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## DEATH OF A PATRIARCH



Photo: Frank Blewitt

This tribute to the memory of Pastor John Alexander McMillan was paid by Pastor E. H. Foster at the funeral service on 14 September.

Today we meet in this church to thank God for the long life and dedicated ministry of His servant, Pastor McMillan; to express our Christian sympathy, as a church, particularly to the close relatives who have been bereaved of a loving and devoted husband, a kind, affectionate and concerned father, grandfather and great grandfather, whose posterity bear witness to the effective example of a godly, wise, and benevolent patriarch.

We meet to receive comfort, courage and hope from the unfailing promises of God's Word; but before that to take time but briefly to pay tribute to a Christian gentleman, an esteemed senior colleague, an outstanding Church leader, an able administrator, an author, a careful, perceptive, but positively helpful critic, a preacher's preacher, a defender of 'the faith once delivered to the saints'. All of these accomplishments and others that could be mentioned were centred in the life of Pastor McMillan as a committed Gospel minister and dedicated pastor of the 'flock of God'.

John Alexander McMillan was born in Belfast on 5 February 1901. He accepted the Seventh-day Adventist faith in his early twenties, a lone witness in his family. With his new convictions he embarked on ministerial training at Stanborough Park College and graduated from the prescribed course in 1926. Immediately he began service in the then South British Conference. The following year he was transferred to the Irish Mission. In August 1927 began his lifelong devoted marriage with Erma Georgina Malcolm from which union two daughters were born.

In 1933 Brother McMillan was ordained to the Gospel ministry. For ten years as evangelist and pastor he met the unusual challenges of Ulster and the Irish Free State. Lesser men might have wilted under the pressures of those days, especially during the evangelistic campaign in Cork, but Pastor McMillan persevered and persisted in Gospel ministry.

In 1936 he was transferred to mainland Britain and located in Hull for a brief but fruitful period. 1938 marked the beginning of his appointment to the Union Executive Committee - a relationship he sustained for almost thirty years, first as leader of the Scottish field for seven and a half years, then in various Union departmental responsibilities including Publishing, Home Missionary, VOP, and Radio. In each of these areas Pastor McMillan made

a characteristically practical contribution to growth and effectiveness. In 1950 he succeeded to the presidency of the South England Conference and then in 1958 again followed the late Pastor W. W. Armstrong as president of the British Union Conference. This office he held until 1967 when he requested that he be not considered for re-election having completed over forty years service to the Church in the British Isles.

Pastor McMillan was a doughty champion of the SDA cause in these islands within and without the Church.

He discountenanced any defection on the part of national workers for voluntary exile.

He was his own man.

He gave honest counsel holding logic superior to sentimentalism.

He had Christian dignity but delighted to burst the bubbles of pomposity.

He was thrifty but generous.

He was always circumspect but enjoyed good humour.

He was an avid reader and diligent student but despised intellectualism.

He loved righteousness and truth.

He exalted the Law of God but deplored legalism.

He could confidently hold discussions with able theologians yet remarkably communicate with children and youth. He knew no generation gap.

Pastor McMillan never retired. On pension he pastored the headquarters' church with appreciated energy both physical and spiritual. Later he accepted the pastorate of St. Albans and with it the almost daunting prospect of providing a church home for the believers there. Younger workers might have weakened at the knees at the difficulty of the task but Pastor McMillan seemed to be rejuvenated by the challenge. As he encouraged the churchmembers to pray, to give, to inquire, to search, Pastor McMillan untiringly identified himself with them in their quest for a place of worship. He forged friendships with ministers from curates to bishops and various committees of other Church communions in his persevering endeavours. There were disappointments that turned out to be providential deliverances until the distinctive place of worship was established at St. Peter's Street.

The priority of domestic needs persuaded Pastor McMillan somewhat reluctantly to withdraw from his St.

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# NEWS in pictures

## DIVISION MINISTERIAL COUNCIL

Photos. Jack Mahon



1. From 31 August — 4 September the ministry of the United Kingdom, Eire and Holland met at the Royal Northern College of Music, Manchester, to discuss matters of current theological concern within the denomination. Here Dr. Jan Paulsen, eminent theologian and Division secretary, speaks in the Recital Room on 'The Theology of Judgement'.

2. Not all of the Ministerial Council was taken up with lectures. There were discussion groups. This discussion group met in the main common room. Each group elected a chairman and a secretary and presented a five-minute report. It was the view of many of those interviewed that one of the most outstanding lecture presentations of the Council was that of Newbold's Dr. Sakae Kubo. He spoke on 'The Priesthood of Christ in the New Testament with particular attention to the Book of Hebrews'.

3. W. R. Leshar speaks on 'The Biblical Basis for the Doctrine of the Sanctuary'.

4. W. H. Shea on 'The Validity of the Year-Day Principle'.

5. Inevitably the Council involved much good fellowship. Here Union president, H. L. Calkins (right) enjoys a chat with Welsh president Ernest Logan.

The Council concluded with a celebration of the Ordinance of the Lord's Supper. Pastor E. H. Foster presided. Conference presidents Dr. S. M. Reid and Pastor R. H. Surridge served their brethren.

## GREATER LONDON LITERATURE CONVENTION

Sabbath 28 November, 1981  
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Dr. Silburn Reid

Afternoon: Speakers  
Pastors R. Appenzeller,  
L. R. Preston, L. Elliott  
and E. Lawrence

Evening: Book Sale

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# EDITORIAL

# ΩMEGA

It was one o'clock in the morning, and Ellen White was sitting up, probably using a lapboard as a desk, writing as rapidly as her pen could move across the page. Not long before, she had been shown the people of God headed for a terrible shaking, a great collision with error in which many would lose their way, and her words spilled out into an uncomfortably vivid warning. The Church, she said, was like a ship, afloat on a treacherous ocean filled with icebergs. Soon it would hit one of those obstacles head-on. The year was 1904.

Already the ghostly outlines of that collision were materializing out of the fog. For one thing, the great Battle Creek Sanitarium was on a departure course from Adventism, its worker ranks infiltrated with brilliant, charismatic persons who – beneath a veneer of professed loyalty – actually had little use for Ellen White or the leadership of the organized work. Even the Sanitarium's corporate structure had been altered deftly so that it could actually be voted out from under Church control. Within two years John Harvey Kellogg, the gifted head of the medical work, would bluntly tell the Church that 'the denomination does not own the property, and never can own it, for it *belongs to the public*'.<sup>1</sup>

There were other problems. Dr. Kellogg had begun urging the theory that God was present in everything. Even the Holy Spirit physically entered the human body through the air people breathed, he asserted, and the idea – which seemed to make God fascinatingly near – was sweeping parts of the Church, carrying with it both college students and famous ministers. Zealous young workers urged that Kellogg's teachings be preached and printed, and warned that if the Church resisted, the General Conference leadership would be 'rolled in the dust'.<sup>2</sup> Yet these ideas contained profound dangers.

If God was in everything, then heaven also must be everywhere. If so, where was the heavenly sanctuary? And where

did the atonement take place? The challenge brought Ellen White to her feet in alarm, warning that these ideas threatened the Church in ways Kellogg did not understand. In response, workers at Battle Creek clandestinely prepared a book denouncing her as a plagiarist.

And now, just beyond the veil of tomorrow, another problem awaited. In England a 43-year-old Adventist evangelist named Albion Ballenger would soon begin direct attacks on the sanctuary doctrine, leaving divided churches and confused believers everywhere he preached. In a document called *The Nine Theses*, he would soon declare that Adventists were wrong about the sanctuary in 'almost every cardinal point'.<sup>3</sup> If one followed Ballenger's thinking, the 2,300-day prophecy collapsed and the 1844 message went with it. Yet people who heard him were often swept along by his reasoning, and Ellen White's earlier words of anguish fit the moment perfectly: 'I cannot express the agony of my mind. Is the Church of God always to be confused by the devices of the accuser, when Christ's warnings are so definite, so plain?'<sup>4</sup>

Perhaps the supreme tragedy in all of this was that it was happening at one of history's golden moments. At the dawn of the twentieth century the world was largely at peace. One could go anywhere with the Gospel. Recently a wave of prosperity had swept the economy, so intense and boisterous that it brought exclamations even from jaded newspaper editors. Somehow people had become fascinated with the health message and they flooded to Battle Creek, unaware of the struggles that roiled beneath the surface. Everywhere doors seemed to be opening – and now this, the Church's greatest institution about to be lost, while college students and veteran workers alike wandered in a maze of confusion over the most basic Adventist beliefs.

Four precious years of unused opportunity had passed since that January day in 1900 when the new century

had dawned so full of promise for the work of God. As 1904 faded into 1905 the world received a jolting reminder that history's sunlit days of peace were few and fragile. At Port Arthur, Admiral Heihachiro ordered the Japanese fleet into battle formation and blew the Czar's Baltic fleet out of existence. Events were in motion that would not cease until wars closed half the world, for a time, to the Gospel.

Nineteen hundred and four – God has handed His people a last golden chance to finish His work in the sunlight. It is inconceivable that such an opportunity can be missed, yet it is happening. Everywhere bright lights are going out. Kellogg, McCoy, Tenny, Ballenger, Jones, Waggoner – all leave the Church. It is a massive tragedy that is explainable only in the words of Ellen White:

'Satan has his allies in men. And *evil angels in human form will appear to men*, and present before them such glowing representations . . . that often they change their penitence for defiance.'<sup>5</sup>

*Evil angels in human form*. There was no hope of surviving such a challenge in human strength. Humanity had no answer for the logic of an angel's mind, where memories of paradise twisted crazily into a deception so powerful that it had drawn down one third of heaven's forces. No amount of education or experience equipped a person to face a trap like that, and those who left the Church had walked straight into it while bells rang and lights flashed from the pages of Ellen White's warnings.

Desperate to warn God's people, baffled by the amazing power of error, she reached for a symbol to describe what was happening. This apostasy contained the 'alpha of deadly heresies',<sup>6</sup> she warned, and then – in the midst of an engulfing crisis – she took an extra moment to shout a warning for God's Church in later years. All of it would happen again. The alpha had come; somewhere in the future the omega waited, and Ellen White 'trembled for our people'.

Omega – a mysterious danger that waits for the Church at the end of time. For generations Adventists have puzzled over that cryptic warning.

Once God's people had a chance to finish the work in the sunlight. Now, beneath the wind-swept skies of winter we face the same job, knowing that somewhere ahead we will confront a crisis called *omega*. And out of the future comes a challenge to us from the past – will we let it happen again?

1. *Medical Missionary*, February, 1906.

2. A. G. Daniells, *The Abiding Gift of Prophecy*, pages 336, 337.

3. A. F. Ballenger, *The Nine Theses*, pages 1, 4.

4. *Special Testimonies*, Series B, No. 2, page 23.

5. *ibid.*, No. 7, pages 21, 22.

6. *Selected Messages*, book 1, page 200.

This article represents a condensed version of Lewis Walton's book, *ΩMEGA*, and was written by its author. The book may be ordered through your LA secretary and costs £2.90.

# Round and About

## STOKE: Anglicans welcome Adventists



**Above:** Joint congregation of Anglicans and Adventists at St. Paul's church, Burslem. **Left:** Rev. Colin Crumpton and Stoke minister, Trevor MacGowan.

At 10 am on 5 July, St. Paul's Anglican church, Burslem, Stoke-on-Trent, opened its doors to the Seventh-day Adventists of the district. Their minister, Reverend Colin Crumpton, and the Stoke minister, Trevor MacGowan, have known each other for some time now and Colin has visited the Stoke Adventist church on a number of occasions. So it was with great pleasure that our minister accepted his invitation to speak to the congregation of St. Paul's on the beliefs of Adventists. After an introduction and welcome from

Reverend Crumpton we had a delightful little ceremony of 'Make Peace' where all the congregation mingled together shaking hands and wishing God's blessing on each other. Then, after a hymn and a prayer Brother Ray Wild read the Scripture reading. Our minister's story held the children spellbound waiting for the inevitable dramatic climax. Time allotted to Trevor MacGowan's sermon was short so that only two subjects could be introduced, the Second Coming and the Sabbath, after first giving a little of denominational history.

Sister Vera Wright delighted us all with a beautiful solo, 'Great Lord of Life', and our group, 'Sunset' sang one of their own compositions, 'What is a Prayer?'.

The organist was Brother D. G. Mansfield and Michael Taitt accompanied the group on his guitar.

Drinks and biscuits were provided at the close of the service.

Great interest was shown by the Anglican parishioners and they said they hoped we would come again. We replied that the pleasure was mutual and we would be happy to welcome them to the Adventist church at any time.

We left this beautiful, modern church of St. Paul's happy in the knowledge that we had been able to share our faith. Our minister has since been asked to preach there again.

MARGARET E. WILD, *Communication secretary*

## CHISWICK: Holiday Bible School

A daily average of thirty-five children from 3-13 years attended a Holiday Bible School in Chiswick church during three weeks of August.

Daily morning worship included Bible

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As a finale, parents were invited to inspect a display of items produced during the project.

Helpers included M. Smith, V. Benjamin, M. Sutherland, B. and H. Taffe, I. Saunders, M. DeCoteau and G., D., and F. Francis.

ENID TOLMAN, *Communication secretary*

**LEEDS:  
Summer Youth Camp**

For months the Leeds young people had been planning this holiday. Friends from Bradford, Sheffield, Birmingham and Leicester had been invited. As usual it rained when we got there but the weather brightened up for the last two days.

Sabbath services were held at the All Saints church in Cockermouth. Sabbath School was taken by Victor Harewood and Divine Service was taken by one of our young people, Curtis Griffin. His

theme was: 'Becoming as a little child'.

Even though we were on holiday there was no reason for us to forget God, for we met with Him in our worship in the early morning and evening. These worship sessions were taken by different groups of young people in turn. Some of these sessions were attended by other children who were also on the campsite.

We went on a few walks and climbs. Some were able to say they had been to the top of the mountain, while others could only dream they had been to the top of the mountain.

To close the Sabbath everyone took part in a grand Gospel style song service, which lasted well after the Sabbath had ended.

PATRICK HERBERT

**CAMP HILL:  
Farewell to Carl**

Sweet music echoed in the rafters of Camp Hill church on the evening of 15 August. The church was filled to capacity as members from many Midland churches came together for a sacred concert, to say farewell to our youth minister Carl Fletcher. Carl has been youth minister at Camp Hill and sister churches, Ward End and Castle Vale for two years.

We shall miss Carl's inspiring sermons, and leadership in the evangelistic youth club 'Le Chateau'.

The youth department presented Carl with a silver tray, and an attache case. We pray that God's blessing will go with him as he starts his new work for the Lord in South Wales.

E. W. BRYAN

**Congratulations** to Dr. Derald Barham who, in addition to a very busy group practice and hospital work, has successfully obtained his BD degree from London University

to Roland Dunton on gaining the BSc (Hons) degree in Physics and Electronics from the University of Reading.

*Editor*

**DAY OF  
FELLOWSHIP**

WINTER GARDENS  
Weston-super Mare  
Sabbath 24 October 1981

**Guest Speakers:**

**Dr. Sakae Kubo**  
Newbold College principal  
**Dr. Silburn Reid**  
South England Conference president  
**Pastor Victor Hall**  
Stanborough Park pastor  
**Miss Doreen Irvine**  
Vibrant Evangelical Christian

This will be another high day in this part of the West Country. If you are in the district or live within reach of us for a day, then plan on it — we will welcome you gladly.

Bring your own food and drink this time.  
Children well cared for in Sabbath School  
Sabbath School begins at 9.45 am  
Day closes at 5.00 pm

COME FOR THE FULL DAY — THERE'S A BLESSING IN FELLOWSHIP

The 'Adventist Ascot' drew capacity crowds once again this year. Unlike the other Ascot it did not rain. The Lord answered our prayers and gave us hot weather and cloudless skies. Cars and coaches came from most parts of the Union. Among our celebrity visitors were Hayley West of nation-wide fame, James Erondu, Publishing director of the Nigerian Union, Harold Calkins, president of the British Union, Silburn Reid, president of the South England Conference and Ron Appenzeller of the Division. The recipe of good books, good food, good music and fine magazines had once again worked its wonders. Praise God for the commitment of the membership of the British Union.

**CAPACITY CROWDS AND GOODWILL ALL ROUND**



# STUDENTS AWAY FROM HOME

1981 has seen not one but three Conference Sessions. Each had its part to play and many important issues arose, not the least of these being the Youth of our churches. It was recognized that a lot of work needed to be done if we expected to see growth in this area. We all know that there is a steady exodus of young people from the Church once they begin higher and further education. The reason for, and solution of, this problem are the major concerns of the Adventist Students' Association.

Our young people leave their home and families and also the family of their local church to go and study up to three hundred miles from home. At first there is a steady flow of well-wishing mail, but gradually this ebbs away, until they only have contact with their family whom they cannot visit until holidays, and in the meantime they have to put up with hardening influences all around them, including drink, smoking, heavy music and even drugs. When your nearest church is fifty miles away - as it has been for one of our members for the past two years - and you're feeling spiritually low or just need to talk to someone who understands what you're talking about, it is not easy to jump on a train or bus to visit a minister or a lay member of a church. Some university towns do not have a church in the vicinity, and this makes life even harder.

Is there a solution? The ASA does not say it holds all the answers, but it is certainly willing to make an effort in order to fill in this gap and stop the exodus where possible. How can this be done? There are ways in which both you the church and the ASA, and the Youth Department of the Conference can work together to bring about a change in the present attitude towards our young people.

1. Keep a record of all the students in your church, especially those who have come from another part of the country to study in your vicinity, as well as those who leave your church to study elsewhere, even if there is only one.

2. Keep in touch *regularly* with those who go away to study. Make them feel wanted and still a part of the church.

3. The ASA needs to keep records also, so when you have made your lists, please send a copy of them to us so that we, too, can keep in

touch with these young people and even arrange programmes in their areas and visit them, and, where necessary, put them in contact with their local church/minister.

4. No young person should ever leave his or her church without first being put in touch with the new church and minister. If you have any difficulty, we are willing to be of assistance.

5. In order to be able to present programmes up and down the country we need your help. An 'Open House Weekend' provides a family atmosphere and gives young people a chance to get away from their place of study for a few days and make new friends as well as

strengthening their Christian relationship. If you are willing to have a few students in your home for a weekend, please let us know. Details are always available from the secretary.

6. Days of Fellowship are arranged as well as Open House Weekends, and their function is to go out and visit students in their new environment and bring other students to take part in the activities of the day. Your support is needed here and we look forward to more people attending these Days which will be announced well beforehand.

For further information and/or application form please send sae to: The Secretary, Adventist Students' Association, 45 Lausanne Road, Hornsey, London N8. VALERIE CLARKE

## LETTERS

### UNION SESSION

Dear Editor,

Congratulations to all connected with the production of MESSENGER No. 16 which gave excellent coverage of the BUC Session.

Regarding your reference to the length of the Communication Department report, we understood that each department was allocated twenty minutes for its report. I particularly timed the Communication and VOP reports, and they were presented in 39 minutes, thus adhering to the timetable.

There was no 'technical hitch' during the brief reproduction of Charles Rhodes' 'Pause for Thought' on Radio Brighton. His presentation was preceded by an excellent programme on dogs, and the last 30 seconds of that broadcast was transmitted over the Harrogate PA system in order to add variety to our report!

On behalf of the newly-elected officers, may I express appreciation for the many letters received from constituents expressing prayers and good wishes for the new quinquennium. W. John Arthur, vice-president

Dear Editor,

I believe that the constituents should have been given some idea of the expense involved in setting up the quinquennial session. This might go some way towards securing a climate for an economical change of format. When 60,000,000 people are represented by some 600 MPs why do 13,000 Adventists need 400 delegates? Would the total bill for the session be less than £250,000? If that was the figure, did we get value for money? One might ask that if there were a drastic reduction in the number of delegates and an equally drastic improvement in their quality, would we not have got a lot more mileage for our money?

Senior Minister (Name supplied)

### ROUNDELWOOD

Dear Editor,

As the worldly festivities of Christmas 1975 were nearing their climax, one of our elderly church sisters in Huddersfield was suddenly taken ill.

After receiving medical examination, Sister I. Gay was informed that she was suffering from a serious case of arthritis of the legs.

Despite the fact that she was not able to continue with her previous occupation, Sister Gay bravely endured the crippling pains of arthritis, walking only with the aid of crutches.

Unbeknown to her, six years later a dramatic change was to be brought about in her life. Hearing the voice God communicating to her, Sister Gay was prompted to respond to a recent appeal to attend a special course of medical treatment at Roundelwood.

Her two weeks' stay was an experience she'll never forget. On the third day of her stay at the sanitarium, after being subjected to an intense medical programme involving therapeutic exercises, following a special diet and receiving daily examination by a physiotherapist, Sister Gay experienced an indescribable inner cleansing of the body.

Since that moment of time, Sister Gay has not only been able to move about without her crutches, but has also found relief from the crippling pains that had previously reduced the mobility in her legs.

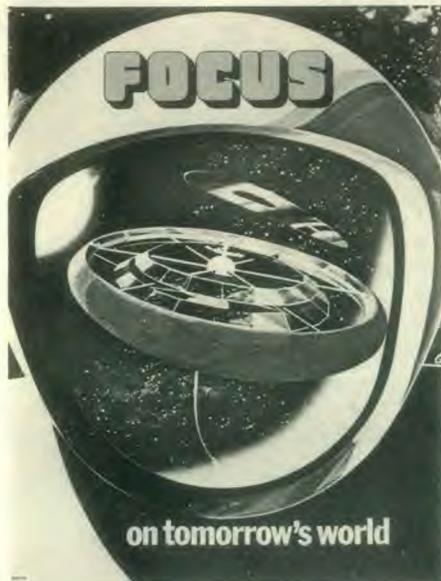
Prior to her visit to Roundelwood, Sister Gay was informed by her local doctor that one of her knee caps would have to be removed. But as a result of the excellent treatment at Roundelwood it was disclosed that this operation is now unnecessary.

On behalf of Sister Gay, and many others too, who have benefitted from the dedicated work of the medical staff in our health institutions, I would like to express our thanks. J. D. Fray (Miss)

**Corrigendum.** MESSENGER 86/16, page 29. The names of the Conference and Mission presidents were omitted from the list of BUC Executive Committee members. They are, of course, S. M. Reid (SEC), R.H. Surrledge (NBC), E. Logan (WM) and D. C. Clothier (IM). They hold their positions *ex officio*.

Mention was also omitted from the Nominating Committee report that M. B. Musgrave, in addition to treasurer, is also BUC auditor, and that W. J. Arthur, in addition to vice-president and Communication director, is also Religious Liberty director.

The name of K. A. Elias was included on the list of Executive Committee members in error.



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## DEATH OF A PATRIARCH

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Albans' pastorate just before the completion of the building project but his outstanding contribution to that achievement will never be forgotten. The members of the St. Albans church have especially requested that their gratitude for the pastoral ministry of Pastor McMillan be expressed at this time of tribute.

With no specific church responsibilities Pastor McMillan continued to devote his time to the study of the great themes of Adventist biblical doctrine; to prepare and present sermons for the establishing of the members on the foundations of the faith. Just recently he completed a manuscript for a book which we trust will be published.

Pastor McMillan loved his family, his Church and his colleagues. He enjoyed fellowship with the brethren and discussions on important issues. It was this delight that motivated his attendance at the recent ministerial meetings in Manchester and it was there while participating in a discussion group that the omen of death appeared. It is reported that before he slumped into unconsciousness he murmured: 'Carry on with the discussion.' How appropriately those words sum up his life and experience. Carry

on with the work in hand. Carry on with your present responsibilities until the Master calls. Carry on in the faith knowing that we have not followed 'cunningly devised fables'. Carry on right through to the kingdom of God.

A prince in Israel lies asleep in death.  
That active mind is now stilled.

Those lips are silent. Those hands motionless.

The breath of life has returned to the God who gave it.

We are diminished by his passing.

Ulster has lost one of its eminent sons.

The SDA Church in the British Isles has bade farewell to an outstanding leader.

The world-wide international Church has been bereft of an illustrious worker.

Although diminished by his death, our lives may be enhanced by following the example that John McMillan has left us of fidelity, loyalty, courage and perseverance. This would be the finest memorial to his memory, the strongest evidence of our esteem and gratitude for his lifework.

What better epitaph can we append to this adequate tribute than the words of Holy Writ:

'And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever' (Daniel 12:3).

preachers of the Gospel at Newbold College. Those who wish thus to express their thanks for and appreciation of the lifework of Pastor McMillan should send their gifts to the treasurer of Newbold College.

Pastor E. H. Foster

Mrs. Erma Lockham and Mrs. Paulina Rinta-Aho wish to return their sincere thanks to all those who have rendered help and given cards and tributes since the death of their father, Pastor J. A. McMillan.

MOORE, Joseph - d. 11 May 1981. Brother Moore was a committed Christian and faithful in his witness. He was baptized by Pastor M. K. Taylor in 1975 after having been associated with the Jehovah's Witnesses for twenty years. The funeral service was conducted by the district leader, Ken Davey, and the burial was at Ballykelly cemetery. We extend sympathy to his wife, Sister Frances Moore, and his family. We look forward to the coming of Christ to be reunited with our faithful brother. Ken Davey

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## OBITUARIES

PASTOR JOHN ALEXANDER McMILLAN - 5 February 1901-7 September 1981. While participating in a discussion group at the Division Ministerial Meetings at Manchester in early September, Pastor J. A. McMillan suffered a severe stroke which left him unconscious for about a week, except for a brief period of recognition of his daughters, shortly after which he peacefully passed to his rest. The funeral service was held in the Stanborough Park church on Monday, 14 September, in the presence of a large number of colleagues, churchmembers and friends. The family mourners to whom the Church's sympathy is especially extended include Erma and Ronald Lockham, Pauline and Ursko Rinta-Aho (daughters and sons-in-law), Paul with his wife, Helen, and Peter (grandsons) and a nephew of Mrs. McMillan. Following the tribute to Pastor McMillan, Pastor R. H. Surrudge feelingly presented a biblical message of consolation and hope. The prayers of thanksgiving and comfort were offered by Pastors J. M. Huzzey and W. J. Arthur. The musical and poetic appreciation of Pastor McMillan was reflected in the hymns and in a beautiful rendering of the twenty-third psalm sung by Miss Joy Evers and Mrs. Valerie Fidelia. Mrs. Joan Maxwell was the organist and the Stanborough Park church deacons served with a quiet dignity befitting the occasion. The committal was at the North Watford cemetery. In harmony with Pastor McMillan's viewpoint, the family requested that the money that might be spent on swiftly-fading floral tributes be given for the buying of books that would aid prospective

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The Golden Chords will appear live in the afternoon service at the Greater London Literature Convention at the Central Hall, Westminster, on 28 November 1981.

## TORQUAY: Outstanding Scholar

Destined for Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, in early October Peter S. Stotereau will be greatly missed by the Torquay church congregation.

Peter was born in New York City and, with his mother Cynthia Stotereau, arrived in Torquay in late 1973. Shortly afterwards, he entered the local Primary School before commencing his full academic studies at the Torquay Boys' Grammar School. He became especially interested in languages and Natural Sciences and, as the years passed, continued to earn excellent marks. His language teacher wished him to continue his studies in Latin, French and Spanish but, after much deliberation on Peter's part, he decided to pursue Natural Sciences, and by the close of his stay in the Lower Sixth Form, aged 17, had obtained his 'A' level in both Chemistry and Mathematics, after only one year instead of the stipulated two years.

In September 1980, Peter was interviewed at Corpus Christi College and sat his entrance examination a few weeks later. The news of his being accepted and having received an esteemed position was, Peter said, the best Christmas present he had ever had. Naturally his mother, grandparents and the churchmembers were also overjoyed.

On being asked his recipe for such excellent achievements, Peter's mother answered for him, saying it included first a Christian faith, then perseverance, determination, a keen sense of humour and a disciplined mind – particularly where his studies were concerned.

Brother James Frost, church elder, on behalf of the Torquay members recently presented Peter with an amount of money and a travelling case, then all wished him God's richest blessings for his future at Cambridge University.

DORIS A JORDAN, *Communication secretary*

## SUNSET

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Sept. 25	6.52	7.05	6.56	7.04	7.15
Oct. 2	6.36	6.49	6.40	6.46	6.58
9	6.21	6.33	6.23	6.28	6.40
16	6.06	6.18	6.07	6.10	6.23

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