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ARE YOU A SPECTATOR? OR A PARTICIPANT?

asks Pastor Everett Howell, secretary and Stewardship director,
British Union Conference



REQUIRED READING

The lead article in the November issue of *Reader's Digest* should be required reading. Under the title 'The Sick World of Video Nasties', Norman Moss describes the devastating effect that the ready availability of videos – too horrifying or pornographic to be shown in cinemas – is having on British society. By writing to newspapers and MPs it may be possible to persuade Parliament and local authorities to exert a greater degree of control.

In God's Church there are to be no spectators. Each Christian is expected to be a participant in the arena.

Bible writers have tried to picture the Christian life in aggressive, active and involved terms. We read of 'fighting the good fight' (1 Tim. 6:12), 'running the race' (Heb. 12:1; 1 Cor. 9:24, 26), 'striving for the mastery' (1 Cor. 9:25; Heb. 12:4), 'wrestling not against flesh and blood' (Eph. 6:12). God's army gets no command to go backwards. Sometimes it may have to take a circular route but the orders are 'Go forward!' 'Quit you like men, be strong and do exploits for our God' (1 Sam. 4:9; 1 Cor. 16:13). Progress and success are to be part of our planning and strategy.

Each pastor/local elder is a manager of his local unit. A good manager is charged with the responsibility of making sure that

his unit functions at its best – its maximum. Every member of that unit must be encouraged to play his part faithfully. This will result in the progress and forward movement of that local church.

If each church is managed properly and successfully, the overall effect is progress in the whole conference, mission and union.

Let us look at areas in which God's work can be enhanced:

Problem – Churches closed 160 hours each week and opened for less than six.

- Is a closed church a positive witness to a living God and community in which it stands?
- Is a closed church justifying the investment in real estate, space occupied and locked facilities?
- Do we have a stewardship responsi-

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FORTY HAPPY YEARS

Brother and Sister E. Watson, who first met in a singing group at Stanborough Park church, celebrated forty years of happy marriage this summer.

Since this news item was made our front page human interest story, Brother Watson has fallen asleep in Jesus. For many years an employee of Granose Foods, our brother gave loyal support to his wife in her professional singing career. Sister Watson (Kathleen Joyce) began her career on BBC radio at twenty-four. She has sung in the Albert Hall and many of the world's great auditoriums.

To Sister Watson and her minister son Malcolm we extend our sincere condolences at this sad time. There will be no forty-first year. Instead the glorious prospect of reunion in an eternity not counted in years.



bility to maximize the use of such facilities for God and the community?

● A public house that is in business once a week soon goes out of business. I know of nothing that will keep a church from doing the same.

If you are a manager of a business that is going out of business, then it is time to call a halt – evaluate, check the methods, call in the experts, look for renewed management approaches, mobilize resources. Don't die in bed, die fighting; trying.

Problem – Some of our churches are losing more members annually than they gain. Is this the fault of God's spirit, the management, the members, or the times in which we live? Before we attempt to point the finger let us ask ourselves a question. Have we been faithful stewards with our Master's business? Have we been turning the house upside down until the lost coin is found? (Luke 15:8-32.) Have we acted like the importunate man who implored his neighbour and never stopped until the request was granted? (Luke 11:8.) Are we doing all that God expects of us?

God's work is not a spectator sport with members in the pavilion murmuring and criticising the game and players. Every member is expected to be kicking the ball in the play area. All can't be captains or goal keepers but all are expected to defend their goal while scoring against the enemy. We can't kick for both teams. We are either kicking for God or against Him.

Problem – It is estimated that 30-50 per cent of members are not faithful tithe payers. By faithful it is meant:

- Returning a regular tithe on income;
- Those who need to pay up back-tithe withheld or spent;
- Members and churches that keep back tithe for periods of time and use them for reasons on which they may have strong feelings;
- Those who can't decide whether to return on net or gross;
- Those who 'convert' the tithe and use it as they determine.

In Malachi 3:10 the advice is given – 'bring all the tithe into the storehouse'.

'He (the minister) should not give his influence to any plans for diverting from their legitimate use the tithe and offerings dedicated to God.' *Counsels on Stewardship*, page 101.

'The tithe is the Lord's, and those who meddle with it will be punished with the loss of their heavenly treasure unless they repent. Let the work no longer be hedged up because the tithe has been diverted into various channels other than the one to which the Lord has said it should go.' *Testimonies*, vol. 9, pages 249, 250.

If there are any unfaithful tithe payers in your church, then the local church management needs to encourage such members to be faithful for their own spiritual growth, as well as for the growth and forward movement of God's work. We can't afford to reduce the working force of

God's army. We need more soldiers to lead the attack against the forces of evil now! To reduce the forces now is to plan to be defeated. If God's members were faithful we would have more than enough to supply the adequate support of God's work. The answer lies in our own hands. Each manager should know the possible potential of his team members.

Problem – Do you know that in our conferences and missions we have a total membership of over 15,400? 2,300 of these increase their giving to the Church by returning tithe and offerings by Deed of Covenant. These individuals, by simply returning their tithe/offerings on a Deed of Covenant, helped the Church to claim £347,000 during the last twelve-month period. If you pay tax on your earnings and you return to the Church tithe and offerings, you can make a Deed of Covenant on your tithe and offerings and increase their value to the Church by approximately 42 per cent. These help to provide non-tithe funds which can be used for purchasing or renovating churches, evangelism and education. Do you know that approximately 40 per cent of our churches don't own their own buildings? Do you know that it is your privilege to help improve God's business now by simply making a Deed of Covenant on your present giving? Why not call today and get someone to help you make out a Deed of Covenant form? Your pastor or Conference Stewardship director may be of help.

When Moses was faced with the murmuring multitude (the critics, those who had placed their vehicles in reverse to return to the old days in Egypt), he asked God's direction. 'What shall I do?' God asked the question: 'What do you have in your hands?' What resources do you have? 'A rod', was the reply. 'Well use what you have and move forward', said God. (Exod. 14:10-16.) It is only when we put to maximum use the resources we now

have – our church buildings, our inactive members, the tithe potential in our churches, the Deed of Covenant resources, the improved care of our body temples – will God work further miracles for us.

We want to encourage each pastor and elder as God's managers, to personally help each member to take a new look at God's business.

If each church is carefully and properly managed, with each member a participating and supporting member, great blessings will again be experienced by each individual and each active church; miracles will again be performed in the conferences and missions.

Six hundred and thirty-two baptisms were reported for the first three quarters of 1983. We hope that your church has experienced growth also.

We thank God for the faithful supporters. The widows and their mites are still with us and receiving God's abundant blessings. They are supporting Radio Luxembourg with their contributions. They are contributing towards the purchase of a new tent for Camp Meeting and lay evangelism. They are asking how they can support the Deed of Covenant. We salute that vast majority of our faithful and systematic supporters of God's work. Through rain or sunshine, hard times or prosperity you are there faithfully keeping God's Church on the move – may you truly increase.

The following outline of a Stewardship Revival may be of help to your church. Throughout the BUC, 2-11 December is set aside for Stewardship emphasis in all churches.

We are not responsible for tomorrow. We are responsible for today. Tomorrow we account for how we spent today.

We can supply you with supportive materials when you are planning your Stewardship Revival.

Suggested Stewardship Revival Timetable

TIME: Two Weekends

DAY	TOPIC	COMMENTS
FRIDAY	SAVED BY GRACE	God's stewardship commitment to the human family.
SABBATH, am	SAVED FOR A PURPOSE	A personal commitment response.
SABBATH, pm	THE FAMILY	A gift from God, stewardship of the family, parent/child relationships, etc.
SUNDAY	WORKSHOP	Personal and family finance. Deeds of Covenant. 1 per cent Conference-wide development. Church budgeting. Systematic giving.
SUNDAY, pm	SAVED AND SAFE	Proper attitudes to giving of treasures/time in preparation for eternal living.
FRIDAY	BODY AND MIND	Health.
SABBATH, am	SAVED TO SERVE	Use of talents for building up of God's kingdom.
SABBATH, pm	SAVED IN TIME	Proper use of time – sacred/secular.
SUNDAY, am	SAVED FOR ETERNITY	Second Advent.

Such a programme enriches the life of the whole Church family. Following such a presentation a Trust film may be shown.

A MINISTRY FOR ALL SEASONS

by Helen Pearson,
Public Relations Officer, Newbold College

Earlier this summer we reported the reversal of plans to offer an American MDiv at Newbold and the introduction of two new ministerial training programmes – the MA and the MMin. Both programmes incorporate between six and nine months' practical training in the Institute of Church Growth and Evangelism soon to be set up on the Newbold campus.

During the last year, Newbold's affiliation has changed hands from Columbia Union College to Andrews University. This has meant considerable re-vamping of the undergraduate theological training programme. The post-graduate programme has changed too in the ways outlined above and the college has gone to the quarter system. There will now be four ten week quarters a year instead of two fourteen week terms and a compressed summer term. So – as they start teaching three or four weeks later than usual in a fairly different programme, how do the theology teachers feel about the prospect before them? Excitement is hardly a hallmark of theologians, but as they contemplate the new term, some of the men will confess to enthusiasm for their teaching assignments. Andrew Mustard is most looking forward to teaching a new course, 'Development of Seventh-day Adventist Theology'. Andrew is working on a doctoral thesis in this area. 'If we are to understand the Church today,' he says, 'an understanding of the beginnings of Adventist theology is essential.'

Newbold's Japanese-American principal, Sakae Kubo, will be teaching classes in various aspects of New Testament Studies; German, Konrad Mueller's specialities are personal evangelism and the writings of Ellen White; Kai Arasola, our resident Finn, is an Old Testament specialist. Three men from different countries, with different educational backgrounds and of different ages, but at the beginning of the term they share the same excitement. 'The joy of creating insights', Sakae Kubo calls it; 'the joy of seeing truth beautified and made clearer by students' responses', is what Konrad Mueller calls it; 'brainstorms with students', is what Kai Arasola calls it; to all of them there is the excitement of contact with other minds. 'Every new class', says Kon-

rad Mueller, 'makes me also a beginner, in teaching and learning.'

Such is the idealism of the classroom. What about the new programme? Do teachers share any enthusiasm about that? The programme is flexible, they say, offering two routes to ministerial qualification. It takes less time and, therefore, costs the student and the Church less money. It provides better recognition than the MDiv would have done for those seeking further study in European universities. But the word occurring most frequently in their reactions is 'European'. The staff are unanimous in their feeling that the new programme is an opportunity for the Church in Europe to train the ministers that Europe needs.

Newly appointed to the post of acting Head of the Theology Department is Dr. Steven Thompson. Before coming to Newbold, Steve worked in the ministry in England and Scotland for six years. As an American with a Norwegian wife, he has an interesting perspective on evangelism in Europe. 'Europe is a strongly secularized society', he says. 'Before we can preach the Gospel here, we have to break down many barriers to communication, barriers which have been erected by centuries of tradition and culture. We twentieth century "fishers of men" are like the fishermen of the Nordic countries who need an ice-breaker to break through the ice before the fishing boats can come behind and catch the fish.'

Kevin Howse of the Church and Ministry Department is in the ice-breaking business. He is getting excited about teaching courses in pastoral psychology, principles of worship and health ministry. He feels that psychological skills will enable the ministers of the future to make more ready contacts with people. 'The new programme', he says, 'will give us a unique opportunity to sharpen ministerial skills in areas where recent surveys have shown practising ministers to have most need of help.' The six to nine months of practical training will give the students chance to practise counselling and



evangelism of various sorts under close supervision, and with the support of experienced teachers and pastors.

What do we expect from our ministers? In the pulpit they must be men of the Word, scholars and builders of bridges to the people. In business meetings, we expect efficient administrators, good committee men, businesslike leaders with spiritual perspectives on the affairs of the Church. In campaign meetings we look for extroverts who can make quick contact with the public, teachers who can attract worldly minds to an interest in prophetic ideas. In youth meetings, they must be young in outlook; with the dying they must be sympathetic and understanding. When the local press come to interview, they must be quick-witted and incisive; in the counselling room, we want them to be wise, patient and full of psychological insights.

People who can meet expectations like these are not created in three or four years of study at Newbold. Indeed, it is doubtful if they exist anywhere. Newbold staff labour under few illusions about the extent of their power and influence over the ministers of the future. Steven Thompson again: 'As a ministerial training centre,' he says, 'Newbold can only take up where the mothers and fathers, the church school and Sabbath school teachers left off. Basically the Church creates its own ministers and we need the help of every member in creating a ministry for the future, a ministry for all seasons.'



In touch with **THE PRESIDENT**

REALIGNMENT OF CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS IN EUROPE APPROVED

The recent annual world council of the Church held in Washington DC has approved a realignment of territories for the two divisions with headquarters in Europe. In 1980 the General Conference Session directed that the way these divisions are organized be studied and a report given at the 1984 Annual Council. The study was advanced to 1983.

The proposal that there be only one division in Europe will not be implemented in the foreseeable future.

The precise nature of the realignment will be determined in consultations to be held during 1984 and the transfer of territory would be effective in 1985. The realignment will make the number of units administered by the divisions and the membership more equal.

1,000 Days on Target. Reports at the Annual Council showed that the goal of a million accessions to the Church should be reached by the General Conference Session in July 1985. This past twelve months more than 370,000 have joined the Church, well over the 1,000 a day goal. Africa, Central and South America and the Far East reported remarkable growth in soul-winning. Even in areas of great difficulty such as Nicaragua and Guatemala the evangelistic results are outstanding. The Latin American 'Reformation' provides continual testimony to the power of the Gospel and the Word of God.

Africa Reorganized. In another major decision the Trans-Africa and the Eastern Africa Divisions have been merged, effective January 1984. With the exception of the two unions in the Republic of South Africa, all the former territories of the two

divisions will now look to the headquarters in Harare (Salisbury) for leadership. The name of the new division is Eastern Africa and its president is Pastor Bekele Heye, an Ethiopian, and a graduate of Newbold College.

The new division will comprise six unions and one attached mission. The English language forms a common basis for this new division as opposed to the Africa Indian Ocean Division where French predominates. The two unions composed of the Republic of South Africa, Lesotho and Swaziland, will now be attached directly to the General Conference, a status also enjoyed by the Middle East Union.

Adventist development and relief agency approved. The increasing involvement of the Church in development and relief received attention. SAWS (Seventh-day Adventist World Service) has an enviable record in relief and community development activities. More recently in Europe and North America, the Church has become an active partner with government and other agencies in major institutional projects and the recruitment of volunteer personnel. Now the Church will combine these operations under one administration called the ADVENTIST DEVELOPMENT AND RELIEF AGENCY (ADRA).

A feature of Annual Council was a 1,000 Days of Reaping Poster with each morning a day less available for the achievement of this goal. It served to remind us all that we are indeed a day nearer the end and the coming of the Lord.

PASTOR WALTER R. L. SCRAGG,
president Northern European Division

ONE MORE REVIVAL

'One more revival - only one more - is needed', said Horace Bushnell. 'A revival of Christian stewardship, the consecration of money power to God. When that revival comes, the kingdom of God will come in our day.'

We pray for revival. How much it is needed in every area of God's work. There is truth in what Horace Bushnell has said, for when the Holy Spirit has control of the time, the talents, the affections and the money of His people, then dramatic things happen. In the early Church, after Pentecost, the Holy Spirit had such complete control of the early believers that Barnabas, having land, sold it and gave the funds for the advancement of the early Church's work. With the united spirit of dedication and total giving, the early Church went forth conquering and

to conquer.

In these last days, a similar commitment on the part of God's people will bring similar results. Jesus says: 'Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.' It is very true today that the spiritual life and the heart follow in correspondence with the commitment of the physical resources. The individual or church that makes the greatest financial commitment usually has the greatest spiritual growth and effectiveness in the community.

Jesus, in telling His parable, was not reluctant to tell approximately one half of these parables in relation to money and talents. Christ made it very clear that for the rich young ruler to enter the kingdom he must go, and sell, and give. God's people today will be givers, yes, cheerful givers. Continual giving starves covetousness to death. 'Constant, self-denying benevolence is God's remedy for the cankerous sins of selfishness and covetous-

ness.' (*Testimonies*, vol. 3, page 548.)

The British Union committee has set aside Sabbath 10 December as Stewardship Emphasis Day. In every church in the British Union, we are asking the pastor and local leaders to give special emphasis to the stewardship we owe to the One who gave His all for our salvation. He was rich - yet for our sakes He became poor.

As we think of our stewardship and our responsibility to God and to our fellow men, let us remember that we cannot possibly outgive God. He promises: 'Give, and it shall be given unto you, good measure.' David says: 'I have never seen the righteous man forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.' We can rely upon God's provision for all of our needs.

In connection with this Stewardship Sabbath, we are asking pastors and church elders to call for a revival in the paying of tithe. Every Seventh-day Adventist begins his stewardship with returning to God a faithful tithe of all the income. If there are those who have grown discouraged and have forgotten the blessings of tithing, let us be reminded that there is a promise attached to the bringing of all the tithe into the storehouse. God promises to open the windows of heaven. Let us on this Stewardship Sabbath claim those promises - personally, and for our congregations.

The Chinese Christians call the tithes 'fragrant money'. How true it is that when God's people return to Him a faithful tithe, He smiles from heaven and returns rich spiritual blessings and usually monetary blessings as well. The tithe is the most tangible, personal, practical, proportionate and powerful way of acknowledging the ownership of God and the stewardship of man.

When a child is born, his little fists are closed tight. It is only when a man is born again that those clenched fists are opened in generosity towards God and our fellow man. There are very acute needs for finances in the British Union. Certain conferences are cutting back on the number of pastors because of the lack of funds. The labourers are worthy of their hire, and if all the tithe were brought into the storehouse, there would be ample means for the prosecution of a growing work. Please review your personal commitment to God and make sure that all of the tithe has been brought to the storehouse before the year closes.

In addition, we invite you to make sure that your local giving is generous for the care of God's house, that it might not be a reproach in the community, but that it may be attractive and a place where people will love to come and have warm fellowship, and meet the Saviour and caring Christian friends.

As we seek this special revival, remember, it is impossible to outgive God. When He has given us Jesus, will He not also give us all things that are needful, spiritually and physically?

PASTOR H. L. CALKINS,
president, British Union Conference

BUC News notes

by W. J. Arthur, vice-president, British Union Conference

FIVE-BOOK PACK

The Five-book Pack Project is one of the best publishing projects to be put into operation in the Northern European Division during the last five years. There is a need in all our fields to have inexpensive, small, interest-packed doctrinal books that can be freely circulated by members and pastors among friends and neighbours.

The first Five-book Pack set to be distributed in 1983 covers five major phases of Bible truth – Salvation, Sabbath, Death, Second Coming and Authority of the Bible. All have been written by George Vandeman, an experienced evangelist who conveys the message in an easy, readable and gripping style. Subsidies have made possible the 'ridiculously' low price to members.

Here is a grand opportunity. If every member purchases five to ten packs to spread widely among neighbours, relatives and friends, the effects will be far reaching. Do not hand the Five-book Pack to a contact, however. Break open the packs and use each book wisely. Discover the individual's interest or question, and offer the appropriate book for him to read. Then follow this up with other books in the series.

Pastors can leave the books after Bible studies, for further reading on a topic. Evangelists can sell them cheaply at the campaign book table, or give them to those attending appropriate meetings.

PASTOR D. E. LAWSON,
Ministerial Association secretary, Northern European Division

Journey to Jerusalem

On Sabbath evening 10 September, the Erdington church was well filled with members and friends, who had assembled to listen to a lecture by Sister Alice Bell on the experiences she and her husband, Pastor G. R. Bell, had on their recent visit to Jerusalem.

We were shown slides of what the sanctuary must have looked like in the days of Christ. Based upon the writings of four renowned historians, a model of the temple and city of Jerusalem had been constructed. Brief visits were made to the Tunnel of Hezekiah, the Pools of Siloam and Bethesda, with the modern Jerusalem market to bring us back to Jerusalem as it is today.

Pastor Bell fulfilled the exacting duties of projectionist, and the evening ended with light refreshments.

COMMUNICATION SECRETARY

Summer Fayre

On one of this summer's hottest afternoons, when Cornish beaches were crowded, and 40,000 attended a local air display, it is little wonder that only eighteen attended the St. Austell Summer

Stanborough School Development. The BUC is currently giving study to a plan to develop Stanborough School, the main building of which is in need of complete renovation. Obviously, a project of this nature has wide ramifications – and so a representative body has been appointed to give consideration to this matter. No decision whatever has been arrived at to date. Ideas are merely in a conceptual stage.

Granose Foods Limited. The ownership and control of Granose Foods Ltd. has been transferred back to the BUC by the Sanitarium Health Food Company of Australia as from 1 August 1983.

The production of the Sunnybisk breakfast biscuit – enjoyed by church members for many years – has been discontinued due to its non-profitability. However, during August and September sales were 24 per cent up on the corresponding period in 1982, when Sunnybisk accounted for 15 per cent of the Company's business.

Granose is now controlled by a management trio comprising P. Archer, P. Hinks, and N. Phillips – who view the future optimistically.

At the beginning of November the former Granose management team comprising K. H. Adair and A. T. Sparks, together with their wives, returned to Australia. Appreciation is extended to them for their efforts to direct Granose towards profitability.

Evangelism. BUC secretary, Pastor Everette Howell, is to engage in a public evangelistic campaign in Ealing, together with SEC president, Dr. S. M. Reid. Pastor Whitford Shaw is currently conducting a series of meetings in West Watford. Please pray for the success of these outreach programmes.

Fayre organized by the Welfare department.

As he opened the show, the Mayor voiced praise for Adventist charities, and his surprise at so much being accomplished by so small a community. At the close £164 had been taken.

The remaining goods, together with food from the Harvest Festival, were later auctioned, and realized a total of £316.35. This enabled the Save the Children Fund to receive £101.25, together with six crochet blankets; the CAT Scanner Appeal, £101.25; a Christmas party for the Shut-ins, £62.25; and £51.25 towards the church's renovation.

Members from the Redruth and Bodmin churches gave support both before and on the day.

DAISY L. BENNETT

Mission Spotlight. A slide-sound programme of our work in Ireland is being prepared by Pastor Oscar Heinrich of the USA. The report will be featured in the 'Mission Spotlight' series which are shown in many Sabbath schools around the world. For further details contact Pastor Hugh Dunton at the BUC Sabbath School Department.

Irish Mission – Leadership. Pastor Derek Clothier, president of the Irish Mission since the middle of 1980, has responded to a call to serve as president of the Pakistan Union. We wish him and his wife Margaret, and daughter Joy, God's abundant blessing as they take up their new, enormous challenge. Pastor Watson Southcott, one of the Area leaders in the South England Conference, has been elected to serve as the new president of the Irish Mission. May he and his wife Cynthia continue to find much fulfilment as they give leadership to a progressive evangelism programme in the Emerald Isle.

BUC Committee. Dr. Vassal Kerr, district leader at Brixton/Balham in South London, has been invited to serve on the BUC Executive Committee as a replacement member for Pastor Errol Lawrence, who is now engaged in mission service in West Africa.

American VOP now using satellite pit. The Voice of Prophecy in North America is now utilizing new technology to transmit its daily broadcasts. Electronic signals are directed to a satellite 22,300 miles above the earth's surface, and these are then picked up by huge dish receivers which are connected to regional radio stations throughout the continent. This new approach is enabling the VOP to beam out the Adventist message much more economically.

**Stanborough School Gymnasium
GRAND RETURN PERFORMANCE of Moses Parker**, international tenor from Cuba. Accompanied by Roy Scarr, head of music, Newbold College. An evening of sacred and secular music.
3 December, at 7.30 pm.
In aid of Stanborough School.
Tickets: £3 (£2.50 students).
Phone: (09277) 64527 or (0525) 714631.

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Round and About

ARMAGEDDON IN A STEEL WORKS TOWN?

'Don't jump out of the window. It's not as bad as you think. I only said that you are being sent to Siberia, not Scunthorpe.'

So runs the caption to a cartoon in a calendar supposedly encouraging firms to move to Scunthorpe.

Well, what picture do *you* have of Scunthorpe? Do you picture public houses and working men's clubs on every street corner? The sky-line dominated by 'dark Satanic' steel works? The populace choking on the chemical muck belched out by the chimneys?

Beautiful parks and gardens. The 'Best Small Museum' of 1982. Surrounded by good, arable farmland. One of the lowest rainfall areas in the country. That is the *real* Scunthorpe. Not forgetting, of course, the growing Adventist group officially granted company status only about eight months ago. Having said all that, however, Scunthorpe is fairly regarded in evangelical Christian circles as one of the hardest nuts to crack in the country.

If you were a retired evangelist having spent the last twenty years in the New World, would you agree to come here? Only if you felt God was leading you – and Pastor Ken Lacey has had plenty of God's leading in his life. In a sense he was coming home, having been born in Cleethorpes, about thirty miles away.

Plans were laid last year while Pastor Lacey was still running a campaign in the States. Some contacts had previously been made. The town had been covered with VOP cards. Several thousand FOCUS magazines had been personally delivered to people on the doorstep. All this was during last winter. In an attempt to make further contacts, advertisements were placed in the local papers and 20,000 handbills were distributed with the help of the Hull and Grimsby churches. The main title: ARMAGEDDON.

During one of the wettest springs for many years, on an evening with torrential rain bordering on sleet and near gale force winds, Pastor Lacey's campaign, on the book of Revelation, opened in the Library Film Theatre. Many members helped to swell the audience but around forty non-members came to hear the first of a series of twenty-two twice-weekly meetings advertised clearly as studies in the book of Revelation.

Each meeting began with fifteen minutes of slides on a particular part of the world. Next came Bible marking. This covered a different subject each week, and was built around five carefully-chosen texts. The meeting then continued with a lecture illustrated by both slides and a blackboard diagram portraying the theme of the chapter of Revelation being studied.

Since the format and purpose of the meetings was advertised from the beginning, there was very little fall-off in overall numbers and the attendance soon stabilized with about twenty regular non-members attending, plus, of course, all the members available. The only excuse accepted for non-attendance by members was a death – their own!

Immediately following the lectures, during one of the hottest periods during a record hot summer, a series of five nightly meetings were held on consecutive evenings. During these, the doctrines of our Church were presented, both those we hold in common with the historic Christian Churches and those which are distinctively Seventh-day Adventist.

What of the baptism that always follows a good evangelistic series? Unlike most campaigns, all except one of the regular attenders knew *nothing at all* of Seventh-day Adventists or their beliefs when they came to the meetings. Some were life-long members of their own Churches (Anglican and Catholic, for example). Two were young men who knew nothing of Christianity. Some have been attending a continuation weekly discussion series on Daniel, run by the local ministers, Robert Vine and Malcolm Watson, with lay assistance. Some are attending our Sabbath divine services. Two have been meeting socially with us, in get-togethers such as swimming. David Hough had been baptized an Adventist many years ago, and since then drifted in the wilderness and had no active relationship with the Church until a campaign leaflet popped through his door.

Let us now eavesdrop on remarks passed by the audience, both members and visitors: 'Thrilling – enjoyed the whole session – learned a tremendous amount about the book of Revelation. I have it all on tape now. I only wish I had heard these Adventist teachings twenty years ago.'

'The meetings were most interesting and the last week of questions and answers was very good.'

'Enjoyed the slides, especially the ones on the Holy Land.'

'It was extremely good because the full Adventist message was presented. Tired of people not presenting all the doctrines just as the Church teaches.'

'The Bible marking was very useful and brought in every doctrine of the Church.'

Pastor Lacey commented that English people took longer than Americans to come to the place where they were willing to make a stand for what they had heard, and he

wished that he could have spent longer in Scunthorpe.

We ask you, our Church family, to pray for us as we continue to work with the Scunthorpe contacts, and also with Pastor Lacey's campaign at Retford.

On 15 October, at the Ulceby church, Robert Vine baptized Robert Parrott into the Adventist Church. The opportunity was also taken to welcome David Hough back into active membership and a renewed relationship with Jesus Christ.

Both of these events were as a direct result of Pastor Lacey's campaign and both men are already proving themselves a real blessing to Scunthorpe.

Please keep praying with us . . .

COMMUNICATION SECRETARY, *Scunthorpe*

FOCUS ON FOOD

Oxford church was the venue, on 8 October, for the first of six Health Seminars organized by the Area Five committee. Other such seminars in this area are scheduled for this autumn and for the spring of 1984. The morning sermon was presented by Pastor Lionel Acton-Hubbard, Health Education and Temperance director of the South England Conference. He made clear the Bible basis for seeking and maintaining maximum health as a moral obligation. It was also emphasized that the Adventist Church with its uniquely comprehensive message, including that of physical health, emerged at a time when the Industrial Revolution had geared itself to a programme of food processing with consequent adulteration of natural foods.

For the afternoon and evening programme, the rest of the 'health emphasis' team arrived. They included Area Five director, Pastor Watson Southcott, his wife Cynthia, and daughter Pauline; Pastor and Mrs. Arthur Cooper; Cyril Vesey, Bio-chemist researcher and lecturer, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London; and Pastor Hubbard's wife, Ursula.

Brother Vesey conducted the first afternoon session. His erudite presentation based on the principle 'prevention is better than cure' was enhanced by audio-visual aids. He brought to our attention what and when we should eat and drink in order to strengthen resistance against major diseases such as heart attack, cancer, and diabetes. It was shown by statistics supplied by Dr. Bruce Armstrong of Australia (one-time member of the Oxford church) that Adventists live more healthily and, on average, six years longer, than their counterparts in the same society. Such facts paralleled those of the children of Israel during their wilderness experience. Of them the Bible records that they suffered none of the killer diseases which afflicted the Egyptians at that time. (Deut. 7:15.)

Before the final seminar session, the many members and friends of the church who were present were refreshed by a visit

to the buffet table organized by the Oxford ladies. Then came the programme's practical climax: Sisters Betty Cooper, Cynthia Southcott, and Ursula Acton-Hubbard staged a demonstration of vegetarian cookery. Sister Southcott showed how quick and easy it can be to combine, say, beans or rice with colourful ingredients, to be served as the main dish with green vegetables. Sister Cooper, with swift dexterity, prepared oat and nut patties, for simmering in a delicious mushroom sauce. Then Sister Acton-Hubbard suggested a new dimension for Western kitchens: she demonstrated how much more delicious and vitalizing vegetables can be when cooked in an oriental wok. (A wok is a large metal Chinese cooking pot having a curved base like a bowl, obtainable from most departmental stores.)

This was not merely an enlightening demonstration to watch: it enabled everyone to enjoy generous samples of the products. All were grateful to the team for their magnificent effort. We conclude this report with the apostle John's desire: 'Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.' (3 John 2.)

ROGER NEAL, *Oxford Elder*

AFTER TWENTY YEARS

Sabbath 15 October was a day of rejoicing at Stoke church as two precious souls went through the waters of baptism. One of the candidates, Trevor Baker, aged 15 years, is especially dear to our hearts because he was born at Stoke, and we have watched him grow from a toddler in kindergarten to one of our fine band of young people.

The story of our second candidate, Tom Roberts, was related by John Rosier, elder of the Cannock church. Tom first heard the Adventist message in 1963 at a campaign conducted by Dr. Bryan Ball. Tom's wife Rose was baptized as a result of that campaign. Years passed, and the Holy Spirit continued to strive with Tom and Rose until at last the victory was won. We are sure that all the angels of heaven rejoiced along with us as we watched the immersion of Tom and Trevor. Rose was accepted into church fellowship, and stood with her husband and Trevor to receive the good wishes and the right hand of fellowship from Pastor Paul Clee, who had baptized them, and from Brother Barry Stokes, minister of the Stoke church, and the elders.

In the same service Brother E. Wright was ordained as elder, and Brother B. Porter as a deacon. Both these good brethren will serve at Stoke church. Brother Tom and Sister Rose Roberts belong to, and worship at, Cannock church.

Sister Vera Wright delighted us all with her solo, and Brother Paul Wright, a minister on study leave, gave an inspiring talk entitled, 'The Three Crosses'. The lovely hymn 'Grace Enough for Me' was performed by the choir of Stoke church.

MARGARET E. WILD, *Communication secretary*

HE SOLD HIS BUSINESS TO WORK FOR SOULS IN SCOTLAND



Peter Ruthven 'on the job' in Aberdeen.

Brother Peter Ruthven, who originally came from Scotland, has lived on three continents – Australia, South Africa and Europe. While he was in Australia operating a thriving health food store, he began to think about the multitudes in his homeland who have never heard the Three Angels' Messages. His heart was stirred to do something about it, so he and his dear wife prayed to the Lord for guidance and were led to sell their health food store, and move to Aberdeen where he would take

up the canvassing work. On arrival in Britain he had to wait eight months to obtain a work permit from the Home Office, yet he was not discouraged.

Ellen White said 'The best place on earth for Abraham was where God wanted him to be'. And that is true for all of us.

It was my privilege to visit Peter in Aberdeen some five hundred miles from Nottingham, and to observe his dedication and faithfulness to God as he visited the homes of the people.

Again Ellen White wrote: 'When men realize the times in which we are living, they will work as in the sight of Heaven.' *Testimonies*, vol. 6, pages 319, 320. Peter still faces certain obstacles in his new field, but he is sure that the Lord is with him.

As he places Christian literature in the homes of the people he is content, knowing that he is in the process of finishing the work the Lord has called him to do.

There are many cities like Aberdeen with enormous populations, who will yet accept the message of God's grace. As in the days of Isaiah, the Lord is saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?'

Will you, like Peter and other courageous literature-evangelists, answer the call and say, 'Here am I, send me'? (Isaiah 6:8-10.)

ROY CHISHOLM,

Publishing director, NBC

Publishing Evangelist Pilot Scheme

It has long been recognized that the literature-evangelist meets more non-Seventh-day Adventists than any other denominational worker. We believe that in the light of Calvary every person we meet is a candidate for the Kingdom of Heaven. The fact that the literature-evangelist sells his Christian books to earn his living, means that he is unable to devote sufficient time for individual Bible studies with all the personal contacts he makes.

Therefore, recognizing the potential in these contacts, the North British Conference, aided by the British Union and the Northern European Division, have decided to launch a one-year pilot scheme by introducing a Publishing evangelist, whose sole responsibility will be to follow up and give Bible studies to all interested literature-evangelist contacts.

Brother Victor Harewood, formerly assistant NBC Publishing director, has been called to take up the role of Publishing evangelist. He will be located in the greater Birmingham area. We extend our full appreciation to Victor and Candace for what they have accomplished with literature-evangelism in Leeds, Manchester and Sheffield. We ask your prayerful support that as he diligently visits these

interested souls many will be won for the Kingdom of God.

Part-time Assistant Publishing directors. To replace Brother V. Harewood, the Publishing Department has brought in Brother J. Francis and Brother A. McFarquhar, two experienced full-time literature-evangelists, to assist as part-time Publishing directors. These brethren will assist and canvass alternate weeks. We hope and pray that this will give wider and more effective coverage to the field as a whole. Brother Francis will be based in Manchester where he will support the extreme north of the Conference, while Brother McFarquhar will be based in the West Midlands area.

ROY CHISHOLM, *Publishing director, NBC*

OUTREACH TO CHILDREN

Forty-eight children attended Camp Hill's annual Holiday Bible School in August.

Thanks to the hard, behind-the-scenes preparation, teachers and their assistants held all their classes – Cradle Roll, Kindergarten, Primary and Juniors – enthralled all week. On Sabbath a special programme was presented in which the children showed what they had learned of 'God the Creator', theme for the week, and the Creator's love for them.

In the course of the week the children – and their teachers – had enjoyed a special trip to Blakley Hall.

E. W. BRYAN



HOME ST

SPECIAL COURSES FOR LAY PEOPLE

1. The Work of the Bible Instructor: Tutor: Mrs. H. Haworth. Specially designed to help lay people as they attempt to witness in their neighbourhood and bring those who are interested in our message to the point of decision.

NB: This course is not a substitute for the official Bible Instructor's course offered at Newbold College.

2. The Work of the Church Elder: Tutor: Pastor D. Sinclair. Lessons designed to give the local leader confidence and knowledge as he leads out in the smooth running of church affairs.

3. Literature-evangelism: Tutor: Pastor W. Shaw. This course gives valuable practical help to those who wish to win souls through the sale of Gospel literature.

4. Teaching in the Sabbath school: Tutor: Mrs. H. Haworth. The lessons bring to you the best counsel and advice from the Spirit of Prophecy, experienced teachers, and recent research in teaching methods.

5. Four short six-lesson courses on separate areas of learning:

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6. Lay Preaching: There are various tutors for this course. Fifteen lessons designed to help a lay person whom the minister and the church board consider to have the potential ability to master the art of preaching interesting and heart-searching sermons.

7. Child Training: Tutor not yet appointed. Fourteen lessons prepared especially for parents as they take up the great responsibilities involved in training their children in the Christian way.

8. Finally, we have not forgotten the children. We offer two Pre-School Activities, part 1 and part 2, which cover Bible stories, songs, poems, colouring, simple science, the first steps in maths and reading, etc. In all these activities the mother is the tutor.

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The HSI is a non-profit-making organization and can only operate thanks to the generous grant given yearly by the Northern European Division.

The courses for lay people do not cost a great deal of money, and with Nos. 1-7 there is a refund of 75 per cent on the tuition fees, which can be claimed from your conference on the successful completion of the course.

The college courses are more costly because many of the textbooks used are quite expensive, and the HSI has to pay more to the tutors who so kindly help us, because there are more lessons which have to be marked.

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'I am grateful to the Lord and HSI for the opportunity being given to me in having new rich experiences through these studies.' – Miss H. McKay, Denmark.

Miss McKay has completed Teaching in the Sabbath School and is now working through the four short courses that follow.

EMBANKMENT TO HAVERSTOCK HILL



The first walkers arrive at journeys end.

A sponsored walk to assist in the renovation of the Hampstead church hall took place on Sunday 16 October. The youth and some mature members gathered at Westminster Embankment at 10.45 am and walked sixteen miles back to Hampstead church. The day, though cold, was bright and dry with chilling winds, but the front walkers covered the distance in two hours.

E. R. CAMBRIDGE

GROWTH IN NORTH WALES



Left to right: Pastor Kendall Down, Mr. A. Mason, Miss Sheila Johnston, and Pastor E. Logan.

October 22nd was a date anticipated with joy by the Rhyl members when Miss Sheila Johnston, a VOP student who has been attending the Colwyn Bay company, and Mr. Arthur Mason from Rhosesmor, a member of an old-established Adventist family, were baptized by Pastor Kendall Down. In addition, Mrs. G. Corkindale and daughter Joan, who were previously on the isolated list but have worshipped with us for many years, were transferred from the Welsh Mission church to the Rhyl church.

Missed at this service was a much-loved member, Mr. W. H. Corkindale who had recently died in hospital after a major operation.

Pastor E. Logan, Welsh Mission president, gave the address which emphasized the three things that make Christianity different from any other religion, the death, the burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Because of these the individual takes part in the symbol of baptism: death of the old life and resurrection to new life in Christ.

As the candidates were being immersed

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by Pastor Down the congregation sang a verse of their chosen hymns. Later, when receiving the right hand of fellowship from Pastors Logan, M. C. Murdoch, K. Down and church elder Mr. L. Riskowitz, they were presented with a book and a rose buttonhole.

E. E. DAVIES.

This Candidate Liked Prayer Meetings Best

On the glorious sunny afternoon of 22 October, Sister Violet Snell was immersed in the waters of baptism by Pastor E. Metzger. It was a time of rejoicing for the Ipswich church. Sister Snell was introduced to the church by her Adventist neighbour, Sister Ruby Tappin, and had been worshipping with us for some time, being especially fond of the Wednesday evening prayer meetings. Now, as a member of the family of God, we welcome her among us and pray that her witness may bring others to Christ.

Pastor Metzger appealed particularly to the young people to make a decision for Christ.

B. DUKE, *Communication secretary*

Leicester Minister on BBC – for a Week

'GO BY AIR' is the slogan that the VOP are using for their big campaign this year, to support our re-entry to the European airwaves on Radio Luxembourg. On the other hand it was Pastor Vincent Goddard's opportunity early in September to go on the air for a week. As part of his ministry, he makes a point of encouraging contacts with local radio stations. His assiduous work finally resulted in a request to be the guest speaker on BBC Radio Leicester's 'Thought for the day'. Taking such titles as 'The sunny side of the street' (hope), and 'When God is silent' (suffering), he impressed many of the people that we met in Leicester. For instance, while visiting a hospital ward the sister approached me and thanked me for Pastor Goddard's devotional.

Pastor Goddard took the trouble to 'go on air' to tell the city of Leicester of his faith. Much resulted from his efforts. The Church in Britain in the same way is taking the trouble to 'Go by Air'. We supported Pastor Goddard in his work, shall we also support the 'Go by Air' effort in the same way and reap the success the Holy Spirit can deliver?

COMMUNICATION ASSISTANT

Chopsticks at St. Albans

The recent seminar on Chinese cooking, conducted by the well-known demonstrator, Johnson Wong, held at the Better Living Centre of the St. Albans church, attracted the best response from non-Adventists of any project to date.

The interest shown was much higher than expected, and, after the first evening when some 150 visitors attended, two sessions on each occasion had to be provided. Johnson Wong revealed the mysteries and delights of this increasingly popular branch of the culinary art. He proved that vegetarian products can be used in the recipes demonstrated, and showed how the techniques of preparation involved can be mastered. He maintained that cooking should be an enjoyable and relaxing experience.

The tasting sessions which followed the demonstrations, were eagerly awaited, and at that time for the more adventurous, chopsticks were provided!

Spiritual food was also provided when those present were invited to accept copies of FAMILY LIFE and other promotional material. Goodwill is being generated by the activities of the Better Living Centre in St. Albans. C. M. HUBERT COWEN, Communication secretary

There's more than cheese at Caerphilly!

A grand social evening was enjoyed after Sabbath on 1 October, when Althea and Adrien Guy of Ystrad Mynach church in the Welsh Mission, opened their home at Caerphilly to a few members and friends from the surrounding Adventist churches for supper – about forty turned up! There was ample food to go round, however – hot potatoes and other good things were eaten around the barbecue outside and more inside the house. There was no shortage of fun too, when Pastor Neil Robertson and 16-year-old Mark Baker from Cardiff were tossed from floor to ceiling to celebrate their birthdays which were both on that day.

There followed a joyous hour when everyone sat around, full of joy in the Lord as they sang praises in chorus to the sound of three guitars.

The evening ended in a perfect way when Pastor Robertson closed with prayer.

It is good to see young people happy in a troubled world. Let us – young and old – make more effort to win others for Jesus by sharing our joy.

ALETHEA CARTER, Communication secretary

Harvest at Fletewood School

The Plymouth church held a capacity crowd on the evening of Wednesday 12 October, when Fletewood School presented its annual harvest programme.

Parents joined with church members in singing seasonal hymns and in listening to readings and songs from the children. An address was given by Pastor Alan Hodges.



The Scottish ministry and their families at Roundelwood.

SCOTLAND'S MINISTERS' FELLOWSHIP

Ministers and families of the Scottish churches met together for a day of social activity and fellowship at Roundelwood, Crieff, on 21 August, where our hosts kindly provided their various facilities and a much-enjoyed lunch. This get-together also provided an opportunity for us to welcome to Scotland the new Roundelwood administrator, Pastor Martin Bell, and Business manager Brother Marcus Dove, their wives and families. The partial 'Scotch mist' which eventually descended did not deter our ability to take in the pure air of the Grampian Mountains as we joined in a pleasurable walk in the hills of the surrounding countryside.

Doubtless the physical benefits from this enjoyable day aided our enthusiasm to return to our own districts with clearer thinking and a mutual desire to encourage the progress of the Lord's work in this difficult field.

PASTOR DENYS BALDAM

The following day the produce supplied by the children was parcelled into twenty-five gift boxes, each with a hand-written card, and delivered to elderly people in the neighbourhood. CAROLYN PENDER

All Things Bright and Beautiful

The sun shone down once again, capturing the tints and hues of the stately trees sheltering the front of Dudley House School, as parents and friends arrived at 9 am for the Harvest Thanksgiving service in the church, adjacent to the school.

The children rendered items of fascination and interest to parents and friends watching closely, including many neighbours who regularly attend these functions, although they have no particular connection with the school.

The words of the children's hymn, 'All things bright and beautiful', set the scene for the lovely poems and songs of harvest that followed, each item worthy of applause. 'I like to eat an apple' sung by the four- to five-year-olds, seemed to capture the hearts of the congregation, and the chimebar and recorder items were much appreciated – the more so by those who know the preparation involved – and of necessity the time devoted to these things must be limited.

Mrs. Esme Sutton and Mrs. Margaret

Alen beautifully arranged baskets for the children to deliver around the school, and parents brought their cars to take children and their produce further afield to addresses in the town under Age Concern.

ERIC J. WINCH, headmaster

Windy Baptism

Though the wind blew and the skies threatened to turn grey, it could not deter many from attending the baptism held at Oxford Street, Wolverhampton, on 16 October. Standing before God and man were six souls publicly declaring that for them, Jesus Christ is the way.

We were privileged to have Pastor Bruce Flynn from the NBC, who preached a message about The Light of the World that was both comforting and encouraging.

An appeal was made by Pastor Flynn at the end of the day to those who had not yet decided to follow Jesus. The response was magnificent. Let us fervently pray that those six precious, baptized souls, along with those who responded to the appeal, will remain with the Lord until His glorious appearing.

MARK PALMER

YOUNG AMERICAN SDA nurse, 22 years old, wishes to spend four weeks next spring or summer in an Adventist home in England on an au pair basis. Loves cooking, and catering for family. If you can help, write in first instance to: Pastor M. L. Anthony, South England Conference, 25 St. John's Road, Watford, Herts., WD1 1PY.

HANDWRITTEN BIBLE FOR EAST KILBRIDE AND A BRAND NEW METHOD OF OUTREACH



The people of East Kilbride, near Glasgow, were made aware of the presence of the Seventh-day Adventist Church during a recent project carried out in the area. A stall was set up in the town square and passersby invited to copy out verses of the Bible by hand. The end result, a handwritten Bible by the people of East Kilbride, is to be presented to the local library.

A great deal of interest was shown by the public, with everyone from punks to policemen, ministers to old ladies, taking part. Each was given a certificate to say they took part and which verses they had written, with the name and address of the Glasgow Seventh-day Adventist church printed on it. Many VOP cards, Bibles, study guides, and FOCUS and FAMILY LIFE magazines were distributed, and in fact, at times people were queuing up to receive them.

A healthy spirit of goodwill prevailed. Many contacts were made, and we trust that we may yet see more good results from this outreach project. Many thanks to the members who helped, and especially to those, young and old, who supported us throughout the week.

ISOBEL WEBSTER

Above left: A selection of those who contributed to the handwritten Bible — 'everyone from punks to policemen'. Far left: Glasgow and East Kilbride pastor, C. D. Baidam, recruits copyists. Left: The Bible being written.

'We are proud — and with good reason'

Sabbath 29 October was another special day for the Ipswich church when our Pathfinders, dressed in their smart uniforms, marched onto the platform singing their opening song, and recited the pledge and law together, accompanied by their leader and instructors. They had been busy over many months getting ready for this special day of investiture. Some recited memory work, while others gave musical items, before Pastor Mike Stickland, SEC Youth director, came forward to give the awards. He said this highlight of the afternoon programme made him feel proud of the young people who had worked hard to achieve success.

The three little Busy Bees, two Sunbeams, three Helping Hands, five Friends, five Companions and one Explorer had all completed course work and earned a variety of honour certificates and badges. As each one stepped forward to receive from Pastor Stickland the scarves and honours, there was a handshake, a word of congratulation and a salute from presenter and recipient.

We are proud of our Pathfinder group

in Ipswich, and are grateful for the work of Sister Del Williams and her band of helpers, who give of their time and talent to train the young folk.

This was part of a Pathfinder weekend being spent at Blaxhall, where they returned after the investiture, to enjoy a little more of the Suffolk countryside.

B. DUKE, *Communication secretary*

The First Sabbath Meeting at Retford

On 29 October the first Sabbath meeting was held in the town of Retford.

For many years Brother M. C. Roe, 87, has been the only Seventh-day Adventist in this town of 25,000 souls. Every home in the town has received, thanks to Brother Roe, many free copies of our magazines, together with a variety of tracts.

The extent of this preparation work was what led The Stanborough Press and the NBC president, Pastor R. H. Surridge, to select this Nottinghamshire town as the locale for a campaign.

Grantham church members have knocked on every door in the town.

On Sunday 11 September Pastor Ken

Lacey commenced his Revelation-based campaign.

It was a great source of rejoicing for the team and, perhaps, Brother Roe in particular, when the first Sabbath meeting was held.

A full report will appear in a future issue.

Can the Dead Talk, Sing, or Cry?

The above question was one of the topics in an eight-day series of meetings held this September in Larne, Northern Ireland. At first we wondered if anyone would come to our small church straight away, especially as four large local churches announced revival meetings a few days before we began, but we were pleasantly surprised. Those who came the first night brought their friends until there were eighteen visitors. (More than our adult Sabbath attendance!)

Each evening there were slides from the Holy Land, choruses led by Pastor Derek Clothier and a slide presentation of a Bible topic by the local minister, Dale Arthur. Films on the book of Luke from the 'Media Bible Films' series showed the life of Jesus and set a good atmosphere for Bible study.

Many received free New International Bibles for attending six nights and began

to ask questions from their own reading at home. Local members attended regularly and helped with projectors and hot drinks.

These meetings are continuing on Wednesday evenings, and already five visitors have come to church on Sabbath morning. LORNA ARTHUR, *Communication secretary*

Two Harvests Celebrated

Friday evening 2 September was another memorable occasion for the members and friends of the Watford Town church. It was a dual occasion in that it was not only a baptismal service, but also a harvest festival celebration. The church was splendidly decorated with fruits, vegetables and flowers. All expressed their thankfulness and appreciation to God for the harvest of the field, and also a harvest of souls for His eternal kingdom.

On the rostrum flowers were arranged in the shape of the letter 'H' for harvest, thus representing the dual purpose. The two young ladies to be baptized were Merva Dalby and Susan Phillips.

Before their immersion a musical item was rendered at the request of one of the candidates. This was 'Holy Spirit Faithful Guide' - just right for such an occasion. In his sermon Pastor D. Marley reminded the church that Christianity is different from all other faiths because it is based on an empty tomb. He said that the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ is the central theme of the Gospel. Baptism is a symbol of this.

As the candidates were immersed their favourite passages of Scripture were read. An opportunity was given for others to express their desire to follow the Lord's example in baptism. Many young people and adults alike responded.

A. R. JOHN, *Communication secretary*

'Waiting for the harvest . . .'

Nottingham Central is expecting a great harvest in the months to come. It will not be like the one they celebrated at the start of the new church year with its abundance of nature's produce. Rather, it is hoped that it will be one which will bring forth spiritual fruit and a bounty of souls for God's kingdom.

Members have spent the summer 'seed-sowing' using a variety of techniques. Results of the summer toil are not yet visible to the human eye but two spiritual-growth agents, prayer and visitation, are being used to ensure a harvest of plenty.

A small band of Central faithful, used the tried and tested methods of tract-dropping, door-knocking and open-air meetings in the 'Clifton-field' of Nottingham. Interest in Bible studies was stimulated, and we found a Jamaican Adventist who didn't know there was a church in Nottingham.

A BANA concert held at the YMCA in the city centre, was devised to raise funds for the church's community services programme, and bring an awareness of the

work and existence of Adventists to the city and its inhabitants. The Holloway Male Voice Choir and other artistes from around the Conference provided support financially and musically for the venture. Other users of the YMCA who stood in the foyer enjoying the witness in music were invited into the auditorium.

NBC president, Pastor R. H. Surrige's marital advice and sermon was one of the main topics of conversation at the wedding reception of Rachel Burrell and Reno Blaize. Married earlier this year in the West Indies, this couple asked Pastor Surrige to conduct a blessing service on their union. It was among the non-practising Christians that the comment was overheard, 'I never knew there was so much in it!' They were referring to the beautiful and sound biblical advice offered by Pastor Surrige. One lady whose daughter will be getting married later this year, sought the name and addresses of Adventist pastors in the London area who would be willing to conduct a similar service. Needless to say these were most readily given.

Who knows what may result from this action, perhaps not only an earthly union but a heavenly one too. It is too early to say of course. One harvest we recently enjoyed, perhaps the smallest at Central for some time, was the baptism and welcoming into the Church family of Paulette and Gary Gdaniec. Support for the young couple in their stand for Christ was visible in the good attendance at the service conducted by Pastor G. Harris, but it does not end there. They and the citizens of Nottingham will be a constant subject for our prayers. CATHERINE BURRELL

Chesterfield Church Organization

*O come, let us worship and bow down:
let us kneel before the Lord our maker.
For he is our God.* Psalm 95:6, 7.

This was the theme for the organization service of the Chesterfield church on 1 October. The members were extremely proud to see their church moved from the organization of companies to the body of churches. Local minister, Pastor Eric Henry, welcomed the visitors and visiting minister.

The invocation was given by Pastor R. H. Surrige, president of the North British Conference, who later addressed the congregation. A special item was rendered by the Chesterfield group Sweet Spirit.

After the signing of the church register, the Sabbath school superintendent, Brother W. Cupit, retraced the history of the church which was a very interesting and rewarding one. All of the members were overflowing with pride when they recognized the fulfilment of their contribution.

One of the main highlights of the day was the pot luck lunch organized by the church. The tables were laid with a variety

of delicious food. This was made possible by the willingness and co-operation of every member. The meal was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

On Sabbath afternoon, Brother W. J. Griffiths, treasurer of the NBC, presented the message at a special service of consecration. Here again the Chesterfield group rendered another item entitled 'In moments like these, I lift up my hands to Jesus'. What better way of epitomising the day's events.

MAXINE JONES,
Communication secretary

Of thankfulness, song and seed-sowing

Sabbath 8 October was harvest festival at Chelmsford church. Pastor Viv Llewellyn was speaker to a full congregation. In front of him was a marvellous display of produce. In the afternoon this was distributed to the local Women's Aid Association and to many senior citizens.

In the evening all roads led to Hutton, where members of Chelmsford and Hutton churches joined in a song service and a short festival service. This was followed in the church hall by a ploughman's supper and games for young and old alike. During the evening the traditional festival loaves from the two churches were auctioned in aid of the Chelmsford building fund.

On Sunday morning many members travelled to Southend to assist with literature distribution, in preparation for the evangelistic campaign by Pastor D. Marley. A. N. HILL

Thirteen Candidates from Four Churches

Two by two they went hand in hand witnessing for Christ.

On Sunday 23 October, the angels of God rejoiced once more for the thirteen precious souls who made their stand for Christ.

The message of the afternoon was, 'Submit yourself to God . . . Resist the devil . . . Draw nigh to God . . . Clean hands and a pure heart.'

'Five Imperatives for successful Christian Living.' This was the title of Pastor Eric Henry's address taken from James 4:7-17. Officiating ministers at the service of baptism were Pastors A. Conroy (Handsworth), B. Kavalo (Tottenham, London), E. Henry (Sheffield), and Brother J. V. Ham-Ying (Dudley and Northfield). The candidates representing four churches of the North British Conference were: *Dudley*: Sisters Mara and Elizabeth Walsh, Thaddeus Sealy, Gary Howes, Zenova Willis and Delores Rhooms. *Handsworth*: Henry Thomas, Raymond Martin, Keith Pierre and James Woolcock. *Northfield*: Sheila Robinson and Dawn Neadham. *Newtown*: Ivan Bakes. The candidates were immersed by Pastors Kavalo and Conroy.

It is our prayer that they will remain faithful to the end.

W. BLAKE,
Communication secretary, Dudley

A CENTURY AT SOUTHAMPTON

Appropriately, though not by design, the day chosen to commemorate the centenary of the organization of the Southampton church, 17 September, coincided with Yom Kippur, the Jewish Day of Atonement. While orthodox Jews were observing a solemn fast, we who believe we are living in the time of the antitypical Day of Atonement were celebrating the day in September 1883 when those who had accepted the Advent message here became charter members of the first Seventh-day Adventist church in Britain.

The man who pioneered the work in this country, William Ings, had, as a boy of 11, emigrated with his family to America, where he became a prosperous man. His acceptance of the Advent message led him to devote himself to spreading it. In 1877 he went to Switzerland, and while there he came to visit cousins in Southampton in May 1878. His two week's stay decided him to make this town his mission field. After briefly returning to Basle he settled in Southampton, distributing literature from home to home and sending it to many parts of the world in the care of captains and sailors whose ships docked at the port.

Ings learned of other cousins here on his mother's side. The first he called on was sceptical and did not invite him in, but his sister next door recognized him by a scar caused in his boyhood by the kick of a horse.

In a short time a number of people were keeping the Sabbath, and in response to an earnest appeal to the General Conference, John N. Loughborough joined Ings at the end of December 1878. Early in January 1879, meetings were begun in Shirley Village Hall. Their next venture was a tent campaign on a corner site on Shirley Road. Meetings were well attended and a great interest was aroused. Ravenswood, a large house in Shirley Road, was rented and became the first headquarters of the work in Britain. Sabbath meetings were held here, and it was here, in a specially-constructed baptistry, that the first baptism was held in February 1880. Among the candidates was William Ings' cousin, Mrs. O'Neill, later to be one of the charter members of the church.

The tent was pitched in the little town of Romsey, a few miles away, in the summer of 1880, and although the meetings were abruptly cut short by a gale, a few believers were added. Meanwhile the literature work grew, and ships continued to carry our publications to far-away places.

The Loughboroughs stayed in Southampton for the organization of the church in 1883 before returning to America, Mr. and Mrs. Ings having gone the year before. For twelve years the church led a nomadic existence in various parts of the Shirley Road area, and was pastored by a succession of ministers until the present building was purchased in 1895.

As part of the centenary celebrations a 5-Day Plan was arranged, but unfortunately has had to be postponed because of lack of interest. However, the Health Seminar held by Pastor Acton-Hubbard was well appreciated. On 17 September, the day of our centenary, the guest speaker was Dr. Jan Paulsen who spoke about getting the best out of life. On 8 October a very interesting programme was presented by Dr. Albert Watson whose series of talks were entitled: 'Creation - What the Scientists Say'.

It is hoped that through door-to-door work, just like those early pioneers, many more people will come to hear the message of the Adventist believers, especially through the Radio Luxembourg programmes.

J. PLUMMER and W. BUCKLE

Ravenswood, the first Adventist Church headquarters in Southampton.



Editorial

MOSES REFLECTS IN HEAVEN

by Nan Elias

One day, having time to spare, I took a look around mother earth. I still have a great affection for some of the places I used to live in, and mixed feelings about some of the others. What a dance those Israelites led me all those forty years in the wilderness! My hair turned white, I can tell you, and not just from old age! They were a rebellious and a cantankerous lot, to say the least, and that after all God had done for them. Were they thankful? No! They grumbled, and groused, and wanted more and more, and still more. From what I see down below me now, the people haven't changed much.

Look at Africa - missionaries murdered - mission hospitals seized - refugees left to starve. Strikes and riots in so-called civilized countries - stealing and looting - people seeking more and more - more holidays, more money, more power, more freedom from all restraints. God's Law made of no effect.

Look at that gang of youths mugging that old couple and stealing their pensions. Poor souls! Everywhere I look there seems to be trouble - even armed robbery. I'm thankful we didn't have guns like that in my day. What's this? I do believe that man's being kidnapped. And there's a hit and run driver - he's just left that child lying in the road. Look at those school children - they're setting fire to that new school. 'Hi!' I want to shout, 'You are going out of the shop without paying.' 'Stop, stop!' I want to cry when I see little children being battered, starved and neglected.

And I thought / had trouble!

Of course I am looking in the wrong place. These people just don't know any better. Church members will be different. Surely it will be pleasant indeed to watch these God-fearing people for a little while. I'll wait until Sabbath, and observe some of the churches. I'll look in at the beginning of Sabbath school. I mustn't be late - most start at 10 am. But what is happening here? The platform party is all ready to start, but where are the members? I think the membership here is about seventy to eighty, but there's only - let me see, two five, six, seven, ten, fifteen people here. Where are the others? Mrs. A, I see, is taking it easy this morning for she has had a busy week. Mr. B's had several late nights this week - he will go later. There's Mr. and Mrs. C with their children. It is such a nice day that it seems a pity to sit in church when you could be enjoying God's great outdoors. Mr. and Mrs. D are having an argument. Mrs. D: 'You can go along if you like, but as long as Mrs. T is there I'm

staying at home.' Mr. D, trying to pour oil on troubled waters: 'I know she's insulted you, dear, but I still think we should go to church.' Mrs. D: 'I'm not going and that's final. I couldn't sit and listen to a sermon with that woman sitting in front of me, after all she's done. As long as her husband is the elder I'm staying at home!'

I see poor old Miss E. She's very crippled but she would just love to go to church. She's all ready to go, but nobody seems to be calling for her. Mr. F was to have given her a lift but he forgot. I wonder Why Mrs. H is staying at home today? Oh, I forgot, she's not going either. She didn't like the sermon last week.

Did I say I had a difficult time with the children of Israel? It seems to me that human nature hasn't changed much, either inside God's house, or outside of it.

Yes, things were difficult for me in the wilderness, but when the people did walk with God, what blessing came! So will it be with God's Remnant Church on earth. When the members love God supremely, they'll love one another, and the blessings of God will be showered upon them. In fact Heaven will come down to earth. I hope to see YOU then.

Harvest Produce for Social Services

On Sabbath 1 October Barnsley church looked and smelled beautiful, as visitors arrived to take part in the harvest thanksgiving service. The small church was full to overflowing at both the morning and afternoon services.

For weeks, members had been practising special items of song, which were a blessing and witness to the visitors. The children and younger members performed musical items and a short play. In the play they depicted the elements, and showed how our loving Father uses them for good to provide springtime and harvest unfailingly.

The front of the church, under the words 'O give thanks unto the Lord' was full of fruit, flowers and vegetables as was every available surface.

The Social Services department had given an undertaking to see that the produce was distributed to the needy.

Barnsley members would like to thank retired minister Pastor Bernard Walton and his wife, who laboured unceasingly to make this harvest thanksgiving service a success and a blessing for all. ALISON ALLEN

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LETTERS

THOSE AWFUL LESSONS!

Dear Editor,

I am writing to enquire about next year's Sabbath School Quarterlies. I have been very concerned about the in-depth studies that are to be brought to us in these Quarterlies according to an article contained in the June issue of the Ministry.

If it is to be judged by the first lesson of this quarter then the Quarterlies will be of no use to us.

The Sabbath school class that week agreed that it was only suitable for intellectuals. Personally I have not had such a difficult lesson to contend with in thirty-seven years. It was like trying to understand a foreign language.

I am not prepared to buy a Quarterlies that will be no use to me. From such how can I teach something I do not understand?

From you all I want is an assurance that the lessons will be written so that the majority, who have but an ordinary education will understand them. A. J. Sly

Editor. As you know, we Anglicize the Sabbath school lessons at The Stanborough Press; we do not prepare or re-write them. Our information from the Sabbath school department suggests that the new format of the lessons is 'the shape of things to come'. If the reaction to the lessons is, in general, unfavourable, we should like to hear from our readers. Your letters would be passed over to the committee responsible for lesson preparation in Washington, DC.

NOW I UNDERSTAND THE BIBLE

Dear Editor,

Thank you very much for the copies of FOCUS and the address of the nearest Seventh-day Adventist church. I have been going along since I got your letter and I enjoy it. I will be going back again and again. How nice it is to sit down and discuss the Bible. I wish that more people can get in touch with FOCUS to learn more of the Bible. I do enjoy reading FOCUS and as I read, I turn to my Bible to find out the truth. How often I have read the Bible without understanding it. Thank God for opening my eyes to the truth, and my heart to love and serve Him, and to help others to find Christ again. Thank you very much.

Wilfred Daniel

THE LIBRARY

Dear Editor,

I'm writing in the belief that our Lord wishes this work to be extended.

There are many non-Christians whom we try to reach in many different ways, but most of the seed is sown in thistled paths, and shallow soil. Most people we approach reject God's Word.

If a person is going to be sure they make a good purchase they will shop around in one shop, two shops, or even five shops, to satisfy themselves that they receive what they consider is a good buy. People are doing this today; searching for truth and peace with God. Some people are going to the best shop where they believe they can compare one faith with another - the library.

If they go there they can look and compare, seek and find. Just watch and see how many people seek God's Word in your library.

But is it the reliable truth they find? Or is it the glittering invitation of the Muslims, the Jehovah's Witnesses, or the Mormons?

Why not have a collection and buy suitable books (for example by E. G. White) and donate them as a gift to the library in your area that the earnest seeker will find the grace of God. D. Hellawell

OBITUARIES

RICHARDSON, Ruth - d. 26 September 1983. The Muswell Hill church wish to report that our dear sister peacefully fell asleep in Jesus in Shrodells Hospital, Watford. She was born in London on 27 August 1901, and lived a dedicated Christian life as a Seventh-day Adventist for over seventy years. She attended Stanborough Park College and later worked for ten years in The Stanborough Press. She was secretary to the treasurer of the North England Conference, and subsequently worked as College preceptress for six years. She taught twenty-three classes a week. She was secretary to E. P. Rudge, and worked afterwards as a receptionist to Dr. Richardson of Garston. The funeral service was conducted by Pastor Roland Fidelia, assisted by Pastor P. Cieslar in the Stanborough Park church on 4 October, before several of her church family and friends. The interment was in the Garston Cemetery. 'Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.' Ps. 116:15. Lincoln F. Richardson

ROBINSON, Walter - d. 24 July. Walter Robinson of the Irvine, Ayrshire, company passed to his rest at the age of 56 after a sudden and brief illness. Walter had been an

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TOMLINSON, Horace William - d. 9 September. Our dear friend Brother Tomlinson passed peacefully to his rest in the Orpington Hospital, Kent. For Brother Tomlinson death was a release from the pain and problems of this world. He died with the assurance of meeting his Saviour on the resurrection morning. Born in the year 1900, he has spent most of his life in the Pratts Bottom area of Kent. Yet it was in Watford that he first accepted the Advent message. He was a faithful member of the Bromley church, indeed one of its founder members. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends. Yet we look forward with hope until we see him again when our Saviour returns. The cremation service at Beckenham, was conducted by Pastor P. Boyle, who spoke words of comfort and encouragement to both family and friends.

Phillip Leenhouders, minister

MARTIN, Rose - d. 29 September. Chiswick church lost its oldest member on Wednesday 29 September, when 100-year-old Mrs. Rose Martin fell asleep in Jesus in Hammersmith Hospital. After completing a Voice of Prophecy course she was baptized by Pastor Derek Clothier in Chiswick in 1970 at the age of 87. The funeral, conducted by a local Baptist minister, was at Mortlake Crematorium on 6 October. Mrs. Martin loved the Lord Jesus and it was most inspiring to visit her. She now awaits the call of the Life-Giver on resurrection morning.

Enid Tolman

CORKINDALE, William Henry - d. 9 October. It is with sadness we record the death in Broadgreen Hospital, Liverpool, of Brother Corkindale at the age of 81 years. The funeral service, conducted by Pastor Kendall Down, was held at the Rhyll church where Brother Corkindale has served as deacon. Pastor M. C. Murdoch paid tribute to the memory of Brother Corkindale. He said that we would all remember him as a kind, cheerful, and courteous Christian whose life could be summed up in one word 'Helper'. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his widow, Sister Corkindale, and daughter Joan, and brother-in-law Brother A. Mason, and other members of the family. E. E. Davies

MAYNARD, Isaac - d. 17 October. The Cardiff church records with sorrow the death of Brother Maynard. He had been a loyal member of the Cardiff church for twenty-three years, having been baptized in 1960 by Pastor J. P. West. Severe arthritis hampered his activities during later years but did not prevent his church attendance. He faced his painful terminal illness with great courage and his faith in Jesus never wavered. The funeral service was conducted in the Cardiff church by Pastor Neil Robertson on 21 October. To his widow Frances, and all members of his family, we extend our sincere sympathy and look forward with them to the soon return of Jesus and the resurrection day when partings and sorrow will be no more. B. Newell

WEDDINGS

MITCHELL-PHILPOTTS - Christie Mitchell and Bridget Philpotts, two young people who have grown up in the Chiswick church, were united in marriage there on Sunday 21 August. Given away by her brother, Michael Philpotts, Bridget was attended by five bridesmaids, Sharon and Annette Mitchell, Durlisia and Anola Eddo and Elizabeth Bernard. All the dresses were designed and made by Angela Cayman, one of Chiswick's young people. Claude Alexander of Southall was the best man. The wedding was conducted by Pastor James Cuthell, assisted by Pastor Horace Taffe. Antonia Francis officiated at the organ and accompanied her mother Iris as she sang 'I'll walk beside you'. A reception for 150 people was held in the church hall with Michael Smith acting as MC. Bridget, who is a student midwife, and Christie, who drives heavy goods vehicles, will set up their Christian home in Wembley.

Enid Tolman

MOORE-JONES - The marriage of Avril Jones to James Moore took place on Sunday 4 September in the Hampstead church. The ceremony was conducted by Pastor Derek Marley. Parents, relatives, and friends gathered together at a reception in Caxton Hall, Archway. May God bless James and Avril in their union. E. R. Cambridge

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Somebody got very angry about that because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody would do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody who actually Nobody had asked Anybody. Sunday Post

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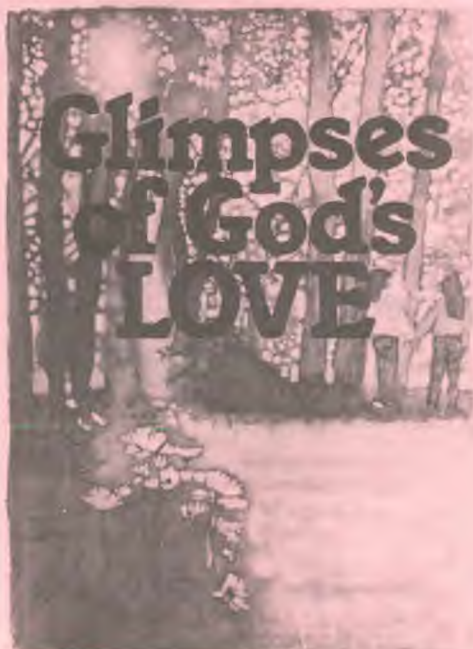
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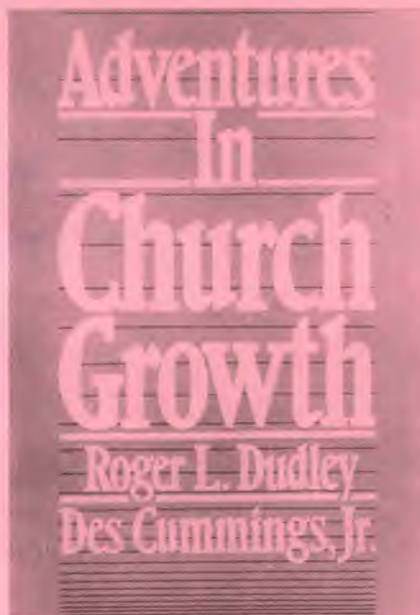
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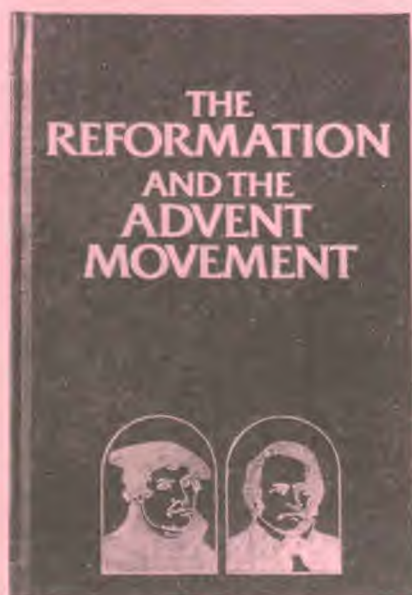
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'And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day.'

LUKE 4:16.

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