

# TROWBRIDGE CHURCH DEDICATED

Reported by Pastor D. M. Swaine

THE first Seventh-day Adventist arrived in Trowbridge, Wiltshire, from Jamaica in 1955 in the person of Brother John Sparks. A few months later he was joined by Brother M. Morgan, his uncle. Later came Sister Morgan and the family, and then Sister Lopez, who in due time became Brother Sparks's wife. Thus the nucleus of a company came to live in this flourishing little country town, originally a centre of the wool trade. Even today there are still two cloth mills, but most of the manufacturing lies in the food industry. With a population of 17,000, unemployment runs at less than 1%.

At first these brethren attended, and became members of, the Bath church; but as families increased, so did the burden of making the twelve-mile journey to Bath each Sabbath. It was felt that it would be better if a small hall could be hired in Trowbridge. So Pastors R. T. Bolton and G. Norman embarked upon the task of finding a suitable place in which to worship. This turned out to be more difficult than expected, but eventually the Unitarian Church Hall was rented. But not only was it dirty, it also proved to be very cold, and another place was sought.

Next a room was hired in the Magistrates' Court—but they were forbidden to sing! Can you imagine Adventists—and above all Jamaican Adventists—not raising their voices in song at worship? So, back to the Unitarian church, but this time in the vestry; but it was dingy, and exceedingly draughty, and certainly no place to which to invite strangers.

In 1967, through a Voice of Prophecy student, the way opened for us to rent the Friends' Meeting House. This was a neat, clean little place, consisting of a large room, a small room, an entrance hall, and two toilets, and we rejoiced to be able to use it for worship. As the membership had now reached ten, plus as many children, we asked the South England Conference if we could be organized into a Company, and this was done by Pastor E. H. Foster on July 29, 1967.

Early in 1968 the Friends told us they wished to sell their Meeting House, and would we like to buy it? Of course we would! But how much money did we have in the Church Building Fund? Exactly £4. And with only ten members, would the Lord wish us to take on such a seemingly impossible task? Earnest prayer was made. Then from a totally unexpected source a large donation came to us, which seemed to all to be a token that it was His will. The faithful members made their pledges, and negotiations were entered into.



The newly acquired church at Trowbridge, Wiltshire.

Because the business was in the hands of the Monthly Meeting of Friends, and not the local Friends, a number of misunderstandings arose, and the matter was protracted. A valuation of £1,500 was put upon the building, and as there was a builder who was keen to buy the place for an office and store, it was not possible to finalize for less. Early in 1968 we were told that the builder had offered £1,600, and could we match it? We felt that we had stretched our capabilities to the limit and could not raise more. It was a bitter blow, as we had been so sure that the Lord was leading us.

A few days later, we were approached by the local Friends, who told us how distressed they had been to hear that we had been asked for more money. They were anxious that their place should remain as a church, and not become an office and store, and so had applied to the highest authority in their organization for permission to accept the lower offer, and this had been granted. Did our offer still stand? Well, of course it did! And in July 1969 the meeting house became ours. In all this transaction we have seen God's hand guiding and directing.

Members have gone overseas, but others have been baptized, and today we are still ten, plus as many children. Our God has truly been gracious to us. Many gifts have



flowed into the treasury, so that the building has been transformed into an attractive little church. We have further improvements in mind, and these will be carried out as and when funds become available. And, above all, we were free of debt by April, 1970. With grateful hearts we can say: "What has God wrought!"

Sabbath, December 5, 1970, was a high day for the Trowbridge Company. Pastor R. E. Graham, our Conference President, came to dedicate our church to the praise and

worship of our God, free of debt, in the presence of all the members, and also friends from other churches.

We thank God for His good hand over us, and we thank the South England Conference for its part in this transaction, and Pastor Foster for his counsel and encouragement in the early days of the negotiations. We thus have clear evidence that God wanted a church established in Trowbridge, and we have faith to believe He will add to us such as should be saved in this town. To this end we pray and witness.

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The Servant of God gives wise counsel on how to keep healthy the "heart" of the Church, and of Society

## FAMILY GOVERNMENT

by E. G. White

I AM particularly exercised over the mismanagement in the training of families. The father is to be the houseband of the family. This is his position, and if he is a Christian, he will maintain family government. In every respect his authority is to be recognized. In many families the father's authority is never fully acknowledged, and a series of excuses are offered for the disobedience of the children. In many families the daily life is one of variance, full of the counterworking of the father against the mother and the mother against the father. The mother thinks the father unnecessarily severe and exacting. Why? Because the children do not acknowledge and reverence the father, who, if he is a Christian, represents the divine authority of God, whose vicegerent he is. The father is to carry out the gracious designs of God, and establish his family in upright principles, that they may have virtuous and well-balanced characters.

If fathers and mothers are at variance, one working against the other to counteract each other's influence, the family will be in a demoralized condition, and neither the father nor the mother will receive the respect and confidence that are essential to a well-governed family. The mother will leave the impression upon the minds of the children that the father is too severe or is needlessly particular. Children are quick to discern anything that will cast a reflection upon the rules and regulations of a household, especially those regulations that restrict their actions. Would that parents would work in harmony, guiding their children in the fear of God, and remembering that they are His agents. The family is a divine institution, and parents should be wise, judicious teachers of their little ones. Children are to be patiently instructed, line upon line, and precept upon precept, here a little and there a little. They should be trained, educated, and disciplined until they become obedient to their parents, giving respect to their authority. In this way respect for divine authority will be implanted in their hearts, and the family training will be like a preparatory training for the family in heaven. The training of childhood and youth should be of such a character that children will be prepared to take up their religious duties, and thus become fitted to enter into the courts above.

### Heavenly Witnesses

*Let parents consider the fact that they are in place of God to their children.* The weakness and inexperience of the children are to be supplied by the practice and precepts of the parents. From the earliest age a wise education in Christ's lines is to be begun and carried forward. When the children's hearts are impressible, they are to be taught concerning eternal realities. Parents should remember that they are living, speaking, and acting in the presence of God. The heavenly intelligences are witnesses to their words and deeds. They know how they are dealing with the younger members of the Lord's family; for the children are the purchase of the only begotten Son of God. The angels look with intense interest upon every family, to see how the children are treated by

parents, guardians, or friends. What strange mismanagement they witness in a family where father and mother are at variance! The tones of the voice of father and mother, their looks, their words—all make it manifest that they are not united in the management of their children. The father casts reflections upon the mother, and leads the children to hold in disrespect the mother's tenderness and affection for the little ones. The mother thinks she is compelled to give large affection to the children, to gratify and indulge them, because she thinks the father is harsh and impatient, and she must work to counteract the influence of his severity.

Oh, how God is dishonoured in a family where there is no true understanding as to what constitutes family discipline, and children are confused as to what is discipline and government. It is true that too harsh discipline, too much criticism, unrequired laws and regulations, lead to disrespect of authority, and to the disregarding finally of those regulations that Christ would have fulfilled. The lack of family government leads to the destruction of confidence in wise regulations in the family economy. Parents should themselves be converted, and know what it is to be in submission to God's will, as little children, bringing into captivity their thoughts to the will of Jesus Christ, before they can rightly represent the government that God designed should exist in the family.

### Parental Example

In the family, fathers and mothers should ever present before their children the example they wish to be imitated. They should manifest one to the other a tender respect in word, and look, and action. They should make it manifest that the Holy Spirit is controlling them, by representing to their children the character of Jesus Christ. The powers of imitation are strong, and in childhood and youth, when this faculty is most active, a perfect pattern should be set before the young. Children should have confidence in their parents, and thus take in the lessons they would inculcate. Parents should make manifest in their daily life what it is to love God supremely and their neighbour as themselves. Where religion is a practical thing in the home, great good is accomplished. Religion will lead the parents to do the very work God designed should be done in the home. Children will be brought up in the fear and admonition of the Lord.

*Children are not to be trained to be the devotees of society. They are not to be sacrificed to Moloch; but they are to become members of the Lord's family. Parents are to be filled with the compassion of Christ, that they may work for the salvation of the souls that are placed under their influence.* They are not to have their minds all engrossed in the fashions and practices of the world. They are not to educate their children to attend parties and concerts and dances, to have and attend feasts; because after this manner the Gentiles walk. Eternal vigilance must be exercised, that the children may be led in the paths of righteousness. Satan begins his work upon them from earliest childhood, and creates desires for that which God has forbidden. The safety



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## Hallowed Homes

We dedicate our churches  
For their high and holy task,  
Why not dedicate our Christian homes?  
Is a question I would ask.

What plans we make for churches  
As we lay each cornerstone!  
Invite the city fathers—  
And what speeches they intone!

And when we dedicate the church,  
What fanfare and all such!  
But we avoid all this for homes.  
Don't they amount to much?

Now really, are we thinking straight  
To treat our homes this way?  
For they're the real foundation  
Of society, I'd say.

So why not dedicate each home,  
And build on holy ground;  
And make each home a hallowed place  
Where love and peace are found.

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of children depends largely upon the vigilance, watchfulness, and care of the parents over them. Parents must work in the fear of the Lord, preoccupying the garden of the heart, by sowing good seed. They must instil the right spirit, plant correct habits, and teach the children that the love and fear of God are the foundation of all wisdom. Obedience to parental authority should be inculcated in babyhood and cultivated in youth. The will of the parents must first be under discipline to Christ, moulded and controlled by the Holy Spirit, and then parents must have control of the child.

### The Error of Severity

Parents who exercise a spirit of dominion and authority, transmitted to them from their own parents, which leads them to be exacting in their discipline and instruction, will not train their children aright. By their severity in dealing with their errors, they stir up the worst passions of the human heart, and leave their children with a sense of injustice and wrong. They meet in their children the very disposition that they themselves have imparted to them. *Such parents drive their children away from God, by talking to them on religious subjects; for the Christian religion is made unattractive and even repulsive by this misrepresentation of truth.* Children will say, "Well, if that is religion, I do not want anything of it." It is thus that enmity is often created in the heart against religion; and because of an arbitrary enforcement of authority, children are led to despise the law and the government of heaven. Parents have fixed the eternal destiny of their children by their own misuse. They have placed their children in the ranks of the enemy, to serve the prince of darkness rather than the Prince of Light. Parents will have a fearful reckoning to meet in the day of judgement. The Lord will inquire, What have you done with my heritage in the children I gave into your trust? Where is my revenue, my inheritance? Then the mismanagement will appear with terrible distinctness before the parents, who have been weighed in the balance and found wanting. Their neglect to cultivate their children in righteous ways will not only be the ruin of their own families, but the wrong principles they inculcated in them, bear fruit in other lives, and are transmitted from parent to child to the third and fourth generation. There will be a harvest to be gathered that will be hard to be reaped. The irreligious practices of

the children produced effects in their own characters and in the characters of others and instead of being a blessing in the world, they became a curse.

### Parents Must Take Time With Their Children

The family circle is to be an educating circle. Father and mother are to be teachers, and unitedly, under the rule of Jesus Christ, they are to bear their responsibility. They cannot give their time to visiting, to the cultivation of worldly habits, to the entertainment of such visitors as will cause them to neglect their children. They are to devote their time to teaching children how to be useful, how to be a blessing to others. Where this is neglected, Satan early takes the children into his school, and teaches them his hellish arts. Jesus spoke of the synagogue of Satan. He has a religion that he teaches, and those who learn in his school soon reveal the fact that he is their teacher. *Satan is watching to catch the children through the neglect of their parents.* One disobedient child will do great harm to those with whom he associates; for he will fashion other children after his own pattern.

*Parents lose much by being half-converted.* Of Abraham it was said by the Lord Jesus Christ: "I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgement." By the combined influence of love and authority, Abraham ruled his house. He was to walk before his household without hypocrisy or any deception, and there was no betrayal of sacred trust on his part. With living faith in God he combined works, and met the standard that is erected for masters, servants, and children—the great moral standard of righteousness. Oh, how few bring religion into their home life! Parents, what course are you pursuing? Are you acting upon the idea that in religious matters your children should be left free of all restraint? Are you leaving them without counsel or admonition through childhood and youth? Are you leaving them to do as they please? If so, you are neglecting your God-given responsibilities.

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## FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER

"PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER" James 5:16

SINCERE believers everywhere are earnestly invited to remember in their family and private prayers at the sunset hour each Friday evening, the needs of fellow members who have special burdens or problems. Particularly they are invited to remember before the Throne of Grace the requests here published. Letters of request for prayer, and of thanks and praise for answered prayer, should be addressed to: The Messenger Fellowship of Prayer, The Stanborough Press Ltd., Alma Park, Grantham, Lincs. All letters will be carefully filed, and remembered. For the encouragement of others we will be happy to publish special answers to prayer, and expressions of thanks. Kindly let us know.

There is no charge for the publication of prayer requests.

"We want to offer humble and heartfelt thanks to God our loving heavenly Father for many mercies given us, and wonderful answers to our prayers for healing and help. My husband was rushed into hospital for an emergency operation just five days after we arrived in this area from London, feeling ourselves to be 'strangers in a strange land.' God heard our prayers for his healing, and in a short while he 'made a remarkable recovery' as the doctor remarked. I too, have been ill, and in answer to prayer, God in His tender mercy has healed me, and I thank Him with all my heart. There are other mercies too, which are so numerous, there is not room here to mention all; but again we thank God with deep gratitude, and pray He will keep us faithful to Him to serve Him in spirit and truth. May God hear and answer our united prayers for all those of His children who are ill or in trouble, to heal and help each one.—MRS. JULIA MCLEAN.

"My husband and I have been separated for a long time, leaving me with four children to support. The children and I would love very much for him to return home. I would like you to pray with me that God will melt his heart, so that he will come to believe in Him and be saved. I am also asking you to pray for my dear son who is in trouble. May the good Lord give me faith to endure to the end. Thank you.—G.A.B.

"Your prayers are most urgently needed for the recovery of my friend's wife, Mrs. G.E. Also for her family."—T.F.B.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO REMEMBER PREVIOUS REQUESTS

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# Seventy and Seventy-one in the British Union

OUR first duty and delight is to thank God for His blessings during the past year and to express our renewed faith in His guidance during 1971.

Secondly, with equal sincerity we express our gratitude to all our fellow members and friends who have supported the Seventh-day Adventist Cause in Britain, and beyond, by their prayers, service, fellowship, tithes, and offerings, during 1970. When the annual reckoning is complete this past year will doubtless rank highest in financial gains.

With warm-hearted cordiality we welcome hundreds of new members into the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Britain and thank God for the human agencies that have been the channels of His grace. We also offer the hand of fellowship to that host of friends who during 1971 will surrender themselves fully to the Lordship of Jesus Christ and will become committed members of the Remnant Church.

## Field Schools of Evangelism

THE two Field Schools of Evangelism in Cardiff and Belfast provided an infusion of new members in the churches concerned and of soul-winning techniques in the experience of the workers who participated. In 1971 two further Field Schools have been planned for Coventry and Dublin, and Pastor Don Doleman has been invited to be the evangelist at both. Unfortunately, Pastor Knowles' Canadian assignments will not permit him to come to Dublin this year. As we were anxious not to disappoint the faithful members in Eire who are eagerly anticipating this special evangelistic campaign, Pastor Doleman, who had already expressed his willingness to conduct two campaigns, will be redirected to Dublin.

As one attends the Executive Committees of the Conferences and Missions it is encouraging to observe the emphasis that is given to soul-winning endeavour in all its various aspects. As it should be, priority is given to the fulfilment of our evangelistic commission. Each field could and should publish a soul-thrilling report of modern miracles of the Gospel. The British Union has appointed, primarily from field workers, a Ministerial Association Advisory Committee to give counsel on, and co-ordination to, soul-winning activities.

MISS HILDA FORSTER, after twenty-one years of faithful service in the Voice of Prophecy Bible School, has recently retired.

PASTOR R. H. SURRIDGE, Education, M.V., and Sabbath School Secretary, will shortly be in residence at headquarters. We extend to him, his wife and two sons, a warm welcome as they join the Union staff.

THE Stewardship Department in the Union has been assigned to Pastor Victor Cooper. The blessings incipient in a right relationship to Christian Stewardship can transform the experience of the individual believer and the Church as a whole.

It gives us particular pleasure to mention that from the 1970 profits of Granose Foods Limited a much-appreciated contribution has been made to the Union Budget. Brother Evans' two-pronged effort to conduct a successful commercial business and to integrate the factory with the interests of the Cause, is producing results. God bless Granose. Let us all support our church-centred health food institution. There are specific ways in which you can do this. An alert church pastor will tell you.

## Stanborough Park and School

SINCE the decision to withdraw from negotiations to dispose of Stanborough Park there has been a survey of essential renovations and repairs. Estimates of cost are being obtained. Obviously, considerable finance will be needed to implement this programme of rehabilitation. A very small beginning

has been initiated with the 1971 Budget but extensive funds must be made available to meet the cost of just modest necessities.

STANBOROUGH SCHOOL has been selected by the Northern European Division Committee to share with the West African Union in the proceeds of the Sabbath School Overflow for the first quarter of 1973. We appreciate the practical interest of our Division brethren in the dire needs of the British Union as exemplified in the physical plant of the Union Secondary School. Our school officers and teachers are to be commended for their excellent service under difficult circumstances.

Our programme of Christian education will always need financial subsidies from the Union. These, however, must be kept in perspective both with regard to the intrinsic value of our education principles and with reference to other worthy Union projects. Support for all aspects of a balanced development of Seventh-day Adventism is the responsibility and privilege of our constituency as a whole, but where specific privileges are enjoyed by segments of that constituency then the responsibility for support must rest more heavily in those locations.

## Plans for Crieff

THE architects have been authorized to prepare plans for the sanitarium development at Crieff made possible by the munificent gift assigned to this project. Much detailed planning with reference to building and to personnel has to be undertaken, specialized counsel will be sought, and above all, the will of God must be fulfilled.

THE *Testimonies for the Church* appreciation course known as "Testimony Countdown" is all ready for presentation throughout the British Union. The course has had a warm reception in the States and has brought much blessing to those who have participated. Ask your pastor about conducting classes in your church. Ten weekly classes with assigned reading complete the course.

BRITAIN needs more competent men and women, skilled in the art of Gospel salesmanship, who are prepared to dedicate their lives to successful literature-evangelism. The real impact of our publishing department potential is dependent on the truly representative, prosperous, individual colporteur more than than any other single factor. In 1970 Pastor Arthur and his associates in the Conferences have maintained a vigorous programme of leadership in an endeavour to arrest the downward trend in sales. This trend is disappointing at any time, but in a period of rising costs it is even more alarming.

WHILE mentioning the literature work a word of counsel to a few members is appropriate. As members, like shareholders in a company, we have certain discount privileges when purchasing denominational literature, but it is neither ethical nor fair to negotiate these favourable terms for non-members, especially when it disadvantages the colporteur. Let us enjoy our privileges, but also safeguard the interests of our brethren and sisters.

## Union Session

THE Union Session is planned for June 22nd-26th. The business sessions will be held in the New Gallery Centre while the Sabbath Day of Fellowship (June 26th) will convene in the Royal Albert Hall. Please pray for these meetings and plan to be present. Workers' meetings are scheduled to follow on the Sunday and Monday after the Conference.

AS I conclude writing these notes the last hours of 1970 are slipping into history. At this time we are reminded of the achievements, the joys, the sorrows, the apprehensions



of 1970, and the possibilities and challenges of the New Year. As I read the Word this morning two texts stood out in the Book of Isaiah—Isaiah 46:9: "Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like Me"; and Isaiah 43:18, 19: "Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old. Behold I will do a new thing; now it shall

spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." Confident of the eternal power and purposes of our God and assured of His unbreakable promises for the future, let us walk today and every day throughout 1971 in fellowship with Him.

E. H. FOSTER,  
British Union President.

## Introducing the Burbank Family

BRETHREN and sisters of the MESSENGER family, it is my pleasure to introduce to you Pastor and Mrs. Howard Burbank and their daughter Donna, who have come to us recently from America. Pastor Burbank is our new sales manager at The Stanborough Press, and we are confident that under his inspiring and experienced leadership, sales of Gospel literature will greatly increase both at home and overseas.

Brother Burbank's experience has been varied and widespread. Before entering denominational service he acted as sales manager for the Pittsburgh Steel Company. For thirty-one years since then he has been employed by the denomination. During this period he has served in the Michigan and Greater New York Conferences as Publishing Department Secretary; in Battle Creek as a pastor; as a Lay Activities Departmental Secretary in Michigan; and following his studies in law, in the Texas local conference, and latterly in the South Western Union as Secretary of the legal corporation of the Conference—the counterpart of British Advent Missions Ltd. in this country. It will be readily seen that he has a wide and varied experience that will be a great asset to us in increasing the circulation and the effectiveness of our all important Gospel literature.

Already Brother Burbank has visited several of our churches and conducted after-Sabbath book sales. We are providing him with an adapted VW vehicle so that he can continue with this good work. Look out for him as he visits your district, examine his stock at your leisure, and let him help you to use the God-given tool of Gospel literature to win souls to hasten the coming of the Lord.

To avoid confusion, remember that Brother Burbank's responsibilities do not usurp the functions of the Book and Bible Houses. Orders by members continue to flow through the Lay-Activities Secretaries to the Book and Bible Houses as now. Brother Burbank, however, will support these busy institutions and help them by showing you the wide range of literature now readily available, and by supplying you with this literature on their behalf during these special book sales.

Similarly Brother Burbank will take an increasing interest in the success of our loyal literature-evangelists. In this case



Pastor H. D. Burbank with his wife Helen and Donna—one of their three daughters.

he will stand behind our valiant Publishing Department personnel, and do all he can to strengthen their hands in increasing literature sales to the teeming millions of these islands.

*Welcome, then, to the Burbank family! May your stay in Britain be happy and satisfying for you. We know it will be a blessing to us.*

PASTOR K.A. ELIAS,  
General Manager of The Stanborough Press Ltd.

## Students Discuss Campaign

MICHIGAN, U.S.A.—Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary students who worked in Belfast last summer in a field school of evangelism reported recently on their experiences in a Seminary chapel. The field school was conducted by Elder George Knowles and Elder Dale Brucett.

John Fortune, student co-ordinator for the field school, told how he and Elder Brucett went to visit the home of two sisters to invite them to the meetings. They had prayer with the ladies, and were pleased to welcome them to every meeting afterwards.

After the sisters were baptized at the end of the series, one told Brother Fortune that they had been praying that God would lead them to truth. About three months before

the visit of the evangelist to their home, one sister had dreamed of that very man, and that he had the truth!

Phil Huber, one of the seminarians, told of his experience with two teenage girls who seemed to come to the meetings only to disrupt the programme. He was assigned to sit between them to keep them quiet. Huber remarked that they did not realize he was married, and looked forward every night to sitting by him.

"In spite of their attitudes, the Holy Spirit worked on them, and at the end of the meetings, they took their stand for Christ," he stated.

As a result of eleven evangelistic field schools in the United States and in Britain, 667 people have been baptized into the Church—and there are many more on the "interest" list.



# Stewardship Sabbath is January 23rd

## The Last Thing in the World . . .

by James W. Ginbey,

Stewardship Secretary, South England Conference

"THE last thing in the world we want is your money!" That may sound strange coming from a Stewardship Department Secretary. Yet the statement is true in the sense that money is not our prime concern. Unless you have come to a realization that you belong to God, that you are only a manager—not an owner—of everything around you, and unless you do things for God from a heart filled with love for Him, then we *don't* want your money.

The stewardship department is concerned about the spiritual needs of men and women. We seek the biggest offering any man or woman can give—the heart. When a man gives his whole heart to Christ, then there will be little problem about giving time, talents, or money to His service. The recognition that man does not own one thing in this world is a sobering fact, and one that should lead us to put our complete trust in the One who gave us life, and who daily showers us with blessings.

God could have accomplished the salvation of mankind without our aid but He has chosen to give man a part in this work for his own good. As man thinks of others, and gives of himself and his entrusted means to help them, so he weans himself from selfishness and covetousness which are two of the greatest enemies to spirituality. In fact, the recipe for becoming a Christian is:

"If anyone wishes to be a follower of Mine, he must leave *self* behind; he must take up his cross and come with Me." Matthew 16:24, N.E.B. "God planned the system of beneficence, in order that man might become like his Creator, benevolent and unselfish in character, and finally be a partaker with Christ of the eternal, glorious reward." —*Counsels on Stewardship*.

The Sabbath was instituted to remind man of God's creative power. Tithing was instituted to remind man of God's ownership. Man shows a recognition of God's ownership and a willingness to obey by returning one-tenth of his income to God. In addition, man shows his love to God and his trust in Him by giving regular offerings to His cause. However, unless man does it cheerfully, it is not acceptable. (See 2 Cor. 9:7.)

The story is told of a certain middle-aged lady who to outward appearances was a devout Christian. But one day she stopped by a minister's office and remarked: "I resent every penny of the tithe I pay because it keeps me from buying the kind of clothes I like. And I resent the offerings too, because they keep me from going to really nice places to eat."

"If you really feel that way," the minister replied after a shocked pause, "then I think you should take the tithe and offerings, buy the clothes you really like, and go to some really nice places to eat."

"How can you, of all people, say such a thing?" she shot back. "Paying my tithes and offerings is my duty, and I'm going to do it if it kills me!"

What an attitude! God wants a service of love, not something forced.

When men give their whole hearts to God, the work of God will go forward mightily.

"Were our numbers half as large, and all of these devoted

workers, we should have a power that would make the WORLD TREMBLE."—*Counsels on Stewardship*.

Those who give themselves wholly to God will have no need to worry about the future. For God has promised: "Set your mind upon His kingdom, and all the rest will come to you as well." Luke 12:31, N.E.B.

January 23rd is listed as Stewardship Sabbath. Will you on that day think seriously about your relationship to God and acknowledge Him as the Owner and Giver of every good thing? You can safely trust yourself with Him and whatever He asks of you, He is able to supply in the first place.

### What one Church thinks of the combined Budget Scheme

DURING the brief twenty-three weeks that the Lowestoft church has been on the Combined Budget plan advocated by the Stewardship Department we have seen its benefits.

Firstly, no appeals or promotion regarding special offerings has had to be made from the platform.

Secondly, it encourages regularity. If a member is absent one week the envelope reminds him to take his offering the following week. This has been proved when all the members were away for a day of fellowship. The following week the offering was double the usual.

Thirdly, it brings stability to the church finances.

Fourthly, it brings a blessing to the giver as he recognizes that he has an important part to play in the finances of God's Church.

Since Lowestoft started we have made steady progress. The first quarter we were £24 over our budget; and so far this quarter we are ahead of last quarter. This is encouraging, especially when one considers that during the past three months we have raised an extra £530 towards a new organ.

At no time has the Conference put on any pressure or tried to dictate in any way concerning our finances. We thank the Conference for introducing this God-given plan.

PASTOR W. J. NEWMAN.

### What one member experienced after commencing to support the Budget Scheme

IN response to the Chiswick church budget one member covenanted with the Lord to give a certain amount regularly to the budget offering. In a few weeks he received a salary rise equal to the amount covenanted and then a few months later he received yet another salary rise. This is told not to give the impression that we should give to God so that we may be blessed, but to show that God blesses those who are faithful to Him.

### What the South England Conference 1% Building Fund has done and can do

IN 1967 the South England Conference Committee instituted the 1% Conference Building Fund. It began because of the great need for representative church buildings and the lack of funds to build. Working on the principle of the stronger and more blessed helping the weak—each churchmember was challenged to set aside 1% of his or her income (i.e. 2½d. in every pound). As a result of this fund substantial help was given to the erection of the Norwich and Weston-



super-Mare churches. Now the fund is reaching the place where Oxford can begin to build.

In four years three churches helped! Is that sufficient with a population of twenty-eight million to reach? Surely with the

rapidity of events in these last days we should be building ten times as many churches. If every member faithfully gave one new penny from every pound of income we could build four times as many. Will you do your part in 1971?

## North England News

### Four for the Price of One!

CHURCHES we mean. Not miniature, derelict or tin tabernacles, but buildings of distinction, stone or quality brick construction, all in North England Conference, all purchased in 1970, and the total cost of purchase? Just over £10,000. To build these units today would cost at least twenty times this sum. They are ours because of the general decline in congregations of the larger Church groups and also because of the re-housing of population. In one case we have acquired property which formerly belonged to the Jehovah's Witnesses group but became too small for their congregation!

First to be acquired was the former Methodist chapel at Hednesford, near Cannock, which was reconducted by voluntary workers and re-dedicated on September 12, 1970.

At Huddersfield an Anglican school—stone built in ecclesiastical style, comprising large assembly room (about 200 seats), smaller assembly room (about 120 seats), and numerous ancillary rooms as well as a caretaker's lodge—was acquired. Work is going on to make this one of our most presentable church units in the conference.

MESSENGER readers will soon see additional references to this property as well as the property recently acquired in Carlisle from the agents of the Jehovah's Witnesses and in Chesterfield from the Methodist Church Commission. Both the latter properties are in first class decorative condition, well maintained, and units to be proud of. Although much credit goes to the local ministry, we are strongly aware of an overruling providence multiplying our tiny resources by keeping down purchasing costs.

#### New Churches Too

The pre-fabricated but nevertheless commodious and effective church and school unit at Grantham has already been front-page MESSENGER news and we are delighted to report that another new church at West Bromwich is almost ready for dedication.

As these notes go to press, ground is being broken for the new church at Newcastle-on-Tyne. MESSENGER readers who saw the horrific pictures of what vandals did to the church at Newcastle will be pleased to hear that this property has now been sold to the council, and that in the interim, members are meeting in, and have the exclusive use of, the very pleasant Elswick Road Library lecture hall. Local minister Derek M. Marley and his building committee are doing an enthusiastic and not unsuccessful job of fund-raising with an eye to the considerable cost of furnishing a new church.

#### Challenge of Laymen's Year

Every minister and every Conference department is involved in making 1971 an outstanding year for soul-winning by our membership. In addition to many local church lay-training schemes, the Lay Activities, Sabbath school, and Youth Departments are organizing a Lay Preacher's Workshop at Swanwick, Derbyshire, on the week-end of February 12th-14th. A distinguished group of guest-lecturers will take charge of this training session, and we believe that not only will the people who attend enjoy their work, but that in many ways it will benefit the churches sending delegates. Inquiries to organizing secretary Pastor J. Mahon at this Nottingham office. [See also announcement in this MESSENGER.]

#### Another Nottingham University Study Conference, March 19-21, 1971

A particularly enjoyable part of Laymen's Year in prospect is the fact that North England again plays host to the British Union Youth and Education department's Annual Study Conference at the Lincoln Hall of Nottingham University. Our Conference departmental men will be closely associated with this most stimulating week-end of study and fellowship. Since the comfortable single study-bedroom accommodation is invariably fully booked by delegates from all over Britain we recommend a prompt response to the booking arrangements when these are circulated. From what we hear a programme of very wide interest to Adventist students and progressive laymen is being planned.

#### Other Laymen's Year Projects

In October (29th to November 1st) at Eastwood Grange, Derbyshire, a Health Education Convention is being planned in collaboration with the British Union Health Education Department. Object—to demonstrate how your home can become a Health Evangelism Centre. Expected Guest of Honour from General Conference—Dr. Wayne McFarland.

#### Royal Agricultural Show Exhibit

Coventry churchmembers have been "prodding" for over a year to have an official Church entry at the Royal Agricultural Show on its permanent showground at Stoneleigh, near Coventry. Although an unequivocal "answer" cannot yet be given, a committee comprised of British Union Conference, North England Conference, and local church elements will shortly discuss the economics and design of a possible entry. P.R. Department director Jack Mahon would like to hear from any Midland churches or individual members who would be willing to give their support to the scheme. Many visitors from overseas and all over the British Isles converge

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#### DO YOU KNOW ANYONE IN NORTH DURHAM?

A spring evangelistic campaign is planned in Gateshead, beginning on February 2, 1971. If you have any friends, relations, or know of anyone who would like to receive a personal invitation to the opening night film: "I Beheld His Glory," please complete the coupon below, and send it as soon as possible to: Pastor D. Marley, 6 Selborne Avenue, Gateshead, Co. Durham. NE9 6ET.

Please send details of the Gateshead Campaign to:

Mr/Mrs/Miss .....

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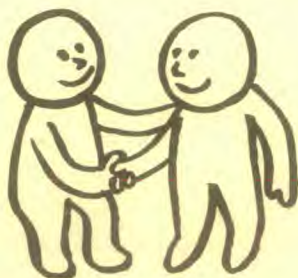
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# LAYMEN'S BIBLE Y

## Step by...



### 1 Form a team

Choose your partner, and form a team of two



### 2 Pray earnestly

### 3 Set a time

Plan the time to visit convenient to you as a team. It is suggested that during 1971 Laymen's Year you may wish to spend one hour each week in missionary work. Results come through regular involvement.



### 4 Choose an approach

After choosing the approach you will use, practise it until it becomes natural. Take turns at presenting the canvass. Be enthusiastic.

### 5 Secure your materials

Obtain a supply of your materials (gift Bibles and lessons, Tracts, V.O.P. cards, "Our Times," "Think," Survey Sheets, or Welfare cards). Read it carefully so that you can answer questions.



### 6 Begin Now

Realize that you have the Bread of Life for a famished world. "Angels of God attend you to the dwellings of those you visit."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 9, page 41.

### 7 Make a personal contact

Do not put literature through letter-boxes. Make a personal contact.

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## HOW TO VISIT AND ENJOY IT

### LITERATURE APPROACH

Use "Our Times," "Good Health," "Think," "Your Bible and You." Sunday mornings and week-day evenings are good times for reaching the people. But go whenever is best for you and the majority of people. Introduce the literature with a prayer in your heart and a smile on your face. Your visit may save a soul!

### GIFT BIBLE APPROACH

Conduct a survey to discover local interest in the Bible. Or distribute Gift Bible advertising cards or folders. Through the contacts discover interests who are willing to take a 6-lesson Bible course based on the N.E.B. New Testament or a 24-lesson course based on the Authorized Version. Later a 24-lesson course based on the New English Bible will also be available. Take two lessons each week or fortnight to the interested person.

### CHILDREN'S STORY HOUR

Invite your neighbours' children, your children's school friends for weekly Story Hour in your home. Tell or read Bible and Bedtime Stories.



**YOUR  
NEIGHBOUR**

### V.O.P. APPROACH

Conduct a survey and offer a free Bible course to all who participate or you may make a direct canvass and invite people to apply for the first two sample lessons. Permit the prospective student to complete the application blank himself, or with his consent you may complete it for him and post it to the V.O.P. School at Stanborough Park, Watford, Herts., WD2 6JU.

### WELFARE APPROACH

Secure Welfare Service cards especially used in visitation. Enter on the card your Welfare Centre's name and address and telephone No. Leave a sack for clothing if desired. Ask for names and addresses of needy people. Take tracts and your V.O.P. cards with you. Make every call radiate Christian cheer.

### BIBLE STUDY APPROACH

Have a typed or printed list of Bible topics, e.g:

1. Why does God permit suffering?
2. How to be happy!
3. What is coming next?
4. Is there life after death?

Follow the Bible survey plan and discover which of those subjects interests you most. Make an appointment to give a Bible study or show a filmstrip in their home or yours.



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on Stoneleigh in July. They come in the main from rural areas where their prospects of hearing the message are minimal—it would be good to provide them with an opportunity.

### Family Camp at Aberdaron, July 23rd–August 1st

At this very popular holiday centre a course of study will be offered on certain mornings and evenings under the general title: "Helping Your Neighbour to Health."

### Congratulations

To Pastor and Mrs. Richard Vine of Teesside on the birth of their firstborn, Jerome Wesley Douglas on November 29, 1970. Also to Mr. and Mrs. Eric Lowe whose little daughter Janet was born December 3, 1970. Eric is minister of Sutton-in-Ashfield and Long Eaton groups.

### Adventist Choir in BBC TV "Songs of Praise"

Pastor B. A. Walton of Manchester has been asked to record with his church choir four hymns for a forthcoming programme in the Sunday night series. The Adventist church choir will be featured with a combined choir from Anglican/Methodist groups and with the choir of the Manchester Reformed Synagogue. The recording will be made in Manchester Cathedral in February, and as soon as the broadcast date is known members will be informed.

### When You Visit Grantham

Take a look at our recently extended Book, Bible &

Health Centre. We are very proud of this unit and appreciate the tremendous effort put into the prestigious opening fanfare by energetic Edward Johnson, manager, and his hard-working staff backed up by Grantham churchmembers.

### Historic Decision by N.E.C. Executive Committee

At its December meeting the North England Conference Executive voted in favour of earmarking a definite percentage of its annual operating funds for youth evangelism and projects as its future policy. Although the percentage sounds modest enough—half of one per cent—it is a considerable advance in a year when the requirements of an expanding work have brought increased financial burdens upon the Conference treasury. We believe all our members will endorse and even applaud this recognition that the Church's most valuable legacy is its youth.

### Senior Citizens Northern Residence?

In Britain the Church operates two homes for its senior citizens, one in the south-east at Lowestoft, and one in Scotland. Many members have expressed a desire to establish a home in the North England territories. We shall shortly be appointing an advisory committee to sift the possibilities and would appreciate hearing from members who have an opinion they would like to express about such a project.

### Unprecedented Publicity for Health Education Programme

In a year when our Health Education work, particularly Anti-Smoking, has received massive recognition by newspapers, magazines, radio, and television, we take the opportunity of telling our membership that the January *SHE*, a large-circulation woman's magazine, features in a full page illustrated article, Pastor Jack Mahon and "Smoking Sam." J. MAHON.

## Baptism for Christmas

HULL.—Sorry, we meant a baptism for Christ. Sabbath, December 12th, was a happy day for the members of the Hull church.

We had a baptism through which four new members were added to the Church—two by profession of faith, and two by being baptized.

We had an ordination when Brother Peter Waller, and Brother Ben Hooson were ordained as elder and deacon respectively.

We had a visit from our conference president and his family: Pastor Donald Lowe, his wife, three daughters, and son, warmed our hearts with their ministry. Brother Lowe's sermon on "The Cost of Communicating Love" touched our hearts, and drew us in sympathy and consecration to our Father who gave His Son for our redemption because—*He is love*.

At the Young People's in the afternoon Pastor Lowe again spoke to us. He made his point tellingly with "Charisma"—this, we think, was Sister Lowe's perfume. Applying a small quantity of "Charisma" cream to the hands of all who were willing to be perfumed, Pastor Lowe showed how that if the *charisma* or gift of God's love was upon us then it would make our lives lovely like the life of Christ.

The day was concluded with a social evening under the aegis of our Y.P. leader, John Kent.

For all of God's abundant mercies we are thankful, and desire as a church to so live and conduct ourselves that we may be an honour and glory to Him who loves us.

P. BOYLE,  
Minister.

## Adventists Respond to Pakistan Appeal

### Help for cyclone victims



DAVID Downer and his family have moved the furniture out of their dining room — to make way for blankets, sheets and clothes.

For the room has become a receiving centre for relief supplies for East Pakistan.

David, 30, his wife, Frances, 31, and their children Howard, seven, and

Claire, four, are members of the Seventh Day Adventist Church. And at an area meeting at the weekend, it was decided that each church should set up a relief centre.

"I offered my house as one because it is in the middle of town," says David. He commented: "The

size of the cyclone disaster is unimaginable and I think everybody should do what they can to help, no matter how small."

Anyone with clothing, blankets and sheets they would like sent to disaster victims can leave them at 164 Wellington Street, Slough.

Brother David Downer and his wife, Frances, whose energetic response to the needs of East Pakistan disaster victims, was widely publicized in the Coventry papers. Brother and Sister Downer, with their children, Howard and Claire, are members of the Coventry church.



## **"He Leadeth Me"**

Literature-Evangelist I. J. Cotton tells his heart-warming story of God's love and guidance.

How many of us have left the familiarity of our homelands and set sail for "better lands" seeking fame and fortune? I did, but it was wealth of a very different kind that I found—the spiritual wealth that comes from service in God's Church.

Four and a half years ago, I sailed from Southampton with my wife of a few months. I was a design engineer with an apprenticeship and the "necessary" papers behind me and I was about to make my mark in that big, empty land called Canada—the thrill of expectancy in life was mine to the full.

My wife and I settled in Toronto for a year where I was employed by a large engineering concern. We enjoyed the gay, social life and pleasant camping week-ends which are so much a part of Canadian life. Yet for all this, we were still seeking something. Unable to settle in the big city we decided to move to western Canada—the land of big mountains and prairie wheatlands. We opted for the smaller city of Calgary and I took a position in a small firm of engineering consultants. It was here that we found the "something" we had been seeking.

One of my colleagues was a "Congregation Servant" with the Jehovah's Witnesses, and a very sincere and dedicated person he was. Up to that time we did not possess a Bible and would not have used it if we had, but my Witness friend awakened an interest in spiritual matters. So I obtained a Bible in order to study for myself. I could not condone all he believed especially since I was a faithful blood donor. A little later the firm took on a new engineering manager from California who happened to be an Adventist. Being a faithful witness, he soon had me searching out his beliefs, too.

After some while, my wife and I (so far unable to disprove the Advent truths) attended an evangelistic campaign at the Calgary S.D.A. church, and followed this with a Bible study with the local pastor. Soon my wife was baptized and after satisfying my mind on a few points, I followed at our large Camp Meeting a few weeks later. Our life then revolved almost entirely around the Church, during which time we enjoyed a study on the Bible promises which have sustained us on many an occasion since.

Early the following year my firm closed due to lack of work, and we were given a few hours notice and no remuneration. Thinking that life would not be too difficult with my qualifications, I set out to look for another position. However, our good Lord had other plans for me and I was unable to find employment. It was suggested that I might be a good candidate for canvassing; but I doubted this, since I had had no experience in selling! However, I made the necessary inquiries, and, providentially, it was the only afternoon the Publishing Secretary was in (he always had a very busy schedule). He welcomed my application, and acceptance was speeded up through the various conference channels.

I found the work different, of course, but very rewarding, and the Lord blessed me in my efforts. He also blessed me with a soul for the Church: I had given an invitation to a former secretary in my old firm to attend church with us, and she later took her stand and was baptized.

Late in 1969 we gave thought to returning to our homeland as my wife had just given birth to a daughter, and we booked up on a charter flight for the following April, planning to stay the three weeks only. Later we gave serious thought to returning to take up literature work in England, but felt we should leave it to God to show us if this was His plan for us. We set some fairly extreme conditions to be fulfilled so that we would know if we were following our own inclinations or God's will.

We thought little more about this and as March dawned

we felt that God needed us where we were. However, on the last day of February we sat down to breakfast and took up our morning devotional reading to find ourselves suddenly faced with a Scripture that seemed to dispute this. It read: "Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee." Mark 5:18, 19. The next day the conditions were

### **North England Conference Department of Lay Activities**

announce a . . .

## **LAY-PREACHERS' WORKSHOP**

**"THE HAYES" CONFERENCE CENTRE  
SWANWICK, DERBYSHIRE**

**FEBRUARY 12 – 14, 1971**

An intensive week-end residential training course in Public Speaking and Communications.

Practical instruction and demonstrations will be given by the following staff:

COOPER, V. H., Lay Activities Dept. B.U.C.

FOSTER, E. H., President B.U.C. former faculty of Newbold College.

GRAHAM, R. E., President S.E.C. former faculty of Newbold College.

MARTER, E. W., Bible and Speech Dept., Newbold College.

SURRIDGE, R. H., Youth and Sabbath School Dept. B.U.C.

WOODFIELD, A. J., English Dept. Newbold College.

Director of Studies: Donald Lowe, President, N.E.C.

Registrar: James M. Huzzey, Department Secretary, N.E.C.

Organizing Secretary: Jack Mahon, Department Secretary, N.E.C.

If you are interested or would like to register your place in the course please fill in the coupon and remit with 10s. [50p] minimum deposit to Pastor Jack Mahon, organizing secretary, 22 Zulla Road, Mapperley Park, Nottingham, NG3 5BZ.

## **LAY-PREACHERS' WORKSHOP**

**The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire**

**February 12 – 14, 1971**

Please register ..... (name)  
for the Lay-Preachers' Workshop of study, and  
reserve room and meals.

Sponsored by .....  
(Church or Company)

Signed .....  
(Church board Chairman)



fulfilled and we knew that our trip to England would be a final one—to settle there in God's work.

Here we are now—enjoying the blessings of God in service to Him, and knowing that we have a wonderful Lord and a wonderful future ahead of us. It was a long journey, but God taught us about a new source of wealth: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you." Matthew 6:33. What better way can this be fulfilled than by service to Him in the literature ministry?

## Welfare . . .

### In Westcliff

SABBATH, November 21st, was a special day for Westcliff, when Sister D. Clark, President of the Anglian Welfare Federation addressed us at the morning service. She told how the Welfare Society is helping others, in visiting the sick, elderly, and the shut-ins; and by hospital visitation. A group of young people sing to the patients in hospital and this is very much appreciated.

There is still an urgent need for more welfare workers. At the Annual Gift Service in the afternoon, Miss Osborne, Deputy Matron of the Southend Group of Hospitals, gave an enlightening talk on how they look after and cater for the elderly patients by means of occupational therapy and various other ways. Woollen garments, toilet requisites, and other sundries were presented to her for distribution to the patients. She expressed her admiration for the wonderful display of goods on view in the vestibule and thanked all for their continued interest over the years.

EVELYN H. HORN,  
P.R. Secretary.

### In Newport, Mon.

OUR aim to bring the name of Seventh-day Adventists to our town has gained much new ground during the past year. The welfare work is progressing steadily. Many new contacts have been made with the local charitable organizations, who ask regularly for our help. Baby clothes and prams have been found for unmarried mothers, household goods and clothing have been provided for families of alcoholics; Christmas toys and books were provided for underprivileged children.

Our contribution to the annual Old People's week was a social evening in the youth hall for eighty senior citizens who enjoyed a wonderful music programme organized by Sister Anne Essery, followed by a buffet supper provided by the catering committee under the leadership of Sister Pimm. Mr. Hankinson, the town welfare secretary, was present, and thanked the church most heartily for the good work they do in the town and for the pleasure given to so many people that evening.

As welfare leader I would like to thank the church for its loyal co-operation during the past year. Much work is never reported, and this, added to the faithful work of our young people in conjunction with the town temperance society under the direction of Brother Harold Baker, the untiring work of Brother and Sister Needham in the lay activities department, the constant sick visiting by deacons and deaconesses, and collecting of clothing by all our faithful members, has made the leadership pleasant and easy.

This work is bringing our message to the public, they are asking questions and showing an interest where once prejudice prevailed. By popular demand a course of health and welfare lectures have been planned. These are made interesting with hints, recipes, and the testimonies of our members.

VERA MACHELL.

## In the South

THE annual meeting of the South Coast Welfare Federation was held on Sabbath November 14th in the Southampton church, with representatives from all churches in the Federation. With them was the South England Conference Welfare Department Secretary, Pastor J. W. Ginbey. Guest speaker was Mr. Pringle—Senior inspector in the West Hants and Bournemouth branch of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. He spoke about the foundation of the society and its work in the south-coast area. He reported a recent case where ten people—three adults and seven children—were living in a three-berth caravan. Conditions inside the caravan were appalling. The problem was solved when a N.S.P.C.C. worker kindly gave a caravan to the society. Clothing and bedding for some of the children were provided by the Welfare branch in Bournemouth. Mr. Pringle concluded by saying that he and his colleagues were always delighted to receive help from the Federation.

In the discussion time which followed, representatives agreed with the President, Mrs. I. Howard, that all the clothing in the possession of the Welfare Departments of the Federation should be distributed quickly and effectively. In this connection, it was decided that other Welfare organizations should be contacted and aid given to them whenever necessary. Also it was suggested that there should be a free interchange of clothing between all churches in the Federation. This would ensure that a need could be met quickly whenever it occurred.

Pastor Ginbey stressed the need for much more men's clothing. Although the New Gallery Centre was now closed, he suggested that clothing should be sent to the various London churches which had taken over from the centre.

Mrs. I. Howard and Mrs. R. Fordham were re-elected as President and Secretary-Treasurer of the Federation for 1971.

JOHN-MARC MICHEL.

## In East Anglia

A YOUNG man in his early twenties, Mr. M. Daube, Regional Organizer of "Shelter," addressed the East Anglian Welfare Federation Autumn meeting at the Colchester church on October 25th. He gave a full account of the activities of the "Shelter" campaign to help the housing problems. When we learn that three million families are living in inadequate conditions in this country, we realize the tremendous amount of welfare work still necessary.

Members from Chelmsford, Hutton, Ipswich, Lowestoft, Oulton Broad, and Yarmouth joined the Colchester folk for this meeting. The leaders from Lowestoft and Chelmsford reported on their welfare efforts in visiting homes and hospitals.

Most of the Federation figures showed increases and indicated that a greater variety of welfare activities are now undertaken by the churches.

While most of the visitors were enjoying the refreshments kindly provided by the Colchester church, a nominating committee met with Pastor J. Ginbey and re-elected the present officers as those to serve in 1971: *President*—Mrs. A. Clark, *Vice-President*—Mrs. G. Stevens, *Secretary-Treasurer*—Miss B. Duke.

SECRETARY,

East Anglian Welfare Federation.

### Come Wind, Come Weather . . .

"Kites rise against the wind. Even a head wind on the sea is better than none. No man ever worked his passage in a dead calm. Let no man, therefore, wax pale because of opposition."—J. Neal.



## SOUTH ENGLAND CONFERENCE



### The Same God

"God is still the living God now, as well as He was thousands of years ago. He listens to the prayers of His children, and helps those who trust in Him." So wrote George Müller, and how he proved it!

The work founded by Mr. Müller was shown to us by Mr. and Mrs. Buttery of the Müller Homes for Children, Bristol, who addressed our Autumn London Welfare Federation Meeting on October 18, 1970 at the New Gallery Centre.

These homes were founded on the faith of Mr. Müller, and to this day his followers still run the homes making all their needs known by prayer alone, and their faith has always been rewarded.

Over a century ago Mr. Müller was then caring for 300 children in one large Orphan House at an annual cost of just over £12 per child—total expenditure being less than £4,000. Today there are about 160 children in care but costs have risen so enormously that expenditure runs at more than £70,000 per annum. But God is able to meet this very heavy expenditure in these days, as He met the needs in Mr. Müller's day.

A film was shown—taken by Mr. Buttery—depicting the homes as they are today where the children are being cared for on the family system, about one dozen children in each home.

A lively discussion followed in which Mr. and Mrs. Buttery explained a number of interesting points. We were all so impressed by the good work of these homes that we were happy to donate our collection of £21.

May we too, have the same great faith as expressed in a few words taken from their Annual Report.

"We lift our grateful hearts to God who provides all our needs.

"Despond then no longer—  
The Lord will provide.  
And this be the token  
No word He has spoken  
Was ever yet broken  
The Lord will provide."

*Secretary of the London Welfare Federation.*

### Mayor at Wimbledon Anniversary

ON Sabbath, December 26th Mr. and Mrs. Clifford A. Jones of Wimbledon Church celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary. A special visitor with them at the morning service was M. Michael Déglise, Mayor of Dainville in Northern France. This return visit by M. Déglise rounded off a busy year of visits by Mr. Jones to towns in Northern France.

The story began when, at the age of fifteen years and nine months, young Clifford joined the 7th Leicestershire Regiment and went to France. Less than a year later, after service at Ypres, he was wounded by a grenade and had to have his left leg amputated. He was awarded the General Service Medal, the 1914-18 Star, and the Victory Medal, and became a Member of the Not Forgotten Association. He was later awarded an honorary membership of the Association des Amputés de Guerre d'Arras.

In 1970 Clifford Jones went to France to be made an honorary citizen of Dainville, then to attend a funeral



Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Jones after the morning service at Wimbledon on December 20th. On their left is their special guest, the Mayor of Dainville, France.

service for General de Gaulle, and finally for Armistice Ceremonies on November 11th, when he was made a Citoyen d'Honneur de Neuville St. Vaast and was decorated with la Medaille "Ceux d'Artois."

Born at Chesterfield, Derbyshire, Brother Jones worships with his family regularly at Wimbledon church. It was a happy occasion to join with Brother and Sister Jones in celebrating their anniversary, and especially to welcome the Mayor of Dainville. We pray that God will continue to bless them with health and happiness as they rejoice in the hope of the Remnant Church.

R. G. PARR,  
P.R. Secretary.

### Ordeal by Fire

REDRUTH, CORNWALL.—"Fire is a good servant but a bad master"—and how bad it proved for a family of six one night when father was working on nightshift. One of the boys coughed until his mother awoke and went to see why, and to her horror found her home on fire. The stairs were ablaze so they all had to jump from the windows. They lost everything except the garments they had slept in.

Neighbours took them in for the rest of the night while the firemen fought the blaze.

When morning came Adventist Welfare was on the job. A worker with a car went to see what could be done. We were able to clothe the whole family, to provide pillows, blankets, etc. The council supplied a house, but what to put in it was a problem. The Welfare leader visited the shops.

One manager could not give anything much from the shop, but he said he would ask his wife if she could spare something. Later we had a phone call: "I have some bedding. Shall I bring it up?"

He brought a single bed and overlay nearly new, two pairs of single sheets, two pillows and two pillow cases, one single blanket, one double blanket, and two quilts. Another person sent one double bed, and two armchairs and one double blanket. We collected cutlery, kitchen utensils, table-cloths, china, and curtains. It was wonderful how the hand of the Lord was revealed.

BERT CARTER,  
P.R. Secretary.



## Luton's Year of Service

LUTON.—The month of December has seen the culmination of what can rightly be described as a year of service, combining the efforts of ministry and laymembers of the Luton S.D.A. Church.

Early in the year a training course was started by Pastor Watson Southcott for those members of the church anxious to learn the art of giving Bible studies. Three baptisms have been conducted this year and most of the candidates have received their initial Bible studies from these members.

In November a ten-day revival series was held, and in preparation for this, churchmembers visited those who had not been attending church for some months, and also those who had known the Truth but had never taken their stand. During these meetings two people made a public declaration of their intent to go all the way with Jesus and one of them, an English lady who had known the message for six or seven years and had completed all our Voice of Prophecy courses, was baptized on Sabbath, December 12th. The other gentleman will be baptized early in this new year.

An Investiture service was held on December 19th with twenty children receiving their insignia from Pastor Rex Riches. Altogether thirty-two children were invested in 1970, many of whom had never been acquainted with our J.M.V. Adventurer courses before January.

The Luton Welfare Society continues to do a very good work in the district which is much appreciated by many other Welfare organizations. In connection with this a Toy Service was held on Sabbath, December 19th, and later the Town Children's Department was happy to receive the good number of gifts.

On December 26th, the Christmas tree which had borne toys the previous Sabbath, was decked afresh—with money. This was the members' Christmas gift to their church, and the sum of £38 which was donated will be used towards the building of a new toilet block as part of the overall plan for church improvement.

During the last quarter a church choir was formed and they gave their first public performance on Sabbath afternoon December 26th during a Carol Service. It was good to see a number of non-Adventists in the congregation at that time.

We can look back over 1970 with thankfulness to God, knowing that battles have been won and souls brought into the kingdom. Our prayer is that God will abundantly bless every member during 1971.

P.R. SECRETARY.

## Love in Action

WATFORD.—Preaching to a packed Stanborough Park church on Sabbath, November 14th, Elder Theodore Carcich, a Vice-President of the General Conference prefaced his address with the assurance that individual churches and institutions are daily remembered before the Throne of Grace by the General Conference staff. Though his main responsibility as a Vice-President lies in the Publishing work, he is also concerned with the progress of the Advent Message in Europe, and as a European himself he was especially happy to report that the next General Conference Session would in fact take place in Europe in 1975. Then followed a most stimulating and challenging sermon to old and young alike. Nations and individuals don't get on, he said, but *we* are to live at peace; and deriving his theme from the third chapter of Colossians (N.E.B.) he stressed that all the admonitions of this chapter stand apart unless the supreme one in verse fourteen is heeded. Love brings them all together, indeed, love sums up the whole. But this love is not make-believe, the test of it is back in the home in the small things of life, and what happens in the family happens in the world. *If one cannot get on under one's own roof what hope is there outside.*



Brother Bertram Greaves of the Holloway church, a carpenter, has been saving every pound of his overtime earnings since last May for Sabbath School Investment. His goal is £100.—Genevieve Guenin, P.R. Secretary.

*Violence in the world is first bred in the home.*

Parents are entitled to respect from their children, and he quoted a university professor as saying that his own son respected the policeman on the street corner, because he respected his father. In the Christian home the father stands as a representative of Christ. The whole purpose and meaning of life is in Christ. . . . What families are the Church will be.

Elder Carcich was specific about love in action. He observed that some modern sociologists claim that it is too much to expect to have a stable marriage lasting a lifetime. But the Christian must have a concept of love which takes the knocks of life and gives responsibility and understanding. It is not just a tenuous physical attraction, as seems to be suggested by so much which takes place in the current pop scene, but a real test of living under one roof—problems notwithstanding. "Where love is of the Spirit, all other virtues flow."

"Were the early attentions in marriage still continued?" he asked—the birthdays and anniversaries remembered? In Christ, marriage gets better every day—by practising love. And when things go wrong there is always time to start again, and to forgive. Forgiveness is a part of love in practice. To follow Christ is to avoid the despair in many homes today.

P.R. SECRETARY.

## Worthing's Third Thousand

THE annual pre-Christmas Sale of Work once more revealed something of the spirit of consecration and generosity which characterizes our Adventist church membership.

What was the incentive?

For many more years than the Worthing membership care to remember they have had, like many other such groups, to use hired halls as a substitute for a dedicated place of worship. So, in order that their envisaged church building can materialize, an urge has spurred them on to work and sacrifice, year after year, until they are now well into their third thousand pounds.

Gross receipts from this last sale, organized by Mrs. Hyde, with the splendid support of the membership and friends, were over £120. Although everybody felt exhausted at the end of the day, they will all be at it again this new year, making ready for another worth-while adventure.

And now, something different. Kindly loaned by the bank manager, an empty shop right in the heart of a busy shopping area, became a busy mart where all kinds of donated goods were sold day after day for two weeks. Mrs. Moore, and her daughter, Mrs. Batt, conceived the plan and, along with Mr. Moore, undertook a very heavy programme entailing much sacrifice. But they felt well rewarded in that the net result provided £100 for Medical Missions and £106 for the Worthing church building fund. This was indeed a unique venture.



You dear reader, may be favoured with a dedicated church building in which to worship. Will you spare a thought and a prayer for those who, like the members in Worthing, are still hoping? *Remember it is the regular donation of that 1% that will help to speed the provision of a church-home for the "homeless."*

PASTOR S. G. HYDE.

## IRISH MISSION



### Pray for Eire

DUBLIN.—In the Irish Republic we are very fortunate to possess two live-wire ministers viz: Brethren E. Pettit and R. G. Vine. In earlier years the leadership has been working singly to a large degree.

Proceeding with untiring energy, and with some assistance from the laity, these men are prayerfully planning ways to persuade the nation's inhabitants to accept the Advent message.

At present we are conducting film services on topical and Bible subjects; not forgetting, of course, to educate people on the dangers of smoking, alcohol, etc.

We have a Gift Bible Scheme under way, and are continuing studies with a number of regular readers of our literature.

What more can we do? Well, we have another evangelistic thrust in mind for January, 1971, and a larger one for the summer with the assistance of a team of evangelists headed by Pastor Doleman; but you must pray for us. We need your earnest petitions. We will not be successful without them. We are all one family, whether our members reside in Britain, Ireland, or Hong Kong. All our pleadings are heard in one place and they are effective.

Souls have to win here, but prayer, sincere prayer, can remove the mountains that the enemy places in our way.

We also need literature-evangelists—permanent workers. The old story that our literature cannot be sold to Roman Catholics in Eire is a myth, and one could use a stronger word than that.

The writer has been here for twenty years, is well nourished, and still enjoying the grand work at nearly seventy years of age, making many friends, including nuns and priests.

If you have a cycle, motorbike, or car, and wish to do something for Jesus, come to Eire and enjoy the experience.

FRANK MALE,

Literature-Evangelist.

## At Rest

### ALEXANDER CAREY

A MAN of God who rendered long and distinguished service to the Adventist Church in Britain passed to his rest on December 17, 1970. At the advanced age of 88½ years, Alexander Carey peacefully fell asleep in Jesus. Brother Carey was one of the tiny minority who gently die of old age. He had no chronic sickness as life's shadows lengthened, but simply a painless passing into the sleep of death, in full assurance of a joyful awakening when the Lord he loved and served, returns in second advent glory.

Brother Carey was born in London in June, 1882. He was among the first twelve to gain a scholarship from London County Council to Sir Walter St. John College. He began his business career with Harrods of London, and later joined the staff of Selfridges when they began business on Oxford Street in 1907, continuing there until 1915.

At that time he was introduced to the truth through a tent campaign conducted by Evangelist Langford. When the tent was burnt to the ground, Brother Carey opened his home for meetings to continue, and thereby was led to take his stand for the message he loved.

In 1920 he went to Stanborough Park, Watford, beginning denominational service as treasurer in Granose Foods Ltd. He then was manager of the Stanborough Sanitarium for a brief period before transferring to the Stanborough College as manager, 1925–6. Then came a transfer to the British Union Conference



which he served as Secretary-Treasurer from 1928 to 1950, collaborating with Presidents W. H. Meredith, W. E. Read, H. W. Lowe, and E. B. Rudge. With Pastor W. E. Read he obtained Charity status for the Union institutions except Granose Foods Ltd., and managed to balance the Church budgets in years when financial resources were severely limited.

Although now nearly seventy, Brother Carey continued for another seventeen years until 1967 to serve as Hon. Secretary of World-Wide Advent Missions.

An active member of the Stanborough Park church, he served as a local elder for many years.

The funeral service was conducted in the Park church on December 21st by Pastor J. A. McMillan, who aptly applied Psalm 91:16 to one who was truly a great man in God's Cause: "With long life will I satisfy him, and show him My salvation." Said Pastor McMillan: Brother Carey served the Church with "discipline without despotism; firmness without favour; courage without cant; and helpfulness without hypocrisy." Cer-

tainly, all who knew our departed brother, were inspired by his dedication to God, and his uprightness of character.

The committal at the graveside was by local minister Pastor Ernest Logan.

Our sympathy is extended to Brother Carey's son, Pastor Ron Carey; and to his two daughters, Mrs. Hilda Craven, widow of the late manager of the Press, J. H. Craven; and Mrs Irene Lelean; and to all other relatives. They may be cheered by the assurance that the day of awakening and glad reunion is not far distant.

PASTOR R. D. VINE.

MRS. Hilda M. L. Craven, daughter of Brother A. Carey, wishes to thank all who sent messages of sympathy during her recent sad bereavement.

BRYAN.—Brother Eric Leslie Dodwell Bryan laid down his life's work on December 10, 1970, aged 75, after many months of declining health following his third stroke. Brother Bryan's family were first contacted by Adventists when Sister W. T. Bartlett visited them when he was a child, but Brother Bryan was the first member of his family to be baptized by Pastor W. H. Meredith in 1914 when he was only nineteen years of age. He conducted his first service in 1918, and from that day on he was a faithful preacher of the Word in the Midlands and in the London area. For many years he served his church as elder, and was the first elder of the Central Birmingham church which later divided, and settled at Camp Hill, where his son, Pastor George Bryan, is the present Pastor-Evangelist. When he retired and came south, his talents were still used as a member of the South England Committee. Brother Bryan's funeral service was conducted in the Bexhill Cemetery by Pastor C. Morris, with his son, Pastor George Bryan, giving the message of comfort, and his brother-in-law, Brother Ben Reece of Weston, rendering two beautiful solos: "No Burdens Yonder," and: "The Lord Is My Shepherd." To his son George, to his wife who so carefully nursed her loved one through long hard months, and to his other relatives, we offer our sincere sympathies. But we sorrow not as those who have no hope. As Sister Bryan said on the morning of the funeral: "I am not upset for I think of the glorious reunion." A faithful Adventist and transparent



Christian to the end, Brother Eric Bryan, now sleeps in Jesus, but we shall meet him again.  
C. MORRIS.

SISTER Bryan and her son, George, wish to express their thanks for the letters of sympathy and floral tributes.

WARD.—It is with deep sorrow that we record the death of Miss Margaret Anne Ward on August 31, 1970, having achieved her 90th birthday only ten days before. Baptized in Newcastle by Pastor F. C. Bailey, she has been a most faithful church-member since the early thirties. In earlier years she was a nurse, and used to travel from Redcar to the Darlington church on Sabbaths. She was a godly and kindly lady who cherished and witnessed to her Advent hope. She leaves to mourn her loss her sister Mary, her niece Mrs. Joyce Ledger, and her constant companion Mrs. Grace Winnard. The funeral service was conducted by Pastor Derek Marley on September 4th, at Memorial House, Middlesbrough, and she was laid to rest at Acklam Cemetery to await the call of her Lord.

PASTOR RICHARD L. VINE.

HANLEY.—The Shrewsbury church regrets to record that Miss Florence Hanley passed to her rest in Newport Audley Hospital on November 23, 1970, aged 81 years. A former member of the Shrewsbury church for 19 years, she accepted the message through the ministry of the late Pastor A. F. Bird, and was baptized on November 15, 1932. In her early years she was a zealous worker for the Lord, and always took an active part in the annual Ingathering Campaign. For four years Sister Hanley went to live down south, but returned to Shrewsbury for a brief time. Finally in the autumn of her life, she decided to enter the Adventist Eventide Home at Edinburgh, and later Lundin Links, where she remained until just recently. In the closing days of her life, she expressed a desire to return to her native Shropshire, and this was arranged. Her health deteriorated and the last few months were spent in the Wrekin and Newport hospitals, Shropshire. The funeral service took place at the Emstry Crematorium on November 27th and was conducted by Pastor R. Burgess, who gave a message of hope and comfort to the sorrowing relatives and friends.  
CHURCH CLERK.

FOSTER.—Once again the Coventry church has parted with a very loyal Christian member. Sister Iris Foster, a stalwart believer, was cremated in November. Prior to the cremation a service was conducted in church by Pastor Paul Smith. Our sister was born in Kalaumfa, India, of English parents, and became a member of a Christian community in 1885. Later in search for soul-satisfying truth she attended a camp effort in Bangalore in South India and was baptized as a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in 1935. Some time later she came to live in England and worshipped in the Chiswick church. After her husband's death she came to reside with her son, Dr. Donald Foster and his family in Coventry where she was known as granny to her friends as well as relatives. And so for twenty years she sojourned among us and was a faithful and gracious sister well-known for her generosity towards missionary programmes. For the last few years Sister Foster was unable to attend church owing to ill health which resulted in leg amputation. During this period of indisposition she maintained a cheerful outlook and a longing to see the Lord come again in power and glory. Our sympathy is extended to her son and daughter-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. Donald Foster, and with them we look forward to that glad day when we shall meet granny again—never more to part.  
J. RISK.

P.R. Secretary.

## ADVERTISEMENTS

EIRE'S URGENT NEED. American friends are prepared to subsidize two full-time literature-evangelists for one year in Dublin in order to prepare the ground for a Field School of Evangelism/Campaign Series next summer (1971) under the direction of Pastor Don Doleman.

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A WEST INDIAN STUDENT at one of our Universities in the U.S.A. would like to correspond with any West Indian missionary-minded S.R.N.s (girls) in England. Write to U.S. Student, c/o The Editor, The Stanborough Press Ltd., Alma Park, Grantham, Lincs.

WILL anyone knowing the whereabouts of Mrs. F. Fell, formerly of the Newcastle church, and who lived at 88 Links Hill Terrace, North Shields, and Mrs. M. M. Richardson, also from the Newcastle area, please contact: W. J. Griffiths, N.E.C. 25 St. John's Road, Mapperley Park, Nottingham NG3 5BZ.

TITHE/SABBATH. I would be pleased to hear from people who have had striking experiences as a result of being determined to pay tithe. I would also like to receive accounts of outstanding blessing as a consequence of being steadfast for the true Sabbath. Please write to: C. H. Martin, 28 St. Cleer's Orchard, Somerton, Somerset.

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