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CURRIE CAMPAIGN IN NEWTON'S TOWN

Report by PASTOR R. D. VINE, Editor



Pastor David Currie with his camera which he has so effectively put to evangelistic use. Right: The Taylor Quintet as they appeared in 'The Times'.

GRANTHAM'S most illustrious son, Sir Isaac Newton (1643-1727), has also been acclaimed the world's greatest scientist. His discovery of calculus, the binomial theorem, the laws of motion, the laws relating to mechanics, to physical optics, etc., established him as a scientific and mathematic titan, and also as the bane (in this writer's days) of non-mathematically-minded schoolboys and even girls. What is not generally known is that Newton was a devout Christian, and a great writer on Bible prophecy—note-worthy is his *Observations Upon the Prophecies of Daniel and the Apocalypse of St. John*.

It was Newton, the Granthamian, who claimed: 'In the time of the end, a body of men will be raised up who will turn their attention to the prophecies, and insist upon their literal interpretation' (Quoted in *Prophetic Faith of Our Fathers*, vol. 3, page 611, by Dr. L. E. Froom).

Three hundred years later, with this riven world on the threshold of eternity,

in Newton's historic hometown of Grantham, SDAs are doing just what that celebrated scientist envisaged and declared. They are publicly presenting the manifold prophecies of Holy Scriptures as proof, firstly, of the Bible's unique inspiration; and secondly, of the Bible's vital relevancy for today.

Since September 22, 1975, New Zealander Pastor David Currie, British Union evangelist, has delivered outstanding presentations every Monday night to capacity congregations in our own SDA church. Non-member attendance has never failed substantially to

exceed that of our own members.

They have enjoyed preliminary sessions of scenic slides outstanding for their composition and quality (Pastor Currie courageously dumps 'duds'). Above all they have thrilled to the accuracy of prophetic truth, so clearly articulated by the preacher, and impressively illustrated by slides and charts. In touring the world, Pastor Currie has certainly acquired an armoury of biblically orientated slides representing a formidable amount of preliminary homework, and which powerfully dispels the arguments of the critics.

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The Taylor String Quartet, from Michigan, practising at Wigmore Hall yesterday before their London debut. At the piano is Professor Morris Taylor, father of (from left) Lyndon, Leonard, Lowell and Lucille.

This on-going effort proves the myth of Britain's so-called secularism. Decline in church-going is largely due, not so much to positive rejection of Christianity, as to failure of Christendom to present a credible or relevant message.

Pleasing aspect of the Currie campaign has been the many expressions of surprise and appreciation by non-member friends.

'First-fruits' were harvested on Monday, March 8th, when eight were baptized—some from nearby Nottingham. On that historic night, thirty-two people signed dedication cards signifying desire to be baptized or to enrich their grasp of truth by further study.

On that happy occasion, as on the previous Saturday night, the Taylor Quintet enhanced the pleasure of a packed congregation, with their exquisite playing of elevating classical music: Dr. Morris Taylor on the piano—his pianist wife, too, and the four children: Leonard (18), first violin; Lyndon (14), violin; Lowell (17), cello; and Lucille (19), viola.

Later that week they gave a concert at London's prestigious Wigmore Hall (see illustration of cutting from *The Times*). This Adventist family from Michigan, USA, testified that their ministry of music is constrained by love of Christ and desire to glorify Him.

We should here mention the regular ministry of song rendered by Grantham's own choir under Sister Violette Mere-

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By Sir ISAAC NEWTON.

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Title page of Sir Isaac Newton's commentary on Daniel and Revelation. (From The Stanborough Press library.)

dith, the lovely singing of its special quartet and trio, and others.

Your prayers are requested for the evangelist and his associates, David Robertson and Richard Cooper; and for the many non-SDA friends still attending the Grantham church campaign.

**NORTH BRITISH
CONFERENCE**



President: K. A. ELIAS

NORTH-EAST LINCOLNSHIRE NEWS

SOME may be wondering how the work of God progresses in this part of the country which witnessed some of the earliest work of our movement. The first Adventist church in England, built in 1884 at Ulceby, was full to capacity on a very happy day last autumn, when two ladies were buried in the waters of baptism and rose to walk with Jesus in newness of life: Sister Eileen Byrne decided on this step after coming in touch with the Advent message through the friendship of Grimsby churchmembers; and Sister Wilkinson who, after the sad loss of her husband, began to study the Bible more deeply and wanted to follow her Lord all the way. Both were received into the fellowship of the Grimsby church and are actively seeking to further the work of the Lord. Pastor J. Freeman had the privilege of baptizing these new members and our special visitor for this service was Brother W. J. Griffiths.

The first British Adventist printing press was in Grimsby, so it is fitting that the printed page be used much in our efforts to finish God's work in this large area. Our church in Grimsby is one of our smaller groups, but each week many copies of our magazines are placed in homes and then calls are made to see if any interest is shown. In the last three years thousands of homes have been visited and well over a hundred families have been reading our literature regularly. We hope to see many more finding fellowship with us as a result of this work which Brother D. Chapman first envisaged and financed, and the members have enthusiastically supported by their time and effort.

A happy aspect of our church life is the group of children who faithfully attend. Sabbath is an enjoyable day for them, especially in the summer with a weekly programme of picnics in the lovely Lincolnshire Wolds or sheltered seaside spots. Study of birds, flowers, and trees on these occasions prepared them for Investiture on January 31st. We appreciated having Pastor Stuart Ware and his family with us for this service. After he had invested 6 Busy Bees, 6 Builders, and 1 Friend, Pastor Ware's message reminded us of the two runners sent to David who waited anxiously for news of his son, we resolved to make sure that we in Grimsby would 'run' bearing the Gospel tidings that everybody needs. PR SECRETARY

NEWBOLD NEWS

PRINCIPAL: R. E. GRAHAM

TWO GOOD WORKERS GONE WEST

THE new cafeteria, the organ platform, the salesroom, and the principal's office—just some of the parts of Newbold which Ken Hayes has either built or altered. For the last eight years Ken has been on the staff at Newbold building and maintaining the college property.

His wife, Megan, has worked in the library for four years, been treasurer at the church school for six, catered for summer school one year, and as a wedding caterer given more than one young couple a well-fed start to married life.

It is obvious then that the March departure of this widely talented couple for Broomhill House to act as warden and hostess leaves a considerable gap in Newbold's work force. At Broomhill, Ken, of course, will be building again—this time twelve bedrooms and an extension to the dining room.

'Eventually,' he told me, 'I'll be responsible for the garden as well.' Megan will have her work cut out catering for the domestic side of conferences at Broomhill.



Ken Hayes says good-bye to fellow maintenance man David Throssell. Below: Megan Hayes issuing a library book to Lorna Blackburn.



Newbold will certainly miss the Hayes' good humour and good work. We know that they have the qualities to build up Broomhill in more ways than one.

HELEN PEARSON

CAMP HILL'S GOOD NEWS

Yes—we do not hesitate to call it 'Good News'. If the joybells ring out in heaven, and the angels sing over one person who gives his or her life to Jesus, then Camp Hill church feel privileged to join them. This we did in a combined baptism held on Sabbath afternoon, January 17th. Pastor L. P. Anderson was joined for the occasion by Pastor Robinson from the Chelmsley Wood and Yardley churches, together with members from both.

Nine young people were baptized by Pastor Anderson, and one was added by vote. They were then welcomed into the Camp Hill church.

This was the result of joint efforts by ministry, Bible worker (Mrs. O. McIntyre), members, and especially our own young people led by Brother R. Morgan (youth leader).

Pastor Robinson baptized a husband and wife who will be joining the Chelmsley Wood church.

At the close of the service an invitation was extended to those who wished seriously to consider this step, to come forward and write down their names. Fourteen readily did so. We pray that God will bless each one of them as they seek to work and serve Him in the future days.

MRS. DOROTHY CABBIN
Assistant Church Clerk



NONAGENARIAN ELDER

BROTHER ARTHUR MOSS of the Manchester church celebrated his 90th anniversary on January 9th. In former years he served as a Salford city councillor, and when employed in the city engineer's department he had the distinction of putting in the first peg marking out what has since become the famous Wythenshawe estate.

Many years of loyal public service ensued, but without doubt his greatest satisfaction was experienced when he heard the truths of the Advent message unfolded by Pastor K. Lacey during his 1957/58 campaign in the Palace Theatre and the Friend's Meeting House. At one of these meetings a certain Miss Shoemsmith occupied the seat next to him and shared her Bible with him. She later became his wife after they had both accepted the message and been baptized in 1958.

Upon the formation of the Manchester North church, Brother Moss became one of the charter members and church elder, and is happy in his continued service in an honorary capacity.

PR SECRETARY

Historic Picture Gallery



1923 GRADUATES OF STANBOROUGH MISSIONARY COLLEGE (predecessor of Newbold College), Watford. Ladies (from left): Gladys Lieler, J. Tealby, ? Miss Anderson, Olive Davies (Bible instructor for many years), Miss Masender, Miss Basher, Winifred Willis (church school teacher). Men (from left): George D. King (president, publishing leader, missionary, etc.), *H. K. Munson (minister), *Andrew Barr, *John G. Bevan (minister), Robert S. Joyce (president of North and South England, evangelist, president in USA), *Ronald Freeth (minister), *Edwin G. Essery (pastor, doctor, missionary). *Known to be alive.

Dr. Essery is still serving as missionary doctor in West Africa.
Picture supplied by Pastor H. K. Munson



Sitting (from left): Victor Ducker, Raymond Pierre, Graham Anderson, Beverley Harvey. Standing: Pastors L. P. Anderson, K. A. Elias, and Sister O. McIntyre.

ERDINGTON'S 'MOST THRILLING DAY'

SUCH was the lovely autumn day of the baptismal service, with President K. A. Elias officiating, accompanied by our minister, Pastor L. P. Anderson, who actually baptized. Our pastor expressed deep pleasure to the baptismal candidates, and gratitude to Sister O. McIntyre who had thoroughly explained to the candidates the cardinal truths of the Word of God.

President Elias presented the message, retelling the story of Jesus' baptism when His Heavenly Father said to Him: 'This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased.' Similarly to the faithful today, God says: 'You are my beloved son/daughter in whom I am well pleased.' Pastor Elias affirmed: 'We must realize that we need the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives to confirm us as genuine children of God.' He concluded: 'The decision to follow Jesus will assure an entrance into the Kingdom of God.'

The four candidates included Pastor Anderson's son, Graham. In extending the right hand of fellowship, our elder, Brother B. Thompson, gave the candidates a book as a helpful and lasting memento.

MISS M. E. LYNCH

SOUTH ENGLAND CONFERENCE



President: DONALD LOWE

LEWISHAM'S CHRISTIAN HOME COUNCIL

DURING 1975 Lewisham church has continued to hold regular Christian Home Council meetings. These have proved a great success, the speakers being well versed in their subjects. Autumn visitors included Pastor K. H. Gammon, British Union Conference lay activities secretary, with his timely subject: 'Christian Home Budgeting and Finance'. His hearers felt much better informed after listening to his guidance on a topic so relevant in days fraught with economic troubles and hardship. Another popular speaker was Pastor Ted Pettit, whose subject was that of Gospel literature. An interesting study gave us considerable insight on this most important aspect of the work of the Church. It is planned to continue the Home Council programme on varied topics throughout this year as they are so beneficial to both young and older members.

NORMA TURNER
PR Secretary

READING CLINIC

At 7.30 P.M. on Monday, February 23, 1976, in the youth hall at the rear of the Reading Seventh-day Adventist church, Pastor B. Kinman with the assistance of Dr. Clemency Mitchell held a 5-day anti-smoking clinic.

Six people turned up for the clinic,



Left: Sister Maureen Taylor gives a practical demonstration at the Cradle Roll workshop. Centre: Brother Gordon Clee, church elder from Leeds, explains some of his teaching aids. Right: Sherard Wilson (right) head of the Leeds church school, and his wife Sheila (third from right) demonstrates teaching equipment. Photos: Stuart Ware

Sabbath School Seminar Sets Pace for Future

OVER the years Eastwood Grange in Derbyshire has been the venue of many special weekends organized by our denomination. However, the weekend of February 13-15th is of special significance in that it marks the beginning of a new era for our Sabbath school work in the North British Conference. What was most encouraging was the spirit in which the fifty delegates including S.S. leaders, teachers, and secretaries entered into the discussions and activities of the weekend.

The writer greatly appreciates the help the visiting speakers gave during the Seminar. Pastor K. A. Elias, North British Conference president, led out in the overall church programme. Pastor Paul Sundquist, Northern Europe-West Africa Division Sabbath school director, dealt with such subjects as the Sabbath school organization and evangelism, as well as giving us spiritual food for thought throughout the weekend. Besides participating in other sessions Pastor D. C. Uffindell, British Union Sabbath school director, was particularly helpful in discussions regarding aspects of the adult division of the Sabbath school.

What is encouraging to the writer is the growing number of laymen who are taking a serious interest in Sabbath school work, and who spend much of their spare time in research and in

preparing material. Some of them were able to be present this weekend and participated in some of the sessions, especially the Workshops on Sunday. Sherard and Sheila Wilson of Leeds presented their ideas and passed on a great deal of helpful information to the Primary group. Brother Clee, Leeds elder, nobly assisted by his wife, demonstrated some of his equipment and gave excellent illustrations of how to reach juniors. Then there was Sister Maureen Taylor from Bradford who showed to the Cradle Roll Group how she began to build up her equipment and know-how from scratch. Brother Bernard Thompson, elder from Erdington, explained the importance of the Sabbath school secretary/treasurer.

Both delegates and speakers worked extremely hard throughout the weekend. Everyone went away with their minds crammed with ideas—and it was noted that a few went away with sore heads!

Now what results from this Seminar is that there is a much-needed 'wind of change' blowing through our Sabbath schools in this conference, with a renewed interest in all aspects of this work.

The practical suggestions, which the writer is now working on were:

1. Specialized Workshops for the Cradle Roll, Kindergarten, Primary, Junior

and Earliteen Divisions. These have now been planned as follows:

MIDLANDS — (November 14th at the West Bromwich church)

SCOTLAND — (November 21st at the Glasgow church)

NORTH OF ENGLAND — (December 5th at Leeds school).

2. To revitalize the adult lesson study class and give consideration to moving it from the teacher/class concept towards a leader/discussion concept. It is hoped that this will encourage greater member participation and a deeper study of the Word on behalf of the individual. There will be three meetings early next year in the Midlands, North of England, and Scotland to discuss this further. Sabbath school delegates to the next Conference-wide seminar (Eastwood Grange, November 25-27, 1977) will then be able to bring their findings to some conclusion.
3. To improve programmes and teaching helps for all divisions geared specifically towards this country.
4. In the area of evangelism we have set a goal for 1977/78 of a Sabbath school membership of 5,500, with ten new branch Sabbath schools and ten Holiday Bible Schools per year.

STUART R. WARE
NBC Sabbath School Director

fifteen other people who said they were coming were stricken with flu.

When the course was completed, one of the partakers, a salesman, said that he had smoked cigarettes for over forty years and at last he had 'kicked the habit'.

Those who completed the course are now engaged in a follow-up programme, based on our eating habits, under the guidance of Dr. Clemency Mitchell.

The fifteen flu victims have requested that when another clinic is held they would like to attend. J. H. HEMMING
PR Secretary

CROSCOMBE'S BREAKTHROUGH

A RECENT weekend will long be remembered by the members of Croscombe church, not only as one of unprecedented experience in the church's history, but of unique privilege and blessing. Truly God accomplishes His purpose in 'mysterious ways'.

For a while the Croscombe Senior Citizens' meetings had been held in the Advent Youth Hall, and it was at their Christmas party that Pastor Dalbert

Elias and the Rector of Croscombe, the Rev. Neville Jacobs, became acquainted, and a rapport was quickly established. Pastor Elias was moved to invite Mr. Jacobs to take the pulpit at our church in the Sabbath morning preceding the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, and this was gladly accepted.

As a prelude to his inspiring address, Mr. Jacobs told how this invitation had enabled him to unburden a troubled conscience of four years' duration. He had long been under the conviction, he said, that he should make some approach to us, but did not quite know (to page 5 after *Encounter*)

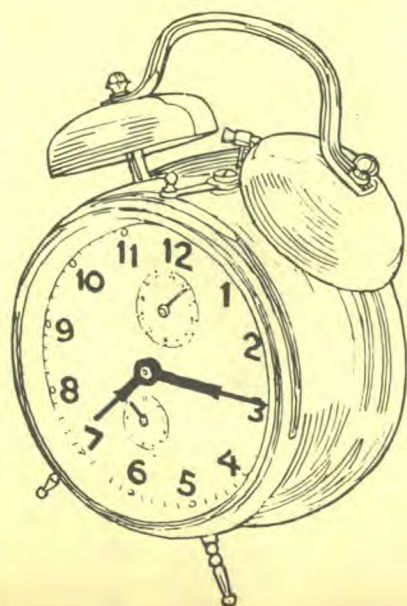


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LIKE A THIEF IN THE NIGHT

by John Williams



1975 has faded into history. It was to be the year, or so I was told by one very sincere lady, when a certain momentous event was to occur. I wonder how Peter Knowles, who gave up a sparkling career with Wolverhampton Wanderers in order to proclaim this message, is feeling now.

Date-setting has not been confined to those outside our own Church. We have the prime example of it in the experience of William Miller and his interpretation of the 2,300-day prophecy. As recently as 1964 the hopes of some were raised by a temptation to 'date set' with the text, 'But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of Man be.'¹ Noah preached for a hundred and twenty years before the flood came. $1844 + 120 = 1964$. Therefore . . .

We steer away from explicit dates now, but we still sometimes indulge this desire by putting a deadline on the Lord's return. You know the way it goes—'At the rate we're going, what with the eco-crisis, the population explosion, political instability, etc., I wouldn't give this world another ten years to last.' This is the way I thought ten years ago, but we are still here.

One danger here is that it could quite easily cause a person who sees the more distressing aspects of life to passively accept and even to gloat over them as signs of the times, instead of throwing himself wholeheartedly into the struggle against them.

Then we sometimes set up an elaborate timetable for the second coming of Christ and the events preceding it. The timetable gets cluttered because we find so much that has to take place before that event: the outpouring of the latter rain, the shaking time, the time of trouble, the time of Jacob's trouble (if they are not the same thing) and still more. The proviso is made that the last movements will be rapid ones, but even so, if history has to make room for all this, then it must have a good few years yet to roll, and some of the urgency is lost both from the conduct of our own lives, and from the message that we have for others. Surely, the reason for our existence is the proclamation of a Saviour whose return is imminent.

The more elaborate the timetable, the less the element of surprise and uncertainty concerning the time of Jesus' return. Yet in the Gospel this element is strong and inescapable, 'But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.'² 'Watch therefore, for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.'³ 'Therefore, be ye also ready, for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.'⁴ 'But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night.'⁵

Since the days of the apostles, many sensitive Christians have expected the return of the Lord within their own lifetimes. History has proved their expectations in terms of length of time to have been wrong, but was not their basic attitude right; to live every day firmly believing that it could be the last day of human history? To be waiting on the tiptoe of expectation, not passively or idly. 'Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season? Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.'⁶ The attitude of the true Christian of today and of past ages is summed up in this parable. May we never be tempted to suggest, 'My lord delayeth his coming.'⁷

¹ Matt. 24:37; ² Matt. 24:36; ³ Matt. 24:42; ⁴ Matt. 24:44; ⁵ 2 Peter 3:10; ⁶ Matt. 24:45, 46; ⁷ Matt. 24:48.

A Sequel to

'SO YOU'RE NOT COMING TO NEWBOLD'

PAUL WRIGHT's twenty-year-old student friend does not realize how fortunate he is to have lived in the atmosphere of Newbold for thirteen years; and when he says that Newbold is not fulfilling its obligations in several areas, he is criticizing his family and his friends, indeed himself, as all are part of the Adventist community there—remembering that Newbold is not made up of only the student body.

A Christian's life is his witness, any time, in any place, and since there are hundreds of genuine Christians living temporarily or permanently at Newbold, there cannot but be a strong witness for Christ around Newbold.

I remember with great affection student days of a few years ago, and if one desired there were ample opportunities for specific witness. Sabbath afternoon brought missionary activity of one form or another such as door knocking with back numbers of *Our Times*, VOP leaflet distribution, or Sunshine Bands—singing hymns in Old Folks Homes or Geriatric wards. Each Sunday canvassers left Newbold with truth-filled literature. Pastor Marter had most of his 'Personal Evangelism' class giving Bible studies in local homes. I remember two youths from the nearby Cliffords Dairies joining the Remnant Church as a result of students working there to earn their fees.

The Christian life was a witness on campus, too. Often the college year concluded with the baptism of a student or two, and a very important factor was the strengthening of one's own faith so better equipping oneself for service.

More recently Newbold has branched out into street witnessing and 'Gate' programmes, to name only two outreach programmes of which I have heard. Surely there will always be room for change and expansion in this field, but it does not necessarily mean that Newbold has not been fulfilling its obligations.

There are many former students throughout the Northern Europe-West Africa Division, and further afield, who owe much to Newbold, and, while admitting that Newbold is not a perfect institution, I would reiterate the words of Paul Wright, 'We love our College' and are anxious to let it be known that we are proud of Newbold and the service it has given and will continue to give our Church.

May God bless Newbold and all it stands for.

CHRISTINE MCGOLDRICK
(née Burgess)

AGAIN ALL EYES TURNED— A Centurion Spoke!

'IN the closing events of the crucifixion day, fresh evidence was given of the fulfilment of prophecy, and new witness borne to Christ's divinity. When the darkness had lifted from the cross, and the Saviour's dying cry had been uttered, immediately another voice was heard, saying, "Truly this was the Son of God".

'These words were said in no whispered tones. All eyes were turned to see whence they came. Who had spoken? It was the centurion, the Roman soldier. The divine patience of the Saviour, and His sudden death, with the cry of victory upon His lips, had impressed this heathen. . . . He could not refrain from confessing his faith. Thus again evidence was given that our Redeemer was to see of the travail of His soul. Upon the very day of His death, three men, differing widely from one another, had declared their faith—he who commanded the Roman guards, he who bore the cross of the Saviour, and he who died upon the cross at His side' (*The Desire of Ages*, page 770).

Will you be a spokesman for the

EGGS, WEBS AND CHARACTERS

PATENTLY, the hen came first. Not the egg. Jesus doesn't make eggs. He makes hens. It is the hens that make and lay the eggs. In fact, in embryo, the entrails of a well-developed bird can contain hundreds of eggs at any given time in the various stages of development.

Thus the egg-laying sorority can make all the eggs required both for themselves and for the world.

With the same divine skill, Jesus makes spiders. He doesn't make webs. The spider makes them. As soon as the Creator gives him life, he knows what to do. He makes webs!

Possessive of an apparently inexhaustible supply of silk and energy, the spider seems to say, 'Just leave it to me, Lord. With all the skill You have given me, and energy, I can do the job just as well!'

As we all know, this busy little insect weaves, and toils and spins, almost incessantly. He can make all the webs he needs, and a great many more he doesn't need as well.

Whatever men may say to the contrary Jesus once did make two human beings with superior natures. Though obviously grace, beauty, and skills had been bestowed in abundance, the Creator made no characters. These they made themselves. This is as true today as it was then.

The Great Designer provides all the

One who died for you and who now lives? Who will respond to the call of Jesus to speak for Him now, and join those three worthies, boldly confessing your faith in the Son of God?

Submitted by C. Blackburn.

GOD'S EXTRAS

by Shirley Smith

HAD He made the rose for beauty alone, it would have been enough—but He added delicate fragrance. If He had made peaches simply for nourishment, it would have sufficed—but He added exquisite flavour. His gift of a child brings untold joy—but He added the wonder of soft baby skin. To the tranquillity of a summer night He added the sound of crickets; to the beauty of new-fallen snow He adds silence.

Yet these are but small tokens of what He has in store. To be with Him throughout eternity would more than fulfil our heart's desire—but He will add a mansion, a crown, the tree of life, a country estate, lions and lambs feeding together, flowers that never fade, visits to other worlds, rapturous music. . . .

(From the *Review and Herald*)

material for the ultimate accomplishment of this important work. The facilities, as well as 'Amazing grace' are all 'on tap'. We form the character.

Jesus does not expect us to spin webs or lay eggs. But He does expect us to mould and fashion character. Nay, we may become just as adept and skilful in our sphere as the 'humbler creation' are in theirs. Then we add a little more often that other ingredient which the lower creation do not possess—namely faith.

And what better time to do it than now.

'Now is the accepted time' (2 Cor. 6:2).

W. Dowson



It's Hap'ning

CAMP HILL YOUTH SHARE THEIR FAITH

FRIDAY night, November 28th, brought to a close several weeks of a 'Voice of Youth' campaign at the Camp Hill church, Birmingham, mounted by the young people of the church. Those who participated look back over months of preparatory work involving hours of study and practice, handbilling in the rain, the pre-campaign commitment service, and the pre-sermonette 'butterflies' with a keen sense of satisfaction.

It was truly heartwarming to see the youngsters who before had sometimes appeared to the adults as shy and reluctant to take part in MV meetings, put their hearts into the work and give of their best. The sermonettes which necessarily sometimes presented subjects normally considered to be 'heavy' and 'doctrinal' were delivered by these young people, untrained in theology and the art of public speaking, with convincing clarity and power. The styles of presentation varied, as one would expect with the personalities, but the application with which these 16- to 20-year-olds presented their faith, resulted in vitality and appeal.

The 'Sermons in Song' supporting the speakers were mainly rendered by the Youth Choir who came up to the high standard of performance expected of these young people under the able leadership of Sister Brookes. Individual young people and a few adults also gave contributions in music. The membership supported with good attendances at the twice-weekly meetings. Asked for his comments regarding attendances Brother Morgan, the new youth minister, said: 'We have reason to be very pleased with attendances generally. Many non-Adventists came regularly, indicating a good level of interest in the messages presented.'

The young people are now following through the contacts made through the campaign with visiting and Bible studies. The MV leader, Sister Piper, carried a large share of the burden of organization and promotion and is full of praise for the young people. She feels that they are 'among the best anywhere' and have displayed a deep commitment to God and His truth.

I asked a few of those who took part to comment on their experiences, and the following are some of the comments:

'Like everyone else I wanted to do something to help in the campaign. I know that some people were dubious of its success, but from the moment the first address was made I felt it to be worth while. As a young person I feel that this campaign not only helped our friends to understand the truths we hold dear, but also helped us as

members of the church to understand them better. We have all been richly blessed and I for one look forward to the next "Voice of Youth" campaign.' —Shirley Nibbs.

Basil Mullings said: 'I believe that the Lord blessed the campaign with a large measure of success in at least three different ways. Firstly to fulfil the object of our efforts the attendance of non-SDAs was high. We were thus able to reach many with the Word of God. Secondly, this programme has provided a starting point for organized group-witness by the young members here at Camp Hill. It is often more difficult to start than to keep going.

'Because of the order which prevailed throughout each of the meetings, the youth have also won a measure of respect from the church as a whole. It is in this area of improved understanding between the younger and older sections of our company that I feel the third measure of success lies.'

Joe Brown considered the theme 'Christ is the Answer' to be a good one for the campaign. He was impressed with the wide variety of subjects dealt with in the five-minute sermonettes, and liked the book selections of *Positive Living* and *Steps to Christ* for the promotion gifts. He was looking forward to the visiting. In short, it was obvious that he thoroughly enjoyed the campaign.

So just what has this experiment proved? Pastor L. P. Anderson perhaps best expressed the sentiments felt by many when he said:

'When the young people are challenged to work for Christ and respond to that challenge, then they make an impressive witness for the truth. I especially appreciate the impact of youth in the presentation of truth in this form of evangelism.'

Well done young people! God bless and keep you all! H. R. MITCHELL

PR Secretary

(Yes, well done! Let us know of any interesting follow-up stories—Ed.)



'We all are God's Hands'

STANBOROUGH PARK STREET WITNESSING GROUP

ROGER MURPHY and his Young People's Committee with the support of the young people of the church have had an interesting experience during the past year with a street-witnessing outreach programme. In talking recently to Roger and Ann (Johnston) I asked how, after the birth of the idea in February, 1975, the programme had developed. Ann told me that John Peacock (one of the committee) had suggested that a Sabbath school class be held in the town centre, hopefully to attract the interest of any passers-by. One Sabbath afternoon a group of nervous people led by an equally nervous John, started the 'programme'—a modification of the idea—with singing accompanied by guitars and tambourine, and interspersed by individuals 'standing on a soap box' reading sections from an article on Jesus from the *Wayout* magazine. Introductions were handed out for the *Wayout* Bible course, and names and addresses taken of any interested people.

After this initial beginning enthusiasm grew, and some weeks later a six-foot image of the king's dream of Daniel chapter two was standing on the pavement, and speakers were telling passers-by of the prophecy. Leaflets were handed out and individual groups were discussing Christianity informally.

It was now felt that the group leading out would benefit from a mid-week music practice and Bible study. So this was commenced and at the time of writing it still continues. The group alternates its venue, one Sabbath going to Hemel Hempstead and another going into Watford. They also go into St. Albans from time to time. The young speakers are now gaining in confidence and the subjects presented vary week by week. Several new leaflets have been printed (Ann promises to send samples to any YP group interested) and distributed, and these include our address and telephone number. Weekly contacts are made.

Regarding results: it would be nice to be able to count heads, and record that X number of people have been saved as a direct outcome of this faithful witness by our young people. But we know that only eternity will give us a true picture of the value of such work. However, we are glad to say that two people have attended our church because of this witnessing programme. Here Ann went on to say that as a result of this involvement, many of our young people have been led to a deeper spiritual experience themselves.

I am pleased to report that the street witnessing programme continues with great interest. May God bless the efforts of those who faithfully witness for Him.

SHEILA READ

PR Secretary for 1975



Club members on the table which they built. Left: A Sabbath afternoon discussion with Sea Cadets around our tower.

ADVENTURE AS PIONEERS

THIS past autumn, Stanborough Park Pathfinder camps revolved around the hiking, pioneering, wilderness living, and campcraft honours. September saw the beginning of our new session camps when our first-ever pioneering camp took place. The group was led by Peter Huzar and included Bruce Hertogs, Scott Dyason, and Arthur Dyason. A thirty-foot tower was designed and built. Wild fruits were experimented with, and as a result blackberry jam and pies were added to the menu.

During the same weekend a troop of Sea Cadets camped at the same site and, drawn by our construction, came over to talk to us. This led to a full Sabbath afternoon discussion of such topics as the existence of God, war, temperance, and other things related to what Pathfinders believe.

Towards sunset, with the threat of approaching rain, the discussion ended with the Pathfinders at worship and the lowering of the flag. For the next hour the unit was on the double collecting ferns which converted their tower into a primitive shelter. However, at midnight, after five hours of continuous rain, we were forced to seek refuge in the camp-site building and our car, due to ground flooding—we later learnt that there was two inches of rain in that area during the night.

On Sunday morning the group managed to start a fire, but the rain continued and so after a warming dinner we dismantled the tower, thus ending the first of four camps.

In October a weekend expedition was held covering an 18-mile course.

In November the whole club went camping with the aim of completing the outdoor requirements for the hiking honour. The boys completed 36 miles and the girls 16 as they were also

working on their camp cookery honour.

The hikes included a Bible nature hunt, a prepared trail, and also an overnight exercise in which many braved a crossing of a local river on a rope bridge. The weary Pathfinders then slept the remaining hours of the morning in the adjoining woodland. Sunday morning breakfast finished at dinnertime, and dinner by later afternoon, after which camp was struck and the boys walked back to Stanborough Park.

November was important because during this month the club took part in a church service. We conducted the whole Sabbath school programme. Pastor M. Stevenson, the Division Youth director, then preached at the divine service and stressed the importance of young people in the Church and how the various departments, including Pathfinders, were important in the training of the young people.

Six of the clubmembers took part in a second pioneering weekend camp in December at Lees wood. The group erected a 12-foot table, and began preparations for a rope bridge before Sabbath. After an early night the campers awoke to Sabbath worship and to explore previously unknown parts of the nearby wood by use of ordnance survey maps, following tracks and foot-paths which sometimes didn't exist. On Sabbath afternoon we returned to 'civilization' to participate in the regular 'street witnessing' programme organized by the church. On return to camp, sunset worship and flag ceremony, the group sat around the fire preparing tea as well as discussing the activities of past camps.

Rising early Sunday morning the tent was cleared for inspection, and after morning worship the rope bridge was completed. Just before noon Pastor

Stevenson came to visit the camp. The bridge was tested by six people including our visitor, but under the strain the rope on one of the anchorages frayed and broke, and our newly built bridge was dismantled in a matter of seconds!

After lunch and a rest, the group proceeded to strike camp, and at sundown the Pathfinder flag was finally lowered and the unit headed homeward.

While learning in the process of enjoying ourselves, we have been able to leave a good impression with the owners of Lees Wood; and we have also, by our behaviour and organization been able to witness to scouts and other campers. We hope that we will always be able to witness for Jesus in this way.

P. HUZAR

Deputy Director, 1975

NEWS SCAN

Exchange Programmes

HIGH WYCOMBE church has been participating in a series of exchange MV programmes with the Oxford and Reading churches. This began in July, 1975, when the Reading church asked the High Wycombe young people to present them with an MV programme. The Reading young people returned the visit on October 25th. Oxford visited High Wycombe on October 4th who returned a programme on November 8th. Wycombe church has also taken up the MV programme of Watford Town church, and hopes to visit Aylesbury and a London church in the near future.

(A good idea. Let's hear of other youth societies that exchange ideas and programmes.—Ed.)

Pathfinder Leadership Course

A weekly tuition course leading to Pathfinder Leadership was conducted by Pastor J. Huzey, the South England youth leader, in High Wycombe church. The lectures were spread over two months, the first being on October 27th. They lasted for two hours each. Members of the Oxford and Aylesbury churches also attended the lectures.

CAMERON JACK

Church Clerk, High Wycombe

(This is one way to get your Master-Guide Leadership requirement completed. Other churches see if you can persuade your Conference youth directors to repeat this.—Ed.)



Barry Alen (rear), his wife Margaret (right), their two children (right, front), and the Cambridge young people who were invested.

CAMBRIDGE INVESTITURE

BROTHER Barry Alen, youth leader of the Grantham church, invested eight Pathfinders in the Cambridge church on Sabbath afternoon, December 6th, the youngest a Sunbeam, and the oldest—Geraldine Palfrey—a Guide.

The honours won make a long list—trees and shrubs, flowers, missionary service, music, first aid, handicraft, sewing, house-keeping, stars, advanced cooking, baking, painting, dressmaking.

After the investiture Brother Alen spoke for a few minutes from Psalm 19:1. He used a small ball bearing and a balloon to illustrate the relative size of the moon and the sun, and various sizes of balls for the earth and other planets in between. He illustrated distance by saying that it would take 112,000 years to get to the nearest star travelling at 24,000 miles an hour. His visit was much appreciated.

H. F. KIERSTEAD
PR Secretary

DEPUTY MAYOR VISITS YOUTH CLUB

FORTY-THREE young people were present at the Tottenham Youth Club at Lancaster School on Saturday night, January 10th.

Councillor Ron Turner, the Deputy Mayor of the borough of Harringay, visited the club that evening. The Councillor's talk was on how young people should use their voting rights. After his talk, many questions were asked by the young people and everyone showed an interest in the mock ballot that took place.

On the club members' behalf, Brother C. Pitt who was present, thanked the Councillor for his visit.

H. R. COLE
PR Secretary

Tottenham youth club with Councillor R. Turner (centre) and Tottenham minister C. Pitt (to the Councillor's right).



INVESTITURE AT CROYDON

THE afternoon of Sabbath, December 20th, was the long awaited day for the Croydon JMV society. It was on this day that 40 juniors were invested. A full church witnessed this colourful pageantry when 11 Busybees, 7 Sunbeams, 8 Builders, 6 Helping Hands, 4 Friends, 3 Companions, and 1 Explorer received their scarves. The Explorer, Vanessa Barker, made history as she was the first Explorer to be invested in the Croydon church.

We were also happy that on this wonderful occasion, we had four JMV's from the Lewisham church who had come to join us for the afternoon. Their contribution provided sparkle and variety. We hope we can from time to time make an interchange on a regular basis, as it creates a feeling of interest and unity. We would thank all parents and particularly the teachers for their assistance in making this possible, and also Pastor James Huzzey, Conference Youth director, for his efficiency in making this whole joint project a success.

R. I. VALENS

PR Secretary, Croydon

POLICE AT PATHFINDERS

No, the Huddersfield Pathfinders had not got out of control and driven the staff to the desperate measure of calling in the police!

The visit of P.C. Wellard from the Dog Section of West Yorkshire Metropolitan Police and his Alsatian dog, Jason, was in connexion with the study of the Dogs of the World honour. P.C. Wellard spent about half an hour telling the Pathfinders about the training of the police dogs, and the work they do. We then withdrew to the grounds of the church where Jason demonstrated some of his abilities.

We had alerted the local newspaper to the fact that we were having a special visitor at Pathfinders that evening, in response to which they sent along a photographer. A report and photograph appeared the following evening in the *Huddersfield Examiner*.

As a Pathfinder leader I have taught the Dogs of the World honour on a number of occasions but this is the first time I have tried enlisting the help of qualified visitors to talk about the specialized work of dogs. The Police Force are coming back again with a set of slides, and we have had a very helpful letter from the Guide Dog Association. Soon a blind lady and her guide dog will be visiting our club.

Other Pathfinder leaders might like to try a similar approach to broaden the scope of Pathfinders and create some good publicity.

CYNTHIA G. SOUTHCOTT



This is where we should have published the news from your society.



Pastor Derek Beardsell driving home his point with a left hook!



'That's another glass you've broken, Brother Mike!' Washing-up duty at Eastwood Grange.

YOUTH LEADERS HEAR SINGING YOUTH DIRECTOR

THE North British Conference sponsored a Youth Leaders' Council at Eastwood Grange (January 9th to 11th). The seventy delegates were worked hard throughout the weekend as item after item was presented to them, and there was a great deal of material for each youth leader to take back to his home church. The subjects covered leadership, programmes, evangelism, pathfinding, etc., and were presented by Pastor Mike Stevenson, Northern Europe-West Africa Division Youth director; Pastor Derek Beardsell, British Union Conference Youth director; with a little help from the writer, who was also the weekend co-ordinator.

There were two main highlights. One was the spiritual counsel given by Pastor Mike Stevenson and his singing as he led the 70-strong Youth Leaders' Choral Society. It even made Mansel Jones's heart swell with joy as he burst forth with song! It certainly was a beautiful sound to hear these Adventist youth leaders, many of them strangers at the beginning of the weekend, blend harmoniously together under the guidance of Brethren Mike and Mansel.

FELL WALKING IN ABERDARE

FOR the final weekend excursion of 1975, the Fell Walking Group took up the invitation to return to Aberdare. Once again they were to roam over the 'Land of my Fathers'.

On the dark cold night of Friday October 24th, we arrived to be warmly greeted by members of the Aberdare church, who provided hot soup and a tasty snack.

On Sabbath morning the small church looked as though the Fell Walking Group had carried out a take-over, as the congregation had swollen enormously. Pastor Wilf Glew, our 'Spiritual Advisor' took the lesson study, and Pastor Stewart Finlay gave the sermon. After a hurried lunch we set out in convoy for the wide 'grey' yonder.

We stopped among the Brecon Beacons and set out on a strenuous climb for the sun would not wait. Facing a southerly direction, we started the climb towards Cribin. The path rose slowly, running along a ridge to a plateau, but the pace was unrelentless, especially for those who started

From the writer's point of view, the other highlight was the setting up of two area Youth Advisory Councils—one for the Midlands and one for the North of England. The purpose of these councils is to enable the local youth leaders to meet at least twice a year under the chairmanship of the Conference Youth director, to discuss and share plans, ideas, and problems, etc. They will also advise the writer on the real needs of our youth, so that the Conference will be able to adjust its programme to meet these needs. Thus the youth will have a greater say in the running of the Conference youth programme. A Scottish Youth Advisory Council was held during the Youth Retreat at Garth Youth Hostel near Aberfeldy in Perthshire, March 5th to 7th.

If you are interested in Youth Leadership, Master Guides, Pathfinding, Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, etc., then write to your Conference Youth directors. They will be pleased to be of service to you.

STUART R. WARE
Youth Director
North British Conference

late and had to catch up. After a short rest we continued, making good progress towards Cribin. Dark clouds were now towering above us, covering the summits we were to climb. The last part seemed almost vertical as we reached the summit at 2,500 feet. Our heads were well and truly in the clouds. The magnificent view extended a few feet from our noses as we tried to imagine what it might have been.

We then headed towards Crigien, except for those who were too lazy and went round the base! The path brought us down 500 feet until we were out of the clouds, only to go up into them again to the summit of Crigien at 2,500 feet. But we were to go even higher as we had set our sights on Pen-y-fan. By late afternoon we had

reached that summit at 3,000 feet. We would have had to climb Everest to get out of the clouds!

Our descent down the north-east side was gradual and pleasant as the clouds were left behind. The sun broke through, casting its long rays over the rolling terrain, as if to apologize for its absence before retiring for the night. We reached the cars as the light was fading, footsore and weary.

The evening back in Aberdare was a mixture of food, films, and fun. Wilf Glew had a couple of denominational films, which were shown after the meal, then some lively games. The strenuous afternoon caught up with us, and at some unmentionable hour we retired.

Sunday morning saw a blue sky and brilliant sun. But alas! time was too short for we only had the morning. We were to climb Ara Cwmdare. After a very pleasant amble on the flat, between streams, lakes and a coal mine, we reached the bottom of Ara Cwmdare. The climb up to 1,560 feet soon showed who were fit and who weren't, but all finally made it.

By early afternoon Aberdare was behind us as was the last weekend for 1975.

ANDREW WEST

The 1976 programme for those interested in joining the Fell Walking Group is as follows:

- March 6²
- March 19-21 — Dartmoor or Exmoor¹
- April 4³
- April 16-19 — Pennine Way¹
- May 1²
- May 16³
- May 28-31 — Lakes - Skiddaw¹
- June 12²
- July 2-4 — Lakes - Conistone¹
- July 24-26 — Mid Wales¹
- September 5³
- September 11²
- September 24-26 — '3 Peaks' Yorks¹
- October 15-17 — Aberdare¹
- October 31³
- November 26-28 — A.G.M. Stanborough Park¹

¹ Walking Weekends

² Watford Area — local Sabbath walks

³ The Ridgeway — Sunday walks

No activities have been planned for the month of August, but if enough interest is shown, a trip to Scotland or the Alps will be considered.

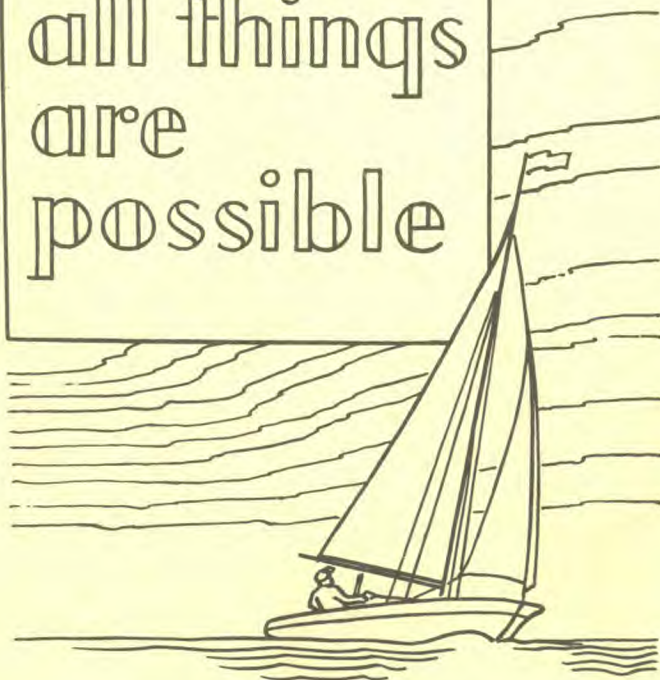
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Cribin — leaving the sun behind.



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MATTHEW 19. 26.

Vision

Good Lord,

I didn't realize what You went through.

I've seen You on the crucifix:

Carved out of fine white ivory;

Smears of bright red paint

Smudged around hand-made thorns;

A few drops more,

Dripping brightly but never falling

From the five wounds.

I've admired You,

Impaled

With faultless symmetry

On smooth black-ebony cross.

And I've bowed,

Heart stirred by beauty of the craftsman's skill.

But now, Lord, I startle to my feet

To storm against Thy foes

With voice and hand and prayer and treasure.

For now I know

What Thou didst bear, dost yet—

Christian slaying Christian;

Bride-to-be shorn, and tarred, and feathered,

In a Christian street;

Children weeping motherless amid banks of funeral flowers.

And everywhere

Maimed, and starved, and Christless,

Crying aloud for hope.

—A. J. Woodfield

Do you know the answers to these questions?



1. Who wrote Revelation?
2. What is the last book of the Old Testament?
3. What book tells about the creation of the world?
4. How many books are in the Old Testament?
5. Name the four divisions of the Old Testament.
6. What book tells about the beginning of the Church?
7. Who wrote the book of Acts?
8. What book tells about the appearance of the angels to the shepherds?
9. How many books are in the New Testament?
10. Name the divisions of the New Testament.

Answers overleaf col. 1





Pathfinder Camporee

A Union-wide Pathfinder Camporee—the first ever (according to available sources). This is a must for all true-hearted Pathfinders.

Date: Friday, May 28th (try to arrive early in the afternoon) to Monday, May 31st (departure will be around 4 p.m.)

Place: Brecon Beacons (this could be changed – watch for further announcements).

Costs: 50p per camper – for registration and camping fee only.

NOTE WELL: Only club participation. Clubs may send as many units as they can afford. Units should have 6 or 8 Pathfinders each. We will accept 4 from a small club. Isolated Pathfinders should contact their Conference or Mission Youth directors immediately if they wish to join a unit.

Bring all your own equipment and supplies – tents, bedding, camp furniture, cooking, and eating equipment, and food – milk and fresh bread will be available.

Full details are being sent to Pathfinder club directors. Clubs must inform their local Conference or Mission Youth director as soon as possible if they plan to attend, as we need to know how many clubs to plan on. Unit and member's details later.

☐ *There's a lot to be said for the fellow who doesn't say it himself.* Maurice Switzer

☐ *You may be deceived if you trust too much, but you will live in torment if you don't trust enough.* Frank Crane

☐ *Lose an hour in the morning, and you will spend all day looking for it.*

Richard Whately

Taken from *INSIGHT*, March 2, 1976 ed.

Answers: 1. John; 2. Malachi; 3. Genesis; 4. 39; 5. Law, History, Poetry, Prophecy; 6. Acts; 7. Luke; 8. Luke; 9. Luke; 10. Gospels, History, Letters or Epistles, Prophecy.

BOOK CLUB

The Book Club books have now been delivered to the local Conference Youth director's offices. The set costs £5 plus postage.

Please order your books for the Primary, Junior, and Earliteen Clubs from the Conference offices. If you require any from the Senior list contact your local Book and Bible house or your local Bookshop as some of the books are from non-Adventist publishers. (If they do not have the books in stock, the Book and Bible house will be able to order the books for you.)

Youth Societies in Wales and Scotland should order their book club books from the North British Conference. Societies in the Irish Mission should get theirs from Pastor Andrew Gebbie.

For reference the book list was published in your last *ENCOUNTER*.



PRAYER FELLOWSHIP FOR 1976

- April 7—Central Union, Union College (North American Division)
14—Tanzania Union (Afro-Mideast Division)
21—Czechoslovakian Union (Euro-Africa Division)
28—World SDA secondary schools

- May 5—Columbia Union, Columbia Union College, Kettering College (North American Division)
12—Western Pacific Union Mission, Sonoma Adventist College (Australasian Division)
19—Equatorial African Union Mission, Cameroun Junior College (Euro-Africa Division)
26—Union of SDA, German Democratic Republic (Euro-Africa Division)



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Looking forward to hearing from you.

EDITOR

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how and had consequently lacked the courage. He spoke of his first researches into Adventism and quoted one uncomplimentary reference from a prejudiced source which he already knew to be ludicrously untrue. While serving within the United Church of South India he had encountered our medical work and he related a most touching story of a young Indian boy suffering with the dreaded tetanus, saved from the jaws of death by the earnest prayers and devoted nursing and skill of our Adventist Nuzvid Hospital staff.

Mr. Jacobs obviously felt very much at home, and the congregation composed of members of both communions was stimulated by the warmth and conviction of his fine message based upon the text for the week from 1 John 3:2.

An invitation was extended to our Adventist members to join with their fellow Christians at the evening communion service in the Parish church the following day, and some felt constrained to accept. As on the previous day, one felt the presence of God's Spirit. Pastor Elias had agreed to offer the special prayers for the day, but just prior to the service he was invited to share in administering the Communion. The occasion called for quick decisions and adjustments. Under God's blessing our brother proved equal to both. It was noticeable that the other leader had carefully omitted from the order of service any points which might conflict with Adventist views or principles, though these were few.

We praise the Lord for having privileged us to participate thus; for we firmly believe that it can accomplish nothing but good and promote a brotherhood in Christ Jesus which in turn will surely prepare the way for the greater illumination of God's light-giving Word.

A. W. HOWARD

'HELLO' ADVENTIST NURSES

Your organization BANA (British Adventist Nurses' Association) is planning another get-together. You may have heard from your friends just how stimulating and helpful these meetings are.

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Where and when is the next meeting to be held - no less than BROOMHILL HOUSE, that lovely conference centre of the South England Conference and the date is October 15-17, 1976. Ah yes, costs! Well, it will cost a little - £6 all inclusive for non-BANA members and £5.50 for members.

If you would care to join us for this great weekend right there at Christow on the edge of the Dartmoor National Park then contact Miss E. Beechey, 11 Elm Grove, Exeter, Devon. She would be happy to receive your £2 non-returnable deposit. Do come!

ADVERTISEMENTS

LEGAL MEETING

IRISH GOOD HEALTH ASSOCIATION—Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Irish Good Health Association, will be held in the Dublin SDA church, 47a Ranelagh Road, Dublin 6, Eire, on Sunday, May 16, 1976, at 11.30 am.

A. GEBBIE
Secretary

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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SON of German Adventist minister, 17, would like to spend a few weeks from April 5 to April 24 or from June 28 to August 7, 1976, with an Adventist family in order to improve his English; preferably with an Adventist minister's family which has a boy or girl of similar age. Reciprocal arrangements can be made. Write: Elder Martin Gloeckner, 6000 Frankfurt/Main, Eschenheimer Anlage 32, W. Germany.

YOUNG Dutch Adventist family with two children would like a holiday bungalow near the coast for two weeks between July 11 and August 14, 1976. Please send statement of cost to: Mr. J. Lameijer, A. Kuypersingel g, Hoogezand 8300, Holland.

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Prayer Fellowship

PLEASE pray for my husband that he will accept Jesus as his personal Saviour, and also pray for me that I may receive courage and strength.—M.E.G., Hackney.

ANNUAL CARAVANSERAI WEEKEND

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showing most aspects of a Pathfinder club. Also including handicrafts made, and equipment used by, and photographs of Bristol Central Pathfinder club. The Exhibition is open on April 5th, 6th and 7th at 6 pm till 9 pm at Bristol Central church hall, Ashley Road. Advice given on starting or improving your own church Pathfinder club. Admission free.

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'A VERY BRITISH GENTLEMAN'

Funeral address by Pastor Gordon M. Hyde, Ph.D., *Biblical Research Committee director*

PASTOR Walter Edwin Read, a very British gentleman, minister, scholar, and Church administrator, and a prince in Israel, fell asleep in Jesus in his 93rd year. Born November 17, 1883, in Southampton, he died in Washington Adventist Hospital on Friday, February 27, 1976.

This service today (March 4th, in the Takoma Park church, USA) is on the anniversary of his marriage to Emily Mary Powell in Newport, Wales, March 4, 1909. His wife, born in Manchester, September 24, 1880, died in the Washington area in 1972. Coming from a family of shoemakers that moved from Southampton to Wales, he became manager of a 'Home and Colonial' grocery shop by age 19. Both he and his wife were students of Duncombe Hall, London, about 1904 in the days of Professor Homer R. Salisbury. Before he became a Seventh-day Adventist, Pastor Read had taken two years' work in preparation for the Baptist ministry.

He started his many years of service as a literature-evangelist, including his years at college, and by 1905 became a minister-evangelist. He served as secretary-treasurer of the Welsh Mission, and in the years 1911-15 in the Irish Mission, when he was ordained in the city of Belfast, March 21, 1914.

By 1916 Pastor Read was secretary of the British Union Conference and, with some overlapping, manager of our British publishing house, The Stanborough Press Ltd. When he became president of the South England Conference in 1921, he began 36 years of administrative leadership in the Church to which he gave his life. He filled appointments as foreign missions secretary of the European Division, as secretary of the Northern European Division, as president of the British Union Conference, as president of the Northern European Division in the difficult year, 1936-41, and as a general field secretary of the General Conference with an interval of three or four years as president of the Caribbean Union.

A little study of Pastor Read's application for sustentation says much about the indomitable spirit of this impeccable gentleman. He was some 74 years of age at the time, having served his God and Church for 56 years. Where the form asked: Has active work ceased?

Answer: No. Is cessation from active service due to age or impaired health?

Answer: Neither. To what extent are



Pastor Walter Edwin Read

AT 1 pm on Thursday, March 4, 1976, in the beautiful Takoma Park church of which he had long been a member, there was held a simple but dignified funeral service for our beloved Pastor Walter E. Read, who passed away on Friday, February 27, 1976, aged 92. Many members of the large General Conference staff attended to bid their brother good-bye, to express their deep respect, and to share their sympathy with the four members of the family who occupied the front central pew.

Pastor Read's daughter, Eileene, so well known to so many of us, had come from Watford, escorted by her fourth son, Graham, who had travelled from Johannesburg to be with her. Two other sons had also flown many, many miles to stand beside their mother—Nigel from Oakwood College, Alabama, and Mervyn from La Sierra, California—and they formed a loving stalwart trio as they supported her, and as they served as pall-bearers.

The service though conducted in America, held an English flavour. The three ministerial participants hailed from England: G. Arthur Keough (Theology teacher, Columbia Union College) offered a thoughtfully-prepared prayer that expressed so much of what we all wished to say; Gordon M. Hyde (director, Biblical Research Institute), in delivering the obituary, presented the salient features of an extremely varied life of responsible service; and Bernard E. Seton (associate secretary, General Conference) brought spiritual comfort to the family, with a personal tribute to father and daughter based on half a century of acquaintance and friendship. The moving but strangely glad occasion, set in an organ accompaniment provided by James Gallagher, began with the congregational singing of one of W.E.R.'s best-loved hymns, 'Jesus, the very thought of Thee', and concluded with a beautifully rendered and solace-filled solo, 'Green Pastures', sung by Ben Anderson, associate pastor of the host church.

We believe that the unnumbered British friends of our dear Pastor Read would have been well pleased with the reverent, warm-hearted tribute to their own unique, widely-known, much-loved, and honoured leader.

Pastor Dr. Bernard E. Seton
Secretary, General Conference

you still able to labour in denominational work? *Answer:* Just as much as the brethren care to give me.

Pastor Read's devotion to study and research is reflected in the programme of education upon which he embarked early in his ministry and in turn is reflected in his competence as a leader and counsellor. By correspondence he took courses in German, French, Hebrew, Greek, Accounting, Costing, Mnemonics and Theology. This same devotion to research is reflected in the scores of articles from his pen which have graced denominational periodicals; in his years as chairman of the Biblical

Research Committee of the General Conference, 1952-58; and in his counsels and contributions to men and committees all through the General Conference in the years since his official retirement.

One of the most recent moments in which we could see almost a resurrection of the dignified and competent man we had known for fifty years came during the Spring Council of 1974. We let him know that a book for the North American Bible Conferences had been dedicated to him and that we wished to make a presentation of it at that time. He accepted graciously and asked for an opportunity to speak to the Council. When he appeared he was so well-groomed that it seemed that 20 or more years had rolled away from him and he made a masterly presentation and appeal. For any man it would have been good. For one over ninety years of age, almost incredible.

One of Pastor Read's great concerns was for the carrying of the Advent Message to the Jewish people—a task of which he spoke repeatedly in recent months. He was well-read in Jewish tradition and spent much time in their libraries and was well known to several of their leading scholars. He served also as editor of *The Israelite*. He loved the Hebrew benediction of double emphasis—*Shalom, Shalom*—and used it with telling effect in his contacts with Hebrew scholars. A compatriot who visited him in the hospital shortly before he died wrote on a slip of paper the Hebrew greeting: *Shalom—Peace*. Pastor Read's eyes brightened with the glow of heaven as he responded in the intensified form—*Shalom, Shalom*.

He leaves with treasured memories, his only child and beloved daughter, Eileene May Barham, who, with her husband Herbert, has recently returned to England from their five years of effective management of the National True Foods Plant in Johannesburg, South Africa; their five children, of whom he was so deeply proud and three of whom are here today: Derald, a medical doctor near London; Mervyn, head of science department at a school in Riverside, California; Nigel, a teacher of history at Oakwood College at Huntsville, Alabama; Graham, an accountant in South Africa (and who accompanied his mother here from London); and Angela, a married daughter in England; eight great-grandchildren; and a host of fellow-workers and friends who will rise up, especially in Britain, but also all over this world, when they hear of his death, and will bless his memory.

And may I, for the family, pay a very special tribute to three gracious ladies who, in Eileene's absence overseas, have been substitute daughters to the Pastor in his most recent days—Marjorie Seton, June Vogt and Yvonne Olsen.

Pastor Read's life has been and will remain a challenge and inspiration to us all.



TILL THE DAY DAWN

PICKERING—On January 20, 1976, Mrs. Rebecca Pickering, a long-standing member of the Croydon church, fell asleep in Jesus at the Warrington Park Hospital. Born on December 26, 1890 at Derby but domiciled in Croydon since 1908, she was one of the first and oldest members who attended the first organized Adventist church at Bensham Hall, Bensham Manor Road, Thornton Heath. Sister Pickering was baptized in 1937. During those early years, she served faithfully and well in the capacity of Sabbath school superintendent and deaconess. On January 28th Pastor John West, our minister, conducted the funeral service at Croydon Cemetery in the presence of relatives, churchmembers and friends. She leaves to mourn two married daughters: Gladys and her son-in-law Jim Blackburn, who are regular members of our church, and Mrs. Phyllis Quilter in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. We offer our condolences, and share the reassuring belief that our beloved Sister Pickering is simply awaiting her Saviour's voice on the resurrection day.

R. J. VALENS
PR Secretary

STENDALL—It is with regret that we record the death of Brother Tom Stendall at the 'Dell' Rest Home on January 13, 1976, age 87. Brother Stendall came to the Home in 1974, after spending many years in active church work. He was baptized in June 1921 by the late Brother F. W. Coppock and became a member of the Mansfield and Sutton church, holding several offices including the eldership. After a service conducted by Pastor W. J. Newman at the Oulton Broad church, he was buried at the Kirkley Cemetery where he now rests until the day our Lord calls.

B. J. ELLIS
Church Clerk

ROGERS—It is with sadness that we record the death on Thursday, February 5, 1976, in the Royal Gwent Hospital, Newport, of one of our stalwart members, Brother Alfred John Rogers, aged 93. Born in Bristol he was introduced to this Advent hope through the paper, *Present Truth*, 68 years ago, and baptized by Pastor D. Morrison in Cardiff. Working as a miner, however, he began to wander from the Lord in breaking the Sabbath. But the Lord gave him a dream, when seriously ill, in which he saw a ladder up to heaven, but he felt the gates of the Holy City were closed to him. So he came back to the Lord and began keeping Sabbath faithfully. He was always an enthusiastic missionary, building a round of 300 regular readers of the *Present Truth* and winning Sister Dunster of Tondou, who is still a faithful churchmember today. Until 1964 he was a willing Ingatherer. He brought up his children through hard times as a decorator, and even painted the Newport church when first opened in 1926. His wife died in the Advent hope in 1962, and he now awaits with her the resurrection call of Jesus. Our special sympathy is given to his son, Ron, and daughters, Phyllis and Doris and their families. The funeral service conducted by the writer, was on February 11th, and he was tenderly laid to rest in the St. Woolos Cemetery, Newport. The grave was marked by holy angels ready for the day of laurels and victory.

PASTOR RICHARD L. VINE

YESSAYAN—We extend our deep sympathy to London Publishing director Moses Elmadjian, whose brother-in-law, Brother Krikor Yessayan was killed as a result of the recent warfare in Beirut, Lebanon. Krikor was a faithful member, and worker at the Adventist Middle East Press, Beirut. His loss is keenly felt by his fellow workers. Krikor's tragic death was referred to in a recently published MESSENGER report of the Beirut situation, from Pastor Jack Mahon. We are asked to pray for Krikor's wife and four small children—two of whom were injured by shooting, who face a financially precarious future. Yet we are assured that the Lord will provide for His faithful ones, in Lebanon as in any place on earth.

R. D. VINE
Editor

MARTIN—The Cardiff church records with sorrow the death on February 9, 1976, of Brother George William Blissett Martin in his 90th year. It was a happy day for the church when Brother Martin was baptized in 1953 by Pastor George Bell, for at that time his son, William, and granddaughter Angela, now Mrs. Reidar Larsen, were also baptized. Owing to advancing age, our brother was not able to attend church often in recent years, but we remember with gratitude his former faithful service as a deacon. The funeral service was conducted in the Cardiff SDA church on February 12th by Pastor P. Stearnman, assisted by Brother Malcolm Stone. Our brother was afterwards laid to rest in St. Mellons churchyard to await, with his wife who died ten years ago, the

call of Jesus on the resurrection day. To all the members of his family we convey our sympathy and especially to William and Connie, son and daughter-in-law, head deacon and deaconess of the Cardiff church, and his daughter Marion Birchby, also a fine worker in the church who has cared for him in his declining years.

B. NEWELL
Church Clerk

KNIGHT—With sadness we record the premature death on Sabbath, February 21, 1976, of Dr. Constance E. Knight, daughter of the late Pastor B. Belton, and wife of Terence Knight, son of one-time Secretary-Treasurer of the British Union Conference, N. H. Knight. Connie was 52. She was cremated in Torquay, February 26th. Assured of our sympathy and prayers are her husband, her daughter Natalie, her mother Sister Elizabeth Belton of Newton Abbot, and her sister Beryl Belton of Bristol. 'Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning' (Ps. 30:5).

RAY D. VINE
Editor

WE thank our many friends for their reassuring messages and tokens of sympathy.—MR. TERENCE KNIGHT, MRS. ELIZABETH BELTON.

CHAPMAN—It is with regret that we note the passing of Mrs. Mabel Finlay Chapman on March 3, 1976. She was a member of the little group of Adventists in Londonderry—and will be greatly missed. She became a member in 1970, during the ministry of Pastor Paul Smith. Sister Chapman had suffered with a serious heart complaint for twenty years, and during the last few years, this had increasingly confined her to her home. The local Presbyterian minister, Rev. W. P. Adley, conducted the funeral service, assisted by the writer. We extend our deepest sympathy to the children who survive her—knowing that the second coming of Jesus alone is able to make good the loss they have sustained.

MICHAEL K. TAYLOR
Minister, Londonderry

AVENT—It is with sorrow that the Weston-super-Mare church records the death of our dear Sister Katherine Avent who passed peacefully away in hospital, aged 90. She was brought into the Advent faith by Pastor A. H. Cowley in 1962. Until a few months ago she attended the church regularly and was loved by all. The funeral service was held at the Weston Crematorium in the presence of many relatives and churchmembers.

H. REECE
Church Clerk

PASTOR J. M. HOWARD thanks all relatives and friends for their kind expressions of sympathy.

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April 16th	7.59	8.11	8.06	8.22	8.29
April 23rd	8.11	8.22	8.18	8.36	8.42

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS.—On Wednesday, March 17th, the Annual General Meetings of the Limited Companies were held. Although these meetings have to be held to comply with the law yet in spite of their formality there are interest points to be gleaned which we pass on to the constituency:

British Advent Missions Ltd.—This will be no doubt the last general meeting under this title. As soon as the details of change have been effected then British Advent Missions will become Seventh-day Adventist Association. As the legal corporation of the Church, British Advent Missions showed satisfactory financial results in spite of current economic conditions. Two hundred and seventy-one new donors have signed Deeds of Covenant in our favour during 1975. Over £136,000 was spent on the purchase and construction of new churches.

Crieff Nursing Home and Health Institute Ltd.—The problem of a deficit on the capitalization of the rebuilding programme should not blind us to the successful operation during the past year. There was an 88 per cent bed occupancy as compared with 70 per cent in 1974. Brother Colin Wilson, Crieff's general manager, commended the staff with these words: 'One of the delights of management of the Home is to receive the numerous commendations of the staff from patients, relatives, and friends. We have a happy, compassionate, and hard-working staff which has contributed substantially to the good reputation of the Nursing Home.'

The two Rest Homes at Lowestoft and Lundin Links are operated by this company. Both have had full complements of residents. Mrs. E. Roderick, SRN, of the Nursing Home has accepted a transfer to the Dell as matron. We believe she will render outstanding service in that capacity. Gratitude was expressed for the services of Mrs. R. Barker who has acted as matron in the interim period.

Granose Foods Ltd.—This meeting marked the end of one era and the beginning of another, as Allan Evans commented in his last report as general manager. He was pleased to report that in spite of the extremely difficult economic climate that has prevailed during 1975, in which many established companies reported unprecedented losses, Granose Foods Ltd., had returned a modest profit on the year's trading. 'The Company's greatest asset—people' were commended by the general manager, and three were mentioned by name: Brother Ken Barradine who retired after 32 years of service to Granose; the late Brother E. Merchant, who for nine years had served the Company as a director; and the assistant general manager and treasurer, Brother Peter Hinks, for his valiant service.

The Stanborough Press Ltd.—'Exuberance' is probably an appropriate word to use in describing the atmosphere at this meeting. It was a story of 'continued sales growth and trading profit during 1975'. Both Manager Dennis Archer and Treasurer Tony Crouch (recently promoted from 'acting' to full treasurer by Review and Herald board action) had an encouraging report to give. Specific reference was made to Divine blessing in the acquisition of much-needed equipment at a most acceptable cost, and commendation was expressed to the staff for their expertise in installing the complicated machinery. Among those who attended the meeting were three foremen, Brethren Glynne Meredith, Paul Hammond, and Barry Mallinson, as representatives of the whole corps of factory operatives. It was also a great pleasure to welcome Pastor W. L. Emmerson former chief editor. Pastor R. D. Vine, with characteristic conviction, presented a brief report from the editor's point of view.

ABC [Adventist Book Centres] South and North also held their brief meetings under the chairmanship of their respective conference presidents, with the blood brothers Ed and Dennis Johnson as secretaries. Just one significant point from each of these reports: The South rejoiced in a profitable financial operation during 1975 and the North (with just a temporary financial setback due to reorganization) rejoiced our hearts with the news that a family of four had been baptized in Grantham whose contact with the Church and interest in the message was through ABC North.

World-Wide Advent Missions (British Section).—Pastor K. H. Gammon emphasized the fact that the curtailing of time had had very little adverse effect on the total achieved.

The 1946 list of Charities granted Home Office Exemption Orders had been revised and World-Wide Advent Missions were retained on that list.

We were able to economize by £1,000 in our collection expenses in 1975. Our reputation for using a very low percentage of the collection for expense is further enhanced.

FAREWELLS.—A presentation was made on behalf of the Union Committee to Brother A. H. Evans in recognition of his seven years service as a member of the Executive.

On the same day at the South England Conference office the staff bade farewell to Brother Marcus Dove as he leaves for his secretary/treasurer appointment in Sierra Leone. God bless him and his family.

Pastor D. C. Uffindell is accepting an appointment with the Canadian Union. We are sorry to see him leave and assure him of our appreciation of

his pastoral and departmental ministry in the British Union Conference and wish him continued blessings and satisfaction in his new location.

VOP AND RADIO.—With the departure of Pastor Uffindell shortly the Union Executive have made pro-tem arrangements for the care of these departments until the Session in July.

Brother Fretson Taylor who has served so acceptably on the staff of the Voice of Prophecy is being asked to manage the Bible Correspondence School temporarily, and Pastor K. H. Gammon has agreed to oversee the Radio department for the time being.

CRIEFF NEWS.—After diligent search for a suitable name for the new institution it has been decided that it should be known as Crieff Sanitarium.

Brother L. Acton-Hubbard who for the past seven years has served outstandingly as Health Educator in the British Union Conference has accepted a call to be Health Educator at Crieff. Mrs. Hubbard has been invited to accept the appointment as Matron of the Sanitarium, and Mrs. Joan Shone has been asked to accept the provisional appointment of hostess/dietician/housekeeper.

STANBOROUGH PARK CHURCH.—Congratulations to Brother and Sister Chappel who celebrated their Diamond Wedding on March 16th. The event was marked with a party at the church.

Recently the first-ever anti-smoking clinic to be held in Stanborough Park church was successfully operated. Among the participants was the prospective local Conservative MP. In conversation with the pastor he expressed pleasure that the Adventists were being represented in civic affairs.

'PR has come to life' was the comment of Pastor R. H. Surridge when referring to the splendid successes of Brother Frank Blewitt in keeping church news in word and picture before the community through the medium of the well-circulated local press.

Another very encouraging news item is the lay activities programme enthusiastically, efficiently, and effectively directed by Roger Murphy. (The words are chosen precisely.) Every member is becoming involved in some aspect of witness and soul-saving. The survey programme is particularly effective. One participant commented that in visiting 100 homes, introducing himself as a Seventh-day Adventist he had not had one negative response.

NEW WORKERS.—Brother Frank Cantrill and Brother Alan Boag, from Australia, have been given ministerial appointments in the North British Conference and the South England Conference respectively. We wish these young men and their families a successful term of fruitful service.

E. H. FOSTER, President
British Union Conference