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PRESSING AHEAD IN FAITH

Report by B. M. Bell of The Stanborough Press Annual General Meeting

ONCE again that uninteresting little notice had appeared on the back page of the MESSENGER announcing the annual general meeting of the shareholders of The Stanborough Press Ltd. Many will not even have taken the time to read it. Such a notice does not immediately conjure up in the mind's eye an image with which the average reader is familiar.

On the day appointed, the general manager of The Stanborough Press, Dennis Archer, together with treasurer, Tony Crouch, and three of the work's foremen, P. Hammond, M. F. Whiting, and B. M. Bell, filed into the board room of the British Union Conference offices, to take their places before the shareholders and members of the BUC executive committee. After prayer, the proceedings were opened by the chairman, Pastor E. H. Foster, who called upon the Press manager to give his report.

The Stanborough Press is a department of the Review and Herald Publishing Association of Washington DC., U.S.A., and thanks were expressed for their help during the period under review - January to December, 1977. A total sales figure of £550,000 for the year was reported. This was made up of Stanborough Press periodical, bound book, and denominational job printing. The latter consists of printing for the various departments of the British Union Conference, the Voice of Prophecy, Granose Foods Limited, Crieff Sanitarium, and local conference departments, together with a good programme of work for the Northern Europe-West Africa Division.

Good progress was reported in the export printing department, with sales to Iceland, Holland, and Africa amounting to £267,000. The Publishing House is

happy to work with these member countries of our Division.

One of the highlights of the year, was the printing of 100,000 pocket edition paperback *Steps to Christ*. One church alone had taken 9,000 copies and 60,000 of this 'personal evangelism' edition of *Steps* have been sold in the period under review.

Concerning a later effort, mention was made of the fact that work was well in hand for the production of a special British edition of *The Great Controversy* with 'English spelling', which would be produced in paperback form especially

for member participation evangelism. A hard-back edition will also be produced, and, as we write these notes work is well ahead, and printing is to start immediately.

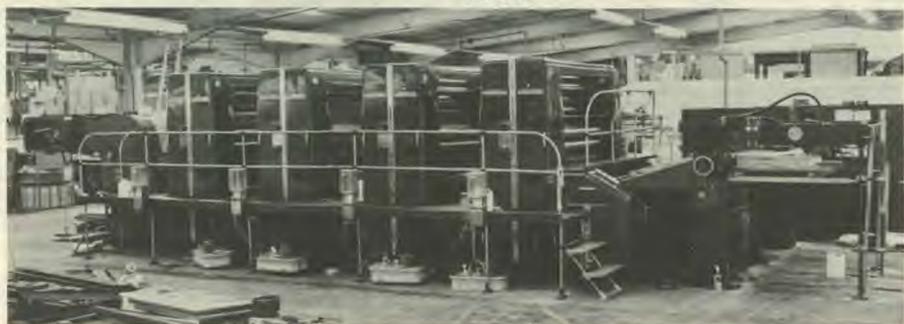
It was thrilling to hear this fine report of hard work, good sales figures and busy presses; but more was to come. The committee were told that owing to the pressure of work that has been experienced for some time, it had become necessary to look around for a machine that would help to alleviate the volume of printing carried out by the two twenty-year-old presses operated at present. The shareholders were told that the company had been successful in purchasing a Crabtree-Vickers 'Sovereign' 4-colour press, and that this was now being installed at the plant. This machine will help us to cope with the growing demand for books, by increasing our output by more than 100 per cent.

As the work comes from the presses, a bottle-neck is formed in the bindery, where, for years, we have tried to operate with just one book thread sewing machine. It was reported that for some time we have been scanning the second-hand market for such a machine, and it had been obvious that to purchase a reconditioned second-hand model would cost in the region of £8,000. A new one - £12,000. Then an advert was noticed in the trade press for one identical to that already installed. The advertisement had appeared for



In this modern, mechanical world, the age of miracles has not passed. Read about the new book thread sewing machine we are still talking about at the Press.

A machine fit to serve a King. The newly-acquired Crabtree-Vickers' 'Sovereign' 4-colour printing machine, now installed and running, serving the King of kings, at The Stanborough Press.



REMEMBER, SEPTEMBER 10th, PRESS OPEN DAY

weeks, on the wrong page under the wrong heading and no-one here or elsewhere had noticed it! On going to view the machine, the salesman was asked the price. The answer was given - £300! Surely a mistake, so they asked again - £300. So now the Press has a book thread sewing machine in almost mint condition - it had hardly been used - to help increase the flow of work through the bindery. Surely a modern-day miracle. Praise be to God, whose guiding hand can be seen in the affairs of His people.

The encouraging report closed with the management's thanks being expressed to the Review and Herald Publishing Association and the British Union Conference for their continued interest in the programme of The Stanborough Press. Also expressed were thanks to the Review and Herald and the British Union Conference for writing off the Press's long-term liabilities to the amount of £17,142, and £6,657 respectively.

Brother Archer said that this good



The staff of the Publishing House who have done so much to ensure a successful year in 1977.

report would not have been possible without the full co-operation of The Stanborough Press family, and thanked them for their dedicated service, and willingness to work unsocial hours, and for their help in transferring to other departments in times of pressure.

The shareholders were told of the success of the 1977 Press Open Day when

the sales figure amounted to £4,000, the manager then extended to each one a cordial invitation to come to Grantham on Open Day, Sunday, September 10th to see for themselves what God is doing for the Publishing House. 'Thou art the God that doest wonders: Thou hast declared Thy strength among the people' (Psalm 77:14).

South England Conference

MEMORABLE MAY DAY

THE local paper of St. Albans, Hertfordshire, gave good publicity to the ground-breaking ceremony for the new church building project. We quote from the paper:

'A turf-cutting ceremony to initiate the building of a new Seventh-day Adventist church in St. Albans was held on May day.

'The ceremony, a tradition within the Church for inaugurating building pro-

jects, was held on the proposed site of the church on the corner of St. Peter's Street and Carlisle Avenue.

'It also marked the start of work on two blocks of residential apartments for office workers at the Church's Northern Europe-West Africa Division office in St. Peter's street. . . .

'Mr. John McMillan, prospective minister of the church, who attended the ceremony said: "For some years we've

had a congregation at St. Albans but we've had no church, meeting instead at St. Paul's church hall in Hatfield Road."

'Mr. McMillan added that the new church would be of a similar design to the Roman Catholic church in Watling Street.

'The ceremony, at which a prayer was offered by Pastor Edwin Foster, president of the British Seventh-day Adventist Church, was attended by about 100 members of the church. . . .

The paper published an appropriate picture of the event of the same order as the above which shows Pastor J. A. McMillan (centre) and Brother H. M. Cowen at the ground-breaking ceremony. Pastor McMillan, president of the British Union Conference from 1958 to 1967, is currently minister of the St. Albans church. Brother Cowen, well-known denominational artist, is one of the local church elders.

MRS. PEGGY FOSTER

Photo by Paul Sundquist



WOOD GREEN BAPTISM

ON Sabbath afternoon, April 24th, the Wood Green church was filled to capacity as members, with their friends and visitors, witnessed the baptism of seven more souls. Taking this memorable step were: Brother R. Levy and Sister I. Levy, Brother C. Prince and Sister M. Prince, Sister M. Duffus, Sister E. Parker and the young teenager, Sister L. Tshabalala.

Pastor M. D. Murtagh officiated throughout, and after the baptism made a special appeal to those young people in the congregation who are not yet baptized, to think seriously and take the step. We sincerely hope and pray that his words will bear fruit in the months to come.

MRS. C. HINCKSON
PR Secretary

GOLDEN WEDDING

STALWARTS

NORWICH church, the most northerly 'out-post' in the South England Conference has been particularly blessed during its long history, and part of that blessing can be attributed to Brother and Sister Albert Graham who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on Monday, June 5th. The Graham's have spent forty of their fifty happy years together in Norwich. During that time they have occupied nearly every office in the church, Brother Graham as local elder for some twenty years, and treasurer for even longer. They are still active in church life, Sister Graham as a deaconess and church clerk, and Brother Graham as a deacon, both helping with visitation and the general care of the church fabric. The family, including five grandchildren, are well known in Adventist circles, their son, Roy, having been principal of Newbold College, and a former president of the South England Conference.

To express their love and best wishes for a very special event, the Norwich members presented them with a useful kitchen gift together with a beautiful



Brother and Sister Albert Graham.

bouquet of summer flowers. A suitable eulogy given by the minister, Pastor Peter Stearman, accompanied the presentation at the time of the divine service the previous Sabbath.

Also the church is happy to report a baptism during May when two young people, Heather and Michael Webb, and one senior citizen, Leonard Mann, found their way into the Lord's fold. Four were also invested receiving their honours and insignia of the courses they had taken.

The events of the past few weeks have again reminded us all that our God cares for young and old alike, and is the source of true happiness and success in all the years that lie between.

L. M. DAVISON
PR Secretary

Historic Picture Gallery

STAR STUDY

He is one of the great galaxy of denominational first-magnitude 'stars'. His name is memorialized by Newbold College's administrative building known as Salisbury Hall. He is Homer Russell Salisbury—pastor, professor, administrator, editor, missionary—pictured here with his wife, somewhere in London. We suspect it was the Manor Gardens College, North London; and the date would be about 1903. We are indebted to Miss Barbara Leigh of the British Union Conference offices for sending this picture.

Prof. Salisbury began the British Church's college programme in 1901 with the opening of Duncombe Hall College—soon to be moved to the more convenient Manor Gardens. Prof. Salisbury was College principal for five years, was ordained in 1904, and appointed South England Conference president in 1905.

He was born in Battle Creek, Michigan, U.S.A.; was secretary to W. W. Prescott, president of Battle Creek College; taught in Claremont Union College, South Africa; studied Hebrew in London; taught Hebrew and Church History in Battle Creek from 1897 to 1901 when, at the request of the General Conference, he came to London to establish our College programme here in Britain.

Other important appointments followed until in 1913 he was appointed president of our Indian Union Mission. After attending the Autumn Council in Loma Linda in 1915, where he made earnest and eloquent appeals on behalf of India's millions, he sailed for India in the S.S. *Persia* from New York. World War I was then raging. His ship was torpedoed and sunk in the Mediterranean.

Thus ended a life of dedicated and effective service. One of the passengers who was rescued reported seeing Brother Salisbury throw his life-belt to a struggling fellow passenger who had no belt.

He was only forty-five.

R. D. VINE
Edito.



ST. AUSTELL YOUTH HALL DEDICATED

MARCH 11th was the long-awaited day when the St. Austell youth hall was officially opened. This was the Culmination of tremendous effort by several members who helped make the hall a reality in co-operation with the builder.

Many can still remember the dark, cold autumn evenings; the boots; the lantern; the pickaxes; the shovels—and afterwards the aching backs due to the back-filling of the foundations (the Council had required specially deep ones). A finished youth hall then seemed just a dream, but after many, hours of toil, this dream materialized.

A special mention should be made of the efforts by Pastor Neil Robertson who so ably carried out the whole plumbing and electrical installations among other jobs; and also of Brother Charles Meredith who provided our hall with a beautiful lectern, platform, safety rails, and cupboards.

Just before the end was in sight Pastor Alan Hodges took over the ministerial duties and under his leadership the final touches were put to this project.

Buildings require much money today, and we have been, and still are, busy raising funds to pay for our new trea-

sure. One method is 'tiddlers'—the Sabbath school children were provided with colourful felt fishes by Mrs. Paula Robertson to be filled with spare coppers from all and sundry. Result to date—almost £100.

For the official opening, well-wishers from far afield—including Plymouth, Bude, and Penzance joined us to see the Mayor of St. Austell accompanied by his wife cut the traditional white ribbon and open the new building. A capacity audience listened to the speakers, two of them former ministers: Pastors V. Benefield and N. Robertson (who started the hall project) along with Pastor Hodges and our Union president, Pastor E. H. Foster. This enjoyable opening service included a short history of the Adventist movement in Cornwall. We were also reminded of why a youth hall was so necessary in the area—increasing number of youngsters inside the church, and to promote the evangelistic programmes. In appreciation of the services rendered copies of *The Desire of Ages* were presented to the Mayor and the builder. A book gift was also received by Brother John Benefield, who was largely responsible for the plans of the hall.

St. Austell membership is very thankful to the Lord for providing us with both a beautiful church and now an additional youth hall. PR SECRETARY

In response to our invitation, Pastor Kenneth Lacey, British evangelist in this country for over 20 years, and now serving as an evangelist in California, sent us the following inspiring story:

EVANGELISM IN BRITAIN 1947—1964

THERE is only one motto for the evangelist in the British Isles: 'Expect great things from God; and attempt great things for God.'

Immediately after ordination in 1946, we were called to evangelism in the Scottish Mission in the city of Aberdeen, where we had ample opportunity to put our motto to the test. Later we learned that no one expected us to do anything much in Aberdeen, it had the reputation of being a hard city, but being young and inexperienced we began to talk about doubling the church membership.

We shall never forget that opening night, November 9, 1947. We had booked the Picture House on Union Street, and twenty minutes before commencement time the theatre was filled to overflowing and hundreds had to be turned away. A large interest developed, and in response to our appeal the brethren sent us A. J. Timothy and Jean Cowan to assist in the visitation programme. After four nights in the Picture House we moved into the Cowdray Hall for a further six nights, and then, because there was no other alternative, we finished our series in the Shepherd's Hall, located on the fourth floor and reached by three flights of stairs. To our amazement, the people climbed those stairs and *we had the joy of baptizing forty-one precious souls, and thus we did, in fact, more than double the church membership.*

After Aberdeen we were invited to conduct evangelistic meetings in the city of Dundee where we had a small company of believers, some thirty in number, holding their services in condemned property on Dudhope Street. Of one thing we felt certain, Seventh-day Adventists had no business in Dudhope Street. Somehow we had to find a new church home, and of course double the church membership. So first of all we concentrated on the challenge of evangelism, and a search began for appropriate halls. We booked the King's Theatre for our opening meetings and the celebrated Caird Hall—at least a third of it—for our follow-up hall.

The meetings were a success from the very beginning with an attendance of around 1,150 on the second night.

Apart from the evangelist and his wife, we had a good team including Jean Cowan, V. H. Hall and C. D. Baildam. A special feature of this series was the pre-campaign programme in which 10,000 homes were visited with four

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copies of a folder which we called 'Good News', written by the evangelist and illustrated by Victor H. Hall. David Dabson did some good footwork in this particular phase of the programme. More than 200 of those visited requested tickets for the opening night, and some of these interests went right through to baptism.

With a good interest developing we turned our attention towards securing a new church home for the growing congregation. We searched high and low, but every door was closed. Finally, in spite of post-war building restrictions and the scarcity of materials, and with little hope of success, we went to Edinburgh to apply for a building permit. Imagine our surprise when the official, impressed by Adventist missionary work abroad, granted our request and sent us on our way rejoicing. With this permit we were able to build a modest, pre-fabricated building on Arbroath Street which was to accommodate the church membership for some twenty years. *And so the Lord blessed and we baptized thirty-six new members, thus doubling the membership, and leaving the believers in their own church building.*

From Scotland we accepted the challenge of evangelism in South London, particularly in the Brixton area. Our team consisted of the evangelist and his wife, Pastors Gordon Hyde and William Frazer and their wives, Kathleen Mahon and Margaret Emm. We opened our evangelistic series in the Empress Theatre, where we continued for ten nights with an average attendance of around 500. After the tenth night we moved into the Lambeth Town Hall and continued to attract a good audience for another sixteen nights. Finally we held Sabbath meetings and organized the South London Church in the Court Room of the Lambeth Town Hall. *Twenty-seven new members were baptized in the Wimbledon church, and these, together with the members of the Clapham church, became the nucleus of the South London or Brixton church.* Special mention should be made of the



Pastor Kenneth Lacey

musical contributions made by Kathleen Joyce and her Philomel Ladies Choir, and much help and encouragement was provided by Brother T. Culverwell, our head usher, who also became the first elder of the new South London church.

After our experiences in South London we were asked to assist Pastor George Vandeman in his Greater London Evangelistic Crusade with meetings conducted in the Coliseum and Stoll theatres during the latter months of 1952 and later transferred to the newly acquired New Gallery Evangelistic Centre. While most of our London churches gained new members from this large central crusade, a new Central London church was founded and organized in the Caxton Hall, Westminster, on June 27, 1953, the writer being appointed as its first pastor. This new organization was later transferred to the New Gallery Centre.

Our next call was to the city of Birmingham where Pastor Tom J. Bradley had been holding some excellent evangelistic meetings. Our job here was to pastor three churches and at the same time conduct a continuing city-wide crusade. This was no small task, and during the three years we remained in Birmingham, working night and day, *we had the joy of seeing 171 precious souls added to the churches: 101 the first year, 46 the second and 24 the third year.* In producing these results we had the assistance of an excellent team of workers including Derek Mustow, Brian Pilmoor, L. A. D. Lane, Ron Brett, Philip Anderson, Eric Winch, James Cuthell, Laura Mason, Irene Kellett, Ruth McGeachie, Betty Hanna and Joyce Colledge.

It was in the Camp Hill church that the writer had the privilege of baptizing fifty-seven candidates at one time. The old Theatre Royal was the venue for these crusades which were advertised as the 'Theatre Royal Sunday Series', to-

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gether with mid-week meetings featuring studies in the book of Revelation, and Sabbath services in the Midland Institute which were later transferred to the Camp Hill church.

It was in Birmingham that we experimented with the Spirit of Prophecy counsel to postpone the presentation of the Sabbath truth until we had obtained the confidence of the people; and it certainly seemed to work well.

After finishing our work in Birmingham we moved on to Manchester and began our Palace Theatre Sunday Series on October 20, 1957. During our two years in Manchester we had the privilege of working with some excellent team members: Amos Cooper, pastor of the Manchester church, Philip Anderson, Edward Bell, Martin Anthony, Joyce Colledge, Edith Borbe and Tony Proudley. We began our crusade in the Palace Theatre, later transferred to the Houldsworth Hall, and finally held Sabbath services in the Friend's Meeting House. *Once again we experimented with a new idea.* After presenting the Sabbath truth we invited our audience to attend Sabbath school and morning worship the very next Sabbath. This was a radical departure from the usual practice of inviting folk to a Sabbath afternoon meeting first and then later to introduce the morning services. Imagine our surprise when sixty-five non-members attended Sabbath school and eighty-five the worship service.

We held our first Manchester baptism on June 21, 1958, when we had the joy of baptizing fifty-four and adding a further three by profession of faith. On July 19th we baptized another twenty-one and added two more by profession of faith, *making a total of eighty souls added to the Church through our labours during 1958.* We concluded our work in Manchester with a final baptism in April, 1959, of thirty-one more candidates, thus giving us a grand total of 111 added by baptism or profession of faith.

In the spring of 1959 we were called back to London to lead out in the evangelistic programme at the New Gallery Centre on Regent Street, where the writer had the privilege of being resident speaker for more than three years. We launched our first series on September 20th with the title, *Invasion from Outer Space!* And in two sessions had the satisfaction of addressing 1,800 people. *During our first year in the Centre we baptized ninety-eight candidates, sixty-six the second year, and forty-five the third year.* Russel M. Kranz was our general manager and choir director, Reg. Mudford our business manager, Miss V. Warren our senior Bible instructor and our team was made up of six or seven young men and women, interns from Newbold College, and our visiting programme took us from one end of London to the other. *After all there were some eight million people living in our parish.* We were blessed with good musical talent including Kathleen Joyce, Uriel Porter, David Elliot at the organ and Leslie Riskowitz at the piano. We sent out our first bulk mailing from the Centre. From 40,000 pieces of mail we received some 600 replies, requests for 250 reserved seats, and 450 sermon requests.

On July 30, 1962, we left London for Scotland and Glasgow. The brethren had booked the St. Andrew's Hall with a seating capacity of more than 3,000. We advertised our opening meeting on October 26th the best way we knew how, and we shall never forget that opening night. When the evangelist walked out on the platform there were hardly 200 in the congregation. We had known how to be exalted — when we had turned hundreds away, now we knew how to be abased. Coincidentally, within five days the St. Andrew's Hall burned to the ground, and this saved us any further embarrassment, but left us with the problem of what to do next? Three of us, Bob Smart, Derek Mustow, and the writer met in George Square and prayed while the snow was falling that God would open the way for us to continue our crusade.

We went to the City Fathers trusting that the Lord would work through them to solve our problem, and He did, for they gave us a sympathetic hearing and allowed us to go into our secondary hall a month before our booking was due. So we were able to continue without interruption in the McLellan Galleries on Sauchiehall Street. It was in

Pastor K. Lacey today with his wife Monica (née Knight).



Glasgow that we first experimented with a Bible Marking Class. Collins printed us a special edition with a zipper binding, and we learned quite a lot from this trial run. Our audience grew in the McLellan Galleries, Kathleen Joyce and Uriel Porter came up to sing for us, and Derek Mustow was our director of music. We baptized twenty-six in Glasgow and on June 3, 1964, we stepped on board the *Empress of Canada* to face the challenge of new fields of labour in a distant land.

The motto we chose at the beginning of our evangelistic labours has remained with us through the years. We have always expected great things from God, and have attempted great things for God. We have enjoyed the challenge of evangelism, it has thrilled our souls, we believe it to be the greatest and most rewarding work in this world. Thirty-five years of public evangelism has left its mark upon us, but we would not exchange this calling for any other. Today we are faced with the challenge of an unfinished task. The challenge of evangelism is the need for men to finish that task. Let us pray 'the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest' that the work might be finished and Jesus return.
(Italics ours.)

VLADIMIR CHELKOV

RECENT press reports have suggested that Vladimir Chelkov, the leader of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the USSR, has been imprisoned by the government authorities. No-one from outside the USSR has been in contact with Chelkov and he is certainly not the leader of our Church in the USSR.

It should be kept in mind, however, that our Church organization was dissolved in Stalin's time and has not yet been re-organized fully. Generally speaking, our present organization consists largely of individual churches with local leadership; although some districts or areas do have experienced pastors as leaders. Many of our churches in the USSR have registered with the State, but there are some churches and groups that have not.

We have been told that Vladimir Chelkov is really 'a reformist' and that he was disfellowshipped from the Seventh-day Adventist Church about fifty years ago.

Up to the present there has been no opportunity to meet this man and find out what he actually stands for and what his true relationship is to the Seventh-day Adventist Church and its message. However, regardless of what his actual beliefs are, it is of some concern for us to find a man who is eighty-two-years-old, placed in prison by government authorities because of his religious convictions and religious activities.

B. B. BEACH, secretary
Northern Europe-West Africa Division

In this Centennial Year Pastor Rex Riches continues his series. It will be concluded in our next issue.

The Church's British Mission 1878—1887

Chapter 7

FAILURE OF THE FIRST BRITISH MISSION

as seen by Mrs. E. G. White

We have before us, as did Pastor S. N. Haskell, the evidence of history (see previous chapters), and from that evidence we must deduce our conclusions. Brother Haskell chooses to view the results of the first decade of the British Mission as an artist would view a blank canvass upon which he is able to paint 'as from new'. Certainly the initial mission had not been a success, and Ellen White does not fail to agree with this conclusion.

On July 3, 1887, Ellen White spent some time with friends who were on their way to labour in South Africa. They had stopped off in London and took the opportunity to speak with her 'about how the work should be commenced and carried forward in their new field' of labour.¹ After their departure Sister White felt the need to write to these friends concerning their new appointment, giving them advice on how to conduct their work. In this she draws heavily on her observations of the British Mission in making certain suggestions, and from the following letter can be obtained an indication of how she viewed the success or otherwise of the British Mission.

'I have been shown that the work in England has been bound about, *without making that decided advancement that*

it might have made if the work had commenced right. . . .

' . . . The work in Old England *might have been further advanced* now than it is, if our brethren had not tried to move in so cheap a way. If they had hired good halls, and carried forward the work as though they had great truths which would be victorious; and that God would have them start in to make the very first impressions the very best that can be made as far as they go, *the work would have advanced more than it has.*

' . . . If you undertake the work in a narrow, cheap plan, as they have done in the British mission, *it would be no more successful in Africa than in British territory*, and will not be wisdom in any large city.'² (Italics mine.)

Shortly after these sentiments were expressed Ellen White left Europe for America.

Aboard the *City of Rome* as she crossed the Atlantic, more words were penned for the leaders of the Church in Europe: 'The Lord *will give success* to His work when His workers arouse to the emergency of the situation.'³ (Italics mine.)

Obviously Ellen White strongly believed that the British Mission was not achieving the success that might otherwise have been possible.

(Next time: 'An Important Letter to S. N. Haskell.')

¹ E. G. White, MS 36.

² E. G. White to Robinson and Boyd, 18 June 1887, Letter 14.

³ E. G. White, Letter 15.

(Next issue: *An Important Letter to S. N. Haskell.*)

SOUTHALL BAPTISM

'God has ordained the canvassing work as a means of presenting before the people the light contained in our books, and canvassers should be impressed with the importance of bringing before the world as fast as possible the books necessary for their spiritual education and



Pastor P. G. Matthews baptizing Sister D. John — who is interested in serving the cause as a literature-evangelist.

enlightenment. This is the very work the Lord would have His people do at this time. . . .' (*Colporteur Ministry*, page 6.)

Two years ago, Pastor P. G. Matthews, then a literature-evangelist, entered Mr. D. John's house, and an initial sale of the complete Christian Home Encyclopedia set was made. After a few weeks, a Bible study was arranged. As a result of diligent and prayerful study, eight precious souls eventually joined the Southall church by baptism on April 15th.

Pastor Matthews, now pastor of the Southall church, together with Brother A. Alexander and Brother E. Bellings, have embarked upon a lay training class every Sabbath.

In addition, a current baptismal class has many eager students. With God's blessing, there is high hope that more souls will be baptized very soon.

Ellen White has reiterated Christ's will that Christians must seek to educate the young in order to achieve the harmon-

ious development of the spiritual, physical, and mental powers. Hence, our local youth department is encouraging field activities — hiking, touring, and athletics; also Christian service for neighbours in order to secure names for Bible studies. Our MV services centre on issues directly affecting youth.

The Southall members solicit your prayers that their programme may be fruitful to God's glory.

IVAN ENGLISH
PR Secretary

EXETER BAPTISM

SINCE Brother LeClare Litchfield became our minister two years ago, his personal evangelism programme — and that of his wife, Shelly, has been one of building bridges, breaking down barriers, and making friends in the community at large.

One happy result has meant that on several occasions we have been hostesses



Pastor R. H. Bainbridge baptizing Peter Kemp-Tucker in the Exeter church.

Photo by Brian Jeffrey

to The Inter-denominational Women's Total Abstinence Association. Mrs. Litchfield was appointed president for the Devon branch this year.

On the afternoon of May 3rd, the church was filled for their quarterly fellowship meeting, addressed by a Methodist minister the Revd. Russell Pope from Ilfracombe. Pastor Rex Riches was guest speaker to an appreciative audience at the February session, and both meetings received good coverage in the local press.

In the evening of May 3rd it was standing room only for any late-comers to our weekly prayer meeting for we were joined by a local Methodist community club, ages ranging from teenagers to elderly. They had requested to visit our church on their club night to hear of our beliefs and doctrines.

In a relaxed and friendly manner Brother Litchfield enlightened them on our basic principles and showed a travelogue film of the world-wide missionary work of the Church with an excellent sound commentary. The visitors were then invited to ask questions to which many responded. Later we all gathered upstairs for friendly conversation, Swiss Cup, and orange juice refreshments. We pray that a new link will have been



Newly baptized Michael Jeffrey (left) with (from left) District leader Pastor R. H. Bainbridge, Pastor E. H. Foster, and Brother L. Litchfield. Photo by Brian Jeffrey

formed in the chain of friendship to win people for Christ.

On Sabbath, May 6th, almost every seat was occupied in the church as friends and relatives witnessed the first baptisms in our new church. Peter Kemp-Tucker and Michael Jeffrey had requested Bible studies and instruction prior to this special day when they publicly confessed their commitment to Jesus Christ and their desire to be His disciples.

For personal reasons Michael had asked Pastor E. H. Foster to undertake his baptism and Peter was baptized by our district leader, Pastor R. H. Bainbridge from Torquay.

Pastor Foster's address emphasized the three-fold cost of discipleship: the cost to God to bring us into fellowship by giving His only Son; the cost to Jesus who was willing to empty Himself and be sacrificed to pay for our salvation; and the cost to each one who offers to follow Him; not based on any desire to

please family or friends but on a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Many were reminded of their own baptismal ceremony as Stella Jeffrey sang: 'Just as I am.' Sixteen-year-old Peter Kemp-Tucker requested his favourite hymn: 'Take my life, and let it be consecrated Lord, to Thee' as he entered the water with Pastor Bainbridge; and the church rang with the joyful refrain: 'I know whom I have believed' as we witnessed Michael's baptism.

May these two young people have the Holy Spirit to counsel them as they follow their Lord.

IRENE STOCKLEY
PR Secretary

BAPTISM IN LEWISHAM

THERE has to be a first time for everything and three of Brother and Sister Dantzie's children made it a first time for Pastor Brian Martin, minister of the Lewisham church, on Sabbath, February 11th.

It was the first time he had ever baptized three candidates in the pool at the same time. They were brothers Camille and Joseph, and their sister Louisa.

In the sermon given by Brother Hugo Kennedy, the assistant minister of Holloway church, the candidates were admonished to follow the Lord Jesus closely like a shadow.

We pray for these three young people, that this may be the start of a new and blessed walk with our Saviour, all the way to the promised land.

NORMA TURNER

North British Conference

EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS IN DERBY

DURING the month of February an exhibition stand in the much-patronized new Eagle Shopping Centre was manned for five days by Pastors Martin Bell and Kenneth Clothier and various members of the Derby church. The exhibits associated with the 5-Day Plan were on show, and many were the inquiries from people who wanted to give up smoking.

Hundreds of the invitation forms to the 5-Day Clinic were handed out to seemingly interested inquirers.

Brother E. Southey from the Grantham Health Centre, with the help of Gethyn Clothier and Janice Perry, added interest to the exhibition by their frequent demonstrations of Soysos sausages which, judging by the number of people around their section of the stand, and who partook of the finished product, should prove good advertising medium for that item of food.

Pastor Howard Parkin also visited the stand and he and the other two pastors were interviewed by Radio

Derby, who in addition to questionings regarding the 5-Day Plan, also inquired whether the Adventists conducted any clinics dealing with Alcoholism and Drug addiction.

The exhibition was followed up (February 20 to 24th) by the Anti-Smoking Clinic. One of the Derby Area Health Centre Clinics was kindly put at our disposal and twenty people assembled for the programme offered.

Pastor Martin Bell and Brother Cyril Thompson presented the various aspects of the subject together with the necessary films and slides, and at the end of the course 80 per cent of the people had successfully overcome the habit, and at the third reunion since held, they were still holding firmly to their resolve not to smoke.

On the afternoon of Sabbath, May 20th, a large congregation consisting of the Derby and Long Eaton church-members, together with many friends of the two candidates who were to be baptized, gathered to witness this sacred rite.

Sister Ursuline Taylor, who had well known the Advent message in the West

EVANGELISM

On September 3rd we will launch what will be the biggest Crusade Sheffield has ever seen. Meetings will be held at 7.30 pm on Sundays and Wednesdays up to December, 1978. If anyone is holidaying in Sheffield during that time, we invite you to be with us.

If you have relatives or friends, especially those who were once Seventh-day Adventists, living in the district, please send their names and addresses to: Pastor Eric Leopold Henry, North British Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, 22 Zulla Road, Mapperley Park, Nottingham NG3 5BZ. Telephone 0602 606312 or 0602 621965.

We are soliciting the prayers of all our believers in the British Union. If you feel inspired to help out in the Crusade in any way please contact Pastor Henry.

The meeting will be in the Burngreave Seventh-day Adventist church, Andover Street, Sheffield.

Join us and experience Pentecost.

Eric Leopold Henry,
Secretary/Evangelist,
North British Conference.

Indies, and who since being in this country has postponed her baptism in the hope that her husband would join her, finally decided to delay no longer, and so joined a young lady from Pakistan in her decision to followed her Lord. Miss Ami Zaman comes to us from the Muslim faith, and as a result of her decision she has encountered so much opposition from her family and associates she has been obliged to leave her home.

It was a joy to see this young lady, together with Sister Taylor, standing firm for their faith in the face of much pressure.

Pastor George Roper was the speaker at the service. He based his message on Hebrews 2:6: 'What is man?' He contrasted the chemical value of man as evaluated in these days of inflation at £3, with the price God puts on him in allowing Jesus to pay for man's redemption. Pastor Roper also stressed the consequent responsibility the new relationship puts upon us by acceptance of the payment made by the death of Jesus.

Pastor Clothier then baptized the two candidates after which they were wel-

Pastors K. Clothier and S. H. Parkin pose beside the Derby Exhibition.



came into church membership by Pastor Roper on behalf of the North British Conference, by Pastor Clothier as the minister of the Derby church, and by the two elders.

As a climax to what is regarded as the happiest of church services, Sister A. M. Clothier beautifully sang a solo entitled: 'Consecration'.

G. A. LOCKTON

Irish Mission

LARNE'S ECUMENICAL EFFORT

APRIL 1st was a memorable Sabbath for Larne, where the smart modern church building has far more room than the present membership requires. Special visitors were Pastor and Mrs. B. R. Spear, 'retired' workers from America with a keen interest in Ireland. Both made inspiring contributions on that memorable Sabbath. The afternoon assumed the form of informal discussion, and Sister Spear related moving experiences of divine providence.

An evangelistic youth effort by 19-year-old Peter Duffy, who was baptized in Belfast eight years ago, gave promise of increased membership possibilities for Larne. For a time Peter's interest in the Church had tended to wane due to lack of youth activity. He then felt a strong urge to do something very positive for Ulster and so joined the defence regiment. Yet the seed of Christian evangelism was in his soul and it began to germinate. He started knocking on doors, asking young people if they would like to join a youth club. He discussed it with parents, too. Soon he informed the church that he had a group from five to fourteen years of age, who were positively interested.

In April the Larne youth hall was opened to a group of twenty-one. The number soon grew, necessitating the meeting of two age groups. Brother Robert Johnston has been appointed youth leader with Peter Duffy, an able assistant.

A weekend camp for twenty of the older group was enjoyed, despite indifferent weather, at Brown's Bay, not far from Larne. The writer visited the camp on Sabbath evening, and it was wonderful to see Roman Catholics, Presbyterians, and Baptists, joining with Seventh-day Adventists in Sabbath evening worship. One of the children presented the Bible reading, another offered the prayer and all joined in Gospel choruses. Truly an ecumenical effort.

The Larne church has never been large in number. Various types of campaign have failed to raise interest. Perhaps now the Lord has directed us and through this method the empty seats in our church may soon be filled. Please pray for this effort, and that an abundant harvest to God's glory may be realized.

BOB MCCORMAC
PR Secretary



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