

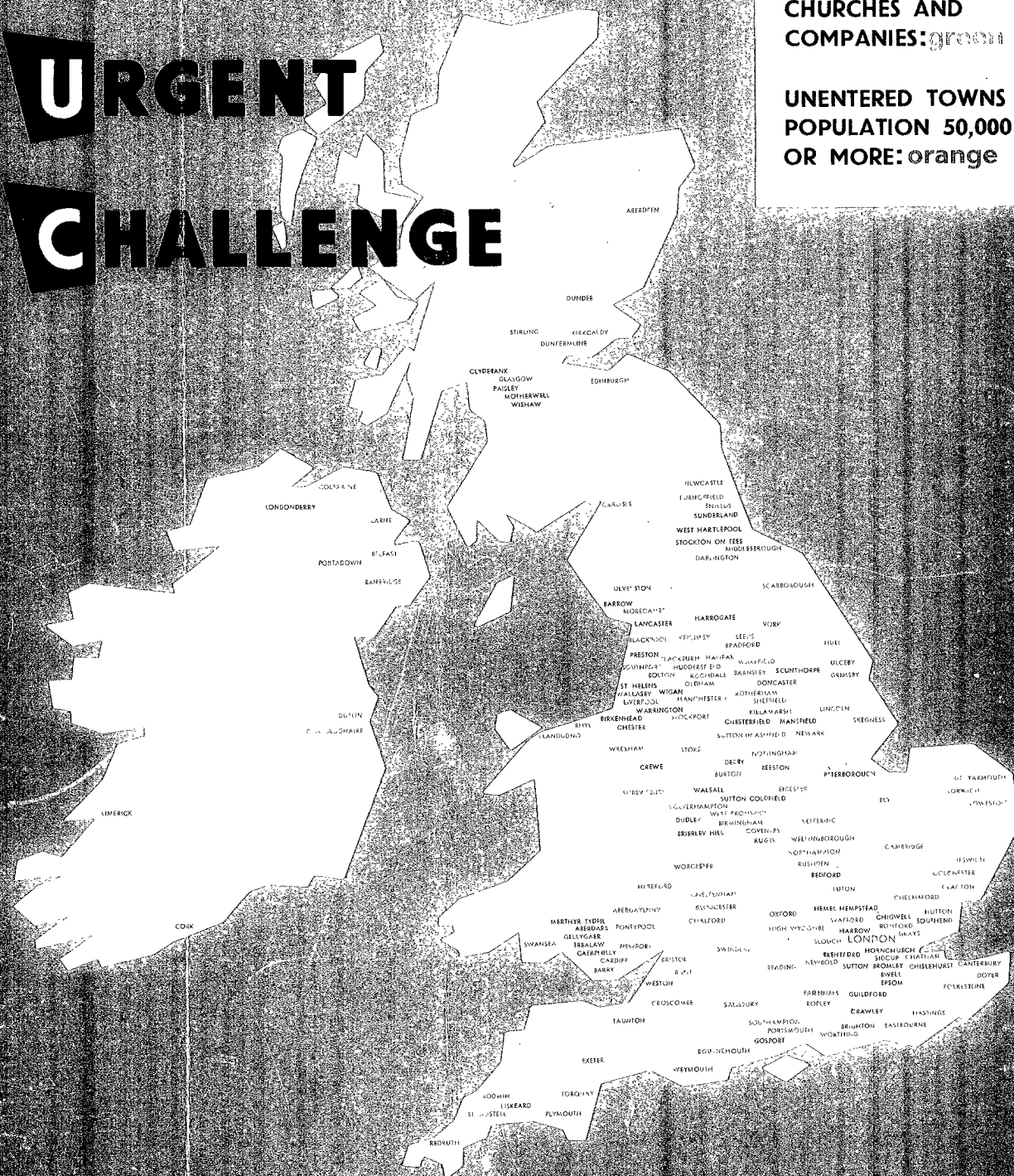
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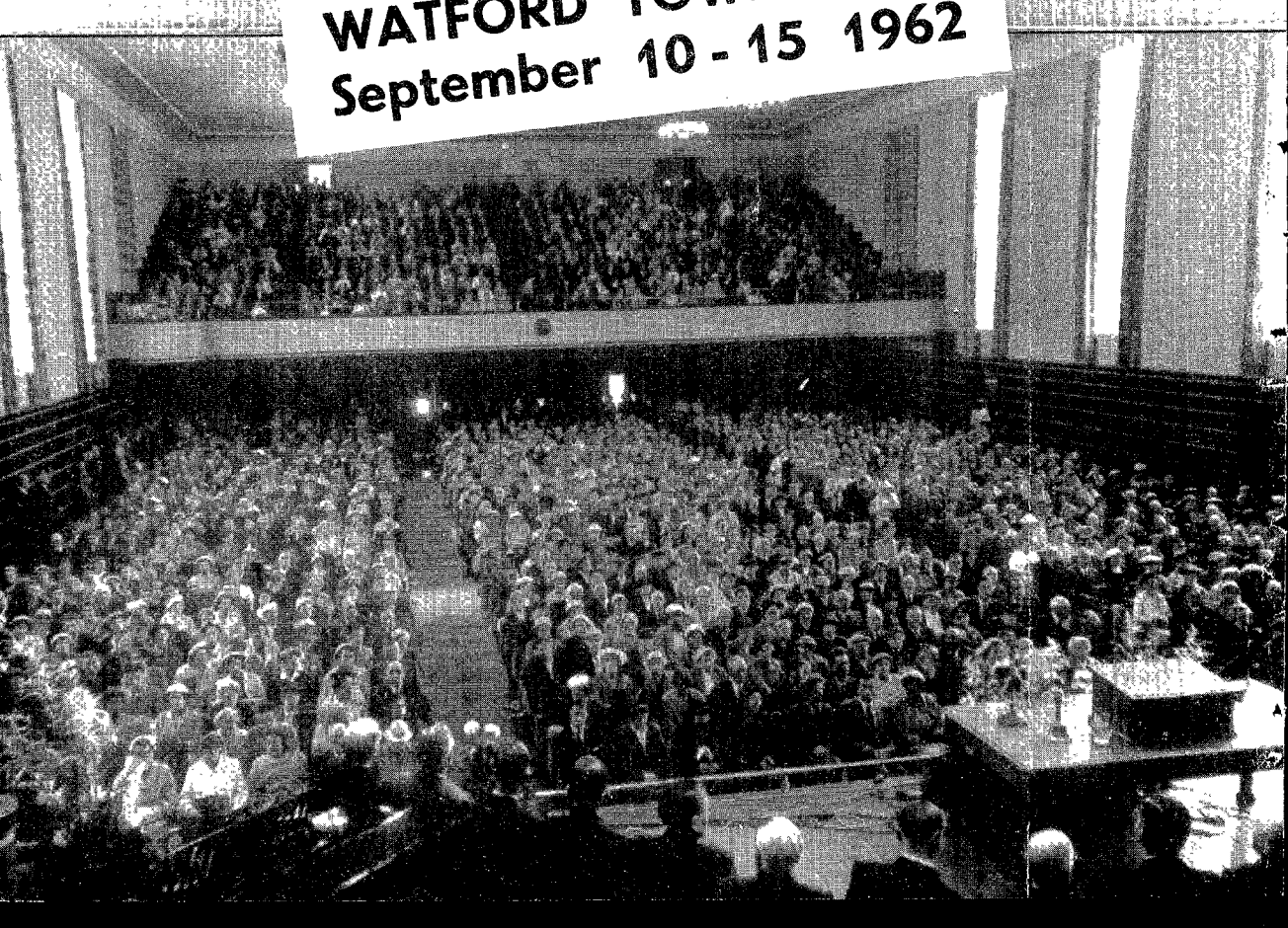
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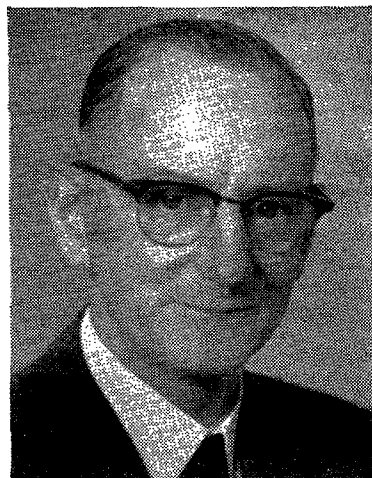
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GOD'S PROSPERING HAND IN BRITAIN

By
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It is with considerable gratitude to God that I present this report of the British Union Conference for the quadrennial period of 1958-1961. Despite the many difficulties and distractions that beset our work in its evangelistic, publishing, educational, and all other lines of service, the favour of God has been upon our denominational activities, and we can report progress in every phase of our work. As you study the reports and graphs that follow, I trust that you too will "magnify the Lord and praise His holy name," for His protecting and prospering hand upon His cause.

EVANGELISM

At the end of 1961 the membership of the British Union stood at 9,561. This revealed a net gain of 1,309, the largest in our history. As you examine the graphs, you will see that the number of souls added by baptism and vote was 2,130, this also being the largest number of accessions in any quadrennium. In each of the conferences and missions, with the exception of Scotland, there has been an encouraging gain in membership.

We are launching a Union evangelistic campaign in Glasgow in October which we trust will strengthen the membership there.

Evangelism is the vital life-blood of the church and must ever be promoted with vigour and Spirit-inspired vision. We have this challenging statement from the messenger of the Lord:

"It is a fatal mistake to suppose that the work of saving souls depends alone on the ordained minister. *All* to whom the heavenly inspiration has come are put in trust with the Gospel. *All* who receive the life of Christ are ordained to work for the salvation of their fellow-men. For this work the church was established, and *all* who take upon themselves its sacred vows are thereby pledged to be co-workers with Christ."—*The Desire of Ages*, page 822.

When the vision of *all* the churchmembers taking *all* the Word of God to *all* the world, is not carried out, defeat and discouragement are the results. "Because some will not lift the burdens they could lift, or do the work they might do, the work is too great for the few who will engage in it. They see so much to do that they overtax their strength, and

are fast wearing out."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 2, page 645.

The apostle Paul, the greatest of human evangelists, appeals to us: "Let us then never fall into the sleep that stupefies the rest of the world: let us keep awake, with our wits about us. . . . But we men of the daylight should be alert, with faith and love as our breastplate and the hope of our salvation as our helmet. . . . So go on cheering and strengthening each other with thoughts like these, as I have no doubt you have been doing." 1 Thess. 5:6-11, J. B. Phillips.

CHURCHES

It is very gratifying to see the steady growth of substantial church buildings in the Union. The report shows that 15 were erected during the past four years and 44 since 1951. It is most cheering to note that while during the first sixty years of our church life some 43 church buildings were erected, 44 were built and bought in the ten years 1951-60. We believe that proper housing of our believers in representative churches gives standing and stability to the truths we love and proclaim.

INSTITUTIONS

The Lord has given us as a church, institutional activities that provide a vital outlet for talent and witnessing. No other denomination operates such a wide variety of interests affecting the entire life of the community. Within the framework of our institutional investment we have schools, colleges, food factories, hospitals and clinics, printing houses, and old people's homes.

As you will see by the reports, the Lord's blessing has rested on all our institutions. We have been especially happy to see the Stanboroughs emerge from an annual heavy loss to the place where actual gains have been reported.

The Granose company has had to face keen competition, but despite this, business amounting to almost £1,000,000 has been achieved during the quadrennium. A great deal of automation has been

introduced to cut down production costs and increase the quality of the products. You will find Mr. Norris's report interesting reading.

The Stanborough Press also reports good gains, both in the production of attractively illustrated books and magazines, and also in the sale and wide distribution of our literature. The name, Stanborough Press, has become a truly household word in many lands outside the British Isles. Our magazines *Good Health* and *Our Times* have been given a face-lift that has greatly enhanced their appeal, and in the case of *Good Health*, turned an annual loss into a substantial gain.

In this report attention is called to the decline in the number of colporteurs, and we must take vigorous steps to arrest this attrition and build up the numbers and morale of the literature evangelists.

The Ranelagh Clinic, situated in a residential section of Dublin, has grown steadily since its inception. Pastor W. G. Nicholson's report on this growth should be noted. We have in Brother and Sister Nix two devoted and consecrated missionaries of the highest order. We greatly appreciate their pioneer medical-missionary work in Catholic Eire.

The Stanborough School report is worthy of careful consideration. There has been steady growth in stature and influence. The parochial nature of the school is changing, and we trust that in the near future, Stanborough School will once again function as a Junior College, serving the needs of the entire Union membership up to G.C.E. level. We will thus bridge the gap between our church schools and the Senior College courses offered at Newbold. We




















are glad to report that this school is now "recognized" by the state.

THE DEPARTMENTS

The Advent movement has developed through the years departments to organize and promote the various spiritual and missionary activities of the church. Thus its life, work, and witness are safeguarded and strengthened. We have been blessed during this quadrennium with devoted department secretaries who have given strong leadership both in the Union departments and also throughout the churches. We would especially pay tribute to Pastor E. R. Warland who has valiantly led in the Home Missionary, Sabbath School and Welfare services. The outstanding success of the Ingathering campaigns have been due to his good organizing ability, the Lord's blessing, and the response of our faithful members. Because of failing health, Pastor Warland will be retiring from the more strenuous activities of recent years.

A closing word of appreciation should be recorded for the presidents of the conferences and missions, the managers of the institutions and all other members of the Union Executive Committee, who have shared with us the burden of leadership during the past four years. The progress herein noted, has been, under God, largely achieved by their united planning and working during the quadrennium. A spirit of brotherly co-operation has characterized our committee proceedings, God's guidance and blessing has ever been sought and followed, and it is to Him that we ascribe all the honour and glory for whatever has been accomplished.

BRITISH UNION MEMBERSHIP 1958—61

	BAPTISM AND VOTE	NET GAIN BY LETTER	APOSTASIES	DEATHS	NET GAIN
SOUTH ENGLAND	1122 	198 	187 	306 	827
NORTH ENGLAND	705 	104 	154 	206 	449
WALES	129 		36 	65 	28
SCOTLAND	77 	1 	77 	39 	-38
IRELAND	97 	-14 	19 	21 	43

FOUR YEARS OF BLESSING AND ACHIEVEMENT

By
C. WILSON

Secretary-Treasurer,
British Union Conference



THE President of the British Union Conference has already given a most encouraging report on the many phases of the work in the Union field. His report has touched on the high lights of the church's development during the past quadrennium and I want to fill in the picture so that not only the successes but also the problems facing us can be assessed from a detailed analysis of the results of the church's activities during this period.

I have prepared my report so as to eliminate as far as possible the tedious recital of figures, and to this end I have incorporated a number of statistical diagrams which give a more readily digested statement of the figures to be reported.

It has been said that any number of persons can draw a similar number of differing conclusions from the same set of statistics, but we must all come to this one conclusion when we study the figures below: God has indeed blessed His remnant people and guided His church during the period under review.

MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the Union stood at 8,252 at the end of 1957. Despite the lethargy of the public toward religion and their reluctance to leave the fireside and home attractions to attend evangelistic meetings, the Advent message continued to reach the hearts of men and women and 2,130 souls were added to the church during the quadrennium under review. This is the largest addition to the membership in the history of the denomination in this field. During the same period, apostasies were 473 and although this number is almost 100 less than the previous quadrennium, it is still a tragically high total. Not only the ministry but every member has a duty to endeavour to win back these souls for the Master.

The membership on December 31, 1961, stood at 9,561, an increase of 1,309 for the quadrennium, and we give thanks to God for this splendid increase, the greatest in our history.

WORKER FORCE

As you will observe from the following statistics there are three more organized churches in the Union

than in 1957, but the number of ordained and licensed ministers has decreased by three. In my predecessor's report at the last quadrennium he mentioned the alarming shortage of graduates from Newbold College available for work in this Union. Although there are signs that the position is improving we are still watching the situation with considerable anxiety.

You will be very conscious during the progress of these meetings of the emphasis being placed on Christian education and the strong promotion of the College among the young people and parents. We need many more dedicated young men and women to be trained for the great and responsible work of taking the Advent message to the people of this land.

WORKING FORCE OF THE UNION

	As at Dec. 31, 1957	As at Dec. 31, 1961
Ordained ministers	85	83
Licensed ministers	32	31
Credentialed Bible Instructors	14	14
Licensed Bible Instructors	7	5
Credentialed Missionaries	24	24
Elementary School Teachers	20	26
Churches	109	112
Companies	45	45

FINANCE

I never fail to be impressed by the continuous generosity and faithfulness of our members in contributing to the support of the church and its many activities. In addition to the numerous regular appeals for funds in our churches, Seventh-Day Adventists will respond whole-heartedly to other "good causes," such as the Refugee Year Appeal that was held in 1959. It is worthy of note that the two Seventh-Day Adventist churches in Watford raised over £450 between them for that fund, and when the proceeds were handed to the organizers they stated that the donation exceeded the total raised to date by all other churches in the town.

What can I say about the annual Ingathering effort by our members? Each year we seem to have reached the ultimate goal, but without fail the succeeding year surpasses the previous record. What a magnificent expression of Christian service is this annual campaign! The church needs the money to maintain and expand its huge programme of evangelism, medical work, and Christian education carried on throughout the world, and so faithful men, women, and young people from the large and the small churches and companies up and down the land, often at great personal inconvenience, go from door to door to gather in the funds to support the work. God bless each one who has responded to the call to help in this annual campaign. And well done, Pastor Warland, and his associate home missionary secretaries.

I know from personal experience that God stands by His promise in Malachi 3:10: "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in Mine house, and prove Me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

As each monthly statement of tithe is compiled for the Union field, I am deeply impressed by the consistent faithfulness and self-sacrificing spirit of our members, and the evidence of divine blessing is there to be seen, in the lives of each faithful member.

The total tithe for the period, amounting to £736,616, represents a 45 per cent increase over the previous quadrennium. This is a remarkable in-

crease, and reflects the consistent faithfulness in tithe paying by the membership which during the same period increased by 16 per cent. We do appreciate, of course, that personal incomes have risen during the past four years.

Fuller details of tithes and offerings are given at the end of the report.



















BRITISH ADVENT MESSENGER

I would draw your attention to the cost of producing the church paper for the past four years and the income received from the four annual offerings. You will see that on an average church-members only contribute 32 per cent of the cost involved in producing the paper. I have received various suggestions for remedying this position. One recommends making a charge for each copy of the paper; another favours taking up quarterly offerings instead of an annual one. We all value the church paper and I wish we could find some way to take the bulk of the cost from the conferences who could then use the funds freed for other promotional interests.

APPROPRIATIONS

While we rejoice at the liberality of the members in giving their offerings for missions we must also express our thanks and appreciation to the General Conference and the Northern European Division for the very substantial funds that come in to this field by way of appropriations each year. During

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TITHE AND OFFERINGS 1958—61				
	MEMBERSHIP AT 31-12-61	TITHE	MISSIONS OFFERINGS	INGATHERING
SOUTH ENGLAND	5261	£435,685 	66,241 	136,684 
NORTH ENGLAND	2982	£203,581 	26,184 	101,619 
WALES	585	£38,312 	8,177 	18,681 
SCOTLAND	464	£32,450 	4,551 	13,988 
IRELAND	269	£18,768 	3,599 	1,834 
UNION MISC.		£5,314 	279 	

MEMBERSHIP OF UNION, CONFERENCES, AND MISSIONS, 1958-1961

BRITISH UNION CONFERENCE

	Quadrennium 1950-1953	Quadrennium 1954-1957	Quadrennium 1958-1961
Baptism & Vote	1,777	2,035	2,130
Net Gain by Letter	...	117	1,074
Apostasies	448	571	473
Deaths	550	586	637
Net Loss by Letter	15	...	785
Net Gain	764	995	1,309
Membership, January 1, 1950	6,493		
Membership at end of each Quadrennium	7,257	8,252	9,561
Evangelistic Expenditure	£65,882	£118,961	£137,822
Workers at the end of each Quadrennium:			
Ordained Ministers	67	85	83
Licensed Ministers	52	32	31
Bible Instructors	30	21	19
Voice of Prophecy	9	8	12
Other Workers	25	34	62
TOTAL	183	180	207

NORTH ENGLAND CONFERENCE

	Quadrennium 1950-1953	Quadrennium 1954-1957	Quadrennium 1958-1961
Baptism & Vote	528	778	705
Net Gain by Letter	...	201	298
Apostasies	174	183	154
Deaths	199	207	206
Net Loss by Letter	37	158	194
Net Gain	118	431	449
Membership, January 1, 1950	1,984		
Membership at end of each Quadrennium	2,102	2,533	2,982
Evangelistic Expenditure	£20,873	£26,756	£28,642
Basic appropriation received from Union	£59,034	£58,329	£52,600
Special appropriation from Union			£59,596
Workers at the end of each Quadrennium:			
Ordained Ministers	19	25	24
Licensed Ministers	14	9	10
Bible Instructors	12	8	7
Other Workers	5	7	9
TOTAL	50	49	50

SOUTH ENGLAND CONFERENCE

	Quadrennium 1950-1953	Quadrennium 1954-1957	Quadrennium 1958-1961
Baptism & Vote	912	922	1,122
Net Gain by Letter	25	449	632
Apostasies	224	299	187
Deaths	282	277	306
Net loss by letter	...	339	434
Net Gain	431	456	827
Membership, January 1, 1950	3,547		
Membership at end of each Quadrennium	3,978	4,434	5,261
Evangelistic Expenditure	£28,701	£71,764	£80,342
Basic appropriation received from Union	£17,561	£50,021	£44,000
Special appropriation from Union			£33,142
Workers at the end of each Quadrennium:			
Ordained Ministers	27	35	34
Licensed Ministers	15	12	13
Bible Instructors	12	9	8
Other Workers	8	24	24
TOTAL	62	80	79

WELSH MISSION

	Quadrennium 1950-1953	Quadrennium 1954-1957	Quadrennium 1958-1961
Baptism & Vote	115	146	129
Net Gain by Letter	...	51	57
Apostasies	22	51	57
Deaths	34	53	65
Net Loss by Letter	23	71	57
Net Gain	36	52	28
Membership, January 1, 1950	469		
Membership at end of each Quadrennium	505	557	585
Evangelistic Expenditure	£5,480	£8,302	£10,006
Basic appropriation received from Union	£20,423	£21,683	£28,300
Special appropriation from Union			£11,050
Workers at the end of each Quadrennium:			
Ordained Ministers	4	7	7
Licensed Ministers	7	4	2
Bible Instructors	1	1	2
Other Workers	1	...	1
TOTAL	13	12	12

SCOTTISH MISSION

	Quadrennium 1950-1953	Quadrennium 1954-1957	Quadrennium 1958-1961
Baptism & Vote	160	131	77
Net Gain by Letter	16	55	62
Apostasies	19	52	77
Deaths	19	38	39
Net Loss by Letter	...	51	61
Net Gain	138	45	-38
Membership, January 1, 1950	319		
Membership at end of each Quadrennium	457	502	464
Evangelistic Expenditure	£7,478	£8,394	£7,971
Basic appropriation received from Union	£21,069	£22,835	£29,060
Special appropriation from Union			£13,117
Workers at the end of each Quadrennium:			
Ordained Ministers	4	5	6
Licensed Ministers	4	4	3
Bible Instructors	2	1	1
Other Workers
TOTAL	10	10	10

IRISH MISSION

	Quadrennium 1950-1953	Quadrennium 1954-1957	Quadrennium 1958-1961
Baptism & Vote	62	58	97
Net Gain by Letter	4	16	25
Apostasies	9	16	19
Deaths	16	11	21
Net Loss by Letter	...	36	39
Net Gain	41	...	43
Net Loss	...	11	...
Membership, January 1, 1950	174		
Membership at end of each Quadrennium	215	226	269
Evangelistic Expenditure	£3,350	£3,743	£10,861
Basic appropriation received from Union	£27,103	£26,960	£30,240
Special appropriation from Union			£13,750
Workers at the end of each Quadrennium:			
Ordained Ministers	3	4	3
Licensed Ministers	3	1	1
Bible Instructors	3	2	1
Other Workers	3	7	2
TOTAL	12	14	7

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

For Years Ended December 31st, 1957 and December 31st, 1961

	December 31, 1957		December 31, 1961		Increase	Decrease
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Assets						
Cash in Office	115	9 2	388	3 8	272	14 6
Bank Current Account	1,464	13 8	924	15 7		
Bank Deposit Account	45,000	0 0	36,654	9 8		539 18 1
Post Office Savings Bank	101	7 11	106	10 11	5	3 0
Total Cash and Bank	46,681	10 9	38,073	19 10		8,607 10 11
Investments						
3% Savings Bonds	21,000	0 0	24,500	0 0	3,500	0 0
3½% Conversion Stock	10,000	0 0	10,000	0 0		
Temperance Building Society ...			472	0 0	472	0 0
A. E. Read & Co. Ltd.			1,380	17 6	1,380	17 6
Accounts receivable	41,538	6 2	58,347	18 2	16,809	12 0
Stocks	807	8 7	3,086	0 5	2,278	11 10
Furniture and Equipment	4,329	13 0	5,915	16 10	1,586	3 10
	124,356	18 6	141,776	12 9	17,419	14 3
Less Depreciation Reserve	4,329	13 0	4,884	16 0	555	3 0
Less Provision for Diminution of Stock	10,000	0 0	10,756	17 6	756	17 6
	110,027	5 6	126,134	19 3	16,107	13 9
Liabilities						
Accounts Payable	17,977	15 9	26,897	9 4	8,919	13 7
Reserve for Accrued Expenses	892	0 0	912	3 8	20	3 8
Annuity Contracts	11,500	0 0	11,500	0 0		
Trust Funds	6,830	17 5	2,587	12 5		4,243 5 0
	37,200	13 2	41,897	5 5	4,696	12 3
Reserve Funds	44,269	17 8	55,891	6 1	11,621	8 5
Capital	28,556	14 8	28,346	7 9		210 6 11
Total Net Worth	72,826	12 4	84,237	13 10	11,411	1 6

COMPARATIVE REPORTS OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS FOR QUADRENNIUMS

1954-1957 and 1958-1961

	Quadrennium 1954-1957			Quadrennium 1958-1961			Increase		Decrease	
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	£	s.
<i>Tithes</i>										
South England Conference	290,247	6	4	435,685	5	8	145,437	19	4	
North England Conference	145,487	2	7	203,581	4	9	58,094	2	2	
Welsh Mission	30,235	12	0	38,311	16	6	8,076	4	6	
Scottish Mission	24,604	4	2	32,450	9	0	7,846	4	10	
Irish Mission	14,137	12	3	18,768	8	8	4,630	16	5	
Union Specials	1,799	7	6	5,314	6	5	3,514	18	11	
TOTALS	506,511	4	10	734,111	11	0	227,600	6	2	

Sabbath School Offerings

South England Conference	39,975	0	6	55,238	10	1	15,263	9	7	
North England Conference	17,552	3	9	23,193	8	5	5,641	4	8	
Welsh Mission	4,687	10	3	6,220	17	4	1,533	7	1	
Scottish Mission	2,988	17	0	3,623	13	5	634	16	5	
Irish Mission	2,118	9	8	2,738	6	8	619	17	0	
TOTALS	67,322	1	2	91,014	15	11	23,692	14	9	

Week of Sacrifice and Annual Offerings

South England Conference	5,531	15	5	7,078	18	2	1,547	2	9	
North England Conference	1,567	13	5	1,526	6	6				41 6 11
Welsh Mission	1,132	18	0	1,590	12	6	457	14	6	
Scottish Mission	435	15	11	572	2	6	136	6	7	
Irish Mission	455	2	2	500	3	8	45	1	6	
TOTALS	9,123	4	11	11,268	3	4	2,144	18	5	

Missionary Volunteer Offering

South England Conference	1,310	5	10	2,049	2	8	738	16	10	
North England Conference	391	5	4	622	14	5	231	9	1	
Welsh Mission	145	9	2	144	12	7				16 7
Scottish Mission	69	10	3	157	11	3	88	1	0	
Irish Mission	81	11	3	71	17	1				9 14 2
TOTALS	1,998	1	10	3,045	18	0	1,047	16	2	

Missions Extension Offering

South England Conference	1,515	4	8	2,124	13	0	609	8	4	
North England Conference	621	14	3	803	3	1	181	8	10	
Welsh Mission	236	2	9	150	2	8				86 0 1
Scottish Mission	200	5	4	187	16	10				12 8 6
Irish Mission	111	2	9	172	15	8	61	12	11	
TOTALS	2,684	9	9	3,438	11	3	754	1	6	

Miscellaneous Offering for Missions

South England Conference	51	0	0	1,105	3	3	1,054	3	3	
North England Conference	20	0	0	442	6	10	422	6	10	
Welsh Mission	250	0	0	1,236	4	11	986	4	11	
Scottish Mission				99	16	3	99	16	3	
Irish Mission				138	0	0	138	0	0	
Union Specials	240	0	0							240 0 0
TOTALS	561	0	0	3,021	11	3	2,460	11	3	

	Quadrennium 1954-1957			Quadrennium 1958-1961			Increase			Decrease		
<i>Ingathering</i>	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
South England Conference	105,273	19	7	136,684	2	8	31,410	3	1			
North England Conference	77,144	8	11	101,619	5	2	24,474	16	3			
Welsh Mission	15,887	0	6	18,680	11	10	2,793	11	4			
Scottish Mission	13,420	17	2	13,988	1	8	567	4	6			
Irish Mission	7,261	4	7	8,634	7	4	1,373	2	9			
TOTALS	218,987	10	9	279,606	8	8	60,618	17	11			

Famine Relief Offering

South England Conference	649	4	7	1,858	14	10	1,209	10	3			
North England Conference	251	16	5	447	0	8	195	4	3			
Welsh Mission	89	14	4	192	12	1	102	17	9			
Scottish Mission	62	3	8	198	10	1	136	6	5			
Irish Mission	45	15	9	125	1	9	79	6	0			
Union Miscellaneous				2	10	0	2	10	0			
TOTALS	1,098	14	9	2,824	9	5	1,725	14	8			

Total Offerings (including Ingathering)

South England Conference	154,306	10	7	206,151	9	8	51,844	19	1			
North England Conference	97,549	2	1	128,790	5	3	31,241	3	2			
Welsh Mission	22,428	15	0	28,215	13	11	5,786	18	11			
Scottish Mission	17,177	9	4	18,827	12	0	1,650	2	8			
Irish Mission	10,073	6	2	12,380	12	2	2,307	6	0			
Union Specials	240	0	0	2	10	0				237	10	0
TOTALS	301,775	3	2	394,368	3	0	92,592	19	10			

Messenger Income and Expense 1958-1961

	Income			Expenses			Deficit			Contribution Per Member		
South England Conference	810	13	7	2,840	0	0	2,029	6	5	3/1		
North England Conference	402	10	8	1,318	6	4	915	15	8	2/9		
Welsh Mission	99	9	5	240	0	0	140	10	7	3/5		
Scottish Mission	78	8	7	180	0	0	101	11	5	3/4		
Irish Mission	92	1	10	120	0	0	27	18	2	6/10		
TOTALS	1,483	4	1	4,698	6	4	3,215	2	3			

Four Years of Blessing and Achievement

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the quadrennium these appropriations amounted to £445,906 and the Union distributed these funds as follows:

APPROPRIATIONS DISTRIBUTED

	£
South England Conference	31,642
New Gallery	45,500
North England Conference	92,196
Welsh Mission	39,350
Scottish Mission	42,167
Irish Mission	43,990
Stanborough School	33,100
V.O.P.	37,300
Granose Foods	12,500
Stanborough Press	10,500
Stanboroughs Hydro	9,500
British Union Administration	19,122
Educational Fund	27,035
Old People's Homes	5,500
Dorcas Welfare	1,323
B.U.C. Office Building	700

British Advent Missions	2,157
Union Evangelism	2,250
Balance carried forward	474
	445,906

GENERAL

The steady increase in the number of church buildings acquired is a most satisfactory feature of denominational development and details of these acquisitions are given in the report on British Advent Missions Ltd.

Our Educational secretary will be giving some very encouraging facts about the progress of this department of the work. At our headquarters on Stanborough Park we have felt the effects of the expansion of the Stanborough Secondary School. With the establishment of a boarding school in the main school building we were compelled to find alternative accommodation for the Voice of Prophecy, who were occupying rooms in the building. The Union Committee decided that the time had come to build a new Union office on the main road frontage of the estate, and to vacate their existing

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FULFILLING OUR STEWARDSHIP

I AM happy to report that during the four years 1958-61 a further fifteen church buildings were purchased or acquired in the following centres, making a total of eighty-five properties owned throughout the Union, after allowing for the sale of the churches at Rochdale and Carlton Colville.

<i>South England Conference</i>	Gloucester
Liskeard	Watford—Youth Hall
Ealing	Luton
Chatham	Brixton
<i>North England Conference</i>	Manchester
Middlesbrough	Wolverhampton
Leicester	Rotherham
<i>Welsh Mission</i>	Pontypool
<i>Scottish Mission</i>	Aberdeen
<i>Irish Mission</i>	Portadown

Most of our ministers are now accommodated in denominationally owned houses and in recent years attention has been paid to the improvement of these properties. In a few instances houses were sold and more modern properties acquired to replace them.

Many members who own cars will be aware that the Company acts through its secretary as an agent of the Ansvar Insurance Company. The amount of business handled is considerable, bringing benefit to both the insurer and the Company. In addition the Company acts on behalf of the denomination for the insuring of churches, houses, institutions, and other insurable risks, and I would report that in my opinion our properties are adequately insured against normal risks.

The Old People's Homes continue to run smoothly despite staff shortages. The residents are very happy in these Homes as you will hear later in these meetings and we are blessed with wonderful personnel on both staffs. Unfortunately we still have a long waiting list for admission to both "The Dell" and "Woodlands." We have now saved sufficient funds to put in hand the building of a further extension to "The Dell" which will give us another four single rooms and a delightful spacious lounge. We have not forgotten "Woodlands" either, and for nearly two years Miss Bradley, the matron, has been looking for an alternative building which would accommodate more residents than the present Home.

"Woodlands" had a small operating surplus in 1961, which is most encouraging in view of the lower income rate of £4. 1s. 0d. set by the local authority. The charge per resident week at "The

By C. WILSON

Secretary, British Advent Missions

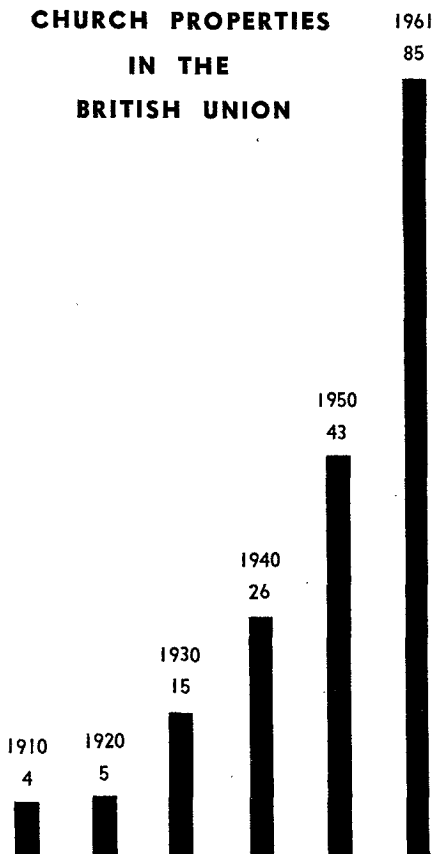
Dell" is £4. 10s., which is remarkably low bearing in mind that the rate in 1953 was £4. 4s.

In a public report of this nature, I cannot detail the many instances of help and advice given to our members on personal, legal, and financial problems, but I would record that the Secretary of the Company is always willing to give whatever help he can in these matters to churchmembers.

In closing this report I would pay tribute to the loyal and efficient services of Brethren W. Coates, J. Ruddock, and C. Spofford who help to maintain the many properties on Stanborough Park and to Brethren W. Dobbs and J. Emm who keep the estate grounds and orchard looking so beautiful.

And finally, I wish to express my gratitude to God for His guidance in the affairs of the Company in the years under review, and I am sure that we can look forward to the continuing prosperity of this part of the Lord's work under His blessing.

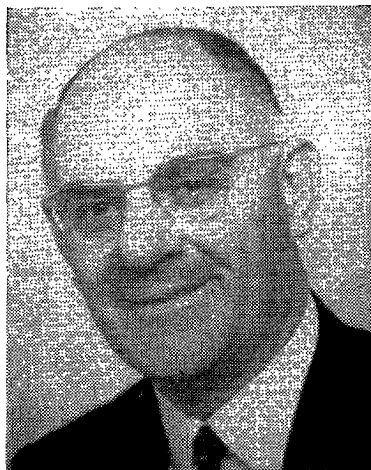
CHURCH PROPERTIES IN THE BRITISH UNION



ONWARD IN SOUTH ENGLAND

By
J. H. BAYLISS

President,
South England Conference



THE twenty-one million people spread over the territory of the South England Conference have shared, during recent years, in perhaps the most unparalleled period of prosperity in Britain's long history. The "affluent society," with its traditional southern sophistication, has been regarding religion in general with an increasing indifference and apathy. These characteristics combined with the expanding use of the motor car, particularly for leisure at week-ends; the current Bingo craze, and television attractions, have made the appeal of public evangelism appear relatively anæmic. The tried methods of advertising, which have succeeded in the past, are now not nearly so effective. We recognize that an immediate and entirely fresh approach to the public is imperative. However, in the context of these very real handicaps, our evangelists and pastors have been pressing on with their public ministry, with encouraging results.

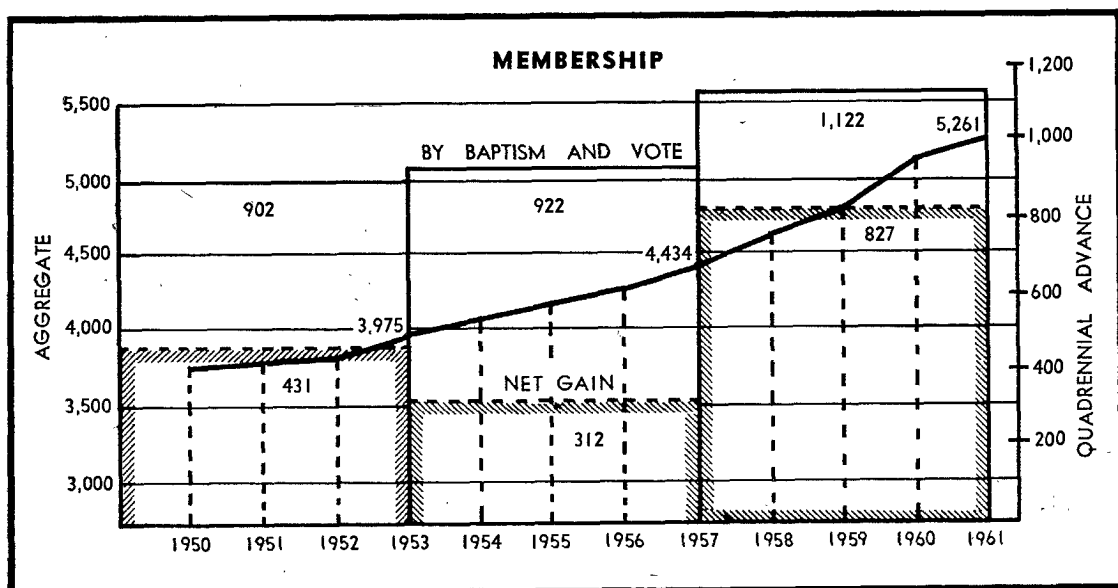
MEMBERSHIP

Reference to the "Membership" graph reveals, that while accessions by baptism and vote in the

previous two quadrenniums were in near parity, the quadrennium under review shows an advance by about 200 souls. A further glance at the same graph shows a substantial advance in aggregate membership. During the quadrennium the membership passed the 5,000 mark, and is listed at the close of 1961 at 5,261. While a large proportion of our membership net increase has resulted from public and sundry other forms of evangelism, we cannot overlook the fact of immigrants from parts of the Commonwealth, particularly the West Indies, accounting for a fair section of the balance.

EVANGELISM

We have come to regard the New Gallery Evangelistic Centre as a "School" in which College graduates receive their apprenticeship in public evangelism and pastoral ministry. This centre has indeed been our chief soul-winning agency. During the quadrennium, Pastors E. J. Folkenberg, A. G.



Raddcliffe, and H. M. S. Richards from overseas have served for brief periods. But for the past three years, Pastor K. Lacey has borne the public burden.

We have, however, not depended entirely upon one evangelist for all the fruitage. Special recognition should be given of our veteran evangelists, Pastors S. G. Hyde and L. Murdoch, for their substantial contribution. Mention could be made of several other names who have served with credit in the field of public-platform witness. To these and an even larger number of pastors and Bible instructors who have engaged in personal soul-winning, we attribute the evangelistic success of the quadrennium.

This appraisal of evangelism would be wanting without particular mention of an increasing number of laymen who have responded energetically to, and with tangible success in, the "Win-One-Soul" efforts launched in our churches. We are confident that this form of personal evangelism, as it is developed by our pastors and consecrated laity, will in process of time prove to be the major factor in soul-winning successes.

CHURCH AND COMPANY ORGANIZATION

Three churches have been organized during the quadrennium—Bodmin, in the Duchy of Cornwall; Chalford, nestled in the beautiful Cotswold Hills; and Oxford, the city of "lost causes," where Pastor S. G. Hyde has done such admirable work. Further, two smaller groups enjoying fellowship in Weymouth and Dover have advanced sufficiently to assume company status.

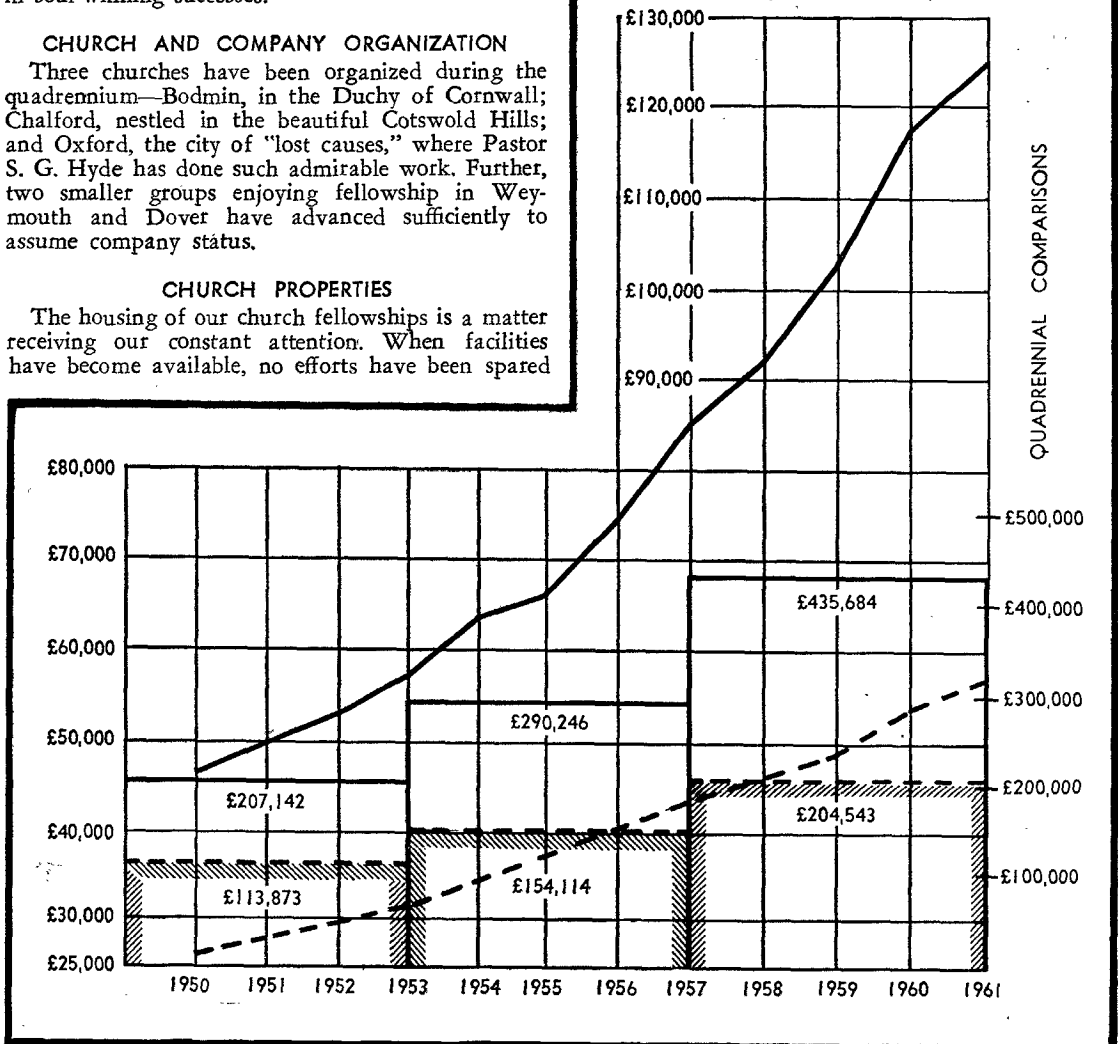
CHURCH PROPERTIES

The housing of our church fellowships is a matter receiving our constant attention. When facilities have become available, no efforts have been spared

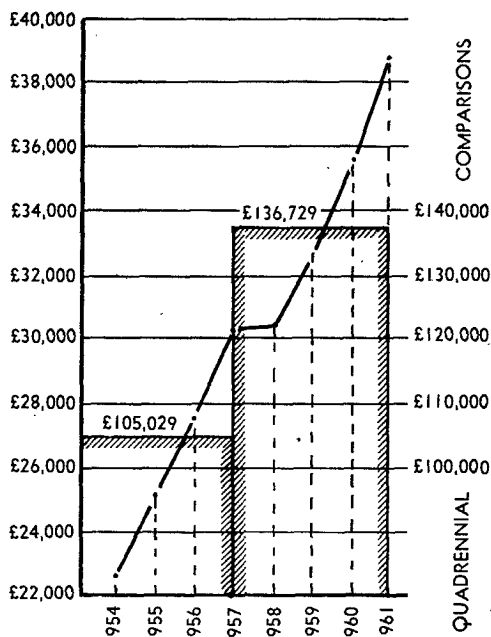
to encourage our membership to possess their own church buildings. During the quadrennium no fewer than eight church properties have been consecrated for their sacred function—in Liskeard, Chelmsford, Ealing, Gloucester, Luton, Brixton, Chatham, and Slough. A church in Cambridge is at present under construction, and the first stage of an extension to the Stanborough Park church is also in process of erection.

Five church halls have been constructed in connection with churches at Portsmouth, Watford Town, Edmonton, Folkestone, and Southend. We are, further, pleased to report the establishment of our first church school unit, standing in the grounds of Newbold College, Binfield. We express our appreciation to the Northern European Division and British Union Conference for their generous

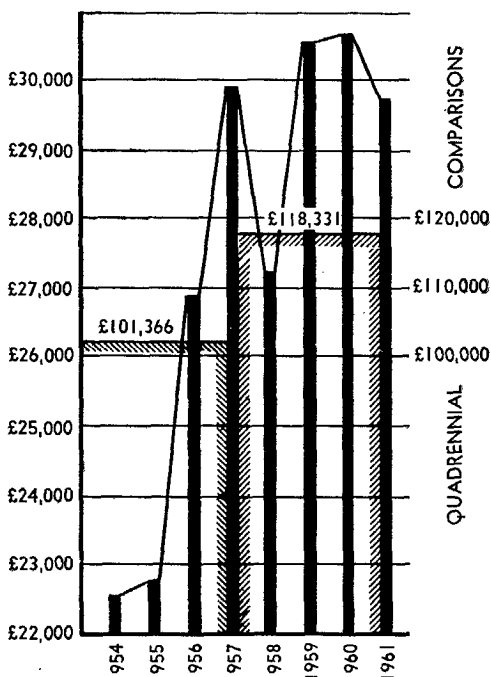
TITHE AND OFFERINGS (FOR MISSIONS)



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LITERATURE SALES



monetary gifts to make this model school a tangible reality.

CHURCH SCHOOLS

We are proud of our three church schools in Binfield, Plymouth, and Walthamstow. Each has a staff of efficient, dedicated teachers, who are endeavouring to train the young minds and hands, numbering about 150 pupils in aggregate, in approved education standards, and their hearts in the ways of the kingdom of God. Eternity alone will reveal the real value of these schools. We have evidence, however, of children of non-Adventist parents, who have of their free volition, and with their parents' full knowledge and consent decided upon baptism and church membership. This is true evangelism.

FINANCES

The material prosperity of the nation is in some degree mirrored in the Lord's tithe and sundry mission offerings, gifts, and donations. With the increase in membership there has been, as may be expected, a corresponding increase in funds. A glance at the appropriate graphs shows the upward trends. Comparisons in both tithes and offerings with past quadrenniums are also an interesting feature depicted on the same chart. It will be observed that the tithe has advanced from £209,142 to £290,246, and then to £435,684 in succeeding quadrenniums. Mission gifts, over the parallel periods, have risen from £113,873 to £154,114 and finally to £204,543.

We also "remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said, It is more blessed to give than to receive," and the counsel of the apostle Paul, that we "ought to support the weak." Over the past two years the conference has set apart 7.75 per cent and 10 per cent successively of its annual income to provide funds for the assistance of needy projects in the British Isles. At the same time we acknowledge receipt, with gratitude, of a regular large appropriation from the General Conference for the exclusive maintenance of the expensive New Gallery Evangelistic Centre. Without this annual gift, the doors of the Centre would most certainly be closed. We are also appreciative of the smaller donations regularly made by the British Union Conference in similar support. For these financial favours we owe our deep appreciation to the beneficence of our heavenly Father, and the loyalty and faithfulness of His children to their sacred trust.

HOME MISSIONARY ACTIVITIES

Ingathering for Missions has been advancing annually. In 1961 the peak figure of £38,366 was achieved. The grand total for the quadrennium was £136,729, representing an increase of £31,413 over the previous comparable period. About half of our members engage in this door-to-door service.

Our Home Missionary Department has sponsored some twenty-six rallies in sundry strategic district centres of the conference, in an effort to enlist our members in "Training Light Bearers" and "Lift Him Up" courses, the focal objective of these gatherings being the increase of laymen efficiency

in soul-winning. To support the work of these rallies, a conference-wide Leaders' Convention was held at a Holiday Fellowship Guest House in Milford-on-Sea, where some fifty-five enthusiastic leaders assembled to receive counsel, instruction, and inspiration for improved effort. Our home missions report would be incomplete without the special mention of the increasing good-neighbourly activities of our forty-eight Dorcas Welfare societies. Under the inspiration of the London Dorcas Welfare Federation, the affiliated societies in the metropolis and the home counties are now able to work closely with the N.S.P.C.C., Wings of Fellowship, Disc Fellowship, the L.C.C., and other charitable organizations. A vast amount of good is resulting and the name of our church is certainly coming into public notice and esteem for its "good works."

COLPORTEUR EVANGELISM

The Publishing Department has been served by four brethren at different times. While two have proceeded to other responsibilities, Brother A. G. Freeman has provided a continuity, as either assistant or senior associate secretary throughout the quadrennium. He reports that the total sales of literature by our entire colporteur force—regulars, auxiliaries and students—during the period under consideration exceed those of the previous quadrennium by £16,965, or 16.9 per cent. This achievement has actually been registered by a slightly smaller aggregate of literature-evangelists. While the literature-evangelist may never have the true value of his work assessed until the eternal day, it is heartening to learn that forty-eight persons were baptized during the past four years, who can trace their introduction to the Advent message to our publications.

MV DEPARTMENT

The youth of our church have premier place in our hearts. Many are the activities provided to advance their spiritual, social, cultural, and educational development. The fellowship and lasting influence of the annual camps; delegate participation in the Division Youth Congress at Utrecht; two presentations at the New Gallery, "Festival of the Blessed Hope" and "Festival of Foreign Missions," a week-end "Workshop" held at Felden Lodge, Hemel Hempstead, when more than eighty youth leaders, sponsored by their local churches, took advantage of specialized instruction—these are some of the highlights of a full programme which may be instanced. A recent decision calculated to strengthen our youth work in recreational and vocational lines has been the official adoption of the "Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme." It is believed that this feature will appeal to the imagination of our youth and absorb their abundant energies without side-tracking them from the spiritual objectives of the MV courses.

APPRECIATION AND THANKS

In closing this report, we do so with an expression of warm appreciation and thanks to all who have contributed, even in the smallest measure, toward

this quadrennial achievement. First, we think of our lay-preachers, numbering slightly over 100, whose services in the churches we value enormously. Without their faithful efforts it would be impossible for our vocational ministry to provide our churches and companies with a regular and full schedule of meetings. Thanks! We value also the counsel and preaching help our Division, College, and Union leaders give as they circulate among the churches. Thanks! We think of our literature evangelists, both regular and auxiliary. Their front-line task of personal contact, with the power of the printed page, deserves our highest commendation. Thanks! Then, our thoughts turn to our evangelists, pastors, Bible instructors, church school teachers, conference office staff, and other ancillary personnel responsible for our conference-wide spiritual programme. Thanks! Last but not least, we value the strong, practical support and genuine loyalty our five thousand members extended to the conference administration. Thanks! Under God, together we press on with our commission of witness until the breaking of the eternal day.

Four Years of Blessing and Achievement

(Continued from page 8.)

building to accommodate the Voice of Prophecy. On May 24, 1961, the Mayor of Watford opened the splendid new Union office, which looks out onto the busy St. Albans Road.

Now passers-by can see that here is the headquarters of the Seventh-Day Adventist church in Britain. Could this be symbolic of a new attitude of the church in its relationship with the public?

In closing this report I wish to pay tribute to all the church treasurers, Ingathering agents, and church clerks who so efficiently and faithfully render their reports regularly to their conference or mission treasurer. And I would like to thank my fellow secretary-treasurers publicly for their help and splendid co-operation in supervising and accounting for the funds of the church during this quadrennium.

We have seen much progress during this period, but with the multiplying of the signs of the coming of the Lord, we must pledge ourselves each one to redouble our efforts to finish the work and carry the message to every soul in the land.

TRUTH

By CLARK B. McCALL

Truth is a revelation

That's complete in Christ our Lord;
It cuts deep in every conscience,
Through the piercing Spirit's sword.

It's not sent for men to look at
And admire from far away;
It's meant for all to act on,
And each precious gem obey.

We may carry truth to others
Through the voice and through the pen
But a silent, living witness
Advertises best to men.

PROGRESS IN NORTH ENGLAND

By
E. H. FOSTER

President,
North England Conference



"Is there not a cause?" was the earnest question of the youthful David when his people faced the challenge of the mighty Philistinian champion. "In the name of the Lord of hosts," the servant of God, using what skill and resources he possessed, met and overcame the adversary, bringing resounding victory to the Israelites. Likewise the consecrated committed members and workers in the North England Conference have gone forward in Christ's name to conquer and to consolidate for Him during the past quadrennium.

It is well to remember that prior to the period under review a four-year plan of large city evangelism had been operating when our foremost evangelists were conducting full-scale campaigns in the centres of dense population such as Birmingham, Sheffield, Manchester, and Leicester. These successful soul-winning crusades provided an increased membership, which in turn contributed to greater financial stability. It has been the objective of the Executive Committee to unite all the endeavours of ministers and laymen, of administration and departments, for the one, chief, incomparable goal of soul-winning.

MEMBERSHIP

The membership is our choicest possession. The whole organization of the movement is geared to the gathering in and building up of men, women, and young people to constitute the remnant church. On page 15 we present the comparison of accessions and net gain in membership.

Although accessions through baptism and vote suffered a set-back with the departure of some experienced evangelists from the conference early in the quadrennium, yet there is now an encouraging upward swing which we believe will continue to rise as more workers and lay members participate in the joy of soul-winning.

The total membership on December 31, 1961, was 2,982.

EVANGELISM WITH BUDGETS

The past four years have witnessed the expansion and consolidation of the membership in Manchester through the public evangelism begun by Pastor K. Lacey, and continued by Pastor Amos Cooper and

their associate workers. In Birmingham, too, regional public meetings and church campaigns linked with strong personal visiting have built up our largest church in the Conference at Camp Hill to a membership of 300. Pastor F. C. J. Pearse has found good fruitage in the Sheffield and Rotherham areas. The Tyne and Tees districts have been the rendezvous for other public efforts. The small group in South Shields received an infusion of new blood through the ministry of Pastor B. Pilmoor and during the past eighteen months Brother Derek Clothier, with Mrs. D. Nicoll, has been assiduously building a bridgehead in the hitherto unentered town of Sunderland. Middlesbrough, a little to the south, was blessed with two years' evangelistic ministry from Pastor R. W. Brett before he launched a campaign in the city of Liverpool. This great sea-port has been difficult to break into, but we believe that the moderate fruitage that has thus far appeared will, by the blessing of God, increase to His glory and our joy. The workers in that city have shown an indomitable spirit of perseverance. In the autumn of last year, Brother Bryan Ball began two campaigns, in Wolverhampton on Sundays and in Dudley in the mid-week. An encouraging attendance has continued throughout the winter months and at the time of writing the promise of good results is bright. Similarly, the Nottingham city effort is showing evidence of substantial accessions to the faith.

EVANGELISM WITHOUT BUDGETS

A heartening trend in soul-winning endeavour is the increasing percentage of workers who are sharing in the joy of baptisms from their pastoral efforts. A considerable proportion of the past quadrennium's increase in membership is due to the less spectacular but equally effective personal evangelism conducted without conference finances, and in most cases without associate workers, by consecrated men who have improved every opportunity "by all means [to] save some." We commend these faithful workers for their contribution to the progress of the work. Without disparagement to those who have had

smaller fruitage we would mention the effective ministry of Pastor F. Edwards who consistently holds baptisms each quarter and has through the past four years brought thirty-nine souls into the faith. This has been achieved not only in districts where there was a full-sized membership, but also where there were only very small churches.

The "Win-One" Campaign launched in September, 1960, gave evidence of the possibilities inherent in committed members who follow up every contact and also co-operate with the minister in bringing these souls to a full decision for Christ. Ninety-seven persons were baptized by the end of 1961 through this layman-minister endeavour.

FINANCES

Looking back over the past four years we have much for which to be grateful in the area of conference finances. The tithe, which is the foundation of our economy, has shown a substantial increase, paralleling the additional membership and in step with the rises in wages over the years as this tabulation indicates:

1950-1953	1954-1957	1958-1961
£104,052 3 3	£142,487 2 7	£203,581 4 9
1958-1961		
1958	£44,552 16 7	
1959	£47,529 19 11	
1960	£55,605 6 11	
1961	£55,893 1 4	

Freewill offerings in support of overseas missions have exceeded £27,000 during the quadrennium.

We thank our faithful members for their loyalty to God and to His cause. We bespeak their continued support, for we must bear in mind when considering these increased funds that there has been a corresponding rise in expenditure in order to maintain and to extend the work to which we are all committed. During the quadrennium special donations to evangelism have been encouraging and in particular we would express our gratitude for the good response at our biennial session in 1961 to the Student Endowment Fund appeal. North England's capital reserve has shown a steady increase and is now approximating the figure required by General Conference policy.

WORKER FORCE

The following shows the worker force in North England at the end of 1961:

Ordained ministers	23
Licensed ministers	10
Bible instructors	7
Church school teachers	2
Other workers	4

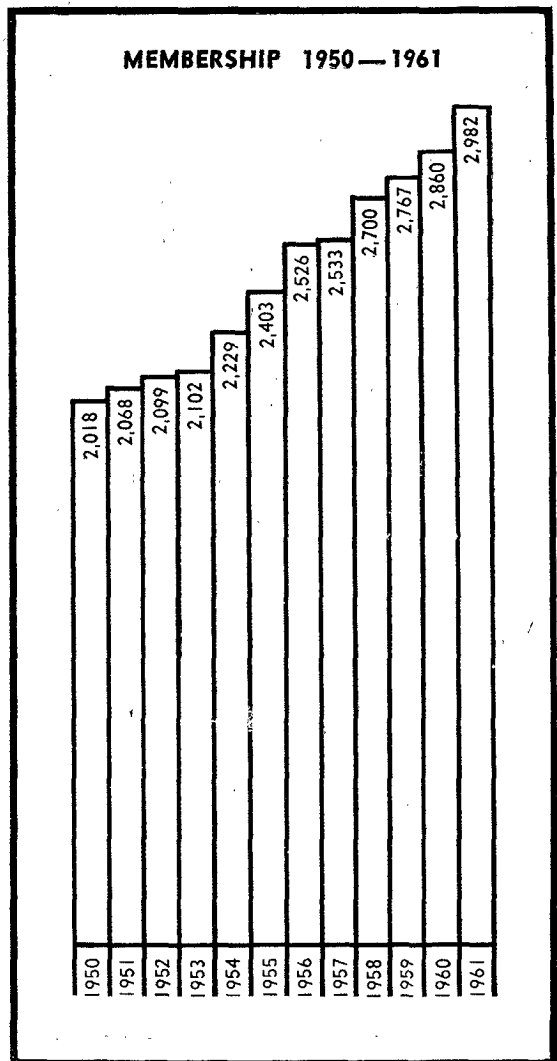
There is a noticeable decline in the number of Bible instructors compared with former years. This is further emphasized by the fact that of the number noted above, three are married women on yearly contracts.

Seven ministerial and three Bible instructor graduates from Newbold College have entered the work in North England since 1958. During the same period there have been ten resignations due to retirement, marriage, or other personal reasons, and two overseas mission appointments. We would be remiss if in this report we did not make a further strong appeal to our young men and women to consider seriously full-time Gospel service as their lifework.

To strengthen further the bond of co-operative effort characteristic of the northern worker force, brief area workers' meetings were held in the spring of 1959 and 1960; then in the summer of 1961 we were pleased to be hosts to the Welsh, Scottish, and Irish Missions who joined us for our three-day pre-session workers' meetings at Swanwick, Derbyshire.

CHURCH BUILDINGS

Since the beginning of 1958 to the time of writing, four new, attractive church buildings have been



erected in Middlesbrough, Manchester, Wolverhampton, and Erdington. Property has also been acquired and adapted for worship in Huddersfield and Leicester. Other building projects will materialize as money is available which will benefit Lincoln and Bradford. In both these places land has been secured and the local building funds are being strenuously built up.

When this report is read a further place of worship will be in process of construction at Worcester, close to the cathedral. Land, plans, and funds are now all ready for the commencement of building operations. We would record sincere thanks to our loyal membership for their sacrifices of money and labour and also to the British Union for their practical interest in these endeavours to remove the blight of unsightly and unsatisfactory meeting places from our conference territory and thus promote the progress of the work by the establishment of representative houses of worship.

MINISTERIAL RESIDENCES

The housing needs of our workers have received attention and further progress made in reaching the objective to have a conference-owned house at least in each area where a church building has been established. With the co-operation of British Advent Missions properties have been purchased in Sheffield, Leicester, Lincoln, and Stoke-on-Trent.

CHURCHES AND COMPANIES ORGANIZED

Three churches achieved church status during the quadrennium—Dudley, Carlisle, and Ulceby. New companies have been organized at Newark, Notts., and Chorley, Lancs.

DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES

Pastors J. Mahon, K. H. Gammon, and R. H. Surridge have all contributed to the progress of the MV department during the period under review. The Dinas Dinlle camp site has proved a popular holiday rendezvous for both seniors and juniors, while district rallies, spiritual retreats, and camp

reunions have all catered for the spiritual and social needs of the young people throughout the year. A total of 275 young people have been baptized during the past four years, representing 35 per cent of the accessions. Soul-winning activity has been willingly undertaken by North England's youth, and noteworthy is the £14,551 collected by them for missions from 1958-1961.

The Publishing department has suffered from the lack of recruits to take the places of those who have advanced in years or whose health has been impaired. This has been reflected in the sales figures, but nevertheless over £100,000 worth of literature has been placed in the homes by our literature evangelists, and a further £28,600 worth by our auxiliaries and Newbold students. We believe that this good seed will bear fruit in eternity. Apart from the sales, it is also very heartening to note that literature contacts during the past four years have helped seventy-three souls to accept God's message for today.

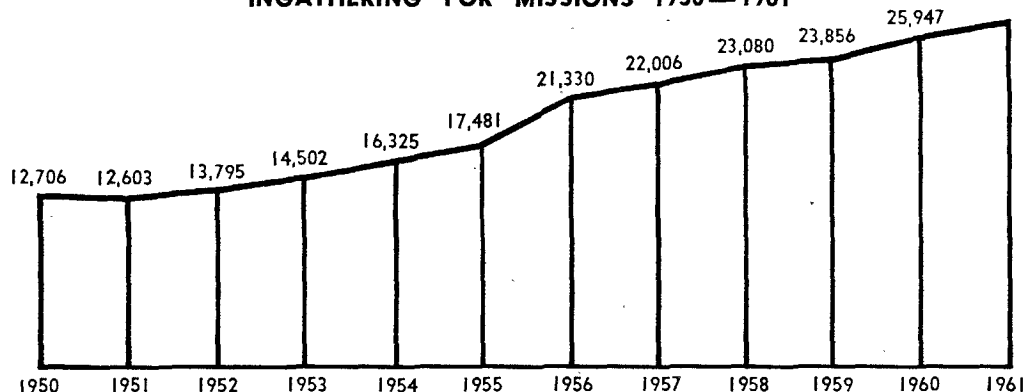
For practically the whole of the quadrennium, Pastor R. E. Graham gave strong leadership in the Home Missionary and Sabbath School Departments. Training classes for more efficient service in both spheres of endeavour were diligently promoted and the knowledge gained was translated into well-directed soul-winning efforts. According to reports, between 1958 and 1961, the laymen of North England helped to win 134 adherents to the Advent faith. This more than doubles the number recorded for the previous four years.

The Ingathering achievements of the North are too well known to need much comment. Suffice it to show from the graph below that there has been a constant increase in both total and per capita collected. The hard work of our faithful collectors, agents, and church missionary leaders is deeply appreciated.

CHURCH SCHOOLS

The church school in Leeds, which has suffered from the winds of change due to frequent staff movements, is now under the competent headship of Mrs. Amanda Bacon-Shone and Miss Myrtle

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Cooper. As continuity is maintained we can anticipate increased parent confidence and consequent growth in patronage.

LAY PREACHERS

Our survey of the quadrennium would not be complete without reference to the esteemed group of lay preachers without whose aid it would be impossible to fill the pulpits of our churches week by week. The voluntary service of these brethren is highly valued. We have endeavoured to bring them some inspiration and instruction by holding one-day area lay preachers' councils in various parts of the conference.

The real value in looking back over the past is to learn from the failures, to gain encouragement from the successes, and to determine to make the

future more glorious by a greater present consecration to the cause to which we are committed. The 25,000,000 souls within the boundaries of this conference present a mighty challenge to ministry and membership alike. Although grateful for what has been accomplished, yet viewed in the light of what has yet to be done, we realize how utterly inadequate are our human resources to finish the work. The need of this hour is as urgent as in every crisis which has faced God's people—totally surrendered lives through which the divine power may be fully demonstrated.

"Rise up, O men of God
Have done with lesser things;
Give heart, and mind, and soul, and strength
To serve the King of kings."

ADVANCE IN WALES

By
K. A. ELIAS

President,
Welsh Mission



It is with special pleasure that we make this report on the progress of the work in Wales, for exactly sixty years ago our Mission was first organized. Through the passing years progress has been slow but steady, and we can say with assurance, that the hand of the Lord which was with our pioneers in 1902 has never left us, and that it is with us today as strongly as ever.

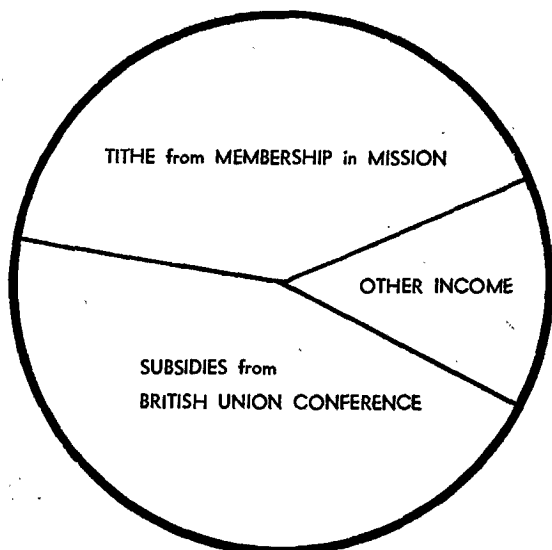
As we look back over the past four years we have many causes for rejoicing, as well as many reasons for sober, prayerful thinking as we plan for the quadrennium that is about to start.

Naturally our membership figures are our main consideration at a time like this. How have we fared in the battle for souls? In the four years under review 129 souls have been added by baptism and vote, and we thank God for this precious, if limited, harvest. We congratulate, too, our evangelists and Bible instructors, our pastors and members, who have shared in this rewarding labour. If we could record this figure as our net increase we would be happy indeed, but, alas, death and apostasy have eaten into this number as they always do. During the quadrennium 65 members died in the Lord, and 36 souls walked with us no longer. Put in another way, this means that for every eight members we had at the time of our last Union session one has died

since then. This is a very heavy drain indeed on such a small field as ours. The result is that today our membership stands at 585, and this is a net gain of 28, or five per cent, over the previous period.

Now notice how our membership with its five per cent lift has worked and sacrificed during the four years. Faithfulness in regard to tithe paying has resulted in £38,311. 16s. 6d. being brought into the treasury to carry on the work in our territory. The increase here amounts to the encouraging figure of £8,076, or 26.6 per cent. Naturally the yearly increasing prosperity of the country as a whole is reflected in these figures, but they do demonstrate, too, that as the Lord prospers His people, so they in turn remember Him. This is more than illustrated in the reports of funds which are donated for use outside our territory, as will be seen in the diagram provided. The point to notice is that the increase in these offerings for world-wide missionary work has kept pace with the phenomenal tithe increase, and in two cases they have actually surpassed it on a percentage basis. Sabbath school offerings for the four years amounted to £6,220, an increase of £1,533, or 32.7 per cent! Ingathering brought in an

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additional £2,844, or 17.9 per cent, with a total of £18,680. Our combined offerings for foreign missions reached £27,878, an increase of £5,735, or 25.8 per cent, while when we add the monies gifted to causes within the Union, but outside our territory, we reach the splendid figure of £28,975, itself an increase of £6,243, or 27.4 per cent. We do say a most sincere "Thank you" to our devoted people, and to the Lord who has so marvellously prospered them.

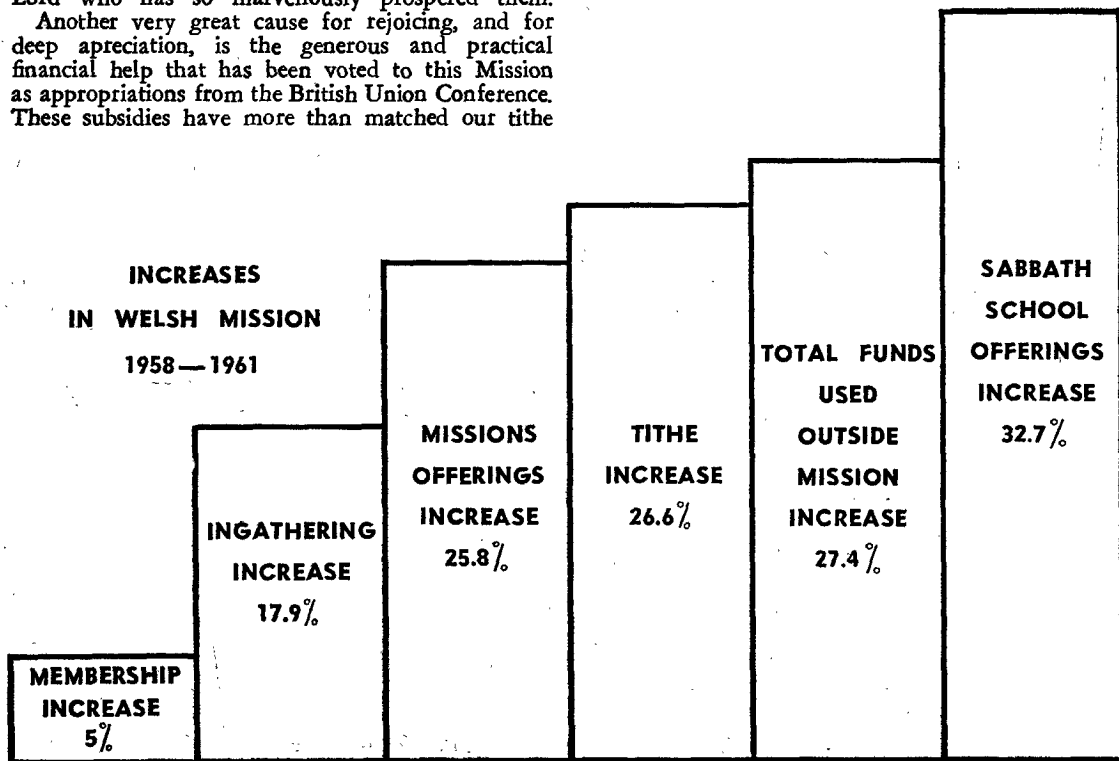
Another very great cause for rejoicing, and for deep appreciation, is the generous and practical financial help that has been voted to this Mission as appropriations from the British Union Conference. These subsidies have more than matched our tithe

income, and without this splendid help it would have been impossible to have continued our work in this field. We therefore would most certainly like to record here our most grateful thanks to the Union, its officers, and its committee for this most welcome and life-giving blood transfusion. During the four years no less than £32,725 has been received from this source, and this is an increase of £7,420, or 29 per cent, over the previous quadrennium.

Rejoicing continues when we turn to the matter of literature sales. We can heartily congratulate the men concerned for distributing no less than £45,034 worth of our books and magazines. This is £9,545 more than during the previous period, or an increase of 26.8 per cent. To do this our colporteurs worked for 61,520 hours. In other words, a 4.6 per cent increase in working hours produced a 26.8 per cent increase in sales, a most encouraging reward for faithfulness indeed.

During the quadrennium the important matter of housing our congregations and our workers has continued to receive attention. One additional church building has been provided to house the Pontypool company by the purchase and conversion of a suitable property, and this also provides living accommodation for the minister. At Barry a very useful and acceptable youth hall has been added to the existing building, and alterations and improvements have gone ahead at Aberdare, Cardiff, Newport, Rhyl, and Swansea. All our ministerial workers are housed in mission-owned properties, with the exception of the family at Shrewsbury where a suitable rented flat is available.

INCREASES
IN WELSH MISSION
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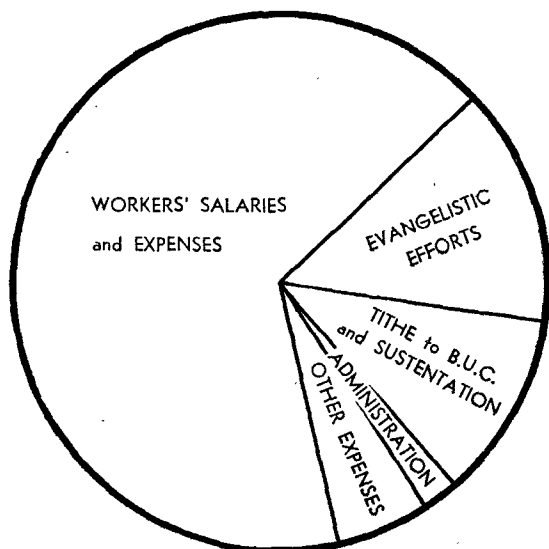
One encouraging feature of the four years has been the strengthening of the work in North Wales. In Llandudno the believers were organized into a fully fledged church in the autumn of 1960, and plans are afoot to expand into nearby towns this autumn time. In Ffestiniog, in glorious Snowdonia, good work has been done by the Hill and Thompson families who have recently been joined by the Farrar family, and there are good prospects that soon another group will be established in that lovely yet remote area.

In closing, we would like to pay tribute to the loyal and devoted workers we have in this field. At the end of the quadrennium, in addition to the two Mission officers, we had one licentiate and six ordained ministers, three Bible instructors (including one part-time worker), and one publishing department secretary. Alas, since the year end, both full-time Bible instructors have resigned, one on account of a well-earned retirement, and the other to get married, and we are also considerably handicapped by our inability to replace a young male worker who retired for personal reasons in 1961. Those who remain are doing a fine job and we would like to record our indebtedness to them and to their wives and families who support them. We would also like to record the fact that Pastor M. C. Murdoch had the privilege of leading this field for the larger part of the quadrennium, and it is therefore largely of his work that we report now.

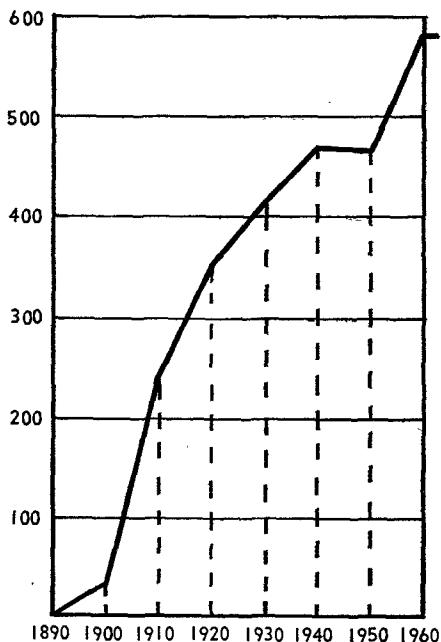
Brethren and sisters, the work may be slow, but it is onward in Wales. Please pray for us as we seek to increase the pace that we may be ready, as profitable servants, for the Lord's appearing.

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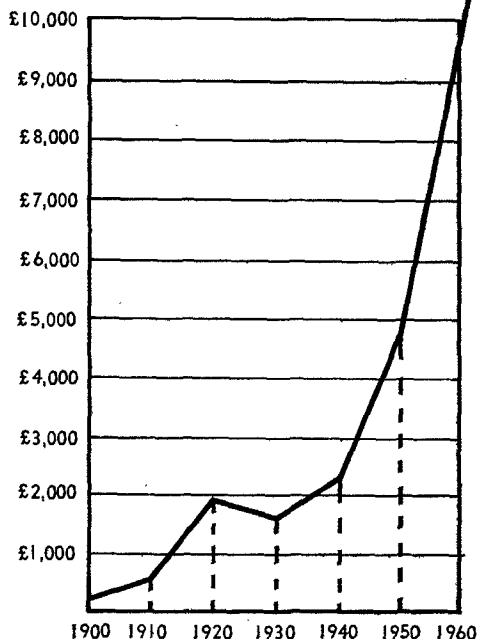
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GROWTH OF MEMBERSHIP



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EVANGELIZING SCOTLAND

By
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THE history of God's work in any country always makes interesting reading. It is not surprising to find that in many cases God used our literature to open the way for the truth. This was so in Scotland, for in 1893 the work of Brother Hollingsworth and his daughter from Belfast, selling *Patriarchs and Prophets* and *Present Truth*, quickly led to the establishment of a Sabbath school. Names such as McAvoy, Town, McIntosh, Robinson, Holland, Montieth, Dyer, Barr, Lambie, and Aplin were among those who contributed to the spread of the truth by the printed page.

In 1898, Sister Lambie from America engaged in self-supporting medical missionary work, thus using the right arm of the message to open the door for truth to enter.

The year 1901 saw Pastor H. E. Armstrong baptize twenty souls in Glasgow to form the first church in Scotland. A year later he was called to Ceylon, and in 1903 Pastor Westworth took his place. It is mentioned in early reports that the progress of the work was hindered by frequent changes of workers, the incoming workers not being able to hold the interest already created. How true this has always been.

During the following years many literature workers sold large books and also the missionary paper *Present Truth*, and these various efforts had raised the membership to 228 by the year 1919. The leaders during the history of the Scottish Mission have included H. E. Armstrong and W. A. Westworth as already mentioned; and later M. A. Altman, W. D. MacLay, S. G. Haughey, A. E. Bacon, J. J. Gillatt, R. Mussen, W. Maudsley, L. Murdoch, J. A. McMillan, W. R. A. Madgwick, J. H. Bayliss, B. F. Kinman, and now W. J. Newman. The graph on page 21 shows the growth of membership.

WORKER FORCE

The credit for the good work done in this field during the past quadrennium should go to my predecessor, Pastor B. F. Kinman. During his administration the field saw the largest increase in membership that it has experienced since the beginning in 1893. It is not news to you that Scotland

is a difficult field in which to work, but there is a danger that we may hide behind this fact and allow ourselves to slacken in the great work of evangelism. During the past four years the following workers have contributed to the winning of seventy-seven souls in this rugged land of Scotland: Pastors G. S. Crutchfield, D. J. Dabson, T. H. Fielding, E. E. Hulbert, W. M. Lennox, I. McGougan, and S. H. Parkin, Brethren G. Bryan, A. Cooper, R. V. Edwards, D. C. Hall, and S. D. Hensman, Sisters M. Aikenhead, M. Byrne-Daly, B. Hawkins, and J. Mitchell.

MEMBERSHIP

You have seen by the graph how the membership has fluctuated through the years. Here is the detailed record of the past quadrennium:

Membership at December 31, 1957	502
Gains: Baptism and Vote	77
Letter	62
Total gains	139
Losses: Death	39
Apostasy	77
Letter	61
Total losses	177
Net loss during the years 1958-1961	38
Membership at December 31, 1961	464

The loss by apostasy is particularly disturbing, and a number of factors have contributed to it. We trust that during the next quadrennium some of them will be eliminated.

EVANGELISM

During the period, twelve evangelistic campaigns have been conducted in the four towns and cities of

Aberdeen, Dundee, Edinburgh, and Glasgow. Dr. G. M. Brown has given valuable service in assisting Pastor I. McGougan in his campaigns, both in Glasgow and Dundee.

Pastor W. M. Lennox is the first I believe in Britain to experiment with a series of articles in a local paper designed to attract inquiries for information and literature. At the time of writing this report it is too early to say what will be accomplished.

In 1961 a team of workers including four pastors, four literature workers, and one Bible instructor made calls at homes in the city of Glasgow for six days. Financially the colporteurs did well, and now we have over thirty names, including a Congregational minister, as an interest for Pastor K. Lacey and his team to follow up. This campaign by the Union evangelistic team is one for which we have prayed and planned for some time. We hope to bring a good report of it in future meetings.

FINANCE

By the faithfulness of our members and the blessing of God the financial picture is bright. Tithe for the years 1958-1961 was £32,450, an increase of over 31 per cent on the previous four-year period. Freewill offerings to missions also show good increases:

1954-1957			1958-1961	
£	s. d.		£	s. d.
2,988	17 0	Sabbath School Offering	3,623	13 5
13,402	0 2	Ingathering	13,988	1 8
435	15 11	Annual Offering	572	2 6
200	5 4	Missions Extension	187	16 10
.....		World Evangelism		
		(Million Dollar)	99	16 3
<u>17,026</u>	<u>18 5</u>	Total for Missions	<u>18,471</u>	<u>10 8</u>

The increase on the total here is nearly 8½ per cent. Other offerings too—Young People's MV, Voice of Prophecy, Old People's Homes, Famine and Disaster Relief, Temperance—all show good increases.

It is a matter for regret that, good as our people are in faithfully returning to the Lord His own, the cost of the work is greatly in excess of the income within the field. We have to thank the British Union for liberal support, as shown in the charts on page 23.

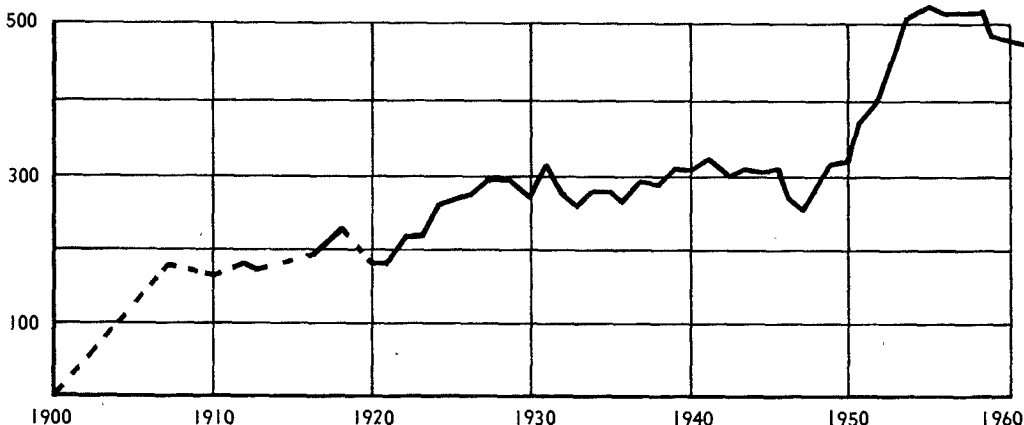
MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER DEPARTMENT

The leader in 1958 was Pastor G. S. Crutchfield, succeeded in 1960 by Pastor S. H. Parkin. Pastor Parkin reports:

"Although the membership of the Missionary Volunteer Societies in Scotland is small, there is a very healthy spirit among the young people. There are five societies in Scotland with a total membership of 105 young people. The majority are faithful in attendance at the regular MV services and are enthusiastic and energetic in God's work. This is shown in their splendid Ingathering effort of approximately £2,200 during the past quadrennium. They have also been zealous in distributing a large number of magazines and tracts through the literature bands.

"During the period under review two Youth Campaigns have been held in the Scottish Mission. The first was at the beginning of the quadrennium in Glasgow, under the leadership of Pastor Crutchfield. The second was in Dundee in 1960-1, under the leadership of Pastor Parkin. In both these efforts the young people took leading parts in the campaigns and had the joy of seeing a good number of young and old joining the church. Four young people who came in during the Dundee campaign are planning to go to Newbold College at the earliest opportunity. Where other campaigns have been held, as in Aberdeen and Edinburgh, the youth

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of these churches have rendered valuable assistance to the evangelists.

"Progressive Courses, particularly among the juniors, have been well supported, and Investitures have taken place in every society. The largest was in Glasgow in 1958, when fourteen were invested.

"In four Scottish churches active Youth Clubs have been run during the winter months, and such hobbies as weaving, basketry, modelling, carpentry, and poster painting have been successfully pursued.

"Some memorable camps have been held in the past four years. In 1958 the seniors, under the leadership of Pastor Crutchfield, flew to Switzerland for an inspiring Continental holiday, and the juniors enjoyed themselves at Coldingham. In 1959 the Isle of Man was the rendezvous for nearly forty seniors, while the juniors again went to Coldingham. The Northern European MV Congress at Utrecht in 1960, attracted fifteen Scottish youth, who not only enjoyed the six days of fellowship with 1,500 other MVs from many countries, but also spent a further happy holiday in Amsterdam and the Hague. The juniors camped at Montrose that year. Last year, 1961, over forty young people from Scotland and Ireland joined in happy fellowship at Tignabruich. As a result of these camps many young people have made their decision for Christ. At last year's camp fourteen signified their desire to be baptized as well as four who were already planning for baptism before they came to camp.

"Successful Camp Reunions were held at Whiston Lodge, in the winter of 1958, at Dunbar in 1959 and 1960, and in Edinburgh in 1961. These gatherings have greatly strengthened the young people in their faith and given them the inspiration to work more enthusiastically for Christ in the commission to take "The Advent message to all the world in this generation."

LITERATURE EVANGELISM

The Publishing Department Secretary, Brother A. Cooper, reports:

"Once again we are happy to give a report of progress in the literature work in Scotland. Our regular literature-evangelists, though few in number, have worked hard and faithfully, and a sincere word of appreciation is due to each of them. Day by day they brave the elements to carry the message of truth to mankind. May God continue to bless them richly in their work, so that when Jesus comes they will have many sheaves to bring as a result. We have six regular colporteurs.

"Ours is principally a seed-sowing ministry, a ministry of faith and promised future joy. Progress must therefore be gauged mainly by distribution and sales figures. We are thankful to God for the success achieved. During the quadrennium 1954-1957 a total of £41,099 4s. 2d. worth of literature was distributed. During 1958-1961 a total of £41,250 15s. 9d. was sold; an increase of £151 11s. 7d. Thanks are due to our faithful churchmembers, under the heading of 'auxiliaries.' They distributed in 1954-57 literature to the value of £1,701. 18s. 7d. and in 1958-61 £3,807. 15s. 6d., an increase of over 123 per cent. In 1958 we had three auxiliaries; in

1961 we had thirty-three. We still need many more. When in 1960 we started to organize them we had four bands. Now we have five bands.

"During the quadrennium 1954-57 the students sold £11,848 2s. 8d. worth of literature. The sales in 1958-61 were £12,642 9s. 3d., an increase of 6½ per cent. In 1957 seven full scholarships were gained; in 1958-61 seventeen full scholarships were gained, as well as five three-quarter scholarships and three half-scholarships. The success of the work should not be measured only by scholarship sales, but also by the valuable experience gained in meeting men and women in their own homes and directing their attention to the Word of life.

"One of the students in Scotland last year, feeling very much alone when his friend left him because of sickness, sought a quiet place where he could talk with God and ask Him for help. He did not know how the Lord would help him, but after a period of rest he decided to start again at the other side of the town, without knowing exactly why he did this. In answer to his knock on the first door a young lady came and called at once for her husband, who invited him in. He told our student, after some conversation, that he thought all churches were in error, adding that he believed that infant baptism was wrong and that the common understanding of hell and other subjects was unscriptural. To the student's surprise he added that we ought to keep the seventh-day Sabbath. The student goes on to say, 'From then on we were together each Sabbath speaking about the Word of God. Perhaps you might think this happened by chance. But I confidently believe that it was God's answer to my prayer.'

"It is a thrill to be able to report that our work of seed sowing is slowly but surely bearing fruit, for during the years 1955-61 a total of nine souls were baptized who to our certain knowledge made first contact with the truth through our publications. May God hasten the day when many more who have received our literature over the years will take their stand with God's remnant people.

"There is a tremendous work yet to be done here in Scotland. We need many more men and women to join with us in this seed-sowing ministry, so that the work of God can be finished here and Jesus return to take us home. The need is great, but the labourers are few."

SABBATH SCHOOL AND HOME MISSIONARY DEPARTMENTS

Until 1960 these two departments were ably led by Pastor G. S. Crutchfield, and on his transfer to the South England Conference they were taken over by W. J. Newman.

There are nine Sabbath schools in the Scottish Mission in which about half the church membership, plus a good number of our unbaptized children and youth, study the lesson week by week. It is our aim to increase the attendance in both these categories. Sabbath school offerings have shown a good increase this quadrennium:

1954-1957			1958-1961			Increase
£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
2,209	4	4	2,619	12	1	18.6 per cent
701	1	5	895	13	3	27.7 per cent
78	1	3	75	9	5	3.3 per cent dec.
10	0		32	18	8	!
2,988	17	0	3,623	13	5	21.2 per cent
Total S. S. Offerings						

One of the big events in the home missionary calendar is the Ingathering campaign. In the four-year period Scottish members have collected £13,988 1s. 8d; an increase of £586 over the amount raised in the previous quadrennium. We are pleased with this good increase, and only wish that more of the members had shared the blessing.

We have a noble band of welfare workers who do not report all the good work they are doing. In our visiting programme we are often told that we are the first to pray in that home. Sister McGougan has been conducting a weekly Bible study at the Crieff Nursing Home, with as many as twelve attending the class. One young lady who was spared an awful operation has taken her stand for the truth and is now a member of God's remnant church. The Welfare Federation is very active under the leadership of Sisters Fielding and Parkin, and we now have a very presentable store to act as a unit for Scotland.

EDUCATION

A number of students from Scotland are at Newbold College. At the time of writing this report four students are there and others are preparing to go at the earliest opportunity. We also have three young people from Scotland at Stanborough School. A young lady who was baptized by Pastor Parkin had Sabbath difficulties in her employment. She bravely gave up her job and had a period of testing while she sought other work where she could enjoy Sabbath privileges, including freedom on Friday

afternoon. Of course she found such employment; now she is preparing to attend our College where she can train her abilities to help others and to spread this wonderful message.

Three Seventh-Day Adventist students at Edinburgh form part of the small group of students from overseas who retain

their Christian faith at this university. According to reports, 90 per cent of professed Christians from overseas lose their faith during their period of study. Surely Adventist education is well worth the sacrifice.

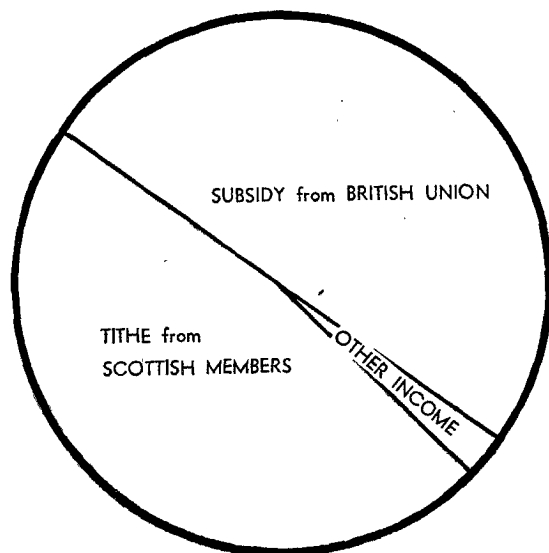
THE FUTURE

We have recently lost Pastors T. H. Fielding and E. E. Hulbert. We shall miss them, and trust that God will continue to bless their ministry. However, we welcome Pastors R. M. A. Smart and D. Mustow, and believe Scotland will benefit by their presence. These changes are part of the preparation for the Glasgow campaign. We are very grateful for the interest of the British Union in allowing Pastor K. Lacey to lead this team in Glasgow, which will comprise fifty per cent of the working force of the Scottish Mission. We believe in evangelism—from the pulpit, over the air, through the silent page, and through the faithful witness of our workers and members. Please pray that we shall be faithful in this great programme of *Total Evangelism*.

CHRIST in His life on earth made no plans for Himself. He accepted God's plans for Him, and day by day the Father unfolded His plans. So should we depend upon God, that our lives may be the simple outworking of His will. As we commit our ways to Him, He will direct our steps.—*The Ministry of Healing*, page 479.

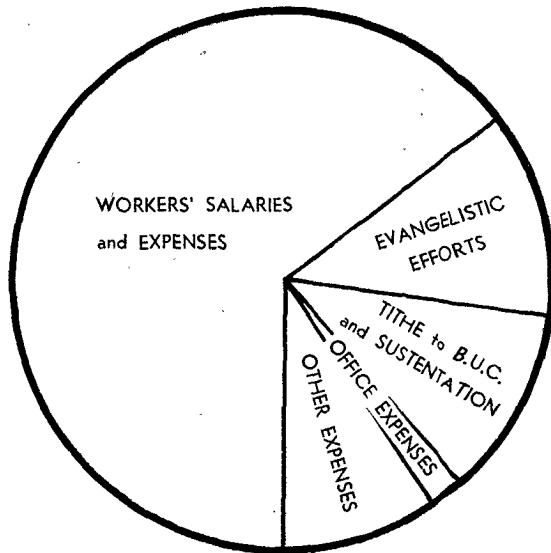
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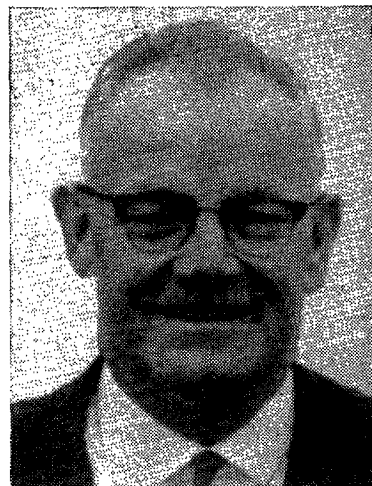
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FINISHING THE WORK IN IRELAND

By
W. G. NICHOLSON

President,
Irish Mission



It is true to say that no country of its size has had a greater impact on the world than Ireland. In politics, exploration, literature, business, and science; yes, in every field of human endeavour. But perhaps its influence has been greatest in the realm of religion.

It was the Celtic Church of Ireland, reputed to have been founded by Patrick, which played so great a part in the development of the early church in Britain. Her missionaries spread to Scotland, England and the Continent, and their exploits are legendary. Under the influence of godly leaders they dared all, and won great victories for Christ. They met the invasion of the Papacy in the tenth century and gave an excellent account of themselves. But the secular power decided against them, and at the Synod of Whitby in A.D. 664 their church was banned in favour of Rome. They retreated, hotly contesting every inch of ground, but were finally forced back to Iona and Ireland. There they maintained the purity of their faith, including the truth of the Sabbath, for many years.

They were a source of annoyance to the Pope, who in 1171 commissioned Henry II of England to invade Ireland. The object was to bring these "heretics" under the temporal sway of England and the spiritual domination of Rome. In a baptism of blood they surrendered, accepted the Roman ritual, and their land was parcelled out to lords and barons from England.

Since that time the Irish have given the same loyal devotion to their new master in Rome. It is true to say that the Reformation did not make the same progress in the southern section of Ireland as in the north, or in Britain, and many people are still under the domination of the priests.

Now we have come to the time of the Advent awakening, and God is setting His hand to recover some of the Irish by means of this last message. In 1885 the Advent preachers came to Ireland in the power of the Holy Spirit and with the same simple faith as in the Celtic Church. The first Seventh-Day Adventist church was established in Banbridge in 1891, followed shortly after by a

church in Belfast. The first church building was dedicated in 1910. Within a few years, companies sprang up in other places, including Dublin. But the work has moved slowly. While our hearts are filled with praise to God, we work in the shadow of a long tradition, among a people noted for devotion, faithfulness, and consecration to an ancient church and creed.

The members of the Advent movement in Ireland are not one whit less enthusiastic than the members of the Celtic Church. Her missionaries have gone out from these shores carrying the simple tradition of their forefathers. Names like Baird, Bell, Keough, Joyce, McMillan, Mussen, Watson, Whiteside, and others rank with the best of the disciples of Patrick. They have blazed a trail of missions in remote and difficult parts of the earth. Ireland has given and is still giving much to the cause of God.

As the graph on page 25 reveals, the first twenty years of work in Ireland brought the membership to ninety-nine, and there were peaks in the membership figures in 1921 with 200, 1939 with 224, and 1958 with 285 members. These peaks may be attributed to large city evangelistic efforts. The last peak was reached as a result of efforts which included the Belfast campaigns of Pastor K. A. Elias and his co-workers. True, there were recessions between the peaks, when the product of seed on stony ground or among thorns was revealed. But the seed that had fallen on good ground yielded its fruit in time and a new advance followed.

We are sorry that the record of the past four years shows a loss in membership for three of them; but the report for the quadrennium shows a gain. Here are the figures:

Membership at January 1, 1958	226
Gains: Baptism and Vote	97
Letter	25
Total gains	<u>122</u>

Losses: Death	21
Apostasy	19
Letter	39
Total losses	<u>79</u>
Net Gain	<u>43</u>
Membership at December 31, 1961	<u>269</u>

It will be noticed that transfers by letter resulted in a net loss of fourteen. This is a continuing feature of the work in Ireland, which has not shared equally in the "full employment" we have heard about in other parts of the Union. In the previous quadrennium the loss from this cause was twenty. These thirty-four members, if gathered together, would be enough to organize a new church.

It must not be supposed, from the net loss in the past three years, that the worker force has been idle. On the contrary, during the autumn of 1960 two of the most intensive campaigns ever launched in Ireland were in progress. Elder W. Schubert gave four lectures each week in the cities of Belfast and Dublin, attracting full audiences right through the campaigns, and arousing very great interest. What a pity that more of his hearers who were convinced of the truth could not cast off the prejudice of years and join God's remnant people. In these campaigns almost every worker in the Mission was engaged. Pastor R. A. Burgess, assisted by Brother M. D. Murtagh and P. A. Horgan with Miss M. Clements and the help of Dublin members and friends, loyally supported Elder Schubert in the south. In Belfast, Pastor R. H. Bainbridge was chief assistant, with help from Miss S. Stocking on the Mission staff, Brethren M. M. Leeds, and P. A. Anderson "on loan" from the conferences—for which help we were very grateful indeed—and the full support of the membership. Only Pastor E. B. Phillips, a sustentated worker who refuses to stop work, was left to care for the twin groups in Banbridge and Portadown.

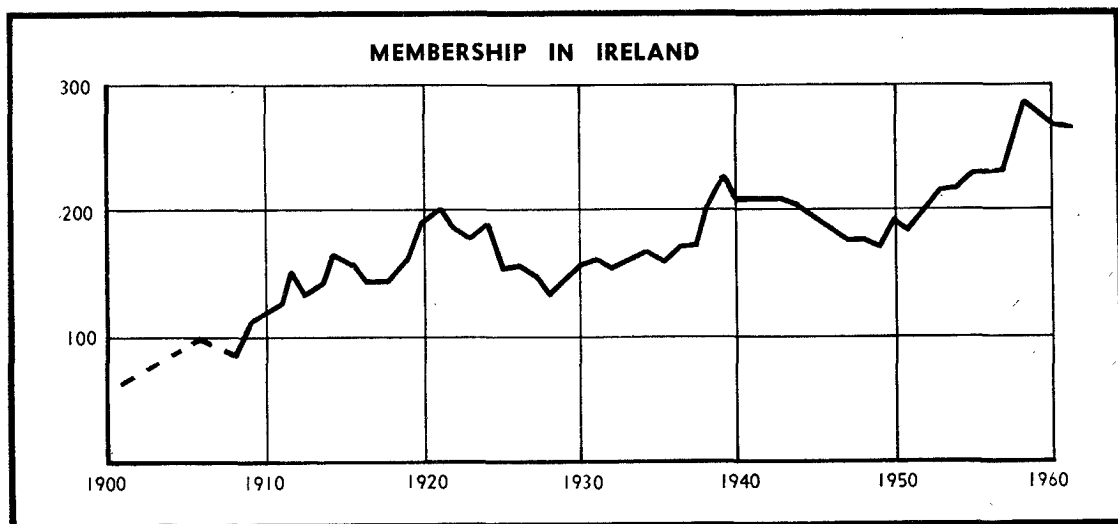
Since these campaigns, M. D. Murtagh has cared for the work in Dublin. In addition to his Sunday

evening services he has harnessed a group of members to the literature work, has continued a strong welfare service, and has a number of interested contacts that we hope will come to baptism. Pastor Burgess has moved to Portadown in time to supervise the erection of the new church, run a small campaign, and distribute a great deal of literature, leading to a group of 300 regular readers of *Our Times*. The prospects look good for a baptism in this area.

In reporting these later campaigns we must not forget the work of Pastors Elias and S. H. Parkin earlier in the quadrennium. These brethren ran strong and successful campaigns in Belfast. Pastor Parkin used his interest in young people particularly by enlisting them actively in his campaigns. His work as MV leader, now in the hands of his successor, Pastor D. Mustow, will remain in the memory of Irish young people.

One of the problems of work in Ireland is the very heavy "turnover" of workers. During the quadrennium fourteen workers have spent more or less time in the field, not counting workers on loan from other fields. How much we need workers who can stay with us. At the present time we have five pastor-evangelistic workers, including the president, two medical workers at the clinic in Dublin, and the part-time services of a publishing secretary shared with the Scottish Mission. We desperately need more workers so that more aggressive work can be done. Nevertheless, in the Adventist tradition we have agreed to let Pastor Mustow, with his musical ability, go to Scotland to assist in the important Glasgow campaign; welcoming in his place Pastor E. E. Hulbert who we believe has qualities well suited to the needs of Ireland.

Belfast and Dublin, each with about half a million population, are the only two large cities in Ireland. Only four towns exceed 50,000 population, with another four over 20,000. The rest are small places. This presents the workers with a great problem, for in these small towns the only public halls are denied to us. A partial solution may lie in the



erection of small church buildings, where those gathered out can worship and where others can be invited to hear the Gospel message. The opening and dedication of the new church building in Portadown was a great day in that town of 17,000. We hope that one day the needs of Banbridge and Larne can similarly be met.

PUBLISHING WORK

In the literature work there has been steady progress. The group of workers is small, but they work hard and have distributed £15,030 worth of literature during the quadrennium. Most of this is small literature. An auxiliary colporteur band came into being in Belfast under the influence of Brother D. Murray. This group of enthusiasts spend their spare time selling our literature and hoping to find interested people with whom studies can be conducted. They have done a great deal of work over the past few months. Mention should also be made of the work of Brother F. Male in Dublin. For many years he has scattered the printed page there. Much praise is due to men who face difficulty with tenacity and singleness of purpose. May God bless the seed he has sown and give the harvest in due time.

RANELAGH HEALTH INSTITUTE

The work of the clinic has grown continually under the very able direction of Brother and Sister H. E. Nix. In 1950 the number of treatments given was 150, and the income £266. For 1961 the figures were 6,298 treatments and £3,984 income. During the quadrennium 1958-61 they have given 21,470 treatments—an average of 18 treatments every working day throughout the four years. God has surely blessed His servants who have dedicated their lives to this mission field. Much prejudice has been neutralized, and God will use these experiences to prepare hearts to receive His message for this hour.

FINANCE

In tithes and offerings we again have cause to praise God for the loyalty of our membership. Notice these figures:

1954-1957			1958-1961		
£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
14,137	12	3	18,738	8	8
2,118	9	8	2,738	6	8
7,066	9	0	8,634	7	4
455	2	2	500	3	6
111	2	9	172	15	8
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			(Million Dollar)	138	0 0
9,751	3	7	Total Mission Offerings	12,183	13 2

You will see that the 19 per cent increase in membership has been matched by 32 per cent increase in tithes, 29½ per cent increase in Sabbath school offerings and 25 per cent increase in total offerings to missions. Other offerings also show increases, except Young People's MV offering (where the fall is due to the large number of young people who have left for England) and the Old Folks'

Homes Offering. The increase of 22 per cent in Ingathering is particularly encouraging because of the difficulty of employment in Ireland.

THE FUTURE

Looking into the future, we face it with the same courage and strength in God as did our forbears. We plan to continue the evangelistic attack on the towns of Northern Ireland, and to extend the work as opportunity offers in the South.

In Dublin, under the leadership of M. D. Murtagh, our people will continue their efforts with literature. Pastor Burgess will keep up his attack in Portadown and also seek to strengthen the work in Banbridge. The prospects are good for a harvest. News has come that we can have the Larne Town Hall in the autumn for a limited booking, and we hope to build up the work in that town and perhaps erect a small house for the worship of God. Meetings will be held in our beautiful church in Belfast.

We would like to express our deep appreciation for what has been done: To Pastor Elias who was leader of the field until 1960 and who was responsible for much of the growth in membership during the four years, to the Ministerial Association of the General Conference for sending Elder Schubert; and to the latter not only for the two campaigns he conducted in Dublin and Belfast, but also for the excellent studies he gave to the workers in these two cities. Credit should be given for the work of certain ones who have left us. To Pastor R. H. Bainbridge who worked in Dublin and Belfast, and was responsible when in Portadown for finding the site for our church. To Miss M. Aikenhead who served Ireland faithfully for fourteen years, and to Pastor Phillips who endeared himself to the members of Dublin and Portadown.

We pause, in closing this report, to look along the way we have come, and to recognize that we are carrying on a great tradition. We cannot, dare not, disappoint our doughty brethren who have left these shores during this and former generations to carry the third angel's message to the ends of the earth. We covenant with God and with all who have gone before us not to rest until the task is finished and Ireland made ready for the Lord's return. Then we will join with them in the song of victory and triumph, with the trophies of grace won from Erin's Isle. Brethren, pray for us continually.

THE badge of Christianity is not an outward sign, not the wearing of a cross or a crown, but it is that which reveals the union of man with God. By the power of His grace manifested in the transformation of character the world is to be convinced that God has sent His Son as its Redeemer. No other influence that can surround the human soul has such power as the influence of an unselfish life. The strongest argument in favour of the Gospel is a loving and lovable Christian.—*The Ministry of Healing*, page 470.

THE CHURCH AT STUDY

By
E. R. WARLAND

Sabbath-School Secretary,
British Union Conference



It would be difficult, if not impossible, to over-emphasize the importance of the Sabbath school to the Seventh-Day Adventist Church. For well over a century it has not only been a focal point in church life but, through the daily study plan, its influence has been a blessing in the Adventist home. In fact, its lessons usually provide the theme for family worship, particularly where there are children in the home.

In the British Union, where we have so few church schools, the importance of the Sabbath school in the life of our children and youth has *double* significance. It should be a major bulwark against the spiritually corroding influences of scepticism and modernism. Rightly conducted, staffed by consecrated and competent teachers, and equipped satisfactorily, our Sabbath schools can be—and in some cases already are—centres of education and inspiration, producing stalwart Seventh-Day Adventists, able and “ready always to give . . . a reason” for their faith.

Viewed against the background of what *should* be—indeed what with more effort and dedication *could* be—the report we now give of what *is* should make us resolve, with God’s help, to have even better Sabbath schools in future years. “The influence growing out of the Sabbath school,” says Sister White, “*should improve and enlarge the church.*” —*Counsels on Sabbath School Work*, page 9.

MEMBERSHIP AND ATTENDANCE

We have, at present, 155 Sabbath schools, with an average enrolment last year of some 6,100 adults, 650 youth, and 2,070 children—a total of 8,820 members of all ages. With a *church* membership of about 9,500 during the year it might appear at first sight that almost all of these must be in Sabbath school. But, unfortunately, this is not so because the Sabbath school figures include over two thousand children.

Those in the adult and youth classes, and those in the Extension Division are generally members of the church, while the children, of course, are not yet baptized. On this basis we find that at present about 75 per cent of our church membership are enrolled in Sabbath school. While this is an encouraging im-

provement on 71 per cent in 1957, we wish it were much higher. Why should not every churchmember also be a member of the Sabbath school? Those who, because of age, infirmity, distance, or Sabbath duties, cannot attend in person can well be enrolled in the Extension Division.

The figures for Sabbath school attendance during the past four years are encouraging.

	Sabbath School Membership	Sabbath School Attendance	Per cent
1958	7403	5623	76
1959	7933	6213	78
1960	8329	6385	76
1961	8823	6869	79

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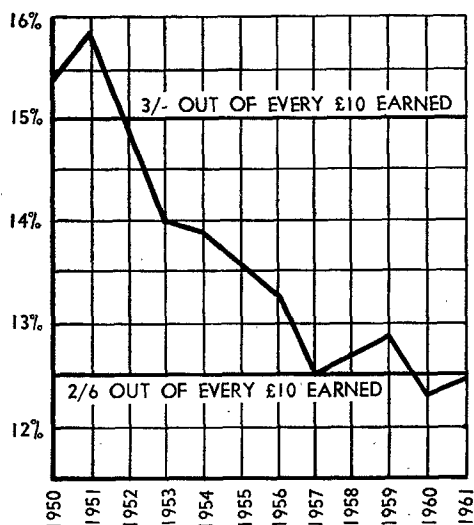
1957	7072	5208	73
1953	6512	4674	72

What is the reason for this steady improvement in attendance? May it not be the result of better teaching, of better equipped children’s classes, more interesting programmes? And if so, should not this be an encouragement to further improvements in these directions?

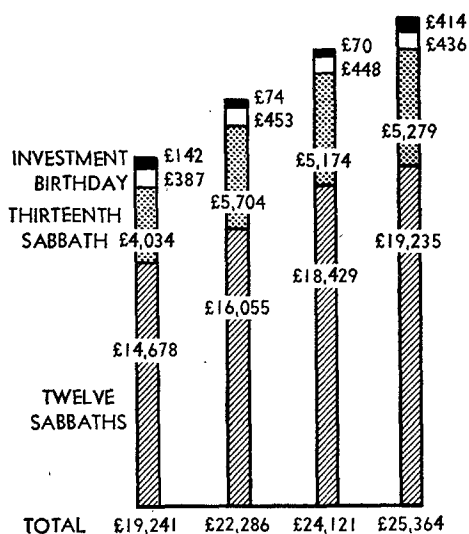
OUR SABBATH SCHOOL TEACHERS’ COURSE

Four or five years ago we launched our new British Sabbath School Teachers’ Course. While using the General Conference textbooks, *Sabbath School Handbook* and *You are a Teacher*, our course incorporates a most interesting series of eight film-strips on “Successful Teaching” published by the Moody Bible Institute. The series is prefaced by a colour-movie film entitled “No Vacant Chairs,” which introduces the characters (teachers and scholars) who are featured in the film-strips. The interesting and practical nature of this course has made it much appreciated by teachers and prospective teachers who have taken it.

RELATIONSHIP OF TOTAL SABBATH SCHOOL OFFERINGS TO TITHE 1950—1961



BRITISH UNION SABBATH SCHOOL OFFERINGS 1958—1961



QUADRENNIAL TOTALS

1958 - 61	—	£91,012
1954 - 57	—	£67,322
1950 - 53	—	£55,077

Your conference or mission Sabbath school secretary will be pleased to visit your church to show the film "No Vacant Chairs" and to introduce this most interesting Teachers' Course. Ministers and superintendents who are interested are advised to contact their conference Sabbath school secretary as early as possible. The film-strips are lent without charge.

Where group study is not practicable, the course, without film-strips, can be taken by correspondence. Those who complete the course, whether taken in a group or individually, qualify for the General Conference Sabbath School Teachers' Certificate.

We recommend this stimulating, modern course to all our teachers. "The true teacher," says Sister White, "constantly seeks higher attainments and better methods. His life is one of constant growth. . . . He will spare no pains to reach the highest standard of excellence."

WIDE RANGE OF BIBLE STUDY

No-one can be a faithful member of the Sabbath school, prayerfully studying the lesson daily at home, without widening his knowledge of the sacred Scriptures and deepening his spiritual experience. The subjects of study by the adult and older young people's classes during the past quadrennium were as follows:

- 1958 Parables of Jesus; Studies in the Revelation; Christian Ideals; New Testament Biographies.
- 1959 The Epistle to the Romans; Our Wonderful God; Great Themes of the New Testament; Christian Stewardship.
- 1960 The Blessed Hope; Lessons for Today from the Times of Ezra and Nehemiah; Studies on the Law of God; Christ-Centred Doctrines.
- 1961 Signs of the Times; Righteousness by Faith in Christ; Studies in the Gospel of John; Character Studies of Bible Youth.

For the younger children the lessons have been Old and New Testament stories, which have been made interesting by such aids as "Primary Exercises," Picture Roll, Flannelgraph pictures, Sandtray Cut-outs, and other devices according to their ages. We are greatly encouraged to see improved teaching methods in practice in many primary and kindergarten divisions as the result of conventions and Sabbath school "workshops" which have been held in a number of centres by your Union and Conference Sabbath school secretaries. There is still room for much improvement in this direction and we would appeal to all Sabbath school members to give their support to the provision of better equipment for our children's classes.

THE SOUL-WINNING SABBATH SCHOOL

We have been told the "the Sabbath school should be one of the greatest instrumentalities . . . in bringing souls to Christ." (*Counsels on Sabbath School Work*, page 10.) We believe this refers to its influence both at home and overseas. Many of our

young people come to a saving knowledge of Jesus in the Sabbath school. Others, brought into contact with the message through a Branch Sabbath School, an Adventist Sunday school, an evangelistic campaign, or personal witness by churchmembers, join the Sabbath school prior to baptism. Thereby they increase their knowledge of the Scriptures and their love for the Lord and the Advent people. We are particularly glad to record that during this past quadrennium the General Conference Sabbath School Department has published two special lesson quarterlies for "The Pastor's Class." Under this plan interested people and new members become more firmly established in the fundamentals of "the present truth."

During 1958, no fewer than 250 Sabbath school members were baptized. In 1959 there were 241, and a further 199 in 1960. Baptisms again rose to 240 last year, making a total of 930 during the past four years. This compares with 813 in the previous quadrennium, and with 713 in the years 1950-1953. We believe that if all baptisms had been faithfully reported the total for this past four years would have been at least one thousand.

The urgency of our Lord's last "great commission" is kept before our Sabbath school members by the weekly missions story, and through its offerings nearly half of the church's overseas work is maintained. Thus the influence of the Sabbath school reaches far beyond homeland shores. A diagram on page 28 shows the composition of our Sabbath school offerings in Britain during the past four years.

Naturally, the largest part comes from the regular weekly offering, to which is added a substantial

amount on the Thirteenth Sabbath of each quarter. These sums are supplemented by two lesser, though still important, sources, viz., Birthday-Thank Offerings and the Investment Plan. Special mention should be made concerning the amount from Investment last year—for £414 is by far the "highest-ever" figure for the British Union. May this improvement continue, for the Lord's work overseas needs every pound we can provide.

Encouraging as these figures may be, to assess them fairly we should relate them to three important factors: our growth in membership, the general rise in wages, and the decreased purchasing power of every pound we give. (See diagram on page 28.)

In our last two quadrennial reports we called attention to the unfortunate decline in Sabbath school offerings when related to tithe, the index of our income. This graph shows that during the past four years we have become more or less "stabilized," with a total Sabbath school offering of about 2s. 6d. from every £10 of our earnings. Conscious as we must be these days of many blessings and "creature comforts," shall we not endeavour to reach during this present quadrennium that 3s. 0d. out of every £10 earned which we gave so gladly ten years ago?

In closing, my colleagues and I would thank all ministers, elders, Sabbath school officers, teachers, and members who by their devoted service have contributed to the improved Sabbath schools we now find as we visit the churches. But remembering that "higher than the highest human thought can reach is God's ideal for His children" (*Education*, page 18) let us press forward to achieve "the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Phil. 3:14.

THE CHURCH IN ACTION

By E. R. WARLAND

Home Missionary Secretary, British Union Conference

"It is the privilege of every Christian, not only to look for but to hasten the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."—*Christ's Object Lessons*, page 69.

"The greatest help that can be given our people is to teach them to work for God, and to depend on Him, not on the ministers."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 7, page 19.

The importance of leadership, whether by the ministers, elders, or church missionary leaders cannot be over-emphasized in considering the witness

of the membership to the Advent message. The report which it is now our privilege to give reflects the loyal co-operation and self-sacrifice of our believers throughout the entire field. This, brethren and sisters, is *your* report. It is the record, as far as we know it, of your activities in seeking to bring the truth we love to your friends, neighbours, and those who live within the orbit of your influence.

HELP FROM HEADQUARTERS

Our little periodical, *The Leader*, has continued to serve the ministry and officers of all church departments. Its monthly Bible studies, its articles and poems, and its free exchange of ideas and experiences through "Opinion" pages, have all proved a source of inspiration as well as information. We would

Report of Missionary Activity for 1958-1961

	1958	1959	1960	1961
EVANGELISTIC ACTIVITIES				
Bible Studies	7,280	8,434	13,007	11,627
Missionary Visits	32,461	36,585	39,053	35,408
Pieces of Literature Distributed	1,594,852	1,736,289	1,377,977	1,645,447
WELFARE ACTIVITIES				
Persons Helped	43,935	55,988	47,883	44,922
Articles of Clothing Given	16,549	19,029	15,252	30,332
Hours of Service	49,870	44,938	43,515	46,677
Food Parcels Given	5,038	6,421	7,118	7,365

like to express our thanks to all contributors and would urge all officers to make an even fuller use of its guidance in the days ahead.

Throughout the quadrennium the impetus to lay evangelism which sprang from the Union Laymen's Congress in Birmingham in 1957 has been maintained. Rallies and conventions in all parts of Britain have helped to increase the momentum and value of membership participation in lay evangelism. In many churches classes in soul-winning have been conducted by the ministers or other capable leaders. There has been a steady demand for the textbook *Training Light Bearers*, and now a number who have successfully completed the first course are studying the second book entitled *Lift Him Up*. The solid work of recent years thus proved a valuable foundation for the launching of the "Win One in '61" campaign, in which the Home Missionary Department supported the presidents, its chief sponsors.

The conferences and missions have continued to lend projectors and film-strips to their witnessing members, over three hundred of whom have, during recent years, also personally purchased *Pictorial Aid to Bible Study* to help them explain the message to neighbours and friends.

MISSIONARY WORK BY MEMBERS

The figures we now give would be even more encouraging if only a larger percentage of our members would co-operate by reporting their home missionary activities. In some cases our most faithful and active workers are "non-reporters," which makes it difficult for us to give a really true picture of the missionary work of the church. Nevertheless, we believe the statistics on this page are worthy of recording.

Figures may seem uninteresting in themselves, until one uses his imagination to envisage the possible circumstances of giving one Bible study in a home; of making one missionary visit to the sick; of taking one Christmas food parcel to an aged person. Those who engage in the work know what joy such services bring to all concerned. Now, brethren and sisters, multiply the blessing of one such experience by the thousands recorded here!

On page 31 we see how the total figures for this quadrennium compare with those of the others which together comprise the twelve years it has been my privilege to serve as your Union Home Missionary Secretary.

Our church calendar includes four Home Visitation periods each year. One, in connection with "Missions Extension" is promoted particularly by the Publishing Department, another, for the enrolment of Bible School students by the

Voice of Prophecy, and two by the Home Missionary Department—one of these, the well-known "Ingathering for Missions" now deserves our attention.

INGATHERING FOR MISSIONS

For a number of years there has been a slight, but nevertheless disquieting, decrease in the percentage of our members who actively participate in our annual house-to-house collection for missions. During the past quadrennium this has fluctuated between fifty and sixty per cent. The effort, as the following figures show, is rewarding in so many respects, that we earnestly desire to see a larger proportion participating in the years ahead. Ingathering is an excellent means of contacting the people and informing them of the work we are doing all around the world. The more people know of our service to humanity, whether at home or abroad, the more ready they are, not only to give of their means, but to hear of the faith which inspires such activities.

One interesting feature of our Ingathering campaign during the past four years is the introduction of the *Missionary Volunteer's Book of Mission Pictures*. By this means those prohibited by law, because under sixteen years of age, from doing house-to-house collection can solicit from friends and relatives, so making a valuable contribution to the total collected.

In 1958 our total was £63,051. This rose to £66,759 in 1959, to £71,583 in 1960 and to £78,432 in 1961. For such wonderful achievements we praise the Lord. We also thank the ministers, church leaders, local agents, and others who by careful organization, diligent service, and personal example led our membership year by year in this very important work. Shining like brilliant stars in constellations of glorious light were some who collected hundreds of pounds each year in a period of only five weeks. The tireless and unselfish service of many who were aged or handicapped was annually an inspiration to behold. Surely they could say, "The love of Christ constraineth us."

When the House-to-House Collections Act was passed in 1939 many thought that its restrictions would react adversely on our Ingathering, particularly as prior to that time many of our children and youth were very active house-to-house collectors. That such fears were ill-founded is clearly indicated by the diagram on page 32 showing the steady increase in our collection for missions during the past twenty-four years.

"OUR TIMES" AND TRACT CAMPAIGN

We are told by Sister E. G. White that "papers and books are the Lord's means of keeping the message for this time continually before the people." (*Testimonies Vol. 6*, page 315.) And again: "Let the leaflets and tracts, the papers and books, go in every direction." (*Christian Service*, page 151.) "I have been shown," she says, "that we are not doing our duty in the gratuitous circulation of small publications."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 1, page 551.

To provide the means of meeting this challenge the British Union Committee and The Stanborough Press invest every year hundreds of pounds to provide free tracts to churches as a bonus on "clubs" of annual subscriptions for *Our Times*. This plan, which we understand operates in this field alone, has proved of great blessing in personal witnessing. At the small personal expense of a few pence a week it has enabled our members to circulate over 10,000 copies of every issue of our missionary paper, *Our Times*, and has provided during the past four years well over a million excellent tracts for free distribution. Here are the yearly figures:

	<i>Our Times</i> Subscriptions	Total Free Tracts	
1958	11,041	353,512	<i>Timely Truth</i> series
1959	10,699	342,364	<i>Timely Truth</i> series
1960	9,504	190,110	<i>Why? How? When?</i> series
1961	10,411	208,220	New series

We would here like to express our appreciation to the Review and Herald Publishing Association for kindly permitting us to use an excellent Harry Anderson picture on each of our latest series of tracts.

WELFARE SERVICE

One of the most encouraging features of membership activity in the British Isles during recent years has been the growth of our Welfare work, of which a separate report will be given.

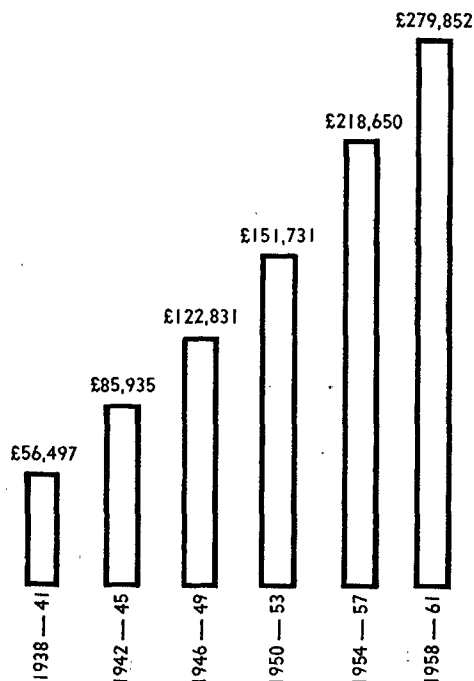
LAYMEN'S SUMMER BIBLE SCHOOL

We are indebted to Pastor O. Jordal, our Division Home Missionary Secretary, for introducing to us the Laymen's Summer Bible School plan, which is proving a great blessing to those who attend. This year, with the valued co-operation of Newbold College, we hold our third such "holiday with a purpose." Each year some fifty brethren and sisters from all parts of the British Isles, share ten days of fellowship and study together. The courses not only include the study of certain books of the Bible, but also practical instruction in home and church responsibilities. The Laymen's Summer Bible School is a wonderful means to more fruitful personal witnessing and better church leadership.

EVANGELISTIC ACTIVITIES			WELFARE ACTIVITIES			
BIBLE STUDENTS	MISSIONARY VISITS	PIECES OF LITERATURE	PERSONS HELPED	ARTICLES OF CLOTHING	HOURS OF SERVICE	FOOD PARCELS
1950-53 100% 24,036	1950-53 100% 90,304	1950-53 100% 24,036	1950-53 100% 97,619	1950-53 100% 30,063	1950-53 100% 131,781	1950-53 NOT REPORTED
1954-57 110% 27,839	1954-57 124% 111,879	1954-57 231% 55,819	1954-57 143% 140,467	1954-57 203% 61,110	1954-57 143% 187,697	1954-57 34% 11,111
1958-61 161% 40,348	1958-61 160% 143,507	1958-61 192% 45,819	1958-61 197% 192,728	1958-61 270% 81,150	1958-61 139% 184,000	1958-61 260% 26,666

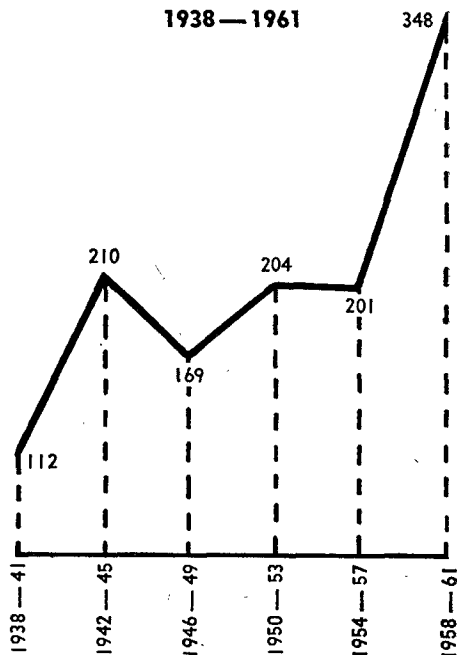
INGATHERING FOR MISSIONS

QUADRENNIAL TOTAL FOR 24 YEARS



LAY MEMBERS HELPED TO WIN MORE SOULS

1938—1961



RESULTS OF SERVICE

Many are the fruits of loving service for Christ. "The church that engages successfully in this work is a happy church." (*Testimonies*, Vol. 2, page 22.) "Every effort made for Christ will react in blessing upon ourselves."—*Christ's Object Lessons*, page 354.

"But," you may well ask, "do we see additions to the church resulting from this witnessing by our lay members?" Yes, indeed! At almost every baptismal service you will hear the minister testify to the part some brother or sister has had in leading souls to Christ. While we do not have complete figures, the chart on this page shows the numbers of those whom laymen helped to win in recent years.

Throughout the quadrennium it has been a privilege to have such colleagues as Pastors G. S. Crutchfield, R. E. Graham, W. J. Newman, A. Norman, H. S. Pearce, and A. C. Vine, without whose valued help such an encouraging report as this would not have been possible.

Brethren and sisters, let us now press onward to greater heights knowing that "all the resources of heaven are at the command of those who are seeking to save the lost."—*Christ's Object Lessons*, page 197.

WHAT A DIFFERENCE!

By ERNEST LLOYD

WHAT a difference in the exiles of history! Napoleon Bonaparte on the island of St. Helena, fretting and fuming with disappointment, saw no bright horizons. No future homeland of peace and beauty passed before his gaze. But the apostle John on the island of Patmos made his bleak surroundings glow with heavenly colours. John was looking forward to God's best things, and God gave him a panoramic view of the new earth!

John's description of the wonders of the new earth has brightened the hopes of faithful Christians all down through the centuries and has helped them to keep their affections on eternal things. How is it with us? Are we clinging too much to the transient things of this world? Are we like the man in one of Bunyan's stories who was so occupied with his muck-rake that he could not see the angel over his head with a crown of glory?

There is a great personal comfort and satisfaction in knowing that God loves us and is planning glorious things for our future, as revealed in John's Book of Revelation. Out of the ruins of this old world there is to rise a wonderful new earth. "Behold," says God, "I make all things new." Rev. 21:5.

No matter what your circumstances may be now, remember that God is making preparation for a brighter future—a sinless, deathless future. The "blessed hope" of what is to be, inspires and cheers those who walk now in the path of truth and righteousness, who seek to glorify God in daily living, preparing for citizenship in His new world. Blessed are they who place their hope in God's promises, which cannot fail.

WELFARE MINISTRY

By E. R. WARLAND

Dorcas and Welfare Secretary, British Union Conference

As far back as we can remember we have had Dorcas societies. But, with just a few exceptions, these had little support from their churches and often developed into sewing groups, working to raise funds for various church needs. But in 1953 at the Welfare Evangelism "workshops" of our lay-workers' conventions at Matlock Bath and Watford many caught a new vision of what Dorcas Welfare work really means. Since that time there has been a steady advance and good as was the report we gave four years ago, that for the past four years is even more encouraging.

"Good deeds are the fruit that Christ requires us to bear; kind words, deeds of benevolence of tender regard for the poor, the needy, the afflicted." (*Testimonies*, Vol. 2, page 25.) "Every word or deed of unselfish kindness is an expression of the love of Christ for lost humanity."—*The Mount of Blessing*, page 40.

One has only to turn over the pages of bound volumes of our church paper, *The British Advent Messenger*, to see the larger place that such ministry for the needy now has in our church life. In the very first issue of 1958 we find a letter from Cyprus thanking our churches for a large consignment of clothing we sent there. In the following issues are reports from Holloway, Northampton, Bath, Bournemouth, Hull, and York; from Portsmouth, Wellingborough, Weston-Super-Mare, Plymouth and Lowestoft; from Ipswich, Clacton, Torquay, Chiswick, and other places too numerous to mention here. With the London Federation leading the way, the sister Federations in Scotland, South Wales, and Yorkshire, have united the various groups, inspiring them to larger service both at home and abroad.

Special conventions were held to enthuse and instruct in this important ministry to the needy.

On such occasions we heard touching stories which made all realize that there is much, even in this so-called "Welfare" state, for the church to do. In fact, Christian Welfare service, and that of Seventh-Day Adventists in particular, has something to contribute which reaches out to the spiritual as well as the physical needs of humanity.

The church's helping hand stretched across the seas to help the destitute, the refugees, the victims of famine, floods, and earthquakes. Either directly, or in conjunction with other welfare and refugee organizations, many tons of relief material were sent to meet distress in Africa, Austria, British Guiana, Cyprus, Fiji, Greece, India, Morocco, and other countries. The estimated total value of food, clothing, and service given to the needy has yearly been about £10,000.

Summarized on this page are the figures for our Welfare societies for the past four years.

These figures are, of course, included in the total missionary work of the whole church as already reported. We give them separately here so that the work of the Welfare societies may be duly recognized and appreciated.

PROGRESS OF OUR WELFARE SERVICE

The London Federation, with Mrs. E. Rose as its progressive and tireless president, has not only continued to pioneer and consolidate the welfare work of its member societies, but has also proved an invaluable source of inspiration to our welfare societies in many parts of the British Isles. When flood disaster struck South Devon last year the Federation

Work of our Welfare Societies

	1958	1959	1960	1961
Number of Dorcas Welfare Societies	85	87	92	84
Number of Dorcas Welfare Workers	484	479	497	560
Articles of Clothing	5,493	7,293	14,759	18,161
Food Parcels Given	861	813	835	1,454
Hours Welfare Service	14,248	13,694	17,170	16,422
Pieces of Bedding Given	467	483	693	410
Persons Helped	2,914	3,039	3,114	5,250
TOTAL ESTIMATED VALUE	£6,815	£6,731	£10,825	£11,910

supplied a van-load of clothing and blankets which Pastor H. S. Pearce took down to Exeter for distribution to the needy.

About a year ago we decided on three major projects requiring Union-wide support. First, was the shipment of a ton of relief clothing to Jordan; the second, two tons of blankets and clothing to Ethiopia; the third, the stocking of our Union Welfare Depot which is incorporated into our new Union office building. The first of these projects was completed in a few months and we have received most hearty thanks from Jordan for this help. Pastor R. H. Hartland, secretary of the Middle East Division, recalling also our two-ton consignment to Cyprus a few years ago, said: "All the clothing we have ever received from the British Union has been of top quality. We want you, please, to thank the brethren and sisters who had anything to do with this work of mercy for Jordan."

The London Federation, which so kindly offered to do for us all the hard work of sorting, baling, and shipping these overseas consignments, had made a good start on the second project when a hundred-miles-an-hour hurricane hit Sheffield, Bradford, and other places in Yorkshire. A van-load of clothing and blankets, taken from what was already baled for Ethiopia, was rushed to Sheffield. The General Secretary of the Sheffield Council of Social Service wrote saying they were "most grateful . . . for the very excellent clothing and blankets brought so promptly" to help those who had lost their homes in the

disaster. Such experiences emphasize the need for a well-stocked Union depot which can be ready to provide *immediate* help to meet distress both at home and abroad.

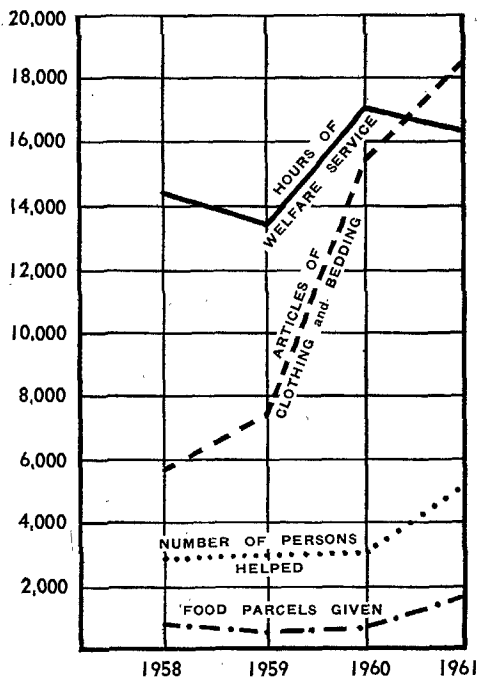
As we look into the future, the vision of Welfare service opportunity which stretches before our view is both enchanting and challenging. How can we match our response to the challenge of these times? Can Seventh-Day Adventists with their small numbers and limited resources make a contribution of any magnitude? Certainly we can! But not by small sewing circles, or by taxing the fingers of devoted sisters to a work of "make do and mend." How then? "*God will open the way for us from sources outside our own people*," said Sister E. G. White. (*Welfare Ministry*, page 278.)

Wimbledon, Ipswich, and some other places have pioneered the way for us, by making our work known by house-to-house contacts; soliciting clothes from those who are interested in helping us, and discovering at the same time homes which need help. This work requires careful organization and *local police permission must be obtained for it*. Your conference or mission home missionary secretary will be pleased to give information regarding how this may be done and advise on the best procedures for success in such work.

We are conscious that we have only yet touched the fringe of a great welfare work which should be done—and we believe will yet be done—here in the British Isles. The work of the past few years has been largely that of laying a firm foundation, including the building of a Union Welfare depot for stockpiling to meet without delay emergency calls at home and abroad.

"When the cases of all come in review before God, the question, What did they profess? will not be asked, but, What have they done? Have they been doers of the Word? Have they lived for themselves, or have they been exercised in works of benevolence, in deeds of kindness and love, preferring others before themselves, and denying themselves that they might bless others? If the record shows that this has been their life, that their characters have been marked with tenderness, self-denial, and benevolence, they will receive the blessed assurance and benediction from Christ, "Well done. Come, ye blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 3, page 525.

PROGRESS OF OUR WELFARE SERVICE 1958-1961



Master, Chart My Course Today

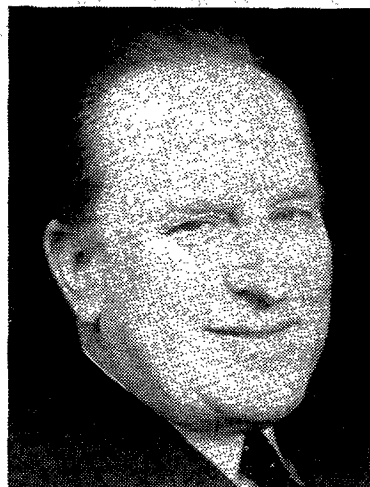
By HARRY SILBAUGH

O Master, chart my course today,
And guide me from the storm-swept way,
For I am drifting on life's foam
Apart from Thee, and far from home.
The tempest breaks, the sea runs wild;
I fear the depths, a sin-tossed child.
Chart my course through the storm tide's roll,
O Christ, the Captain of my soul.

AMONG OUR YOUTH

By
B. F. KINMAN

MV Secretary,
British Union Conference



It was about the middle of the quadrennium that the writer was able to leave the work of the Scottish Mission and take up the duties of the Missionary Volunteer Department. The first year was under the capable leadership of Pastor C. D. Watson, and the second year the burden was ably carried by Miss Zena Cook.

The past quadrennium has been one of progress and constructive planning. The highlight was, of course, the Northern European Division MV Congress which was held in Utrecht in July, 1960. It was described as the most significant Youth Congress we have held so far in Northern Europe. More than 200 British youth were privileged to attend this historic gathering. The handsome Tivoli Hall was the venue for the meetings and Missionary Volunteers from more than a score of countries from the equator to the Arctic numbered in all over 2,000. It was a great inspiration for all who attended to meet other young people from so many different countries, to share in their joys, and to learn something of their experiences in the Advent message in their own countries. Our own young people returned from Utrecht with a new experience and a consecration which has been demonstrated by their good works since they have returned.

Another step forward was made during the quadrennium in the realm of the MV Courses. Approach was made to Sir John Hunt, who is the Director of the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme for Boys, to ask if the Advent Youth Society could receive authority to operate the Scheme. After some weeks of negotiation this authority was promised and a *Handbook* was prepared in order that our young people could acquaint themselves with the necessary qualifications to qualify for the awards, Bronze, Silver, and Gold. This *Handbook* was submitted to the Award authority and it brought forth very favourable comment from the Award committee. Sir John Hunt himself writing the preface for our *Handbook* stated, "I am glad that boys and girls are to have the opportunity to accept Prince Philip's challenge through the Advent Youth Society." In closing, he wrote: "I hope, too, that the Advent Youth Society will join forces with many other users of this Scheme to demonstrate the spirit of partnership which is a basic principle of all service for youth."

It is early days yet for us to see results, but many of our young men are actively engaged in preparing themselves to meet the challenge that the Scheme offers, and we sincerely hope that in the not too distant future they will present themselves at Buckingham Palace to receive their Award from Prince Philip.

In adopting this Scheme I might say that we have worked our own courses into the framework and it is a requirement that, before proceeding for the Bronze Medal, a young person must complete the Companion Course, and for the Silver, the Guide Course, and before the Gold is attempted the Master Guide work must be completed. It is gratifying to know that one of the pursuits and projects in the Scheme that will be accepted is Bible Study, and this should give our young people no difficulty at all. Also for the Public Service section, Ingathering will be accepted as a service for other people.

All in all, the Award Scheme provides a wonderful opportunity for our youth to follow the principles set forth in the Bible and the writings of Sister White that true education is the harmonious development of the whole being, or as it is put by the Scheme promoters: "The Scheme is based on the belief that the future of our civilization will depend on the ability and willingness of the young people of today to give their best service to the community and to grow up as balanced individuals."

One of the outstanding features of our MV work during the past four years has been the Retreats that have been conducted in North and South England, Scotland, and Wales. These week-end meetings, given over entirely to Bible study and prayer, have been a great source of inspiration and strength not only to those who attended, but also to the leaders and those who took an active part in the lecture programme. We are making plans to hold more of these meetings for spiritual refreshment, and hope that they will be so placed that young people from all parts of the field will have opportunity to attend.

No MV report would be complete if we did not mention the Camps and Camp Reunions which have been conducted in Wales, Scotland, and Ireland. The

number of applications grows every year, so that now we are forced to conduct not one but two Junior Camps for both South and North England. The idea of camps where our young people can worship and play together is growing rapidly and more and more societies are conducting week-end camps so that when they come together in the summer they are well qualified to camp intelligently. The camps have no equal as a source for successful youth evangelism. I have been much impressed as I have attended the camps by the high standard of evangelism that has prevailed under the leadership of the fine padres, who have never spared themselves in an endeavour to lead the campers to a true evaluation of the cross and its message.

At four of the camps I attended a baptismal service was conducted. To be baptized in the sea is an inspiration to those being immersed, as well as those who witness the service.

Speaking of baptisms, 275 young people were baptized in the North England Conference during the period under review, and each year the number has increased: 1958, 57; 1959, 64; 1960, 76; 1961, 78. For the same period the South England Conference had the following increases by baptism: 1958, 74; 1959, 92; 1960, 117; 1961, 77.

Similar increases were seen in the Ingathering done by the youth; nearly a £1,000 more was collected each year.

There are many other features of our overall work in the MV Department that we could mention, but time will not permit. However, we should say a word or two about Scotland which, under the able leadership of Pastor Howard Parkin, has progressed in MV work, and special emphasis has been placed upon youth campaigns. Two have been conducted, one in Glasgow and one in Dundee, and the fruit of these endeavours is reflected in the fact that there are at present no less than four students at Newbold from Scotland, five others having taken or completed courses at the Senior College, and three students are at present at Stanborough School waiting to go to Newbold this year. Other youth campaigns have been conducted in North and South England.

The future of our work in the British Isles is very bright and there is an evidence of eager anticipation among our youth as they take up the challenge of these stirring times. As we enter a new quadrennial period the signs are already evident that this will be our greatest hour. May God help us that it so shall be.

THE MINISTRY OF LITERATURE

By
A. W. HOWARD

Publishing Secretary,
British Union Conference



In submitting this report, the picture we have to present is both an exciting and a sobering one. Exciting, not only because of a further record in the sales made by our literature evangelists during the quadrennium—an increase of 11 per cent over the previous four-year period—but because we are also able to report the largest number of souls known to have been won to the truth as a result of literature contacts; in fact, three and a half times the number of such baptisms recorded for 1954-57! Exciting, also because the sales just mentioned bring the total value of books and magazines sold during the sixteen years since the first post-war Union session to approaching *one million pounds!* This sum might indeed have been reached, had it not been for some checks experienced during the past two years. We shall take space to comment on this more sober aspect, but, before we do so, and before also we

enlarge upon the soul-winning outcome of the work, we would first list below the sales effected since 1946.

Period	Sales			Gain		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1946-49	162,290	18	8			
1950-53	211,647	6	7	49,356	7	11
1954-57	283,758	6	5	72,110	19	10
1958-61	315,736	0	6	31,977	14	1
	<u>973,432</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>2</u>			

We thank God for the blessing upon His work which has made these figures possible, and for the consecrated labours of the noble men and women who often, at considerable sacrifice of strength and personal inclination, have sought to carry the truth in permanent form where the voice of the preacher has seldom, if ever, been able to penetrate. The work entrusted to them, as the Lord's servant has testified, is "second to none" in importance; and in the realization of their great responsibility, they have moved determinedly and courageously forward. We know God loves these faithful servants of His. We also love them, and rejoice in their unselfish exploits.

MORE LITERATURE EVANGELISTS NEEDED

Peak sales of all literature workers were reached in 1959, with a reported total of £84,184. The decreases in 1960 and 1961 can mainly be accounted for by the following factors:

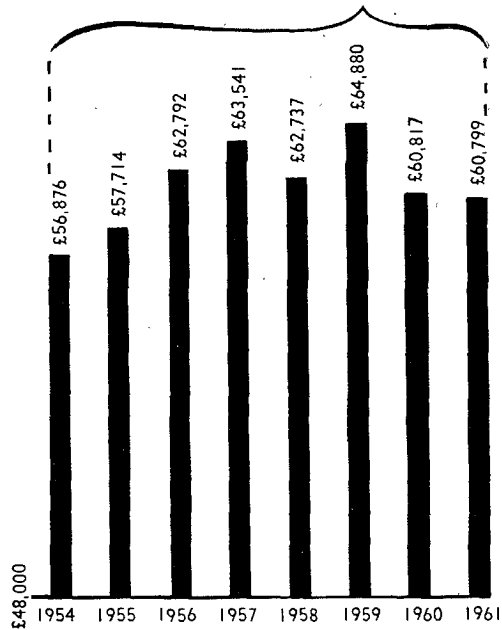
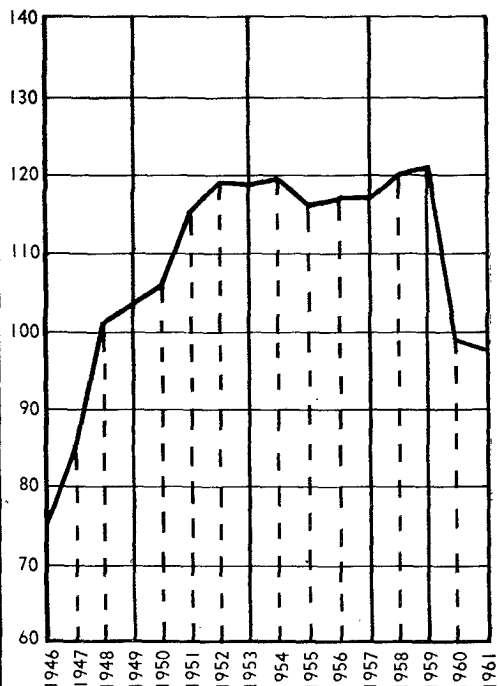
1. A heavy drop in the number of College students canvassing during the summer.
2. Prolonged periods of sickness experienced by several of our most successful literature evangelists, reducing their individual results in some cases by several hundreds of pounds.
3. The loss to the work of an unusual number of literature evangelists who could only partly be replaced, including six from one local conference whose sales had totalled over £5,000.

We feel bound to state that this third factor has caused us some concern, for the growth of our literature distribution is dependent, more than anything else, upon the enlargement of our force of workers. It may be seen that after a steep rise during the post-war recovery period, 1946-51, the number of our workers remained more or less level for the next eight years until the drop in 1960.

Right here we would emphasize that this state of affairs constitutes a tremendous challenge to the whole church in this Union. While the Publishing Department would never for a moment seek to minimize its own responsibility to seek out and train new workers, it has been stressed by the highest authority within the movement that helping to recruit literature workers is "every churchmember's business." Sensing the importance of literature evangelism in bearing to countless thousands their only opportunity of receiving the truth, all should surely cultivate a live interest in this work—encourage it, recommend it. Moreover, many ought themselves to weigh the spiritual advantages of serving on the front line of Christ's army in this day of preparation for the final battle. This is a time for men of genuine faith and zeal to have done with lesser things, and sacrifice natural inclination, false security, and perhaps even a few cherished freedoms and amenities on the altar of duty.

God needs many able-bodied, pure-spirited, soul-burdened servants to help call out a people for Himself from the highways and byways. The commission and the means are already theirs, the future recognition and rewards assured.

NO. OF LITERATURE EVANGELISTS NOT INCLUDING STUDENTS 1946-61



SALES OF LITERATURE EVANGELISTS NOT INCLUDING STUDENTS

PROSPECTS AND OPPORTUNITIES INCREASING

Not all the rewards, however, are confined to the future, or to the spiritual realm. While labour for God in a world of sin must, of necessity, entail some sacrifice, we do not believe it is God's will that His servants should receive inadequate remuneration. Income rate has, in fact, never been higher in this service than today. *For example, the profit per hour from the sales of sixteen of our literature evangelists rose from 6s. 3d. in 1959, our peak year, to 8s. 9d. in 1961!* In 1961 also one of our literature evangelists attained a sales total of £2,350, the highest figure ever recorded by an individual in the British Union.

Additional to these prospects are the courtesies for which credentialled literature evangelists may now qualify. These include a six monthly paid holiday, travelling expense bonus, weekly benefit in sickness, and paid expenses in respect of attendance at conference sessions.

A PRODUCT SECOND TO NONE

The year 1958 was a very important one for it marked the production of the first two volumes of *Footprints of Jesus*, by Pastor W. L. Emmerson. This splendid work, lavishly illustrated throughout with colour pictures of the finest quality, contributed largely to the rise in sales during the first half of the quadrennium. Knowledgeable people in the world have been astounded at the quality of this production. Without the vast improvements in printing technique these volumes represent, our bound-book workers would be largely unable to meet today's highly subsidized competition. As it is, they know they carry a product which is second to none. Let us thank God for our Publishing House, for the dedicated and far-sighted administration of its manager, and for his faithful workers.

SELLING SETS—BIG ADVANCES PLANNED

It is a considerable step forward from the sale of single volumes, costing from £1 to £2 each, to sets of four volumes costing nearly £6. Yet already individual workers have taken as many as seven firm orders for this large set in a single day! We are experimenting at present with the sale of this set on an extended payment by mail plan, the success of which could not only greatly multiply sales, but opens up the prospect ultimately of placing whole libraries of Adventist books into homes at one time. These are also the days of visual selling aids, and we are steadily developing this aspect of our own technique to great advantage in the sale of sets.

WE REPEAT, NOW IS A TIME OF UNPARALLELED OPPORTUNITY FOR LITERATURE EVANGELISM!

SMALL VOLUMES

Every year the time-honoured *Uncle Arthur's Bedtime Stories* add to their amazing circulation which is now in excess of *thirty million volumes!*

Every year also sees them add more colour printing inside. That these stories do an incalculable amount of good is widely recognized. While their simple message prepares the way for larger works containing weightier teaching, we are very glad that other small books with an adult interest can be sold in combination with them. Large quantities of *Friendly Talks* by W. T. Bartlett, *Christ Our Saviour* and *Steps to Christ* by Mrs. E. G. White, and also a small health book, *The Best of Health*, have found their way into homes by this means, and so have borne their witness to truth. Other small message books are already in preparation for selling in sets with *Bedtime Stories*.

The autumn of 1961 witnessed the launching of the first bound volume for the under-six age group. *Uncle Ray's Bible Alphabet*, prepared by Pastor R. D. Vine, and produced in full colour throughout, has filled a gap in our literature too long apparent. It has been warmly received and will, we trust, guide many little feet in their first steps along the path of scriptural knowledge. This book should be followed periodically by other productions of a similar nature.

MAGAZINE DEVELOPMENT

Not only have the bound publications, however, benefited from improved techniques in printing. The production by offset of the covers of our magazines has greatly enhanced their appearance. Fine four-colour pictures are now the order of the day, and the introduction in 1961 of colour *inside* our undated magazines *Good News*, *Happy Hours* and *Health and Happiness* marked another great step forward and a considerable help to those who sell them from home to home. We need more workers to join our full-time ranks to handle these splendid magazines, the sale of which has fallen steeply.

Special mention should be made of the periodicals *Our Times* and *Good Health*. Both these journals have undergone a complete transformation within the quadrennium, and are among the most attractive magazines produced by Adventists anywhere within the world field.

With its sixty-four pages, *Good Health* is now the largest periodical published by the denomination, and its increase in circulation from 12,000 per issue to over 40,000 (including book-stall sales) is a major achievement. While the increase in the new *Our Times* has not been as high proportionately, it has proved excellent to sell. Handling it in combination with *Good Health*, most of our auxiliary colporteurs have found that the two enlarged magazines at 2s. 6d. the pair are more readily received than their less attractive predecessors at 10d.

FIELD SUPERVISION AND TRAINING

Perhaps we have said enough to fully prove that the potential for successful literature evangelism is greater than ever before and that we have the finest material with which to carry the work forward.

It is right for us to have better books and larger magazines, but we must also have more feet to carry them to the millions of homes still unvisited or un-

entered. And if these "feet" are to be found and to receive proper guidance and adequate training for their task, sufficient capable leadership must be provided. Here we would pay warm tribute to our colleagues in the existing publishing leadership of the local fields who have performed their exacting task with a spirit of willingness, devotion, and good humour. It has been a privilege to associate with them during these years in church literature conventions held in their various fields, and in the organization and work of the annual training institutes held for regular and student literature evangelists. Their practical counsel has been of great value.

It is of the utmost importance that our workers be brought together at least once a year for refresher courses in Gospel salesmanship. Provision is made in the Annual Council now held each spring at the Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire. This meeting, lasting four full days, follows a tightly-packed programme of instruction, discussion, and inspirational and devotional sessions. We are seeking constantly to increase the variety and practical helpfulness in these programmes, which do so much to build up the literature evangelist in his ministry.

We are hoping that it will be possible to make available shortened week-end versions of these institutes to our auxiliary colporteurs in different centres. A start has indeed already been made this year in the London area, where a week-end institute was held at the New Gallery, on January 20th and 21st. We congratulate South England on this progressive step.

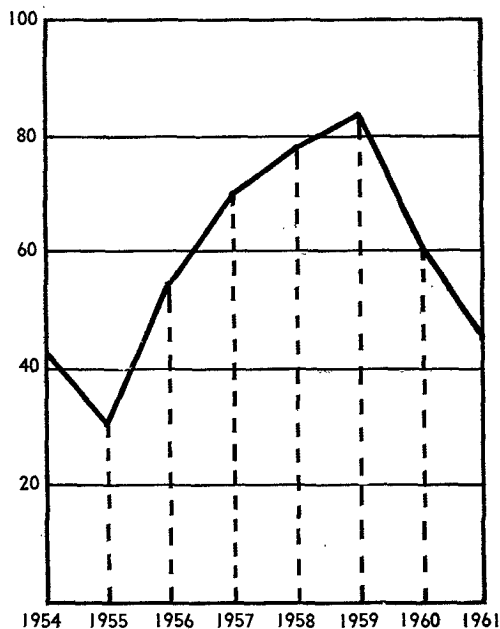
Week-end literature conventions featuring colporteur symposiums, films, and Sunday morning field efforts in the sale of literature, have been held in a large number of churches and have added a continual flow of candidates for auxiliary colportage.

LITERATURE AUXILIARIES

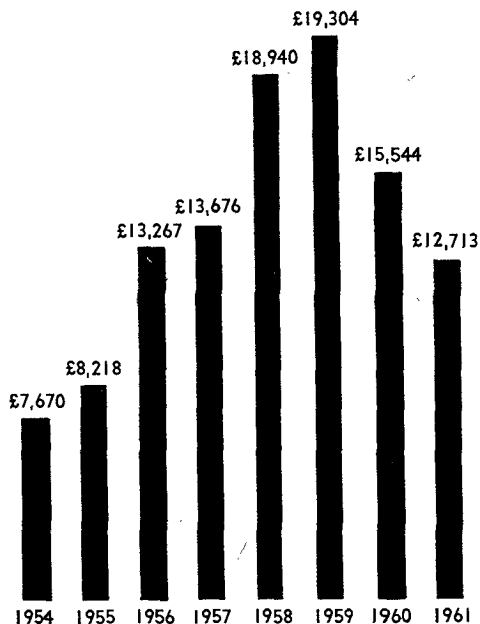
The efforts of our auxiliaries we acknowledge with deep gratitude. Our one regret is that we can give only a partial picture of their excellent work, for, due to the failure already mentioned of so many to report, the sales totals for this group are not only far short of the real figures, but we cannot definitely ascertain at any one time how many active auxiliaries we have. All we can say is that their number approaches 300, and that the sales figures we include below probably represent less than 75 per cent of the work done. As it is, one-third of the total gain for the quadrennium came from this group.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
1954	5,873	3	6	1958	9,104	18	7
1955	8,311	6	11	1959	10,091	10	8
1956	7,400	11	11	1960	13,000	5	6
1957	10,471	1	0	1961	11,708	18	9
TOTAL	32,056	3	4	TOTAL	43,905	13	6
					32,056	3	4
				GAIN	11,849	10	2

NO. OF STUDENT LITERATURE EVANGELISTS, 1954-61



SALES OF STUDENT LITERATURE EVANGELISTS



STUDENT LITERATURE EVANGELISM

A large number of the young men and women who pass through Newbold College and qualify for a place in denominational service, would be quite unable to do so, but for the benefits of the Literature Scholarship Plan. We are thankful that God has ordained this means whereby earnest young people who lack monetary resources may themselves raise the funds needed to finance a Christian education by selling the literature of truth. Moreover, the experience thus gained in contacting and influencing people in their homes probably forms as valuable a part of their training as the intensive study for which they pay fees.

During the summer vacation period 1958-61 a total of 145 young people earned scholarship bonuses, of which 101 were at the maximum rate obtainable. This compared with 123 during the previous four years.

Some of the individual sales performances of these young people were truly remarkable. One overseas student working among prospects sometimes difficult of access by regular colporteurs, actually placed with them sets of *Footprints of Jesus* to the value of £1,700 in a mere ten weeks! This, of course, constitutes a record for a student colporteur in the British Union, and was nearly seven times the amount required for a full scholarship. Totals in excess of £500 were common, and two other students passed the £1,000 mark.

One of the most encouraging aspects of our student work was the deeply spiritual approach to it of so many of these young people. The Bible studies they conducted in so many homes, the strong witness to the truth, sometimes even in face of opposition, were a great inspiration to us. These young men and women grew in spiritual stature during their summer activity. May God bless the seed they have sown in many minds.

We are glad that student sales for the quadrennium showed an increase of 54 per cent over the previous period, though we regret the decline in the number of students engaged in this work in the British Union during the past two years. It should be pointed out that an increasing number of students from Newbold College, including some British young people, have sought a scholarship experience overseas. For example, *Footprints of Jesus* is being sold widely in the Swedish Union. The sales of these receiving fields, therefore, have gained somewhat at our expense.

STUDENT SALES COMPARISON

No. of Students			No. of Students		
Sales £			Sales £		
1954	42	7,670	1958	78	18,940
1955	32	8,218	1959	82	19,304
1956	56	13,267	1960	61	15,544
1957	68	13,676	1961	45	12,713
42,831			66,501		
			42,831		
			GAIN 23,670		

SCHOLARSHIPS GAINED

	Full	Three Quarters	Half	Total
1958	30	5	6	41
1959	29	5	10	44
1960	21	3	3	27
1961	21	4	5	30
	101	17	24	145

MISSIONS EXTENSION

For a number of years now it has fallen to the lot of the Publishing Department to promote the Missions Extension Campaign. A large sum of money was raised each year in our churches by a special effort in the sale of *Our Times*. This formed the larger portion of the Missions Extension Offering which, in 1961, reached a record of £954. There is every indication that this year we shall have reached our goal of £1,000 when final figures are available.

THE ULTIMATE OBJECTIVE

We close our report on a note of thanksgiving. The ultimate objective of all activities within the Publishing Department is, of course, to show men the way to the kingdom of God. Some of our literature evangelists have, during these years, had the joy of leading souls all the way to acceptance of the faith and baptism. Many also have sown seeds which have germinated and produced plants for others to tend. The Voice of Prophecy has reported 145 baptisms from initial contacts with our books and magazines. This is 250 per cent up on the previous four years! We do indeed praise God for this link between two departments of our work which is proving so fruitful.

Add to this result the 2,901 Bible studies by our literature evangelists and the 11,195 homes in which prayer was offered, and one gains some idea of the influence being imparted by these loyal, self-supporting workers. May God continue to prosper them, and every other follower of Jesus also who, prompted by His Spirit, decides to enlist in the army of literature evangelism.

THE SPIRIT'S VOICE

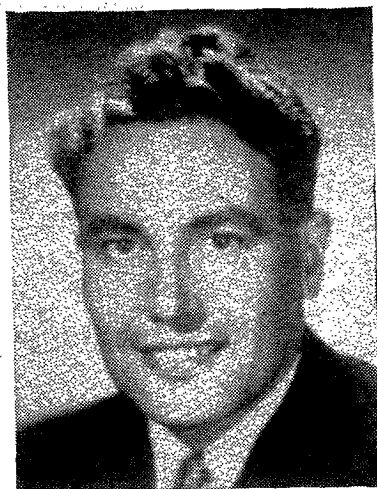
By CLARK B. McCALL

Holy Spirit from above,
Sent by God to shed His love,
Yours the work to banish sin,
To purify the springs within.
Thy Word's appeal, "Choose ye this day!"
"Crown Christ your King without delay."
It is not safe for men to wait;
Tomorrow's dawn may prove too late.
Sometimes You speak in still small voice,
As long as man makes truth his choice.
But when salvation man postpones,
You speak to hearts in thunder tones.
You plead the loudest just before
Men silence conscience evermore.
Yes, God's forgiveness men may find
If yet Your voice can reach the mind.

WINGED WORDS

By
V. H. COOPER

Principal,
Voice of Prophecy
Bible School



THE Voice of Prophecy in Great Britain began in April, 1947, and has now been operating for fifteen years. During this time the Bible School is able to report a total enrolment of over 60,000 students and the number of baptisms up to the close of 1961 was 2,173. A total of 693 students were baptized during the past four years.

The figures on page 42 show the growth of the work during the quadrennium 1958-61.

The Voice of Prophecy Bible School has strong links with many kinds of workers within the church.

LINKS WITH THE MINISTRY

It strengthens the work of our evangelists and pastors and provides them with Bible Instructor help for their campaign interests.

LITERATURE EVANGELISM

It gathers up the interests discovered by the literature-evangelist as he goes from home to home. Often he cannot stay to answer questions but an introduction to the Voice of Prophecy puts "Mrs. Jones" in contact with those who can take time to solve her problems satisfactorily, and step by step the message of the remnant church is imparted to her.

All subscription books contain leaflets advertising a Bible course. Every periodical—Bible or Health—contains one or more advertising coupons. About 1,500 applications are made each year through these media—approximately half are for the Bible course and half for the Health course.

LAY MEMBER VISITATION

The Voice of Prophecy has a link with church-members who have willingly taken part in distributing Voice of Prophecy advertising material and in following up the interest. Before giving away the "Take His Word" advertising leaflets, members may write their name and church code number on the coupon. Then lessons 7 and 8 are sent to the laymen for personal delivery. Similarly with 15 and 16, 23 and 24, and 27 and 28—thus four times during the course the layman has personal contact with the student and is able to arrange for Bible studies as soon as the time is ripe. The plan has worked well

during the latter part of the quadrennium. It is fully explained in the booklet *Paths to Decision*, available free from the department.

HEALTH COURSE

A growing interest in health is demonstrated by an increase in the number of health students. Advertising material placed in Granose Foods products yielded 2,118 applications in 1961 alone.

During the same year there were 2,152 applications from other sources, mainly our health magazines. Of these 4,270 health course applicants, 715 graduated and 446 (62 per cent of the graduates) asked for a Bible course. We believe that the health message can be a strong right arm to arrest attention, rouse interest, and prepare the way for the reception of spiritual truth.

NEW BIBLE COURSE

A new 29-lesson course entitled "Take His Word" was introduced in September, 1960. It is a vital, up-to-date series of Bible lessons. It calls for *decisions*—decisions on accepting Jesus Christ as Saviour, the Sabbath as a holy day, baptism as an essential New Testament ordinance, and finally a decision on membership with the remnant church.

PROPHETIC GUIDANCE COURSE

A new course for the benefit of Adventists was introduced during 1961. Produced by the General Conference it contains twenty-four lessons and a textbook, *The Treasure Chest*. Students pay only 10s. 0d. for the full course and textbook. In Great Britain 520 applications have been received. Lessons may be studied at the student's convenience and have brought a new understanding of the teachings of the Spirit of prophecy and a new confidence that God is leading His people.

THURSDAY A.M. LINKS WITH HEAVEN AND WITH OUR STUDENTS

Each Thursday morning prayer requests from students in all parts of Britain are laid on the table in the B.U.C. Board Room. Requests involve the

Growth of the Voice of Prophecy School, 1958-1961

	1958	1959	1960	1961
Total applications	12,637	16,901	15,131	15,717
Enrolments	5,326	6,336	5,109	5,800
Test Papers graded	82,259	87,932	73,369	85,117
Lessons sent out	149,953	164,797	165,261	181,346
Graduates	2,927	3,295	3,072	2,692
Baptisms	156	157	192	188

Applications were received for the following courses:

	1958	1959	1960	1961	1958-61
Great Teachings and Prophecies }	7,609	10,926	3,764	2,545	24,844
Young People's Course }			2,704	2,039	4,943
Take His Word	—	—	3,657	4,908	8,565
Hope of the World	2,486	3,343	2,561	1,955	10,345
Health Course	2,542	2,632	2,445	4,270	11,889

Here are the comparative figures showing the growth of the Bible School during the last three quadrenniums:

	Total for Quadrennium 1958-61	Total for Quadrennium 1954-57	Total for Quadrennium 1950-53
Total applications	60,386	52,820	45,421
Enrolments	22,571	20,345	14,392
Test Papers graded	328,677	274,580	174,692
Lessons sent out	661,357	490,723	248,594
Graduates	11,986	8,437	5,437
Baptisms	693	634	583

Sources of applications for Bible and Health courses during the past four years:

	1958	1959	1960	1961
Radio	2,989	2,258	1	—
Cards, leaflets, folders	2,741	5,002	6,332	5,437
Subscription Books	273	230	166	115
Our Times	230	458	384	266
Health Magazines	805	848	1,063	884
Colporteurs	—	—	117	165
Tracts	109	173	93	139
Reader's Digest	—	—	172	366
VOP News Magazine	—	—	185	131
Misc. Newspapers	—	15	14	54
Messenger	—	—	24	3
Ingathering	6	224	207	195
Campaign Contacts	176	202	256	156
From Students	3,809	4,903	3,055	3,970
Students requesting VOP and HOW	887	1,436	1,251	1,154
Granose Foods Ltd.	—	—	973	2,118
Miscellaneous	515	1,085	749	487

whole range of human problems. Thank God no difficulties are too insignificant to bring to His notice and no burdens are too great but He willingly bears them. Stories of answered prayer bring encouragement.

Around the world from Glendale to Poona, from Sydney to Stanborough Park, Voice of Prophecy Schools keep Thursday morning as the special time in the week when students are remembered at the Throne of grace.

LUXEMBOURG AND COMMERCIAL RADIO

The tragedy of the quadrennium was the cessation of broadcasts from Radio Luxembourg in November, 1959, after twelve years of unbroken weekly transmissions from this station. These programmes were heard throughout Great Britain and most of Europe.

All five of the religious broadcasts on the station at 11 p.m. week-nights were offered time at midnight and refused this very late hour. Luxembourg broadcasts were heard by over three-quarters of a million listeners. When our transmissions ceased, hundreds of letters from disappointed Voice of Prophecy supporters in all parts of Britain arrived at our office. However, our protests and negotiations were unproductive. The loyal radio group included Pastor R. D. Vine, announcer; The King's Heralds Quartet; Beryl Gammon; Llewellyn Meredith, organ; and Peggy Appleyard, pianoforte.

An encouraging feature is that during 1960 and 1961 almost as many applications and enrolments were received as during 1958 and 1959 when we were on the air. Increased support from our members and increasingly attractive advertising material have been responsible for this.

ATTITUDE OF B.B.C.

No fewer than 2,000,000 British people, mainly housewives, heard an eight-minute statement of the beliefs of Adventists given by your secretary on

Woman's Hour, BBC, on March 14, 1961.

Sponsored religious programmes are not permitted by the BBC Religious Advisory authority, whose policy is to restrict religious programmes to the main streams of religious thought.

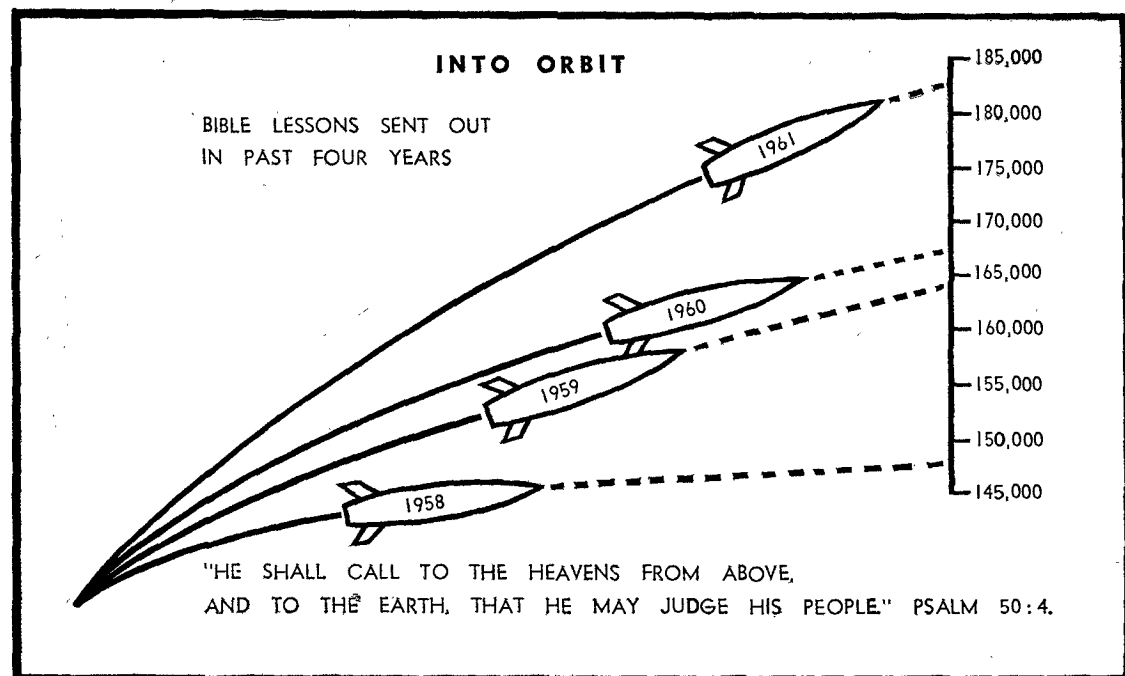
NEW HOME

In May, 1961, our offices were moved from the second storey of the Annexe to the building on Stanborough Park which for forty years has been known by the initials B.U.C.—the Union headquarters offices. When the rest of the B.U.C. staff moved to their new premises we found ourselves with studio and nine comfortable offices in one building—thus an efficient base from which to conduct Voice of Prophecy activities has been afforded to this growing branch of the work.

RALLIES

During 1961 three rallies were held—two in London and one in Birmingham. Certificates were presented to students who had completed a Voice of Prophecy course; new students were enrolled and thrilling experiences recounted of how lives have been changed under the power of God.

One student told how after being brutally and criminally assaulted and after suffering from numerous diseases over many years she was visited by a colporteur. Although confined to bed, she commenced a Bible study course and soon her life was transformed. Jesus became real to her. She desired baptism and membership with the church and eventually she was baptized crutches and all. Polio and epilepsy had left their marks and later suffering became intense when a tumour on the brain was diagnosed by the hospital authorities. Anointing was requested and humbly performed. To the glory of God this member now has a powerful witness to the power of her Saviour both to save from sin and to heal her diseases.



VOICE OF PROPHECY NEWS

A bi-monthly magazine is sent gratis to our current students and in addition we have some 600 annual subscriptions (2s. 6d. per annum).

RECORDS

Six Long Playing and four Extended-play records have been produced during the quadrennium. The artistes included the American King's Heralds, Sunny Liu, The Faith for Today Group, Kathleen Joyce, and Beryl Gammon. These records are available to churchmembers and students. They bring pleasure to many Adventist homes on Sabbath and preach the message where the voice of the minister cannot be heard.

APPRECIATION

The Voice of Prophecy is extremely grateful and appreciative of the substantial support that has come from the General Conference and Northern European Division to finance our Luxembourg broadcasts and Bible school. Also we thank the officers and members of the British Union Committee for their vital interest in this evangelistic agency.

We gratefully recognize the generosity of our churchmembers, listeners, and Bible students in the support of this soul-winning programme and we wish to thank our members for their offerings. Gifts

during the quadrennium amounted to £6,056 and in addition several legacies were gratefully received. Our students showed a practical appreciation for the lessons by sending in contributions which amounted to £5,780 during these four years.

THANKS TO STAFF

I would like to thank the Bible school staff for their loyal, efficient, and cheerful service during the quadrennium. The personnel has included: Miss W. F. Buckle, Mrs. D. Lewis, Mrs. A. Cannon, Mrs. G. Roberts, Mrs. H. S. Pearce, Miss I. Himsforth, Miss H. Forster, Mrs. A. Balderstone, Mrs. V. H. Cooper, Mr. R. Logan, Mr. R. Cowen, Mr. G. E. Marshall, Mrs. K. Watson, and Mrs. B. Bone.

Children from Stanborough Park School volunteered to help pack lessons in emergencies, and Mr. F. D. Buckle is to be congratulated on interleaving and packing over 150,000 lessons. Our sincere thanks are extended to one and all and also to our churchmembers who have distributed cards and leaflets.

We pray that the Lord will bless the future development of this department, that under the direction of the Spirit of God it may become a mighty instrument to reach rapidly the teeming millions in our cities, and help finish the work in the British Isles.



PROMOTING TEMPERANCE

"Though ye have lain among the pots, yet shall ye be as the wings of a dove covered with silver, and her feathers with yellow gold." Psalms 68:13.

THE souls that turn to Him for refuge Jesus lifts above the accusing and the trifle of tongues. No man or evil angel can impeach these souls. Christ unites them to His own divine-human nature. Those whom Christ has forgiven most will love Him most. These are they who in the final day will stand nearest to His throne.

There are multitudes today who are as truly under the power of evil spirits as was the demoniac of Capernaum. They have placed themselves under the control of Satan as a result of their love for alcohol. Although there are countless evidences of the increase of crime in the world today, very few

By B. F. KINMAN

Temperance Secretary, British Union Conference

stop to think seriously of the meaning of these events. Men boast of the enlightenment and progress of this modern age, but in so doing fail to recognize that offences of drunkenness in young people alone have increased by fifty per cent in the four years up to 1962. Alcohol engenders false emotionalism, and adolescence is a time of psychological development accompanied by normal sexual urge on which it has a most unfavourable effect. Much of the modern advertising of liquor is directed to make drink appear attractive to the young who are so easily open to suggestions.

In the House of Commons recently, Mr. Noel Baker stated that there are 4,200,000 working teenagers who are disposing between them of roughly £17 million a week of uncommitted spending power—a total of £850 million a year. Think what this amount of money could do in hushing the cries of the starving millions in our world if it were used to alleviate their suffering.

The Lord has promised deliverance to those who are enmeshed in the coils of alcoholism, but who is to bring this deliverance to them if not those who claim to have the true knowledge of Tem-

perance? Sister White in *Gospel Workers*, page 384, says, "Of all who claim to be numbered among the friends of temperance, Seventh-Day Adventists should stand in the front ranks," and on the subject of temperance they should be in advance of other people.

The British Temperance Society, which was established during the past quadrennium, is now very highly esteemed among the other temperance organizations, and our magazine *Alert* is gaining an ever-widening demand from many sources. Recently the Church of Scotland ordered copies for each of their Deputies. The Roman Catholic Temperance organization in Dublin ask for and receive a copy of each issue. Vic Oliver wrote asking for a number of copies to circulate among his friends and colleagues in the entertainment world. It is considered to be the finest temperance magazine published in Britain. This compliment came to us from a group of leading figures in the temperance world. Mrs. Mary Vine carries the main burden of the production of *Alert* and we are very grateful to her for the hard work which results in such an acceptable production.

With more support from the membership we could use this little book to bring the temperance message much more strongly into the schools. There is a great work to be done in this field. First of all, we need to produce more copies, and secondly we need willing volunteers who will introduce it into the schools in their locality. The present circulation in Britain is 4,000 copies, 500 of which go to churchmembers. A great deal more could be done with *Alert* and we do earnestly ask our members to help us through contacts with clergymen, public health officials, teachers, and temperance workers, to increase the circulation.

SMOKING AND LUNG CANCER

The British Temperance Society, unlike most temperance societies, is interested in educating the public about other dangers besides alcoholic addiction, for example, tobacco and narcotics. Away back in 1913, Mrs. E. G. White warned of the malignant properties contained in nicotine. Today the medical profession unanimously agree with her and are at last putting forth some effort to counteract the rising incidence of lung cancer caused by smoking. This year 23,000 persons will die from this disease. The effort so far is totally inadequate, for during this quadrennium the tobacco firms have spent £38 million on advertising their wares, mainly beamed to young people, while the local authorities and the Central Council for Health Education spent £4,774 on anti-smoking education.

We have spent a lot of our money in purchasing the very fine anti-smoking films produced by our parent institution, The International Temperance Association. These films are, "One in 20,000" and "Time Pulls the Trigger." They are expensive but are the best produced and most effective propaganda yet produced anywhere in the world. "One in 20,000" was the film on which the Government-sponsored anti-smoking campaign in Edinburgh was based. The new film "Time Pulls the Trigger" has already been shown by I.T.V., and the B.B.C. have

twice asked for it. Copies are now in their film library. The health departments and schools are constantly asking for our films and every post brings in new requests. We have sold copies to two health authorities because we cannot keep up with the demand. As funds come in so we shall purchase more films and we hope to come to the place where we do not refuse bookings simply because we have no films available. The cost of one film is £82, plus carriage from the U.S.A. This phase of our work will increase as the true facts of the tobacco menace are brought before the public.

THE INSTITUTE OF SCIENTIFIC STUDIES FOR THE PREVENTION OF ALCOHOLISM

This Institute was established in co-operation with the International Bureau against Alcoholism in 1955 to foster research and education on all phases of the alcohol problem. Since 1955, six European Institutes for the Prevention and Treatment of Alcoholism have been held, and have been followed with much interest by those concerned with this problem. Last year the Institute met in Amsterdam at the invitation of the Dutch authorities, and this year in Poland by invitation of the Polish Government.

There is before us in the temperance cause a great field of untapped opportunity. In the year 1909, Sister White said, "The temperance cause needs to be revived as it has not yet been."

If we can take hold of the opportunities which this work offers we shall find an agency through which the truth can be presented to the attention of unbelievers who will reason that if we have such sound ideas in regard to temperance, then our beliefs on other matters will bear investigation. Let us resolve, therefore, that we will do all in our power to aid this important work and we shall be surprised at the wonderful results that will accrue.

Creating a Public Image

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Another experiment has been to supply the local paper with regular statements progressively unfolding the faith of Seventh-Day Adventists. These articles are paid for, however. First to experiment was one of our Scottish evangelists. This is a plan which is guaranteed to provide massive publicity for the truth in the local area. Folk who would not bother to attend a service thus have the truth regularly presented through the medium of their local paper.

With continued local co-operation we believe the Press Relations department has a bright future before it. We are convinced that it is a most useful, even vital, factor in presenting to the public a picture of Adventists as they really are—a people noted for their faith and works.

We further believe that the work of Press Relations is such that the public will more readily respond when our ministers and laymen present the appeal once made by Moses: "Come thou with us, and we will do thee good."

CREATING A PUBLIC IMAGE

By
R. D. VINE

Public Relations Secretary,
British Union Conference



It is the constant aim of the Public Relations Department to create and maintain a correct public image of Seventh-Day Adventists. This image varies around the world, and ranges from the grotesque to the attractive and respectable. In few places is the need more urgent than in Britain for the image to be reshaped and beautified in harmony with the facts.

We are happy to report a quadrennium of progress. There was a time not long ago, when Adventists enjoyed virtually no public image at all in our country. They were an unknown factor. This is largely no longer true. Today no-one in Britain who is in any way informed, has failed to hear about us. They at least know that we exist.

As it is the constant effort of Satan to distort the Gospel of Jesus Christ, lest its saving light shine into men's hearts, even so does he seek to distort the general conception of God's church. More so than in many parts of the world, is this true of Britain.

Due to the progressive programme of the church, and to the increasing success enjoyed by our evangelistic efforts, we occasionally find ourselves facing detractors who, by voice, pen, radio, T.V., and other means, present a misshapen image of our church.

This is no reflection, necessarily, on their motives. We concede their sincerity. We are convinced that in most cases it simply reveals their almost total ignorance of our true nature.

The Public Relations Department is dedicated to the task of dealing with this situation. This is done by personal letters, newspaper articles, and other forms of publicity.

In line with this programme, more than sixty copies of the volume *Questions on Doctrine* have been sent to theological leaders, libraries, and editors of religious publications. Scores of copies of J. A. McMillan's *Meet the Adventists* have been distributed; and hundreds of copies of *Steps to Christ* have gone out. With the latter volume always goes a statement emphasizing the fact that it represents the basic teaching of our church. We declare the fact that our main interest is not simply to indoctrinate people, but to lead them to Jesus Christ, and to point the way to that life which is more abundant.

Our main concentration of effort has been with the secular press. More important than any other factor in moulding public opinion, is the press. We are therefore happy to pay tribute to the loyal Press Relations secretaries around Britain. We have approximately one hundred of them. Many are stars of the first magnitude. By their regular reporting of church news to their local newspapers, they are doing much to create a favourable and correct public image of our church.

Of the many scintillating stars we should especially mention those in the North London and Watford areas; also two brethren, one a retired minister heading for "four score years and ten," who have gained substantial publicity for the truth in Northern Ireland papers.

We are not able to assess the monetary value of the efforts of our local secretaries. But if the column inches devoted to our Adventist news were actually bought, the cost of their success would amount to many thousands of pounds. But in fact, it costs us nothing—except for stationery, stamps, and telephone calls.

During the quadrennium several instructive Press Relations Conventions or Workshops have been held—in Milford-on-Sea, London, Birmingham, Manchester, and Edinburgh. We were grateful for the good services at three of these workshops, of Elder Howard Weeks of the General Conference; also for the excellent services of Pastors C. D. Watson of the Division, J. Mahon, and K. Gammon.

Many of our local secretaries have attained a high level of competence. One local newspaper gratuitously published a pleasing tribute in which it was stated that Adventist newspaper reporting ranks with the quality attained by the most efficient Public Relations organizations.

One recent effort by our Public Relations secretaries around the British Union resulted in nearly one thousand applications for the V.O.P. They sent letters to their local editors telling of the facilities offered by our Health Education Centre, enabling folk to fight the tobacco habit.

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EDUCATING THE YOUTH

By B. F. KINMAN

Education Secretary, British Union Conference

In April, 1872, one of the items on the agenda of the General Conference committee was "Denominational School." The question was put, "Shall we operate a denominational school?" In July the same year a school of twelve scholars was opened. Within two weeks there were 25 students and the following term 40. In 1873 the school moved to Battle Creek with 110 pupils.

One of the students who received his education at this school was Professor H. R. Salisbury, who in 1897 came to London to open what was to be the first Seventh-Day Adventist educational establishment in Britain—Duncombe Hall. In this year 1897 the membership stood at 560. These pioneers had vision. Unfortunately our educational work has not kept pace with the growth of the other aspects of the work. Today in 1962, when our membership stands at very nearly 10,000, we have only five schools—four in South England and one in the North. However, the schools we do have are good and the staff excellent. We are fortunate in having a dedicated body of teachers who know that if they wished to give their services to the world they could command a much higher rate of salary and a shorter working week.

The Stanborough School report will be given separately by the headmaster, so time will not be taken here to comment except to say that to those of us who knew the school in the thirties, when the enrolment was about 100, great strides of development have been made until now, when the enrolment is 333, and there is always a waiting list.

HYLAND HOUSE SCHOOL, WALTHAMSTOW

The Walthamstow Church School, which is under the able directorship of Miss Trott, has two other capable teachers, Mrs. Bayliss and Miss M. Jones. During the quadrennium a record enrolment of fifty per term has been kept up. Over the past four years the children's personal efforts have raised approximately £75 for Ingathering—a cause in which the children find great joy and satisfaction. A Sale of Work brought in over £220 for school funds, and this has been used to purchase interesting and up-to-date equipment for the school. During this period also four out of seven children have gone to grammar or technical schools—two of them being in the first fifteen successful candidates. Next year the school

hopes to enter eight candidates for the 11-plus examination. The headmistress writes: "This year we have had the joy of witnessing four of our young people stepping forward into baptism. One of these is still with us; the other three are now in different schools. While we do not claim the credit for these, we do feel that their desire to follow Jesus stems from their early training. This makes us realize more than ever the importance of the church school in establishing right principles and helping our children to make decisions for eternity."

LAURIESTON SCHOOL, LEEDS

Laurieston School, our only church school in the North England Conference, was opened in 1951. It is a lovely school. They have large sunny classrooms, central heating, and fairly good equipment. But this school has suffered greatly with the continual change of staff in the past four years. This has left its mark. A bleak picture faced them in September, 1961. Again it was a completely new staff; the good will was gone and there were nine pupils in the school. They prayed and worked, and decided to open a nursery class for the three- and four-year-olds. The conference was very generous and provided a linoleum covering for the kindergarten room floor.

Then it seemed that a little warmth crept into the picture. One parent made a lovely big sand-tray and another gave us a little house for the classroom. Soon more gifts came—a clock for the hall, a picture, a lovely farmyard, Christmas tree lights, a plant, and some flowers. The church began to give offerings and donations. They have been most liberal this year. Just recently a friend of the school bought some books for the Junior room. This is the beginning of our library. These gifts have brought courage to those who work and pray for Laurieston School. There have been some wonderful boys and girls in the school and some of them have gone on to high school; others to Pitman's College, and one to the Grammar school. Last year one of the boys received a scholarship to the Cathedral Choir School at Ripon. One of the scholarship boys still joins in the youth club activities—he enjoys the fun with Seventh-Day Adventist young people. During the past four years a canteen has been opened where vegetarian lunches are served to our children.

NEWBOLD SCHOOL

This school is our most modern one, the new building having been completed during the quadrennium. Mrs. Margaret Priestley is in charge and she has two full-time teachers, Miss Margaret Dutton

and Miss Christian Emmerson, who have given unstinted service over the years. The headmistress writes: "We are very proud of this well-equipped school, with good-sized playground, our own grounds, etc. We also have a permanent staff of three full-time, trained teachers and additional help for special subjects, e.g., woodwork, needlework, and P. E. for seniors. Our enrolment has been about sixty each year as we have no facilities for more than this number, and we have had to turn away many non-members. Just over half of the children are Adventists and about half of these are from overseas countries and cannot speak English when they first come to the school.

SUCCESSSES

"In the 11-plus examination four children have been accepted for a place in local grammar schools—two have forfeited this opportunity to go to Stanborough Park School. Seven children have been transferred to Stanborough Park School in order to follow the G.C.E. course. They are all doing well there. We are proud of the fact that their head boy this year is an ex-Newbold boy. Six children have gone on to do a one-year course in Secretarial training or G.C.E. subjects at Newbold College—two of these are not Adventists. One girl has been top of her class in Reading Technical College although many of the pupils have G.C.E. English. One boy is going to a job in a large insurance firm; another boy is working in a drawing office.

NON-ADVENTIST CHILDREN

"One girl who left when she was eleven (two years ago) has since been baptized, also her mother. They contacted the church in the area to which they moved when leaving Newbold. At least three have a definite desire to be baptized, but owing to family difficulties have to wait until they are older. They come to school and College activities whenever they can. We have organized a class once a week in the school in the evening so that they can follow the Guide Course and thus study Bible doctrines among other things.

"For the past two years we have taken a large party to JMV Camp, many being non-members. Several who have now left would like to go to Senior Camp this year. We have enrolled all the children in the school as members of the Pathfinder Club since September, 1960. In May, 1961, we had an investiture when over thirty children were invested and nearly all the parents attended and were suitably impressed.

"Each year we have had a Nativity Play and Carol Concert at Christmas, to which all the parents come. We have also held a Harvest Festival each year and since being in the new building, parents have been invited to it. The service in Salisbury Hall when the new school was opened also greatly impressed the parents. We hope that many of the children and their parents will in these ways be susceptible to evangelism as a result of this ground work.

CHARITIES

"1. Two years ago we adopted a little girl in Ghana and are being entirely responsible for her

education in one of our schools in Accra. We have paid for this by a weekly penny offering on JMV mornings and also by asking the parents' help at the time of the Nativity Play.

"2. For four years the children have collected for the National Children's Home by selling 'Sunny Smiles.' Each year we have collected £12 or more and have also sent a 'Queen and two attendants' to Reading Town Hall. On two occasions our children were the only ones whose photographs appeared in the local newspaper.

"3. Dr. Barnardo's Homes, Wokingham. For the past three years the Harvest Festival produce has been taken there and a collection taken up at the time of the service.

"4. Toy Service. Each year just before Christmas the children bring toys, books, etc., they no longer use. These have been distributed by the Dorcas Department of the church. Each year there has been a very good collection of about 100 pieces.

ACHIEVEMENT BY THE SENIOR BOYS

"During the first half of 1961 the senior boys under the direction of Mr. Rallings converted a stable into a really good kitchen for the use of the senior class during cookery lessons. This was converted and equipped for less than £250; under half of the quotation for conversion alone by builders."

FLETEWOOD SCHOOL, PLYMOUTH

Fletewood School in Plymouth is the oldest of our church schools, and there are many who are serving in the ranks of our work today who can claim it as their alma mater. The headmaster, Mr. Norman Wright, with his co-teacher, Miss Nan Tucker, have done an excellent job in keeping the school up to modern standards. The headmaster gives the following particulars relating to the school:

Enrolment at the last quadrennium	32
Enrolment now	50
	(maximum)
Income at last quadrennium	£850
Income for 1961	£1,540
Estimated income for 1962	£1,800
	(due to increase in fees)
Adventist pupils in School	1 in 5

He further writes: "In 1961, 52 children were invested in the MV Courses, 44 of whom were non-Adventists. This was a record investiture.

"Subsidy from Conference for 1958 60 per cent

"Subsidy from Conference in 1962 24 per cent
(estimated)

"Fees raised since last quadrennium to almost double.

"The school is highly rated in the City of Plymouth, and parents of three-year-old children are now seeking enrolment.

"Many letters have been received appreciating the

moral influence of the school and academic successes.

"Ten of our non-Adventist children regularly attend Sabbath school.

"Each year non-Adventist scholars attend Junior Camp.

"Last year a first-class certificate was gained for Choral Speaking at the Plymouth Festival.

"Over the past four years over seventy-five per cent of those who have left us have passed to

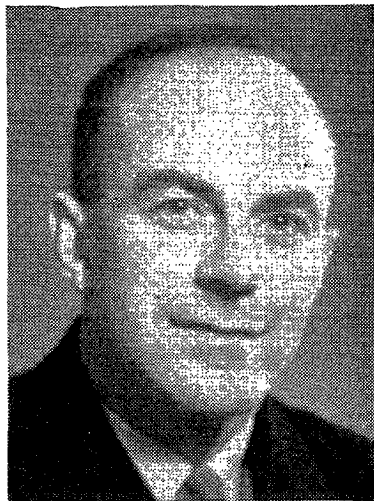
schools where G.C.E. examinations are taken."

In closing we would give thanks to God for the loyal teachers and for the progress of our educational work. We look forward, however, to the next four years with great hopes of being able to establish new schools in the British Union, and of enlarging those we already have. May we enlist your prayers and practical help in this investment in the future?

THE STANBOROUGH SCHOOL

By
W. G. A. FUTCHER

Principal



LOOKING back over past quadrennial reports, I notice that my predecessor, Pastor R. C. Syme, summarized his 1958 report with the phrase: "Expansion and Extension." We might follow his lead for the present report and summarize the past quadrennium with the phrase "Toward the Take-Over." While this will figure largely in our report, pride of place must, however, be given to another phrase, "Toward Recognition," which would summarize many of the hopes and frustrations and expenditure of energy and finance over the past four years.

RECOGNITION

In the 1954 report Pastor Syme mentioned the advice of H.M. Inspector, Mr. Moore, that we apply for Ministry of Education recognition at an early date. The application was duly made, and in November, 1959, Mr. Moore, with two colleagues, spent several days in the school. Staff, pupils, school tone, and achievement came in for high praise from the inspectors, and, as a result of their report, the Minister of Education was pleased to grant the school provisional recognition. It was intimated that the gaining of full recognition would depend upon the provision of better toilets, changing rooms, and of improved boarding facilities.

One Tuesday in November, 1961, Mr. Moore telephoned to ask whether he might visit the school on the Thursday, to pay us a "pastoral visit," as he put it. Toward the close of that visit, he said: "Well, Mr. Fitcher, those improvements which our previous report called for have been admirably carried out, and I shall recommend to the Minister this week that he confirm the recognition." As the school family rejoiced at this news, we paid tribute

to Pastor Syme, whose far-sighted leadership over the six years from January, 1955, to February, 1961, had been largely responsible for our growth and success; and to our School Board and British Union Conference Committee for their excellent support—both moral and financial—to the project; and above all, to the Lord, who as the Master of our school, has blessed so abundantly the efforts of our loyal staff.

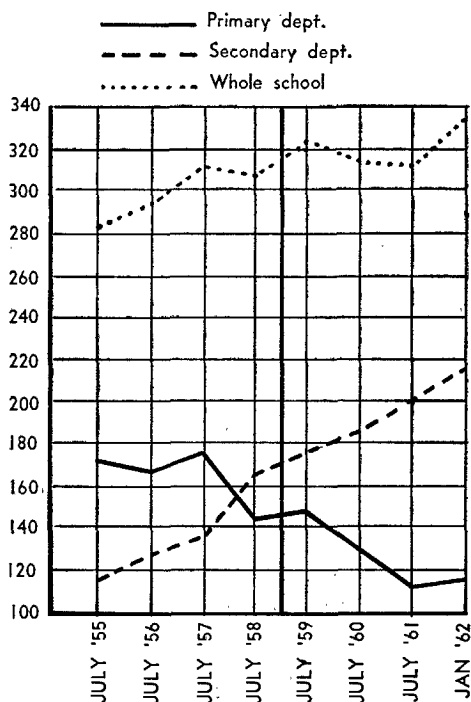
ENROLMENT

The trends in enrolment over the past two quadrenniums are shown in our first graph. It will be noticed that the downward trend in Primary Department enrolment has now been halted, and we are confident that under Miss F. E. Poley's excellent leadership this department will grow from strength to strength.

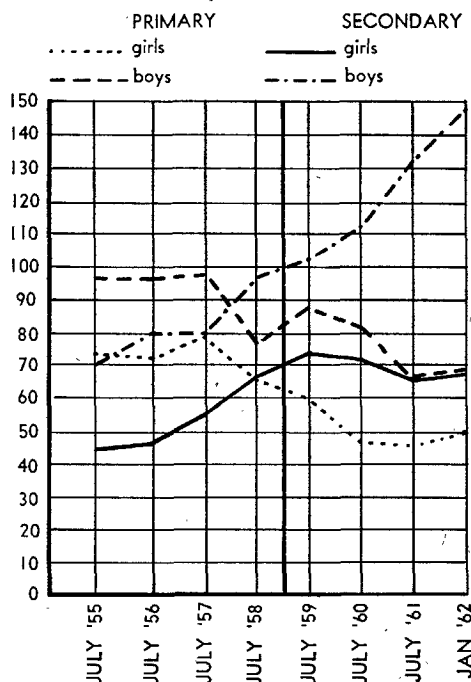
In the Secondary Department since September, 1957, we have taken a double stream entry. This has two great advantages: firstly we are able to cater more adequately for the wide range of ability among the pupils; and secondly, we have been able to accept more of the large annual number of applicants. The steady increase in the size of our secondary department as a result of this double streaming over the past five years is indicated in the graph.

Two important facts emerge from a study of the other graphs. The first is that, in the secondary department, the ratio of boys to girls has been steadily increasing, until now we have twice as many boys as girls. The second fact is that the ratio

ENROLMENT 1955 (July)—1962 (Jan)



ENROLMENT—BOYS and GIRLS 1955 (July)—1962 (Jan)



of non-Adventists to Adventist pupils, which in the secondary departments particularly had shown a tendency to increase, has now, in both departments, begun to fall again. We trust that this improvement many continue. At present Adventists form 42 per cent of our Primary School enrolment, 37 per cent of the Secondary School, and 39 per cent of the school as a whole. These two facts both indicate the urgent necessity to provide boarding facilities for girls. This present year we could have had eight or ten more Adventist girls in the school had a dormitory been available. We must work toward the objective of having at least a 50 per cent Adventist enrolment. This may only be achieved as we become in reality a Union school, able to offer boarding accommodation to large numbers of the Adventist boys and girls from our whole field.

ADDITIONAL FACILITIES

As the double stream entry continued, the number of classes in the secondary department increased from five to nine, and it became very obvious, therefore, that the number of classrooms must be similarly expanded. A start was made by converting our chapel into two classrooms, the assemblies now being held in the Estate Hall. Then, little by little, the school began to encroach upon the rooms used by various of the British Union Departments. Eventually, at Easter, 1961, the whole building was made available to us, and every square inch has been put into active service. Having transformed our additional space into two classrooms, three dormitories, a sick bay, a larger lounge for the boarding school, further cloakroom space, and additional office facilities, we have already begun to look around for new worlds to conquer!

I should mention here that the additional dormitories have made it possible for us to cater this year for twenty-six boys in the boarding department, just double the number reported in 1958. One cannot praise too highly the excellent work done by our matron, Miss B. Williams, under whose leadership the home atmosphere has been maintained, despite the growth in size. Miss Williams has been ably assisted by three able preceptors—Mr. G. Jones (1958-59), Mr. K. Simnett-Pratt (1959-January, 1962), and Mr. T. Joshua (February, 1962 to the present).

Meanwhile, with recognition in view, our plans to improve the facilities for the teaching of practical subjects progressed during the first half of the quadrennium. In 1958 the new science laboratory and woodwork shop came into use. About a year later, a second cedarwood building was erected to house pleasant art and craft and needlework rooms, and a very lovely and well equipped cookery centre, said by the Domestic Science H.M.I. to be one of the finest in the country.

Under the enthusiastic direction of Mr. H. Leonard, the school library has flourished. During the quadrennium 680 volumes have been added to the Secondary School library, and in addition some very fine library furniture has been purchased. (Total books at present 1,800.)

For all of these developments, and for funds to assist in the normal daily running of the school,

we owe a debt of gratitude to the British Union Conference and Northern European Division Committees.

STAFF

A growing school, particularly when that growth is toward Government recognition, brings continual problems as to the maintaining of the teaching staff at full strength. That we have been able to maintain and even improve the strength of our staff during this period is evidence that God is leading His school. Staff movements, apart from the boarding school changes mentioned above, have been as follows:

September, 1959. Pastor D. J. Dunnett, B.A. Hons. (London); M.A. (Washington Seminary), joined the staff as Latin specialist, and was appointed as Senior Master in February, 1961.

1959/60. Mr. F. Powell (Commercial Subjects), Miss A. Lawton (Music and Art), and Mr. H. J. Brooks (Head of the Primary Department) left the school.

January, 1960. The British Union appointed Mr. N. H. Knight as Bursar of the School, to take the financial burdens from the Principal's shoulders. This move has, of course, been much appreciated as it has permitted the principal to give his time more fully to academic matters. Brother Knight has done much over these past two years to put the school on a sounder financial footing.

1960/61. Miss J. M. M. Cowan, D.A., arrived in October, 1960, to take over the Art teaching, and was appointed Senior Mistress in February, 1961, to care particularly for the interests of the girls. Mr. M. Taylor kept the music department and the choir functioning from September, 1960, to January, 1961. In February, 1961 we said "good-bye" to our principal, Pastor R. C. Syme, who has done so much to build up the school in the previous six years, and who was now leaving for Australia.

Since that time the following new staff members have joined us:

February, 1961. Mrs. M. Luxton, A.L.A.M., to assist in the teaching of English.

Easter, 1961. Mrs. R. F. Fletcher, L.R.A.M., L.T.C.L., to teach music and lead the choir.

Easter, 1961. Miss F. E. Poley, London Teachers' Certificate, together with the wealth of her twenty-two years of experience, came to head up the Primary Department. What a wise appointment this has proved to be!

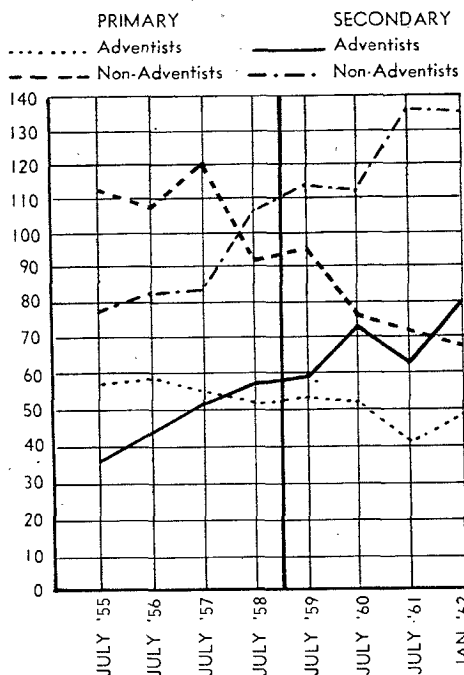
September, 1961. Mr. D. Mason returned from the U.S.A. with an M.A. degree to add to his previous qualifications, and took charge of the teaching of Geography. Miss J. Catton, Teachers' Training Certificate, to the Primary Department. Miss V. Woodhead, Teachers' Training Certificate, to the Primary Department for a year to fill the gap left by the loan to Leeds School of Miss M. Cooper's services.

ACADEMIC WORK

In Britain, the work of a secondary school is too often judged wholly on the results obtained in external examinations. While we at Stanborough School

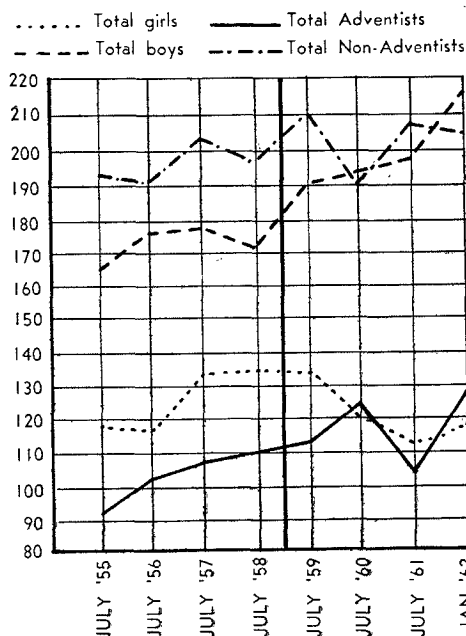
ENROLMENT ADVENTISTS and NON-ADVENTISTS

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ENROLMENT—BOYS and GIRLS ADVENTISTS and NON-ADVENTISTS

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would in no wise accept this as the sole criterion of success, yet we are able to report good success in these external examinations. Remembering that the majority of our pupils have failed to gain entrance into grammar schools, and that many are of only very average intelligence, it is no mean achievement that over the past four years our pupils have gained 188 passes in G.C.E. at Ordinary Level, in the following subjects: Religious Knowledge, English Language, English Literature, Latin, French, History, Geography, Mathematics, General Science, Additional General Science, Art, Woodwork, and Cookery.

During this quadrennium we have also entered pupils for the College of Preceptors' Certificate Examination, which is of a standard roughly eighteen months below the G.C.E. We have experimented somewhat with this examination. In 1958 and 1959 the whole of our Fourth Form took the examination; in 1960 the Fourth Form together with the Upper Stream Third Form were entered; and in 1961 only the Lower Stream Fourth Form. Our present plan is that the examination be considered as a school leaving examination (15 years), for the Lower Stream Fourth Form, much as the G.C.E. is considered a leaving examination for the sixteen-year-olds. Over these four years the 110 candidates have gained 482 passes, including 84 distinctions.

Having had encouraging success in Advanced Level G.C.E. with a few students in the past (in 1958 and 1959 ten A-Level passes were obtained in English, History, Mathematics, Physics, Biology, and Art), it has been our aim to establish a Sixth Form on a sound basis, and I am pleased to report that as from September, 1962, the school will be topped by a Sixth Form taking a two-year course for the Advanced Level G.C.E.

Our Primary Department has continued likewise to do good work, and we constantly receive reports of children who have moved from the district, or have entered local grammar schools, that they are more than holding their own. I am happy to report that, in the main, such are non-Adventists, as now only a very small minority of Adventists elect to enter the "Eleven-Plus" examination—this past two years only two out of fifteen. It is very gratifying indeed to note this confidence which our members place in our own school.

Comment could be made upon many activities, such as educational visits, overseas tours, games and sports, concerts, and the annual school hike. However,

I will mention briefly just two aspects of school life.

The choirs have continued to do good work, despite the fact that in the secondary department there have been two changes in leadership of the choir, and a period of six months with no choir at all. The choir is now beginning to become firmly established again. The Primary School choir has enjoyed the advantage of Mrs. Swift's continued leadership over a period of twelve years. This past year they won first prize in the Hymn-Singing class at Willesden Music Festival—an excellent achievement.

The pupils of Stanborough School have never been known to turn a deaf ear to the needs of those less privileged than themselves. During the quadrennium, Ingathering and our regular charities have been supported as shown in the table below.

One of the school endeavours was given publicity, not only in the local press, but even in that great daily newspaper, *The Times*. The issue of February 5, 1960, carried three photographs and a five-inch column account of the knitting competition, in which seventy-one boys and sixty-seven girls made over 1,200 six-inch squares, enough for ten blankets, all in two weeks and outside school hours. This was another of Miss Cooper's fine ideas.

Following the example of the author of another report, in the eleventh chapter of the epistle to the Hebrews, I fear that time would fail me to tell of the many letters from past pupils and parents; of the recommendation of pupils to the school by many in influential positions locally, including even the Vicar of Watford; and many other items of interest.

This report must be concluded with a statement on the most important aspect of school life, the spiritual side.

Since 1955 the South England Conference Committee have kindly permitted the young people's pastor of the Stanborough church to give his services for a few hours a day to the school as Bible teacher. This has been very much appreciated, and some very good work has been accomplished by these ministers. Since 1958, Pastor V. Hall has been with us, even during his Luton ministry of this past year. As well as giving good service in the classroom, Pastor Hall has counselled with many individuals and with groups, holding discussions under the general theme "Christianity in Focus." His influence through these means, and through his fortnightly assembly talks, has been great indeed. It is, however, expecting too much of any man that he should give his attention

	1958/59	1959/60	1960/61	1961/62	TOTAL
Ingathering	619 14 11	300 0 0	371 13 0	Not yet known	1291 7 11
National Children's Homes	66 8 9	49 4 5	35 6 5	79 10 0	230 9 7
Dr. Barnardo's Homes	19 5 2	16 12 5	18 5 0	Not yet known	54 2 7
Sunshine Homes for Blind Babies	13 0 0	18 4 3	22 4 0	21 14 0	75 2 3
Miscellaneous		31 10 0	7 7 2		38 17 2
TOTALS	718 8 10	415 11 1	454 15 7	101 4 0	1689 19 6

to the pastorate of a church and to the school. We are happy to record that the South England Conference has agreed to release Pastor Hall as from September, 1962, for full-time service in the school.

Special mention should be made also of the Prayer Fellowship, a weekly lunch-hour programme arranged by Mrs. Atkinson, a member of the science staff; of the excellent Week of Prayer conducted this past November by Pastor B. Kinman, with morning services in the church throughout the week; and of the weekly studies given in the Boarding School at their evening worship time by our Stanborough Park church minister, Pastor M. C. Murdoch. The results of this work? During the quadrennium to date (February, 1962), twenty-three pupils have been baptized, including four from non-Adventist homes. At present several are desirous of baptism, including

one boy and two girls from non-Adventist homes.

A few days ago, I received a telephone call from a young man who left school ten years ago, and who is now desirous of attending the church again, as he did occasionally during his time with us. Not only baptisms, but also workers, for, of the school leavers over the past four years, eleven have entered Newbold to train for service. These fine results are not, however, due only to the endeavours of those specially mentioned. They are in large measure the fruitage of the witness of faithful Christian teachers, whose lives attract their pupils to the One whom they serve so well—Jesus, The Master of our School.

Pray for us that we may be fully surrendered to Him, that we may give a true representation of Him to those children and young people who have been entrusted to our care.

GUARDING OUR LIBERTIES

By
W. L. EMMERSON

Religious Liberty Secretary,
British Union Conference



ON my way to New Delhi to attend the Third Assembly of the World Council of Churches I had the opportunity of breaking my journey in Istanbul, where I was able to spend a few days with Pastor B. J. Mondics who is in charge of our work in Turkey. From him I learned of the drastic restrictions of liberty with which the believers there have to contend. In Turkey it is illegal to advertise Christian meetings or to hold services anywhere other than in a registered building. The printing and selling of our literature is prohibited, and it is even against the law for a foreign visitor to address a congregation without previously obtaining permission. And when any follower of Islam accepts the Christian message, the probability is that extreme pressure will be brought to bear on him to cause him to renounce his new faith.

Comparing the difficulties under which our brethren labour in that and similar lands, we certainly have reason to be thankful for the civil and religious liberties which are ours. For not only are we free to profess, to practise, and openly to preach the truth as we believe it, but the protection of the law is afforded us in many ways to prevent discrimination or economic hardship as a result of our beliefs.

For many years now, provisions have been written

into successive Factory and Sunday Trading Acts enabling persons observing the seventh day as the Sabbath to carry on their trade or business on Sunday, and during the past quadrennium I have not heard of any Adventist business or shop having any difficulty in this respect.

One remaining anomaly in connection with unemployment benefit has recently been cleared up and may be mentioned for your information. In the past, Adventists who have been unemployed have sometimes been paid only five days' benefit by reason of the fact that a Sabbath-keeper does not work on Sabbath and no benefit is given for Sunday. However, Regulation 686 (1959) now provides that where a person on religious grounds is not able to work on Saturday, he may claim benefit for Sunday in lieu of this day. In other words he can now receive the full six days' benefit during unemployment.

STUDENT PROBLEMS

Some problems have been encountered by young people training for the professions by reason of classes convening and examinations being set on Sabbath in universities and training colleges, but

these have usually been resolved when the sincerity of the young people has been recognized. An Adventist student in Edinburgh, on two occasions was set special degree papers in place of Sabbath papers by an obliging dean and professor, and this student was also able to graduate "in absentia" because the graduation ceremony took place on Sabbath.

Adventist young people are evidently appreciated in Edinburgh University, as, although there were only four altogether this past year, two were elected to the Christian Community Council which co-ordinates the religious activities of the student body.

In one training hospital, a new matron insisted on Adventist nurses attending classes on Sabbath, but after she had been approached by the local pastor and had talked with the girls, the classes were suitably rearranged. Other nursing trainees, however, have not been treated so considerately and one, actually in a church-sponsored hospital, was refused permission to take her professional examinations due to her unwillingness to attend lectures on Sabbath. In such extreme cases we can only advise the young people to seek some other hospital where they can pursue their studies without violating their consciences.

NATIONAL SERVICE

This report provides us with an opportunity of expressing our gratitude to the government, the National Service tribunals, and the Ministry of Labour for the consideration they have extended to Seventh-Day Adventists in respect of National Service during and since the war, until the end of the call-up in 1960. All who were able to give evidence as to the genuineness of their convictions were allowed to do their service in a civilian capacity where their Sabbath privileges could be more easily granted.

In view of the fact that these young people were represented at the tribunals sometimes by local ministers and on other occasions by different conference officers, accurate statistics of the number who appeared are not available, but we do not know of any young person in good and regular standing in the church, who was not treated with the utmost consideration.

During and since the war, equally generous consideration has been given to our young men of military age in process of training for the work of God. Deferment from National Service was regularly granted to *bona fide* students during the course of their studies, and complete exemption on their appointment to ministerial work. Young people carrying out their National Service, and desirous of beginning ministerial training, were often excused up to three months' service in order to begin their studies at the opening of a school year.

When the official with whom I had dealt on National Service matters for many years was transferred to another department as the call-up came to an end, she wrote:

"I do wish to thank you most warmly for all the kind helpfulness which you have extended to me while I have had the privilege of corresponding with you on the work. I have greatly appreciated this."

Needless to say, I replied that we had been most grateful for the very considerate way in which she had gone into the cases of our young men. "In fact," I wrote, "all through the war, and since, I have been impressed by the generosity of the decisions of the tribunals and the Ministry of Labour."

All this, of course, does not mean that the future holds no difficulties for Seventh-Day Adventists in this country. We know very well that the time will come when our liberties will be restricted and all will have to stand firm for their faith against discriminations and persecutions.

NEW SUNDAY LAW BATTLE AHEAD

It is a significant fact that during the past year the American Supreme Court has given several judgments in favour of Sunday law enforcement which have led to a tightening of Sunday legislation in many states. On the Continent, Roman Catholics have succeeded in putting pressure on the authorities for a more rigid enforcement of Sunday laws, and just before the end of last year, a Departmental Committee was set up in this country to investigate the operation of Sunday laws and to report to Parliament as to possible changes in legislation.

The Secretary of the Lord's Day Observance Society has asserted that its recommendations will bring about "the greatest struggle for God's day ever experienced in this land," and he is now busy rallying his forces to meet the challenge.

We, on our part, have taken the opportunity of placing in the hands of the committee a memorandum clearly stating our position in respect of religious liberty in general, and Sunday laws in particular, and in coming days we will surely make every use of the opportunity to "proclaim the Sabbath more fully" for the furtherance of the truth.

CALENDAR REFORM AGAIN

There is another religious liberty issue also which may soon involve us in conflict. Four years ago we reported concerning the subject of Calendar Reform that "for the time being at any rate the issue is dead." Having failed to get the subject on the agenda of the United Nations, The World Calendar Association closed its New York offices, retired to the comparative obscurity of Ottawa in Canada, and the *Journal of Calendar Reform* was discontinued after twenty-five years of propaganda.

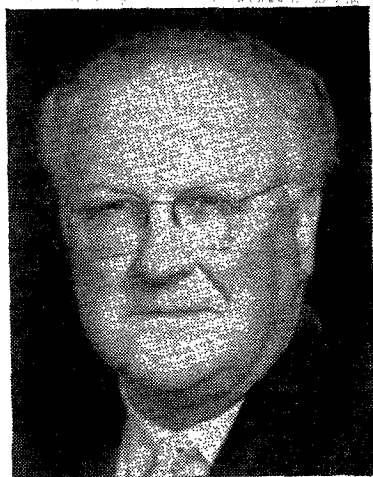
Now comes the sensational news that the Pope has decided to revive the Calendar Reform issue at the Vatican Council which convenes in October of this year. This is indeed significant when we realize what Rome has done in the past in seeking to "change times and laws." We must certainly watch closely this new and serious development and prepare to take appropriate action in defence of the truth.

Constant vigilance has ever been and will continue to be the price we must pay for the liberties we enjoy, and through godly living and the fellowship of the faith we should seek strength to meet the fiery trials through which we must pass to final victory.

PUBLISHING THE WORD

By
J. H. CRAVEN

Manager,
The Stanborough Press Ltd.



I THINK it fitting to commence the report of the activities of The Stanborough Press Limited during the currency of the quadrennium that ended December 31, 1961, by quoting the words of Mrs. E. G. White from *Testimonies*, Vol. 4, page 390: "If there is one work more important than another, it is that of getting our publications before the public." Further, in *Testimonies*, Vol. 7, page 140, she also states: "In a large degree through our publishing houses is to be accomplished the work of that other angel who comes down from heaven with great power, and who lightens the earth with his glory."

These words are the foundation upon which we have attempted to build our activities. We have attempted, with the help of the Lord, to build a superstructure on this foundation which will fulfil these very words. We have honestly tried to make The Stanborough Press into an efficient unit that will preach the Gospel of the kingdom at all times and in all places.

I am so happy to know that the place of the publishing work is recognized by the leaders of this denomination. How abundantly happy I was to read these words by Elder Figuhr: "You and I are to be dedicated sowers in this programme. It was God who launched the publishing work in this church, bear that in mind. One hundred and eight years ago He gave the vision that started us out on the publishing work as a career. He wanted those first articles written, as He has wanted every article written since, for one purpose—to win men and women to the kingdom of God."

I believe that we here in Britain have sought to follow out this programme, and because of this the Lord has seen fit to bless our efforts. I think that one must come to this conclusion when the sales figures for the past quadrennium are reviewed. These figures will show that there has been a constant increase year by year, and today literally thousands and thousands of message-filled sheets of print are finding their way into the homes of the people of this country. Compare the sales figures for the past two quadrenniums:

	1954-57	1958-61	Total Increase	Per cent Increase
	£	£	£	
Books	355,845	231,068	175,223	49.2
Periodicals	121,179	154,538	33,329	27.5
Totals	477,124	685,606	208,482	43.8

These sales figures, by any standard I think, must be regarded as very good. I naturally hoped that they would be even better, but the year 1962 has begun in a way that gives us courage and indicates that this coming quadrennium will certainly not lag behind the one that is past, and I believe will far exceed that which has been accomplished in the years gone by. It is of interest to note that orders from abroad by March 31, 1962, in total require 40,000 books in languages other than English. Of special interest it should be noted that we are producing *Patriarchs and Prophets* in the Urdu language for Pakistan.

A fair proportion of the books that we export are in the languages of the countries concerned. We actually have produced *Footprints of Jesus* in Swedish, Danish, and Icelandic, and the sales of our books in the English language have been world-wide.

Another feature about our sales that is most encouraging is to note the increase in foreign sales:

1954-1957	1958-1961	Total Increase	Per cent Increase
£	£	£	
76,530	226,284	149,754	195.7

Also the purchasing of our truth-filled books by our membership shows an ever-increasing interest in the study of the Word of God. The following are the sales figures for the years of the quadrennium to our membership:

	£
1958	11,327
1959	12,175
1960	15,701
1961	17,483

Apart from actual sales promotion there have been other "highlights" that I think have contributed in some measure to the sales increase. I am thinking now of what we might rightly call the added attraction of well printed literature. The books and magazines produced today by The Stanborough Press are so very much more attractive than they used to be, and this is due to the creation of an art department headed by Brother C. M. H. Cowen; the addition of a well-equipped engraving department, and a well-equipped offset litho department. The combination of these factors has done much to create attractive literature. The four volumes of *Footprints of Jesus*, have received very favourable commendation from outstanding people in the world. Let me quote the following from a letter I have received:

"I am indebted to you for your letter of the 24th, and for sending me the full set of four volumes of *Footprints of Jesus*.

"I have now read this work, and not only find it most interesting and absorbing, but written and illustrated in such a way that it is understandable to both young and old, and should make a valuable acquisition for anyone's library, whether he be Christian or non-Christian.

"My heartiest good wishes accompany the publication of this beautiful work.

"Sincerely yours,

"VIC OLIVER."

This is just one letter from a personality socially elevated; many letters have been received from the public generally.

A quick glance at the periodicals *Our Times* and *Good Health* reveals why the general public are so attracted by these worth-while magazines.

As you would naturally expect, the outcome has been that never before have so many people been baptized into the church through the effectiveness of our literature. If you think of the baptisms that have been recorded by the Voice of Prophecy alone relative to students who have been introduced to them through our literature, the increase is noticeable, in that during the present quadrennium 136 people were baptized as compared with 47 in the previous quadrennium. *Our Times* is particularly effective in this way. The previous quadrennium showed that 10 people were baptized through this medium, but in the current quadrennium under review 84 were baptized, showing an increase of 740 per cent.

As these increases are being reviewed I am sure that many will revert to the statements by Mrs. E. G. White and Elder Figuhr at the outset of this report.

The burden of production has fallen rather heavily on the machinery that we have in our factory. To cope with the situation a very large two-colour offset litho machine was purchased at the com-

mencement of the quadrennium. This proved inadequate to cope with the situation and so, two years later, we bought a further machine identical with the first, and both these machines, together with our other printing machinery, have been kept fully occupied; many times working a considerable amount of overtime. It is also anticipated that an offset litho Perfector machine will be purchased before very long.

Also, during this same period under review, we introduced an engraving department. This department makes all our line and half-tone blocks for the letterpress section, also our litho plates for the litho section. Today all our engraving work is accomplished on the premises, including all the colour plates for our colour pictures, resulting in a large saving of money. If it were not for the litho section and the engraving section it would have been completely impossible to produce the books and periodicals that we print today. It would have been impossible, because we could not have afforded to purchase the blocks and litho plates from trade houses.

Very naturally the main reason for our existence is that we should produce books and magazines by means of which our colporteurs may preach the Gospel of the kingdom, and the figures I have given will undoubtedly reveal that the Lord's blessing has been with us.

Our concern is very naturally that we would like to be able to do even a much mightier work, and I believe that that time is not far distant.

It is of considerable encouragement to notice what has been accomplished by the students of Newbold College as they have entered the field of selling during the summer vacation. Not only has a large amount of literature been sold, but also it has been the medium whereby the students could obtain their fees for further education. The following figures show the steady increase over the previous quadrennium:

1954	20	scholarships
1955	27	"
1956	40	"
1957	36	"

123 scholarships

1958	41	scholarships
1959	44	"
1960	27	"
1961	33	"

145 scholarships

Then there is the joy of entering into service with the Ingathering campaign that comes along regularly each year. I am told by those in authority that so far as institutions are concerned The Stanborough Press holds the world record. The following figures reveal here again the steady increases, and it should be noted that this works out between £25 and £30 per capita.

	£
1955	841
1956	1,400
1957	1,571
1958	1,370
1959	1,549
1960	1,493
1961	1,600
1962	1,525

THE PEN AND THE GOSPEL

WITHOUT a doubt the quadrennium 1958-1961 will rank as one of the most momentous in the history of the British Publishing House for two reasons: First, by reason of the large increase in the volume of truth-filled literature produced, and secondly, because of the greatly enhanced attractiveness of our literature, made possible by the introduction of the lithographic printing process, the organization of our own engraving department, and the addition to our editorial staff of the full-time services of an experienced artist, Brother C. M. H. Cowen, and a young assistant, R. Gallaher.

In the first year of the quadrennium there appeared the first two volumes of *Footprints of Jesus*, printed on our new lithographic presses, each book containing not just eight colour plates in three colours, as previously, but no fewer than fifty pages of four-colour plates, masterpieces of sacred art and scenes from the lands of the Bible, as well as a beautiful four-colour lithographic cloth cover. Nothing approaching them had ever before gone forth from our publishing house and the enthusiasm of the colporteur force at this tremendous advance step was immediately reflected in their sales. In 1960 Volume three came out, and in 1961 Volume four, so that over these four years the first four-volume set of lithographically printed subscription books, totalling altogether 768 pages, and with 200 pages of colour pictures, was launched.

Not only did these attractive volumes give a new impetus to the literature ministry in Britain, but they were so much admired by other fields in the Division that translations of Volumes one, two, and three have already been printed for Denmark and Sweden and Volume one for Iceland, and work is now proceeding on the production of Volume

The first year of the new quadrennium 1962 reveals up to May 31st an increase in sales over the previous year amounting to £12,547 11s. 11d. This is a very clear indication that the prospects for the future are very good, and so long as The Stanborough Press seeks to fulfil the reason for its existence we can expect the blessing of the Lord.

By W. L. EMMERSON

Editor, The Stanborough Press Ltd.

four in Danish and Swedish and Volume two in Icelandic.

From 1958 we began also to produce *Bedtime Stories* by litho and with four-colour covers, and these volumes became more and more colourful as the quadrennium progressed. In addition, the earlier Volumes twenty-one to twenty-five were re-illustrated and re-issued as a set in a much more attractive form. These small books totalled another 768 pages.

Besides these, a new edition of *Christ our Saviour* appeared in 1959, a new health book, *The Best of Health*, was compiled by Pastor R. D. Vine in 1961, and in the same year he also prepared the first of a new series of books for the very little ones, entitled *Uncle Ray's Bible Alphabet*.

Altogether 1,856 pages of new subscription literature were published during the quadrennium, and if we add to these the 320 pages of new tracts prepared for the four Tract Campaigns, we arrive at a grand total of 2,176 pages of new literature, or almost double the 1,200 pages produced during the quadrennium 1954-1957.

"NEW LOOK" FOR PERIODICALS

Not only did our subscription books take on a "new look" during the past quadrennium; our periodicals entered a new era also during its last two years.

Early in 1960, as a result of discussions with a wholesale magazine distributor who is very friendly to Adventists, we decided to enlarge and improve *Good Health* with a view to its sale on the bookstalls in addition to continuing colporteur sales. So, with the March-April issue of that year, *Good Health* became a bi-monthly of sixty-eight pages with a four-colour litho cover. At once the sales were more than tripled as the following figures show:

Monthly "Good Health" (6d.)

	£	s.	d.
1958	4,030	18	0
1959	3,492	18	6

Bi-monthly "Good Health" (1s. 6d.)

	£	s.	d.
1960	13,109	5	0
1961	13,539	19	6

and the sales in 1961 were almost four times those of 1959.

Encouraged by the spectacular success of the "new look" *Good Health*, it was decided at the time of the 1960 "Our Times and Tract Campaign" to make *Our Times* a thirty-six-page monthly with a larger format and a four-colour litho cover, selling at 1/-. As *Our Times* does not have the advantage of bookstall or colporteur sales, but is handled solely by our churchmembers, we did not expect anything like such an increase as with *Good Health*, but we have been gratified by an increase in the 1961 sales of our missionary periodical compared with the beginning of the quadrennium of £4,803 or fifty-three per cent, as shown below:

Fortnightly "Our Times" (4d.)

	£
1958	9,529
1959	9,027

Monthly "Our Times" (1/-)

	£
1960	10,104
1961	13,830

These increases in the sales of our health and religious periodicals certainly justify the changes made.

UNDATED MAGAZINES

We had hoped that at the end of the quadrennium we would be able to present an equally glowing report on the sales of the undated magazines, *Good News*, *Health and Happiness*, and *Happy Hours*, and during 1958 and 1959 the sales were maintained very near the high peak attained in 1957, as follows:

	£
1957	24,335
1958	22,416
1959	22,757

Unfortunately, however, in the last two years of the quadrennium there was a rapid fall:

	£
1960	16,656
1961	13,410

Undoubtedly, a part of this decrease can be attributed to the "new look" given to our periodicals, but this is not the whole explanation, nor indeed the major reason for the drop. The chief factor is the same as has caused the recent drop in subscription book sales, namely the regrettable decrease in the number of regular colporteurs in the field. For whereas in 1958 we had twenty-eight regular magazine workers, now we have only seventeen;

and whereas four years ago there were four magazine workers in the top twelve, one of them holding the record sales in the Union for many years, now we have only three. We sincerely trust that vigorous field promotion will soon reverse this trend and that we shall see a great leap forward in the number of regular workers engaged in this important avenue of evangelistic service.

OVERALL PICTURE OF PERIODICAL AND MAGAZINE MINISTRY

Yet despite the set-back in the sales of the undated magazines, the overall picture of small literature work during the quadrennium is most gratifying, the total sales of £154,538 representing an increase of 27.5 per cent over the sales of £121,179 during the previous four years. It is of further interest to note the sales of small literature in 1961 (£38,768) were more than double those of 1951 (£18,846) and nearly five times larger than those of 1939 (£8,313).

If the total small literature sales are broken down to a per capita basis among our 9,561 members we get a figure of £16. 3s. 3d., or just over £4 per member per annum. In 1961 this was equivalent to:

30 copies of <i>Our Times</i>
22 copies of <i>Good Health</i>
25 magazines

or seventy-seven of our periodicals and magazines for every baptized member of the church.

VAST INCREASES OF TRUTH-FILLED "PAGES"

There is another way of thinking of progress in the circulation of our periodicals and magazines, which is very inspiring. When we realize that these papers contain thirty-six, fifty-two, and even as many as sixty-eight pages, and we begin to calculate the number of "pages" of literature placed in the hands of the public, the figures are quite spectacular. Thus in 1961 we circulated:

<i>Our Times</i>	10,468,800	pages
<i>Good Health</i>	13,945,560	"
<i>Good News</i>	2,718,252	"
<i>Health and Happiness</i> ...	3,229,596	"
<i>Happy Hours</i>	3,594,336	"
	<u>33,956,334</u>	<u>"</u>

This is 5,757,648 pages more than in 1957 (28,198,676) and 13,997,376 more than in 1954 (19,958,968).

SOULS MORE IMPORTANT THAN SALES

But, of course, sales are not the ultimate test of the power and effectiveness of the literature ministry. The final test is the number of people who become Adventists as a result of the millions of truth-filled pages distributed. For years now, every periodical, magazine, and book placed in the homes of the people has carried an invitation to take the courses of the Voice of Prophecy Bible

School, and in 1961 these were equivalent to the handing out of something like 903,000 Voice of Prophecy cards. We are happy to report that these invitations have resulted in many thousands of literature contacts becoming students of the Voice of Prophecy School and an ever-increasing number of these students have become Adventists.

Look at these comparative figures:

VOICE OF PROPHECY				
Baptisms from Literature Contacts				
	Applications from Literature Contacts	Per Cent Literature Contacts to Total Applications	Literature Baptisms	Per Cent Literature Baptisms to Total Baptisms
1950-1953	2,184	5	72	12
1954-1957	4,610	10	47	9
1958-1961	6,581	11	136	18
1958	1,405	11	23	16
1959	1,618	9	20	16
1960	1,723	11	48	25
1961	1,835	12	46	24.5

Very gratifying is the increasing number of *Our Times* readers who have been baptized through the Voice of Prophecy Bible School. In 1957 there were eleven, in 1958 fifteen, in 1960, twenty-six, and in 1961 no fewer than thirty-five, a total of eighty-four for the quadrennium.

Notable also is the fact that five *Good Health* readers in 1961 took the Voice of Prophecy Health Course, then went on to take the Bible Courses, and were eventually baptized into the church.

Besides these new members who took the Bible courses offered by the Voice of Prophecy, the colporteurs reported as many again baptized as a result of their personal efforts in co-operation with the local ministers, so that the equivalent of a new church of fifty to 100 members has been raised up each year through the efforts of our regular colporteurs, auxiliary colporteurs, and church missionary workers. We are sorry that space does not permit to tell the inspiring stories of how these souls found Christ and the Advent message through our literature. Our missionary periodicals do win souls. They have won more than we shall ever know about this side of the kingdom, and they will win more as we give them a wider and wider circulation in time's last hour.

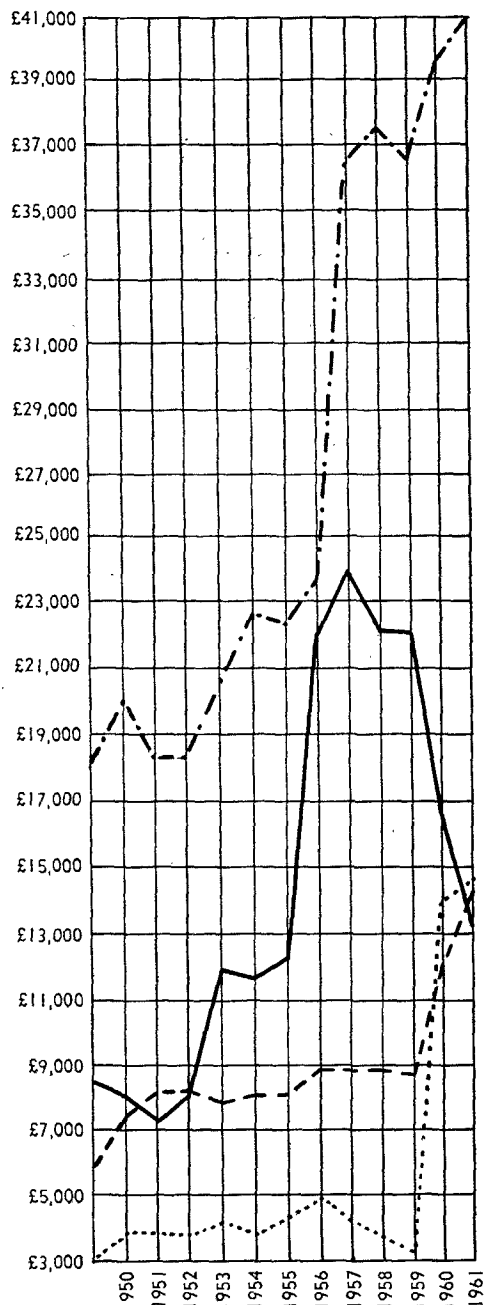
CHURCH AND DEPARTMENTAL PUBLICATIONS

The production of 2,176 pages of new subscription literature and 3,912 pages of periodicals and magazines still does not cover the total production of literature from the British publishing house, as in addition it produced 4,960 pages of church and departmental publications, including *The British Advent Messenger*, *The Church Officers' Leader*, *Northern Light*, *Alert*, *The British Bookman*, *Voice of Prophecy News*, the *Sabbath School Quarterly* and the *Morning Watch Calendar*. Adding these we have a grand total of over 11,000 pages of new literature sent out during the quadrennium.

As you may guess the production of this large

THREE QUADRENNIUMS OF MINISTRY WITH OUR PERIODICALS and MAGAZINES

— MAGAZINES
- - - OUR TIMES GOOD HEALTH
- · - · - TOTAL PERIODICALS and MAGAZINES



volume of literature kept your two editors, the art director and his assistant, two proof readers, and an editorial secretary on the stretch, but we have been made happy as we have seen the truth-filled pages multiplied by the tens of thousands on our fast-moving presses, and as we have learned of the many souls won each year through the medium of the printed page.

Undoubtedly, the blessing of God has rested in rich measure on the literature ministry during the quadrennium 1958-1961, as on other phases of the work of the Lord, and we believe that the forward moves initiated during the past four years will, under God, result in even greater progress and richer fruitage for the church and the kingdom in coming days.

THE MINISTRY OF HEALING

By
G. L. ANNISS

Manager,
The Stanboroughs
Nursing and Maternity Home



FOUR years ago we were able to bring an encouraging report of progress. The preceding quadrennium (1950-53) had been extremely difficult years for the institution following the introduction of the National Health Service in 1948.

The next four years (1954-57), which our last report covered, showed a splendid increase in income over the previous quadrennium of 33.6 per cent. We would at this point like to correct our last report, when we stated the increase was 22.7 per cent.

Now to the last four years now under review; these have been very encouraging and we have seen our income continue to rise each year, for five years in succession, by amounts varying from £5,100 to £7,900; 1960 was our banner year when the house ran almost to capacity and left little room for further increase in 1961.

Let us now look at the yearly income figures for the past three quadrenniums:

Year	Income £	Increase £
1950	18,952	
1951	21,995	
1952	24,676	
1953	26,113	
	<u>91,736</u>	
1954	25,336	
1955	27,187	
1956	32,196	
1957	37,832	
	<u>122,551</u>	
		30,815 33.6 per cent

1958	45,419		
1959	51,320		
1960	57,538		
1961	57,720		
	<u>211,997</u>	89,446	73 per cent

The Maternity Department has shared in this increase and a similar comparison for this department over the past twelve years is as follows:

Year	Income £	Increase £	
1950	3,280		
1951	3,710		
1952	4,134		
1953	3,672		
	<u>14,796</u>		
1954	3,600		
1955	3,947		
1956	4,240		
1957	5,666		
	<u>17,453</u>	2,657	18 per cent
1958	6,835		
1959	7,231		
1960	10,687		
1961	12,358		
	<u>37,111</u>	19,658	112.6 per cent

From these figures you will see that the maternity department more than doubled its income during the past four years. You will notice the good increase of 1960 over 1959; this was made possible by the addition during 1959 of a new wing over the old surgical block. This extension, with its commodious nursing and additional rooms, has greatly enhanced the reputation of our Maternity Department.

Someone will no doubt ask, Is this increase due to increase in prices, or is it a genuine increase in patronage? Our answer is "both." With costs continually rising we have been forced to increase our charges, but you will see from the following statistical figures there has been a genuine rise in patronage:

PATIENTS DAYS—GENERAL

1950—10,049	1954—9,969	1958—14,843
1951—10,785	1955—9,678	1959—15,421
1952—10,827	1956—11,090	1960—16,445
1953—10,242	1957—12,794	1961—15,333

PATIENTS DAYS—MATERNITY

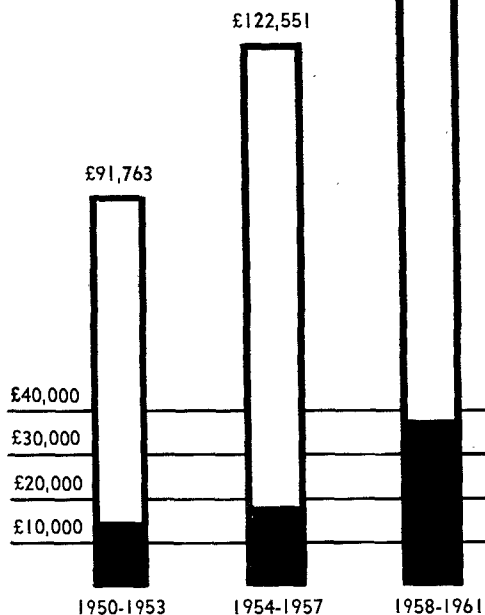
1950—1,381	1954—1,644	1958—2,500
1951—1,692	1955—1,600	1959—2,700
1952—1,687	1956—1,700	1960—3,788
1953—1,670	1957—2,000	1961—4,351

We do not wish to weary you with many statistics, but these we have given will demonstrate the great increase in activity in our institution during the past years. Accommodating this larger increase in patronage in almost the same four walls has brought many problems. But problems come to be solved. Our Medical Director's report will deal with our general activities, improvements, etc.

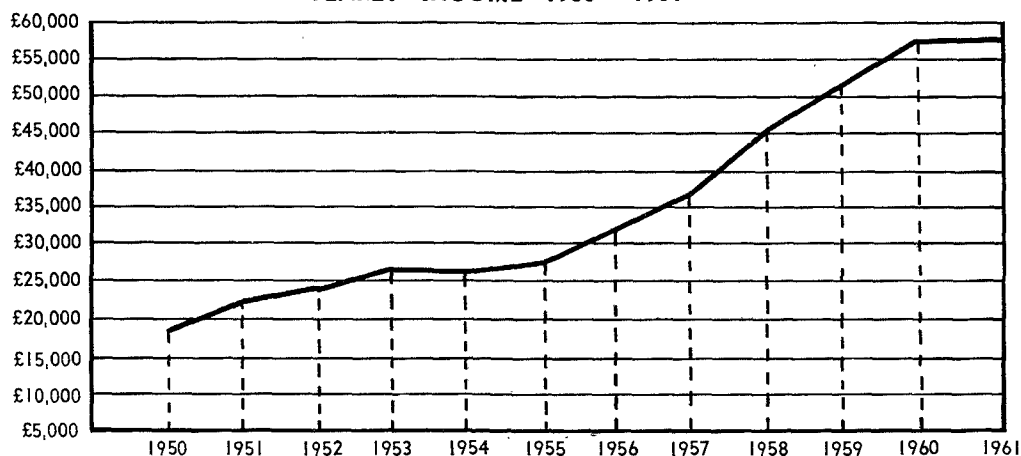
I am personally very happy to have had a part in the general build-up of our work during the past quadrennium, and would pay tribute to the valuable team work of my colleagues. We look forward with confidence to the present quadrennium surpassing even the one now under review.

THE STANBOROUGHS NURSING and MATERNITY HOME

□ GENERAL NURSING
■ MATERNITY DEPT.



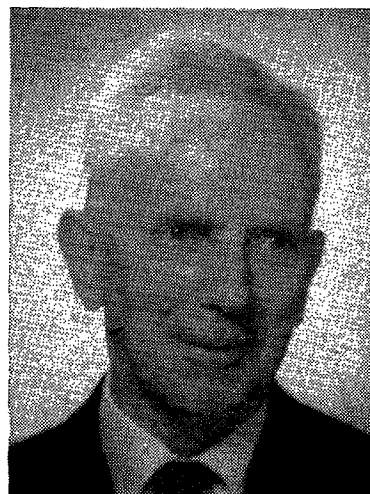
THE STANBOROUGHS NURSING and MATERNITY HOME YEARLY INCOME 1950—1961



THE DOCTOR'S VIEWPOINT

By
A. H. WILLIAMS

Medical Superintendent,
The Stanboroughs
Nursing and Maternity Home



THE successive annual financial reports during this quadrennium show that the earned income has sufficed to cover expenditures, so that the institution has not been a charge on denominational funds for the meeting of its current disbursements. For the improvement of our capital facilities there have been several generous appropriations, which have made it possible to some extent to add to our accommodation and equipment; and other similar work has been financed as part of our current spending, that is, from the earned income.

While the hospital buildings and equipment provided under the National Health Service continue to be renewed and extended on what, by comparison with our activities, can only be described as a lavish scale, we continue to follow a much more modest programme. Not that we are not desirous of having the very best in every respect; but we are glad to be content with no more than the best that is available to us, having regard to our limited finances.

Let us, while not bemoaning the lack of funds for capital improvements, take brief stock of certain invaluable advantages. First of all, we never cease to be grateful that well over half a century ago, providentially, our predecessors were led to purchase the property, Stanborough Park, which we share with the other institutions. From many practical considerations it would be impossible to improve on it for our purpose. Through the years London has grown out toward us, and what within our memory was open country is now thickly populated. After all, a modern medical establishment is dependent on there being within reasonable reach sufficient population from which to draw the comparatively small proportion who will need its services.

We may possibly dream of our medical institution serving the whole territory of the British Union Conference, and even of its attracting patronage from overseas; but as a practical fact by far the greatest proportion of those admitted will come from within a ten-mile radius.

To have re-located this branch of the work in some new area, quite probably comparatively rural,

and remote from big cities, as was at one time very seriously contemplated, would, we fear, almost inevitably have involved the cause in endless annual losses, apart from heavy expenditures for buildings, for these latter have become tremendously costly.

Our second reason for gratitude is that we have inherited in addition to our superb location, a substantial block of buildings. At a certain stage in the past it was not uncommon to hear them condemned as a hopeless anachronism. Now, while we yield place to nobody in our desire to achieve perfection, yet we see the existing buildings as our existing capital, and accept the challenge they are to us to get the best possible results from them. We have in mind the sad history of a mammoth institution formerly famous among us which set out to rebuild its accommodation. Having visited it, we agree that they erected a wonderful place, lavishly furnished, and marvellously equipped in every way; but in doing this the management saddled itself with a mortgage interest charge of £180 a day. This literally strangled the place, and the mortgages foreclosed; and that was that.

So a year ago we set ourselves to make the most of what we had, with whatever financial help might become available to us. Every nook and corner of the place has been examined, and in fact is still being examined, to see if more profitable use can be made of it. In this way fifteen additional private and lettable rooms have been provided, which are in continuous and profitable use. This has been a potent factor in our achievement of financial solvency.

Early in this quadrennium funds were made available for a modest extension to our buildings. The roof was removed from the two-storied surgical wing which projects from the west (rear) of the main structure. Two floors were added, and the old roof replaced. One new floor provided us with seven additional maternity beds, a very fine nursery, a nursing office, and other ancillary rooms. The second floor gave us four staff rooms, and much-needed attic storage space. This extension enabled us

to care for the steadily growing maternity department, while still providing fifty beds for general cases. Altogether we were registered for seventy-three patient beds.

Another extension has been proceeding this year and will, we hope, be practically completed before the Union session convenes. For years we have been anxious about the deterioration of the structure of the main front porch, as well as the unsuitability of the Solarium above it. Also, the bridge which connected the second floors of the two main front blocks was constantly troublesome, particularly in bad weather. We were therefore greatly cheered when the Northern European Division began to make funds available for improvements in this section. Advantage has been taken of this opportunity, to fill in the somewhat unsightly gap in the main frontage, by introducing three new rooms on the second floor level. The new structure has been designed to carry a third (top) floor when necessary funds become available.

Recently we learned that about thirty-five years ago, Dr. W. A. Ruble, the then medical superintendent, had plans drawn for additional rooms to fill the same gap. Though the details of our alterations differ somewhat from what he contemplated, in order to meet modern needs, we are glad to find ourselves giving effect to a dream of so worthy a predecessor. The much-improved Solarium will be of great value in the care of our elderly patients, who need an all-weather day room; and geriatric work is a very important part of our general work. The maternity department can now be re-registered as providing twenty-six maternity beds for mothers, having also a much-needed day-lounge, and other essential ancillaries. Nor would we forget the valuable space available for the building of additional rooms for staff, when funds become available. With these extension projects cared for, we hope now to be able to finance the renovations and exterior re-decorations which are urgently needed. Every detail is under constant review, such improvements as the modernization of our boiler room being proceeded with as current work; and we hope that it will soon be possible to complete the modernization of our kitchen, and the improvement of our staff facilities adjacent thereto.

It continues to be our policy to welcome the regular medical attendants of our patients, if these can come to care for them, our nursing staff co-operating in the usual way. All other patients come under the direct care of our own medical staff; and we are happy to report that the most amicable relations continue between all concerned. This general policy has been invaluable in the building up and maintenance of an adequate patronage.

For several years following the institution's post-war resumption, the writer was the only staff medical officer. In due time he was joined by Dr. Hugh Williams, who by then was in partnership with him in general practice in the neighbourhood. Later they were joined by Dr. Stanley Guest; and now, since New Year's day, 1961, and consequent to the writer's retirement from general practice, the

staff has been further strengthened by the coming of Dr. Terence Gallivan. These all work together as a team, mutually providing for routine continuity of medical service. A substantial proportion of the total medical duties, both general and maternity, falls to them, as well as the providing of emergency co-operation with the other practitioners who come to the Stanboroughs.

All concerned rejoice that it has proved possible for Dr. Hugh Williams to be released for four months, to provide relief at our Kwahu Hospital in Ghana, during the absence on furlough from there of Dr. John Hyde. The Stanboroughs family are delighted at this opportunity of co-operation with the movement's overseas medical work. Unfortunately, Dr. Hugh will not return till shortly after the close of this Union session.

Miss Ruth Finlay, our matron, is at present on special leave for further advanced study, and we look forward eagerly to her return. She, with her many associates, has contributed immeasurably to the building up of our present comparative success.

Our facilities for physiotherapy have been remodelled to meet modern requirements; for this is an important component which finds place in the treatment of all types of patient. To maintain successfully a large residential establishment, wholly, or even principally concerned with physiotherapy would, under present-day conditions, and according to our experience, be an impossibility. So, while the Stanboroughs has become, in effect, a general nursing home, its staff lose no opportunity of availing themselves of the unquestioned value of those physical treatments which were always an earmark of our denominational medical work.

Our housekeeper, Miss E. Rylah, continues to work valiantly, and successfully, in the face of the never-ending problem of securing adequate and satisfactory staff. The continuing currency inflation affects, not only her department, but every detail of our activities, and the management gladly record their sense of indebtedness to the loyalty of our staff of every grade.

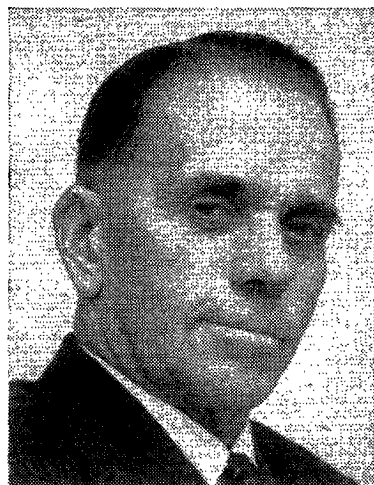
Pastor A. K. Armstrong, our chaplain, continues his spiritual ministrations to staff and patients alike. Through the years he has established for himself an abiding place in our affections.

Reviewing the sixteen years we have been at The Stanboroughs—though our first contact as a worker there was in its first year, half a century ago—humbly we return thanks to God for His guiding providences, holding ourselves fortunate to have had the privilege of engaging in such an undertaking. By chance, this session will convene before our return from Canada and U.S.A., to which we have gone to renew not only associations with relatives, but with many former fellow-workers in India, who like us are enjoying the glow of retirement. Though absent in this way, we shall have in constant remembrance this important occasion in the life of the work in our homeland. May God bless you all. I write this report and this prayer not only on behalf of myself, but of my esteemed associate, our general manager, Mr. G. L. Anniss.

FOODS FOR HEALTH

By
G. E. NORRIS

Manager,
Granose Foods, Ltd.



THE past four years will go down in the annals of Granose Foods Ltd. as a very varied period, particularly as regards the fortunes of business. The variation was very noticeable as we commenced the quadrennium, for we had a considerable drop in our sales for the first few months of that year as compared to the same period of the year previous. However, by the end of the year we had fully recovered and were able to report sales in excess of any previous year. When we came to 1959 this proved to be our banner year for sales, which reached a figure £14,000 higher than for 1958. We had hoped that this increase would continue so that we could have reported a million pounds in sales for the quadrennial period, but, unfortunately, the two following years showed a drop in sales each year. This rise and fall can be better appreciated by the following figures:

Quadrennial period ending 1957	£640,000
" " " 1961	£910,000

These figures show that our sales for the period just ended reached a figure £270,000 more than in the previous period.

NEW CEREAL PLANT

Plans which were approved nearly two years ago are at present well under way for the installation of a new cereal plant. The machinery which we ordered from the Sanitarium Health Food Company as a result of my visit to Australia four years ago, is now to hand. The total invoice value will be less than we expected and lower than was quoted originally by them, due to the fact that they have not supplied certain parts which they themselves obtain from England, and consequently they have counted on us buying them here instead of paying the freight both ways. There is still a lot of work to be done by our engineers, who are working very hard and putting their resourcefulness into the programme. We are hopeful that we shall have the entire installation ready by the end of 1962. It also looks very probable that when finished, the new plant will produce Sunnybisk untouched by human hands.

Owing to shortage of funds to complete the installation, we cancelled our new building programme, which would have cost £15,000, and in its place we found a way of fitting the new plant into our existing building. This has made possible the purchase of a new oven at a cost of £9,000 to complete the installation, which would otherwise have had to be held up until the necessary funds could be secured. I am glad to report now that the economy plan is working out very nicely, thanks to the fine co-operation of our engineers, and we feel that when finished the new plant will look as nice as if it had been placed in a new building.

It should be pointed out that we have felt very reluctant to spend a lot of money promoting Sunnybisk in the past few years because we felt that our efforts would be more amply rewarded when we have the new plant running, which we feel confident will produce a much better and more consistent product than has been possible with the old plant. As regards the best method of promotion when once the new plant is in operation, this will need some careful study. We have tried various incentives for children and also magazine advertising. It is felt that if experiments with television prove to be a good medium for one product, it should certainly prove beneficial for cereals.

NUT FOODS

Our Nut Food Department is quite distinct from our Cereals and Granose Rolls Departments in that it cares for the manufacture of a large range of products, each of which contributes in varying degrees to a grand total production for the department; whereas the other two departments depend, in the main, on one product only. It is felt that the Nut Food Department will have to be given more consideration in future than it has been given up to the present. Yet those in the department will testify that much has already been done in the way of additional plant and better working conditions. Probably, after this year 1962 is over, with our other two departments fairly well cared for, we shall be able to provide for more and better equip-

ment for the wide range of products manufactured, and also to enable the department still further to increase the number of products. This department could well be termed our Vegetarian Department, for it is the only one catering almost solely for vegetarians. Granose Rolls and Sunnybisk, of course, contain no animal ingredient, but they are consumed by the general public and have been termed our Grocery lines.

During recent years we have added many new lines to our vegetarian foods, as listed below:

Meatless Steaks	Savoury Puddings
Sausalatas	Soya Beans in Tomato Sauce
Sausalene	Peanut Crumble

At this juncture it might be well to list the portions of the total income of the Company in percentages for which each department contributed in 1961:

Nut Foods etc.	46 per cent
Granose Rolls	42 "
Cereals	11 "
Proprietary	1 "

This is the first time that our Nut Food Department has taken the lead in income, and it deserves our commendation, particularly to Mr. Swain who heads up that department. Granose Rolls are still by far the largest seller for any one Granose product. Along with our desire to increase the lines of nut meats, it would be good also if we could introduce other starch-reduced lines to keep the Granose Rolls company.

GRANOSE EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN

It is gratifying to know that the activities of the Company have not been confined to business only, for during 1961, by inserting Voice of Prophecy cards in all our cereal packets, we have run an evangelistic campaign for the Health Course. The response has been really remarkable, and the result can be seen by the following:

VOICE OF PROPHECY HEALTH COURSE RESULTS FROM GRANOSE PACKETS FOR THE YEAR 1961

	From Granose Packets	From All Sources	Granose Percentage
Applications	2,118	4,270	50 per cent
Graduates	266	715	37 "
Graduates taking the Bible Course	169	461	36.5 "

If this result can be made by using only 200,000 packets of Granose cereals, who can forecast what the result might be this year by using over a million Granose Rolls packets, calculating on the above percentage basis?

These statistics have surely revealed a wonderful potential for the propagation of the health message which Sister White has told us was to be the "entering wedge." This has certainly proved to be true by the number who have gone on to take the regular Bible Course. Already for the first eleven weeks of 1962, the following figures are very encouraging:

Inquiries from Leaflets Inserted in Granose Rolls Packets			
1st week	5 inquiries	7th week	42 inquiries
2nd "	2 "	8th "	57 "
3rd "	5 "	9th "	63 "
4th "	11 "	10th "	92 "
5th "	12 "	11th "	95 "
6th "	17 "		
		Total	401

= weekly average of 36 inquiries

Considering that no packet of Granose Rolls left our factory with leaflets inserted until the first week of this year, the rate of increase is really spectacular. Our workers are greatly enthused over these results and we hope and pray that this effort will be productive of much good, and that many will become interested in Bible study later.

In the Hollow of His Hand

By FLORENCE C. KANTZ

The eleventh hour is upon us
And the minutes are passing away;
We are nearing the end of the conflict,
And the dawning of earth's final day.

The nations grow ever more angry,
Preparing to battle till death;
The struggle for power is increasing
While the world is holding its breath.

They are praying for peace and for safety,
But waiting in terrified fear;

The sound of the trumpet grows louder
As the day of God's judgment draws near.

Do we have on the wedding garment,
With never a sin unconfessed?
Are we ready to face the last conflict
And stand in the great final test?

When the last trumpet note has been sounded
And the judgments of God fill the land,
He has promised to shelter His people
In the hollow of His hand.