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REVIVAL REFORMATION AND EVANGELISM

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Real spiritual revival produces reformation – a changed life. Reformation naturally leads to evangelism. People who are revived and vibrantly alive spiritually and whose lives have been changed, will attract others and the Church grows. A by-product of this growth is the rejoicing of those who have part in accomplishing the growth. As you read the book of Acts you will find that although the disciples sacrificed greatly and worked hard they rejoiced and were full of joy at the privilege even of suffering for the sake of the Lord.

The progression mentioned above has been effective in the greatest revival this world has ever known – at Pentecost. The Lutheran revival in Europe and the Wesleyan revival here in Britain, produced great changes in individuals and in the countries involved, accompanied by a tremendous growth in membership and great happiness among the people.

I firmly believe that the greatest revival this world has known since Pentecost is just before us. 'Before the final visitation of God's judgements upon the earth there will be among the people of the Lord such a revival of primitive godliness as has not been witnessed since apostolic times. The Spirit and power of God will be poured out upon His children.' *The Great Controversy*, page 464.

You and I are privileged to participate in this great revival. Pastors, church officers, and conference officers, are to

REVIVAL MONTH OBJECTIVES

Encourage every member to read the Bible through in 1982.

Read the four gospels during January (preferably aloud with the family).

Memorize meaningful passages of Scripture and Spirit of Prophecy.

Pray for the Holy Spirit in the Latter Rain.

Read and discuss *Preparation for the Latter Rain* during family gatherings or evening 'house fellowships'.

Invite former members and other interested persons to special weekend evening meetings (either at the church or at house fellowships).

Suggest that each member develops a personal prayer list.

Utilization of a 'prayer scroll' by each church.

Develop an 'interest file' in each church (sample available through LA Department).

Plan goals for each church for 1982.

Plan Community Service projects for each church (5-day Plans, cooking classes, stress control clinics, etc.).

Teach lay members how to give Bible studies.

Meet with Church Board and Evangelism Committee to plan for increased soul-winning.

Exercise faith – 'expect great things of God, attempt great things for God!'

lead out. Every member, young and old, is to have a part. First comes a personal, inner spiritual reviving. Then comes a changed life, and then the joyful winning of other souls. For this experience let us all pray earnestly during the month of January.

As an aid in our personal spiritual revival let me urge you to read the gospels through in the month of January. Read aloud in the family, read aloud at Sabbath School and church. Ask the youth to participate and to lead out in this reading, and then plan to read the Bible through in 1982. Also secure your free copy of the booklet, *Preparation for the Latter Rain* from your church, along with the MESSENGER, and study it at home, discuss it with prayer groups in the church or in house fellowships.

The revival we seek will come only in answer to earnest, persistent prayer, and in claiming, by faith, the promised blessing. The measure of the Holy Spirit we receive will be proportionate to the measure of our desire and faith exercised to get it. God is anxious to bless us with a special outpouring of His Holy Spirit in the Latter Rain. He wants us to expect great things from Him. Ask and ye shall receive.

May your heart be revived and may the revival spread to your church and out into the community. The Lord is coming soon. Let us prepare to meet Him.

BUC News notes

NEW PUBLISHING DIRECTOR

Pastor Whitford Shaw was born in Jamaica. He attended high school in Montego Bay, and then proceeded to West Indies College. From here he went on to Atlantic Union College in Massachusetts. In June 1969 he received a Bachelor's degree in Theology. After contributing a number of years to denominational work he entered university to further his education. In June 1978 he graduated from Andrews University with a Master of Divinity degree.

To God's guidance and the publishing work Pastor Shaw gives credit for his scholastic achievement thus far. His love for the literature work led him to begin canvassing in 1960. From 1969-71 he served as assistant Publishing director for West Jamaica Conference, and then as the Publishing director, 1971-73. In 1974

Pastor Shaw canvassed in British Columbia, Canada. The following year he was called to the Ontario Conference to serve as assistant Publishing director until 1976. In 1978, having completed his studies at Andrews University, he served for a short time as the assistant Publishing director for the Quebec Conference. Following this he accepted a call that would provide an opportunity for him to gain pastoral experience. This resulted in his pastoring the Westmount church, the largest church in the Quebec Conference. It is from this position that he was called to serve as the Publishing director for the British Union Conference.

Pastor Shaw, his wife Gloris (also a graduate of Andrews University with a Bachelor's degree in Primary Education and Home Economics) and their children, LaVerne and Martin, firmly believe that



the Lord has a plan for their lives. They are extremely happy to know that God is willing to use them to help spread the Gospel here in Britain.

NEW YOUTH DIRECTOR

At the BUC Executive Committee meeting of 10 December a report was received that Pastor Bob Rodd of the North British Conference had, after much thought and with deep regret, declined the invitation to be Youth director for the British Union. The committee then considered a number of alternative possibilities and voted to invite Pastor Barry Gane, currently teaching at Stanborough School, to become the new Union Youth director. We are very pleased that Pastor and Mrs. Gane have prayed earnestly about this invitation and,

though they feel it to be a tremendous challenge in their young lives, they have accepted the call as from the Lord and have agreed to give their full energies and devotion to this work.

Pastor Gane has spent his entire ministry of eight years in the British Union. He has served as youth pastor at the Stanborough Park church and also as pastor of the Ipswich church prior to taking up his teaching position at Stanborough Park School. The Lord has given him a special talent with youth and I am confident they will work with him as he works with the youth directors in the conferences and missions of the British Union.

Pastor Gane will have certain responsibilities he will need to carry out at the school before he can give his full time to the youth ministry. However, he started working and planning with the youth

directors in the conferences from 1 January. We look forward to a strong evangelistic work in the British Union with very definite youth participation. We trust that pastors and local church officers will plan an aggressive programme of training young people and using them both in the local church and in the outreach into the community.

HAROLD L. CALKINS, *president*



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CHRISTMAS NEWS

WATFORD: Mayor at Toy Service

Stanborough Park held their twenty-first Annual Toy Service on Sabbath 12 December.

Special visitors for the occasion were the mayor of Watford, Councillor Ted Amey, accompanied by the deputy mayor, Councillor Ray Reynolds and his wife Peggy.

The welcome address was given by Alf Kelly who originated the idea of a toy service and who has kept it alive ever since. In addition to the many lovely toys some of which are pictured here, Brother Kelly presented the mayor with nearly £500 from the Christmas tree together with the personal gift of a beautiful, illustrated copy of *The Desire of Ages*.

The money from the tree is to help purchase a Cutaneous Oxygen Monitor for the local hospital. These units monitor the oxygen received by premature babies and help prevent the problems associated with too much or too little oxygen. The Herts. Association for the Disabled has promised to match all gifts for this purpose on a pound for pound basis so this gift from the members at Christmas will go a long way towards the £5,000 needed for each unit.

FRANK BLEWITT

SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD: Toys for NSPCC

The Sutton-in-Ashfield church held its annual Toy Service on 5 December, when a large number of small toys and books decorated the space in front of the rostrum – all donated for the pleasure of the underprivileged children in the care of the NSPCC.

Present to receive the gifts was Mr. J. Pulman, NSPCC inspector for the Mansfield area, to whom was also handed a cheque.

The visiting preacher explained Advent beliefs about Christmas, and pointed all to

the second Advent when there would be none who were underprivileged. I. BINKS

YARMOUTH: Toy Service

The Great Yarmouth church held their annual Toy Service on 5 December. Mr. Pat Kelly from the NSPCC was the guest speaker. Over two hundred toys and gifts were presented to him for deprived children and teenagers, together with a cheque. Mr. Kelly told a graphic story of a handicapped little boy who, through the caring of the NSPCC, was enabled to have an artificial arm and leg fitted. This boy eventually represented his school for games and tennis.

We are happy to report that the £85 we have raised during the IYDP through the sale of FAMILY LIFE has gone to train guide dogs for the blind. MAY SNEED

YARMOUTH: Christmas Baptism

At 3 pm on 12 December members from the Norwich, Lowestoft and Oulton Broad churches arrived to join the Yarmouth members and friends to witness the baptism of three precious souls into the fellowship of God's church. Pastor P. Stearman, our district leader, opened the service. In a fitting address he held the attention of candidates and congregation.

Pastor W. J. Newman paid tribute to brethren Paul Smith, Lloyd Harrison and Malcolm Martin for having built the baptistery without charging for labour – a truly representative work of combined skills.

We listened to the responses of the candidates when being questioned regarding their faith, and Pastor Newman, on entering the water, dedicated the baptistery.

Mrs. Ruby Burrell stepped into the water as we sang a stanza of hymn 413. Just eighteen months earlier she had entered Addenbrook's Hospital, Cambridge, for an operation following a

brain haemorrhage. At one point hope of recovery was given up, but God had allowed healing in a miraculous way. Sarah and Anthony Green, her two grandchildren, followed her. It was a touching sight to see the three stand together.

We have watched these two young people grow in faith and in stature. Anthony has already shared his faith at school. His friend of the Mormon faith had come to witness his baptism. Sister Phoebe Saunders had been the young people's faithful Sabbath school teacher over the years. Sister Sandra Green and her husband were happy to see their loved ones take this important step.

MAY SNEED

NEWCASTLE: Toys for Charity

On Sabbath, 12 December, the Newcastle church held its annual Toy Service.

The ladies of the Community Services Committee had done a tremendous job collecting the toys, repairing them as necessary, and then displaying them all in the church for the service.

The toys are to be distributed to local branches of Women in Need, the NSPCC and Barnardo's and we were very pleased when representatives of these three organizations accepted invitations to join our worship on Sabbath morning.

Pastor M. K. Taylor preached on the meaning of 'Mercy' as taught by the beatitude 'Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy'. John and Ann Martin sang the children's carol 'Away in a Manger', joined, much to everyone's delight, by their four-year-old daughter Rachel, while their other daughter, two-year-old Rebecca, 'inspected' some of the toys she could reach!

Sheila Hall of Women in Need, Gloria Duell of the NSPCC and Ian Tute of Barnardo's were very grateful for the gifts of the toys and the members of Newcastle church rejoice that they are able to help these worthy organizations. R. A. ROBSON

Round and About

NORWICH: 50th Anniversary

Photos: David Whitworth



Fifty years of church growth from the time of the first established church in Norwich at Pottergate were remembered, happily, sadly, and nostalgically on 28 November.

What tantalizing glimpses into days long ago are afforded by the church record books of Norwich and Dereham church fellowships! Dereham, just a small country town compared with Norwich city (some fourteen miles away), has an Adventist Church history stretching further back than the other.

Dereham's church record book states that Brethren W. C. Wallis and G. W. Short, as colporteurs, came to Whinburgh (near Dereham) during the autumn of 1886, and began giving Bible studies. 'The promise of God's Word, fulfilling its purpose and not returning to Him void, was made sure. Mrs. Sewell and Miss Holman obeyed the fourth commandment, and kept holy the seventh-day Sabbath. Owing to the growing interest Pastor S. H. Lane was sent to care for the work, and meetings were held at the back of the Green Man Inn, High Street.'

Norwich church record book informs us that Pastor R. S. Joyce 'opened his campaign in the Haymarket Picture Theatre where the attendance grew from 400 to 800. . . . On 15 September 1929 in the Swan Bathing Pool thirty-two candidates were baptized. . . . During the campaign Pastor Joyce was assisted by Miss M. Savage, who left early in the campaign to be married, and Mr. G. Lewis, who left after three months for East Africa. Miss I. Seagrave took Miss Savage's place, and Miss E. Raitt replaced Mr. Lewis.'

Brother and Sister W. Burroughes, who are still members of the Norwich church, were among the thirty-two candidates baptized by Pastor Joyce in 1929. They were present with us on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the first Norwich church opening in Pottergate in 1931.



Top: The Adventist church, Dereham Road, Norwich. Above: left to right, Pastor P. H. Stearman, Mrs. A. Burroughes, Mr. W. Burroughes and Pastor R. H. Smith.

Brother Burroughes, as a skilled artist designed many Sabbath School charts which were used in Sabbath Schools throughout Britain in those earlier years. Also Sister Brenda Smith's parents were among these candidates. Her father, Brother G. Peck, became the first church elder.

A second baptism took place in 1930 when twenty-two further members were added. Among them was Sister J. R. Bartlett (née Bowles) who gave us a lively account of some of the interesting anecdotes of that time. Our late Brother J. B. Taylor was also baptized then. Sadly he was called to rest just a month before our fiftieth jubilee programme was held. He, too, had recounted vivid accounts of the early days with their strange

happenings which he related in his inimitable way, as, for example, when the pastor came to visit some of the new members and found them cooking a motley panful of shellfish for tea! The writer's mother and grandmother were baptized then, his father and grandfather the following year.

Brother Albert Graham told the church how he and his wife came to Norwich in 1938 and were received cordially by Pastor R. H. Smith. It was not long before Brother Graham was appointed treasurer for the church, and a little later, elder as well. Pastor Smith, who was with us on this commemorative occasion, confirmed and expanded these recollections.

Sister Lily Riches, now a worshipper with us, recalled the early days she spent at Dereham and the faithful witness of the small company there. What a day for them, she recalled, and for herself, when, after a morning's canvassing with our message magazine she went to witness on that Sunday afternoon the first baptism in Norwich. The prayers of the small company through the long years were being dramatically answered!

Another peak of achievement was gained in June 1931 when our first church in Norwich opened its doors for worship. Among those taking part in the dedication services were Pastors W. H. Meredith, O. M. Dorland and R. S. Joyce.

In 1942 the church suffered damage in a bombing raid on the city. The damaged section was rebuilt in 1949. Nevertheless church services continued there throughout these years.

On 26 May 1968 the present new building on Dereham Road was consecrated. Through the opportune and enthusiastic efforts of Pastors A. H. Cowley and Ted Pettit and the membership the present lovely building stands as a firm witness and, we pray, an unfailing light in the old historic city of Norwich.

PASTOR P. H. STEARMAN

HOLLOWAY: 'Inreach'

'Grave responsibilities rest upon the youth. God expects much from the young men who live in this generation of increased light and knowledge. . . . He desires to use them in dispelling the error and superstition that cloud the minds of many. . . . The work before them is waiting for their earnest effort.' — *Messages to Young People*, page 41.

In order to succeed in this great work, we have to *reach in* before we can *reach out*, and for this reason a week of Spiritual Emphasis was held at the Holloway church, 21-29 November. Each night was well attended by the young people from the surrounding churches. The speakers were young men and women who have dedicated their lives to Christ and felt a burning desire to see their fellow young people inside and outside the Church dedicate their lives to Christ and to His service.



Young people take communion on the final day of the Crusade.

Photo: K. Wellington

One of the topics was *Treasure in Earthen Vessels*, and this emphasizes the fact that Jesus is the treasure in us, the earthen vessels, and although we are really just lumps of clay, with Jesus in our lives we can evangelize Britain.

On Sunday, 29 November, a Communion Service was held, and after the service testimonies were given by

many young people. As a result of these meetings many young people re-consecrated their lives to Christ and pledged themselves to His service.

'And they that turn many to righteousness shall shine as the stars for ever and ever' (See Daniel 12:3).

P. POWELL, *Communication secretary*

STANBOROUGH PARK: Youth Baptism



Pastor Hall extends the right hand of fellowship to Alan Hardy — followed by Charles Blay, Julie Bennett and Margaret Blay.

Four young people joined the Church on 5 December at Stanborough Park, Watford. Four stories of growing in faith and love, and of triumph over physical problems lie behind their determination to follow their Saviour and make a public confession in baptism.

Twenty years ago a Protestant family in Dublin stepped out in faith and joined the Adventist Church. The last of the seven children, Charles and Margaret Blay, were baptized by Pastor Warwick Sheffield, thus uniting this well-known family in the Adventist faith.

Alan Hardy's mother, Sylvia, was baptized on 4 April last year. Since that

time his mother's prayers have united with Alan's efforts to gain a saving knowledge. In spite of a heavy study programme he has continued his Bible studies with Pastor Sheffield and at the same time faithfully attended the thrice-weekly evangelistic meetings.

Though not the youngest, the smallest in stature to be baptized was Julie Bennett. Born with a hole in the heart which was not discovered for nine weeks, Julie's life hung in the balance for a long time. Earnest prayer from her parents, Eric and Avril, and from friends and minister, resulted in healing without surgery. Later she was found to be

suffering from celiac disease, and shortly after she was found to be diabetic too.

At the age of fourteen, with all the problems of a gluten-free diet, insulin injections and the effort of keeping her system in balance, Julie maintains a cheerful spirit so that the hearts of all who know her, go out to her.

Ruth Blewitt has studied with Julie and helped her to a fuller understanding of a saving faith. As Julie waited in the font for Pastor Hall to baptize her a shiver passed over her body and stopped the minister in mid sentence. The excitement attendant on the occasion had burned up her sugar, and for those who knew the circumstances the question was would the glucose tablet she had taken be enough to carry her through? It seemed as though time hung in the balance. Then the moment passed. Julie whispered something to the minister, received a smile and word of encouragement in return and the service continued.

FRANK BLEWITT

GLASGOW BAPTISM



Two young people were baptized in the Glasgow church on 19 September; Yvonne Gaynor from Jamaica, who through the influence of her Adventist in-laws, took the VOP course and then went on to further study with our Pastor, and Jean Johnstone, who some years ago attended a campaign initially in East Kilbridge and began attending meetings held there on Sabbaths. After considerable time and careful thought on her part, together with further studies, she too decided that baptism was the step she wanted to take.

The church was delighted to welcome the girls into fellowship. The next Sabbath morning also saw a welcome addition to our membership when Mr. D. Dempster was transferred to our fellowship.

D. LOGAN, *Communication secretary*

Jotsam

Six-year-olds were being taught the parable of the Prodigal Son in Sabbath School.

When the story had been read, the teacher wanted to know if they had understood it. 'Who wasn't pleased when the spendthrift brother came back?' she asked, expecting, of course, someone to say, 'The other brother.'

Instead there were rows of puzzled faces. 'Come on! Have a guess!' she said.

One hand shot up. 'Please miss,' a boy said triumphantly — 'The fatted calf!'

ADVENTISTS IN 'DAILY TELEGRAPH'



Pastor John Dunnett.

Knocking on doors to share their faith by selling Adventist literature or offering VOP courses seems to come naturally to some people but not everyone finds this sort of witnessing very easy. Pastor John Dunnett, senior lecturer in Greek at Newbold College, has recently been involved in sharing his faith in a very different way. It was silent but influential and much less demanding on the calf muscles than house to house visitation. It all began on 13 June, when Sir Anthony Buzzard wrote a letter to *The Daily Telegraph* quoting from the Church Father, Irenaeus, and saying that people who accept that the souls of those who believe go to heaven when they die are not Christians, and asking if we are all heretics. An avid *Telegraph* reader, Pastor Dunnett could not let such a challenge go unmet and he spent an afternoon composing a reply to Sir Anthony's question. His efforts were rewarded on 18 June, when the *Daily Telegraph* published his letter almost in full. In it he quoted both Old Testament and New Testament texts and affirmed that the consistent teaching of the Bible is that death is a sleep, from which Christ will raise believers at His Second Advent. He pointed out that the early Fathers followed the biblical teaching but that later the influence of Greek philosophy led most of the Christian Church to believe in the immortality of the soul and its going to heaven at death.

Pastor Dunnett's Newbold address was included with his letter and Sir Anthony Buzzard lost no time. The same evening, he was on the phone to tell Pastor Dunnett that he shared Adventist beliefs about the state of the dead and that he had written the letter to stimulate discussion. Promoting the doctrine of conditional immortality, in fact, is almost a hobby for Sir Anthony – an all-absorbing interest.

But the *Daily Telegraph* cor-

respondence did not finish there. Other correspondence on the subject appeared and both Pastor Dunnett and Sir Anthony have received a great number of letters and several magazines from readers. Jehovah's Witnesses, Anglicans, Roman Catholics and Christadelphians – all have had something to say on the subject of the first two letters. 'The majority of letters were in favour of our view,' says Pastor Dunnett, 'though some writers did not agree with us on every point. Some letters came from members of the Conditional Immortality Society. Some were from elderly writers who spoke of the joy and comfort which their belief in death as a sleep had brought. One man asked for the sources in the Church Fathers so that he could read them in the Evangelical Library. One lady asked for books on the subject and I sent her a list of Stanborough Press publications. Others asked for explanations of various texts. I have tried to reply to all the letters and have had a sustained correspondence with some of the people and visits with others. I suppose that only eternity will reveal the results of an afternoon taken to reply to a letter in the newspaper – but I'm glad I took the time.'

HELEN PEARSON

CAROLS AT DUDLEY HOUSE SCHOOL

Walk into Dudley House School, Grantham, at any time between 9 am and 4 pm and you are given the impression of a very well disciplined, highly organized educational establishment. Talk to the pupils and you discover no evidence to support the existence of the phenomenon oft-cited from Shakespeare of scholars walking unwillingly to school; on the contrary there is involvement and enthusiasm. Interview parents and you

find a sense of pride in the reputation the school has built up over its sixteen years of life and a willingness to 'get stuck in' where and when there is work to be done.

The disciplined school, enthusiastic pupils and hard work of parents, were all on show for the school's annual carol concert.

Four hundred parents, relatives and friends packed the Adventist church. The great majority of these were non-Adventists. They included the actor Richard Todd who sends his two boys to the school.

The entire performance was very well polished. Not for Dudley House the 'muffs' and pregnant pauses of more amateur productions. This was all the more surprising since the programme included a seventy-pupil tableau, a full-dress 'musical' of the Christmas story, which might be considered ambitious elsewhere.

The costumes worn throughout the programme were chiefly the work of parents; some were made this year, others came from the costume cupboard built up from previous years.

Mrs. Esme Sutton prepared the infant class. Mrs. Violette Meredith, the school's headmistress, prepared the older groups, including the tableau.

Mrs. Meredith was the school's founder-headmistress. She has worked assiduously towards the high reputation Dudley House now enjoys. Into the bargain she has made it financially self-sufficient, a rare achievement indeed for an Adventist school.

Some indication of the willingness of the parents to become involved financially in the school's future was given during the carol service. The offering, it was announced, amounted to £82. This, together with the £340 raised during a (decaffeinated) coffee evening, was to be used to buy new curtains.

EDITOR



CLOE'S TRIP TO DEATH'S DOOR – AND BACK

I have just received a marvellous Christmas present! I think it gave me more joy than a hundred stockings filled with goodies. It did not come in bright Christmas wrappings, it was not placed under the Christmas tree, for the marvellous present was the clasp of a tiny hand and a loving and happy smile.

Little Cloe was in my infant classroom for a year; she was a cheerful, friendly little girl who worked enthusiastically at all her lessons.

Just over a year ago Cloe did not return to school after the summer holidays, for she had been struck down by a speeding motor-cycle which had left her hovering at death's door. Her injuries were almost too horrific to describe, bones had been smashed, her facial features were almost non-existent.

When we heard the news at school we were deeply distressed. Cloe's future, even if she survived, looked grim. The children prayed each day at school and the local Adventist church joined us in making her case a special matter for prayer. The days, weeks and months went by and Cloe remained in a comatose state in a neuro-surgical unit in Derby.

Then one glad day Cloe awoke and life started anew. 'You didn't think I was going to die, did you?' she asked her mother one day. 'Well, yes, we did,' her mother answered. Then Cloe said, 'I didn't die because Jesus loves me.' The little girl whom the doctors thought would die – or at the very least be blind, crippled and severely brain damaged – was on the way to a miraculous recovery. There were good days and bad days. One day while lying on the bathroom floor she asked sadly, 'When will I be the same as I was before?' The good days have now outnumbered the bad, the scars are less noticeable, the limp is not quite so pronounced.

On 8 December Cloe and her family attended our school Christmas concert at Dudley House School. She watched entranced as the children sang and acted out the lovely nativity story. After the concert, amid all the excited chatter, Cloe came and held my hand and walked about the classroom that had once been part of her everyday life. She inspected the Wendy House, looked at the new books, admired the paintings on the wall and examined some of the newly acquired toys. We talked and remembered the happy times we had enjoyed together.

I will never forget that handclasp or the expression of love and happiness on her face. I was gazing at a miracle, holding that miracle in my hand. What a marvellous Christmas gift, a life renewed by God's power – a life full of promise – for she knows 'Jesus loves her'.

ESME SUTTON
Teacher, Dudley House School

RICKY'S FAMILY GROWS



Iris and Bill Perkins.

The members of the Rickmansworth company were very happy to welcome Bill and Iris Perkins into their church family, following a baptismal service at the St. Albans church on 12 December. Bill and Iris were first contacted by Pastor Warwick Sheffield about eighteen months ago and Bible studies were continued by Pastor J. P. West after his appointment as minister of the church. The love and fellowship extended to Bill and Iris by the members of the group deeply impressed them and the recent Discovery Series conducted by Pastor David Lawson helped them finally to make their decision for baptism.

PAULINE SOUTHCOTT

A FAREWELL TO PASTOR PERRY



On Sunday, 8 November, the members of the Brixton, Battersea and Peckham churches gathered together at a farewell party given for Pastor and Mrs. Cecil Perry and family at the end of their three-year ministry in South London.

In his ministry, Pastor Perry not only laboured for souls – many were added to the church – but worked with the members in the final stages of acquiring their church building and the massive renovation work carried out. Pastor Perry worked untiringly into the night on this project.

From speeches, songs, special thoughts and gifts given at the farewell party, it could be seen and felt that Pastor Perry and family are loved and respected by the South London members and that they are reluctant to 'let go' of them.

Pastor Perry leaves to take up his office as Lay Activities director with the South England Conference.

ICOLIN LANDELL



We were privileged to have several distinguished guests with us, including the deputy mayor of Croydon, Councillor Keith Munro and his wife, Pastor Harold Calkins, president of the British Union, Dr. Silburn Reid, president of the South England Conference, and Pastor Martin Anthony, secretary of the South England Conference.

The deputy mayor in his address, congratulated us on the good work we do in the community.

A presentation of a gift was made by the resident minister, Pastor Errol Lawrence, to the deputy mayor.

Sister Estelle Thomas gave a short, interesting history of the Croydon church, which came into being on 18 November 1944, at Elmers End Road. The building then cost just £800, and £37.50 was enough to provide material to cover the seats. In 1966 we moved to a more spacious new home on Sydenham Road. Here we stayed for the next thirteen years.



CROYDON: NEW CHURCH DEDICATED

by D. COSHAN

Sunday, 20 September 1981, was a great day in the life of the Croydon church, for it was on this day that the years of prayer and waiting, months of preparation and hard work were finally rewarded with the dedication of the new church. With a seating capacity of over four hundred, the church was filled on this lovely day; the air was electric with anticipation and excitement, and we were not disappointed.

Top: The choir sing during the dedication service in the beautiful Croydon sanctuary. left: BUC president, Pastor Harold Calkins, presents his address. Below: Croydon minister, Pastor Errol Lawrence, welcomes the Deputy Mayor of Croydon, Councillor Keith Munro, and his wife.

Our ministers during this time were Pastors Collins, West and Boyle. Pastor P. Boyle provided the initiative and drive, and church elder Brother Palmer a fine bit of opportunism which resulted in the acquisition of the new church. And so it was that on 5 May 1979 we moved into the present location on Selhurst Road. Members were thanked for their dedicated work with special appreciation of our late elder, Brother Creer, for his faithfulness and fine Christian example.

Pastor Calkins challenged us with an inspiring address. We become like that which we worship. When we extol the beauty of God we become beautiful. By honouring Him we become honourable. By exalting Him we become exalted.

'Surely God is in this place,' said Pastor Calkins. 'Jacob left home because of home problems. Any of you have home problems? Jacob's first night was a lonely experience: a stone for a pillow. But it became a place of meeting with God. Whether a stone as for Jacob, or an abundance of gold as in the Temple, it is the dedication of the heart that is important. Somebody here must have prepared, painted, cleaned. I trust you did so with a willing heart and with all your might. Those who sacrifice most are the happiest. The amount you love is the amount you sacrifice. May you never lose the vision of sacrificing to God or you'll lose your soul. You're never richer than when you give your best for God. May the saving power of Christ be introduced from this pulpit. Bring your friends to worship here. This is the Gate of Heaven.'



BRIXTON CRUSADE AND BAPTISM

Sunday, 25 October, saw the end of another six weeks evangelistic crusade in the Brixton church with the baptism of twenty-two candidates.

The crusade was the combined effort of five South London churches – Brixton, Balham, Battersea, Croydon and Peckham. Pastor E. A. Lawrence, the speaker for the duration of the crusade, used the Scriptures to bring the nightly congregation to a closer personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

The six weeks culminated with the baptism of twenty-two candidates from the various churches – sixteen from Brixton, three from Peckham, two from Battersea, and one from Balham. Dr. S. M. Reid gave the address and Pastors Lawrence and Perry immersed the candidates.

Tribute was paid to young Sister Victoria Channer who was present to witness the baptism of six of the candidates with whom she had worked.

Those baptized were: Sisters Suzanne Frazer, Audrey Carnegie, Donna Allen, Arlene Rennalls, Julie Hamilton, Alicia Grant, Joan Holland, E. McKoy, Rosy and Dorinne Muddlamottoo; Brethren Norris, S. Buchan, E. McKoy, A. Munroop and L. and D. Copeland from Brixton; Sister A. Cation and Brethren C. Grant from Peckham; Brethren I. Nicholson, Williams and Miller from Battersea; and Brother Gibson from Balham.

ICOLIN LANDELL

HATS OFF TO HACKNEY YOUTH!



Rosemary Samuels and Patsy Reid.

Photo: R. A. Gibson

Sabbath, 10 October, was a special day for the Hackney church.

Hackney church is situated in the East End of London where crime has become an everyday way of life. Just recently a sack containing the dead body of a girl, murdered by two men, was put in the boot of a car.

In spite of the evil surrounding the locality, the churchmembers are working extremely hard to spread the Good News of Salvation with the endeavouring zeal of our youth who comprise seventy-five per cent of our membership. One of our setbacks is that the place where we worship at present is far from being representative.

Thanks be to God who has blessed our Church with young people such as Patsy Reid and Rosemary Samuels (seen here) who on 19 October staged a concert in aid of our Church Building Fund. The programme was well attended and well supported by our sister churches. We were privileged to have various artistes such as Divine Touch, The Preston Family and Ebony, under the directorship of one of our young men, Brother Michael Flemmings, who added a touch of flavour, and our own artistes, of course, Unity.

We believe this high evening in Hackney — the first by our youth — will long be remembered for its elevating impact. It has certainly enhanced our sense of spiritual togetherness in Christ.

C. BRUCE, Church elder and Communication secretary

CARDIFF:

'A Night to Remember'

Sunday evening, 6 December, in they came two by two: fiddles, cellos, big bass drums, clarinets, flutes and all the other instruments that make up the forty-piece Cardiff Heath Orchestra. No, not into the ark — or for the floral dance, but into Cardiff SDA church, lit by candlelight for the annual carol service. Their conductor, Mr. James Rich, batoned bravely to control the enthusiasm of the congregation as they sang the well-known carols accompanied by the orchestra and church organist Brother Ron Kelly.

The carols 'Away in a Manager' and 'Joy to the World' were sung by the children from the primary and junior departments of the Sabbath School. During the programme an appeal was made by Mrs. M. Warren, chairman of the South Wales Society for Sufferers from Multiple Sclerosis. Many sufferers were brought to the church in their wheelchairs for the occasion.

Mrs. Warren's plea must have touched the hearts and pockets of the adults in the congregation because at the end of the memorable evening a cheque for £136 was presented to her by Pastor Neil Robertson, our minister.

CLIFF WESTWOOD, Communication secretary

NEWPORT BAPTISM



Back row left to right: Pastor M. I. Walker, Brother J. Celtel, Brother M. Celtel, Brother Stuart Joseph, Pastor E. Logan. front row: Brother H. Davidson and Sister W. Roberts.

The Holy Spirit continues to bless the diligent, unceasing search of Pastor Michael Walker for souls in the Newport area. The above group, taken after a recent baptism, is of those won through campaigns, as well as personal evangelism. Sister Blossom Clarke, senior literature-evangelist, first invited Sister W. Roberts to the campaign meetings. Brother J. Celtel was first contacted by Brother Davidson during Ingathering. Newport is a large, active — and rapidly growing church in the Welsh Mission. May God's blessing continue to rest upon the Cwmbran campaign.

EDITOR

EASTERN COUNTIES DAY OF FELLOWSHIP



Left: Jon and Mary Barrett. **Right:** Dr. B. W. Ball presents a copy of 'The English Connection' to Rev. Michael Hayman.



Wimpole Road Methodist church, Colchester, was the setting for a memorable day of fellowship on 21 November for 200 members of the widely scattered churches of Essex and East Anglia. A marked youth emphasis was augmented by eleven students and faculty from Newbold College.

Pastor Alan Crowe explored the biblical meaning of spiritual gifts and posed the 'outrageous' question 'How many of us here have the Holy Spirit?' Exposing this 'Achilles heel' in everyday Adventism he bolstered our confidence in the Spirit's constant activity in the Christian life and His movement within the Church today. (How refreshing!).

Dr. Bryan Ball, delving into familiar soccer and cricket lore, seized on the sporting context of 1 Corinthians 9:23-27 and faced his youthful listeners with the challenge that our Christian calling is no 'spectator sport' but demands total involvement. His appeal was truly evangelistic.

From the grandeur of Joy Evers singing 'Non Nobis Domine' to the vibrant New Life Singers of Ipswich, the blend of cultured and popular Christian music through the day was no mean blessing. Junior music in Essex is on the way up as evidenced by the Colchester and Chelmsford Adventist Orchestra (Malcolm Taylor), and the Chelmsford Choir (David Andrews). Mr. Malcolm Taylor led community singing as of old.

The unspoiled enthusiasm of our Newbold friends came into its own in their 'Witness' feature in the afternoon with Jon and Mary Barrett reviving the spirit of literature-evangelism in their Isle of Wight report and Michael Kulakov's Russian 'love story'. Keum-Sang Yoo spoke of hopes to get the Gospel into North Korea. Reidar Johansen (trumpet) and Slava Yaruta (violin) were splendid, and Dorothy Roper demonstrated that Christian witness is often most profound through simple kindness and thought for others.

Later Dr. Ball presented a copy of 'The English Connection' to Rev. Michael Hayman of Wimpole Road church who brought the Sabbath to a close with his devotional on 'willy-nilly' witness: for better or for worse — like it or lump it — you ARE a witness for Christ, and the Gospel. But what kind?

PASTOR BRIAN MARTIN

Chelmsford Junior Choir, conductor David Andrews.



STOKE NEWINGTON: TV Cameras at Church

On 2 December, the members of Stoke Newington church met, as usual, for their weekly Prayer Meeting. However, this particular Wednesday, the service was not to follow the usual trend. For, also present was a film crew from London Weekend Television, filming for the television programme 'Skin'.

The speaker for the evening was Mr. John Small, the Unit Leader of the organization 'New Black Families'. This organization seeks suitable black parents to adopt or foster black children at present in children's homes.

In his address, John Small said that for too long social workers have looked on prospective foster parents with strong religious convictions, as restrictive and harmful to the child. But although he is not a member himself, in his experience Seventh-day Adventists make excellent parents as their children are taught high ideals, and brought up to be model members of society. In his opinion the Church environment provides ideal security for children.

His aim in speaking to the Stoke Newington members was to encourage more Adventists to consider becoming adoptive and foster parents.

The 'Skin' programme, including John Small's address and the Stoke Newington members at worship, was shown by London Weekend Television on 13 December.

This programme is surely a great witness for Seventh-day Adventists and their family message. It is a witness that children do indeed benefit from being brought up 'in the nurture and admonition of the Lord'.

JOANNE DALEY, Communication secretary

CHELMSFORD: Carols by Candlelight

A well planned young people's Christmas meeting took place in the afternoon of Sabbath, 19 December, in the Chelmsford church. Wayne Hill led the meeting, and choruses were chosen and announced by Brian Illesley, a quartette of young people singing the carol 'O come all ye faithful'.

The subject chosen for the afternoon was Gifts and a number of attractively wrapped parcels were displayed on a table in front. Individuals came forward, opened a gift, and spoke briefly about each one. Among them were gold, frankincense, myrrh and the most precious of all, love. Even the very young were included in this programme and little Sharon Overy and Timothy Roughton were obviously delighted with their small parts.

The traditional white Christmas perhaps even enhanced the idea of a 'Carols by Candlelight' service held on

EAST HAM: Seventeen Baptized



Left to right: Pastor I. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. David Nuttall, two of the seventeen baptismal candidates, and Mrs. F. Charlery (Bible worker).

On Sabbath afternoon, 31 October, at the East Ham church seventeen precious souls were immersed under the waters of baptism as a public confession that they have accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour from sin. With the assistance of Pastor J. P. West, who delivered a wonderful sermon, and Pastor H. Kennedy from the Stoke Newington church, Pastor Isaac Williams, residential minister, immersed the candidates.

The Willesden choir sang very lustily to enhance the occasion. We were also assisted by our sister churches, Forest Gate, Ilford, and Dagenham, as some of the candidates were to become members of those respective churches. We are very grateful to our Lord that eleven of those candidates were to become members in the East Ham church, the fruitage of the evangelistic meeting which Pastor Williams recently conducted.

One of our candidates, Sister Elizabeth Wilson, was invited by a sister from Dagenham who herself was baptized last year. Sister Wilson said that she felt impressed the very first night she attended the evangelistic meeting. Although she met with opposition, Sister Wilson has cast her lot with the family of God. She was a Roman Catholic, and she is now rejoicing in her new-found faith. We wish Sister Wilson and all the candidates heaven's richest blessings to attend them in their new relationship with their Lord and Saviour.

MRS. F. M. CHARLERY, Bible Instructor for the Church

COVENTRY NEWS

► Senior members of the Coventry church meet together each Wednesday for what is ostensibly a social occasion. However, knitting fingers are active and many garments have been produced both for the underprivileged and to furnish materials for a sale of work.

► A request by young Beverley Dust for Sabbath privileges from her employer resulted not only in the granting of those privileges, but in the discovery that he is the director of International Christian Relief. Thanks to Beverley Mr. Norton has now been to give a lecture to our young people.

► Thanks to Sister Anderson and Brother Bradbury our Sabbath School department is a very progressive one. Many quiet, unassuming people who never suspected that they had talents for platform work, have found themselves involved.

MRS. J. RISK

Pudsey: Civic Hall Campaign

With a good volunteer force from the Bradford church distributing handbills the previous weekend, advertising the film classic *I beheld His Glory*, the hall (seating capacity around 200) was almost full for the first meeting on 26 October.

We had Victor Harewood singing 'How Great Thou Art', accompanied by Curtis Griffin on the baby grand piano. Then after a silver collection and when Pastor Ken Clothier had addressed the audience, the film began.

All went well until the Gethsemane scene appeared, then as the soldiers arrived to arrest Christ, the film flickered out with projector trouble. The singer entertained with another number, but the projector refused to be put right, so after Pastor Clothier apologized for the breakdown the meeting was terminated with a promise to show the film again at a later date.

On 2 November a second attempt was made to show the film. Unfortunately there were very few 'viewers' present to witness. However, this programme went forward as planned.

The third meeting was on 9 November. This time there were few spare seats available, with just under 200 people ready and waiting for the show to begin.

After a few numbers from the New Start group, all the visitors were treated to a colourful archaeological tour of the Bible lands, with the slides supported by a very interesting commentary from Pastor Clothier.

SID EARLY

Sunday, 20 December, for Chelmsford church was filled to capacity on this happy occasion. In spite of the snow and ice, members and friends came from as far afield as Colchester and Southend to share this special evening with us. Musical items, recitations and readings were given, interspersed with carol singing by the congregation. We were pleased to welcome Malcolm Taylor, who conducted the Colchester and Chelmsford Junior Orchestra; also several pieces were sung by Chelmsford Children's Choir, under the leadership of David Andrews and accompanied by Marion. Individuals taking part were Malcolm Taylor, David and Marion Andrews, Erika White, Paul Smith, Janet Overy, Alf Hill and Brian Illesley. The benediction was pronounced by Pastor V. Llewellyn.

Unbeknown to us, during the service, snow had been falling heavily, and it was with difficulty that some were able to reach home safely.

MADGE PAGE

HANDSWORTH BAPTISM

In a baptismal service at our Handsworth church on 26 September six brothers and sisters were immersed. On this same splendid occasion the president of the North British Conference, Pastor R. H. Surridge, preached the sermon expressing the need for new-born Christians to grow and bear fruit. Our new minister, Pastor Alan Conroy, was introduced by the president. Our hearts were lifted heavenward by the singing of the male voice group inviting us to 'Give the Lord our hearts'.

The baptism was conducted by Pastor D. McFarlane. As the last candidate stood waiting to be immersed Pastor McFarlane made a very moving and soul-stirring appeal for others to give their hearts to the Lord, as our male voice group sang for us again 'Come to the Saviour now'.

H. DAVIS, Communication secretary

AREA FIVE WEEKEND RETREAT

For most people Thursday, 19 November, was just another day, but for the youth of area five, which includes the High Wycombe, Luton, Reading and Oxford churches, it heralded the beginning of an avidly awaited weekend in Wales. We were under the leadership of Pastor Audley Charles, the assistant Youth director for South England.

The atmosphere was charged with memories of the previous year's retreat, and all were looking forward to being spiritually, physically, mentally and socially nourished during these few days.

Besides a visit to Aberystwyth and walks through the lovely countryside, we thoroughly enjoyed and looked forward to participating in the morning and evening devotions, and in the Sabbath School programme.

JUNIOR JOHNSON, Communication secretary for High Wycombe

BANBRIDGE: The Maranatha Church



The new Adventist church in Newry Road, Banbridge, built and opened in fourteen days, comprises a good-sized baptismal pool, mothers' room, utility room (kitchen), store room, large hallway, plus large separate toilets. The £50,000 structure was funded and built by Maranatha Flights International.

The group, numbering sixty-five, come from all over the States. They have paid their own fares and have given of their means and time to construct and erect this fine church.

The speed at which the church was built, mostly with unskilled labour, gives you an idea of the co-operation of the team and also the local suppliers who had to keep to strict timing so that nothing was held up. Many of the local congregation did valuable service in helping, some during the day, others in the evening. Pastor Ron Edwards practically lived on the job.

The church was officially opened on 12 September by Mr. W. H. Davidson, chairman of the district council. In his opening speech he said that at a time when churches all over the UK were closing down this was a significant example of growth in the town of Banbridge.

Many years ago Banbridge saw the first group of Seventh-day Adventists formed in Ulster.

The opening address was given by Pastor Spier from California. Brother Spier was responsible, with his good wife, for getting the funds for this fine church.

The church is situated on an elevated site facing the main Belfast to Dublin Road.

On the opening day believers came from most of the churches in the Mission and enjoyed a mini day of fellowship.

The official ribbon-cutting ceremony commenced at 3 pm, followed by 'Open Church'.

This is the first time the Maranatha team have opened a church officially without a religious service. (The service took place on Sabbath morning.) The 'Open Church' experiment proved a huge success. A large crowd of people called to

see the 'Miracle Church' as it is known locally. One public figure was heard to remark that they saw people there whom they would never have expected to see in church. Many faiths were represented. The following day was also advertised as 'Open Day' and again we were busy showing visitors around. Many donations have been received, including some from Roman Catholics.

The church is now well known in Ulster due to the exposure we have had on TV, radio and press reports.

We trust that God will lead and that through the publicity received the work here in Ulster will progress at a greater pace than in the past. GORDON MAGEE

BAPTISM AT LODGE CAUSEWAY



A baptism took place at Lodge Causeway on 21 November. Three young people were baptized by Pastor Malcolm Vine. They were Claire Greaves, Diane Sitton, and Jonathan Ogborne.

The church expressed its intention of helping these young people towards spiritual growth.

R. OGBORNE, *Communication secretary*

INSPIRATION COMES TO CUMBRIA

Inspiration came to Cumbria on the weekend of 23 October, when twelve active, dynamic Newbold College students descended upon Cumbria for a long weekend.

This was Newbold's half term, but the students were not too concerned about rest! They had come to take part in a special crusade of witnessing and VOP distribution in the unentered town of Whitehaven (population about 18,000) on the West Coast of Cumbria.

We had only one VOP contact in Whitehaven, and as our membership in the North of Cumbria is ageing fast and is not able to do very much in the way of witnessing, this visit was greatly appreciated.

The students worked hard all day Friday, after their long journey from College. The next day they visited Carlisle church, where they took part in both Sabbath morning services – cheering the small membership with their beautiful and very appropriate singing in solos and duets.

After a pot-luck lunch at the home of the local pastor the students took off once more, back to Whitehaven where, with Pastor Hensman, they hoped to give a singing witness in the shopping arcade. However, as the weather was rainy and cold, they decided to move around witnessing instead, and gave away hundreds of VOP cards to the passers-by. They continued their witness in the evening, as passing through a local village, they saw a crowd of young people around a chip shop, and took the opportunity to witness for an hour, singing and speaking of their faith in Christ.

Sunday was spent completely relaxing – climbing the fells of Cumbria. It was certainly a day to remember, with clear blue, shining skies everywhere.

On Monday, after a leisurely breakfast and tidy-up which was done with love and diligence – the students took off once more for their journey to Newbold. They were somewhat tired, but very happy, and although the results of their work are still with the Lord, we have the promise that seed cast upon the waters shall not return unto Him void, but shall certainly accomplish that which is according to His will.

The writer has recently helped with a Stop Smoking clinic in the West Cumbria Hospital with the very kind assistance of one of the physicians, and a health club was commenced soon afterwards, with a small but interested attendance. We pray that this interest will grow, and that follow-up work by personal and public evangelism will yield results in Whitehaven and elsewhere.

While writing, may I appeal to members who have a burden for the advancement of the work, to consider seriously a move into such areas as Cumbria. Recently we heard that a dozen chiropodists are needed in West Cumbria, and there are other opportunities in the Health Service and elsewhere, for consecrated and self-denying members who long to see the work move on towards its final climax.

PASTOR S. HENSMAN

GLASGOW: Home Again

Sabbath, 31 October, was a happy day for the members in the Glasgow area when two sisters (picture) were brought back into fellowship by vote. Both ladies were baptized some years ago in the Glasgow church and then separated from the church over the years.

Mrs. Helen Clark (on left) had studies with the late Pastor Geoff Munson whose influence and friendship have never been forgotten.

Mrs. Agnes Brown (on right) who is an



aunt of Pastor Donald McClure was baptized in the old Renfrew Street Glasgow church in her youth. Her fellowship with the church was broken over the years but contact was kept up by Mrs. Trudy Brown, one of our church sisters whose friendship has helped keep alive the work of God's Spirit.

We thank God for our two sisters who have rejoined us to await and work for the coming of our Lord Jesus.

PASTOR LLEWELLYN EDWARDS

ASA WEEKEND IN CROSCOMBE

As the 125 from Paddington hurtled through the countryside doubts about the ASA weekend ahead flickered through my mind; what was an ASA weekend like? Would I know anybody? What and where was Croscombe?

Before I could crystallize these thoughts I was at Bath and being introduced to other Adventist students. I was amazed to meet students from as far away as Leicester, Birmingham, Shrewsbury, Wolverhampton, Bristol, Cardiff, London and even Bath! Why had all these people travelled such long distances for a weekend? In the general chatter I found their reasons were the same as mine.

It was to get away from their claustrophobic rooms in college dorms or digs. . . . It was to get away from the lonely, isolated feelings on Friday nights. . . . It was to get away from the noise of the

blaring disco and merriment of the bar. . . . It was to get away from being social outcasts, and enter into fellowship with people of similar ideals! These were the reasons twenty students travelled to Croscombe, and the reasons the ASA was formed.

Any doubts about ASA weekends were soon swept away by the goodwill of the Croscombe churchmembers in catering for and opening up their homes for us. New friends were rapidly made as conversations stretched into the early morning. Sabbath proved more than a day of dos rather than do nots, as the lively morning services were followed by 'physical' food at the church pot-luck lunch in Croscombe SDA Youth hall!

As the train pulled into Paddington and the reality of London, I remembered the walks in the beautiful Somerset country; the majesty of Wells Cathedral, the glowing floats at Glastonbury Carnival, and most importantly the food! Now I stepped off the train ready to face college life and college food. The warmth of the fellowship in Croscombe will keep me going through many lonely times as a student. All I can say is many thanks to Pastor Gebbie and the Croscombe church!

DALE KINNERSLEY

BURNGREAVE BAPTISM

It was a thrilling experience for the Burngreave church on 7 November to see Brother Norman Mitten immersed in the waters of baptism. Norman has been attending the Burngreave church for over a year now, since coming to Sheffield.

He has been spending much of his spare time witnessing in the streets of Sheffield, and we are sure there was great rejoicing in heaven as our brother was buried in the waters of baptism. As Pastor Peter Sayers immersed the candidate we were aware that for him it was a new experience. This was his first baptism since he was ordained at the Scarborough North British Conference session in June.

F. BLENMAN, *Communication secretary*



Church news digest

WOOD GREEN. Pastor Roland Fidelia conducted a two-day seminar on Adventist beliefs on 21-22 November, for visitors to the Wood Green church. Our beliefs were well presented and questions answered succinctly. Buffet-style meals were provided.
J. A. Thompson

HANDSWORTH. On 28 November two visitors from the Birmingham branch of the Guide Dog Association came to the Handsworth church. A cheque for £200 was presented to them by our church elders, Brethren Thorpe and Morgan. Our Conference president, Pastor R. H. Surridge, presented an inspiring message.
Hilary Davis

OULTON BROAD. The proceeds from this year's sale of work went to the International Year of Disabled People. The sale was held in the dining room of The Dell on 3 December and was organized by our Welfare leader, Sister Doris Crowe. A cheque for £150 was presented to a local school for the mentally retarded.
Irene Osborne

BIRMINGHAM. Handsworth played host to the other Birmingham churches when they gathered for a special Community Service Day on 14 November. Brother V. Ham-Ying presented an inspiring message entitled, 'What in the world are you doing?' During the afternoon service Sister Russell, president of the West Midlands Community Services Federation, gave a talk.
Hilary Davis

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Anyone going on a boat trip up the River Severn on a Saturday night in the middle of winter must be a little strange, so some might say.

If that is the case there were 155 such souls aboard the *Severn Traveller* on 19 December. The idea was basically a sound one giving Christian enjoyment to those of all ages who had come from all over the country.

The evening started by coach from Camp Hill church, to Worcester, then by boat to Tewkesbury. On board a meal was provided as well as community singing led by the West Park Singers, RSV, and the Singing Stewarts. On the night a star was born in the shape of Tim Chisholm who livened the audience on this happy and joyous occasion.

Congratulations are extended to Annette Newton and her organizers for such a splendid evening, particularly as many of the guests were inquiring 'When is the next one?'

'Maybe in April,' said one of the organizers. 'It will probably be a trip to Barry Island...'
VINCE CLARKE

STOKE NEWINGTON VOP CONVENTION

On Sunday, 6 December, Stoke Newington church held its first Voice of Prophecy Convention. To which members of the VOP team, from Stanborough Park, came to introduce themselves and talk about their work.

Weeks before, all local VOP students had been sent invitations, and a good number were present to listen and learn of the 'behind the scenes' operation of the Bible Correspondence School.

Pastor Keith Taylor gave an interesting insight into the day-to-day running of the School. Sister Kay Miller spoke on the procedure involved in receiving and sending out of courses, and also read letters from students who had found great benefit in completing the lessons.

Sister Olive West played excerpts from VOP cassettes and Pastor Kenneth Gammon then gave an example of a typical broadcast from the VOP radio programme, which was entitled *Rags to Riches*.

The VOP workers were seen to be a cheerful and hardworking team, who enjoy their work and do it wholeheartedly. It is reassuring to note the great amount of prayer that is offered, by the team, on behalf of their students.

Later there was a book and cassette sale, and while refreshments were served, the students and the VOP team came together in a social atmosphere.

As a result of this Convention, the Stoke Newington members, in meeting the VOP students, have seen some of the fruits of their labours. Contact will be kept up with the students so that upon completion of the courses, attendance of their local SDA church will seem the natural step to take.

It is hoped the VOP Convention at Stoke Newington will be repeated and, perhaps, become an annual event.

JOANNE DALEY

BROOMHILL - SENIOR CITIZENS' HOLIDAYS

Holiday programmes for Senior Citizens have proved a popular event at Broomhill House, Devon. Many have experienced the fellowship in the beautiful environment of the Conference Centre.

Holidays for 1982 are scheduled as follows:

June 10 - 17	June 17 - 24
July 1 - 8	July 8 - 15

The charge per person per week is £45. (Deposit with booking £5.)

Book early to avoid disappointment.

'Senior Citizens' Holidays', South England Conference, 25 St. Johns Road, Watford, Herts., WD1 1PZ.

It is regretted that nursing is not available.

STANBOROUGH SCHOOL: EXAMINATION SUCCESSES

At this time of the year parents of children about to enter secondary school are taking decisions as to which school would be best for their child.

Our own Adventist schools have much to offer spiritually, mentally, physically and socially. A full Stanborough School prospectus is available to interested parents and can be obtained by simply writing to the Headmaster, Stanborough School, Watford, Herts. WD2 6JT.

While the prospectus gives a very comprehensive picture of what goes on at the school, parents are also interested in the results obtained by pupils at the GCE and CSE examinations held each year.

At Stanborough School in the summer of 1981, thirty-one pupils took an average of 8.8 'O' level subjects. A further three pupils who were primarily taking CSE examinations passed between one and three 'O' level subjects and three sixth formers obtained additional 'O' level passes to add to those they obtained the previous year. These students achieved a very creditable 57 'A' grades, 61 'B' grades, 92 'C' grades, 23 'D' grades, and 21 'E' grades.

We would congratulate for their good performance the following pupils, who took all or mainly 'O' level subjects: Paul Beamish, Lisa Brungar, Alexandra Carter, Paul Ceislar, Alison Clay, Melinda Combridge, Alain Fidelia, Ruth Francis, Paul Gaddes, Paul Godfrey, Helena Goncalves, Gudrun James, David Jones, Rolfe Jones, Simon Kaufman, Karen Mason, Robbie McCarthy, Patrick Mitchell, Maxine Newell, Nigel Nicholls, Howard Price, Katherine Rhodes, Matthew Rhodes, Peter Samways, Graham Sinclair, Andrew Souch, Talat Syed, Deborah Taylor, Petra Van Bemmelen, Stephen Ware and Carole Woolford.

In the 'A' level examinations we would especially commend the following students: Martin Ball - English Literature (A) French (AA) French special level (2) and History (A); Derald Ginbey - Chemistry (A) Pure Mathematics (A) Physics (A). Other pupils gaining 'A' level success were Andrew Canzini, Pamela Maxwell and Alan Taylor.

Pupils primarily taking CSE examinations were Karen Hines, Catherine Scott, Jasan Adams, Stephen Allen, Jonathan Ballard, Andrew Brown, Peter Grant, Francis Lawson, Philip Lowe, Ian Mason, Paul Mason, Christopher Perrin and Nigel Southcott. Some pupils who mainly took 'O' level examinations also took one or two subjects at CSE level.

Of the 115 passes achieved at CSE level 20 were at grade 1 and 29 at grade 2.

Much credit for the above successes goes to the Secondary School staff who have often worked hard and long in order to give their students every chance of high achievement. *DERRICK MASON, MA, Headmaster*

WEDDINGS

WATKINS-LEACH - It was on Sunday, 7 June 1981, that Tony and Chris came together at Weston-super-Mare church to exchange vows and to set up another Christian home. The beautifully decorated church was filled with members and friends who had come to share their first family worship and wish them God's richest blessings as they began their lives together. Chris looked beautiful as she entered the church, assisted by her new stepson Julian. Top hats and tails just added the finishing touches to an altogether perfect day. One of the greatest gifts that God has given us is true love. *Pastor M. Trevena*

BAISDEN-THOMPSON - Sunday, 4 October 1981, was a beautiful, warm day for the wedding of Harriette and Bruce. The bride looked radiant as she walked down the aisle on the arm of her father, to Bruce who awaited her. Many relatives and friends filled the tastefully decorated Camp Hill church. Harriette was attended by her sister Sylvia as chief bridesmaid and five prettily dressed attendants, along with her nephew as page boy. Pastors E. Henry and E. Howell officiated, assisted by Pastors P. Clew, H. Taffe and L. R. Preston. Sister Francis sang a solo 'I'll walk with God', and after the marriage vows, when Harriette had repeated those well-known words from Ruth to Naomi, Sister Howell sang 'Whither thou goest I will go.' We wish Harriette and Bruce God's richest blessings as they set up their Christian home in London. *E. W. Bryan*

OBITUARIES

CASEY, Dorothy - d. 4 November 1981. Sister Casey (née Judge) accepted the message, along with her mother and younger sister Ruth, when they attended a campaign conducted by Brother Tonks. The Bible worker assisting the effort was Sister Davis, later to become Mrs. Coppock. Sister Casey then attended Stanborough College, where her preceptress was Mrs. Spencer Maxwell. After graduating in 1920 she commenced a Bible Instructor course which was conducted by Brother Edmed in Seven Sisters Road, London. Completing her training in 1921 she entered denominational work, serving faithfully in both the North and South England Conferences, before ill-health forced her early retirement. Sister Casey lived her last few years in Bude, where she could be near to her sister Ruth, who kept a watchful eye over her. Our dear sister, who fell asleep in her ninetieth year, was laid to rest in Launceston cemetery. The writer spoke words of comfort and encouragement to her sister and friends, pointing them to the hope of the resurrection when Sister Casey will hear the voice of the One she served so well calling her, and all the faithful, to everlasting life. *Pastor Ron Davey*

HAYLOCK, Phillis Maud - d. 5 November 1981. A sweet gentle lady known to her friends as Molly, our sister was baptized by Pastor W. J. Newman in the Lowestoft church in 1975. She was transferred to the Yarmouth church in 1978 after moving into the area. On 11 November Pastor Newman conducted the funeral service and spoke words of comfort to her brother and his family. Members from the Yarmouth and Lowestoft churches had gathered to pay tribute to this dear member in the faith, one who would quietly undertake any duty assigned to her. We, with her dear friend Nellie Green, will miss Molly. We hope to meet her again when Jesus the Lifegiver calls. *May Speed*

STONE, Mrs. - d. 17 June 1981. Sister Stone of Taunton church passed peacefully to her rest at the age of 91. She was laid to rest in the beautiful grounds of the Parish church at Beer-Crowcombe, near Chard, Somerset, where she had lived for most of her life. The funeral service was conducted jointly by the local vicar and Pastor M. Trevena. The vicar remembered with love and affection some incidents from Mrs. Stone's life which demonstrated her love for her Lord and for other people. One of these was the fact that she walked miles every year collecting for missions. People in the area will remember her love and sincerity for a long time. In Taunton she is also missed by the members of the church, who look forward to seeing her in the earth made new. *Pastor M. Trevena*

WEIR, Jane - d. 18 February 1981. Belfast church records with sadness the passing of this faithful sister. Having been loved and cared for by her family in England until her death, Jane came home to Belfast to await her Lord's return in glory. She was a sweet and kindly Christian, confident in the Blessed Hope, assured of her salvation in Jesus by her faith and love for Him. To her family we offer our sympathy, but only in the knowledge that we shall all meet again, if faithful, on the glorious Resurrection Morning. *Pastor D. G. Elias*

ROACH, Hannah - d. 20 August 1981. The church family at Plymouth was saddened to hear of the death of Hannah Roach just a few days after suffering a heart attack. Hannah suffered a number of heart attacks over a period of several years, but overcame the effects of these enough to enjoy the companionship and care of her husband, John, to whom she was married for just a year. At the funeral service Dr. P. Barkhuizen promised the comfort of a loving heavenly Father, and the joy of reunion. To John, who lost mother, sister and wife within three months, and to Hannah's family, we offer our love and sincere sympathy, committing them to the care of the One who has promised strength for every trial, and His presence in every hour of need. *Beryl Hall*

BEECHEY, Florence - d. 16 September 1981. Sister Beechey had been a member of the church in Swindon for over forty years. She was well-known and respected in Swindon for the time and energy she devoted to many charitable concerns. During the latter part of her life she suffered much with ill-health but she continued to witness to others in Blunsden Abbey Home, where she spent the last three years of her life, following the death of her husband in 1979. Her daughter, Sister Peggy Beechey, and son Brother Brian Beechey, are active members of our churches in Exeter and Bristol. We extend our sympathy to her relatives. Following the funeral service Sister Beechey was laid to rest in Swindon town cemetery beside her husband, awaiting the resurrection. *A. S. Ohman*

FARRELL, Martin - d. 2 November 1981. Brother Martin was known among us as one who deeply loved his Lord and Church. He was a gentle man whose life bespoke a close walk with Christ. His life was by no means all ease yet pleasant cheerfulness was one of his characteristics. He passed away in his sleep having spent the evening visiting friends and sharing Christ with them. He was laid to rest in Woodside cemetery in Paisley, where his sister and brothers, and many loved ones were present. To Agnes, Margaret, John, Alex and all the family we extend our heartfelt sympathy with the reminder of the resurrecting power of our soon coming Lord. *Pastor Llewellyn R. Edwards*

FULLER, Dorothy Kathleen - d. 2 November 1981. Sister Fuller was born in Burma, where she accepted the Truth. Later she lived in India, where she knew Florence Tuckey, recently deceased (See Messenger 23 1981). She came to England ten years ago and joined with the Wimbledon church. Five years later she came to Guildford. Her sweet personality endeared her to us all. She faithfully attended church until arthritis crippled her. The funeral was at the Guildford crematorium. We look forward to seeing her again on the great resurrection day when Jesus returns. *Pastor S. G. Maxwell*

THOMAS, Robert - d. 23 October 1981. The Rhyll church was saddened to hear of the death in Glan Clwyd Hospital of Brother Robert C. Thomas aged fifty-seven years. Brother Thomas suffered ill-health for many years and was an isolated member living in Corwen. He was baptized by Pastor Arthur Cooper in 1972. Pastors M. C. Murdoch and K. Down represented the Church at the funeral in Llanfihangel. *E. E. Davies*

MacDONALD, Hannah Elizabeth - d. 28 October 1981. Sister MacDonald had grown old and ended her ninety-six years in a quiet home where she was much loved by the staff. Derby church remembered her kindly ways and faithful experience throughout almost all its history. She was baptized by Pastor A. K. Armstrong in 1914. Her nieces and nephews were comforted with the gracious and enduring promises of the Holy Scriptures. In the sure hope of a glorious resurrection, Sister MacDonald had fallen asleep, and was laid to rest in the Nottingham Road Cemetery. Pastor John Handysides conducted the funeral service. *G. A. Lockton*

COLLIS, John - d. 31 October 1981. Hove church sadly reported the death of Jack, as he was affectionately called. An old friend of the church, a dear husband and father, he was connected with the Adventist Church for almost fifty years, first in Wimbledon, then in Hove. He held various offices, including Sabbath School superintendent, Lay Activities leader, head deacon, and, being an accredited lay preacher, he sometimes took services for the pastor. Our brother had led a most adventurous life. He was always friendly and cheerful and had a great sense of humour. A forthright man of strong convictions, he brought others into a knowledge of the truth which had changed his heart and life. His later years involved a struggle against ill-health, but he continued to be appreciative of God's goodness. Now he rests from his labours and his works do follow him. Pastor A. H. Cowley conducted the funeral service at our church and spoke comforting words to all present. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to his dear wife and his loving family. We look forward to the day of resurrection when Jesus will awaken all sleepers in Christ. *M. Hastings*

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to Dale Kinnersley on gaining his BSc from Kings College, London

to Pastor Philip Anderson on gaining his BA degree (First Class Honours) in Mathematics and Computing from the Open University.

to Mrs. J. Alison Duncan (née Risk), late of Kwahu Hospital, Ghana, on gaining her B.Ed. degree at Birmingham University. She is now teaching at North Leamington School.

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

Christian stewardship is a Bible-based concept expressing how God's people individually and collectively co-operate with their Lord in making the most efficient and effective use of all the resources He has placed within their control.

The purpose for which these resources are given into our control is that they may be used to help effect the salvation of as many men and women, boys and girls, as we can possibly reach and influence with the Gospel of Christ.

The more faithful, efficient and intelligent we are as God's stewards the greater will be our influence and usefulness in carrying out His work.

The function of the South England Conference Stewardship Department is to serve the membership and the field ministry of the Conference in order to utilize and co-ordinate our resources so that God's work may make solid, substantial and speedy progress in as many areas as possible.

Above all things our work is a spiritual work and must be carried along spiritual lines. It is a mischievous error to think of Christian Stewardship solely in terms of money. Though we need to give full consideration to practical matters our dynamic concern must be with the things of the Kingdom of God.

Stewardship includes the family, the saving of our children and youth. The home and school, educating and training our children and youth for service in God's Church and the community. The recognition of God as owner and redeemer of all creation. The care of our bodies, the constructive and fulfilling use of our abilities, the proper use of our time and its relation to the work of redemption. All these and other matters come within the orbit of Christian Stewardship.

Material matters are relevant only as they support the purpose for which we as a Church exist, the work of saving people through the communication of the Gospel of Christ.

Our point of greatest need is at the level of the local church. The local church is God's witness in its community. It is at this level that we must work to multiply and develop our resources. We must do this so that we make our greatest impact at the place where the vital work of the church is carried out.

Our needs in South England are many and varied. Our members in the cities, especially in London, have pressing demands to provide facilities to meet the needs of our children and youth. Equally urgent are the needs of the small struggling companies and churches in the provinces. Everywhere there is a need for greater and more evangelism. We need more and better church buildings. We need to see more schools for our children. A Youth Centre in South London and a Conference Campsite are other needs.

Great as our own needs are we must not

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Gloucester youth – joined by fifty young people visiting from the Tottenham church – gave a public witness in the city's shopping centre. Shoppers received them warmly and joined in the singing.

JOYCE GALLING

WEST BROMWICH

The sale of FAMILY LIFE and the success of a sacred concert enabled the West Bromwich church to raise £260 for the blind.

BRENDA BURTH

SHEFFIELD BURNGREAVE

Sabbath, 14 November, was a special Temperance Day, organized by Temperance leader Dorothy Lawrence. It involved a temperance sermon from Pastor Peter Sayers, an illustrated lecture from Brother Lehman and a tasty vegetarian meal.

F. BLENMAN

BEDFORD CENTRAL

On 12 October our minister, Brother K. P. Zygowiec, presented a cheque for £100 to the Bromham Hospital for the mentally handicapped. The money, collected by Bedford Central members, will go towards the hospital's minibus fund.

SHARON EDWARDS

CAMP HILL

£100 was raised by the Camp Hill Welfare Society at a recent sale of work and jumble sale. The proceeds will be divided between food for Poland and a donation to a charity for the mentally handicapped.

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