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Report by John Williams

Member of the Currie Evangelistic Team
Bournemouth



Bournemouth Town Hall where the Currie campaign is now in progress.

THE 'Amazing Egyptian Discoveries' Exhibition which was held in Bournemouth in conjunction with the evangelistic programme of Pastor David Currie, is as yet a novelty here in the British Union, but could, judging by its impact, soon prove to be a fixture.

The idea of the exhibition was conceived about two years ago by Australian evangelist, Pastor John Hackwell. Both Pastor David Currie and his young associate, Glen Weare, took a lively interest in it, and, thanks to them, the idea has now been imported into Britain.

Consisting of graphic representations of the history and culture of ancient Egypt, audio-visual programmes, a continuous programme of movie films and a small collection of Egyptian artefacts, the exhibition attracted a steady stream of visitors to the Bournemouth Town Hall throughout the four days of its showing there. All alike, from avid Egyptologists to the many parties of school children, were delighted by the presentation.

As a precursor to the exhibition, school children of the Bournemouth area were invited to enter their works of art or literature in a cultural competition on the theme of Ancient Egypt. First prize in this competition was a seven-day holiday in Egypt, sponsored by the Egyptian Government.

Prizes were awarded at a special ceremony on the eve of the opening of the exhibition to the general public. Before an invited audience, the mayor of Bournemouth, Councillor William Pat-

ton, officially opened the exhibition, while Egyptian dignitaries presented the winners of the competition with their prizes. Pastor Currie gave a short illustrated lecture on Egypt, stating that the programme was being run by the Seventh-day Adventist Church with the aid of the Egyptian Tourist Information Office.

The exhibition was not, of course, an end in itself, but was designed to arouse public interest in the evangelistic programme which was to begin in the same hall the following Sunday evening. Every one who passed through the exhibition received an invitation to the opening lecture of the series: 'Amazing Discoveries in Bible Lands'. A good proportion of the 3,000 visitors, on the strength of their enjoyment of the exhibition, reserved seats for the lecture.

At a time when advertising costs are high, and when it is becoming increasingly difficult for any public speaker to attract large audiences, the success of this aspect of the exhibition was most rewarding.

But what of the future of the 'Amazing Egyptian Discoveries' exhibition? Surely the labour and expense invested in this project have not been spent in a few short days? Assuredly not; future evangelistic programmes envisaged by the Bournemouth team will also involve the use of the exhibition. Moreover it is hoped that other ministers and evangelists will see the value of this attraction and will wish to use it in conjunction with the evangelistic outreach in their own areas. Already plans are afoot for the exhibition to be mounted in Weston-super-Mare.

It is also projected that the exhibition will be expanded to include material not only on Egypt, but also on other lands associated with the Bible, and thus meet more fully the needs of the evangelist.



Glen Weare (standing, left) conducts a lecture tour of the exhibition in Bournemouth Town Hall.



President: DONALD LOWE

LAY EVANGELISM FRUITAGE IN GLOUCESTER

A BAPTISMAL service was held recently in the new Gloucester church. There were eight candidates and each one was introduced by the person or persons responsible for leading them to the Advent message.

Mr. and Mrs. Cascoe had first been contacted by Mr. Blake, who had also had a part to play in Mr. Blair's acceptance, and it now meant a family were united as Mrs. Blair had been baptized a little while ago. Mrs. Warmington had first been contacted eight years ago by Mr. Scottie Angel and had since been given Bible studies by him and Mr. Harris. Mr. and Mrs. Brian Gardner had first heard of the message from their neighbours, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cook of Stroud, and were now introduced by Mr. Peter Fanstone who had been studying with them for some time. As Mr. Alan Boag introduced Mr. and Mrs. Trevor Smith he mentioned several people who had guided them in their search for truth, among them Pastor R. Dougherty and assistant ministers John Hines and Alan Nash.

Pastor Roy Burgess, who immersed the candidates, commended the lay members for their hard work and persistent effort, and he encouraged all the members to search out their families, friends and neighbours and bring them to Jesus Christ. Pastor Rex Riches gave the address, and began by reading the account in Mark's gospel of the call to Simon to carry the cross. He was made to carry the cross of Jesus, but in doing so he was led to take up the cross of his own free will.

The candidates were received into fellowship, and as the service came to a close our thoughts were well expressed in the words of the hymn, 'For these now added to the host, Who in their Lord and Saviour boast: And consecrate to Him their days, Accept, O God, our grateful praise.'

JUSTINE L. ASH

We have enjoyed one of the warmest summers in memory, and many of you have shared the sunshine with us as you have holidayed in Cornwall. It has not only been a good summer for sunshine, but has been a full and rewarding time in the work of the Cornish churches. We would like to share a few of the highlights with you.

Earlier in the year, the St. Austell youth department began work on the Master Guide Course. Young people from the other churches in our district were invited to join in this, and seventeen are currently working in the programme. The younger children have not been neglected, and an active group of JMV's meet each week, four of them were invested as Busy Bees by Pastor D. Beardsell, they were Karen Preston, Lynette Newcombe, Justin Facey and Lynn Robertson. In May and August the senior youth organized two weekend camps on Dartmoor. Young people from Devon and Somerset came along too, and by all accounts a good time was had by all, even though they chose the only rainy weekend this summer!

BAPTISMS.—One of the happiest experiences is to be present at a baptismal service, and two of these have taken place this summer. The first, on May 15th, was a combined service with candidates from all three churches. Our Conference president, Pastor D. Lowe was visiting the county, and spoke in St. Austell church in the morning, and at the baptism in Bodmin in the afternoon, while the writer baptized the five candidates.

We were all thrilled to see so many young people publicly declaring their faith in Jesus. Those from Bodmin were Carolyn, Graham, and Hamilton Blackburn. At the same time Sister G. Cardew was welcomed to membership on her profession of faith. Redruth's candidate was Brother Gordon Mueller, husband of Sister Sylvia Mueller (née Shaw). Brother Ron Clemow was the candidate from St. Austell. Ron's fiancée Ruth Taylor, was instrumental in introducing him to the Church. Both of these young people are nurses at the

Royal Cornwall Hospital, near Truro.

A few weeks later on July 31st, we were again thrilled to attend the baptism of Julie Carter and her fiancé, Tony Estella, both of the Redruth church. The baptism took place in St. Austell, which was filled to capacity. The guest speaker for the day was Pastor Bob Rodd. Julie and Tony were baptized by the writer.

ROYAL SHOW.—Each year, the Redruth, St. Austell, Bodmin, Liskeard and Plymouth churches along with the South England Conference, sponsor a stand at the Royal Cornwall Show. This year the Show took place from June 10th-12th. The basic theme was on healthful living, with a large and colourful display of Granose foods. Attractively prepared samples were available also displays of non-alcoholic drinks. The dangers of smoking and heart disease were well publicized.

Balancing the need to care for the physical body, a display of literature to feed the mind was organized by Brother I. Peters and Brother D. Johnson, and the need of spiritual guidance was emphasized by a display from the VOP Bible School, ably cared for by Angela Luxton. This year, we estimate that approximately 1,000 people stopped to look and inquire about our Church stand, and several thousand pieces of literature were given away. We feel that this annual public relations exercise is well worth the cost in time, money and labour.

SPECIAL VISITOR.—In June we were favoured by a visit from Pastor T. T. McLeary, as guest speaker, with emphasis on Lay Activities work. We realize that one of the best ways to reach the people in a scattered country district such as Cornwall, is through the members personally contacting them in their own homes. One way in which busy people can find time to witness has been shown by the St. Austell Sabbath school. Each Sabbath, a member is asked to go out for ten minutes to knock on a door near the church and introduce himself or her-



Cornwall baptismal group. From left: G. Mueller, R. Clemow, Miss C. Blackburn, W. Blackburn, G. Blackburn, Mrs. G. Cardew, Pastor N. Robertson. Right: SDA stand at the Royal Cornwall Show.

self. Some interesting contacts have been made, and who knows the eternal good which may come from a few minutes spent this way each Sabbath day?

HOSPITAL B.S.S.—The St. Austell church is also the parent church to a branch Sabbath school which has been organized in the chapel of the Royal Cornwall Hospital, Truro. We have a fine group of Adventist nurses at the hospital, and they felt the need for some form of church service to which they could come when nursing duties prevented them from attending Sabbath morning services in the church. So the branch Sabbath school was organized to meet at 9 AM each Friday evening. The hospital chaplain's department is very happy that such a group is meeting. We look to this as the opening work in establishing a Company in the city of Truro.

ALTERATIONS.—Two of the churches in our district need to alter and expand their facilities. The Redruth church worships in a very beautiful ex-Methodist Sunday school building, and plans are now before the local Council to alter the interior so as to suit the requirements more adequately.

In St. Austell, the church has felt the need of a church hall to accommodate the youth activities, and also to enable soul-winning programmes, such as Holiday Bible Schools, Smoking Clinics, Cookery Schools, etc. to be carried on. Work on this new hall has already begun.

EMIGRANTS.—After a summer in which eight persons have been added to the Church, it is with a feeling of sadness that we say good-bye to a number of members who are leaving the county. Brother and Sister H. B. Carter and their children Julie and Nigel, are emigrating to the USA, where Brother Carter will take up employment in the Southern Publishing Association, Nashville, Tennessee. Brother Carter's mother, Sister A. Carter has already moved to London, and is now worshipping in the Richmond church, and Sister B. Carter's mother, Sister E. Vine, has returned to the Watford area, and is worshipping at the Stanborough Park church. A presentation was made on July 31st to these members in appreciation of their years of fellowship and active service. We wish them God's richest blessing.

The St. Austell church were also sad to lose one of their young people, Wendy Coysten, who has accepted the post of Preceptress at the Stanborough Park school. Wendy has proved to us her love and ability to work for the children, and we know she will continue to be a blessing in her new environment. Thank you Wendy.

As a church district, we would like to express our thanks to all of you who have been on holiday in our beautiful county, and visited our churches. It gives us inspiration to meet you.

PASTOR NEIL ROBERTSON
District Leader

NEWBOLD NEWS

FOOD, STUDY, AND BUILDING

No, this is not an article about health principles, but a report on the latest visitors to Newbold.

Representing 'food' was Richard Poulton, managing director of Granose Foods Ltd., who spoke to the college morning assembly on October 14th. After giving an informative account of the health reform work among Seventh-day Adventists from its beginning in 1863, Brother Poulton spoke more specifically of his plans for Granose; for example, the improvement of the taste of certain products (he admitted a mild aversion to some!), the extension of the product range and the introduction of new products such as vegetarian pizzas, fruit flakes, and Weiner-type sausages, which, he said 'Would taste just like chipolatas!'

During the subsequent question-time, Brother Poulton dealt with various points raised by a most interested audience (which student audience isn't interested in the stomach?). He mentioned the success Sunnybisk was achieving and the necessity of shiftwork production, and outlined possibilities for student participation in Sunday shiftwork at Granose. Before long, Newbold News and Granose News may coalesce.

Dr. D. W. Holbrook, president of the Home Study Institute 'landed' at Newbold on October 16th. On a literally flying visit to the continent, visiting various home study organizations, Dr. Holbrook took time to preach at divine service in the Newbold church. He spoke about the expansion of the Musak Corporation, a company specializing in comfortable background music. 'Many Christians are like this music,' he said, 'not bad, just comfortable.' 'Heaven,' said Dr. Holbrook, 'will hear the song of the redeemed, but we'll never make it if we are merely "Musak" Christians.'

Not only is Dr. Holbrook president of the HSI, but he is also director of Home and Family Service and associate director of Christian leadership seminars. It was in these roles that he spoke to the Ministerial Association on the Sabbath afternoon of his stay, pointing out a need for building up family life within the Church and also suggesting that seminars on this topic would be excellent evangelism. As for the Christian Leadership programme, Dr. Holbrook mentioned the need for training in management, so that men in all organizations do not become promoted to a point of incompetency.

On the subject of Newbold, Dr. Holbrook said he very much enjoyed the friendly atmosphere and the cosmopolitan nature of the student body. He specifically mentioned the increase in the percentage of British students which



Dr. D. W. Holbrook, president, Home Study Institute.
E.M. foto service



Granose Manager Richard Poulton talks to Kenyan student Njagah.

had taken place since his last visit, and wished to encourage local churches to suggest and support study at Newbold.

Supporting the idea of study at Newbold or 'building up the church instead of pulling it down', was the concern of Pastor Donald Lowe, president of the South England Conference, when he visited Newbold on October 18th and 19th. A two-day visit you will notice—so that it was possible for Pastor Lowe to spend time with the students individually instead of just *en masse*. In his assembly talk to the students, Pastor Lowe mentioned his own time as a student at Newbold, and what he missed most on leaving—worship. With this in mind he gave some practical advice from the book of Jude: 'Build yourselves in your most holy faith, pray in the Holy Spirit, and keep yourselves in the love of God.' (see verse 20).

By his individual concern for students, Pastor Lowe showed a much appreciated interest in them as people. 'I really need a year at Newbold, just to get to know everyone,' he said. That's all right, Pastor Lowe, we'll take the will for the deed! Since Newbold does lie within Pastor Lowe's 'parish', we're glad to know we have an interested and concerned conference president.

JONATHAN GALLAGHER

LITERATURE EMPHASIS YEAR 1976

Literature-Evangelism Day, Sabbath, November 13th

500 YEARS OF PRINTING IN BRITAIN

WILLIAM CAXTON

BORN in Kent in 1422, William Caxton learned printing in Cologne. He then established a press in Bruges, later returning to England, where he became the country's pioneer printer. On December 13, 1476, Caxton's publication entitled 'Indulgence' became the first piece of printing from an English press.

Caxton entered the field of printing mainly as a commercial enterprise, rather than from a desire to add to the nation's literary treasures. Altogether he published 102 books, containing 18,000 pages of printing. He died in 1491 at the age of 69. Caxton's contribution to the growth of knowledge was considerable, for the printed page is unsurpassed for effective communication. In succeeding centuries the printing press introduced to these islands in 1476 was used by such organizations as the British and Foreign Bible Society to enable the Word of



British commemorative stamps mark the half millennium of printing in the British Isles. (1476-1976).

God to become the world's best-seller.

Adventists, too, have become involved in printing—for different reasons from those of William Caxton. We, as a people are in the publishing business for the one purpose of scattering the Third Angel's Message to earth's remotest bounds. How better can we celebrate this historic year than to utilize the potentially soul-winning products of our own Stanborough Press?

DISTRIBUTION ACHIEVEMENTS DURING LITERATURE EMPHASIS YEAR

- ☐ Record number of baptisms resultant from colporteur contacts—no fewer than 91 in the last 21 months.
- ☐ New literature-evangelist cumulative sales record for the first 9 months of 1976—£132,469.
- ☐ The top five literature workers, T. A. Brownlow, R. Chisholm, P. G. Mathews, Mrs. M. Doole and N. Naidoo, have sold £34,708 with three months of the year remaining—this represents 26% of total sales. Homes, business places, schools, and hospitals have been visited in this connexion.
- ☐ All-time high in sales of 'trade books' to churchmembers. Up to September 30th—£10,753. This is 32% ahead of the 1975 record.
- ☐ A weekly training school has continued on Monday mornings in the Central London church at Hampstead—with an average of 25 in attendance.
- ☐ Nine publishing workers have recently participated in preparatory work for the exceedingly well-attended public campaign being conducted in the Bourne-mouth area by Pastor David Currie and his team.
- ☐ 23 literature-evangelists and recruits have just spent a week evangelizing the Isle of Wight with literature. Training films and discussions took place in the evening.

ON THE EDITORIAL FRONT

PASTORS R. D. Vine and E. Pettit continue to prepare and edit material for the bi-monthly *Life and Health* magazine which promotes the total Adventist life-style. In an age when so many question the truth of the Bible, *Life and Health* serves as a bridge to bring people to a position where they are prepared to investigate further regarding its claims. Since, in this secular age, an approach with a purely scriptural journal often meets with a rebuff, *Life and Health* has been shaped in terms of general acceptability.

Pastor Vine also continues to edit the Church's fortnightly news magazine—the MESSENGER, while Pastor Pettit is engaged in writing a new medium-priced book. Dr. B. W. Ball is preparing a more specialized publication dealing with British origins of many of our doctrines.

Plans are currently being considered for the production of inexpensive 'message' publications—either as Biblical magazines and/or paperbacks.

It should be pointed out that thirty attractive full-message tracts are available each dealing with a cardinal doctrine or prophecy. The set includes one on health, and another question-and-answer tract which spells out Biblical basics.

It is appropriate that during the 500th anniversary of the introduction of printing to England by William Caxton, Seventh-day Adventists should designate the year 1976 for LITERATURE EMPHASIS. At this time when nations are fast becoming ungovernable (as predicted in the Scriptures and clarified in *The Great Controversy*), when economic problems here in Britain appear to be unending, when spiritual values seem to be increasingly lost sight of, we are forced, in the main, to communicate the only answer to all these ills through our books and magazines, especially with other media like radio and TV presently being closed to minority religious organizations such as our own.

Literature-evangelists are having good success selling to the public units of books from the 14-volume 'Christian Home Library' costing £95 to the popular *Life and Health* magazine retailing at 25p. Details of all available colporteur publications can be obtained from Pastor John Arthur at the BUC Publishing Department.

ROLE OF THE ADVENTIST BOOK CENTRES

WHILE the publishing house concentrates its energies on the production of literature, the Adventist Book Centres (ABC) care for the distribution.

The two centres at Grantham and Watford also carry a range of health foods, in order to provide food for the body as well as food for the mind.

The ABCs are shop windows for the Church. Theoretically, they serve as selling agents on behalf of all the departments of the Church. But, most important of all, they are evangelistic—with at least half a dozen souls directly having accepted the truth because of stepping into an Adventist Book Centre here in Britain and hundreds more customers now viewing SDAs more favourably.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION regarding books for churchmembers, and special health-food offers, write to:

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Mr. Dennis Johnson (Manager),
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NORTH BRITISH CONFERENCE, NORTH WALES & IRELAND

Mr. Edward Johnson (Manager),
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A LITERATURE-evangelist sells denominationally-produced books and magazines from house to house to the public. He is considered a Gospel worker whose efforts are co-ordinated with those of the other evangelistic workers of the Church. His work is a sacred one, and partakes of that of the minister, teacher, and salesman. Going directly into the homes of all classes of people, he tells his customers of the way of salvation and prays with them, hoping that God will impress them as the books he is leaving in the homes are read and studied. In this way, many are led to a fuller understanding, spiritual conviction, and then into church fellowship through the influence of the press.

Thousands of people are enrolled for Bible correspondence courses, and invited to evangelistic meetings. Annually, 15,000 souls around the world are won to the Advent Truth in this way.

The literature-evangelist receives a commission on his sales, and also certain financial benefits if stipulated requirements in hours and sales, as set forth in denominational policies, are met. This Heaven-ordained plan for promulgating the Gospel message in print follows in the line of a great tradition. Ever since the invention of printing, and the appearance of the Gutenberg Bible, the printing press has been closely allied with the work of giving the Gospel. It was the publication of pamphlets, books, and periodicals that gave strength and solidity to the Millerite movement, to which the early SDA leaders belonged.

Before our denomination was even organized as a Church, before we opened our first school, before we even thought of hospitals, Seventh-day Adventists launched a publishing enterprise. The primacy of print was recognized then: how necessary it is for us to recapture the convictions and enterprising spirit of our pioneers!

GOD CALLED, I ANSWERED

As Moses stood beside the burning bush God called him. I was a welder working inside a ship, and as I stood there beside the burning steel God spoke to me. It was a call to become a literature-evangelist. Many times I heard this call. One day I bowed my head right there while at my work and said: 'Lord, I like my job, but I am willing to leave it if it is Your will. If You really want me, send someone to talk to me about it'. That very Sabbath, our Pastor came to me and said: 'Brother Glenz, I have been thinking that you would make a successful literature-evangelist'. Within one month I walked out of the navy yard into the vineyard of the Lord.

It is a great satisfaction to realize that the Lord has used me to place our books in more than 3,700 homes. And I know of nineteen new believers who have been baptized as a result of my work.

POSSIBILITIES!

DID YOU REALIZE that if 50% of our present membership of the British Union (12,750) would call on 10 different homes every week, all the homes in the British Isles could be visited in four years!

On the basis of a 56,000,000 population of the British Union occupying approximately 18,000,000 homes and the assumption that our full-time literature-evangelists could call on 1,500,000 homes per year, this means that a working membership of 6,000 would need to visit only 10 homes per week for 4 years to ensure complete coverage of our territory in a quinquennium! Amazing! What say ye, regarding a plan for action?

TRAINING

WHAT type of training is given to those desirous of entering the full-time literature ministry?

1. Sales manuals and written canvasses are supplied,
2. A week-long residential course of tuition convenes each year usually at Swanwick in Derbyshire,
3. The Home Study Institute Salesman-ship course is made available at a subsidized price,
4. Side-by-side assistance is given (as often as possible) by the local Publishing director,
5. Weekly instructional seminars are held in London, with less-frequent 'get-togethers' conducted in the provinces. The above educational programme, supplemented by prayer, and a willingness to work hard for long hours will ensure a successful future as a worker for God.

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FINANCING THE 'BIG SET' SELLING

IN 1976 it is not uncommon to meet householders in Britain who are willing to purchase £95 worth of SDA books. Some literature-evangelists sell smaller units like the 10-volume *Bible Story* at £41.75, or the 3-volume *You and Your Health* set at £38.45.

Obviously when expensive libraries of books are sold to the public, a 'credit plan' often becomes necessary. Therefore, we as a Church operate a finance house for this purpose, under the name of the 'Home Health Education Service' (HHES).

The HHES office is currently located in the Voice of Prophecy building on Stanborough Park, and it has been efficiently and profitably operated during the past four years by Mrs. J. Maxwell, with her husband, S. V. Maxwell as secretary of the Church's legal corporation: The Seventh-day Adventist Association.

PRODUCTION PROGRESS

THE general manager of The Stanborough Press, Brother D. Archer, reports that 1976 has been one of the busiest years in the history of the British Publishing House.

Besides printing literature for the home field, publications have been exported to Holland, Iceland, West and East Africa, and the Caribbean countries, etc.

A Grantham-produced version of *Your Bible and You* is in the process of production. The two-volume *Your Health and You* is being modified; and it is hoped that the cheaper end of the book range can be considerably extended when the necessary machinery for paperback production can be acquired.

INFORMATION:

WRITE TODAY

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I would like
more informa-
tion about:

- ☐ Full-time literature-evangelism
☐ Part-time literature-evangelism
☐ The student scholarship plan for Newbold College

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LOCAL CHURCH



Historic Picture Gallery



JUST BEFORE THE DELUGE

This historic picture shows the group of British ministerial workers who assembled for the Battersea, London, Conference meetings in August, 1914.

This is the earliest picture of a sizeable ministerial group that we have yet been able to obtain. It was supplied through the kindness of Sister E. Chappell of Watford (now nearer ninety than eighty).

We are grateful to Sister DeAth senior, who appears on this picture with her late husband, Pastor H. F. DeAth, for providing us with the identifications.

Tallest of the group—conspicuous on the back row—is Pastor F. C. Bailey, now over ninety, and in active retirement in California, USA. (His wife's obituary notice appeared in Messenger No. 22).

Identifications are as follows: *Back row* (left to right).—E. Ashton, ? , F. C. Bailey, R. Whiteside. *Fourth row* (left to right).—Miss Crowther, Mrs. L. Spicer, L. Spicer, J. Halliday, D. Morrison, F. Powell, T. French, J. Taylor, F. S. Jackson, W. Maudsley, W. J. Young, A. K. Armstrong, H. F. DeAth, W. E. Read, M. Vallance. *Third row* (left to right).—Miss L. Michelmore (Mrs. W. G. Chappell), E. E. Craven, Miss Walsh (?), Mrs. Musson, Mrs. D. Morrison, Miss H. Blair (Mrs. A. Watson), J. B. West, Miss M. Brown (Mrs. T. H. Cooper), A. Rodd, Mrs. E. G. Jackson, Miss E. Cummins, J. Bell, Miss Dobson (Mrs. L. Murdoch), G. Baird, Miss E. Chapman (Mrs. W. Maudsley), Mrs. F. C. Sparring, F. Sparring, Mrs. McAvooy, J. McAvooy, Miss C. Saunders, F. C. Penrose, Miss G. Davies (Mrs. Evans), Mr. Andrews, Mrs. H. F. DeAth, Miss Marks. *Second row* (from left to right).—A. Bacon, H. Musson, J. J. Gillatt, S. Joyce, N. Z. Town, L. R. Conradi, W. J. Fitzgerald (President), W. Wakeham, ? Tietche, S. G. Haughey, H. Armstrong, W. T. Bartlett, W. H. Meredith. *Front row* (left to right).—Miss M. Green, Miss D. Moseley (Mrs. B. Pearson), J. Gillatt (junior), T. Glover, J. J. Hyde, H. W. Lowe, Mrs. W. J. Fitzgerald, ? , O. M. Dorland, D. Armstrong (and baby), Mrs. D. Armstrong, H. D. Clarke, Miss Lenington. *Lying:* ? Langford.

Famous in Adventist history is the name of German president and writer, Pastor L. R. Conradi (second row in picture). When this photograph was taken Europe was about to be plunged into the gory horrors of World War I. In fact, declaration of war by Britain was just a few days away. For four hideous years the conflict was destined to drag on, drenching western Europe with the blood of millions of slain. But the work of God survived.

Of interest is the letter sent by Pastor Conradi to the General Conference treasurer immediately after this Battersea conference. This letter appeared in the *Review* of August 20, 1914. He writes: 'Quick as a flash of

lightning the Continent has been involved in the most terrible struggle the world probably has ever witnessed. The outcome no one can foresee. We left Hamburg last Tuesday to attend the British Union Conference in London. Then there was no definite signs. Elders Raft and Tietche and I attended. We have had good meetings up to today, but as the war has definitely broken out we have to take our chances on getting home. Only Holland is open, and should England be involved we shall be almost entirely cut off. . . . Russia is already cut off from us, and will have to finance itself, and we shall be cut off from our [German] colonies and work in Africa. . . . If England keeps out [of the war] she can look after some colonies; if not, you will have to help us sustain the missions there. . . . It may be that if Italy keeps out, the routes to East Africa will remain open, but we must prepare for the worst. Skodsborg, Denmark, has sufficient money for its new sanitarium buildings. In Gland, Switzerland, we have not begun to build the addition. We shall let everything rest . . . and shall do our best to keep our members alive and doing their duty. . . . Brother N. Z. Town [pictured above] will bring you the latest news, and I hope he can cross [the Atlantic] safely. . . . Germans and Austrians had to leave France within a few hours notice, and leave all behind but what they could carry. . . . Our hope is in God, who guides the destinies of the world, and who will protect His own, and will not allow His cause to suffer too terribly in the crucible of affliction. . . .'

True to character the General Conference did its utmost to sustain the work. The General Conference treasurer, Elder W. T. Knox, wrote in response to Elder Conradi's SOS, 'In this crisis, it will be impossible for us to deny their plea for help. . . . Upon their treasury is dependent not only the work in the strong and well-organized Protestant countries, but also that in the Catholic and Mohammedan fields, and the purely mission territory that they have been operating. . . . God still rules in the affairs of the world; and if we are faithful, and do our part, we may rest assured that even this great calamity that has visited Europe will be caused by Him in some way to redound to the glory and to the furtherance of His cause.' An appeal was made for members to achieve, if possible, an average of twenty cents a week in their mission gifts.

A sense of the impending Advent of Jesus Christ has always been keenly felt by loyal believers. That this is so, is right and justifiable. Proliferating signs today, unmistakable fulfillments of Bible prophecy, convince us that the time is ripe for the Lord to step in, and in the memorable words of the French scientist Berchelt, to say: 'Gentlemen, it is closing time'.

R. D. Vine
Editor

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BAPTISM IN EDINBURGH

FOR two consecutive weeks our Edinburgh church was happy to welcome fellow believers from other churches who came to share in our Sabbath activities. Pastors M. L. Anthony and K. H. Gammon enriched us, and in the afternoon gave us instructive talks, supported by an inspiring film, on the theme of soul-winning.

The following Sabbath morning, Brother Gordon Howard—whose wedding the writer was happy to report last August—was made an elder.

In the afternoon the church, attractively decorated with flowers by Sister Gulland, was the joyous setting for our Pastor A. Hodges' baptism of Jean Walker. Members—together with Brother Wilson—who had been at the opening of the Dundee church in the morning together with those from Dunfermline and elsewhere, joined us for this special occasion.

A welcome visitor was Pastor Bernard Kinman, one-time pastor of our church, whose 5-Day Anti-Smoking Clinic run in conjunction with Brother Lionel Hubbard helped Jean to overcome this addiction. Jean came to know us first through visiting the health food shop where Sister Gulland, true evangelist that she is, told her of the cookery classes and the clinic, both of which she attended. Visits and studies by Pastor Hodges followed and she emerged victorious to join those who look forward to our Lord's return. Sister Elsie Binns and the choir enriched the occasion with a lovely rendering of 'Dear Lord and Father of mankind'. SARA E. S. FERRIER

PR Secretary

BAPTISM AT BRADFORD

SABBATH, July 17th, was a sad day, and yet a happy one, for Bradford church. Sad, because it was the day when good-byes were said to Pastor A. R. Rodd and his family, who will be greatly missed from our fellowship. However, it was also a happy occasion, as we witnessed the fruits of the work which Pastor Rodd has done in Bradford over the past five years.

Pastor Rodd is now serving as pastor of Grantham, Newark and Lincoln churches. Mrs. Moyra Rodd has accepted an appointment at Kesteven and Grantham Grammar School for Girls—the school of Tory leader, Margaret Thatcher, and the Rodd's daughter, Helen, has also obtained a place there as a pupil. The younger daughter, Lamona, will be attending Grantham church school.

Our hearts were gladdened as we

witnessed the stand made by several young people who were baptized on that memorable Sabbath, and accepted into the fellowship of Bradford church.

Susan Dabrowski followed the same steps which her mother had taken two years before and so bound this family even more closely together, Denise Samuels made her stand too, with the ever-present smile which is so familiar to Bradford members. Deborah Wright followed and surrendered her life to Jesus. Debra Dodds, who is still at school, entered the waters of the baptistery while her mother sat watching in the congregation with joy in her heart.

Three young people from one family entered the waters together showing the unifying faith which they have in Jesus. Two sisters, Jackie and Sonya, were accompanied by their younger brother Norman, who hopes eventually to go to Newbold College and enter the ministry if it is the Lord's will.

Fidel Burton made his stand too, in the presence of his parents, brother, and sister. The longest road to baptism came to an end as Brother T. Watson entered the waters. Five years ago he had asked for Bible studies in Darlington. At that time his wife had accepted the Lord and Tom felt deep concern. Now he was sure that this was where he belonged. The waters of baptism lifted a heavy load from his shoulders.

Pastor Rodd had preached on the subject of which side they would take in the conflict which surrounds us all. Their action that morning left no doubt in the minds of those present.

Joanne took her stand alongside the others. Joanne had attended campaigns and had recently been having studies with Heather Howarth. We pray that she will grow in the Lord, and continue to do so when she leaves in September to continue her studies at Cambridge University.

In the afternoon an Investiture Service was held with Pastor S. R. Ware present. Many of the young people who had that morning entered the waters of baptism now showed that they were willing to train both their minds and their bodies in the service of Christ. Although relatively small in number, those invested were high in quality. The home has been used to a large extent in connexion with work done on the Adventure Course. Mrs. Rodd gave an excellent display of the work which has been carried out by those in the Helper classes on Sunday afternoons. Roger Anscombe and Stephen Chippendale spoke of the work which those Pathfinders on the Friend Course had done. Helen Rodd, who was invested as a Companion spoke on the joys of camping which she had experienced over the last few months. After the service, members of the church and visitors quizzed the Pathfinders on various aspects of the courses as they looked at displays ranging from collage to plaster casts of animal tracks.

J. R. BRETTON
PR Secretary and Pathfinder Director

At Rest

Miss Martha Kirby

Sister Martha Kirby ('Molly' to her many friends) was a dedicated Bible instructor who rendered loyal and fruitful service for the Church from 1933 until her retirement in 1963. During this period she was associated in evangelistic campaigns with the late Pastor E. E. Craven, and others.

She located in the Irish Mission for the first thirteen years of her service, apart from two brief interludes of ministry in the South and North England Conferences. From 1946 until 1963 her service was confined to the North England Conference. During this time she actively engaged in the preaching ministry. The last church which she served in this capacity was Blackburn in Lancashire.

Sister Kirby was born in New Ferry, Cheshire, in 1903, and fell asleep in the Lord on August 27, 1975, in Liverpool.

Here was a ministry of courage and dedication during the challenging years of the great depression, and then of the Second World War. We are thankful for the inspired assurance: 'Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord.'

R. D. VINE
Editor

GRIFFITHS—It is with sadness that the West Bromwich church records the passing of Sister Griffiths. She was baptized by Pastor C. Martin about three years ago who also conducted the funeral service on October 4, 1976. The church was filled with members and mourners who had come to pay their last respects. Our sister now rests in West Bromwich Borough Cemetery awaiting the call of the Life-giver.

F. YOUNG
PR Secretary

JOINT BAPTISM AT CAMP HILL

ON Sabbath, October 16th, members from Chelmsley Wood, Yardley, and Ward End, spiritual 'children' of Camp Hill church, met together at their 'mother' church to rejoice in the baptism of six precious 'offspring'.

Evet Russell, the youngest; Mr. and Mrs. Brown, a young married couple; Mrs. Moses, a young married lady; and Carlene Dawkins and Snowdon Reid, had almost all been contacted through lay witness of the members in Birmingham, accepted the truth, and made their decisions for Christ. We were very happy to have Pastor K. A. Elias, our president, with us for the afternoon, and his sermon, based on a 'harvest' theme, was much appreciated.

Pastor Robinson of Yardley and Chelmsley Wood, and Pastor Hensman of Ward End church shared this service of baptism with Pastor Elias, and the resident ministers of Camp Hill, Pastor Robert Vine and Brother Roy Morgan, supported by their respective church elders.

All present rejoiced, as after the baptism, in response to an appeal from the baptistery, twenty young people responded to give their lives to Christ and to prepare for baptism in the near future.

We appreciate the kind hospitality of Camp Hill on this inspiring occasion. And look forward to other similar gatherings in the fairly near future.

PASTOR STANLEY HENSMAN

BLACKBURN—With sadness we record the death of Sister Isabel Blackburn, aged 85 years. Sister Blackburn accepted the truth through the preaching of the late Pastor J. D. Gillatt, and was among the first group to be baptized in the newly-built Watford Town church, in 1922. Brother and Sister Blackburn were blessed with a daughter and three sons, and brought them up in the truth to which they have remained faithful, each serving the Lord in their respective church. When Brother Blackburn died in September, 1934, our Sister carried on the family shoe repairing business, with a hired help, until Clive, the oldest son, was experienced enough to take full responsibility. Sister Blackburn was a faithful member of the Watford Town church, but latterly lived with her daughter, Alice, at Bracknell, where she died on October 2, 1976. And so it was, that on Thursday, October 7th, Alice, Clive, Arnold, and Cyril, with their families met again in the Watford Town church, before their dear mother was laid to rest in the North Watford cemetery. Pastor Edgar Warren gave us all a comforting message from the Lord, bidding us look forward to that day of glad reunion soon to come, when 'sorrow and sighing shall flee away'.

E. PRATT
Church Clerk

TIMMS—It is with a sense of real loss that we record the passing of Mrs. Annie Timms on August 27, 1976, following a short illness. The service of committal at Canley Crematorium was conducted by Pastor L. P. Anderson on September 1st. Our sister was baptized after a campaign conducted by Pastor S. G. Joyce in 1944. All who knew her speak of Sister Timms' faithfulness and kindness. Sister E. Blundell, her friend for over thirty-two years, recalls the day of their baptism and gives this fitting tribute, 'She lived every day with Jesus and looked forward with real joy to His second coming'. May this be our happy experience as we await the fulfilment of God's plan.

MARY BARBER
Church Clerk

South England News cont.

EAST END – NEW BEGINNINGS

RECENTLY the Forest Gate church welcomed five new members at a baptism conducted by Pastor D. Murtagh in the Walthamstow church, full to capacity for the occasion.

There were four young people (plus the mother of two of them) and a few weeks later Debbie, the two Jennifers and Margaret were involved in another new beginning as street witnessing came to the East End of London. We were grateful for the help of Balham and Brixton who gave us a good start with the benefit of their experience in this field.

The next week, however, young people from at least four East London churches went out in faith on their own with God. They coped well with the awkward moments and had the blessing of two interested men attending a discussion group that same evening.

Using a tape recorder the writer was interested to discover that the vast majority of onlookers including stall-holders responded in favour of the groups witness.

We pray that God will bless our new members and our new witness in this area.

DAVID WEST

'O GIVE THANKS unto the Lord for He is good: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so. . . .'

Psalm 107:1, 2

WEDDING BELLS

ROSE-CABBIN—After a week of cold rainy weather, Sunday, June 6, 1976, dawned bright and sunny, and proved to be the beginning of the heatwave. Friends and relatives from many parts of Britain gathered at Camp Hill church, Birmingham, for the wedding of Jean Cabbins and Roger Rose. The ceremony was conducted by Pastor L. P. Anderson, assisted by associate minister, R. Morgan. The bride was attended by Linda Rose, the bridegroom's sister. Roger Cowley, served as best man. Russell Kinman and Peter Wells were groomsmen. After the vows were solemnized a solo of consecration was beautifully rendered by Ruth Blewitt. The joyous atmosphere of the event was enhanced by Psalm 23 (Crimond) being played on handbells by the Richards family from Ealing. As Roger and Jean, now Mr. and Mrs. Rose, left the vestry, a peal of wedding bells—handbells—rang through the church, as a prelude to Mendelssohn's wedding march played by the organist Malcolm Ferguson. The reception was held at the St. John's Hotel, Solihull. Both Jean and Roger have grown up in Christian homes, and have now established a home of their own in Norwich where God can be honoured. To this end may God's love and blessing be theirs. CHURCH CLERK

WEAVER-JOSEPH—On Sunday, August 15, 1976, the Leicester Bodnant Avenue church was filled with relatives and friends for the happy occasion of the wedding of David Weaver and Ithlene Joseph. Ithlene looked lovely as she came down the aisle on the arm of her eldest brother, Dr. Llewellyn Joseph, who came from America for the wedding. Ithlene was attended by seven bridesmaids and groomsmen, the chief bridesmaid being her cousin Miss Rone Charles. David's best man was his eldest brother who had come from Antigua for the occasion. The ceremony was conducted by Pastors G. Roper and S. Ware. We pray that God will richly bless the newlyweds as they seek to serve Him together. ALAN R. WARD PR Secretary

DYCKHOFF-JOHNSON—On Thursday, September 23, 1976, Patricia Ann Johnson met with Terrence Edwin Dyckhoff and exchanged vows that united their lives before God. Patricia is the only child of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Johnson of Lowestoft, Suffolk, and Terrence is the elder son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Dyckhoff of Ealing, London. The bride was attended by Iris Smart and Michele Watson as bridesmaid and flower girl and the groom was assisted by his brother Ian. The marriage service was jointly officiated by Pastor R. H. Surridge and the Rev. J. Pagan in the United Reform Church, Watford, Herts. As Patricia and Terrence set up a Christian home in Watford, we wish them the Lord's richest blessing in their lives and service for Him. Patricia will continue working as an office secretary at the Division office in St. Albans and Terrence as a project engineer in London. MISS N. J. GILMORE

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