

## Gloucester's Rebuilt Church

REPORT BY JUSTINE L. ASH

**I**N mild, sunny weather a group of church officers gathered outside the main doors of the new Gloucester church. The Mayor and Mayoress duly arrived and introductions were made and cordial greetings exchanged. The Mayor then turned the key and declared the church officially opened. This 17th day of January, 1976, was the fulfilment of great expectations. Years of diligent saving and hard work had at last brought the hopes of Gloucester members to fruition.

For the beginning of these endeavours we go back to 1967 when, during the ministry of the late Pastor J. H. Bayliss, we extended the old building by adding a new foyer and cloakroom facilities and incorporated the old foyer into the sanctuary. This provided more accommodation but it was obvious we would need to find more space in the not too distant future. So we made our plans; we would concentrate every effort to augment the building fund with the purpose in view of demolishing the old portion of the church at the rear and rebuilding to a new design.

We were fortunate to have the services of Malcolm Bayliss as our architect, and he has given tremendous help and advice during the whole operation. His father, Pastor Bayliss, was an inspiration to us all as he enthusiastically gave of his time and skill. It was a great disappointment to us that he did not live long enough to see the project completed. Members contributed towards a clock in his memory and as we see this week by week we shall be reminded of his timely counsel and spiritual guidance.

It took more than seven years to accumulate enough in the building fund to make a start. We were left a generous legacy by the late Mrs. Emily McFadyen and we were fortunate enough to receive assistance from the Conference 1% building fund. We appreciated so much these gifts for without them our plans would never have materialized.

Members themselves demolished the old building and the builders moved on to the site in February, 1975. While the building operations were in progress we met for worship in an Anglican church hall and then later in a school canteen.

The day of the official opening dawned at last and we saw the fulfilment of our plans, hopes, and desires. In his speech, the Mayor, Councillor Peter M. Robins, said the City's mayors over the years had attended historic and important functions, but he doubted if any had had the privilege of opening a new church. He went on to praise the work of the Church internationally, adding that better understanding between people in all walks of life would be greatly enhanced if a more Christian attitude were adopted. Welcoming the

platform party and introducing the ceremony was Pastor R. W. Dougherty, who gave a great deal of his time and talents to steering the project to its final conclusion.

The church clerk then gave a brief history of the church, showing how the membership had grown from 18 in 1935 to 80 at the present time.

Pastor Roy Burgess, the in-coming minister, presented the distinguished guests with books as mementoes of the occasion, and the Mayoress was presented with a bouquet by Mary Brinson and books for her children by Sharon Mitchell. In the service which followed Pastor E. H. Foster, president of the British Union Conference, spoke of new responsibilities that come with new things, and a new church meant greater endeavours for soul-winning. He turned



The Mayor and Mayoress officially opening Gloucester's rebuilt church. Beside them are Pastors Roy Burgess, E. H. Foster, and Don Lowe.  
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our thoughts to Haggai 2:9, 'The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the Lord of hosts: and in this place will I give peace'. The glory of the temple was Christ and so it should be with us—the character of Christ should be evident in our lives. In this way the Church would be at peace.

Sabbath school was held in the afternoon, and great benefit was derived from the study of the lesson under the leadership of Pastor D. Lowe, president of the South England Conference. The day concluded with a sacred concert in the evening conducted by the young people. This was a source of pleasure and gave us an opportunity to hear more of the singing with which the young people had delighted us during the day.

We did indeed have a wonderful day and it was so good to see those who had helped in the upbuilding of the church—Pastor D. M. Swaine, Mrs. A. Wolfe (née Ruddick) and Arthur Fleet, Horace West and John Hinds. We recall happy fellowship with each one of them.

We give God the praise for all the



Interior of Gloucester's new SDA church.  
Photo by Allan Moore

blessings we have received in the rebuilding of our church. We are sure He has been with us all the way and although we cannot yet dedicate the building, we can dedicate ourselves to Him. We want our new church truly to fulfil the bold headlines of the local newspaper, **NEW CHURCH OPENS ITS DOORS**, so that not only will many come to worship the Saviour who is the centre of it, but also many will go out to put into practice His teachings.

## NEWBOLD NEWS

PRINCIPAL: R.E. GRAHAM

### NEWBOLD'S HEALTH EMPHASIS

NEWBOLD ran its spring anti-smoking clinic in February—without a member of staff in sight! Michael Thompson and Richard Willis—both theology students and qualified nurses—organized the advertising and gave the lectures. Students and church youth acted as counsellors. The clinic was negatively affected by the flu epidemic; although twenty tickets were issued, only eight people attended on the first night. Even Richard got a bout of flu while the clinic was on. But the students' efforts seem to have paid off. At the first re-union, five out of the seven people who had completed the course were still non-smokers. In the report of the clinic in the local paper,

it was announced that another clinic will take place in November. We hope the February flu victims will not be suffering from another bout then.

Students showed their interest in health in a different way—by inviting Lionel Hubbard and Rex Riches to be the guest speakers at two college assemblies. Messrs. Hubbard and Riches obliged and gave lectures which dealt with the growth of the 5-day plan, the way in which Biblical health principles are being supported by modern medical findings, and with the plans for the development of a health programme for churchmembers. Each lecture was followed by a question period.

In one way and another, at Newbold, we are trying not to neglect our health—or anyone else's. HELEN PEARSON



Richard Willis lectures at Newbold's Anti-Smoking clinic.

E.M. Foto Service

### PRAY FOR AWARENESS

YESTERDAY I heard some very sad news from one of our ministers that yet another of our members has died as a result of a road accident. First of all may I invite you especially to remember the bereaved in your prayers and those still suffering from this particular accident.

While travelling home, it did occur to me that it would be good for us all to be reminded that as Christian Adventists, with our marvellous message, we should be especially aware of the sanctity of human life. With reference to driving, Adventists should be the best possible drivers.

I remember a number of years ago entertaining an elderly American brother who was motoring in England. Before he left, he knelt in prayer with us and among other things prayed that the Lord would protect him from causing injury to anyone that day. This is another good prayer to offer. Let us who are drivers include this in our prayers, and help the Lord to answer it.

Don Lowe  
President, South England Conference

### 1976 FOR LITERATURE EMPHASIS

#### PRINTED PAGE LEADS TO BAPTISM

SABBATH afternoon, January 17th, was a time of rejoicing for Chelmsford members as they travelled to neighbouring Colchester church in order to witness the baptism of Dave and Roma Paley.

This young couple had thrilled our hearts, as through the past few months they progressively accepted Bible truths, and came to know and love Jesus and accept Him as their personal Friend and Saviour. Initial contact had been made by our literature-evangelist, Sister G. Brailsford who had sold a book to their neighbour. God used the power of the printed page to spark an interest in spiritual matters, so Sister Brailsford was asked to call upon them also. Subsequently she had Bible studies with them, later joined by our minister, Pastor Brian Martin.

Before this young couple walked together through the baptismal waters, Pastor Martin reminded us in his address that 'God's biddings are His enablings' and illustrated this with the example of Peter and Andrew when Jesus said that He would make them fishers of men.

Please pray with us for those in our church who are in the valley of decision and have yet to make their stand for Jesus.

PAUL W. SMITH  
PR Secretary



# Help for Guatemala

HOWARD BURBANK, Executive Director of SAWS (Seventh-day Adventist Welfare Service) announced that a plane-load of 50,000 lb. of supplies worth 80,000 dollars was sent from Kennedy airport to Guatemala city to aid in relief work immediately following the recent earthquake which killed 20,000 people and injured many more. The cargo contained blankets, tents, large saucepans to prepare food, and paraffin lamps. It also contained a load of special plastic rescue blankets designed to preserve body heat, because many of the homeless victims have spent several nights unprotected against the chilly mountain air.

Another plane containing 75 more large tents was flown by Guatemala National airlines and a third Pan-American plane containing 126 more tents was sent from the SAWS warehouse in Watsonville, California.

Pastor Burbank talked by short-wave American radio with Pastor Robert Folkenberg, President of the Central American Union Mission which is organizing the Adventist relief in the city. Pastor Folkenberg reported 100 per cent co-operation with the government of President Laugerud in providing the materials and services needed. In addition to these supplies Pastor Folkenberg reported that the greatest need was medical. He requested that a team of six doctors and six nurses be sent immediately and Pastor Burbank arranged that the team would leave within three days from Loma Linda University, the Church's medical school and hospital near Los Angeles, California.

Four SDAs lost their lives in the earthquake, and reports from the surrounding countryside may add to this. He also reported that there was a critical shortage of maize meal in the capital and Pastor Burbank told him that SAWS would make every effort to find supplies but recommended that he use substitutes. He said that a corn-soya substitute which is already in Guatemala will be provided immediately to meet some of the nutritional needs of the people.

SAWS is the Disaster and Famine Relief Agency of the Seventh-day Adventist Church which has sent aid to 56 nations during the past twelve months. We will have our opportunity to replenish the Famine and Disaster Agency fund on March 27th. We thank our members for their prayers and continued interest.

Report sent by Pastor K. H. Gammon

## Historic Picture Gallery



**SOUTH ENGLAND CONFERENCE BIBLE INSTRUCTORS' COUNCIL, STANBOROUGH PARK, 1942.** Back row (from left): Miss V. Warren, Marjorie Keough (Mrs. B. E. Seton), Mary Lane (Mrs. C. Cumings), May Dando (Mrs. V. Benefield), Eunice Powell (Mrs. P. Sundquist), Rose Foster (Mrs. E. Williams), Nora Thompson (Mrs. Boothby). Middle row: \*Pastor A. W. Cook (South England Publishing Director), Peggy Affleck-Graves (Mrs. R. D. Vine), Rita John (Mrs. J. D. Brailsford), Kathleen Mahon, Olive Davies, Winifred F. Buckle, Maimie Clement, Janet Hyde. Front row: Miss E. Guntrip, \*Pastor E. R. Warland, Pastor H. W. Lowe (British Union Conference President), \*Pastor G. D. King (South England Conference President), \*Pastor W. T. Bartlett (Editor, Missionary, Newbold Principal), \*Pastor J. H. Harker (Compiler of our Advent Hymnal, and himself a hymn-writer), \*Miss E. Donaldson. \*Now deceased

(Picture supplied by Pastor E. H. Foster)

## THANKS TO CLERKS

ONE of the chief duties of the British Union Conference Health Department is to keep in touch with the medical and para-medical personnel in the British Union. This is not very easy as there is always a constant change taking place in location, especially with the nursing fraternity.

In the recent census just completed we were surprised to discover that there are over 1,000 medical and para-medical personnel in our membership. This means that one in ten of the members is engaged in some sort of medical and health work. When we realize that the servant of the Lord has assured us that the time will come when our ministerial work will be

limited to medical work—'My heart is made sad as I look at our churches, which ought to be connected in heart and soul and practice with the medical missionary work. . . . I wish to tell you that soon there will be no work done in ministerial line but medical missionary work. The work of a minister is to minister. Our ministers are to work on the Gospel plan of ministering' (*Welfare Ministry*, page 139)—we are gratified to see that so many are preparing themselves to finish the work of God as advised by the Spirit of prophecy.

The preparation of this list entailed much work and co-operation. The first task was to decide to whom we should apply for the correct information. Who better than our faithful church clerks—those unassuming heroes who work so quietly and efficiently. Almost without exception they replied promptly to our questionnaire with the detailed and correct information. Without their help the list would never have been completed. So a big thank you to them. Then of course there was the work of the secretaries—Miss Joan Townsend in particular. To all who assisted in the compilation we say thank you, and trust that as a result we in the Health Department will be able to keep in closer touch with all who are involved in medical missionary service.

BERNARD KINMAN  
Director, Med. Dept., BUC

## GIVE SACRIFICIALLY TO THE

# Disaster Relief Offering

SABBATH, MARCH 27TH



# We feel Honoured

**Report of the  
South England Treasurers' Council  
Pilgrim Hall**

by Mervyn B. Leicester  
Treasurer, Hampstead church

PILGRIM HALL, the venue of the second Treasurers' Council, was the destination of my sixty fellow church treasurers on Friday, February 6th.

The hall's delightful setting in sixty-four acres of beautiful Sussex countryside transports one in imagination back to the days of knights and lords, squires and serfs; the roar of traffic and the whine of jet engines seems half a world away. Once inside the magnificent, richly panelled main hall with chandeliers hanging overhead and beautiful paintings on the walls, we were greeted by the warm smiles of the South England Conference secretaries who registered us and allocated us our rooms.

After a delightful dinner the Conference secretary-treasurer, Brother D. A. Leigh, welcomed us and introduced us to each other, and outlined the programme and main areas for discussions. Pastor Don Lowe our Conference president, conducted our opening devotional, whetting our spiritual appetite for the Sabbath message.

Mist shrouded much of the countryside when Sabbath morning dawned but the cold outside was not reflected within for we were warmed by the good fellowship we were enjoying with our Creator and our new friends. Following the prayer bands Pastor K. H. Gammon, the British Union Conference stewardship director, conducted morning worship, bringing us many new thoughts and leading our minds into new avenues of spiritual study.

Our meetings were mainly held in the newly built chapel and conference hall attached to the main house. Large windows look out over the surrounding gardens. While listening to Pastor Lowe, who brought us the message during Divine Service, I was made more keenly aware of the Father's presence by being able to see the Creator's handiwork around me.

Beautiful music was performed for



Among the main speakers at the Treasurers' Council were (from left) Pastor Don Lowe, Pastor Kenneth H. Gammon, Anthony Leigh.

us by a group of young people from Newbold College who made the trip especially to minister to us through song. Many nationalities were represented in this group, with young people from Finland, France, Canada, England, and the USA. Certainly, God's love for us knows no national boundaries.

Following the vespers which closed the Sabbath, the first Business Session began with presentations on the Combined Budget Plan, Deeds of Covenant explanations of the principles of book-keeping for those of us puzzled by debits and credits, and a chance to put our views on the new Quarterly Cash Report form.

Sunday morning, in contrast to the day before, dawned bright, clear and warm, and morning worship was taken for us by the Rev. Ben Peake, director of Pilgrim Hall, with a message which re-asserted Pastor Gammon's theme from Sabbath morning on Stewardship. It was an interesting experience to listen to a Baptist minister.

Business Sessions began with Brother D. Pierson giving a first-hand account of how money is used to run the mission fields, and Brother G. L. Annis, British Union Conference secretary-treasurer, spoke of the necessity and value of auditing. Details relating to Conference finance and the important relationship between the treasurer and the Conference, and the treasurer and his local members were emphasized. Specific reference was made to special projects and full clarification given regarding the conditions and operation of the special scheme for assistance to be given to projects under the 1% Conference-wide Development Plan.

The main objective sought, and I believe achieved, was for a fuller understanding of all areas of treasury responsibilities in order that the financial and stewardship aspects of the Church should be strengthened. For those of our number who were qualified accountants and those who profess no commercial training, the meetings proved a great blessing and gave renewed insight and information; but most helpful of all

was the excellent spiritual food, as we continue to dedicate our lives and our time to the service of the Church.

All too soon, our study time had gone, and Pastor Lowe led our closing devotional. The rousing hymn with which we closed our weekend offered praises and hallelujahs to our King, and mirrored the honour we feel in being able to serve our Master as the keepers of His churches' finances.

## HOLLOWAY SCHOOL REPORT

ONE hundred and forty children, mainly from the Holloway, Stoke Newington, Wood Green, and Tottenham churches, attended the 1975 Summer School Project held at the Drayton Park Primary School, London, N.5. The programme which ran for four weeks was organized and operated by the Holloway church education committee.

The programme provided a wide range of activities such as music, reading, academic remedial work, sewing, craft, swimming, film viewing, visits to public parks and places of interest. These were designed to enrich culturally, socially, academically and spiritually, the lives of the participating children.

There were also visits to the school from the London Borough of Islington road safety team from the Police department and the Islington bus company.

The programme cost £1,419 of which £286 was provided by the parents, £250 by the South England Conference, and the rest by various Educational Organizations.

The children enjoyed the activities, and their participation was total which made the atmosphere of the school happy and wholesome; and as long as the children show the same happiness and parents continue to appreciate the value of the project, the church will seek to continue summer school each year.

KEITH DAVIDSON  
PR Secretary



## WHEN INGATHERING — REMEMBER BRITAIN'S SONS AND DAUGHTERS SERVING IN AREAS OF ACUTE NEED

NURSE MARGARET GREER TESTIFIES:

# 'GOD CALLED ME HERE'

STORY BY PAUL SUNDQUIST

Director, Lay Activities Department, Northern Europe-West Africa Division



Nurse Margaret Greer of Luton, with leprosy patients outside the male ward at Masanga Leprosy Hospital, Sierra Leone.  
Photo Paul Sundquist.

'I'm happy to be here, as I sense it to be God's will,' says Margaret Greer at Masanga Leprosy Hospital.

Margaret, who comes from Luton, Bedfordshire, arrived in Sierra Leone in September, 1973. We find her busy helping the leprosy patients as we visit the hospital, which is beside a river that gives picture-card views and which, through the new water purification system, gives a splendid water supply for an expanding campus.

'Tell us something about yourself,' we ask, and she readily agrees.

'Some years ago I was asked by my pastor if I would be interested in working for the mission. I said I would, and filled in a questionnaire, but nothing seemed to come of it. I continued for a year, did some midwifery training, and then a call came for me to serve in Ile Ife Hospital in Nigeria. However, I could not respond to the request just then as I had to complete my training, and then work for two years for the

local council which had sponsored me.

'Eventually a call came for me to go to Masanga. Some people asked if I wasn't afraid of catching leprosy—you see, that old fear is still very prevalent. But as a health visitor I was already attending to two families where there was leprosy, so I decided that if it was God's will that I should go, I would also trust Him.

'Some patients have been in the hospital for many years. Some have lost fingers, toes, and even their eyesight. This is partly due to secondary infections, and as we treat the patients we also have to teach them to take care of themselves. They must protect their hands and feet from sharp or hot things, as they cannot feel themselves being hurt. We teach them to use gloves or special shoes but the problem is that nobody likes to be different from others. Gloves, wooden spoons, tongs or special shoes, makes them different from others, and to be different can mean ostracism.'

'Do they really get well?'

'Yes, it is very rewarding to see people who came to the hospital with huge ulcers, some months later going home to live a normal life. They sometimes come to visit us—or even to work at the hospital, where they can be encouraging examples to later patients.

'A very important work at Masanga is the combined physiotherapy and surgery programme. Nowhere else in the country can a leprosy patient get this treatment. The very atmosphere where patients feel their personal dignity restored is very important indeed.'

We are proud of our young people who dedicate their lives to the healing arts. We know that the days are long, and despite a heavy work programme, life can become lonely. But Margaret sums it all up in one significant paragraph: 'I feel that God wants me to be here and I am glad to serve Him. I feel privileged to be doing just this, as I sense it to be God's will for me.'

## STANBOROUGH PARK BAPTISM

EVERY seat was occupied at Stanborough Park church on Sabbath, February 28th, for the divine service, and later arrivals had to take their seats in the choir stalls. The occasion was the first day of the Youth Week of Prayer. It was also an important day for the six young people, three each from St. Albans and Stanborough Park, who were baptized during the service.

Pastor J. A. McMillan, minister of the St. Albans church, was the guest speaker. 'Baptism is a personal, individual union with Christ,' he said. 'Through baptism we become united with His body which is the Church.'

The first candidate was Robert Beardsell who was baptized by his father, Pastor D. C. Beardsell, director of the British Union Conference youth depart-

ment. 'This is a great privilege for a Seventh-day Adventist pastor and father,' Pastor Beardsell said. He went on to thank the people who had studied the Bible with his son, and the church-members who had been an example and encouragement to him.

Before baptizing Mark Read, Pastor R. H. Surridge made an interesting point. He recalled that about twenty years ago he had been the best man at the wedding of Mark's parents, Cliff and Sheila, and no one could have imagined then that one day he would be in charge of Stanborough Park or that he would be baptizing their son.

In an unusual double baptism, brother and sister Simon and Elizabeth Karpinskji made a united testimony to their faith in Jesus. Pastors McMillan and Surridge combining to bring about the simultaneous baptism of these fine young people.

The others who were baptized were

Antonio Letto, and Brother Charles Edward Raphael, who first contacted the Church six months ago and has been reading himself steadily into the truth ever since.

FRANK BLEWITT  
PR Secretary

## BEDFORD CHURCH ORGANIZED

*'I love Thy church, O God;  
Her walls before Thee stand;  
Dear as the apple of Thine eye  
And graven on Thy hand.'*

THESE impressive words of hymn 258 were certainly brought to life before the congregation at Bedford on Sabbath, February 14th, when Pastor E. H. Foster, the British Union president visited us. He came with Pastor Donald Lowe, the South England Conference



president, to conduct the official organization of the Bedford church.

After an inspiring sermon by Pastor Foster, the organization ceremony was led by Pastor Lowe. Three members were acknowledged as the 'nucleus' of the church having attended for many years. They were Sister E. Trueman, Sister D. Morison, and Brother L. Hazelwood. Then nineteen members were formerly inducted into the church. Under the chairmanship of Pastor Edgar Hulbert the various officers were elected. Brother G. Lindo was ordained as church elder. Brother Hazelwood, ordained several years previously will be a deacon with Brother Wigginton who was ordained by Pastor Lowe.

For the event our minister, Pastor Hulbert was able to hire the Grosvenor Centre in Ashburnham Road. It proved a good location, and we hope to use it permanently in the future.

BERYL WIGGINTON  
PR Secretary

## BRISTOL SEMINAR

SABBATH, January 25th, proved a most enlightening day for the members of Bristol Central church, and the visitors who joined them from Crocombe, Torquay, London, and Wales. The occasion

was a one-day seminar in which five speakers explained the compatibility between Science and Christian beliefs. Focus was on the beauty and perfection of God's creation. Whether it be the minutest atom or the limitless vastness of space, the tiny moth or *homo sapiens*—the perfect artistry and functional nature of all, provide unquestionable evidence of Divine omnipotence and wisdom. Illustrative slides were used to good effect. Among the slides was one of a mosquito showing its perfect form, in contrast with slides of highly refined man-made articles such as a hypodermic needle, which, under microscopic scrutiny reveal much imperfection.

Speakers included: Bristol's local minister, Pastor R. W. Dougherty; Pastor P. H. Stearman, president of the Welsh Mission, and Pastor M. Stone who dealt with astrology; Pastor C. Lawson who spoke on dating methods; and Brother Leofric Rhodes, a principal scientific officer in government service.

It was a long, but interesting day. The programme emphasized the power and love of God as manifest in His creation. Sabbath was brought to a close with two readings from the book of Job by Pastor Stearman. 'Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding' (Job 38:4).

PR SECRETARY  
Bristol



Gwent team: Peter Sayers, Kathleen Gorman, Esther Baker, Julian Celtel. Photo Richard Vine.

pare: We Believe we are redeemed by Christ the Saviour, therefore we seek to Obey Him as our Lord, and thus Prepare for His return as our King. Around these three divine concepts can be clustered all the major Adventist doctrines. Individual churchmembers are generously financing the printing of these little cards. We have found that homes and hearts are wide open to the Gospel. Now is the time for us to do this work. The joy of the members in this work has to be seen to be believed.

In Pontypool under the leadership of Brother and Sister Sayers, and Sister K. Gorman, the Pathfinder club was started, and has now grown to sixteen children attending, while in Newport the Pathfinder club has also grown recently. Brother and Sister Alan and Joy Davies have had so many children coming to their home for Gift Bible studies and other activities, that we have opened the church youth hall for a Tuesday evening Neighbourhood Children's Club, with games, food, singing, and Bible study. The churchmembers have caught the vision too, and are bringing many neighbours' children to Sabbath school, whose parents attended our Christmas MV programmes. Joy and Alan have also opened a newly furnished Sabbath school room in the Newport church basement for the increased number of children, while a new children's Sabbath school has been opened in Pontypool church basement for the dozen or so children now attending.

**BAPTISMS.**—On January 17th we had the joy of baptizing three new sisters into the Church. Sister Yvonne Celtel joined the church in Pontypool after studies with Brother Brian Phillips and Brother Sayers, thus uniting with her husband, Julian, in the Advent faith. He is now starting as a part-time colporteur after attending the Literature-Evangelists' Convention at Swanwick.

Sisters Irene Courtney and Joyce Hurley were also baptized and welcomed into the Newport church. Robert and Raymond Martin baptized a year ago, brought Kevin, Nigel, and Merrill Courtney to church, who in turn brought their mother Mrs. Courtney and aunt, Joyce Hurley to church. Miss



## WELSH MISSION

President: P. H. STEARMAN

# Believe - Obey - Prepare

Report of Baptism in Newport and House-to-House Evangelism in Gwent  
by PASTOR RICHARD L. VINE

FOR several months Brother Peter Sayers, minister of the Tredegar church, has been leading a regular group of churchmembers in door-to-door evangelism in the town. Each week Brother Julian Celtel and Sister Kathleen Gorman of Pontypool, and Sister Esther Baker of Newport, meet for an hour of prayer and Bible study, then they go out in pairs to the homes for two to three hours, armed with literature, tracts, and Bibles. Warm invitations are given to the people to attend church, and prayers and Bible studies are offered in the homes. Call-backs are made on the interested.

Two successful anti-smoking clinics have been run by Peter Sayers in the church to gain fresh interests, and cordial relations made with the local medical officer. Already there are new people, with children, attending Tredegar church and receiving regular Bible

studies as a result of this ministry.

In Newport, too, we are deeply gratified by the response to our home-to-home visitation, led by the writer, and involving Sister Rosebell Hughes and Sister E. Baker, with four more churchmembers preparing to join in this work. Prayers for healing have been answered as we have found on our call-backs. One young housewife said: 'I've been praying for someone to come and invite me and my three children to go to church. And He must have sent you.'

We are preparing invitation cards to Tredegar, Pontypool, and Newport churches, giving a personal invitation to worship, details of church meetings, the ministers' addresses, and a simple pictorial summary of the Advent faith. These cards provide a talking-point. Drawings show the cross, the law, and the second advent of Christ, with the three imperatives, Believe, Obey, Pre-



B. Clarke, our local colporteur, supplied literature, and Bible studies were given by their neighbour, Sister Barbara Richards. The church was full, the message was given by Pastor P. H. Stearman, and the candidates were baptized by the writer.

As a result of the public witness of the baptism, already six souls have

decided to be baptized at our next baptism in June.

We are convinced that the greatest tool for evangelism is the church itself, with every member loving the Lord, loving others, and witnessing confidently and joyfully. We praise God for so many rich blessings on His Church in recent months.

As one listened to the assurance of the Gospel's hope, and sang Samuel Millar's favourite hymns, 'The Lord's my Shepherd' and 'When I survey the wondrous cross', there was the heart-longing for the eternal promises of God to be fulfilled, and for the day of eternity to dawn. May that day soon be here, and with it, the better, happy life with the Lord.

MICHAEL K. TAYLOR  
Pastor



# IRISH MISSION

President: ERNEST LOGAN

## MEMORIAL SERVICE IN COLERAINE

PREVIOUSLY we have told of happy events and occasions in Coleraine. Now, however, it falls to the writer to record one of the saddest events in the history of this Ulster church.

On January 14th, Brother Samuel Millar was abducted from his farm at Blackhill in County Londonderry. He was not missed for a number of vital hours, it being thought that he was visiting an elderly gentleman living near the isolated farm. Too late, it was discovered that he had not been caring for this elderly neighbour. So a much publicized hunt began for him and his abductors. At the same time it became known he was to be a crown witness at a forthcoming court case.

At first it was thought that Brother Millar was alive and being held against his will in some remote corner of Ireland. But the weeks passed, and with certain clues it became evident that hopes for his safe release were not likely to be realized.

In harmony with the wishes of his brother and sister—both had come from Canada when the tragic news was released—a memorial service was held in the Coleraine church on Sunday, February 22nd at 3 P.M. Members of the Church family came from all parts of Ulster. Relatives and neighbours came from the Draperstown district to attend this service in memory of the first Adventist victim of the violence in Northern Ireland. (May he be the last.)

Assisting the writer in the service was Pastor E. Logan, Irish Mission president, and Brother William Dougherty, a close friend of Samuel Millar. By reason of the nature of the occasion, the service was tinged with sadness; but because of the close relationship Brother Millar had with his Lord it was at the same time a gathering of hope and confidence. In his prayer, Pastor Logan gave thanks for the life which had inspired so many others, and expressed assurance that the angels had marked his present resting place and would be present at the time of resurrection.

The writer briefly rehearsed some of the important events in Samuel Millar's

life: born in 1904 and reared at Blackhill. In the 1920s he and his wife emigrated to the New World where they, with his mother, became and remained members of the SDA Church.

Later he returned to Draperstown and there nursed his now invalided wife for almost twenty-five years. At this time a police constable visited the home. Bible studies were arranged—resulting in the baptism of this Ulster policeman. We now know him as Pastor William Frazer, resident today in Canada.

In 1971 Mrs. Millar died, and Brother Millar was then able to attend the church regularly and in 1972 was ordained a deacon. This good man exactly fitted the quotation Pastor Logan used in his address introduction: 'The greatest want of the world is the want of men—men who will not be bought or sold, . . . men who will stand for the right though the heavens fall' (*Education*, page 57). The sermon noted that this world was designed to be a happy place for man. With the entrance of sin, tragedy, heartache and sadness afflicted mankind. Hatred is the natural result of sin, and yet for the Christian there is the nobler response of forgiveness and love as demonstrated in the life and death of our Lord. We were reminded, too, of the 'Blessed Hope'—for there is nothing that can separate us from the love of God. Ultimately all wrongs will be put right and righteousness will triumph over evil.

APPEAL FROM MAURITIUS.—A new seminary is being opened in Mauritius, that important but lonely island which forms part of the Indian Ocean Union. Young men who complete their high-school training in our island schools, and who wish to train for the ministry, will have this new facility for advanced work on their way towards their eventual MA degree, the required qualification for young ministers. Pastor Malcolm Vine, Director of the Seminary, is building up a library appropriate to the needs of the new venture, and, having a limited budget for the purpose, would much appreciate your help. If any interested member owns, but no longer uses, any of the books in the following list, and would be generous enough to contribute to this new mission seminary library, the director would be most grateful. Here is a partial list of the books needed: *The Prophetic Faith of Our Fathers*, L. E. Froom; *The Conditionalist Faith of Our Fathers*, L. E. Froom; *Origin and History of the SDA Church*, A. W. Spalding; *Christian Beliefs*, Jemison; *A Prophet Among You*, Jemison; *Bible Adventism*, J. White; *Christ and His Righteousness*, E. H. Waggoner; *Christ Our Righteousness*, A. G. Daniels; *The Cross and Its Shadow*, S. N. Haskell; *Reply to Canright*, W. H. Branson; *Through Crisis to Victory*, A. V. Olsen; *Why I Believe in Ellen G. White*, F. D.

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THE CAMP HILL CHURCH is holding a sale on March 20, 1976, at 7 pm on behalf of the Welfare Society, to raise funds for its overall programme. Records, books, clothing, works of art and many other items will be available for your purchase. All churchmembers in the Birmingham area are cordially invited to participate in this worth-while project.

MARIE-HÉLÈNE GUERGUIL, French 16-year-old SDA girl, desires to stay with English Adventist family with teenage girl or boy for July/August, to study English. Reciprocal arrangement envisaged for next year, or please inform re cost: Miss Marie-Hélène Guerguil, L'Orée du bois, Collonges Sous Salève, 74160 St. Julien en Genevois, France.

GRATITUDE TO ANON—I should like to express my deepest gratitude to the one who so generously sent me £125 which miraculously came at a time when it was most needed. I am grateful to God for supplying all my needs, and so thankful to you, whoever you are.

DANIJEL RANISAVLJEVIC  
English Language Student, Newbold College

AN eleven-year-old German schoolgirl would like to stay with an Adventist family (preferably in a country area) from July 19, 1976 to August 23, 1976, in order to learn English. Write: Ruth Kordes, 5603 Wulfrath, Tiegenhofer Str. 33, W. Germany.

Another Maxwell book. This time by Uncle Arthur's brother who tells his experiences of forty-two years in *I LOVED AFRICA*, paperback, 168 pages, £1 postage included. Send cash with order to the author: S. G. Maxwell, 69 Saffron Platt, Guildford, Surrey. GU2 6XZ

Nichol; *SDA Bible Commentary*; Matthew Henry Bible Commentary; Adam Clarke Bible Commentary; Young's Analytical Concordance; Strong's Analytical Concordance; Cruden's Full Concordance; *The Abiding Gift of Prophecy*, A. G. Daniels; *The Gift of Prophecy*, C. B. Haynes; *The Great Second Advent Movement*, J. N. Loughborough; *The Rise and Progress of Seventh-day Adventists*, J. N. Loughborough; *Our Firm Foundation, Believe His Prophets*, D. E. Rebok; *There Shines a Light*, A. W. Spalding; *The Spirit of Prophecy in the Advent Movement*, W. A. Spicer; *Systematic Theology*, Schafer; *Systematic Theology*, Chas. Hodge; *Dogmatic Theology*, W. T. Shedd; *Systematic Theology*, A. H. Strong; *Genes and Genesis*, H. W. Clarke; *Evolution, Creation and Science*, F. L. Marsh; *Life, Man and Time*, F. L. Marsh; *Creation, Not Evolution*, Baker and Nichol; *Genesis Vindicated*, G. McCready Price; *Phantom of Organic Evolution*, G. McCready Price; *Life, Death, and Immortality*, C. B. Haynes; *Answers to Objections*, F. D. Nichol; *Questions on Doctrine, Here and Hereafter*, Uriah Smith.

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A. C. VINE



### FEASIBILITY OF A REGIONAL CONFERENCE.

—Since announcing the setting up of a sub-committee by the BUC to give study to the above subject, and also inviting members concisely to express their considered opinion, I have received several letters which can be more conveniently answered by a MESSENGER note than by personal correspondence and also this may help the thinking of others who may have similar questions in their minds.

**First**—the definition of a regional conference is according to the North American concept of a conference organization administered by its own executive committee within the geographical territory of another conference or conferences to meet the specific needs of particular ethnic groups.

**Second**—it should be noted that this is a study to investigate if such a plan were feasible. The sub-committee is not given any direction one way or the other. It is to be an objective consideration of facts.

**Third**—the BUC have not initiated this study but are acceding to a request from the SEC executive committee in an action from that committee which resulted from their consideration at the request of the delegates at the Plymouth Conference Session, that the report of the plans committee be referred direct to the SEC executive.

**Fourth**—it has never been the practice to issue the names of sub-committee members as they are acting for the executive committee that appointed them and report their findings to that committee which accepts responsibility for the actions that ensue.

**Fifth**—the chairman of the committee or those appointed by him, are the liaison between the committee and the constituency and that is why those wishing to express a considered opinion on this subject are requested to write to him. It should be added that it is for the sub-committee to discuss this matter and it is not intended to discuss the pros and cons with correspondents.

**Deadline**—it has been suggested that a deadline should be set for the receipt of comments so that prospective correspondents will be able to write prior to the committee's consideration. March 31st is the deadline fixed.

**PASTOR W. E. READ.**—News has reached the Union of the death of Pastor W. E. Read in his 93rd year, in Washington, D.C., on Friday, February 27th. Pastor Read was a former British Union president and also had the unique distinction of being the only British worker to become president of his home Division. We remember at this time his daughter, Mrs. Barham, and her family. A full obituary notice will appear in a later issue.

**CURRIE EVANGELISM.**—On Monday, March 8th, a baptismal service was held in Grantham church when eight candidates from Nottingham and Grantham were brought into fellowship with their Lord through this rite. The Morris Taylor family quintet contributed to the blessing of the service. Pastor David Currie writes: 'Our programmes at Grantham are continuing to be well attended.'  
E. H. FOSTER, President  
British Union Conference

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#### BEDFORD CHURCH

Bedford church now meets at The Grosvenor Centre, Ashburnham Road, Bedford. It is right opposite the Midland Station.

#### RHYL CHURCH

Change of Services—Will all visitors to North Wales please note that the services in the Rhyll Seventh-day Adventist church, Albert Street, will be as follows: Sabbath school 10.15 am, Divine service 11.30 am, as from and including Sabbath, April 3, 1976. A very warm welcome awaits all.

Also please note that there will be no services in Colwyn Bay this summer and until further notice.—Pastor A. Cooper.

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**GREAVES - CHARLERY** — Beautifully arranged flowers decorated the Walthamstow SDA church on December 14, 1975, when a great number of relatives and friends gathered to witness the marriage of Gilmore Greaves, the elder son of Brother and Sister C. Greaves from Wood Green church and Lucretia Charlery, the only daughter of Brother and Sister L. De G. Charlery from the Ilford church. The bride looked lovely in her full-length white embroidered satin dress with fur trimmings carrying a bouquet of nicely arranged red roses and white ribbon in between. She was given away by her father and attended by four bridesmaids: Donna Dodds, Phyllis Holder, Christine Hudson and Natalie Hendry. The best man was Costas Chrysafis. Pastor M. D. Murtagh and Brother C. Pitt performed the ceremony. We wish Gilmore and Lucretia God's richest blessing upon the setting up of their new Christian home in North London.  
RAJA NAIDOO  
Church Clerk

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