

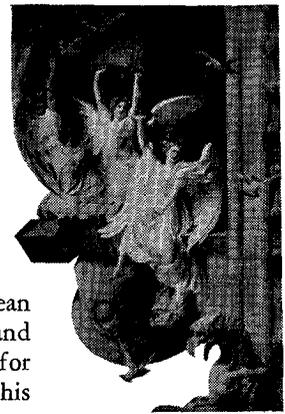
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Praise, Prayer, and Sacrifice

By A. F. TARR



IN common with the Advent family all over the world, we in the Northern European Division approach with grateful hearts the coming of another Week of Prayer and Sacrifice. We are deeply conscious of the many mercies and favours of which for the past twelve months we have been the unworthy recipients. And we want this coming week to be an occasion when fervent gratitude shall ascend from every heart to the One who has guarded and guided and blessed us so abundantly.

The Psalmist, so irrepressible in his praise, declared; "It is good to sing praises unto our God; for it is pleasant; and praise is comely." Praise is no less comely today than it was in David's day, and we believe that this Week of Prayer would be singularly inspiring to our churches and pleasing to the heart of God if praise might be accorded a dominant note in all of our gatherings.

We want this coming Week of Prayer also to be a time when fresh and hitherto unreceivable blessings shall be sought. And, dear fellow-members and workers, how greatly these added blessings are needed! As a church we have set our hands to a task that can never be accomplished by human resources alone. Too long have we struggled in our own strength and with the limited power that our faith and prayers have claimed. With earnest supplication and unbounded faith let us during this Week of Prayer reach out for the promised power and for the latter-day showers of His Spirit that God has wanted so long to bestow.

When the first advent was due, it was while the "whole multitude" of people were praying, that God honoured their prayers and set plans in motion for the coming of the Messiah's forerunner and for the Messiah Himself. Of this great occasion we read:

"And the whole multitude of the people were praying without at the time of incense. And there appeared . . . an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense. . . . And the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: . . . thy wife Elizabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John. . . . And many of the children of Israel shall he turn to the Lord their God. And he shall go before Him in the spirit and power of Elias, . . . to make ready a people prepared for the Lord." Luke 1:10-17.

In these days when we, too, must "make ready a people prepared for the Lord," is it not reasonable to

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expect that God will again acknowledge with His power the united prayers of His remnant people? And what better time to seek Him to do this than during this coming Week of Prayer?

But for more than our service for others do we need to pray. In our own individual lives there are needs—needs that we may never have expressed to others and of which we alone, save God, are aware. Some of these needs may embrace that "weight," that "sin which doth so easily beset us." What a joy this week will bring, and how long it will live in our memory, if by God's grace we surrender every cherished idol, and find ourselves at the week's close on that

"higher ground" of which we sing.

In addition to this being a Week of Prayer, it is a Week of Sacrifice. Our desire to see the work of God advanced, and our plea that God will do great things toward this end, should ascend from willing hearts. "Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power," is a picture God cherishes of His remnant people. It may be that in past years sacrifice has not been given a large enough place in our personal programme and that in this respect we should examine ourselves and now give to the Lord what we believe is His due. Sabbath, November 19th, when the Annual Offering is taken, would be a good time to

make any personal adjustment in respect of our offerings. The normal offering suggested for that day is the equivalent of a week's salary which we earnestly hope all of our workers, and as many of our lay members as possible, will give. Let us all be generous with the Lord, reflecting in our gifts to Him a measure of the love He showed in His supreme gift to us.

And so we commend this Week of Prayer and Sacrifice to every member in the Northern European Division, earnestly believing that our united praise, prayer, and sacrifice will honour God's cause, multiply His church, and hasten His coming.

Our Newest Organization— The Finland Union

By E. B. Rudge

ONE of the most interesting countries in the Northern European Division is Finland. Its history reveals the story of an ardent, sturdy people, who against almost incredible odds have developed their country to an efficiency that is admired by all who visit that land.

Here the work of our message has made most encouraging progress. The population of Finland exceeds 4,000,000, of whom a little over ninety per cent speak the Finnish language. Almost 400,000 Swedish-speaking people also live in this land. Among these people we have had in recent years three organized conferences—two for the Finnish brethren and one for the Swedish-speaking members.

For many years the work has been carried on under the organization known as the East Nordic Union, which was composed of the two conferences in Sweden and the three in Finland. At the recent union conference session of the East Nordic Union held in Stockholm, action was taken recommending the separation of the two fields and the organization of the Finland Union Conference. This action has received the approval of the General Conference. Now all is clear for the implementing of the decisions made, and with

the beginning of 1956 the Finland Union Conference will assume full responsibility for the care of the work in Finland, with the exception of the Finland - Swedish Conference, which has a membership of approximately 700 Swedish-speaking people. This conference, because of the language issue, remains with the Swedish Union. The headquarters of the new union will probably be at Helsinki, the capital of the country.

Finland offers many opportunities for the development of the Advent cause. Its Finnish-speaking population of 3,900,000, is composed in the main of adherents of the Lutheran church; probably ninety-six per cent of the population are members of the State church. We have forty-two organized churches in Finland, with 4,560 baptized members. This represents one member for approximately 850 of the total population—no mean achievement for the workers of this field. The total worker force numbers



President of the new Finnish Union, Pastor O. Peltonen, with his wife.

sixty-five. This total includes the following classes of workers:

Ordained ministers	13
Licensed ministers	9
Licensed missionaries	18
Bible instructors	25
Colporteurs	84

The following have been appointed as the new leaders for this field:

President	O. Peltonen
Secretary-Treasurer	U. Rouhe H.M., M.V., and
S.S. Secretary	S. Alftan
Publishing Secretary	U. Hongisto
Educational and Temperance Secretary ...	Dr. H. Karstrom
Medical Secretary	Dr. Leo Hirvonen
Press Relations Secretary	A. Unhola



U. Rouhe,
Secretary-Treasurer.

The Executive Committee, in addition to the above named, includes A. Rintala, E. Luukko, U. Aitala, T. Seljavaara, and Y. Miettinen.

Through the years our Finnish brethren have built up a modern and efficient training school for workers. The principal of this school is Dr. H. Karstrom, formerly attached to the University at Turku. He, together with his faculty of experienced teachers, is providing for our youth in Finland a very efficient preparation for service in the cause of God. Here our evangelists, Bible instructors, colporteurs, and other workers receive their preparation for service within our church. This school is located on the Baltic, amid beautiful surroundings.

During the month of July last, in company with Pastor E. E. Roenfelt of the General Conference, it was my privilege to attend the general meetings of our brethren in Finland. The first convened in our church in Helsinki, and comprised the Swedish-speaking members of that country. We spent five very pleasant days in the church in Helsinki in association with the Swedish-speaking workers and members. The meeting was a happy one, and all felt the richness of the presence of God throughout. This was followed by a combined meeting of the members of the two Finnish conferences held in a large auditorium on the outskirts of the city. Here some 2,500 members of our Finnish-speaking conferences gathered together for a period of five days. There was a very earnest and devoted attitude on the part of all present. The spiritual fervour and ardent devotion to the cause of Christ of these brethren is inspiring to witness. Brother Roenfelt and I greatly enjoyed the privilege of meeting with these dear friends. This was the largest gathering of our Finnish brethren yet held in this country.

As the brethren of the Finnish churches face the new development that has come to them, they sense very fully

the responsibility that is now theirs. Together with the president, Pastor O. Peltonen, these dear brethren in Christ have dedicated themselves to the advancement of the cause of God among the people of their homeland. We believe a bright and happy future lies before the workers and the members of our church in this land. It is the earnest prayer of all who have been privileged to associate with this advanced step for Finland, that the rich blessing of God will be evident in all the developments of the future, and that under the guidance of the Holy Spirit growth and vigour in every aspect of the life of the church will be evident.

E. B. RUDGE.

ANNUAL MEETING IN ICELAND

By Emanuel W. Pedersen

THE ANNUAL Meeting of our gallant believers in historic Iceland convened on June 9th in our beautiful church at Reykjavik, the capital. It was followed by a two-days' Home Missionary—Church Officers—Educational convention. A series of meetings were also held on the Westmann Islands during a three days' visit there.

It was a real pleasure and privilege to visit our beloved brethren and sisters of this picturesque Saga-Island, so rich in almost everything but trees. The conference president, Pastor J. Gudmundson, and his associates had everything well organized. All meetings were well attended and a wonderful spirit of friendliness and brotherly love prevailed throughout our entire stay. Repeatedly we heard it said that this was the best session they had had for many years. And indeed God drew very near to us all. Gratefulness filled our hearts when we finally concluded this inspiring gathering.

Pastor L. Murdoch, on loan from the British Union, who had been conducting a successful evangelistic campaign in Iceland during the preceding winter and who had evidently become very popular with the people, contributed much to the success of the session. Two baptisms were held in one day: one in the morning and one in the evening.

Our work and people in Iceland are

well thought of. It is not difficult to get people to come to our churches and meetings. Our membership is large in proportion to the total population. Yet it holds true here as in many other places that more workers are needed. Especially is this the case in the evangelical and educational fields. We have a very fine missionary school, well built and beautifully located out in the country. From this place many young men and women, we are sure, will go out into the stony yet fertile field of Iceland and bring in an abundant harvest of precious souls. In the summer time the school is turned into a holiday resort and sanitarium. When we were there it was just ready to be filled with guests. Everything was fully booked.

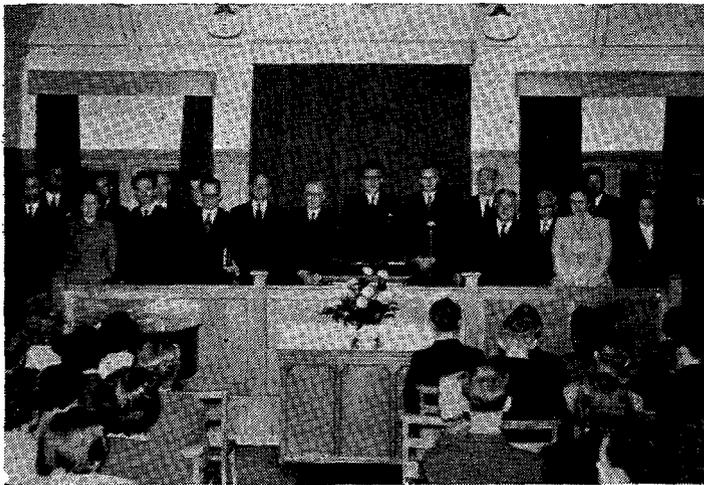
During a conference committee session we not only become better acquainted with some of the many problems, but also with the spirit in which our brethren tackle them.

At the committee meeting it was decided to organize a National Temperance Society for Iceland. We believe that this will prove a great help and become a valuable means of strengthening our work in that far-off country. Other temperance forces in the island had already approached us with a desire to enlist our co-operation in the temperance cause.

One cannot say Seventh-Day Adventists, Reykjavik, without also saying Dorcas Welfare. In few places have we seen a more live and active, also influential, Dorcas than there. When not so long ago our Dorcas leader of Reykjavik passed away, the city and papers paid tribute to her. The consecration and zeal with which our sisters practise their pure and undefiled religion cannot but reflect gloriously upon Christ and His church.

A small, attractive, and well-kept church in the Westmann Islands also houses a church school which the present teacher has worked up from only half a dozen pupils to approximately forty. There are only about 3,500 people on the Westmann Islands, yet we have a Seventh-day Adventist community of roughly one hundred.

One cannot experience a conference session in Iceland as we did and leave without a strong desire to return again. May the Lord continue to bless those members in that interesting field.



Senior College Opens at NEWBOLD

Faculty and Board members take their places on the chapel rostrum.

THE solemnly stirring doxology rose like sweet incense from a full-hearted congregation as the new college year was opened by an act of sincere gratitude and worship before God. Crowding the tiny chapel and overflowing into the library extension were over 200 students, parents, teachers, and friends.

Fifteen different nationalities were there—every shade of colour from the pale-skinned, fair-haired Scandinavians to the sun-baked children of Africa. Twenty-six students from continental Europe, nine from Jamaica, Ethiopia, and other African countries, the rest of the 120 students from the British homelands—all of one blood and one faith in the common Father of mankind and all gathered in solemn dedication to train for the gathering in of God's elect from the four corners of the earth. "May Thy blessing be on the school, the teaching staff, the students, and the varied fields sending them," prayed Pastor G. A. Lindsay, the Division treasurer.

So the service proceeded, Dr. Smith, the principal, reading Paul's appropriate words, "So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another," and Colin Anthony of Derby reminding us in sacred song that there is comfort for sorrow in our common Father. The whole atmosphere was one of a festive family gathering, the principal, in his welcome, reminding the students, on behalf of the college board and faculty, that sympathy and help would be theirs in the problems that would inevitably come. The Division educational secretary, Pastor J. A. Simonsen, learned the countries of origin of the various

members of our family by calling on them to show themselves in turn to the rest. He then impressed upon all that "education is big business, but Christian education is even bigger business." It is to prepare us for God's service and for eternity. "Every moment counts," he warned, "for the way you spend your moments now determines the character of your future and how you will spend eternity."

This year's opening is historic. At last, after long planning, after alternations of hope and anxiety, the senior status of our British and Division college has been fully assured and publicly approved by an affiliation with Washington Missionary College. Now at last, our own young people can, without the trouble and expense of crossing the Atlantic, qualify for an Adventist B.A. degree, studied for at Newbold and granted by our sister college across the sea. To smooth out the working of this excellent scheme, Washington Missionary College has agreed to lend members of its staff as liaison officers, the first one being Dr. La Veta Payne. Though Miss Payne assured her listeners that she felt as though she were in a dream, her self-possession and sparkling remarks were waking realities. In more serious tones, however, she assured us of the brotherly love and interest of the faculty at Washington. "We all love the Lord just as much as you do," concluded Miss Payne, "and we can all be of help to one another in His service."

Pastor E. B. Rudge, the Division secretary, brought the greetings of Pastor A.

F. Tarr, our Division president and College board chairman, who was unfortunately unable to be with us and who was in Iceland on his way to Greenland. "You come," said Pastor E. B. Rudge, addressing the students, "as new people to an old institution." The truth of those words was evident in the congregation. There were fathers and mothers, who themselves had come as young people to the College in the years gone by, sitting with their sons and daughters as they came to their parents' old school. But Pastor Rudge reminded them that theirs was the honour of being the first group enrolled in a fully senior college in England. He reminded them, too, of the traditions of the College. "For fifty years students have learned to know God here and to witness for Him." How effective their training was, Pastor Rudge proved by the fact that over 250 of Newbold's graduates are serving the church in all the five continents. "The College and its reputation is in your hands," said Pastor Rudge. "Follow in the steps of your worthy predecessors."

The main address was delivered by Pastor W. W. Armstrong, president of the British Union Conference and vice-chairman of the college board. Pastor Armstrong welcomed the new students and hoped they felt at home already, "for this *is* home." His text was one to appeal, he said, to the traditionally peniless student: "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; . . . come, buy wine and milk without money and without price." "The best things in life *are* free," emphasized Pastor Armstrong. The best things come from God and are not for buying or selling. "Money may buy water, much water, but it will never buy a single drop of latter rain," he quoted.

The fear of the Lord lies at the very foundation of all progress; it is the beginning of all wisdom. We are not at liberty to let our talents lie dormant for want of proper cultivation. There was no commendation for the man of one talent; indeed, through his neglect, he lost even what little he had, while those who used their talents got even more. There are more and more opportunities and calls for men of literary qualifications, yet Africa, India, and the mission lands are closing up relentlessly

to workers who do not have a high education. But most necessary is a correct balance between education and religion. The College exists to supply that need.

Shockingly startling was the history Pastor Armstrong gave of the students in the College the year he graduated. Fifty of them remained faithful, twenty-four are workers in the church, fourteen are workers' wives, twelve are good lay members, but, twenty-one are lost to the church. One loved worldly music, one loved worldly fashions, one was critical, one just drifted, two made unhappy marriages, four loved money excessively, six married out of the faith. None of them showed a serious attitude to life. Intellectual brilliance will not save us, only faithfulness will. The soundness of our character must be and can only be the fruit of our own faithfulness. Their failure was not because they did not have a chance, but because they were not sober-minded. God offers us all the wine and milk of heaven in the formation of our characters if only we will be true to our homes, our teachers, and ourselves. And so, with a hymn and a blessing, the service was over, the College was reopened and a new page in its history turned.

What kind of a Newbold had they all come to? Not a dull, lifeless one, but a Newbold filled with hope, a-bustle with activity, and big with growth. Already present workers are returning for the additional training offered, and with them come wives and children. So the College has bought and remodelled two neighbouring properties, "Parkham" and "Crossways." This summer "Crossways" has been adapted and now provides comfortable flats for six married students, but still more apply and still more accommodation is needed. The men's residence, Binfield Hall, has been thoroughly repaired and every room utilized to receive the extra men students. The gardens of the College and the new properties are providing more work for the students, and retailers in the nearby new town of Bracknell can take all the produce that can be grown. The future is bright, and God's blessing is markedly upon this place. Brethren and sisters of the Division, pray for the continued growth and success of your College.

A. J. WOODFIELD.

Onward, Higher!

By John H. Bayliss

THE North England Conference comprises the territory known as Industrial England. It embraces seventeen counties and the Isle of Man. Of course, there are the congested populations in and around the great hives of industry, but some of the most exquisite scenic beauty in our islands can be seen among the famous Derbyshire peaks, the Cumberland lakes, and the Pennine Chain. Many of the cities, too, reflect their refreshing ancient charm. The ruins of Hadrian's border wall, the passage of Roman-built roadways, now modernized; the remains of old castles, gaunt cathedrals, and quaint old churches forge a fitting link with receding generations.

In this interesting setting we witness to the Advent faith before twenty-two millions of people.

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IT IS with joy, yet in humility, that we bring a most heartening report of definite advance in many phases of conference activity during the past two years.

Braced by the assuring forecast of Ellen G. White, "that an abundant harvest of souls will yet be reaped from English soil," our executive committee enthusiastically set about the task of planning the largest possible programme of evangelism for each campaigning season. In the autumn of 1953, two city-wide missions—in Birmingham and Sheffield—together with a number of supporting

efforts in other cities and towns, were conducted. The Birmingham campaign was indeed a field training school for several young ministers and Bible instructors, under the experienced direction of Pastor T. J. Bradley, formerly the Ministerial Association Secretary for the Northern European Division. This campaign truly made its impression on the people of Britain's second city, and brought fresh inspiration to all who took an active part in its progress. The other, in Sheffield, in which Pastor K. A. Elias took the lead, produced a baptism of forty-nine souls. We are happy to relate that almost every worker in the conference had the satisfaction of reaping fruit from his labours, and the total accessions during 1954 numbered 210 souls—a record for the conference!

During the following winter of 1954-55 the battle for souls continued. The great work started in Birmingham was aggressively pursued under the leadership of Pastor K. Lacey. In Sheffield, too, Pastor Elias pressed home the advantage. The cities of Derby, Leeds, Northampton, and Wolverhampton were all attacked vigorously. To date double figure baptisms have been registered in all these places. Already, almost every minister has recorded a baptism during 1955. Two or three, adopting a slower method of preparation of their converts, have their baptisms in prospect later this year. Accordingly, we are delighted to present

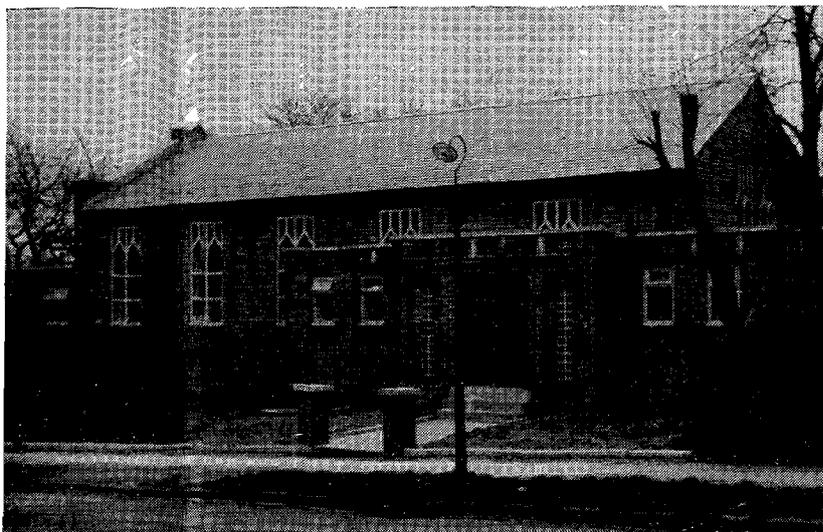


The majestic interior of the new Camp Hill church in Birmingham.

you with the most inspiring news that 218 persons have been baptized and received into fellowship this year, thus exceeding last year's record total! We can, therefore, confidently say that 1955 is our pennant year for accessions to the faith. Our conference membership at present stands at 2,400. We are naturally elated by our achievements. However, as we look around North England territory, embracing, as it does, twenty-one million people, with literally scores of cities and towns where we have not a single Adventist, we are at once soberly confronted with the tremendous challenge of an unfinished task, demanding the consecration and unreserved zealous service of our entire membership under God.

The housing of our people is the next step of vital importance, after their evangelization and acceptance into fellowship. We are always encouraged when we find groups of believers becoming conscious of the need of possessing their own places of worship, and doing everything in their power to augment their existing building funds. During the past two years, three properties have been acquired, namely, in Birmingham (Camp Hill), Rugby, and Sutton-in-Ashfield. The two former have been suitably adapted and duly consecrated for sacred use, and plans for rehabilitation are well advanced in connection with the Sutton project. In Sheffield we have constructed a new unit—a pleasing red-brick structure with all the necessary church facilities, and tastefully decorated and furnished. It is a credit to the Adventist church. This house of God has also been dedicated for service. In addition, the Coventry church has proceeded with the erection of their youth hall, which is now ready and in regular use. We are glad for these edifices.

Much, however, remains to be done to provide acceptable spiritual homes for our people throughout the field. We regret to say that a number of our church groups worship under appalling conditions in rented halls. Further, some of our church buildings are desperately in need of repair and decoration. While local church funds can care for minor attention, conference help is imperative where major issues are concerned. This unhappily we are unable always to provide.



Exterior of the splendid new church building in Sheffield.

We wish we were in a position to speak with confidence of our financial resources. Ever since the unfortunate nineteen per cent cut in our annual appropriation in 1952, referred to in our report at the last biennial session, we have never quite recovered our monetary equilibrium. The increasing membership, resulting from planned, aggressive, all-out evangelism already reported, and faithfully bringing their tithes and offerings to the Lord's treasury, we believe is a practical step toward the solution of our economic problems. This process will, however, require a year or two to gather momentum before the benefits are truly appreciated. We are, however, grateful for the generous gifts donated by the parent committees for the maintenance and progress of our work in the north.

Let us now turn to the work of the various departments. Pastor A. W. Howard has continued his capable handling of the Publishing Department, with some cheering results. One or two excellent recruits have been added to the colporteur ranks, and in spite of handicaps due to an abnormal measure of sickness, the aggregate sales have increased each year; representing tens of thousands of truth-filled volumes placed in people's homes. Some of our bookmen are a tower of strength to our district leaders, assisting them with the preaching of the Word in the churches.

We should here also pay tribute to about 100 lay preachers, without whose voluntary services in the pulpit, we

would be at a distinct disadvantage. Some carry quite a heavy preaching programme, the preparation for which obviously occupies a substantial proportion of their leisure hours. They, however, esteem it an honour to have a part in feeding the flock of God. We can safely prophecy that the day will never dawn when a vocational ministry alone will occupy the sacred desk. In fact we are counselled, through inspiration, to release ministers so that they may engage in evangelistic work, while the laity care for the existing members. We quote: "Instead of keeping the ministers at work for the churches that already know the truth, let the members of the churches say to these labourers, 'Go work for souls that are perishing in darkness. We ourselves will carry forward the services of the church. We will keep up the meetings, and, by abiding in Christ, will maintain spiritual life. We will work for souls that are about us, and we will send our prayers and our gifts to sustain the labourers in more needy and destitute fields.'"—*Testimonies*, Vol. 6, page 30.

In an attempt to approach this ideal, our Home Missionary and Sabbath School Departments, under the energetic leadership of Pastor E. H. Foster, are promoting a constant programme aimed at the development of lay talent. Where churches have taken advantage of these facilities, there are the inevitable signs of spiritual growth and effective witness.

Our Missionary Volunteer Department

has maintained a handsome service for our youth. Pastor C. D. Watson held office as leader for one year, until he was called to service in a similar capacity at Union level. Subsequently, Pastor J. Mahon has won the affection and confidence of our children and young people.

Our sole church school in Leeds has been a great success. All credit is due to the headmistress, Miss I. J. Hulbert, and her associates for their patient industry. The school has reached an enrolment of thirty-four pupils, divided into two classes. It was our hope during the biennium, to expand our educational work in the conference. Some inquiries have come to hand from churches interested in Christian education. However, an acute shortage of trained teachers, and the necessary funds, make immediate expansion in this sphere an impossibility.

We have recently bade farewell, through retirement, to two of our veteran workers. Pastor J. Clifford, after thirty years in mission service in Africa, gave us five years of his mature experience in Birmingham. It was in a large measure due to his untiring negotiations, that we possess the building in which we are at present gathered. He is now happily settled in the city of Worcester, where he has voluntarily offered to give ministerial care to the little flock. The other, Brother J. H. Parkin, has served as secretary-treasurer and in the various departments in sundry fields in the British Union for thirty-seven years. Under doctor's orders, he has merited a well-earned retirement. I am sure, as a body of delegates, we wish these brethren and their wives the Lord's richest blessing in the evening of their lives.

This report would be incomplete without a tribute of sincere praise to our faithful membership. They have sacrificed and served for the advancement of the Advent cause. The record Ingathering achievement of raising £17,000 recently, and over £33,000 in the past two years, representing an average of approximately £7. 12s. 6d. per member, provides just one example in evidence of their zeal. To achieve such results in service requires capable leadership, which indeed has been supplied, to a large degree, by our workers, to whom I feel bound to give all praise. To my office colleagues and

members of the executive committee also, I would express appreciation for their constant loyalty and co-operation. Especially is unstinted praise due to our senior office secretary, Mrs. Cundey, and to our stenographers who, under pressure due to enforced shortage of staff, have responded gallantly in sharing the additional burdens.

We have selected for our conference motto a citation from the volumes of salutary counsel given to the church. It reads: "Our motto should ever be, 'Onward, Higher,' surely, steadily onward to duty and to victory." We trust its sentiment will prove true in the realization of our hopes and plans for the finishing of God's work in North England.

Till the Day Dawn



Pastor David J. Clarke

PASTOR DAVID CLARKE was born in Harlesden, London, of Adventist parents. He received his early education in one of our church schools, and in 1936 graduated from the Ministerial course at Newbold Revel, Rugby. He laboured for a number of years in the North England Conference. While working at Scarborough, he received a call from the General Conference to connect with our work in West Africa as secretary-treasurer of the Gold Coast Mission. He spent almost three years in Bekwai, before returning to England on his first leave. From then on he served in the Gold Coast, Nigeria, and lastly in Sierra Leone.

While in Freetown his health began to trouble him. He returned to England in 1953 to undergo surgery, but he was so burdened for the work in that difficult city that he soon returned again and the Lord blessed him abundantly. Through the press Pastor Clarke was able to give messages of comfort, warning, and counsel to a very wide reading public and many an African approached him on the street, desiring to talk of the truth which had appeared in the morning newspaper.

His last sickness came as a great shock to his wife who had returned to England two months earlier to bring their daughter, Ruth, to school. When Pastor Clarke arrived in England in July, he was a very sick man and finally entered the Tropical Hospital in London. In spite of expert medical attention, Pastor Clarke was called to rest on August 23, 1955.

The funeral service was conducted in the Stanborough Park church on August 26, 1955, by Pastors M. E. Lind, A. K. Armstrong, A. J. Mustard, and J. J. Hyde. So, at the early age of forty-six years,

Pastor David Clarke has laid down his burden and now awaits the call of his Master, whom he served so faithfully for nearly twenty years. To Sister Clarke and Ruth we extend our heartfelt sympathy in their great loss. ED.

NEWS FLASH

ALL interested in mission work will rejoice to know that the building programme for the Konola school near Monrovia, Liberia, is making most encouraging progress. This plan has been slowly developing in recent years. We now have two fine dormitories for the boys and girls, a new dining room and kitchen, and a fine new school building almost completed.

Our congratulations are extended to the faculty and student body of the Vejlefjord Mission School, Denmark, on their wonderful achievement in the present Ingathering Campaign. In two and a half days the faculty and student body exceeded a total of £1,150. Well done, Vejlefjord!

From Sierra Leone, West Africa, we learn that the prospects for the year 1955 are indeed bright. Pastor A. M. Moyer, the leader of the field, reports that they expect the baptisms for this year to exceed one hundred. Following a recent special effort among the youth of our church there, some fifteen are now in preparation for baptism. The ages of this group range from sixteen to twenty-five years.

WE are happy to report that Miss Erna Knauer of the Skodsborg Sanitarium has accepted a call to serve as

X-ray and laboratory technician at the Zauditu Memorial Hospital, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Elder T. L. Oswald, Home Missionary Secretary of the General Conference, reached London on September 21st, on his way to join Pastor E. W. Pedersen in a series of Home Missionary Conventions commencing in Finland and extending through Sweden, Norway, and Denmark

over the next few weeks. We welcome Brother Oswald to our Division, believing he will bring much encouragement and practical help to our brethren.

Churchmembers throughout the British Union are at the moment engaged in a vigorous campaign for the development of the Voice of Prophecy and Bible Correspondence School activities. Our members are placing in the homes of the

people 1,500,000 enrolment cards. This work is being spread over several weeks during the month of September. Already a most encouraging volume of new enrolments is coming into the Voice of Prophecy office at Stanborough Park.

Pastor J. O. Gibson reports from West Africa that during the August evangelistic campaign in West Nigeria, nine efforts were organized, in which sixty-four evangelists and church-school teachers took part. The average attendance each night was about 2,000. As a result of this combined effort, 242 were enrolled in the Hearers' Classes. They now begin to study the full message and to prepare for baptism. This most encouraging result came about because of the enthusiastic effort of these brethren, with the help of lay associates, at the very small cost of £270.

Welcome visitors to London recently were Dr. and Mrs. G. Falbisaner, at present associated with the United States Armed Forces stationed in Germany. Dr. Falbisaner is a graduate of Union College and the College of Medical Evangelists. It was a pleasure to meet these two warm-hearted believers from the United States.

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Week of Sacrifice Offering

By C. L. Torrey

WHEN we speak of sacrifice we are carried away back to the beginning of time upon this earth to the fall of our first parents. Following their fall the Lord appeared to them and gave them a promise of deliverance which brought courage and hope to their hearts. God instructed Adam and Eve and their descendants in a new and entirely different form of worship than they had hitherto known. They were told to build altars and sacrifice animals upon them as a reminder that when the fullness of time should come, Jesus would come to this earth and offer Himself a human sacrifice for the sins of all men and thus shed His blood to redeem the human race Adam had lost to Satan.

Later on, the simple altars were replaced by the first sanctuary which was built in the wilderness and the whole people worshipped there. The priesthood, under the direction of Aaron, cared for the spiritual needs of the people and accepted their sacrifices and also their offerings for the support of the system. In the building of the sanctuary the people were invited to give of their means and they responded so liberally that Moses had to restrain them. Thus funds were provided for a finished work.

The people of Israel never came to worship except they brought an offering for the Lord. These offerings varied according to the economic condition of each donor. Some brought much, others less, and still others their mite. However, they all had a part in the support of their cause.

As spiritual Israel, we, members of the remnant church, have a very great re-

sponsibility in the finishing of God's work in the earth which has now expanded into nearly every part of the world field. The command of Jesus to "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature" is a reality. We now have a membership of over one million souls, and tens of thousands are in the baptismal classes awaiting baptism.

The contributions and sacrifices of our people have made this possible. They have given generously of their means to support an expanding work, and we want our people to know how much we appreciate their liberality. God, I know, will reward them for their gifts and for their sacrifices. But, brethren and sisters, the challenge before us is very great. I want to appeal to your hearts for still greater efforts and liberality for the great cause of truth and the finishing of God's work.

The coming Week of Sacrifice offering is to be taken up in all our churches in all the world following the Week of Prayer. I feel sure that, realizing the hour is late and that Jesus is soon to come and the task must be finished, you will make plans for a very special Week of Sacrifice offering. We cannot, must not fail Him now. From the pen of Sister White I quote: "The small and larger streams of beneficence should ever be kept flowing. God's providence is far ahead of us, moving onward much faster than our liberalities." (*Testimonies*, Vol. 7, page 296.) And again she says: "I call upon the church as a whole, and upon the members individually, to render to God His own entrusted capital with interest. Thus you will have treasure in heaven. Let your hearts be true to Jesus."—*Ibid.*

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