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“When They Shall Say Peace and Safety . . .”

On the spot account of Iceland's volcanic eruption, by Pastor S. B. Johansen, *President, Iceland Conference*

ON January 23rd at 1.30 a.m., a volcanic eruption took place on Heimaey [home island] the largest island in the Westman Islands, about six miles off the south-west coast of Iceland. A crack 1,100 yards long had opened across the island, and less than a mile from Iceland's largest and most important fishing town, named Westman Island. It had a population before the eruption of 5,500. A wall of fire more than 1,000 yards in length reached half a mile up in the air, and the volcanic ash reached an elevation of over 20,000 feet.

Above the town is the volcanic crater named Helgafell. The geologists had claimed that this volcano was dead and according to their estimate it had not

erupted in the past 5,000 years. But now from its sides molten lava was pouring over the island, threatening the existence of the town. Fortunately a low ridge between the site of the eruption and the town prevented the lava flow from reaching the heaviest populated area.

In three hour's time the whole population was evacuated by aeroplanes, helicopters, and fishing boats. It was fortunate that a storm had passed over the area the day before the eruption, so most of the fishing fleet of nearly a hundred ships were in the harbour. Most of the population was evacuated on these ships to the nearest mainland port about three or four hours sailing time away. Aged and sick were taken

by planes and helicopters. The town was soon covered in volcanic sand and ash. The area near the eruption was completely buried. Over a hundred houses and buildings caved in from the weight of the volcanic debris, or were set on fire by the red-hot lava stones, as large as fists, catapulted over the town by the volcanic explosions. A branch of the lava-flow destroyed some houses. The whole town was being buried slowly.

When orders went out that all movable properties were to be taken from the city, the writer together with three other workers went to Westman Islands to look after the properties of our church and aid our churchmembers. On West-

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Helgafell's millennia of quiescence lured Icelanders into building a thriving town right up to the crater's rim. Then came the recent fiery outburst and "sudden destruction." Black volcanic debris is now doing its deadly work.

EDITORIALS

Marks of Distinction

HOW do you tell a Seventh-day Adventist? By his clothes? By his eating habits? By his speech?

In one of his books, Arthur S. Maxwell says that if you see a man walking down the street on a Saturday morning with a Bible under his arm you can be fairly certain that he is a Seventh-day Adventist.

In Ireland some Protestants have reported that they are able to recognize Roman Catholics even by their facial expressions and by their walk. A judgement that could have dangerous consequences.

Arabs consider their arms, legs, body and face as suitable surfaces for decorative tattooing. They tie together a group of needles in the desired shape and puncture the skin, rubbing in soot, and milk, and beet, or clover-leaf juice, so that the pattern is indelibly fixed.

Aleutian Islanders used to bore a hole through each cheek through which seals' whiskers were stuck. The filing or chipping of teeth were distinctive tribal marks used by various peoples. Padang women wore high metal collars increasing their neck length by stages, from early childhood. Some people stretch ear lobes. Precious stones are inlaid in the teeth. Jewels or ivory are plugged through the septum. Nose jewels, lip studs and pins, distinguish others.

Branding with marks and designs was forbidden by God when He instructed Israel through Moses (Leviticus 19:28). But the relating of God's providences through their history was to replace the heathen custom of tattooing. The dedication of the first-born and the feast of unleavened bread were customs that were to continue for ever. The repetition of the Law of the Lord and the reminder of their rescue from Egypt were to endure like a mark branded on the hand, and to be kept in view like a badge worn on the forehead (Exodus 13).

Before their departure from Egypt for the Promised Land, the Israelites placed over their doors a signature of blood to show that they were God's people.

Similarly God's people who are about to depart from planet Earth for the Heavenly Canaan will have God's appointed distinguishing sign, signature, or seal.

We like to say that God's seal is the Sabbath, and we have both Scriptural support and Spirit of Prophecy assurance for this view. But is it sufficient to be a Sabbath-keeper in order to escape the destructive plagues? We all know it is not. Our lives must be examined at a deeper level and found to be renewed by the Holy Spirit.

We must ask ourselves whether we

represent our Lord in character, whether we are walking humbly with pure minds and clean hearts, and whether under the powerful creative remoulding action of the Holy Spirit our natural traits have been transformed. For we know that the seal is placed only on those who wholly belong to the Lord and are like Christ in character.

If we are graven upon His hands, then He will put His mark upon us. And if we are clothed in righteousness—our Lord's gift to us—we shall find ourselves in ever more distinctive contrast to the world around us.

The seal is a mark which only angels can read, it is not open to human eyes. However, the destroying angel will clearly see the mark of redemption.

This is not to say that careful ob-

Magnetic Joy

MY boyhood home, never noted for excessive affluence, was a happy home. Despite a brief period in the twenties when my engineer father lacked employment because of his Sabbath convictions, at no time was home happiness impaired. Occasional anxiety, yes. But the clouds daily vanished at the family altar. The brief sessions of family worship were like refreshing draughts of invigorating elixir.

My home church was likewise a place of happiness. The prevailing sentiment, I always felt, was joy in the Lord. There was, of course, sorrow for sin; a healthy dissatisfaction with spiritual growth; justifiable feelings of guilt that individual evangelistic outreach lacked full vigour. But, together as we were every Sabbath morning in the presence of our Lord, we joyfully sensed His promised "rest unto our souls" as we cast our burdens upon Him (Matt. 11:29).

Years before baptism I was attracted to the members and therefore to the church, by their joy in the truth. Of course, many of those old-timers amused me too. Like the gentle lady who made life-long efforts to settle her wastrel brother's bankruptcy debts, and whose beauty was etherealized by the black-blobbed vanity veil which caged her smiling face. Despite her daunting burden, she always seemed so happy.

And then there was the kind-faced invalid member who sat in an invalid chair at the back by the right aisle, father of one of our present ministers. He never failed to have a word—even in church—with this "inconsequential" seven-year-old. How he, so racked with pain, could radiate joy, impressed me more than somewhat. When he died, I wept.

servers may not also see the sign of the Cross of Calvary in the adopted children of God. Their sins are blotted out, and in anticipation of the coming marriage ceremony they are wearing "wedding clothes." They are in harmony with all their Lord's commands. They have given to God all that belongs to Him. They are His.

The final act of distinction, when "one is taken and one is left," may well mystify some onlookers. But on every child of God there is the mark—open to angels' eyes. And the Lord protects every person who carries His sign.

So how do you pick out the genuine Seventh-day Adventist Christian? You need not even try to do so. Leave it to the angels. But meanwhile, words and deeds reveal the extent of our submission to the Spirit of God, and whether we are settling into His truth both intellectually and spiritually in preparation for God's seal.

V. H. COOPER,
President, Irish Mission.

Then there were the queenly trio who ran a private school. Tall, fur-clad, beautiful—they too "deigned" to express a happy-making word to everyone, including us children. This, I found, was most impressive.

Likewise that saint whose slender neck impressed me by the black velvet strip which was clipped around it. Her joy in Christ was infectious. With her help we memorized scores of "happy texts"—mainly from the psalms. Her nonagenarian sister still serves at Crieff.

So I could go the rounds of that South Coast church family of my early boyhood of whom none were more influential than my father, one of whose favourite homiletic themes was the "happy text": "Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."

The truth is adorned by the joy of the saints. The happiness truth brings is its highest recommendation. The Psalms—and the whole Bible—are full of it. "Rejoice in the Lord"; "Praise ye the Lord"; how frequent are such appeals. Above all other qualities, joy and gladness must characterize our homes and our churches.

As God's servant says: "If we are heaven-bound, how can we go as a band of mourners, groaning and complaining all along the way to our Father's house?" (E. G. White in *The Ministry of Healing*, page 251.)

How? she asks. Well, some actually do! There are some so-called Christian homes, maybe even the occasional church as well, where exuberant joy in the Lord is inhibited. Most frequent reason for lack of joy is when the inward look gets more attention than the upward look.

Sin is a kill-joy. But God's saving grace is more than adequate to cope. Is not the effect of our Saviour's ministry

to "give the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness, and the oil of joy for mourning"? And, having lifted us up from the "horrible pit" with its "miry clay," to "put a new song" in our hearts? (Isa. 61:3; Ps. 40:3.) And is not the purpose of our high calling as God's Church, primarily "that ye should show forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvellous light"? (1 Peter 2:9.)

Apart from life itself, happiness is what life is largely about. In the world generally, joy is conspicuous by its

absence. But where Christ is, there is "righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Ghost" (Rom. 14:17).

Perhaps you've heard of the man who declined a tract proffered by a gloomy-looking Christian. "No thanks" he said, "I've enough troubles of my own."

Which, we are convinced, has a powerful bearing on MISSION '73. Soul-winning efforts will best succeed where churches are centres not of solemn gloom, but of radiant happiness in the salvation of our God.—R. D. VINE,

Editor.

S.D.A. Church Damaged by Volcanic Debris

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man Islands we have our second largest church in Iceland, with a membership of 68. The church was established 48 years ago. It has always been a strong church with a dedicated membership. It has provided many workers and leaders over the years. We have a very nice church building in the city, and a church school with over 40 children enrolled. We also have a worker's apartment. The church has had a strong Dorcas society, and a fine programme for the children.

It was a very sad picture that met us as we arrived. The very scenic island and beautiful, active town was completely black. Black lava sand and ash covered everything. Large sections of the city were completely buried. It reminded us of Pompeii. The area farthest away from the eruption had a layer of sand at least a yard thick. Sand dunes were half up the walls of houses, and three or four feet thick layers on the roofs. Fences were more or less covered and only the highest tomb-stones could be seen in the cemetery.

Our church had received some damage, although this was not too extensive. The windows facing the volcano were all broken by flying lava, stones, and gravel. Much had entered the church through the broken windows. In several places the red-hot debris had burned holes in the pews and the floor covering. Only a miracle had saved the church from burning down. The building would surely have collapsed from the weight on the roof had it not been for the sand drifts pressing against the walls and holding them back. We were able to cover up the broken windows and shovel the sand piles off the roof. At the moment the church building is fairly safe.

What the future for the Westman Island town will be no one knows. At the moment, the lava flow is threatening the harbour, while a new flow threatens the town centre. Westman Islands future depends on how long the eruption will continue. It can last from

some weeks to several months or even years. The volcano, Surtsey, an island that came up out of the ocean in 1963 not far from Westman Island, continued erupting for three-and-a-half years.

Our church in Iceland offered help immediately in various ways. The people had had to leave their homes so quickly that they were unable to take clothing along. Our Welfare sisters went into action and provided clothing for over 2,000 people the first few days after the eruption.

Our high school, Hlidardalskoli, which is very close to the harbour where the people were brought on the main-

land, received many that had been very seasick and offered immediate help. Our workers were at the receiving centres in Reykjavik to meet our members. Offers of help for our church and members in Westman Islands have come from the Division and from the Scandinavian countries, for which we are grateful. The needs are many. But the greatest need at the moment is for housing and re-establishment.

In spite of the grave situation in Westman Islands, the people are thankful for protection, and that there was no loss of life. The whole population of Iceland has come to their help. Our brethren and sisters from there are of good courage. They are trusting the leadings of the Lord, that He will provide and help them through this difficult experience. Our membership there was the largest in the city after the State Lutheran church. Their church was always kept in beautiful condition. And they were always ready to support their church school and the programme of the Church as a whole. They trust the promise of the Lord that, though "the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; . . . my kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed, saith the Lord that hath mercy on thee" (Isa. 54:10).



SCOTTISH MISSION

President: K. A. ELIAS

How to Beat Rising Meat Prices

AFTER the success of our Vegetarian Cooking Demonstration in Perth last year we decided to repeat the same programme in Crieff and also have a second one in Perth.

As we had a total of about 70 in Perth with a population of around 40,000 we wondered how many we would get in the little town of Crieff, population 5,000. We thought we might attract as many as 30 and so Mrs. Phyllis Newman made samples for 50 just to be on the safe side. To our utter amazement and delight 87 people packed into the large lounge of the Drummond Arms Hotel until there was standing room only. This number included some 70 non-Adventists. Fortunately we were able to stretch the goulash and to do some surgery on the other samples so that no one went without. Twenty people signed up for the health course, and we sent off all their names together.

We were now interested to see how many would come to the next one in Perth, for if so many came in Crieff, and with the huge increases in meat prices, surely in a much larger place there would be many more interested. We advertised under the same heading: "Beat Rising Meat Prices," calling it

Phase Two, with the supplementary title: "Planning a Balanced Diet."

However, about the same number turned up as did the first time. They heard Mrs. Newman give tips on how to save money in the family food budget.

In the lecture, which was illustrated on the screen, Mrs. Newman showed pictures of healthy and nutritionally starved people. She gave the main essentials of a balanced diet. Each adult needs daily, half a pint of milk, two servings of protein-rich food, four servings of fruit and vegetables, and four servings of whole-grain bread and cereal.

The lecturer then demonstrated a recipe for cottage cheese and Special K Loaf, pointing out that this protein-rich food costs only eight pence per serving. Those present also sampled Granose Savian and Protovog Smokey Snaps—a bacon substitute.

The lectures with recipes for the two demonstrations, were on sale for three pence each. Also sold were the new vegetarian cookbook: *A Guide to Good Eating*, by Mrs. Joan Shone, and: *The New Aerobics*, by Dr. Cooper a book on exercise.

It is hoped to develop these occasional demonstrations into a ten-week course on nutrition, and some have already indicated their interest in this.

J. DAVID NEWMAN.



SOUTH ENGLAND CONFERENCE

President: DONALD LOWE

Clacton's High Day

Report by A. Smith

MANY members from other churches have, from time to time, spent holidays in Clacton-on-Sea, and have attended our Sabbath services. They will be glad to learn what our "high day" was all about.

Through the years we have been giving sacrificially to our local building fund. Our goal has at last been realized.

Sabbath, January 13th was the historic day when our local minister, Pastor I. E. Trevena, introduced South England President, Donald Lowe to members and friends, and then handed him the key to the sanctuary. An easy turn, and the church was declared open.

Inside, the platform party was introduced to a capacity filled church. We were glad to have with us the South England Conference Treasurer Brother Tony Leigh, who read an appropriate portion of scripture.

It was also gratifying that Pastor J. M. Howard, founder of the church, was able to respond to our invitation to speak concerning the beginnings of the church. Going back to 1938 when the first evangelistic campaign was conducted, he recalled the earnestness of twenty-eight people baptized, and was happy to see four of those present in the congregation. Others of that early group have died or moved away, including one promising young man who died not long after baptism. He next related the difficulties experienced going to and from Colchester, which church he also established.

In those days travelling was on a limited budget, which meant considerable cycling and walking. Pastor Howard related how a garage proprietor, who was interested in his work, told him that he should purchase a car as this would make his task much easier. Confessing that he could not afford to do so the proprietor, still anxious to assist, offered a car for the price of 5/- per week! After accepting the offer he learned to drive in a nearby field, and the car became invaluable for a long time.

Thenceforth the account of the history of the church was continued by the writer, who spoke of the necessity of evacuation during the war years. In consequence the membership was drastically reduced and was forced to meet in hired halls down through the years. This fact without doubt stunted its growth.

One of Pastor Howard's converts, who was a faithful organist in those days, gave a liberal stimulus to our church building fund which fired us

with the ambition of acquiring our own church as soon as possible. After many prayers to this end a sister located premises which proved to be satisfactory, though the property was found to be in a very neglected condition. But the Conference brethren and we, saw its potential, and eventually the premises, which we were told were worth at least another £2,000, were duly purchased, thanks to the financial assistance of the South England Conference Committee.

Later the builders commenced operations, and after much time and labour by the local brethren, and also the unstinted service and practical work and artistry of Pastor and Mrs. Trevena, a truly representative church has emerged. The congregation then praised God by singing: "Great King of Glory," after which Brother Leigh appealed for a good offering in order to assist in our



Veteran Minister, Pastor J. M. Howard in the pulpit of the new Clacton church.

balance of payments. Sister Ruth Clee favoured us with a beautiful solo.

In his address Pastor Donald Lowe emphasized that people are inclined to think that the church itself is sacred, but according to 1 Corinthians 3:9: We "are God's building." Hence, people are more important than buildings because people constitute the Church. The building can become a museum: the Church is a living organism of God.

We extend the usual warm welcome to all our friends, and to all who are visiting Clacton. The church address is 103-105 Coppins Road.

Youth Evangelism in Essex

DEAR FRIENDS,

What a marvellous Lord we serve! It is not because of lack of news that we have not written. It is because there has been so much news that we have had no time to write. Even now we don't know where to begin the tale of God's continued and continuous blessings in the weeks since we last wrote a newsletter.

Let's start with the most important aspect. At the last count before the Christmas holidays we were involved in 22 Bible studies a week! The work has expanded into the local Technical College where John works and a group of students meet for study, prayer and discussion during a Monday lunchtime. On Tuesday, we have a visiting speaker to address an average of 40 students, and on a Wednesday we operate a Christian Bookstall in the main foyer of the college. All of that is a story in itself, but I want to tell you about some of the kids that you have been praying for.

Wendy came at first only because her boy friend came. The other day she said: "I've been going to church all my life, but I'm so ignorant. Can I come another night as well to study with you?" Dave, who at the moment plans

to study theology at Cambridge, now comes round twice a week to learn more of Daniel and Revelation. He confessed to an empty prayer life before he began to meet God as a real person through these studies.

Jackie has given up her Saturday job to keep the Sabbath and is facing opposition from all directions. Another Wendy comes twice a week because she cannot get enough of the Bread of Life, and all this despite heavy study loads at school.

Although we now only have Sabbath evenings free and although we are often worn out by the time we get to bed, we cannot describe the thrill it gave us to hear the kids pray at the Gate for the first time and give their testimonies to the love of Jesus.

The Sandlewood group that Tim Sow used to bring over from Chatham has gone through various changes but the important thing is that they have now started their own "Gate." It operates on a Wednesday evening and has started very well. At first, Tim telephoned Radio Medway to get a "plug" on one of the programmes, but now they call him each week to ask how things are going and what they can announce!

We have been blessed by visits from many performers. Coventry Gate sent Penny, Murray, and Gerald down, a new group come with Sandy from Chatham, and many others have helped by their music and by their prayers. We are grateful to the Lord for letting us

in on this thrilling work, and we would like you to share our blessings, that is why we write. If you would like a fuller sample, come down, spend some time with us, and get yourself involved. There is room for more.

Thank you for your prayers. Please continue to pray for us and all the "Gate" programmes. In particular we would ask for your prayers for Jackie, Wendy, Dave, Wendy, Pam, Andy, Mark, Lindsey, Clare, Chris, Pete, Dave, Gavin, and Sally! Please thank Him whose work it is and whose we all are.

JOHN, CAMILLE, AND GUDRUN,
Corringham, Essex.

Stirrings in the South West

"You can tell that the pastors slept in this room, because the dust is so clean." This, and other cheery comments came from the "cleaner-uppers" at the end of an excellent week-end spent at the Tavistock Youth Hostel. At last, after a lapse of a number of years, the young people of the south-west corner of England had gathered together for a week-end of fellowship and getting to know each other.

Tavistock hostel is an eminently suitable place for such a gathering, being on the edge of Dartmoor, with ample scope for beautiful walks, and roughly half way between the churches at Redruth and Exeter. The warden is himself a vegetarian and looked after us superbly.

In spite of the cool climate outside (and the need for heavy duty bedsocks later on) we warmed up rapidly after the meal and introductory meeting on Friday evening and began to find out just who were the young people of this area and how well, or otherwise, they could sing. On Saturday our worship swelled with older members, and additional support from St. Austell and Plymouth, who had come to listen to Pastor D. Beardsell, and had their journey well rewarded. In the afternoon we stretched our legs around Burrator reservoir and sampled the beauty of the area. It was, perhaps, surprising that after so much exercise, the evening's discussion was attended by so attentive a group. Certainly the prospect of the Edinburgh Congress provided a great deal of interest.

Sunday morning came, with still little evidence of the rain that we had every right to expect. After morning watch and breakfast we were therefore able to set out again to examine another part of Dartmoor, with pockets of people discussing future plans for the region and other subjects of mutual concern. We certainly intend to reduce the interval between these week-end meetings to one every six months or so and having now all made a number of new acquaintances and refurbished others look forward keenly to the next occasion. The

Idea for S.S. Investment

GROWING or making things for sale are fine ways of raising money for Sabbath school.

But you can boost Sabbath school funds by spreading the Gospel Message. How? Simply by selling 5 (or more) SIGNS every month, and giving the profit to the Mission Offering. Everyone could do it—half-an-hour a month, in home-to-home visitation, would suffice to sell 5 SIGNS—many will want more. Thus you can spread the message and help missions at the same time.

week-end generated a number of earlier planned visits between the churches in this rather widely scattered region, while many of us expect to meet at Edinburgh.

Our very sincere thanks go to Pastors D. Sinclair and V. Llewellyn who planned and made possible this event, and then travelled all the way down from "Lunnon" to be with us! Possibly we will be fortunate enough to have their company again in the not distant future. ST. AUSTELL P.R. SECRETARY.

CHELTHENHAM.—For the children's Christmas service held at Cheltenham, the traditional tree had been prettily decorated awaiting the presents which

were to be brought by the children and, of course, by parents and relatives, too. *The decision to help the children to learn to give, as well as to receive, was the reason for our children's service.*

Mr. McKey, the N.S.P.C.C. Officer, was contacted and told about our arrangements because he knew just where boys and girls live who have little in life.

He was delighted to accept our gifts on behalf of the children under his care.

(MRS.) V. E. WRIGHT.

Children's Sabbath School.

New Church Planned for Wood Green London

THE board members of the Wood Green Seventh-day Adventist church, and the South England Conference, have approved final drawings of a new church building to accommodate its growing congregation, Pastor M. C. Murdoch, has reported. The plans prepared by a churchmember, K. V. Naidoo, provide adequate room for the present membership, with additional space for a 50 per cent growth in the future. Seating capacity will be ninety.

Construction is expected to begin as soon as this plan is approved by the council.



NORTH ENGLAND CONFERENCE

President: BRYAN W. BALL

Son of Churchill's Captor Baptized in Manchester

MR. GEORGE ALLSOPP, now 81, whose father fought against the British in the Boer War at the turn of the century, was baptized and has joined the church in Manchester recently.

Mr. Allsopp tells how his father (who died only two years ago aged 106) was in the party which was responsible for the capture of Winston Churchill when he was a war correspondent in South Africa.

Joining the British Army during the First World War, Brother George Allsopp remained in Britain and became a man of wide experience. Through the years he became more and more conscience-stricken about his own part in the deaths of so many enemy soldiers, and he felt that God could never forgive him. Life became very miserable until an Adventist neighbour met and talked with him about the love of God. He was impressed and visited the church. Shortly afterwards the church needed a new caretaker. His fervour and tremendous ability for a man of his

years prompted his offer of service, and this was gladly accepted. He studied the Word of God and after twelve months, on January 20th, was one of thirteen candidates who were baptized in Manchester.

Auxiliary colporteur wins one: Terry Mason was sitting in the sunshine of his front garden watching the clouds drift by in a blue sky. Terry, 21, could not entirely ignore the Hand that guided them. His attention was also directed to a lady who seemed to be calling at every house in his road and eventually she appeared on his drive offering him a copy of the magazine *Good Health*. But his health was good and he was not interested. He was curious, however, to know what other books were in the bag of Sister V. Brown. And she produced *Our Times* (now *Signs of the Times*) magazine. There was a long conversation and Terry was invited to visit our church sometime. He enjoyed reading the magazine but thought little more about the invitation to church until one Saturday morning, as he was browsing around the city shops, he decided to go and find it. Perhaps out of curiosity more than anything, he quietly slipped into church almost unnoticed. And that was just the beginning for Terry. He too was baptized on this memorable

afternoon of Sabbath, January 20th. He has now visited Newbold College and firmly believes that the One who was guiding the clouds that Sunday afternoon will also guide his own future.

Others baptized included Brother and Sister Kenneth Taylor and Sister Simpson, neighbours, and brought along to the church by Brother and Sister Crookes, who run a fine branch Sabbath school in north Manchester. Sister Helena Brindley of Stockport was also baptized. Her father, a retired minister in Germany, helped to renew her faith after he visited her and her family some months ago. What a fine band of young people were gathered together to take their vows to God—Denise and Carol Barron; Herbert, Timothy, and Hazel Hutton; Richard Holder, and Lorraine Holness. Lorraine comes from Stockport.

The guest speaker representing the North England Conference was Pastor J. Mahon who gave the address. Our associate minister, Brother Keith Brackenbury, who led the singing, had the responsibility of the baptismal class through the months, and also has the oversight of the Stockport church. Our minister, Pastor Denys Baildam, officiated at the baptismal service, and led in

the welcoming of the candidates into full church fellowship.

Thus age and youth combined to pledge their loyalty to their Master, and go forward in faith to bring others to Christ.

MISS L. KEELING,
P.R. Secretary.

Stockport's Sale for Building

PREPARATIONS were in full swing and 6 p.m. was fast approaching. The tables were piled high with a beautiful selection of goods. Pastor C. D. Baildam was on guard duty outside the Youth Hall doors, where crowds were fast gathering with purses at the ready, eagerly waiting the opening of the sale of work, the proceeds of which were going to the Stockport Church Building Fund.

"Everybody ready?" asked Pastor Baildam as he opened the doors to admit the crowd. A brief prayer was offered for the success of the sale of work and successful it was. The grand total at the end of the evening was £80 bringing the Stockport members' new church a little nearer.

old papers, books, and church treasures, and to urge still others to search attics, church cupboards, and other likely hiding places for more.

So far, response to our appeal has produced college group photographs of Duncombe Hall (1905), Stanborough Park (1907), and an old text book containing the only autograph inscription we know of from the hand of Homer Salisbury, the founder of the college. We are deeply grateful to Pastor R. D. Vine for these treasures. We have also received the Hebrew-Chaldaic lexicon used so well and long by Pastor George Keough (alas, no autograph inscription) from Pastor Roy Hulbert. We have too, a Stanborough Park College group photograph and one unidentified worker group photograph from Miss Freda Spearing and a facsimile of one of Sister White's letters from Sister Newell of Newport.

While we are primarily interested in denominational relics, we are also anxious to build up a collection of other historical materials. Pastor Richard Vine discovered several highly interesting printed papers in an old Bible and sent them to us. These were over one hundred and fifty years old and included accounts of the horrifying sentences passed on petty offenders at an assize in 1821, rioting at the funeral of two victims of a clash between rioters and the military at about the same period, an account of the fates of the apostles, and some chapel anniversary programmes and hymn sheets of the early 1820s.

Although Brother Stanley Combridge

is now retired from the literature ministry he too shows an active interest in the Lord's work, and rather appropriately spends considerable time in hunting out early literature on the origin of our work and beliefs. Thanks to Brother Combridge we have already acquired for the library several rare volumes used by Elder Froom in his scholarly works on our prophetic ancestry and at the moment of writing we have a further list from Brother Combridge of more of these valuable works available to us before they are offered for sale to eager American book-treasure seekers. All that makes us hesitate is shortage of funds.

Please then continue to remember Newbold's new library and its projected archive departments. At the present moment we are anxious to know about just anything. Destroy nothing old without first telling us, please.

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Rescued Sweepings

RESPONSE to "Easy on the Broom Please" (MESSENGER dated Nov. 3, 1972) has developed gradually. At first, we must admit, we were a trifle disappointed. It is true that response was immediate, a very much appreciated contribution from Grantham—but after that nothing for weeks.

Then it began again. More people had read the article than we realized. We heard from a sister in South Wales, from a young minister in Newport, and then one day from distant Washington. There Elder W. E. Read, once president of the British Union, later of the Northern European Division, and now in his 89th year and still actively engaged in scholarly research, reads the MESSENGER regularly. At the moment of writing, as a result of Elder Read's interest, precious treasures from his work on the Millerite Movement are making their way to Newbold Library.

Only this week-end when I was in Newcastle, a visitor from the South coast to Newbold was trying to run me to earth to pass on some historic group photographs and to ask if we would like a set of old periodicals carrying a special series.

We wish to thank publicly all who have responded so far to our appeal for

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THE position of the Ugandan Asians is still fresh in our minds. In order to help these people (many of whom are vegetarians) Granose Foods Limited has written to the Immigration Authorities, who are dealing with this problem, offering our foods at cost price. Not Trade Price or on a special discount, but at cost.

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KAY MILLER.

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Let all the good thou doest to man

A gift be, not a debt;

And he will more remember thee

The more thou dost forget.—Anon.

Home Study Institute Makes Progress

What another Home Study
Institute student has to say

WHEN the time came for his furlough he would do something about his further education, Pastor Thorkild Pedersen of Denmark, planned. But he was not prepared to wait. While still a missionary in Africa he enrolled in the Home Study Institute.

After completing his first course in September, 1971, he went on to take two others. He is now at Southern Missionary College and in May of this

year will complete his work for the Bachelor's degree. He then plans to go on to Andrews University, looking forward to returning for service in his homeland.

In a recent letter, Pastor Pedersen tells how he has received full credit for all his Home Study Institute courses and is an honour roll student. He concludes: "I have enjoyed my work with the H.S.I. and have recommended the courses to several of my friends. Thank you for all the help and assistance given."

The Registrar,
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The A.S.A. at Newbold January 4th

Thursday evening: Six of us sit down to supper in the long cold Moor Close dining room. Adventist Students' Association [ASA]—an esoteric amusement for the select few?

The locals have invited us down to the gymnasium, and a vigorous game of hockey soon gets the circulation going. Then a good hot shower, and cool sheets.

Friday morning: We are over a dozen now. At ten o'clock, we meet in Green Acres.

Why have an Adventist Students' Association at all?

The ASA's purpose is to keep us in touch with one another socially, and to encourage discussion of challenges to our faith.

What has happened during the past year?

A hundred and fifty people have received CONTACT, our magazine, which has come out three times. Between thirty and seventy of us attended get-togethers in London, Liverpool, Nottingham and Stratford. Just being with Adventist young people is encouraging, when you are alone in your church.

But are meetings like these too big to be any real help?

Two ideas are expressed strongly:

It is only on a local level that young people can get to know each other, and plan and work together.

If we are to stay a students' association, we must contact sixth-formers before they start at College. We must be able to tell them about other students, or a youth fellowship, in their area.

Friday sunset: The long silences slowly give place to discussion, which lasts into supper.

Pastor Russel Kranz speaks to us in the evening. When we talk about truth, we must remember with Paul that we see "through a glass darkly." We must be open, not arrogant.

Sabbath morning: Forty of us enjoy the Sabbath School discussion, led by Dr. Harry Leonard, and hear George

Target speak about "The Red Christ." How did his brothers' condition affect Christ? How should it move us? Discussion in the afternoon sees Mr. Target bombarded with thoughtful "What if's?"

Saturday evening: We choose new officers. Thanks to Delphine Nunn and Jean Cabbin, last year's President and Northern representative, Nigel Emm stays on until March as Secretary and Treasurer.

President: Keith Hertogs, 14 Fareham House, Marlowes, Hemel Hempstead, Herts: 3rd year Biochemistry, King's College, London.

Secretary and Treasurer: Andrew West, 181 Markfield, Courtwood Lane, Addington, Croydon, Surrey: 2nd year Medicine, Guy's Hospital, London.

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Our first aim is to reach every church in Britain. If the Association is to be relevant, we must find out how we can help each other, and plan from this knowledge. If you have ideas, please let one of us know.

We plan to meet again at the Nottingham Study Conference. Watch the MESSENGER for ASA notices. Maranatha!
KEITH HERTOGS.

At Rest

MRS. MARJORIE MAY LYNTON
ARMSTRONG

ON February 2, 1973, Mrs. Marjorie May Lynton ["Madge"] Armstrong passed to her rest at the age of 77. She was baptized in Watford in 1913, and was a surgical nurse at the Stanboroughs when Dr. G. Brown was matron there. In 1920 she married Pastor Worsley W. Armstrong, and the young couple accepted the call to missionary service in East Africa. After almost twenty years in Africa, Pastor and Mrs. Armstrong returned to England, where "W.W." served, first as evangelist, then President of the South England Conference, 1946-50; then President of the British Union Conference from 1950-58, when he retired because of ill-health.

Sister Armstrong survived her husband by almost three years. Latterly she had suffered a breakdown of the good health which she had enjoyed. She left Watford for Grantham, then went to the "Dell" for a period, finally being transferred to the Crieff Nursing Home, and there, surrounded by the loving care of her old friend, Dr. Brown, she fell asleep. The funeral service was held at Stanborough Park on February 7th, conducted by the writer, assisted by Pastor E. Logan. We express our condolences to all the bereaved relatives.

J. A. MCMILLAN,
Pastor.

DINGLE.—It is with sadness that the members of the Bodmin church in Cornwall record the death of dear Brother William John Dingle on December 13, 1972, at the age of 90 years. Brother Dingle was baptized under the ministry of Pastor H. S. Pearce in April, 1967, and was a very faithful member and attendant at Sabbath school and divine service up to within the last month of his life. He just lived for the Sabbath and there was nowhere he would rather be than at church. His pastor and fellow members followed him to his last resting place, in the peaceful village burial ground of St. Teath, on December 16th. Before becoming an Adventist Brother Dingle was a faithful member and worker for the Methodist Church. He leaves to mourn his death a family of sons and daughters to whom we extend our sincere sympathy. May his stand for the truth of God's Word be a constant witness to them. We look forward with the hope of meeting him again on the resurrection morn. CHURCH CLERK.

(continued overleaf.)

Obituaries (continued.)

EDWARDS.—Miss H. Edwards, aged 90, a member of the Dundee church, where she was baptized on March 24, 1951, passed to her rest on January 5, 1973. She was laid to rest at Crieff on January 10th.
B. C. J. HOWARD,
Church Clerk.

TYRRELL.—The Blackburn church reports with sadness, the death of Sister Ethel Tyrrell, aged 64 years, who fell asleep on February 2, 1973. Sister Tyrrell with her daughter Ethel, was baptized by Pastor H. Logan in 1958. Though suffering ill health for a number of years her life was dedicated to the service of God in her home and in the neighbourhood in which she lived. To her daughter, Ethel, and relatives who mourn her we extend our sympathy, and we pray the Lord will comfort them in their time of sorrow. The funeral service, on February 7th, was conducted by Pastor R. G. Vine, after which Sister Tyrrell was laid to rest at Pleasington Cemetery to await the call of Jesus her Saviour.
CHURCH CLERK.

YOUNG.—The West Bromwich church is sorry to report that Sister K. Young, aged 68, passed away on February 3, 1973, after much suffering. Baptized on August 9, 1951, she with her husband, our elder, worked hard to help pay for the West Bromwich church, and also to bring comfort to people who were more disabled than they were. Our sister was laid to rest on February 9th at Quinton Cemetery, there to await the call of the Lifegiver.
M. FOXON,
Church Clerk.

Wedding Bells

MCKIE-RUSSELL.—On Tuesday, July 25, 1972, the Glasgow church witnessed two of our young people being joined together in holy matrimony by Pastor D. McClure. The happy couple were Lilian Russell of the Glasgow church and Andrew Morrison McKie, a member of the Irvine Company. The bride in her white satin bridal gown carried a bouquet of yellow roses and white freesias. She was attended by Miss Iris Cunningham, Debra Baker of Nottingham, and the little flower girl was Audrey Elaine Calackas, a niece of the bride. The best man was Andrew's friend, James Greer from Dregthorn. Lilian has held several offices in the Glasgow church. We shall miss her but our loss is Irvine company's gain. Andrew too is an enthusiastic worker for God. As a result of this union a new Christian home is set up in Kilmarnock where they will continue to let their light shine. We know their home will be one where heavenly angels will delight to dwell.
C. BARR,
P.R. Secretary.

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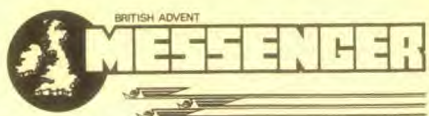
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