THE LONDON CENTRE

HEALTH PROGRAMME

By Kathleen Mahon

Strolling down the famous Regent Street, London, a woman saw our New Gallery health programme advertised for that very night. She decided to attend the lecture. Afterward she said to me, "At last I've found a church that believes and teaches healthful living. I must come again and hear what other things you teach." She not only came again but attended the other meetings. Soon Bible studies were arranged, and she is now almost ready for baptism.

Another woman came to the Sunday meeting, heard the health night programme announced, came to the demonstration on breadmaking, and next day made some for her husband's supper. He, very much relishing it, said, "Where did you learn to make this?" "The New Gallery Evangelistic Centre," was the reply. "But what has bread to do with evangelism?" he asked. She explained, as we had tried to show her, that it was just part of consistent Christian living to feed our bodies with the best kinds of food, that we may help ourselves to be healthy. He said, "Well, that sounds practical to me. I must go and hear what they have to say." He came, and today the whole family are baptized, and the daughter of seventeen plans to go to our college, while the son, somewhat younger, is just as enthusiastic.

Many such satisfying experiences have come as a result of our Thursday night health programme. Dozens of people have spontaneously expressed appreciation of the benefit they have gained from the new experience of living in harmony with God's laws of health. Many entered our doors for the first time to attend the health night programme and were then attracted to the evangelistic meetings.

How have we gone about this great task? Every other Thursday the chapel has been filled with eager crowds to listen to a lecture and enjoy a film on some aspect of the working of the body. Then the following week a food demonstration has been staged to illustrate how that particular function of the body can be made to work well by proper eating.

We have shown films on the demonstration nights and given a short review of the previous week's topic so that any who might not have been present could get the idea of why we were cooking that particular kind of food. Each week we gave everyone a taste of three or four dishes. "The proof of the pudding is in the eating," and as the folks see that healthful foods taste good as well as look attractive they are much more likely to try them at home.

We have had smaller groups now and again meeting before the main session to try their hand at bread-making, and now many make home-made bread regularly. We have tried to make enough food, when we had enough helpers, so that some could be sold afterward. We have had to ration it out, for everybody wanted to buy; in fact, it has been quite hectic, for there is a great rush to the display table.

From time to time we have broken our sequence in order that variety, freshness, and liveliness might always be evinced. Dr. A. H. Williams, who besides his own private practice is doctor of our Watford Sanitarium, has come over a number of times and given us some inspiring and profitable lectures, always with that spice of humour that sometimes
makes unpalatable truths more acceptable. One week we had a temperance rally, and C. D. Watson, temperance secretary of the British Union, arranged for an experienced worker of the Salvation Army to speak on the perils of alcohol.

A great deal of research has been made into the causes of food poisoning, and I had the privilege, while at London University, of attending some lectures at the Central Food Research Laboratory. One day, chatting with Dr. Betty Hobbs, the lecturer, I discovered she was a Christian, and so when I began arranging a new health series for this year I plucked up courage and invited her to speak to us. It took courage, for I had no fee to offer her and she holds an important post, but she gladly accepted.

It was thrilling after the lecture to find that Dr. Hobbs was willing and even eager to talk about our beliefs for more than an hour. She took home with her some copies of E. J. Folkenberg's current sermons and has since accepted a copy of The Bible Speaks, saying she would value it highly.

A panel on modern civilization and "nerves" was of particular interest. Two doctors, our conference president, J. A. McMillan, Pastor Watson, and the headmistress of a nursery school discussed questions on topics such as the effect on nerves of many diet wrongs and habits, the strain imposed by noise and rush, juvenile delinquency, and the stress of the atomic age. Afterward, many remarked about how much the discussion had helped them.

For some time we had the help of one of our young workers in preparing our food demonstrations but as the visiting list lengthened, we had to release her and depend on lay help. One woman, not yet a member, came regularly, and others of the audience volunteered for clearing and washing up. One of young school teachers helped us with the ushering and cutting up of portions. We were greatly helped by the gas company's lending us a few moments, she was equally happy helping in every other way.

We feel God has given us a wonderful privilege in showing the public how perfectly His laws work. The majority of our audience have been non-Seventh-Day Adventists, though a number have now joined the church. We believe more light is being diffused in London because these souls have learned to glorify God in their bodies and are showing by their greater happiness that the laws of God for body and soul work effectively.

HEALTH EVANGELISM IN BRIGHTON AND HOVE

By Pastor D. A. Conroy

A MOST interesting, enlightening, and successful series of health lectures has been held in Hove by Miss Kathleen Mahon. Indeed, the response of the people to these presentations was so good that we plan further lectures and demonstrations in both campaign and church. When Miss Mahon responded to an invitation to visit our district, we little realized the amount of time and work it would mean for her, but this was given so gladly and energetically that success was assured for the venture from the outset.

The series of about twelve lectures and demonstrations were excellently attended and proved to be of such outstanding interest that both members and non-members were equally thrilled by them. With her vigorous and interesting presentation, Miss Mahon captured the attention of her regular audiences and led many of them into practical interest in the forming of good health habits.

Many informative films were shown illustrating various aspects of the proper care of our bodies and the harmful effects of bad habits of wrong living. Some of these films were amusing and others most startling, but the general effect was to awaken us to the need to take much thought on these questions which control our health and well-being. So much practical and helpful information was provided that everyone benefited in some way or another. Some were surprised to discover that they were very guilty on the question of wrong living.

We learned by way of a practical demonstration how to make delicious, nourishing wholewheat bread and rediscovered the harmful effects of both tea and coffee on the sensitive nervous system of the human body.

This very popular series was closed reluctantly but triumphantly with a full-scale evening meal for more than fifty people who had maintained an active interest in the lectures and demonstrations. This very practical demonstration of vegetarian cooking was the most popular occasion in a very popular series.

We were very grateful too for the excellent support and help given us by Granose Foods Ltd. in the preparation and supplies for this last evening.

Such plans as these have a very real place both in the public work of our campaigns and in the regular life of our churches, and provide a very practical and attractive way to present our health message. Much praise is due to our energetic pioneer of this work, Miss Mahon, and we in Hove would thank her again for the help she gave to us.

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President's Notes
We are glad to report that there is a strong interest at the various evangelistic campaigns throughout the conference. At a recent Sunday night there were approximately 2,500 non-members listening to our evangelists in the various campaigns that are being conducted.
Some of the campaigns, however, are encountering unusual difficulties. Down in Newquay in Cornwall, Pastor B. W. Dougherty, assisted by D. Murtagh, started a very encouraging campaign and had between 200 and 300 people attending during the first few weeks. The ministers of the churches, however, have launched a concerted attack upon the campaign and the interested people have been persuaded to stop attending. The old misrepresentations that we thought had died out have been revived and the workers have been stigmatized as worshippers of Satan and being under the bondage of law, etc., etc. At the time of writing there are just a few faithful people who have continued to attend despite all the pressure brought against them and there are still many homes open to the ambassadors of the Gospel. We solicit your earnest prayers that the truth may triumph in Newquay and that the honest in heart will be directed to and won by the truth of God for these times.

In Oxford there has been some publicity in the newspapers of an adverse nature, but the main difficulty there has been that of continuity of halls. Pastor S. G. Hyde reports that up until a few hours before his last meeting in the Town Hall he did not have any likelihood of a continuing place to assemble. Fortunately the Carfax Hall was made available for one Sunday night and the work is now being conducted from the Co-operative Hall in Cowley. Here again, the workers need your prayers that all the obstacles and difficulties will be surmounted, that the banner of truth will be planted firmly amid the ancient glories of Oxford, and that a strong and well co-ordinated membership will be built up there as a perpetual memorial to the truth until the Lord comes.

We are now drawing near to the Christmas season when many members will be making their seasonal gifts. We would remind all those who have not yet redeemed the pledges made at the conference session that these should be redeemed forthwith, and we would appeal to all members who have the work of God at heart and who wish to see a memorial set up in this ancient citadel of evangelical truth to remember the needs of the work in Oxford and to make a Christmas present so that the work there may be sustained by means as well as by prayers and earnest effort. All pledges and gifts should be sent direct to J. A. Clement at the conference address.

We deeply appreciate the monies that have come in for this campaign, but more is needed if what has been done is to be sustained during the coming months of the new year. May God give you all a very happy Christmas and a prosperous and spirit-directed New Year.

J. A. McMILLAN.

Bristol Youth Rally

On Sabbath, November 9th, the young people of the West of England met for a grand Youth Rally at the Central Bristol church. There were representatives from Bristol, Lodge Causeway, Bath, Cheltenham, Croscombe, and Gloucester.

Sabbath school, under the leadership of the superintendent, Mr. Ronald Sutton, was conducted by the Y.P.S. leaders from the various churches. It included in its programme a children's story by Pastor K. H. Gammon, the review by Brother Wilf Harvey of Cheltenham, the missions appeal by Mrs. Margaret Benwell of Croscombe, and the lesson by Brother John Welch of the Central church.

We were very happy to have the Conference youth leader, Pastor Gammon, and his wife with us for the day. The services, bright with challenging messages from Pastor Gammon's preaching, were enhanced by the beautiful solos sung by his wife. The morning service made us more determined to know our Saviour better and then to go and share this faith with others.

Young people and bright singing are usually two inseparables. This is really true in the west country. Led by Pastor Gammon, we enjoyed thirty minutes' joyful singing and then gave our attention while our leader answered questions relative to young people and their problems. It is always difficult to cover questions ranging from courtship to National Service in half an hour, but a happy and instructive time was well enjoyed.

The Sabbath hours ended, we saw some slides of the various camps and congresses and then left the church for a social evening in an adjoining hall. It is a healthy sign when young people can actively pray together and play together.

Too soon this day of youth fellowship was over. Votes of thanks and appreciation were passed to Pastor and Mrs. Gammon for their ministry, to Brother John Welch for the organization of the day, and to Miss Joan Chadderton and her team of willing workers who provided drinks and refreshments for all the visitors.

If we can keep alive the spirit of this day, then the finishing of the work of God, resting on the shoulders of the youth, will be certain of a speedy and triumphant close.

T. BENWELL.

A Time to Rejoice

Says the wisest man that ever lived, "To every thing there is a season. A time and purpose for everything under the heaven." The season at Holloway church on October 26th, was one of rejoicing. Even the oldest member could not but feel young under the influence of Pastor K. H. Gammon's rousing address, in which we were inspired to become young at heart if not in body. As if to show gracious approval, the autumn sun beamed through the church windows.

"Youth must have an idol. Some talk of Alexander, some of Hercules, but the idol of Seventh-Day Adventist youth is the simple Nazarene. Only one thing did Alexander and the Nazarene have in common: both died at the early age of thirty-three years. Otherwise they differed greatly in every detail. Alexander revealed a love of force and the Nazarene revealed the force of love. Alexander's aim was to destroy life and the Nazarene's aim in life was to give life and that 'more abundantly.'"
This was the approach made by Pastor Gammon as he lifted the banner of temperance, for it was Temperance Day, and the church was full to capacity for this morning service. A few brief remarks in this direction unfolded the startling fact that alcohol which is the idol of millions, is the most advertised product yet the greatest detriment to society, causing approximately ninety per cent of crime and loss of life.

The service ended, we looked forward to the Investiture service which was to convene at 3 p.m. Prior to this a spirited half hour of hymn singing set the echoes ringing through the church. We are happy to report that twelve Master Guides, six Helpers, and one Companion were invested on this occasion.

A lovely Sabbath closed, but the inspiration of the day still lingers on. It is encouraging to know that a report of the Investiture service was published in the Islington Gazette on November 8th.

Let us proclaim His good works among men.

CHURCH CLERK.

Baptism and Sale of Work in Wood Green

On Sabbath afternoon, November 23rd, the Wood Green church was filled to overflowing with members and friends to witness the baptism of two young people, David Mudford of the Wood Green church and Pamela Martinez of Holloway. What a joy it is to see youth taking a stand for the truth in these fast-moving times. Pastor A. E. Farrow conducted the baptismal service, pointing out in his sermon that the last time he had had the privilege of conducting such a service was in a river in Africa amid very different surroundings.

In the evening the ladies of the Dorcas Society held a sale of work, and what a success it was. Light refreshments were available at popular prices which helped to swell the funds. Many folk found answers to the Christmas present problem among the fine variety of goods displayed, and many toys were bought in readiness for the toy service to be held on Sabbath, December 7th.

D. M. INVEST, Church Clerk.

Golden Wedding at Wimbledon

October 16th, was a memorable day for Brother and Sister Mason, for they were celebrating their golden wedding.

They came in contact with the message in 1914 in Mauritius and Sister Mason was baptized by Pastor Paul Badaut, the first pastor of the Advent church in Mauritius. At this time Brother Mason was doing hospital work and although he was not baptized until 1935 by Pastor Girou, he faithfully kept the Sabbath through the years. He had the joy at this time of passing through the waters of baptism with his three eldest daughters, and his youngest daughter was baptized some few years later by Pastor C. A. Reeves in Wimbledon.

Mr. and Mrs. Mason of Wimbledon.

Brother and Sister Mason have been faithful members of the Wimbledon church since 1935, and on this special occasion as a token of our affection a bouquet of flowers was presented to them by our church elder, wishing them many happy returns of their wedding day and God's richest blessings as they continue life's pathway together in the eventide of their lives.

CHURCH CLERK.

Southampton Investiture

There was a full church at Southampton on Sabbath, November 2nd, for friends from Bournemouth, Portsmouth, and Enham had come to witness the investiture of fourteen young people.

Pastor K. Gammon was the preacher at the morning service, and in the afternoon he was joined by Pastor C. D. Watson for this very pleasing ceremony.

Prior to the latter investing the young people with their insignia, either as Busy Bees or Friends, little Baby Dawes was dedicated to the Lord by Pastor R. Burgess.

During the afternoon many questions put by members of the congregation were answered by the visiting ministers.

In the evening all were entertained in a happy social gathering, bringing a very enjoyable day of worship and social intercourse to a close.

F. J. KINMAN.

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Blackburn Baptism

When four gentlemen and three ladies were baptized on Sabbath, October 5th, it was indeed a happy day for the Blackburn church. These seven
new and fully consecrated members were the first-fruits of the work done in Blackburn under the leadership of Pastor H. Logan and Sister M. Kirby. Pastor J. H. Bayliss ably served us with the Word on this occasion and we had justifiable pride in introducing him to our new and well-appointed meeting room with a seating capacity of fifty. Our Bolton members joined with us in celebrating this beautiful ordinance.

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All campers and friends are invited to attend this special reunion week-end in the

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**Scotland's Literature Rally Day**

"There is no higher work than evangelistic canvassing." "As long as probation continues, there will be opportunity for the canvasser to work." We were forcefully reminded of these statements as we met together for a special Literature Evangelism Rally Day on Sabbath, November 2nd, in the beautiful Glasgow church. Special, because we were very privileged to have with us Pastor J. M. Bucy, the newly appointed Publishing Department Secretary for the Northern European Division, and also Pastor A. W. Howard, the British Union Publishing Secretary.

Pastor Bucy led our thoughts during the divine service in which he vividly portrayed the nearness of the end, reminding us of the fulfilment of the great signs of which Jesus spoke in Matthew twenty-four and stressing that at the time of their fulfilment many would not be ready for it. Today we are facing the fulfilment of the final signs which are to precede Jesus' return. In view of this, a tremendous responsibility rests upon every member of the remnant church; that of getting before the people of the world as quickly as possible the truth for these times. And there is no better way of doing this than through the printed page.

To emphasize the urgency with which we need to rally to the work now while we have the opportunity, he told us of some present-day happenings in countries where there is no religious freedom, of some of our believers being called upon to give their lives for the truth, of others having to stand by helpless while loved ones were torn away from them and brutally killed before their very eyes. Then they were asked to recant. It was wonderful to hear of the faith and courage of such souls, and how they remained faithful through it all.

As he gave us these illustrations he reminded us that one day very soon we are going to have to face the same experiences. Will we be ready and able to remain faithful? Are we having that close personal experience with God that alone will prepare us for that time, and will also cause us to work more zealously for Him in warning men and women and preparing them to meet Jesus when He comes in the clouds of heavens?

In the afternoon we held a symposium. We were very encouraged to hear from our small but very zealous and devoted group of literature evangelists here in Scotland. They briefly gave us a few of their many and varied experiences encountered day by day as they carried our truth-filled literature to the homes of the people. Each one testified to the importance of this work in these closing days of earth's history, and to the rich blessings of God they receive and enjoy each day. Pastors Bucy and Howard also added their personal experiences and appealed for others to join hands with our faithful group in spreading the printed page to souls still in darkness.

The meetings came to a close with the showing
of two films, "On the wings of the wind" and "Summons at midnight," both of which emphasize the importance of scattering the printed page like the leaves of autumn.

Dear fellow members of the remnant church, Sister White says in Colporteur Ministry, pages 12 and 18: "We are in the shaking time, the time when everything that can be shaken will be shaken. The Lord will not excuse those who know the truth if they do not in word and deed obey His commands. If we make no effort to win souls to Christ we shall be held responsible for the work we might have done, but did not do because of our spiritual indolence. ... The Lord calls for many more to engage in the canvassing work. ... Every member of the church is to show his loyalty by inviting the thirsty to drink of the water of life. A chain of living witnesses is to carry the invitation to the world. Will you act your part in this great work?"  

A. COOPER.

THE MINISTRY OF LITERATURE

The Quarterly Training Course

ON Friday, October 11th, an enthusiastic group registered at the British Union building at Stanborough Park, Watford, to commence an intensified series of classes on the literature ministry.

Staying mainly in the homes of members, these new recruits to the literature work were soon at home at the headquarter's surroundings.

We attended the Sabbath services together and enjoyed the Friday evening youth people's service, the large Sabbath school and the address of the divine service conducted by Pastor J. M. Bucy, Northern European Division Publishing Department Secretary, newly arrived from Canada.

We were glad to have Pastor Bucy's counsel, in this his first public engagement since coming to Edgware and the fact that Sister E. Bucy, his wife, came as a colporteur recruit, added to the interest and enthusiasm.

Under Pastor A. W. Howard's leadership, this group from various parts of Britain began the meetings in earnest soon after the close of Sabbath. During the course of the instruction, Pastor V. C. J. Benefield led in a class recitation and we were better able to understand how to sell the wonderful volumes prepared by the missionary Press.

On Sunday afternoon, with our heads buzzing with facts and figures, and trying to remember all the instruction, we crossed over to The Stanborough Press for our first view of the plant, and later in our classes, we broke off to take part in a conducted tour of every one of the Press facilities, and as each departmental head in the Press briefly explained the work going on, we were easily led to understand that The Stanborough Press was as busy as a hive of honeybees, the only irrelevant fact being that there were no drones to be seen.

We appreciate very much the facilities provided by the British Union Committee so that we had the use of their Board Room in which to hold this important meeting. Secondly, we should thank Pastor C. R. Bonney of the Voice of Prophecy service for the use of his studio for films, and Brother Logan in operating the projectors.

Naturally we should not have been as much at home without the helpfulness of the hostesses around Stanborough Park, who provided so royally for these special guests.

All too soon most of these new literature workers could be seen leaving Stanborough Park carrying, or accompanying large parcels of books and magazines with which to make their first assault on the territory of their home district.

We are asking you each one to think of these new workers and possibly you would like to pray with us at 12 noon, when the colporteur family speaks to God for daily success and prays for others' interests so that their colleagues may have success, health instead of illness, food instead of want, and all the good things that go with successful personal ministry.

Why not consider joining the next short Training Class which is to be held at Stanborough Park? If you feel the leading of God, write to your local Publishing Secretary or to Pastor A. W. Howard at the B.U.C., Stanborough Park, Watford, Herts.

A. J. TIMOTHY.

HOME MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT

Gift Calendars

Did you have an Ingathering donation of £1 or more? If so, we shall be pleased to send a 1958 World-Wide Advent Missions Calendar to the donor if you will send us his or her name and address. The calendar will be sent in your name, with your personal greetings for Christmas and the New Year. We believe this little gift will not only be appreciated by the recipient but, being a constant reminder of our great work, will deepen the interest preparatory to your visit during next year's campaign.

As we have only 300 calendars for this purpose, all requests will be dealt with in strict rotation. Please write clearly and indicate the amount of this year's donation by each name you send to Pastor E. R. Warland, World-Wide Advent Missions, Stanborough Park, Watford, Herts.

E. R. WARLAND.

Dorcas Welfare Work

Among the encouraging developments of home missionary activity in various parts of the British Union during recent years, is that of our Dorcas

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**TOTALS 1956**

- Aberdeen: 71
- Edinburgh: 107
- Glasgow: 165
- Dunfermline: 16
- Dundee: 71
- Kilmarnock: 14
- Kircaldy: 4
- Isolated: 65
- Stirling: 11

- **Grand Total**: 1,022

**TOTALS 1957**

- Aberdeen: 191
- Edinburgh: 201
- Glasgow: 62
- Dunfermline: 61
- Dundee: 201
- Kilmarnock: 12
- Kircaldy: 19
- Isolated: 288
- Stirling: 19

- **Grand Total**: 1,065

**Increases**

- 1956: 4
- 1957: 5

*Shankill membership included with Belfast in calculating the “per capita” figures.

### Irish Mission

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**TOTALS 1956**

- Belfast: 245
- Portadown: 69
- Kilmore/Coleraine: 20
- Shankill: 181
- Isolated: 431
- Dublin: 181

- **Grand Total**: 800

**TOTALS 1957**

- Belfast: 245
- Portadown: 69
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- **Grand Total**: 800

**Increases**

- 1956: 4
- 1957: 5

### Totals

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**Grand Totals 1957**

- South England Conf.: 22098
- North England Conf.: 10994
- Welsh Mission: 1728
- Scottish Mission: 1521
- Irish Mission: 948
- Union Miscellaneous: 25

- **Grand Total**: 31,621

**Increases**

- 1956: 4
- 1957: 5
Welfare Societies. Their work has been strengthened by mutual encouragement and counsel through meetings of their four Federations.

Recently an urgent request from the General Conference that we should send a ton of relief clothing to Cyprus met with a ready response. The London Dorcas Welfare Centre kindly offered its services as the final assembly point for the bales which were prepared by and forwarded from the various federations. The Yorkshire Federation sent eleven bales, South Wales six, and Scotland seven. With nineteen bales packed by the London Federation there were in all forty-three assembled at the New Gallery for shipment on the s.s. Black Prince early in November. Doubtless by the time our members read this brief report, this ton and a half of relief clothing will be in the hands of our brethren in Cyprus for distribution to the needy there.

While our Dorcas ladies—and their helping brethren—are always ready to answer these calls from overseas for famine relief, for displaced persons, for refugees and other worthy causes, they are by no means unmindful of the needy in their own neighbourhood. This is well illustrated by the following extracts from most interesting reports we have been privileged to hear at meetings of the Welsh and Scottish Dorcas Welfare Federations at the time of Pastor Guenther’s recent visit to our field. We give them now believing that our members generally will be encouraged, as we are, and in the hope that churches which do not yet have an active Dorcas work will be stimulated to follow such good examples in Christlike service.

E. R. WARLAND.

Gleanings from Reports of Dorcas Welfare Societies in Scotland and Wales

EDINBURGH

"Our membership at the moment is twenty-eight, six of whom are not yet members of the church, but who have the cause of Dorcas truly at heart, and who work well for the good of others. We have been in touch with 168 people. Our sisters have helped seventy with domestic duties, paid 161 visits to sick and lonely, they have given food to sixty and in five cases money was given where such help was needed.

"Several boxes, containing 356 articles of clothing for old and young, were given to the W.V.S. for distribution to the poor of Edinburgh. A parcel of twenty-seven garments was sent for poor children at the Village Home at Humbie, and one for 'Tired Mothers' at the Home at Leadburn. We have given considerable help to the Scottish Wayfarers' Welfare Society. This is a Home with accommodation for twenty boys of fifteen to twenty years. We were indeed happy to be able to help by supplying blankets, sheets, pillow-cases, towels, and curtain material, as well as shirts, socks, shoes, and other garments for the boys—a total of 129 articles.

"Another contact was a firm of dry cleaners. When the manager learned of our welfare work he
at once gave clothing and curtains, and promised to phone us in six months when more unclaimed garments and materials would be due for disposal.

"Our Old People’s Rest Home at ‘The Dell’ was in need of towels. From several large ones, we made one and a half dozen small towels which met the immediate need of the Home.

"Altogether, 954 garments and other articles have been distributed.”

**DUNFERMLINE**

"The Dorcas society now has double the number of helpers—those who attend the society meetings and those who work in their own homes.

"One family, unable to meet with the society, accepted the responsibility of knitting between them at home a cardigan for an invalid unable to leave her house. The young people and children knitted squares of coloured wool which they brought each Sabbath during the winter, and these were sewn together into a warm knee rug for this invalid who receives visits from our Dorcas sisters whose words of cheer, short readings, and prayers have brought delight and joy into this unfortunate woman’s life.

"Christmas time gave the Dorcas society the opportunity of distributing food parcels to people known as worthy recipients whose hearts were touched by this gesture of Christian kindness. Upon receiving the request for help with clothing for our members in Gibraltar, the society dispatched twenty-four articles of clothing for that worthy need.”

**ABERDEEN**

"We have tried to make our Dorcas society evangelistic as well as welfare. At an early point in the Aberdeen campaign non-members were invited to attend our Monday afternoon meetings. Only one has attended regularly, but she was one of the first to be baptized. So we feel that Dorcas played its part, for she was lonely and has always enjoyed to work and meet with us.

"At the campaign, an appeal was made some months ago for clothing to send to Hungary. This met with good response and opened new contacts.

"This clothing was sent to a family in Budapest who had requested help personally. After two months, we got word that the parcels had finally arrived safely.”

**DUNDEE**

"Since January we have made twelve contacts—most of them through the Dundee Welfare Organization by the lady visitors appealing to us for help to see what we could do for them. We have up to date given out 580 garments including all kinds of underwear, footwear for children of all ages, and also for men and women articles of outdoor clothing.

"Here are some of the sad and destitute cases we were asked to help. One mother with seven children whose husband was killed by a tractor on a farm near Dundee. Another mother whose husband had deserted her and joined the army, leaving her with three boys, the youngest being only two years old. Another mother whose husband had gone to Canada and who had managed to save enough money to send for his wife and two young children. She was very thankful to receive clothing for the children to help her out of her difficulty as she was sailing in July. One of the latest contacts coming to our notice was a mother with five children, the oldest just over five years and the youngest a few weeks. Her husband is serving a term of imprisonment. In all these contacts we have been able to supply the most necessary articles required.

"It did mean a lot of time and labour given so generously to wash, mend, sort out, and pack these articles into parcels in order to hand them over to the people. Literature was given out with all clothing and one or two are now receiving Bible studies in their homes.”

**NEWPORT (Mon.)**

"A large sack of clothing was sent to the Oxford Committee for Famine Relief. These articles were sent out to refugees in the Far East. We received a letter of acknowledgment and thanks from Lady Frantis. Many members in the church were knitting squares to be made into blankets for displaced people and those in need.

"In March a meeting was held in the Newport Seventh-Day Adventist Youth Hall. The Chief Welfare Officer for Newport was invited to speak on ‘Welfare for the Elderly Living at Home.’ Letters had previously been sent to most of the sisterhoods and organizations in Newport. Between thirty and forty attended.

"Sister Jacques was one of our most faithful and enthusiastic Dorcas workers and her sudden death came as a great shock, for she was loved and respected by all. She is sadly missed by our society. Shortly before her death Sister Jacques presented Newport Dorcas Society with an excellent Singer sewing machine.

"The lonely and aged have been visited throughout the summer months. Regular distribution of magazines and tracts has been carried out.”

**GELLYGAER**

"Ours is only a very small company, but we have received help from a number of non-members. We have been enabled to send a parcel to Gibraltar—twenty-six articles of clothing for our workers and ninety-six pairs of socks for people in need. We have made a number of missionary visits, helped a family in need and also sent a sum of money to Miss Sue Ryder’s Fund for Refugees.”

**SWANSEA**

"Every member of the Swansea church has been eager to help in Dorcas work, either by personal service or by liberal donations. We have made garments for a local organization working on behalf of refugee children. A parcel of household linen was sent to Miss Sue Ryder’s home and another of clothing to a Spanish worker in Gibraltar. We have offered to ‘adopt’ a refugee family and have a parcel of clothing ready to send to them.”

**BARRY**

"Our little group averages eight visits to needy homes each week. One home is that of a sufferer-
from tuberculosis who was most appreciative of the clothes given to his wife and children. Another family of five children has also been grateful for the material help we have been able to give.

"One member visited an elderly lady every day for a year, giving her personal attention and doing household chores for her until her death.

"A parcel of clothing has been sent to Gibraltar and a monetary donation to Miss Sue Ryder's Home for concentration camp survivors."

E. R. WARLAND.

"God never leads His children otherwise than they would choose to be led, if they could see the end from the beginning, and discern the glory of the purpose which they are fulfilling as co-workers with Him."

—The Desire of Ages, page 225.

CHURCH ADDRESSES

Rochdale

WILL visitors to Rochdale kindly note that the address of the meeting place there is not as given in the Morning Watch Calendar, but as follows: Advent Hall, Trade and Labour Council Offices, 186 Drake Street, Rochdale. CHURCH CLERK.

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DECEMBER 13, 1957
**Wedding Bells**

**Hardy - Nicholson.**—A most unique and happy wedding took place in the Zion Lodge, Causeway church, Bristol, on Monday, September 9, 1957, when Harry James Hardy was united by marriage to Agnes Nicholson. Mr. and Mrs. Hardy are very well known in the West Country and their marriage cements a firm friendship which has continued over a period of twelve years from their first meeting at a church function. The service was conducted by the writer, who was assisted by Pastor W. G. Nicholson, the son of the bride, who has just returned to this country after spending a total period of fifteen years in ministerial work in Ireland.

A good number of relatives and friends attended a reception in the church hall which had been arranged by two nieces, Mrs. D. Benwell and Mrs. R. Robbins. We wish Brother and Sister Hardy God's richest blessing and fullest happiness as they continue in their service for Him together in Bristol.

P. H. Stearman.

**Westwater-Cowdery.**—The wedding took place on Sunday, September 8, 1957, at the Reading church of John Paterson Westwater to Betty Cowdery. Pastor G. Emm officiated.

Given away by her father the bride wore a full-length gown of white lace over taffeta with an embroidered veil held in place by a tiara and she carried a bouquet of dark red roses, lilies of the valley, and white heather. The bridesmaid and Mrs. W. Parfitt of the bride and wore dresses of lace and taffeta, one in salmon pink and the other in powder blue with matching head-dresses. They brought bouquets of anemones.

A reception was held in the Mansion House, Prospect Park, where the bride and groom received fifty guests. Afterward they left for their honeymoon in Haswell, Windell and Edna wished Betty every success when she wishes of all are that Heaven may come them. It was the happy privilege of the writer on Sunday, September 22, 1957, to unite in marriage the lives of two young people from Jamaica.

Far from their homeland, Windell Holness and Edna Stewart united hands and hearts in consecration before God and witnesses, to build together a home where Christ is the Head of the household.

It comes to Adventist youth to meet the challenge of constancy in the vows before God and man, to remain loving and faithful in their partnerships. Windell and Edna desired the blessing of a church wedding and the prayer and wishes of the Church. They hope that Heaven may richly bless them in their journey through life together.

**John R. Handysides.**

**Fanstone-Whiting.**—It was a very happy occasion on Monday, October 28, 1957, when relatives and friends gathered together at the Advent church, Chalford, to witness the marriage of two of our young people, Peter Edwin Fanstone and Iris Mary Whiting.

Iris, who was given away by her father, Mr. F. Whiting, looked beautiful in her gown of white silk and carrying a bouquet of red carnations. She was attended by two bridesmaids, who wore dresses of lemon taffeta and carried bouquets of anemones.

Mr. E. Whiting was the best man and Mr. G. Whiting was the groomsmen.

The ceremony was conducted by Pastor H. J. West and Mrs. G. Grinson of Gloucester was the organist.

Following the reception at Chalford Church Rooms, the bride and bridegroom left for a honeymoon at Hardpool.

We join in wishing this young couple much happiness.

H. J. West.

**Till the Day Dawn**

**Buckley.**—Mrs. Dorothy Buckley, of the Middlesbrough church, has suffered the truth (as Miss Knight) while staying at Sydney Sanitarium, Australia, about the year 1904, and was baptized the next day. She was one of their first converts. After training at Avondale College she served as a Bible worker and was sent to Java as a missionary, from 1934-1938. It was at that time that rheumatoid arthritis began to limit her physical activities. In January, 1954, she had a fall, since when she has been a bed patient and unfortunately a great sufferer. October 3, 1957, her release came. We are assured that our sister will shortly hear the Life-giver's voice. In that hope, her husband, Brother F. D. Buckley, is greatly comforted. The writer conducted the service and our sister was laid to rest in North Watford cemetery on October 9, 1957.

A. K. Armstrong.

**Brother F. D. Buckley is most grateful for the visits, the many kind letters of sympathy, and the many cards of help which he received on the occasion of the decease of his dear wife. These Christian tokens have gredtly strengthened him. As Elder W. A. Spicer used to say, speaking of Adventists, "This is a good family to belong to."**

**Powlis.**—The Middlesbrough church has suffered a great loss in the death of Sister Hilda Pows. Baptized by Pastor S. G. Joyce in 1933, she was a steady witness for the Advent truth, and laboured for souls through the printed page. For several years, apart from holding other offices in the church, she was our faithful home missionary secretory and local agent for the Ingathering campaign. This year, although in ill health, as a result of the after effects of an operation, she still did the same tasks with the same determination for the extension of the Master's kingdom. The Lord called her to rest on Sabbath morning, October 5, 1957, and on Tuesday, October 8, the funeral service was conducted in her home by Pastor Leonard Lane, at which a most comforting message was given. Testimony to her influence and labours for God was given by Pastor H. Foster, Mr. B. Whiting, Mr. G. Whiting, Gordon Banks, and Mrs. Walker. She was laid to rest in Leithorpe.
cemetery beside her little daughter. Although we have lost a dear sister yet we rejoice in the blessed hope of reunion. Our sympathy goes out to all her loved ones, especially her husband, her two sons, and daughter-in-law. May the Lord give them grace to hold fast with their hope within the veil.

Mrs. Polano, Church Clerk.

Brother Gilbert Powls would like to thank all brethren and sisters for their kindness and their prayers during Sister Powls' illness and also in his bereavement.

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