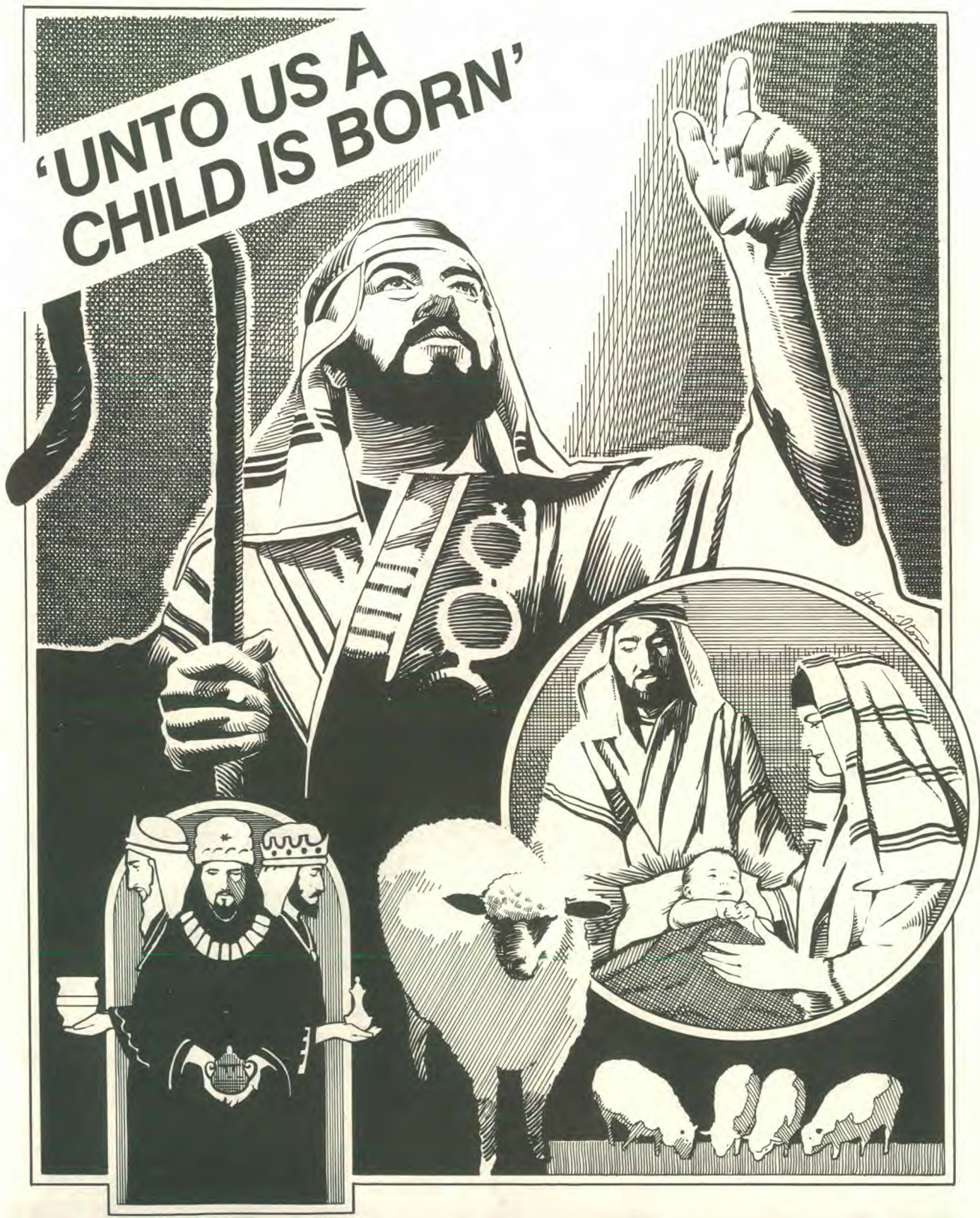


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COVETING AND COVENANTING

An astonishing sequel follows the recent announcement by Birmingham City Council that the Camp Hill church, which blocks the route for the new south approach road development, is to be replaced by a half million pound project on a prime site directly opposite the crumbling Victorian building which cost the North England Conference £8,670 in the mid-fifties. Virtually adjoining the site of the new church complex the former St. Anthony orphanage has just been placed on the property market, creating a most fascinating possibility for a much more broad-based establishment for the denomination to exert its influence in the vast West Midlands conurbation – second only to greater London in population. NBC reporter, **Jack Mahon**, has filed the following account.

An unparalleled apparent breaching of the tenth commandment occurred on a wet October Wednesday in Birmingham by four hundred members in collusion with their ministers and six conference personnel – who publicly admitted that certain national Church leaders were also implicated. Reaction of the majority of the members on first viewing the object of the 'offence' indicated that it was unpremeditated – their faces registered the opposite of covetousness! In any case, before that historic evening closed all parties were exonerated as three significant letters were added to coveting to 'magnify and make it honourable' in terms of 1 Corinthians 12:31 ('Covet earnestly the best gifts').

First, to pinpoint the location of this unprecedented happening. Across the Stratford Road from Camp Hill church, where a jumble of decaying buildings formerly assaulted the eye, an expanse of green turf behind high hoardings marks the place where the New Camp Hill church will shortly rise to replace the crumbling stones and dingy cellar-like halls of the old, due-for-demolition building. Adjoining the greensward is the unpretentious façade of a building dating from the early forties.

Behind the unpromising frontage the four hundred potential 'collective customer' discovered an edifice of surprising space, practical planning and superlative quality. The plaster of the walls was true, firm, and unscarred; underfoot uncreaking parquet flooring testified to an unstinted specification. The amenities were astonishing. There is a theatre/assembly hall with a balcony over, complete with projection booth and full stage lighting and accoutrements – very handy, it proved, for the *ad hoc* general meeting following the inspection, when its 350-plus seats were gratefully accepted!

The spacious gymnasium and games room were well provided with changing rooms and showers in addition to the ablution blocks adjacent to the big dormitories. These latter are capable of effective conversion to classrooms. An ample dining room with adjoining cater-

ing kitchen, demonstrated that the architect had his priorities right. Nor have the spiritual and aesthetic values been neglected, for in a finely landscaped walled garden, breathing quietness and peace, there is a beautifully-embellished small chapel.

Outside the main building there are four dwelling houses, two in need of rehabilitation presumably under local authority grant. This private living accommodation is in addition to three well-appointed flats integral with the school complex. Informed building trade opinion unequivocally assesses the cost of erecting an equivalent building today as, 'Certainly no change out of a million pounds'. Incredibly the agent's asking price is the same as for three modest semis in the Birmingham area. 'Why aren't a hundred commercial enterprises putting in their bids to make the price astronomical... a premier site close to the city centre? Planning restrictions... use limited to education welfare is the answer. The whole situation seems like a conspiracy to benefit the Adventist Church. So it seemed to the four hundred who, having inspected the premises, were now positively glowing with concentrated covetousness!

The deafening buzz of conversation in

the theatre gave place to the quiet tones of the Conference treasurer, Paul Hammond. In the manner of a midnight-oil-burner who has done his homework thoroughly, the financial profile was presented. 'There are really two projects of equal importance', he began. He then outlined the need to raise funds for the purchase price; and that being accomplished – namely assuming six hundred families raising two pounds each per week for six months – the £60,000 share of West Midlands could be accounted for. Then having distributed sheets presenting a realistic, projected Junior School draft budget, it became clear that a regular annual subsidy from West Midlands churches amounting to £12,000 would be called for. The cost of purchasing and rehabilitating the buildings, and equipping as a five-teacher junior school would not be less than £150,000 but who has heard of setting up a school for such an incredibly low figure in these expensive times?

Other voices were heard. Paul Clee, Community Services director: 'Don't think of this property as just a school. There is ample room for a Welfare Day Centre, even a Furniture Repository for needy families.' Bob Rodd, Youth director: 'Evenings and weekends it could be a marvellous leisure and sports centre for West Midlands youth. ... Great opportunity for Christian outreach, we could hold a superb weekly "Best Saturday Night in Brum". A "Gate" programme. A coffee shoppe outreach. Near our church but not a dedicated building expands all our options.' Hugh Dunton, Union Education director, with three decades of school management under his belt, summarized the property's advantages as an Adventist school for a large catchment area. Deep-throated AMENS greeted his definition of the Christian education charter which begins with babies and lays a firm foundation for faith at primary and junior levels. With



this kind of character building the storms of adolescence can be weathered. That chorus of Amens made observers realize that the congregation was made up entirely of parents and grandparents, a totally involved group if ever there was one.

Don MacFarlane, Stewardship director, has that enviable gift – a voice like the-voice-of-conscience penetrating to the heart of the matter. He is sympathetic, direct, frank, and tonight is no exception: 'How many Sabbaths we have prayed, "God give us the conditions, the facilities to present the Advent Message acceptably and effectively in the West Midlands". Now He has put the answer within our reach. A whole new Seventh-day Adventist Centre in one beautiful concentrated location. Sacrifice – sure, that is the only way the Church ever makes progress when God's people are willing to put His work before their own pleasures or even ... necessities. It can certainly be done ... for instance, take a thousand Adventist family units in the West Midlands. Allowing that four hundred are elderly or on reduced income, suppose the remaining six hundred for five months raise one pound each day, that would be an investment of £180 each collectively, enough to cover the purchase and repair of this property.'

A sober appraisal of the past decade during which West Midland members have invoked Heaven and agitated the Conference for an Adventist school, shows that only a few have been inclined to 'put their money where their heart is'. There is a School Development Fund, but it contains only a little over £8,000. No doubt the reason for lack of investment is that there has been no visible, viable project in sight. All that is changed. . . .

Questions, practical, positive, level-headed, were asked and answered ... not many in fact ... the building was there for all to see, the briefing comprehensive. 'We feel at home here' seemed to summarize the collective attitude. But nothing is signed, nothing certain – everything depends on local financing. NBC president, Pastor R. H. Surridge, made that abundantly clear; 'This is first and last a West Midlands project, that's why an open invitation has been given to every member to come and see. Of course the Conference will do everything it can, but remember this: If the programme can't be made to work here in West Midlands, the greatest concentration of our membership, it won't work in North British Conference.'

'Have all employed Adventists realized that H.M. Tax Office are willing to be a major partner in our develop-



Left: Members from West Midlands in the gym of the projected school, listen to the NBC president outline plans. **Top:** The Theatre. **Below:** The Chapel.



ment?' questioned the Stewardship director. 'With the Four Year Deed of Covenant signed, every pound they donate is boosted by almost half to one pound 42p.' That was the signal for coveting to acquire an enhancing syllable and become 'Covenanting' as pledge forms were distributed and the distinctive Deed of Covenant forms made freely available. 'Covenanting', a word of rich significance, a promise made in God's presence, an awareness of the apostolic privilege of being partners... 'workers together with God'.

Looking in at the news headlines late that evening an all-too-familiar face filled the screen. 'This strike isn't about money, it's about the survival of our mining communities, the viability of our

Pastor Surridge addresses the West Midlands membership after looking over the school.

industry, the future of our children... we're going to win.'...

I thought of those thousands of striking miners prepared to forego their wage packets, reduce their booze, fags, and horse-flutters drastically, cut the kids' pocket money, cancel the wife's weekly hairdo, bingo, clothes quota, change their whole life-style for an indefinite period, and for what? To ensure that their sons will have the opportunity to risk their lives and rot their lungs in an underworld of darkness for the best years of youth and life. How will our West Midland members rate, I pondered, measured by the 'Scargill Sacrifice Scale'. Striking out for a new deal in

WEST MIDLANDS JUNIOR SCHOOL PROJECT Projected Operating Budget

Income	£
Fees	86,400
Church contribution	12,000
Bank interest	—
Subsidies — BUC and NBC	20,000
Miscellaneous income	4,500
	<u>122,900</u>

Expenses	£
Advertising	500
Cleaning	5,000
Cleaning materials	1,000
Electricity	2,000
Equipment	2,500
Grants	29,000
Heating	10,000
Insurance	600
Miscellaneous	2,000
Office stationery	500
Periodicals	100
Postage	300
Radio, television, and video	300
Rates	3,000
Repairs and maintenance	5,000
Salaries	52,000
School supplies	3,600
Secretarial expenses	3,600
Telephone	1,000
Travelling	500
Water	400
	<u>122,900</u>

Christian education so that their kids can dwell in this world in spiritual light, and thereafter in the brightness of His presence for evermore.

Are we going to win?

CHURCH AT THE HEART OF A CITY

Front runner for the title 'Most Accessible Adventist Church in Britain' must be the North British Conference's latest building project — a name with royal overtones, Windsor Street Seventh-day Adventist church. From famous Spaghetti Junction, Europe's busiest intersection, a twelve-lane highway,

'Birmingham Expressway', leads to the city heart. Half a mile down its first exit — the city's inner ring road — this new unit, resplendent in red brick, with an auditorium seating one hundred and sixty-five, was host to a major ministerial council within days of its inauguration, and is scheduled for a six-week

in-service ministerial training course early in 1985.

The project, you might say, has been Grant-aided, that being the name of the long-serving church elder. He, on September first's grand opening day, described the occasion as 'the greatest hour of my whole life'. With colleague Richardson, he traced the chequered history of the Ward End church from its birth in a member's front parlour a decade and a half ago, through a variety of public halls to the present well-designed, visually attractive edifice with its superlatively comfortable seating, well-designed interior space, and efficient catering centre. Their words were enthusiastically received by more than three hundred members and well-wishers, who filled the auditorium and overflowed the ante-rooms.

Ronald H. Surridge, wielding ceremonial shears, had earlier led the cortege into the pristine precincts of the building at whose threshold he had declaimed, 'I name this building The Windsor Street Seventh-day Adventist Church'. His inspirational sermon will linger long in the memories of the witnesses to that unique occasion.



The new Windsor Street SDA church, Birmingham, will seat 165 members and friends.

UNIQUE SERVICE UNITES DERBY CHURCHES



Pastor Garth Anthony and family with Uncle Alec Lockton . . .

Although the Adventist Church has a much-vaunted overseas missions programme, it is a regrettable fact that on their mid-term leave they feel ignored, that people are too busy getting on with their own church/conference/union programme to pay much attention to the thrilling and inspiring stories they have to tell. The departure of missionary families overseas should surely be celebrated by a public meeting, a 'Commissioning of Overseas Missionaries'.

Derby, which has provided many overseas missionaries, recently re-commissioned, not without prayer, Garth and Sylvia Anthony and their three sons, Gavin (17), Leigh (13), and Robin (8), on their return to Sri Lanka. Although the full story of their first three years in the capital cannot be revealed in detail, the family was at risk in the racial troubles of 1983 especially

as, true to their Christian commitment, they did their utmost to succour, comfort, and rehabilitate their neighbours in an inflammatory situation in every sense of that word.

Not inappropriately, the service of re-commissioning was an effective part of the combined Derby churches' (Chester Green, Normanton, Burton, and Long Eaton) celebration of harvest thanksgiving on 6 October. Annemarie Clothier had created an attractive and meaningful backdrop to the display of natural products, a field of ripe wheat with the superimposed text of John 12:24: 'Except a corn of wheat. . .'. In his morning address, with the imminent departure of the Anthony family in mind, the local pastor, Jack Mahon, had quoted Psalm 126:6: 'He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.' God

bless you for your sacrificial service, Garth, Sylvia, and family. We shall welcome your glad return!

JACK MAHON

Tyneside Baptism



Sabbath afternoon, 2 June, was a memorable time for the youth of the Newcastle and South Shields churches. It was on that day that one of their number, Sister Beverley O'Connell, publicly demonstrated her desire to follow Jesus by being baptized. Pastor Roy Hulbert conducted the service. More delight was to follow, for after her baptism, Beverley, a Junior counsellor of the South Shields Pathfinder Club was invested, along with others, as Companion, by Pastor A. R. Rodd, NBC Youth director.

That Sabbath was a day of delight for the Adventurers also, for the Busy Bee, Sunbeam, Helping Hand and Builder also received badges of investiture.

God is leading His people in these two churches, and the programmes of outreach for youth evangelism which are planned will certainly bear more fruit under the leadership of our Master Pathfinder, Jesus Christ.

A. SIMON

The project so far has cost eighty-five thousand pounds, an extremely modest sum when current values are weighed; still that kind of money-raising costs effort, and members worked like trojans on a wide variety of fund-raising ideas for which Birmingham churches generally deserve congratulations for their liberal support. In the last analysis it was sheer self-sacrifice of creature comforts which ultimately realized the sum of more than twenty-seven thousand pounds. Conference weighed-in with a generous grant and loan. Members formed a syndicate to purchase carpeting; another sister donated the organ. In a community not noted for above-

average income, the members' response can only be described as munificent. A major reason for the relatively low cost of the scheme was understood when it was disclosed that Architect/Project supervisor H. Mitchell, Mechanical Electrical consultant T. Campbell, and Quantity Surveyor T. Saunders, all donated their services. Their introduction and presentation of token gifts of appreciation was greeted with tremendous enthusiasm, especially when it was noted Mr. Saunders is not an Adventist member.

Appropriately the service of blessing was conducted by the man who was district pastor for the major part of

the development period, Donald MacFarlane.

Of the hundreds of thousands of motorists and pedestrians who pass by the new building, many must be conjecturing as to its identity, for with the burden of a ten thousand pound mortgage, this medium-sized congregation has not yet managed to erect an appropriate sign or to landscape this prominent site, creating car parks and garden areas. When this is achieved it will be good promotion for the Church at large. After all, 'Britain's Most Accessible Adventist Church' should not just be accessible to Adventists only.

JACK MAHON

EDITORIAL

The King's Birthday a true story for Christmas

Submitted by a reader who has requested that her name be withheld

Once upon a future there lived in the kingdom of Zoë a family who felt that they had been so blessed by their beloved King that as his birthday approached they began to feel rather guilty. You see, it was the custom for the people of Zoë to celebrate the King's birthday not so much by giving him presents as by lavishing gifts – often quite expensive ones – on each other amid much jollity and public mirth.

Now this family did not object to the jollity and public mirth, far from it; they loved the singing and rejoicing and the retelling of the old story of his first birthday, but it was the exchanging of rich and often unnecessary gifts that worried them, because they had heard that there were people in the more remote parts of the kingdom who had very little to celebrate, and who were actually dying for want of the basics of life, such as food and water.

And at least one member of the family wondered how they would feel if their King, who was in another realm on business, came back on his birthday and saw them surrounded by piles of luxury food and presents, when some of his remoter subjects not only did not have a crumb to eat, but had not even been told it was his birthday, and why it was so very special to those who had so much.

There was only one thing to do. They called a family counsel, and the first thing they agreed upon was that they would feel pretty bad if the King did return at that precise moment; and a littler member of the family came to the conclusion, all by herself, that there was a pretty good chance of him returning on his birthday. After all, who wanted to miss their own party?

Anyway, to cut a long family counsel short, they decided – unanimously – that it would make a nice change if they tried – as far as was humanly possible – to have a new kind of celebration, and emphasize the giving aspect. Not by giving bigger and more unnecessary gifts, but by trying to forget about the receiving side of it. They had a good precedent to follow too. Hadn't the King himself said they'd be happier if they lived that way? Well, here was a chance to find out!

They decided to ask their friends and

kind relations *not* to give any presents at all to *them* on the King's birthday, but give the presents instead to the people who had nothing! And this was where it got a bit complicated. As one member of the family pointed out – not wishing to be obstructionist you understand, just practical – their friends and kind relations might be *offended*. They might wonder if it was because their gifts were not considered good enough.

There were definitely problems with their new way of celebrating the King's birthday, and even the final plan had to be amended several times, because the people of the kingdom of Zoë were geared to remembering the King's birthday in a certain way, and tradition is the hardest thing to change (after bad habits, that is!). It also occurred to the family that once the change had been made, it would be rather difficult to go back to the old ways in future years, as they doubted if one year was going to make too much difference. Then one of the older members of the family pointed out that they'd had to make quite a few changes when they'd moved to the kingdom in the first place, and none had ever been for the worse – so why didn't they just *do* it and see what happened? It could turn out to be quite exciting – maybe even a little ... scary? (New ideas *can* be.) But one thing was sure – it would not be boring, and they had to admit, the old birthday celebrations for the King, fun though they were, had become a little stereotyped. Their new idea was almost – well, revolutionary.

There was still the problem of how to get the friends and kind relations to give their gifts to the poor, and one member of the family had quite a chuckle to himself as he thought of what the poor would make of a tartan tie or a set of dressing table ornaments. Then he sobered up. 'They don't give presents at all', he exclaimed. 'They give the money they would have spent on us, directly to the people who have nothing! If they want us to know what they've done so we don't think them mean for forgetting us, they send us a card to say where the money has gone! No need even to state the amount – that's up to them!'

It was simply brilliant and brilliantly simple.

And that was what they asked their

friends and kind relations to do. And some of their friends and kind relations thought it was a *good* idea and did as they were asked. Some even thought it was *such* a good idea that they gave up their presents in the same way. Others gave up *some* of their presents – not quite able to break with tradition all in one go. (And no one blamed them!)

But the idea caught on in a big way, and other people's friends and kind relations got to hear about it, and did the same. On the King's birthday ... Oh, and he did come too, just as the littler member of the family thought he would, and when he saw what was happening, he made it possible for the friends and kind relations to see just what their gifts had meant to the people in the remoter regions of his kingdom.

They saw a whole village of people gathered round their new well, laughing and singing and drinking their fill. They saw the skeletal limbs of starving children fatten and glisten with a healthy glow; they saw eyes that had been dim with want begin to sparkle again; people had corn in their fields and wheat in their barns. Orphaned and neglected children were found homes where they could receive love and lots of good things to eat.

And the people of the Kingdom of Zoë could hardly believe that so much could happen just because they had given up a few presents.

But everyone who joined in the new celebrations for the King's birthday that year agreed, man, woman, and child, that it was the happiest and most blest that any of them had ever known.



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This year the British Publishing House is celebrating its centenary.

In 1880 John Loughborough, based in Southampton, having acquired 1,000 copies of the American *Signs* magazine, had a local jobbing printer run off a four-page supplement acquainting readers with the Adventist work in the port city. However, it was when the headquarters of the work moved north to another port – Grimsby – that the publishing work actually went into business. And that was in 1884.

Elder A. A. John must take credit for the publication of the first British *Present Truth*, in May 1884. In the *Missionary Worker* (that was what MESSENGER was called then) of 25 July 1924, H. W. Armstrong has this to say: 'In May 1884, just forty years ago, *Present Truth*, a sixteen-page monthly at 2 shillings and 6 pence per year, was issued from 72 Heneage Road, Grimsby, and about 1,000 copies were subscribed for during the first year. . . . Practically all the papers and tracts sent from the office during the first two years I carried in sacks or parcels to the post office or railway station nearly a mile away.' H. W. Armstrong lays claim to have been the first 'printer's devil' in the Adventist publishing work in Britain.

Of the headquarters building itself he says: 'The building itself was a double-fronted dwelling house, one front room being used as a meeting place, another for a depository, while behind was the folding and dispatching room. On the first floor was the type room in a small back bedroom. We had no large printing press – most of the printing being done at the *Grimsby News* office – but small handbills were 'run off' on our own jobbing press kept in a small outhouse; this outhouse served the purpose of kitchen, scullery and pressroom! The small press was within arm's reach of the cooking stove, and, true to the principle that the ox which treads the corn

should not be muzzled, I indulged in hot doughnuts from the stove as I treddled away at the press! I often, in this way, put through 500 or 1,000 handbills for tent meetings.'

The first editor of *Present Truth* was Elder M. C. Wilcox who served from 1884 to 1887.

In 1887 the headquarters of the Church moved from Grimsby to Holloway Road, London. The printing press moved with it, and more plant and equipment was acquired. It was no longer necessary to 'farm out' any of the printing work.

Church historians in the United States have said: 'We were not a Church who gave birth to a Publishing department. Rather the Publishing department gave birth to the Church.' The same statement is true of Great Britain.

The very locations chosen by the Adventist pioneers to begin the work in Britain are accounted for by the fact that, in those places, American Adventists had already established firm contacts by posting copies of *Signs* and *The Review and Herald*. A copy of *The Review and Herald* of 2 July 1861 alludes to the practice of individual church members sending magazines to Britain with a view to eliciting an interest there in the Advent message. In an issue of *Review* bearing the date 8 April 1875 Elder S. N. Haskell remarks that, in addition to many thousands of magazines, 'tons of books, pamphlets and tracts are shipped to various parts of this country (USA) and to different parts of Europe'. Haskell quoted, at length, from correspondence received from a reader in Belfast. This *Review* reader was particularly interested in the Sabbath truth. In his letter he provided evidence of other interested persons in both Glasgow and London. In the *Review* of 1 January 1875 it is clear that firm contacts had been made in Lincolnshire. As a result of receiving regular copies of *Review* from a lady in

OUR HUNDRED BIRTHDAY



Dennis Archer, the outgoing general manager.

Michigan, there were already at least two Sabbath-keepers in Grimsby. In the same issue of *Review* a lady writing from Scotland speaks of having convened a 'Sabbath conference' in her home 'attended by six persons, including my mother and myself. Five of us have decided that the seventh day is the true Sabbath. The sixth, I believe, is convinced, being regular in attending the meetings.' In the *Review and Herald* of 8 April 1875 an extract was published from a letter received from a believer in Grimsby: 'I am glad to tell you that I am now keeping the true Sabbath, and, have put my hand to the plough, and shall, with God's help, remain true to the end. I must tell you that some kind friend, an Adventist, has sent me two copies of *Advent Review*, containing a most powerful article on the Sabbath question, entitled "Who Changed the Sabbath?", which has so convinced me that I have not only adopted the Sabbath myself, but have ordered a printer to copy the article.'

Long before John Loughborough and William Ings arrived on these shores the ground had been prepared for them by faithful believers who had sent over copies of truth-filled literature from the United States. When John Loughborough arrived in Southampton he carried with him a long list of persons already interested in the Advent truth supplied to him by the various Seventh-day Adventist Vigilant Missionary Societies, as well as from the offices of the *Signs of the Times*. (A.

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y D. N. MARSHALL

Editor, The Stanborough Press Limited



Paul Hammond, the new general manager.

McHarty, 'Loughborough and the Founding of the English Mission', unpublished MA dissertation, Andrews University, 1974. Copy in the White Centre, Newbold.)

From 1889 the British Publishing House was based at 451 Holloway Road, London. On 23 August 1894 the International Tract Society Limited was registered under the Companies' Act as operating from this address. *Present Truth* was published from here in ever increasing numbers as the years went by.

In 1907 the denomination purchased Stanborough Park. In that year the Press moved from London to Watford. The records of the Annual General Meetings held between 1907 and 1914 indicate that *Present Truth* and *Good Health*, a publication introduced in 1901, enjoyed vast circulations. A tiny constituency supported the magazine programme to the extent that the circulation of both magazines was far in excess of what it has been at any time since, including at present. Not until 1919 did the International Tract Society change its name to The Stanborough Press Limited.

From 1920 to 1936 Pastor A. S. Maxwell was editor of The Stanborough Press. During his period in 'the chair' the massive circulation of the magazines was matched by the publication of many message books, some in paperback, others bound for sale by the increasing army of literature-evangelists.

The Stanborough Press remained in



Top: The front offices of the old Stanborough Press building. **Above:** Pastor Walter Newman stands in front of the new Press building at Alma Park, Grantham, Lincs. **Below:** Staff arrive on the morning of 3 January 1964 to find the Press ablaze.

Watford until 1966. The move to Grantham was occasioned by a catastrophic early-morning fire on 3 January 1964 which destroyed the administrative block and dispatch department. Without doubt this was a causal factor in the premature death of the fabled manager of the Press of those days, J. H. Craven,

under whose management the institution had enjoyed a steady expansion.

Brother Craven's successor, Pastor Walter Newman, made it his first aim to move the Press from Watford to an area where property would be cheaper and the encroachments of the concrete wilderness less destructive to health and to





A. S. Maxwell, editor 1920-1936.



W. L. Emmerson, editor-in-chief, 1936-1966.



R. D. Vine, editor-in-chief, 1966-1979.

environment. The Press moved to Grantham in 1966.

The move signalled a change of editor-in-chief. W. L. Emmerson, who had served as editor since Maxwell's departure to the United States in 1936, was replaced by R. D. Vine. Prior to Pastor Emmerson's retirement he had produced his four-volume *Footprints of Jesus* set, now being republished in an attractive two-volume edition.

The change-over between R. D. Vine and the present editor, D. N. Marshall, came in January 1979. In the course of 1979 *Family Life* was launched as a first-approach magazine and *Focus* as a message magazine, to replace the magazines, *Our Times* and *Good Health* which had languished and died in the early 70s, not short of breath, but from poor circulation!

The Centennial year has been marked by the publication of *A Guide to Family Health*. This book, published in February 1984, has already achieved a world-wide circulation. The Centennial Year has also marked the last year of the nine-year tenure of office as General Manager by D. H. Archer. Dennis Archer, like Joe Craven before him, has become 'a legend in his own time'. His period in management has marked the most successful period thus far in the history of The Stanborough Press. Thanks to the blessing of God, Brother Archer has rejoiced to see massive markets open up in West Africa and to see record sales achieved. Brother Archer has also been responsible, in co-operation with his highly-skilled work-force, for a total modernization of the plant and equipment of The Stanborough Press. The Press now has a Sovereign 4-colour printing machine, the envy of many of the other denominational publishing houses. In addition, a completely mechanized bindery line has been acquired. On the administrative side, the office has been completely computerized. Without this moderniza-

tion programme it would have been impossible for the Press to have maintained its position in the face of the harsh winds of economic recession which have blown with increasing fierceness over the last three years. The acquisition of each machine has represented, it itself, a miracle. Many machines, which should have cost tens of thousands of pounds, were acquired for a very low figure indeed.

In the summer of this year Brother Archer suffered a serious heart attack. As the weeks and months have gone by it has become increasingly evident that it will be impossible for Brother Archer to return to his position in management. Consequently, Brother Archer has requested early retirement on grounds of ill health, and The Stanborough Press Limited will commence its second century under a new General Manager, Paul Hammond. In addition, the management agreement with the Review and Herald has been renewed for a further period of five years.

The new manager notwithstanding,

however, it would be untrue to say that The Stanborough Press was 'under new management'. The Stanborough Press operates under the blessing and guidance of Almighty God, or it operates not at all. With the apparent collapse of the West African markets The Stanborough Press in 'human terms' faces an uncertain future. But the future is in the hands of God and is therefore as certain and sure as the promises of God. In 1984, as in the pioneer days of 1884, our dependence is entirely upon God and our aim is the dissemination of the everlasting Gospel, the last hope for a perishing world.

Present editor, D. N. Marshall relaxes in the Lake District.



Over the Century . . .

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CHANGE SWEEPS NEWBOLD

Bottom picture: Forty-seven young people from the British Isles (not all pictured) are studying at Newbold College this year, taking the opportunity to fulfil their spiritual needs while enjoying a high standard of Christian education.

Two hundred and fifty-seven students are enrolled at Newbold; one in five of these is British. Twenty-seven are majoring in theology while others specialize in English, history, music, office skills and business administration. Twelve are taking personal preference courses. However, all British students share in one aim – to teach their friends from all over the world (especially America) the Queen's English!

Classes in the new seminary building, and reading in the well-stocked library, fulfil the students' intellectual needs. The gym is in great demand for physical activity. Daily worships mean spiritual challenge. So the new generation of British Seventh-day Adventists learn, eat, play and pray together and keep the British spirit very much alive at Newbold College.

CHRISTINE ARTHUR

Top picture: Twenty-two people from twelve different nationalities have begun to study for the new Bachelor's degree in Business Administration at Newbold College. Seventeen of them posed for a picture with Academic Dean Ole-Christian Bjerkan (far left) and course director Iris Schantz (far right). Accounting, Business Algebra, Statistics and Computer Concepts are on the timetable for this year, the first in the four-year course. Career opportunities in business studies have made business studies one of the major growth areas in higher education. Students taking the degree at Newbold in affiliation with Andrews University are training for business positions both inside and outside the Church.

Some of Newbold's new members of staff this term are new – others are 'new'. Eivind Keyn, the new head of the music department is a true newcomer. Although the Keyn children have been to Newbold as students, Eivind and his wife Turid have never lived in England before. Eivind has spent twenty-seven years in Adventist education and now comes to Newbold to be head of the music department as successor to Roy Scarr who retired earlier this year. 'New' to Newbold is Aulikki Nahkkola, a former student from Finland who now returns after teaching experience in West Africa, further study and ministerial experience in Finland, to the post of girls' dean. 'New' part-time teachers include Jane Buckley, just back from a year's stint as girls' dean at Hlidar-

dalsskoli the Adventist secondary school in Iceland, and teaching in the School of English. Cynthia Benz returns to Newbold to teach English after a year gaining a post-graduate diploma in counseling and guidance at the University of Reading. Penny Mahon returns to teach English Literature.

'When we came here in 1954, and the Northern European Division took over the college, there were only ninety students', said Dr. V. N. Olsen on his visit to Newbold in mid October. 'At that time we had great dreams about what the college could become. I am glad now to see them being realized.' Dr. Olsen, former Bible teacher at Newbold and principal from 1960-66, expressed

personal pleasure at being able to see so many of his former students still involved in the work of the college, carrying on what had been started in former years.

Another guest speaker at an October Newbold assembly was Dr. Marianna Davis of Columbia, South Carolina, invited to speak about her two-volume work *The Contributions of Black Women to America*.

Autumn Week of Prayer speaker was Pastor Paul Sundquist, retired but still active in his personal life and ministry to young people. 'His message is simple, concise and very practical,' says one student, 'and his illustrations are so apt.'

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Top: Students in the Bachelor of Business Administration course with academic dean Ole-Christian Bjerkan and course director Iris Schantz. **Below:** British students at Newbold.

Round and About

South Bank Crusade



Top: The baptismal candidates. Left to right: Sisters Barrett and D. Cook, Dr. J. Roseman, Sisters C. Amponsah-Yaboah and A. Marshall. **Above:** The platform party. Left to right: Brother A. Dantzie, C. Wilde, L. Rennalls, Pastor H. Walters and T. Sargeant.

The day arrived for the members on the South Bank of the river. The big tentorium was erected at Hillyfields Park, Brockley, London SE4.

On the opening night, 25 July, we were honoured by the presence of SEC representatives Dr. S. M. Reid and Pastor C. Perry. Each night members and friends came out in large numbers for the usual rousing song service, which was followed by the health spot, shared with Dr. J. Roseman and Sister F. George.

Pastor T. Sargeant, the main speaker, spoke on subjects such as 'Can the Bible be Trusted?', 'What is the Soul of Man?', and 'God in Bad Company'. Pastor H. Walters spoke one Sabbath,

and throughout the New Life Crusade there was a variety of additional speakers. The combined choirs of Lewisham, Deptford and Peckham, together with the Golden Chords, Escoffery Sisters and the Male Voice Choir, added grace to the service nightly. Other brethren and sisters also rendered beautiful solos.

Christians from other denominations were thrilled to hear the Word of God expounded in such a unique way. Many made their decision for the Lord and were buried in the watery grave of baptism. Men and women are still studying with Bible workers and looking forward to the day when they will be baptized too.

Although the crusade only lasted one

month, follow-up meetings are being held in the Lewisham church on Sunday, Wednesday and Friday nights.

Among the thirteen souls baptized were Dr. Joan Roseman, originally from Grenada, and Brother L. Ogun from Nigeria.

A magnificent Bible was presented by Sister L. Reid to Sister Hubert from Peckham for being the most punctual person and bringing the most visitors.

The last night came to a conclusion when Dr. Reid and Pastor Sargeant superintended a candle lighting ceremony, forming a cross. Many gave their indication with the candle that they wanted to uphold the cross of Calvary.

E. KAVANAGH and M. ADDISON

SIXTY YEARS OF WRITING

In the autumn of 1924 the late Pastor A. S. Maxwell, while visiting the church in Sheffield, was introduced to a young man who had recently been baptized. Learning that he was literary assistant to a well-known author, he suggested to the young man that he write something for *Present Truth*. As a result, on 13 November 1924, an article appeared under the signature of W. L. Emmerson. Other articles followed and in 1926 Brother Emmerson enrolled as a student in Stanborough College.

Graduating in 1928, he was invited by Pastor Maxwell to join the editorial staff of the British publishing house, in which he served as assistant editor until 1936. When Pastor Maxwell accepted the editorship of the American *Signs of the Times* in that year, Brother Emmerson was ordained and became editor-in-chief, a position which he occupied until his retirement in 1966.

During this long period, Pastor Emmerson wrote thousands of pages of articles which were copied and translated in Adventist periodicals all over the world. He also wrote seven books, *Bible Certainties*, *The Bible Speaks*, *God's Good News*, and *Footprints of Jesus* (four volumes), which likewise have been reprinted in all five continents.

After his 'retirement', Pastor Emmerson, while teaching Church History and Archaeology at Newbold College, has continued to write, particularly in the areas of Archaeology and Ecumenism, and at the age of 82 produced his latest book, *The Reformation and the Advent Movement*, published by the Review and Herald.

We are happy to say that, after sixty years of writing, Pastor Emmerson's pen is still active. 1985 will see the publication, in a two-volume edition of his *Footprints of Jesus*. Illustrated in full-colour throughout, these volumes, representing the greatest single investment project ever undertaken by the Press, will lead many to the foot of the Saviour's cross.

D. N. MARSHALL

Missions Story

The mission report for 31 March was a special one for Sister Anne Brown, therefore she had especially requested to present the story to the Lewisham Sabbath school. Anne then informed the church that she would be leaving soon to become a volunteer student missionary in Sierra Leone, arranged by the youth department.

Anne will be spending a year working as a pharmacy technician in the Masanga Leprosy Hospital, helping in the rehabilitation of leprosy patients. She will also assist with church activities.

Originally from Birmingham, Anne, who also attended Newbold College, has spent her last three months working at Lewisham Hospital as a pharmacy technician. During that time she worshipped with us at Lewisham and took an active part in the church's programme.

SHARON CHAMBERS

Investment Sale

On Sunday 18 November at 2 pm, Hampstead Sabbath school members held their second investment sale. Food, clothes, plants and much more were sold - with an excellent return for Sabbath school funds.

E. R. CAMBRIDGE

Newbold Don Runs Campaign



Alan Crowe, with student help in the streets of Maidenhead, invites people to his crusade meetings.

Pastor Alan Crowe's evangelistic series in Maidenhead is in its second week as we go to press. One hundred and fifty non-Adventists attended the first meeting in the Altwood School, Maidenhead; seventy came to the second lecture on Petra. Involved in the outreach are the twelve students in Pastor Crowe's class - Introduction to Evangelistic Ministry.

HELEN PEARSON



Miss Debbie Taylor.

Photo: A. E. Sutton

PASTOR PROMOTES MISSIONS EXTENSION

'Missions Extension' was given a flying start at Stanborough Park church this year. Pastor Roy Burgess launched the campaign with a special platform announcement drawing our attention to the needs of those who will benefit from our offerings. He spoke of the suffering due to famine in many parts of the continent of Africa as highlighted in recent weeks by the media. In closing his appeal, he announced that a spontaneous offering be taken, which raised

£473. A further collection the following week brought the total to £713.

The congregation was encouraged to sell copies of FAMILY LIFE to support the project and raise funds. These were distributed in bundles of ten. Within the next three weeks £124 had been raised through the sale of the magazines and it is expected that the total proceeds from this source will exceed £150.

H. J. ANTHONY

REJOICING IN TOTTENHAM



Candidates pictured with church elders. Left to right: L. Charles (elder), Brother Hinds, Sister P. Wilson, Brother R. MacKenzie, Brother L. Miller and P. Douglas (elder). Not pictured Sisters M. Amarty, E. Amarty and P. Miller.

New members have been added to the Tottenham (High Road) church through baptism.

The first baptism took place on Sabbath 5 May in the newly-dedicated baptismal pool of the Tottenham (Holcombe Road) church. This joint baptismal service was conducted by Pastors B. Kavalo and H. Wilson. Baptized

on this day were Sister Paula Wilson, Brethren Hinds, MacKenzie and Miller.

The second baptism took place during the 'miracle campaign' of Pastors D. Marley and L. R. Preston. Sisters M. Amarty, E. Amarty and P. Miller were the candidates on that occasion.

PAULA Y. WILSON,

Communication secretary, Tottenham High Road

'FOCUS' ON EXETER

In July 1984 the south-west English city of Exeter was host to the European Youth Congress. The SEC Evangelistic Committee recommended to its Executive Committee that it would be wise to follow up the Congress with a campaign in that city where the Adventist church though active, is very small.

The call was passed on to the SEC evangelist for the provincial areas, Pastor Derek Marley, to make plans to hold such a campaign in the autumn of 1984. Plans were duly laid, and though the interest created by the Youth Congress was much less than expected, the posters, invitations and 25,000 handbills distributed in Exeter by the enthusiastic members, combined with the blessing of God, resulted in an audience of 350 non-members at St. Georges Hall, the city's premier public auditorium.

Meetings are held on three evenings a week, under the title, 'FOCUS on the world of the past and its relevance to modern man.' Using a computerized three-projector system and a large screen, the evangelist preached for the first few nights on how fulfilled Bible prophecy demonstrates the reliability and accuracy of the old Book. From there he moved on to the Christ of the Bible, and currently he is dealing with the faith that Jesus taught. The meetings which, after six nights, transferred to the Rougemont Hotel, begin at 7.30 pm, but most of the audience (now, after eighteen meetings averaging between seventy and ninety per meeting) are in their seats by 7.15 to enjoy the slides and music which precede the meeting. The first item in the programme is usually a travel feature, followed by news items and question time, then the sermon, ending at about 8.45 pm. Many of the attenders are committed to a Church in this conservative Devon city, dominated by its cathedral and with a strong Pentecostal movement, but they are expressing great delight in hearing the truth of the Bible taught clearly with the help of the screen and 'black light' illustrations. Résumés of each sermon are issued to all who attend, and each meeting is recorded 'live', and the tapes are on sale at the end of each meeting, being duplicated at the hall as the programme is ending.

On Sabbath 3 November, the first Sabbath morning seminar was held at the hall, with sixty non-members in attendance, and this was a great encouragement to the campaign team and church members. This programme was augmented by the singing of 'Praise', who left London at 4.30 am, in order to be with us in far-away Exeter by 10 am when the seminar started.

Tribute must be paid to the local members who, though few in number, have given excellent physical and finan-

cial support to the programme, led by their pastor, Ian Lorek, who has been a faithful part of the team despite the illness of his wife, Romela. Our prayers are with the Loreks. The campaign has also been greatly blessed by the presence of two unemployed young men from the north of England. Richard Slann, from Birmingham, volunteered his services to the campaign prior to going to Newbold College to train for the ministry. And John McBean, a West Indian from Preston, also volunteered to help when he heard of the Exeter programme. The local church cares for their food and accommodation, and the campaign budget covers their travel and incidental expenses. There must be many other dedicated young people who could also give valuable service to a local campaign in the same way. Richard and John are enjoying their work as team members and have positions to fill at each meeting, as well as having a full behind-the-scenes and visitation programme.

As we write this article, the series is half-way through, and baptismal dates have been set. We are aware that people in this part of the world may take their time to accept what for them is 'new truth', and to decide to join a small, little-known Church, but we are confident that the Lord has people in this city who are honest and earnest enough to take their stand for truth and join with the Remnant people of God.

At the end of the campaign, a follow-up series on the Book of Revelation is planned, and at that time we will report to you again on the campaign's progress. But please pray for us and all who are attending, that as we

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Dr. H. I. Dunton, BUC Sabbath school director
Pastor A. R. Rodd, NBC Sabbath school director
Pastor and Mrs. A. F. Crowe, Newbold College lecturers
Mrs. M. Rodd, School teacher

Cost: £19 per person for the weekend less a Conference subsidy of £5 making a total of £14 each, which must rank as one of the lowest prices ever.

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present the 'testing truths', the people of Exeter might respond to the call of God, and prepare to meet the soon-coming Saviour.

DEREK M. MARLEY, SEC Provincial Evangelist

'That night I was awakened by what seemed like someone trying to strangle me...'

On 8 September the surprise overwhelmed Sister Saddler and the tears just could not be held back.

She knew her baptism was 3.30 pm in Handsworth church. But what she did not know was that her daughter would be baptized that afternoon with her. Yes, literature-evangelist Sister Mardner knew. Pastor Alan Conroy knew. Even some Aberdaron campers and staff knew. But Sheena's mother hadn't a clue.

It happened like this. Following Sister Mardner's call, we visited her and introduced our Bible study programme with immediate acceptance. Sheena and Mrs. Saddler participated keenly in the Bible studies weekly. Three months later Mrs. Saddler decided to be baptized but Sheena remained undecided.

Then Satan barged in. Obviously realizing Sheena's positive response to her Saviour, he began to fight. Sheena tells us about it:

'It was when we were discussing the Sabbath one Wednesday. That night I was awakened by what seemed to be someone trying to strangle me. I managed to fight free. Weeks later we had come to the two studies, "The Origin of Evil" and "Sin and its Cure". Satan attacked again. This time I felt it was too much; so I told Brother Harewood the next time I saw him that I could not do those lessons. But he insisted that I do them. I did. Time has gone by and I don't have to avoid any studies on Satan. However, the studies I like best, and certainly like to discuss most, are the ones about the Sabbath. I have had a subsequent "visit" from Satan but it was as though, like David, I faced him "in the name of the Lord". Thank God for my deliverance.'

Sheena was encouraged to attend Aberdaron Senior Holiday Witness Camp '84. She went. And it was there that her decision to be baptized crystallized.

It was then she planned the big surprise. It succeeded. At 3.30 pm, white robed and smiling, Sheena Saddler walked up and sat beside her already white robed, but now simply amazed and speechless mother. Tears - yes, tears of unspeakable joy. What better surprise could there be except,

When we all get to heaven

What a day of rejoicing that will be;

When we all see Jesus

We'll sing and shout the victory.

VICTOR O. HAREWOOD

SPECIALIZED CHRISTMAS SEASON EVANGELISM

Almost every Seventh-day Adventist church in the British Union has on its record books the names of individuals who no longer attend church.

It has been proven to be a fruitful avenue of evangelism when, in the Christmas season, pastors, elders or church members systematically visit such individuals.

It is suggested that such a campaign of visitation be undertaken in each district this Christmastide, that (where possible) prayer be had in each home, and a tactful invitation be extended to attend the Christmas services at the church.

Such visits will be rendered much more effective if a gift is taken along. We suggest that the FAMILY LIFE CALENDAR would make a suitable gift.

A suggestion from the British Union Conference president.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS. The treasurer of the South England Conference acknowledges with thanks the receipt of £10 tithe from Anon; £1, £1, tithe from HT; £63 tithe from Anon; and £27 tithe (Camp Meeting). B. J. Powell

PLEASE CAN YOU HELP? Brother and Sister Chesters of Sale church desperately need unfurnished accommodation, house, or two-bedroom ground floor flat. D. Chesters, 3 Hartford Gardens, Timperley, Cheshire.

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COMMUNITY SERVICES SALE, Hampstead Church, Sunday 9 December. Commences 10 am, 66 Haverstock Hill, corner Maitland Park Road, NW3.

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Reception Teacher Needed at Fletewood School, Plymouth.

Due to the proposed marriage of the reception teacher and resultant emigration to the USA, Fletewood School urgently requires a lady to take over the ministry of the reception class. The obvious qualities of love for Christ and children are a must, as well as NNEB or Teacher certification. Would interested persons please contact E. Hollister, Head (0752-663782) or Pastor C. Perry, SEC Educational director.

OBITUARIES

NOLAN, David d. 15 October. Born in Northampton in 1897, David Nolan was of Irish stock having a Roman Catholic background. In his late teens his health was poor, and his concerned employer kindly decided to send him for treatment to the recently-opened Hydro at Stanborough Park, Watford. This was an experience that was to change his whole life. Health recovered, he soon returned to work at the Sanatorium, and it was there that he chose Jesus as his personal Saviour, and became a member of the Stanborough Park church. In 1924, working as a male nurse, he met and married Laura, who was also nursing at that time in the institution. In 1931 he set up in private practice as a chiropodist - the first to locate in the Watford area. Eventually he and his wife retired to the lovely Derbyshire village of Wirksworth. There he continued to work part time, and at the same time did a fine job as a lay preacher in the nearby churches. This continued for some fifteen years. Old age led Laura and David to make their last home with son Philip and daughter-in-law Audrey in Grindleford, just outside Sheffield. David fell asleep peacefully in confident faith in the Saviour he had accepted all those busy years before. We laid him to rest in the beautifully-appointed Sheffield crematorium. The service was shared by the writer and Pastor J. Handysides. Our Christian love and sympathy goes out at this time to son Philip, daughter Kitty, and sister-in-law Ethel, and their families. What a wonderfully sure promise it is that partings such as this will soon be over eternally. God haste the day.

K. A. Elias

McLEAN, Julia Marie Elizabeth - d. 4 May. We are very sad to have to report the passing away of Sister Julia McLean, an isolated member of the church living in the Bristol district at Longwell Green. She died, after short hospitalization, on 4 May, and the funeral service was conducted by the writer at the Arnos Vale cemetery on 11 May. Sister McLean was born in 1899 in Port Blair, Andaman Islands. Her father was a British army engineer. She spent most of her life in India where she met her husband, John Campbell McLean. She became a member of the Church in 1937 and was baptized by Pastor R. Hare. She loved the Church, sending her two children to the Vincent Hill School in India, but upon their return to England she and Brother McLean lost both children tragically, David in a plane accident and Jean to cancer. Although her faith was sorely tried, she lived always expecting the soon return of her Lord. She leaves her husband and two grandchildren, Adrian in Southampton and Amanda in Greece. To these loved ones who mourn, Jesus says that she who believes in Him, though she were dead, yet shall she live.

A. Malcolm Vine

CULBERT, Rachel Florence - d. 5 September. Mrs. Culbert was born on 31 July 1898, and accepted the message through the ministry of Pastors Kenneth Lacey and Ernest Cox at Wimbledon in 1950. She remained a member there until 1968 when she moved to Waterloo in Hampshire and was transferred to the Conference church. After this she lived with her son for a number of years in Bournemouth before entering a residential home. The funeral was held at the Bournemouth crematorium on 14 September. To her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren, we extend Christian sympathy and hope, remembering in particular her youngest daughter, Anne, a member of the Wimbledon church.

E. H. Foster

DAVIES, Georgina Emily - d. —. The Colwyn Bay and Rhyl church members were all saddened to hear of the death of a much-loved member Sister Georgina Davies, aged 78 years, in Llandudno General Hospital after a long illness borne with fortitude and cheerfulness. Sister Davies became a member of the Rhyl church at the time of

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her marriage to Brother F. S. Davies in 1941, and served the church in many offices until moving to live in Llanrwst and transferring membership to Colwyn Bay where she continued to serve until incapacitated by illness. A great lover of music and nature, her love and faith in God were typified in the hymns chosen for the funeral service. The officiating ministers at Dolwar chapel of rest, Llanrwst, and the Colwyn Bay crematorium were Pastor M. C. Murdoch and Pastor Kendall Down. Much sympathy is extended to her husband Brother F. S. Davies, daughter Miriam, son-in-law Leslie, grandchildren Tanya and John.

E. E. Davies

GOUTIERE, Dr. Mary - d. 10 September. It is with deep sadness we report the death of Dr. Goutiere at the age of 82. She was baptized as a result of a tent crusade at the north-west frontier of India. Baptized together with her sister, who now worships at the Stanborough Park church, she served faithfully in her home land, working in the poorer districts of India as a doctor, often working for very low pay, or in some cases none at all when her poorer patients could not afford to pay. She was able to work right up to her retirement. Sister Goutiere came to Luton in 1972, where she remained a regular and faithful member for nearly twelve years, attending church up to the day before her death. The funeral service was conducted by Pastor D. Marley and E. Blackburn. We extend our sympathies to her Sister Mrs. Josephine Enid Luke, and two daughters Eileen and Pamela, with a number of grandchildren who mourn her passing.

Claudia King

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Borge Schantz, recently appointed director of the Continuing Education of the Adventist Ministry, is planning a number of courses for ministers. In the North British Conference all ministers in active service are to be involved in thirty hours of study of the principles of church growth. Dr. Schantz will also conduct seminars for lay people, entitled 'A Royal Priesthood in Working Clothes', in various churches in England and Scotland.

Newbold is offering a course in pastoral counselling for ministers in active service. Six ministers within a sixty mile radius of the college responded to an offer of a counselling course conducted by Dr. Kevin Howse during the autumn quarter. 'Together', says Dr. Howse, 'they are learning how to listen, how to help people in times of crisis, and how to be helpful without preaching a sermon.'

HELEN PEARSON



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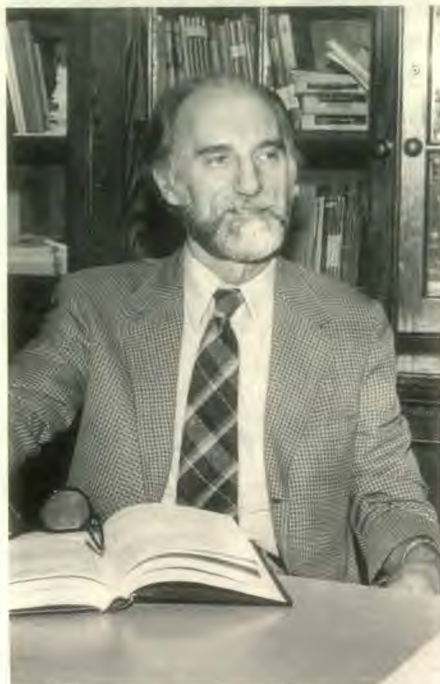
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STANBOROUGH SCHOOL: A NEW HEAD



Ivor J. Margerison.

Each week-day morning I enjoy the walk that takes me from my home, along St. Albans Road, across a main highway at a busy roundabout and eventually into the park where, perched on an eminence at its northern end, is the school in which, some thirty years ago, I began my teaching career. I have been impressed in my walks to school by the contrast between the seeming madness of the morning rush hour traffic as it tangles and untangles its fuming, erratic way past the roundabout, and the serenity and peace that envelops me as I stroll up through manicured lawns, past stately trees to Stanborough School.

Lights from the upper windows beckon through the morning mist. The boarders are astir and as I open the door of the old administration building I am jarred from my reveries by the clatter of a bell, the purposeful patter of feet on a rickety old stairway and the happy hubbub of youthful voices. This is a vibrant place, pulsating with life, full of purposeful activity.

Soon other students come by foot, bike, and car to join the residents at assembly in the new gymnasium, the school's pride and joy. From this orderly conclave the students separate to their various, appointed classes, loaded down with the paraphernalia of learning. And so their purposeful day begins.

Maturity has come to the school in the many years since I first taught here. There is pride in academic achievement, and tradition, and a feeling of belonging. On returning I have found stalwart

members of the Church who look back with fond memories of youthful days spent at Stanborough School. Others can trace the beginning of their affiliation with the Church to their student years in this place.

How thankful I am for Stanborough and for its dedicated staff. What a privilege it is for me again to be associated with this school that has influenced so many young lives for good, including my own two children. But we who are a part of the current school family are not complacent about the school. We are conscious of its needs. Let me burst the bubble of euphoria I might have created for a moment, and consider some facts about the school that must be addressed.

Despite its picturesque setting and pleasing outward appearance, the main building which houses classrooms, cafeteria, offices and boarding accommodation does not adequately serve all these functions. The boarding facilities during the past year have undergone some renovation, but do not fully serve the needs of the boarders. Filled to capacity with only forty-three students, there is no room for expansion. Classrooms are small, hallways too narrow and heating insufficient.

Stanborough School is run under the auspices of the British Union and as a Union school should be available to serve the educational needs of all our young people. It desperately needs the boarding facility to do this. It also needs to offer to the youth a greater variety of training in practical skills, and the opportunity for gainful work for the older students to offset the high cost of education.

As we take the advice of Ellen White on education, and as we go forward in faith we know that God will bless. We look to the future with confidence. Already this year through the support of our hardworking and dedicated Parent-Teacher Association and the generosity of a few individuals, we have launched an ambitious computer programme in the school with an 'O' level course. It is only a start, but we believe others will be led to support this important innovation. As facilities develop, the many uses of computers will be opened to a wider spectrum of students.

One parent is lending his time, his talents and musical instruments to teach some of the boarders in the hope of developing a brass band. Music is taking a bigger part in the lives of the students this year.

The school motto, 'Dominus magister ludi nostri', emphasizes the fact that our school is Christ-centred. We pray above all that Stanborough students may make the Master of their school also the Master of their lives. We are happy to share

with you the academic accomplishments of those who successfully sat their school leaving examinations this year. (They are listed below); but our greatest desire for these and all the students of Stanborough School is that they may each 'grow in wisdom and in stature and in favour with God and man'.

I have been at the school just a few months. Time enough, though, to feel its pulse, to appreciate the warmth and earnestness of the student body, to develop confidence in a well-qualified and conscientious staff, and to meet many loving parents who are stretching 'heart and nerve and sinew' to afford a Christian education for their children. We ask your prayers and your support as we plan for the future of Stanborough School.

IVOR J. MARGERISON, MSc., Headmaster

EXAMINATION RESULTS

'O' level

28 candidates took a total of 215 subjects, an average of over 7 subjects each, with passes in 87 per cent of the entries.

English Language 92 per cent of candidates gained grades A-C.

Maths 88 per cent of candidates gained grades A-C.

CSE

7 candidates took mainly CSE and a further 13 took 1 or 2 subjects at CSE in addition to 'O' levels. A total of 65 entries, with a pass rate of 98.5 per cent of which 18 per cent were grade 1 - equivalent to 'O' level pass.

'A' level

13 candidates took a total of 37 subjects and achieved passes in 71 per cent of the entries.

Successful candidates included the following pupils from Adventist churches throughout the British Isles.

'O' level and/or CSE

Judith Ahwan, Philip Anthony, Andrew Arthur, Daniel Aubrey, Dawn Blewitt, Andrew Bone, Ruth Chisholm, Deborah Conroy, Philip Crouch, Donna Fletcher, Michael Griffiths, Kenneth Hayes, Philip Hinks, William Kitchen, Audrey Maxwell, Julian Mitchell, Anthony Peck, Karl Poulton, Vivienne Rees, Spender Rice, Alison Richards, Maija Rinta-Aho, Marion Simmons, Simon Ware and Annette Clemonds, and Frank Stijnman from overseas.

'A' level

Andrew Conroy, Harold Jefferies, Peter Leonard, Jennifer Lowe, Heather Margerison, Robert Mason, Ian Redfern, Helen Richards, Alison Sheminant, Valmae Young.

SUNSET

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Dec 7	3.52	4.05	3.49	3.40	3.59
14	3.52	4.04	3.48	3.38	3.58
21	3.54	4.06	3.50	3.40	3.59
28	3.59	4.11	3.55	3.45	3.05

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