland. We are relying on you to help us cover the cost of producing these special cards for Scotland which is just on £100.

Shall we not all pray that the Holy Spirit will move upon the hearts of all who receive these cards, that they may send for the Bible lessons which we offer?
C. R. BONNEY.

Irish Mission

President: Pastor O. M. Dorland

Office Address: 76 Sunningdale Park, Belfast

President's Notes

WE are pleased to report the successful opening of the Belfast Campaign on Sunday evening, October 13th, in the Grand Opera House. When the doors were opened at 6.30 p.m. there was a queue of 300 people waiting for admission and when the curtain rose at 7 p.m., 1,100 people filled the house almost to capacity. Pastor K. A. Elias spoke on the subject, "The Heavens Are Telling of a Faith for Today."

The workers associated with Pastor Elias in this effort are Pastor W. H. Frazer, who cares for our churches in Banbridge and Portadown, and Brother J. C. Collins. Brother Collins organizes the musical side of the campaign and trains and conducts the choir which is composed of churchmembers and friends. The Bible instructors are Miss L. Mason, Mrs. D. E. Watson, Miss M. Aikenhead, and Miss M. Clements. Mrs. Watson is working part-time and Miss Mason has been lent to the Irish Mission for a year by the North England Conference. We very much appreciate the help of the British Union Conference which has made this effort possible. We are attempting great things and expecting great things and so we invite your prayers on behalf of this campaign.

On the same evening Pastor R. H. Bainbridge began a second effort in the Dublin church building. He reports an attendance of twenty-five non-members at his first meeting and although this number may not seem large it is very encouraging for

Dublin. The patronage of the Ranelagh Health Institute, Dublin, continues to rise. October has produced the highest attendance for any one month thus far in its history.

The writer wishes to thank all those who have remembered him at the Throne of Grace in his recent illness. The doctors promise him that full

duties can be resumed by the New Year. We are thankful to God for all His mercies.

O. M. DORLAND.

He hath riches sufficient, who hath enough to be charitable.—Sir T. Browne.

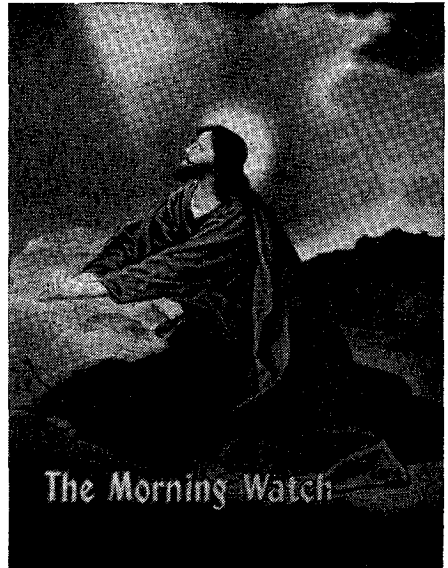


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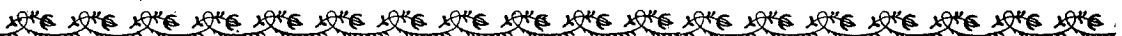
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Wedding Bells

SOUTHCOTT-CHADDERTON. — The sun shone brightly on July 28, 1957, as in the presence of relatives, friends, and college associates Watson Southcott and Cynthia Chadderton were united in marriage at the Bristol Central church.

Looking radiantly happy the bride, dressed in white brocade, and carrying pale pink roses, was attended by three bridesmaids, her sister Joan in turquoise nylon, carrying carnations, with Frances and Heather Gammon wearing lemon nylon dresses, carrying sweet peas. The best man—a college friend of the bridegroom—was Martin Anthony.

The ceremony was conducted by Pastor Kenneth Gammon, and during the signing of the register Beryl Gammon sang to the assembled friends.

After the reception, held in the Church Hall, the happy couple left for their honeymoon which was spent at Newquay—the former home of the bridegroom.

Cynthia had been connected with the Missionary Volunteer Department of South England as secretary to Pastor Gammon and now has returned to Newbold as secretary to the registrar, and as teacher of secretarial subjects. Watson has returned to complete his ministerial studies.

May the Lord's blessing be upon them both as they unite in service, and may constant joy be theirs as they go forward confident in the Master's leading.

K. H. GAMMON.

YOUNGMAN-NORMAN.—The petite and charming bride who stood at the altar of Holloway church at 10.30 a.m. of August 18, 1957, was Miss Brenda Norman of Bournemouth. She is well known as a Bible instructor in the New Gallery Centre.

She was wedded to Mr. George Lawrence Youngman also a stalwart member of the Central Church, W.I. The bride was attired in white lace nylon with an effective coronet and veiling. She carried a bouquet of pink roses and lilies of the valley and she walked down the aisle on the arm of her father, Mr. G. Norman of Bournemouth. Miss Ann Culbert and Miss Mary Breens, the latter being a cousin of the bride, made charming bridesmaids in their full-length pink brocade frocks and floral head-dresses to match. They held in their hands posies of rosebuds and forget-me-nots.

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To work harder for our Saviour. First, we have a band of do-ers,
Men and women, keen and able, who go bravely forth all weathers
To distribute invitations to the Word's prophetic study.
Eighteen thousand in three Sundays—surely God will add His blessing.
Then, we find tract distribution much more sweet and satisfying
When we knock at doors and hand them to the owner, occupier.
Sometimes, thus, we have brief converse, leaving happiness behind us
As the Word of God, unfolded, brings much comfort to the hearer.
So, by giving sixty minutes each blest Sabbath to our Saviour,
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Who have taken "Good News" leaflets, thus receiving truth from
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*Nor would we forget the pleasure that the work of Dorcas brings us.
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From our members gladly given, clean, and mended by our sisters.
Some did make just sixty bedsocks for our own dear aged loved ones
In "The Dell," to give them comfort ere the cold of winter cometh.
Others sat and made, by knitting, fine warm blankets, coats and
bootees,*

*Vests and socks and kindred garments, and, by sewing, many wonders
To relieve our friends in Cyprus. Thus, wherever need arises
Dorcas still is active, willing. We would tell you how we study
To become efficient bearers of the Light that lighteneth all men
Through this sad world swiftly passing. Week by week we scan
the Text-book,*

*Learning, speaking, writing, praying that the Saviour's Holy Spirit
Will fulfil in us His purpose to go forth enabled workers,
Labouring with all haste, and joyful. Let me, as the happy leader
Of this noble band of workers, sing again their praise and courage,
Diligence and inspiration, gladly working for their Master
Whom they love more dearly than their homely comfort and their
leisure.*

*May the good Lord send more workers into fields now ripe for harvest
That, in place of Catholic triumph we may hear God's Truth re-
sounding*

*Through this great and needy city so that Jesus has all glory
And may come, our King victorious, satisfied with all His travail.*

E. E. CLEARY.

med the duties of best man. He and the bridegroom are near and dear friends having known each other long before they both joined the Central church together.

The officiating minister was Pastor R. Kranz who tempered the solemnity of the sacred service with the happy thought of the original union of Adam and Eve. A large congregation witnessed the marriage. The organist was Mr. Michael Parker.

A happy reception which was well prepared by the North London Dorcas ladies, was enjoyed by eighty-five guests.

With affectionate farewells and

sincerest of wishes from their colleagues and many friends, Brenda and George left to spend their honeymoon in Cornwall.

May theirs be true happiness.
G. MUDFORD.

EVANS-PEARCE. — A quiet wedding was celebrated at the Edmon-ton church on the afternoon of Wednesday, August 21, 1957, when Miss Beryl Patricia Pearce and Mr. Gomer Euston Evans exchanged vows and were joined together in holy matrimony.

The bride, dressed in a light blue costume, was given away by her father. Mr. W. Tolman assisted

the groom as best man. Following the wedding service, the guests enjoyed a delightful reception at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dust.

Both young people are members of the Edmonton church and officers of the Sabbath school. We wish them much happiness and God's rich blessings as they establish their new home.

G. T. HEWLETT.

Till the Day Dawn

DIETZ.—On August 17, 1957, the Newcastle-upon-Tyne church were made the poorer by the death of Alfred Edward Dietz. Brother Dietz first came into contact with the Advent message in 1926 when a faithful lay brother called at his place of business with a copy of *Present Truth*. For fifteen years this brother continued to make a regular call with this small paper. In 1941 an evangelistic campaign was conducted in the city and Mr. Dietz attended the meetings and was consequently baptized into the fellowship of the Newcastle church in 1942. He gave up his business and devoted himself to the cause of God and in particular the work of establishing a

new church building in Newcastle. He gave himself and his means unstintingly to God's work. A man who strove for perfection, he brought his high standards to bear upon all he did for the church. He died as he had lived in complete surrender to the heavenly Father's will—the Lord called and he answered. The funeral service was conducted in the Newcastle church by the writer and Pastor Fred Pearse, and the interment was at the Old Jesmond Cemetery; at both services many relatives and friends were present. Our deepest sympathy is extended to Mrs. Vera Dietz and the only son, Edward, who we know are comforted in the knowledge that their beloved only sleeps—to await that great and glorious resurrection day.

BERNARD KINMAN.

HANNA.—On August 30, 1957, Miss Mary Hanna, an aged member of the Swindon church, passed peacefully to her rest at St. Margaret's Hospital, Stratton, at the age of eighty-nine years. Sister Hanna was known affectionately to hundreds of older Swindon mothers as "Nurse Hanna of the clinic." She was the town's first infant welfare visitor, and started the first baby clinic in Swindon in 1918. Born in Northern Ireland, she lost her mother when she was eleven years old, and had to mother her five brothers and sisters. At fifteen she came into contact with the Advent message, and because she accepted it, had to leave her home. For a while, she did colporteur work, and then decided to take up nursing.

She was on holiday in Swindon when the war broke out in 1914. During the war, she worked for the Red Cross in Swindon, and remained in the town for the rest of her life, retiring in 1934. During the last sixteen years of her life she was cared for by her niece, Mrs. G. Jell, at 5 York Road, Swindon. This tribute was paid to her by a former colleague; "A great character has gone. She had a large circle of friends who loved and revered her for her love and service for other people." After a simple but very beautiful service in the Advent church, on Thursday, September 5th, which was attended by many of her friends and relatives and churchmembers, we laid her to rest in the Whitworth Road Cemetery, to await the call of the Life-giver. The services both at the church and graveside were conducted by Brother E. Vick of Reading.

C. T. BAKER.

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PRAYER AND DEDICATION

By Pastor A. F. Tarr

President, Northern European Division

ONCE more we find ourselves on the eve of our annual Week of Prayer and Sacrifice, and again it is given to us to reflect on the blessings that a rapidly passing year has brought.

This year's blessings have been great and many. Peace has prevailed in every one of our Division's countries. Financial prosperity has continued, and with it exemption from Sabbath work without any great disability to most of our members. The health of workers and members alike has been wonderfully preserved. Religious freedom has not in any material way been curtailed. Literature has rolled from our presses and into the homes of churchmembers and of the public in unprecedented volume. Public evangelism has pressed its way into the forefront of our programme with heartening results. Church campaigns have been greatly blessed, notably the Ingathering campaign, through which the gifts of thousands of non-churchmembers have freely flowed into the Lord's treasury. The annual meetings held in nearly every local conference and mission in the Division have witnessed a new spiritual outreach on the part of many thousands of churchmembers of many nationalities. Our schools have opened their doors to a larger number of Seventh-Day Adventist youth than ever before. Our sanitariums and hospitals have ministered healing to many thousands of sufferers, and have been greatly blessed in so doing.

One of the crowning blessings of the year has been the personal contact we have been able again to make with a Union that has been separated from the rest of the Division for many years—the Polish Union. It is from there, with the joys of this happy reunion shining in the faces of over 3,000 enthusiastic, ardent believers, that this message is now being written.

In the light of all these blessings so generously extended by God to His people, and of the more personal blessings of which each one of us is individually deeply conscious, we believe that the 1957

Week of Prayer should call from every member of the Northern European Division such fervent and spontaneous gratitude as we have never expressed before. We believe, too, that these past and present blessings—in the face of the serious times into which the world is so obviously moving, and which already envelop so many countries—call for a new dedication of our lives and of our all to the service of our King.

To this dedication we earnestly invite our church membership during this coming Week of Prayer. We invite you to make the whole-hearted surrender you know God wants you to make to Him, and to appropriate in its fullness the blessing He has in store for all who give Him first place in their lives. Whatever sin may still be cherished, whatever inclination or practice may constitute an idol in your own individual experience, be it selfishness, impatience, impurity, envy, evil surmising, a root of bitterness in our attitude toward a brother or a sister, a neglect of prayer or of the study of God's Word, or whatever other thing we know to be dangerous to our spiritual life, shall we not determine by God's grace to put it away once and for all at this God-appointed time? Then we shall close the Week of Prayer with a note of joy and victory we never knew before.

We invite all also to share generously in the Week of Sacrifice offering to be taken on Sabbath, November 23rd. All of the workers will, we feel sure, wish to contribute a week's income to this special sacrificial offering. Let all the churchmembers who can, share with us in this sacrifice. Surely we who live in Great Britain, and those who live in most parts of the Northern European Division, have so much for which to be grateful. Let us reflect that gratitude in a generous gift to God.

And so may this coming season of prayer and sacrifice bring to us, one and all, the blessings we need so much, and through our gifts and prayers bring unprecedented progress to the cause of God in our own community and in all the world.

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Friday, November 29th, at 11 p.m.—208 and 49.26 metres

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Sunset Calendar

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| Nov. 8th | 4.22 | 4.35 | 4.20 | 4.22 | 4.35 |
| Nov. 15th | 4.12 | 4.25 | 4.07 | 4.11 | 4.23 |

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