

BRITISH ADVENT MESSENGER

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WE SAW THE QUEEN!

By Norman Gulley

WEEKS of excited preparation—phoning the Embassy, typing out tentative schedules, enthusiastically chatting back and forth, eagerly looking at the newest pictures, keenly watching headlines of Canadian events, and a welcome Seminary vacation announcement—mounted our enthusiasm in leaps and bounds as Thursday, October 17th approached.

As the first ruling British Queen ever to step onto American soil, it was very fitting that Colonial Williamsburgh in Virginia should be her first stop for it was to this very location that the first British settlers came, and out of which, during the course of 350 years, America has grown.

President Eisenhower's personal plane then brought the royal party to Washington, where they touched down at the National Airport. Stepping into what some members of Her Majesty's entourage described as "good English weather," the Queen was met by the President. After introductions all was ready for the procession into the city. Meanwhile the crowds had been thickening along the route and a million turn-out was expected.

On the corner of Constitution Avenue and Twelfth Street, some Adventists had gathered, among whom were a number of Britishers. This seemed like "our corner" and as we proudly gripped Union Jacks, and talked of other such times in Britain and of the Queen Mother's visit to this country, we felt in our hearts that this was a contact with home. Each waiting hour increased this in direct proportion to the decreasing gap bridging expectation and realization.

Although the bold relief of the monument against the sky in the left foreground, and the uniformed soldiers and the many policemen reminded us that this was America, somehow we slipped back across the "blue" as the familiar sound of approaching bagpipes thrilled our hearts, and the handsome Scottish Black Watch regiment smartly marched into view. How proud we were to be British, how

our veins—every one of them—tingled through and through.

Soon, in the President's "Lincoln Bubble Limousine" (so called because the roof is completely transparent) with the royal ensign waving in front, came the Queen seated to the right of Mr. Eisenhower, with Prince Philip at the President's left. As the car came slowly around the corner our flags waved, cameras clicked, and hands clapped as the Queen in her usual gracious manner, smiled and waved to the crowds. "There goes our Queen," every proud, happy Britisher felt as the procession passed.

By the time the royal guests were being greeted by Mrs. Eisenhower at the White House we were on our way to the Arlington Cemetery, to which a visit was to be made by the Queen following dinner. Waiting through intermittent rain, which didn't dampen our expectations, we were thrilled to hear the twenty-one cannon salute to Her Majesty upon entering the grounds. The Queen arrived on the steps which led to the "Unknown Soldier's Tomb," the band played the National Anthem and the "Stars and Stripes," after which the group proceeded up the steps to stand before the white stone tomb and lay a wreath in front of the monument.

Having taken a close-up of the royal wreath, we headed for home, hoping that we could get some more of the day's proceedings on T.V. Imagine our surprise, when we noted that a live viewing of her Majesty's visit to the Statler Hotel was to be seen. At 5.30 p.m. we saw our Queen again over the air. She had been shaking hands for over thirty minutes, as over 1,500 people had passed before her; and yet as we watched we noticed that she still had a smile and a word or two for the remaining few. Following the various speeches of welcome, the Queen spoke. It was lovely to hear her. The message was a challenge to the assembled group of T.V., radio, and newspaper reporters who were entertaining her. She reminded them of the tremendous power which they possess for the maintenance of peace. The half-hour

was soon over, and we were left to look back on a wonderful demonstration of true nobility.

We got another chance to see our Queen on Sabbath evening. Stepping out of the Takoma Park church, we met Mr. and Mrs. Kohler (one time at Newbold), who called out, "We're going to see the Queen!" That did it! We soon adjusted our plans, seven of us packed in a "57" swept-wing Dodge, and off we went to the British Embassy. Although one has to be at least a colonel to be in attendance at one of these functions, nothing could bar us, not even the chilly wind, from standing on the kerb-side of Massachusetts Avenue to catch another glimpse.

At 7.50 p.m. an official car with blaring siren and glaring lights came rushing up the hill into the avenue. Police on motor-cycles with flashing red lights next swung into our road. Whistles began to sound as a couple of policemen energetically motioned the traffic to "get a move on." Then the Queen's car appeared, the interior lights ablaze giving us a perfect view of Her Majesty whom we hailed with a lusty welcome, "Queen! Queen!"

We were happy for the experiences of these three days. We had seen our Queen, and we were justly proud of her. But although the Queen has come and gone this is still the "day of preparation," for the divine King has still to come. Her Majesty rules a Commonwealth of nations, He rules a Commonwealth of worlds. She came first to this country as a princess, He came first to this world as Divine-royalty garbed in humanity. This time she came as Queen. Next time He comes as King. She came in procession; so will He. She was clearly visible; so will He be. Hers was the first reigning Queen's visit from Britain; His will be the first reigning King's visit from heaven. May our preparation for His coming be as real as the preparation we made for the coming of our Queen. May it be commensurate with the unique importance of this event, so that we may be fully ready and as eagerly waiting to greet Him.

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Thank You!

THE special assignment recently entrusted to this field in response to the call from our brethren in the Middle East has been completed. In the churches throughout the British Union there has been a ready answering of the call, and the packages of clothing sent to the New Gallery have been received and baled according to the instructions given to us.

The ladies of the London Dorcas Federation have laboured long on this work, and are grateful to you all for sending your contributions so promptly. In many cases it was not possible to read the

addresses from which the goods had been sent, so we are asked to say a grateful "Thank you" to you in this way.

Now will you pray that the brethren who are to benefit from our gifts may have their faith strengthened and that the work of God may go forward strongly in those areas? A. C. VINE.

Youth Day at Ipswich

THOSE who may have been in the vicinity of the Ipswich Advent church on Sabbath, October 19th, could not have failed to hear the rousing singing from the congregation of 180 who were met together for Youth Rally Day. Members from Colchester, Lowestoft, Ely, and London, along with many isolated members, joined the Ipswich membership for this special day.

Pastor K. H. Gammon had a challenging message to bring in the morning divine service as he referred to the call of God to youth. "Make your reservation sure, and then tell others the good news," was the admonition of the hour.

We were privileged to hear several delightful solos from Mrs. Gammon, and also some inspiring items from our visiting coloured choir from London.

To begin the afternoon session there was more fine congregational and choir singing and a most enjoyable time was spent with Pastor Gammon leading in the singing of some of the camp choruses. Oh that the words of "The youth of the world for the Man of Galilee" could echo and re-echo throughout Ipswich and district and draw more young people to the message!

During the afternoon service an investiture took place when three Colchester juniors were congratulated on completing the "Friend" course.

An interesting and helpful time came when our conference youth leader was presented with many written questions on youth problems, but to all there seemed to be a ready and satisfactory answer.

After the Sabbath hours had sped all too quickly away, a very happy social time was enjoyed by more than 100 friends in an adjacent hall.

May we express our thanks to Pastor and Mrs. Gammon, the North London Choir with their conductor, Mr. A. Collins, and all who helped to make this a happy and memorable day.

CHURCH CLERK.

Harvest Festival in Cornwall

THE picture on this page will be recognized by many as the neat little hall and meeting place of the Bodmin company of believers, and will bring back memories of happy Sabbaths spent on holidays in the beautiful county of Cornwall.

It was here, on Sabbath, September 28th, that members from Liskeard, St. Austell, and Bodmin met together in a spirit of thanksgiving to celebrate their Harvest Festival.

Sisters Saunders and Rich had tastefully arranged flowers, fruit, and vegetables, the pulpit looking particularly attractive, fringed with oats daintily and skilfully sewn together in a real old Cornish style.

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Harvest Festival display
in the Bodmin Church,
Cornwall.



A hymn of praise, heartily sung, opened the service, followed by prayer in which Pastor B. W. Dougherty, the district minister in Cornwall, thanked our heavenly Father for yet another good harvest, to which all hearts responded with praise and thanksgiving for blessings received through the past year.

Appropriately, at this time, another gift was presented, the precious gift of a little child. Hamilton

Roy John, son of Brother and Sister Arnold Blackburn, like Samuel of old, and Jesus Himself, was brought by his parents into the temple to be dedicated to the Lord.

Following this solemn yet happy occasion, Pastor Dougherty gave a timely message from the Word of God.

Thus concluded another thanksgiving service, a happy and profitable time being enjoyed by all.

Truly we can say with the Psalmist, "We have thought of Thy loving kindness, O God, in the midst of Thy temple." And again, "Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised." M. HALL.

Lord of the Harvest

O God of love accept our earnest, heartfelt praise
For goodness which has followed us in all our ways;
Thy hand has portioned out to meet our every need
As on the bounties of the earth Thy children feed.

O God of love, Lord of the harvest, Maker, Friend,
Our praise is Thine, to Thee our joyful songs ascend;
The garner filled today—a pledge of future store—
Will make Thy thankful children love Thee more and more.

O God of love, our hearts which are Thine own true field

Much fruit unto Thy praise and glory yet must yield;
Our barren lives must bear rich vernal green, O Lord;
The years which have been wasted must be again restored.

O God of love, the world, Thy harvest field wherein
The good seed of the Word is sown, is filled with sin,
But soon wilt Thou and angel hosts as reapers come
To part the wheat from tares—the final harvest home.

O God of love, upon Thy remnant church pour down
The latter rain, that Thy good Spirit yet may crown
The sowing of the seed; that watered hearts at length
Will yield unto Thy name the fullness of their strength.

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History is Made at Leeds

SABBATH, October 12th, will be remembered as a significant date in the progress of the Dorcas Welfare work in North England, for on that day the first Welfare Federation in the conference was inaugurated. The nominating committee, composed of representatives from seven societies in Yorkshire, unanimously invited Mrs. J. Shone of Leeds, Mrs. Bolton of York, and Mrs. M. Parkin to serve respectively as president, vice-president, and secretary-treasurer of the Yorkshire Federation. We believe this organization will encourage the development of a strong welfare work in Yorkshire, the largest county in Great Britain.

The formation of a Federation was one of the chief objectives of the Welfare Rally in Leeds, but we would share with our fellow believers other

highlights of the day's programme. The newly-decorated Leeds church, with its tastefully-arranged flowers, provided a friendly atmosphere for the services. The unique display of Dorcas Welfare activities from A to Z emphasized the purpose of the gathering in a dignified and effective manner.

In the Sabbath school, under the superintendency of Brother Gordon Clee, Pastor J. Mahon outlined the evidences of true friendship which characterized Abraham's experience. A concise and well-presented review by Pastor D. Mustow made an ideal prelude to this lesson study. Mrs. Tarr displayed the flags of the ten countries represented in the Northern European Division as she brought brief news highlights from each Union conference, particularly emphasizing the needs of the four countries which were to benefit from the overflow this quarter.

A high honour was accorded our convention by the unanticipated visit of Pastor A. F. Tarr, our Division president. His morning message elevated the service of the Dorcas Welfare worker and showed how effective this missionary endeavour is in presenting Seventh-Day Adventist teaching to the world. Here are some of the significant sentences from the address:

"Dorcas Welfare takes the practical things and makes them speak for God, and actions still speak louder than words."

"What the world *sees* is more effective than what the church teaches."

"Hands linked in serving a common cause banish suspicion. As William Booth said, 'I'm so busy fighting the Lord's battles that I have no time to quarrel with His friends.'"

"Dorcas work constitutes the Gospel's sharpest wedge."

"Dorcas Welfare creates a heart relationship in our task for others."

"Dorcas Welfare work is going to meet the supreme test of the judgment."

"Dorcas Welfare work constitutes pure religion."

"God wants the whole church to constitute the Dorcas Welfare Society."

The afternoon meetings were as well attended as the morning services. A brief period of enthusiastic hymn singing directed by Pastor Mustow created the atmosphere for our guest speaker's spirited presentation of the theme, "Dorcas is Alive!" In her own inimitable way, Sister Tarr held the audience spell-bound as she portrayed the ideals and purposes of welfare ministry. Our sights were lifted, our vision enlarged, and our consciences stirred as we listened intently to every word. There is no doubt that silent resolves were made in many hearts to lift the Dorcas Welfare banner in our churches.

"Question Clinic"—a period devoted to the discussion of problems and to the listening to brief reports from seven local Dorcas Welfare societies concluded the programme of meetings.

Ministers and laymen from fifteen churches in the conference were present at the convention. Such a fine representation clearly indicates the keen interest in this form of practical Christian ministry.

May the spirit of the Leeds Convention inspire and motivate a larger Dorcas Welfare service in every church and company throughout our conference.

Sincere thanks are due to our guest speakers for their inspiring messages. To Miss Susan Clee, Mrs. Brenda Smith, and Pastor Mustow for their ministry of song, to Mrs. Marjorie Parkin and her stalwart helpers for providing unstinted hospitality which was appreciated by all who shared in it, and to all others who contributed in a small or great way to the success of the rally.

E. H. FOSTER.

Sheffield "Laymen's Congress" Rally

SABBATH, October 19th, will be a day that all who were worshipping in the Advent church in Sheffield will remember. Pastors J. H. Bayliss, A. C. Vine, and E. H. Foster all spoke on the stirring admonition, "By All Means Save Some," which was displayed in the form of a cross at the front of the church. We were no longer to be sleeping partners but live partners for God. We, the lay members of the church must let our light shine for Jesus, who has done so much for us.

This thought ran through the Friday evening service, when Pastor Vine demonstrated how the laymen can give the message with the aid of the light from a projector. He showed us how easy was the film-strip method of spreading the truth, and the advantage of *seeing* as well as *hearing* the Word.

Whatever our talents are we can serve our Master. As Pastor Foster said on Sabbath morning, "We admire the work of an artist more when we know he had primitive tools with which to work." So it is when the layman saves a soul; it brings more glory to God.

It was no wonder then that on Sabbath afternoon, after this good admonition, the members heard the call, "Come, work in My vineyard," and went out two by two inviting men and women to study the Word of God through the Voice of Prophecy Correspondence Course. Pastor Foster had a hard task, on returning to church, to keep short the testimonies borne to the glory of God so that everyone could share their experiences. We all enjoyed our service for the Lord and desire to continue.

Pastor Bayliss reminded us, however, that the work of saving souls needs constant preparation of self. We must be in close communion with God, we must have a deep love for the persons we are instructing, and with love and kindness we must lead them to the foot of the cross.

Everyone who attended this Laymen's Congress Rally was left with the realization in his heart that we are "living links," links between God and sinful man, links that must not break. We who were there could say with Jacob, "Surely the Lord" was "in this place." The Lord has kindled a flame; which by His grace, will set the world on fire. We entered the church to worship and departed to serve.

FRETSON TAYLOR.

Baptism at Kettering

ON Sabbath afternoon, October 12th, we saw our little church here in Kettering nicely decorated and prepared for a baptismal service, always a happy occasion.

Pastor E. Cox, our local minister, was favoured to have with him Pastor J. H. Bayliss, our conference president, from Nottingham, who, after the usual preliminaries, gave a study on the meaning of the word "Christian," and what it means to be a Christian today.

Then Pastor Cox baptized a Jamaican young lady by the name of Hazel Ayne, who is training to be a nurse at the Northampton hospital. She rejoiced in the knowledge that her parents in Jamaica were thinking of and praying for her on this happy occasion.

Sister Ayne was welcomed into church fellowship at Northampton. MESSENGER readers, please pray for this dear sister, that she may be given strength to endure the cross of Christ her Saviour.
CHURCH CLERK.

Wonderful News From Barrow-in-Furness

It has been for a long time the hope of our conference leaders to open up work in Barrow-in-Furness, where we have five members who at present meet each Sabbath with the believers in Ulverston. Now a remarkable opportunity has presented itself. The Board of Trustees of an undenominational body has very graciously offered us the use of their church for as long as we want it, quite free of charge.

A Sunday school is going to be started immediately and Sabbath afternoon and Sunday evening services in a few weeks' time. These services will be conducted by our faithful and very efficient church

elder, Brother J. Hamilton, assisted by our Ingathering champion, Brother Crusthwaite, and two very enthusiastic new members, Brother and Sister Kitchen. It was through their faithful witness from door to door that this opening was made possible. At present, the minister of the district is conducting a campaign in Blackpool, but we do hope that in the future it will be possible to concentrate in Barrow and build on the work started by our good lay members.
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First-Fruits in Wrexham

SABBATH, October 5th, saw the first-fruits from the campaign held by Brother A. J. Anderson in Wrexham.

Being unable to have the use of any Baptist church in Wrexham it was necessary to travel to our church in Rhyl for the service. The church was comfortably full when the afternoon service commenced.

The address was given by Pastor J. P. West and then our president, Pastor M. C. Murdoch, went down into the water and immersed the candidates. Two ladies and two gentlemen were baptized, and as others plan to join God's remnant church in the near future we would ask that you remember this corner of God's vineyard in your prayers.

PRESS RELATIONS SECRETARY.

Newport Temperance Society

How good it is to read in the 119th Annual Report of the Newport Temperance Society of the activities of the Newport church!

I find that a number of members of the church are also members of the society, and that Brother Searles is on the committee.

A petition was organized throughout Wales to ask for the retention of existing legislation concerning the closing of public houses on Sundays. In Wales public houses are closed on Sundays, but there is a campaign by the brewers for the opening of public houses under the same conditions as those in England. It is stated in the report that the petition to keep the public houses closed contained 105,875 signatures. Other signatures have undoubtedly been added since the report.

The report also states "the Society is indebted for the voluntary display of posters to the Seventh-Day Adventist church," and two other churches, "who all hold commanding positions for the purpose." May I add that this excellent method of temperance publicity at the Newport church was carried out by Brother R. Jacques, the senior elder.

HOWARD EBDON, D.Sc., *Public Relations Officer.*

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Edinburgh Welcomes the Adventists

SUNDAY evening, October 27th, marked the commencement of another evangelistic campaign in Edinburgh. For several weeks advertising had been put out for these services carrying the caption, "Sponsored as a Community Project by the Edinburgh Adventist Church." This did not deter 350 people from reserving seats beforehand. On the night the hall seating 500 was filled to capacity.

After seeing the film, "Which Will Ye Have?" over the cinema system, Dr. Harrison from Australia gave an introductory talk to his series of health lectures. The audience thoroughly enjoyed singing their favourite hymns and then listened as Pastor B. Kinman inspired them with his address entitled, "Our Shattered World, How to Live Hopefully Today." In his address he dealt specifically with the present-day fulfilment of prophecy in its relationship to the economic, domestic, social, and political worlds.

We are happy to record that of those present over 250 requested that they be placed on our mailing list. As they left the theatre they were given a complimentary copy of the Campaign magazine, which will be prepared for them each week. This very encouraging start to the evangelistic work of the winter has inspired both workers and members in the capital city of Edinburgh. We earnestly request that you remember this work in your daily devotions, especially in this staunch Presbyterian city.

D. J. DABSON, *Organizing Secretary.*

STANBOROUGH SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Looking Back

By the time that this article is published, a new school year will have begun, with all its many problems and challenges. So we thought it would be good to let the MESSENGER family know just a little about our progress during the last school year.

Numerically, the school has remained about the same—just a little over three hundred. Of these, about two-thirds were non-Adventist, and could have been double that number if the school had been large enough. This, of course, provides a great opportunity, being a wonderful field for evangelism

which we are not slow to recognize and improve. Of these non-Adventist pupils, not a few have been baptized and some have taken their stand this year. At both baptisms held in the Stanborough Park church this year the school was represented. Happy though we are for this, we are just as glad for those children who come from Adventist homes and have made their decision while at the school. We have been told on several occasions that the children have been led to take their stand through the influence of the school. Only this week-end I was happy to be present when one of our boys publicly witnessed to his intention to follow Jesus all the way at a baptismal service in the Holloway church.

Although perhaps the most important, these baptisms were not the extent of the school's achievements in the realms of the spirit last year. We collected the unprecedented sum of £450 for missions during the Ingathering Campaign, £100 more than last year and three times the amount collected in 1954. In 1956, the school also collected more than any other school in Hertfordshire, with one exception, for the Sunny Smiles Campaign for orphan and spastic children. When one considers that many of the schools who also collected were much larger than our own, one realizes that something is happening in the hearts of boys and girls when they manifest such a sense of responsibility for others. Lastly, the influence of the school is making itself felt in the homes of many of the pupils, Adventist and non-Adventist alike. Much prejudice has been broken down and many parents are actively interested in the message as a result of what their children have done and said. There is something different—pleasingly different—about a school where children pray about their difficulties with the headmaster and where they strive to make Christ the standard in their relations toward one another.

What of the social side of school life? The staff-pupil relationship is, in spite of occasional breaches of the peace and their inevitable consequences, a happy one. The fine spirit which is manifested on both sides may be seen in the delightful way in which one of the classes, without any direction from above, arranged a party for Hugh Dunton who was leaving for the mission field, and by the way in which a similar celebration was arranged at the end of the summer term and to which members of the staff were invited. During the last week of the summer term, the school went on its third annual hike through Tring to Ivinghoe Beacon and back through the beautiful Ashridge Forest. I think it is true to say that during the whole day not one girl or boy had to be reprimanded for misdemeanours of any kind. I do not know of any other school where the staff would be willing to risk taking the whole student body on train, through lane, and over field where the result would be such a happy one.

Physically, the children are better off than ever. A second football pitch has been added through the industry of Mr. Dobbs and his mower, and goal posts have only this week been installed, thanks to hard work on the part of Mr. Seymour, our handicrafts teacher. A double cricket practice net

has been purchased and well used. As a result, the school lost only one cricket match and three football matches, all against schools much larger than ours, while we have defeated many who are considerably larger. Miss P. Appleyard, who has taken charge of the girls P.T., has given the girls great enthusiasm for that subject and they have delighted parents and churchmembers on two occasions with displays of high quality.

Finally, the school has progressed academically. When the secondary school was started in 1940, a writer in the MESSENGER described it as the last and final link in the Adventist educational chain. In his enthusiasm, he overlooked the fact that neither the school nor the College was able to educate pupils to the standard required for entrance to the University. Two years ago, the school took the initiative and commenced a sixth form course leading to the Advanced level of the General Certificate of Education, an examination which qualifies successful candidates for University entrance. The first group of candidates took the examination this summer and the results were very gratifying, one boy almost getting a distinction in History. This result is especially pleasing when it is realized that this same boy was one whom the education authorities deemed unsuitable for a Grammar school education, that is incapable of taking Ordinary level G.C.E., let alone the Advanced level. Thus we feel we have nothing to be ashamed of in the academic sphere. Indeed our results compare very favourably with those of Grammar schools throughout the country.

In a survey made and published by the British Psychological Association concerning Grammar schools in the home counties, some interesting figures have been given. It seems that in these schools, one-third of the pupils get less than five subjects and a further third get nothing at all. These statistics were borne out in a remarkable way in a smaller inquiry which we made into the results of the Grammar schools of one West Country town. Here it was found that one of the forms which took the G.C.E. this year, no-one obtained passes in more than four subjects, and only two managed this, while four obtained three, five two, six one, and an unspecified number "nothing" at all. These results were proudly published in the local paper, while the other Grammar school in the district for the first time ever did not advertise their results and refused information to all inquirers, so disappointed were they.

When we compare our results with these, we have reason to be pleased. Firstly, we must remember that none of the children who took the G.C.E. from the school this year had "passed" the scholarship. This means that they were judged to have less ability than those who did so poorly in the figures given above. Yet in this same year, taking the same examination, our pupils all obtained at least one subject, and most considerably more—and yet these were all children who failed to get into a Grammar school. Three are now studying for the Advanced level, having done well enough at ordinary level to merit this. Nor is this merely our opinion, for one of these three (she passed in five subjects) has

been accepted at the local Grammar school for this course, as she could no longer stay at the school for financial reasons.

We said above that all the candidates who took the G.C.E. from the school last year had failed to pass the scholarship. This, however, was an unusual occurrence, for in every other form in the school we have children whose parents, realizing the value of the school, have kept their children at Stanborough Park in spite of the fact that they have been given free places in Grammar schools. The faith and confidence of these parents is usually amply rewarded, for such pupils do exceptionally well in the G.C.E., as well as having all the spiritual advantages attached to attendance at the school. The last of such pupils obtained no fewer than eight passes, and we have had pupils with nine and ten.

Thus, although we are constantly seeking to improve our facilities and teaching methods, and although we realize that the school has far to go before it is perfect, we feel that we have nothing to be ashamed of so far as academic work and examination results are concerned. And, indeed, many qualified non-Adventists feel the same way. A parent, who is also a Town Councillor, told us only recently how he reached his decision to send his boy to our school rather than to a state secondary modern school. Only last week we learned that another parent was recommended to send his child to our school by a teacher at a Grammar school where, apparently, they have a high regard for the work we do and the discipline we maintain; as had the Church of England vicar who recently advised one of his parishioners to send his child to the school since, to use his own words, he needed "character training."

Distant fields often have a habit of looking greener, and so we close by turning from the opinion of our friends unconnected with the school to that of the parents themselves. We are thrilled to hear of non-Adventist parents who, in many cases, are making tremendous sacrifices in order to keep their children at the school; to hear, as we did this week, of a child who wants to take her savings out of the bank in order to help her parents to keep her here. Thrilled, especially when we remember that the non-Adventist pays considerably more to keep his child at the school than does the Adventist; and no less mindful of the great sacrifice which the Adventist parent makes. Lastly we are encouraged with the many words and letters of appreciation which come our way, and which space alone keeps out of this article.

We are thrilled. We are gratified. We are also humbled when we realize the great confidence which the parents have in the school and by the great responsibilities which devolve upon us, as guardians of the children's spiritual, academic, social, and physical well-being. And so we ask for your prayers continually on our behalf and on behalf of the young lives that are entrusted to our care, that the school may become an even brighter light and serve the needs of the families of the church, and contribute to the finishing of the work.

H. H. LEONARD.



Brother and Sister W. H. Rogers of Cardiff. Brother Rogers, at the age of seventy-four, has forty-seven years of colporteur ministry to his credit and is still a busy auxiliary colporteur.

THE MINISTRY OF LITERATURE

"Words, Words, Words"

IN Shakespeare's play "Hamlet," one of the characters, an old man called Polonius, comes across young Hamlet, apparently absorbed in a book. "What read you, my lord?" he asked. To which question he received the reply, "Words, words, words."

What a significant description this is of the torrent of words which are being poured unceasingly into the minds of men today.

Every morning the newspapers of the world bring to our breakfast tables millions of words.

On the bookstalls we see more millions of words in the form of magazines and books.

From public platforms the protagonists of this and that expound their views by means of words, words, words.

And when we switch on our radio set at any hour of the day or night we can select a stream of words pouring over the ether from any country on the surface of the earth.

Did you read, by the way, that Vatican Radio's newly-opened station ten miles north of Rome can now, by means of its 120 kilowatt transmitters and twenty-two aerials, carry the words of the Pope to every part of the world?

Words, words, words! The earth and the air are a babel of words which leave men confused as to truth and error, good and evil, what man is living for, and where he and the world are going.

No wonder that the noted American writer, Paul

Tillich, some time ago declared that above all things men are looking for an "illuminating word" which will make sense of life and give them a direction and a worth-while goal.

Thinking of this tragic human situation, isn't it a wonderful thing that God should have chosen to reveal Himself through Christ, "the Word," and that His saving message to mankind should have been made known through His "Word," the Bible, the Book of books. And surely none are fulfilling the divine commission to "Preach the Word" more literally than the ministers of the printed page.

The difference between the books which we carry to the homes of the people day by day, and the millions of other books offered by the world, is that while in outward appearance both seem only to contain "words, words, words" our books contain "the Word," the illuminating "Word" which is able to lead men out of sin's darkness into faith's light and life.

Other books may be picked up, read, and laid aside with little or no lasting influence on the reader. But what marvellous transformations have been accomplished through the power of the Spirit by the books and papers containing Heaven's message for these last days. Characters have been miraculously changed and life's purposes have been redirected into the path of holiness and the service of God.

In a recent lecture, Mr. Vincent Massey, Governor General of Canada, said that words are "the mainspring of all human affairs." He was absolutely right, for words spoken or written have the power to make men into devils or saints, to lead them to heaven or to hell.

What a sacred responsibility, then, is that of our literature evangelists, auxiliary colporteurs, and church missionary workers as they place in the homes of our land the illuminating, saving "Word."

Morning by morning, here at the Press we pray that God's richest blessing may ever attend you and guide your steps.

W. L. EMMERSON.

NEWS FROM MANY LANDS

FROM SCANDINAVIA TO ETHIOPIA

By A. F. Tarr

President, Northern European Division

THE commission of our Saviour nearly two thousand years ago states: "This Gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." This must have severely strained the early disciples' feeble faith. The prospects of its final fulfilment in these latter days must have placed an equal strain upon our own early pioneers as they contemplated their small numbers and feeble resources. But today, despite the gigantic task that still confronts us, we see on every hand cheering evidences that the promises to the early disciples, and to our own Advent movement through the Spirit of prophecy, are in final and unmistakable process of fulfilment.

In the home and mission fields of the Northern European Division we daily face some of the innumerable methods that God is using in His programme to "set His hand again the second time to recover the remnant of His people."

We see them in Missionary Volunteer camps scattered all over our division as youth from many nations gather annually to share fellowship with those of like precious faith, and to prepare for a vigorous and more effective witness in their own home communities. The influence likewise of their great quadrennial congresses seems to gather momentum with the passing of the years. Still very vivid in their memory is the Paris Congress, and the more recent gathering in Stockholm, where on the last great day more than two thousand of them, after marching under their national banners through the main streets of the city, were joined by more than ten thousand of Stockholm's citizens in the royal gardens in singing songs and listening to the preaching of the Advent message.

From West Africa comes the word that more than twenty thousand youth are either in our mission schools or otherwise connected with Adventist homes or churches. What incalculable power for the advancement of our message is bound up in this growing army of youthful witnesses.

Of these youth H. J. Welch, president of the West African Union, reports that "many young teachers in our schools, and students in our training colleges and secondary schools, are carrying on a strong programme of preaching and compound visiting. Many evangelistic efforts in West Africa are manned entirely by youth. One teacher united with a fellow teacher in an evangelistic effort and succeeded in raising up a good-sized church. Another young man who teaches in a school not of our mission undertook to revive a dying church. As a result of his effort more than thirty new members have been added to that church. Two schoolboys united their efforts to preach God's message to a heathen village where no Christian church had ever gained a foothold. The result is that in this village there is now a church and a Seventh-Day Adventist mission school."

One of the heartening experiences that workers in the Northern European Division enjoy is to sit around the committee tables of the various unions and listen to the stories of progress told by field and institutional leaders. We never fail to be reminded of the rich dividends accruing from the sacrificial gifts of the church membership in the home bases of so many lands. Here are some gleanings from the 1957 meeting of the West African Union Committee:

A. E. Farrow, reporting for the East Nigeria Mission: "The total activity of the home missionary and Dorcas societies would run into astronomical figures. More than 500 laymen, including many women, have taken the course in Training Light Bearers. The limited work that Miss Nuka has been able to do in the Dorcas Society continues to multiply and bear fruit in practically all of the districts, resulting in many souls won to the truth."

Baptisms in this same field (East Nigeria) totaled 790 in 1956, representing an increase of 100 over the baptisms of the previous year. Tithe showed an

increase of thirty-two per cent. The total enrolment in the field's thirty-one schools rose to 6,406.

In North Nigeria the baptisms reached the highest figure for that field of any year to date. The tithe showed an increase of forty per cent.

A. M. Moyer, in his report for Sierra Leone, incorporated this interesting paragraph: "This year marked the introduction of the Mende and Temne New Testaments. These languages represent the two major groups in Sierra Leone. Although Seventh-Day Adventists are one of the smaller missions, our sales of the vernacular Bible exceed the other missions, several of which are five times as large as ours. With our members reading their Bibles in their own native tongue, the churches will now be greatly strengthened."

H. S. Pearce, manager of the Advent Press, told of an increase of twenty-eight per cent in literature sales for 1956. From the Ile-Ife Hospital in Nigeria Dr. S. A. Nagel reported in-patients numbering 3,880 and out-patients numbering 75,968 for 1956.

Roger Coon, reporting for the Voice of Prophecy, told the committee: "Your Radio Doctor programme tape recordings were presented to the public relations officer of the Sierra Leone Government. He controls all broadcasting throughout the colony and protectorate. The programmes have promoted the gospel of good health, made the public aware of Seventh-Day Adventists, and broken down considerable prejudice on the part of the public. The prospects are now excellent for adding the Voice of Prophecy programme to that network's weekly schedule of regular broadcasts."

It was also a great pleasure while in West Africa to attend the annual meeting of the Gold Coast (now Ghana) committee, presided over by the president, W. J. Newman.

It is on committees like these, with their strong indigenous representation, that one's acquaintance with local conditions and problems becomes intriguingly intimate. Each succeeding year the African workers and members are entering with increasing interest and understanding into the many phases of mission field administration. This interest was most strikingly evident as I met also with the district superintendents of Ghana, all Africans, as they joined the committee group. Here they set their goals for the current year. Before doing so, they made a careful survey of the previous year's achievements in relationship to the goals that had been set a year before. A large blackboard placed the figures before them, and they began with the first column, "Souls Won." In almost every district the goal had been exceeded, and much gratitude was voiced over the combined fruitage that God had given.

The next column was "Baptisms." In fields where converts are normally kept for two or more years in Bible and baptismal classes, the figures in this column represented those who had accepted Christ in some previous year and whose development under spiritual guidance has since qualified them for baptism. In nearly all instances the goals before us had been overreached. In one case, where the number fell short, the African superintendent made this simple explanation, "Dry season has prevented." In his district the rains had not fallen in time to fill

the rivers and pools where the year-end baptisms would have been held. He had to wait until the turn of the year before some of his candidates could be baptized, and, therefore, they could not be included in the report.

This year's visit to West Africa immediately preceded Ghana's emergence as an independent nation. It was thought appropriate to present a memorial to the leading cabinet ministers assuring the new government of the loyalty of Seventh-Day Adventists and of their prayers that divine wisdom and guidance might be granted them as they entered upon their larger responsibilities. This memorial included reference to some of our beliefs, particularly the Sabbath, religious liberty, and the bearing of arms. We requested that in the constitution then being prepared, provision for religious liberty for all citizens be incorporated. We told of our visits to India's leaders at the time that their constitution was being formulated, and we quoted its present reading as follows: "Subject to public order, morality, and health and to the other provisions of the Part, all persons are equally entitled to freedom of conscience and the right freely to profess, practise, and propagate religion."

All of the ministers we interviewed received us kindly, one telling us with obvious gratification that his grandfather had been a Seventh-Day Adventist and most zealous for his faith. All expressed deep appreciation of our expression of loyalty, and particularly of our prayers, and were confident that their constitution when finally prepared would please us well. It has since been with much joy that we find incorporated in the proposed constitution the full provision we desired, including the identical expression (italicized here) which we requested: "No law shall deprive any person of his freedom of conscience or of *the right freely to profess, practise, and propagate any religion*, subject to public order, morality, or health." For the proposed inclusion of this provision we are deeply grateful.

In newly entered Greenland our intrepid evangelist, Andreas Nielsen, now joined by his family in the home that Division funds have enabled him to erect at Godthaab, witnesses valiantly in the world's largest and often icebound island. Recently the local minister of the state church invited Brother Nielsen to discuss publicly with him the teachings of their respective churches. Brother Nielsen accepted, not realizing at the time that this discussion was intended to expose the fallacies (?) of Seventh-Day Adventism. A great company came to listen. Many returned to their homes deeply stirred and with a new understanding of what Seventh-Day Adventists really stand for. In consequence Brother Nielsen was invited to give a radio talk telling of our work and doctrines. This he enthusiastically did in Danish, and it has since been broadcast also in Greenlandic. Now the niece of the wife of the opposing minister, who was housekeeper in the minister's home, has accepted the message and been baptized. A room in Brother Nielsen's home, the only place where the interested ones can assemble for worship, is now crowded full, and it is proposed to erect a chapel adjoining the home. This chapel is among the pro-

jects to benefit from the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering to be taken on December 28th.

Our secretaries for press relations are keeping the newspapers of many countries supplied with live, up-to-date material from Seventh-Day Adventist sources. Press conferences frequently mark the arrival of denominational leaders from abroad and they are also held in connection with important local denominational projects. The dedication of the Skodsborg church called for a big conference and was lengthily and most favourably reported in about eighty newspapers of different countries.

Public evangelism continues in the vanguard of denominational activities. In Helsinki, the capital of Finland, Elsa Luukkanen, our Finnish woman evangelist, opened a campaign. Packed audiences attended each meeting. On some occasions three sessions were necessary. The offerings met the entire cost of the campaign, including advertising and the salary of her one Bible instructor. When R. R. Figuhr and I visited Finland for the annual meetings the first baptism with more than sixty converts taking part, had already taken place and others were still to come.

Axel Varmer, newly appointed president of the Ethiopian Union, reports continued awakenings in the southern portion of his territory, where in recent months we have sought with all possible effort to answer the urgent calls for workers. On the Sabbath of Brother Varmer's visit to a place called Sackie, 143 new believers were baptized and a church with a membership of about 300 was organized. Plans are in hand to send more workers into that district, where the evangelist reports a further 200 to 300 keeping the Sabbath. This is a most heartening development in a country where evangelism has been so difficult in past years.

The medical ministry in Ethiopia continues its invaluable contribution, both to the good will and to the advancement of our work. The loving ministrations of doctors and nurses alike to thousands of patients each year is surely being greatly blessed throughout the field.

The Norwegian training college is now in process of erection. Building will proceed as far as available funds will permit. Our Norwegian members are in urgent need of being able to offer Christian education to the youth in their own country.

Our temperance work is opening up new spheres of influence, and some in unusual quarters. The film *One in Twenty Thousand* has made a great impact in many countries.

At a recent annual meeting of the British Temperance Federation, held in London, when our British Temperance Society was accepted into membership, a most warm welcome was extended to us by the chairman, the Right Honourable Lord Mathers, K.T., P.C., D.L. During a subsequent discussion on health education for teachers, Lord Mathers, in referring to temperance literature, appealed for "something that would catch the eye and be readable, especially for the youth: something like this *Alert* [holding up the Northern European Division magazine] you no doubt have seen. It is timely, attractive, arresting, and appealing."

Through the Luxembourg Voice of Prophecy broadcasts over three-quarters of a million people are

estimated to be listening to our message each week in Great Britain alone. Branch Sabbath schools, both in our home countries and in our mission fields, are awakening interests in many places. Missionary nurses in some of our medical institutions have been particularly energetic in developing this work.

Thus in multitudinous ways we discern heartening evidences of the guiding, prospering hand of God over His work. We rejoice over the advancement made, but in every one of our thirty-two countries we face many needs that still stand between us and the completion of the Gospel commission. For these we desire most deeply the earnest and united prayers of the rapidly growing Seventh-Day Adventist family throughout the world.

YOUR HELP IS REQUESTED

ANOTHER important book project, vital to our cause, is under way—the gathering of the testimony of religious leaders not only through the centuries past, but in our day as well—who hold to the principle of the unconscious sleep of the dead, with immortality bestowed through Christ as a gift at the resurrection, and/or the ultimate destruction of the finally impenitent wicked.

As will readily be seen, this assemblage, when brought together in completed, logical, and winsome form, will prove to be of greatest value to us as a denomination, because of our own positions thereon. This fact is becoming conspicuously evident: *We are not alone in this view.* We have already found the writings of hundreds of others—many of them conspicuous, honoured, scholarly leaders—who have preceded us, or who so hold today. And they are scattered through all leading faiths, and over many lands. The significance and helpfulness of this testimony can readily be seen.

Unquestionably some of our workers, not only of North America, *but in our overseas divisions*, have or know of certain books, pamphlets, or periodical articles in our own day (or of the past) that might be secured, which set forth such positions—such as that of the late Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. William Temple, Eric Lewis of Canada, the late Dr. Emmanuel Pétavel of Geneva, Prof. Gerardus van der Leeuw of the University of Gröningen, Dr. A. R. Vine, editor of the *London Congregational Quarterly*, Dr. Martin J. Heineken, of the Lutheran Theological Seminary of Philadelphia, and Daniel R. Davis, Anglican rector of St. Mary's, in Britain.

We urgently need the names and writings of any well-known non-Adventist theologians, and Greek and Hebrew scholars, of the past or present, who have reached their conclusions on the basis of wide research and biblical evidence. If you know of or find such materials, please do not send them on without first communicating with L. E. Froom, c/o General Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists, 6830 Eastern Avenue, N.W., Washington 12, D.C., U.S.A. In this way we will avoid duplication.

We are very anxious to locate and secure Dr. Emmanuel Pétavel's *The Problem of Immortality*, English translation by F. A. Freer, 1892. This is particularly valuable to us.

Your co-operation on this important project is earnestly solicited, and will be deeply appreciated.

LE ROY EDWIN FROOM.

REGRETS

AMONG the advertisements in the November issue of *Good Health* was one on page twenty-one which should not have appeared. We regret its insertion.

R.D.V.

Wedding Bells

GIBSON-MORGAN.—It was a very happy occasion on Wednesday, August 14, 1957, when a number of relatives and friends met together at a Wallasey church, to witness the marriage of Mr. John Malcolm Gibson to Miss Marjorie Morgan. The bride looked radiantly happy as she walked down the sunlit aisle on the arm of her father, who gave her away. She wore a ballerina-length dress of white lace with a circular veil secured by a diamante tiara. Her American-styled bouquet consisted of pink rosebuds, staphanasis, and white heather. The best man was Mr. Arthur Marsh and the bridesmaid was Miss Pauline Weir, who was dressed in ballerina-length gown of blue lace, with a head-dress of pale blue petals and seed pearls. Her bouquet was crescent-shaped

of cream rosebuds and staphanasis.

The bride has been an ardent worker in the Wallasey church for a number of years. All the members take this opportunity of wishing the young couple every happiness as they settle in their new house, which they built themselves. May the Lord richly bless them.

MRS. R. ARTHUR, *Church Clerk*.

WEST-ELLIS.—It was fitting that the first wedding in the new Belfast church should be between two of our young people who have done so much to foster the work of building. On August 20, 1957, a large group of relatives and friends gathered to witness the union in matrimony of Meta Ellis, a deaconess, and Alex West, a deacon and Sabbath school officer of the church.

The bride, looking radiant in her wedding dress of dusky pink lace, was attended by one brides-

maid, her sister, Miss Madge Ellis, and a flower girl, her little niece Hilary. Charles Rhodes was the best man. The ceremony was conducted by the writer. The bride entered the church on the arm of her brother William to the singing of the appropriate words, "Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us."

Mr. Ernest Matthews, a cousin of the bride, sang a solo, "O rest in the Lord," accompanied by Miss Maud Balmer, who also officiated at the organ throughout the ceremony.

Following the service a reception was held, after which the happy couple left for a honeymoon in Dublin and Killarney. The good wishes and prayers of their many friends went with them that the blessing of Heaven may rest on their union and that their home will be filled with the love of God.

W. G. NICHOLSON.

HOPKINS-LEE.—At 11 a.m. on September 3, 1957 a number of friends and relatives gathered at the Stoke church to witness the marriage of Frank William Hopkins and Phyllis Mary Lee, both members of the above church.

The bride, who wore a beige costume and carried a bouquet of yellow rosebuds and lilies of the valley, was attended by her sister. The best man was Peter Lee, and the ceremony was performed by Pastor B. Pilmoor. A reception was held for the guests, after which the bride and groom left for their honeymoon in Devon.

We pray that the Lord may richly bless them as they labour together in His service.

R. WILD.

Till the Day Dawn

FUGGLES.—We regret to record the death of Sister A. Fuggles on August 18, 1957. Our sister accepted the message and was baptized in July, 1926. She was a faithful member of the Holloway church, and served as a deaconess for several years. She showed a keen interest in Dorcas and welfare work for many years, until recent months, when ill health prevented her continuing. Our sister was laid to rest on Friday, August 23rd, to await the call of the Saviour she loved.

CHURCH CLERK.

GAY.—The Derby church has lost a much-loved member in the death of Brother H. Gay who passed away in his sleep in the early hours of Sabbath morning, September 7, 1957. Brother Gay was baptized in 1942 during the ministry of Pastor A. F. Bird in Derby.

He was ordained elder of the Derby church in 1950, and throughout the years, until extreme ill-health forced him to lay down his burden, he was an ardent and zealous worker for the church, whose well-being and happiness were his deepest concern. He was counsellor and friend to all who sought his advice, and those who were privileged to work with him will remember him with love and gratitude. The funeral services at the Derby church and at the Derby Crematorium were conducted by Pastor E. H. Foster, representing the North England Conference, and Pastor Alan Norman, minister of the Derby church. Our deepest sympathy goes out to his widow who nursed him lovingly and patiently, to his daughters, Mrs. Ronald Brett and Mrs. Siegfried Edwards, and to his parents, to all of whom we would say, "We mourn, but not without hope, for our brother's death is but a prelude to a glorious dawn when the clouds will break to reveal the coming of our Lord to take His faithful servant home where there is reserved for him

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CHURCH CLERK.

NORRIS.—We regret to report the death of our dear Sister Adelina Norris, of the Wembley church, on September 3, 1957, at the age of eighty-two years. She had been in indifferent health since the death of her husband about eighteen months ago. On the day of her death she complained of head pains, became

unconscious, and died almost immediately. Sister Norris was baptized by Pastor J. G. Bevan on June 17, 1950, and joined the Wembley church. Although unable to undertake any work on account of her age she had the welfare of the church at heart. We shall all miss her cheerful manner and bright smile. She was buried at Greenford on September 9th, Pastor V. H. Cooper, assisted by Brother G. Munson, conducting the service at the graveside.

We extend our deepest sympathy to all her relatives in their bereavement.
CHURCH CLERK.

ANNISS.—The Holloway church regret to announce the death of Brother J. T. Annis on September 11, 1957, aged eighty-eight years. He was baptized in 1947 and faithfully attended the services of the church until his last illness. He was cremated at Enfield on September 18th. We extend our sym-

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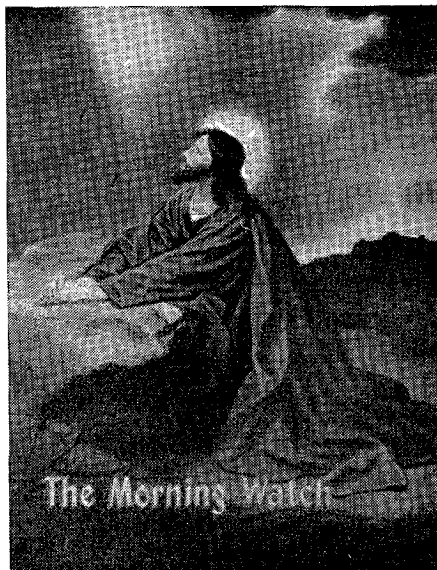
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CHURCH CLERK.

BRITTON.—The Cardiff church reports, with deep regret, the death on September 11, 1957, of Brother William Alfred Britton, at the age of eighty-five years. It was with sad hearts that relatives and friends gathered in St. Paul's Seventh-Day Adventist church on Monday, September 16th, for the funeral service conducted by Pastor M. C. Murdoch, president of the Welsh Mission, assisted by Pastor H. E. Bull, the local minister. Our brother was afterward laid to rest in the Western Cemetery. Brother Britton became a member of the remnant church more than sixty years ago. He attended the Newport Church for some time while canvassing with *Present Truth* in that district, but for more years than anyone can remember he has been a faithful member of the Cardiff church, always ready to witness for the truth he loved so well. He was in his usual place at church only a week before he was stricken with cerebral thrombosis and died ten days later in St. David's Hospital. To his daughter Lynda, who is a loyal member of our church, and to Miss Hutchings, who looked after him so well since the death of his wife, we tender our sincere sympathy. "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord." B. NEWELL, *Church Clerk*.

REDDALL.—Churchmembers, along with many family mourners, gathered in the Nottingham church on September 16, 1957, to pay their last respects to our late Brother William Ernest Reddall. The service was conducted by Pastor F. Edwards, who spoke highly of the departed one. His was indeed a spiritual life. Our brother was first

taken ill in the church, and was nursed at home for four months. The last week or so was spent in hospital, where at the age of seventy-seven years he passed peacefully away on September 12th. Our brother was baptized in 1908 and since that time has served the church as deacon and as a teacher in the Sabbath school. Our brother generously supported the work of the church, and was a witness to the truth in his work. Our loving sympathy is extended to his dear ones.

CHURCH CLERK.

Mrs. V. Reddall and family wish to thank friends for the many letters of sympathy and condolence received subsequent to their sad loss.

STEER.—It was a cold but bright day September 12, 1957, when we laid Sister Laura L. Steer to rest in Christchurch Cemetery. Sister Steer had suffered much in recent months and our prayers were answered when she was released from pain and fell asleep in Jesus. Her hopes were in God and that glorious morning when the shadows flee away. Our sympathies are extended to her son and his wife, pointing them to the God of all comfort. The service was conducted by the writer at the Funeral Parlour, where many relatives and friends were gathered.

JOHN R. HANDYSIDES.

HASTINGS.—Brother Alfred Ronald Hastings fell asleep on Friday, September 20, 1957, in the beautiful village of Samedan, Switzerland. Brother and Sister Hastings, with their niece, Betty, were travelling down the Maloya Pass, near St. Moritz, when the brakes failed and the car crashed. This was on Monday, September 16th. Brother Hastings sustained multiple fractures of the ribs,

and on the Friday he died from an embolism. Brother Hastings, a captain in the army during the first world war, came into the truth about 1922 and was baptized by Pastor F. A. Spearing. In 1923 he married Miss Charlotte May of Hampstead. During the past four years, Brother Hastings has given excellent counsel on the South England Conference committee. He will be keenly missed by the conference executives. The funeral service was conducted by Pastors L. Beer, president of the Italian Union Mission, A. Brand of Chur, J. A. McMillan, and the local Protestant minister. Accompanied by the tolling of church bells, the cortege wended its way up to the village cemetery. A number of nurses from the hospital and several sympathizing people from the district joined us in paying our last respects to a dead comrade. We are assured that Brother Hastings retained his quiet faith in the Saviour and awaits the call to everlasting life when Jesus comes. Pray for Sister Hastings who is still in hospital with a compound fracture of the right leg.
J. A. McMILLAN.

VAUGHAN.—Brother Charles Vaughan, an eighty-one year old member of the Leeds church, collapsed and died on Friday, September 27, 1957. He had been a faithful member for thirty-seven years, being baptized during the ministry of Pastor J. Bell. The funeral service was conducted by Pastor S. H. Parkin in the home and at the Harehills Cemetery, where our brother was laid to his rest on October 2nd. Our sympathy goes out to his dear wife, who accepted the Advent truth, and was baptized with her husband on September 18, 1920. We rejoice with her that Brother Vaughan rests in the blessed hope of the soon coming of our Lord.
F. J. OWENS, *Church Clerk*.

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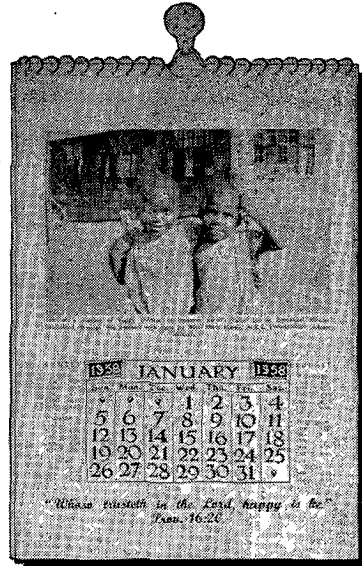
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