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TRAGIC DEATHS IN ZIMBABWE

Don and Ann Lale, British Seventh-day Adventist teachers in Zimbabwe, were murdered on Tuesday, 3 February.

This husband and wife team were teachers of English at the Inyazura Adventist Secondary School. Ann was shot at point-blank range and Don kicked and clubbed to death. Though Don and Ann had no connection with South Africa, the British news media reported that the murders were carried out by Mozambique guerrillas as a reprisal for a South African invasion of Mozambique.

Don and Ann leave two sons, Timothy (17) and Andrew (14). Timothy is in the Sixth Form at Stanborough Secondary School and Andrew is at school in Zimbabwe. Don and Ann were well-loved employees of The Stanborough Press prior to their three-year teaching training at the Stoke Rochford College of Education, Grantham. They went out as missionary teachers to Zimbabwe at the height of the civil war, were well aware of

the dangers but were so totally committed to God's Cause that they were prepared to live with them.

Don has a sister, Patricia Walker, at the WRAF Brize Norton, Oxfordshire. Ann's parents, Brother and Sister Frank Smith, reside in Watford. Frank is a retired Granose employee. The Smiths have two other daughters.

The news of the murder of Don and Ann Lale was communicated to Pastor E. H. Foster, British Union Conference president. It was his sad task to break the heart-wrenching news to their relations.

Brother Lionel Acton-Hubbard, Communication director of the South England Conference, informed the newspapers and the radio and television companies that these two consecrated missionaries had given their lives in the Cause of God. His efficiency in this regard ensured an accurate and detailed coverage of the tragedy, and obviated distortions. Pastor Maurice Musgrave, who has had

much experience in Zimbabwe, was interviewed by Richard Whitmore on BBC TV.

Don left many close friends at The Stanborough Press, more especially in the Photo-Litho Department. Days before his murder he wrote a letter to the members of that department beginning, 'Dear Mervyn, Ed and Alan'. He spoke of Zimbabwe as a clean, pleasant land, free of the tyranny of the internal combustion engine. Alluding to his whereabouts he said; 'We have now moved away from Anderson School. The strain of trying to run the boys' dormitory, and to carry almost a full teaching load at the same time, was really wearing me down. So when the headmaster of our Inyazura Secondary School phoned several times to ask us to teach here, I suggested he should put a call through to the Trans-Africa Division and the Zambesi Union, and if it was processed and passed on to us, we would take it as the Lord's will and accept it. And here we are.'

'It's an idyllic campus, at the foot of a small mountain, and looking across a wide valley to a long ridge that ends in two small "kopjes" . . . We are on the edge of the Eastern Highlands, and the 70-kilometre drive to Umtali is very spectacular. School opened on 20 January.'

'We have consistently found a very tolerant and congenial spirit in the education world here - as much among teachers in government schools as among those in Adventist circles; and right from primary school teachers, to headmaster, to professors at the University, and officials from the Ministry. It's quite heart-warming.'

The Lales were due for furlough in March but Don and Ann had decided to stay on to avoid disrupting the school programme.

Pray for their two sons and grieving relations.

Don and Ann stand in an old tradition which began with Stephen. Echoing Jesus, Stephen said of his murderers, 'Lord, lay not this sin to their charge'. We believe that Don and Ann Lale might well have said the same.

D. N. M.

Left to right: Don, Andrew, Ann and Timothy Lale — their last family picture.



A QUARTER OF A MILLION FOR MISSIONS

To warm our anticipation of 1981's Ingathering campaign – 29 March to 12 April – Pastor G. Martin Bell, Lay Activities director, British Union Conference, reminds us of some of the triumphs of last year's campaign.

God is good – and so are the majority of people. It restores your faith in human nature to go out Ingathering! During those two weeks in April 1980, businessmen wrote large cheques for hundreds of pounds, widows and the elderly gave willingly from meagre savings and pensions, and little boys took knives to their money boxes, in order to contribute. Our motto for the campaign was 'Who Cares?' and it seems that many people really do care about the needs of others around the world.

Multiple thousands of pounds only make the headlines today when they are won on football pools, and reference to millions of pounds is very often in connection with national trade deficits, but by contrast to luck, greed and gloom, our annual appeal for missions last year unleashed a floodtide of generosity which rose to OVER A QUARTER OF A MILLION POUNDS. Yes, £268,832. The Welsh Mission reported an increase of £2,000 over 1979 and in Ireland the members increased their total by £1,200. The North British Conference was £10,000 up on the previous year and the South England Conference an incredible £24,000 ahead. This increase created a situation in which a goodly amount of money was allocated to our country in Exchange Funds from the General Conference. In fact, an equivalent of 50 per cent of the sum exceeding the Supergoal agreed by the Conferences before the Ingathering programme began. It should be clearly understood that monies returned to this country through exchange funds are *not* part of the total collected during the Ingathering campaign. All money collected during Ingathering is used in the Mission programme according to the appeal, *but the General Conference allocates funds proportionate to the Ingathering achievement.*

We believe that part of this success is due to the excellent Ingathering brochures and leaflets prepared for the campaign by Pastor M. L. Anthony before he left the

Lay Activities department. The full-colour pictures were attractive and winsome.

The major reason for success, however, must be the hard work of our membership. People like Brother Henry Dove in Perth, who worked an average of six to seven hours every day of the campaign, except Sabbath. At one house he met a lady who had been helped to stop smoking at one of our 5-day Plan clinics in Scotland. She showed her appreciation of the work of the Church by giving Mr. Dove £5 for his tin. People like Brother W. Arnott in Doncaster who, at eighty-seven, went from door to door to raise £150. Individuals like Sister C. Hastings, an elderly lady with a physical handicap, who still collected over £500, and Rodney Goodman who, at 16 years of age, engaged in his first campaign and raised £100. Families like the Gordons and the Lockharts in Watford who brought in £1,260 between them. Pastors like Pastor P. G. Matthews who specialized in visiting the Asian-owned businesses with his prospectuses and raised £1,000. Star collectors like Sisters Wear and Handysides in Newcastle-upon-Tyne who 'love Ingathering' and raised £1,500 and £878 respectively, and Brother S. Morgan who challenged his church in Handsworth, Birmingham, before the campaign, promising that he would match whatever the rest of the membership could raise. The combined church collected £4,952, and Brother Morgan, true to his word, raised £5,730.

Yes, the 1980 Ingathering campaign was a huge success because of the faithful members who cared enough to lay aside their own interests and put everything into the collection. In the South England Conference sixty-six churches reached their basic goal and forty-four churches exceeded the Supergoal. Pastor Everette Howell reported that 'after the campaign got going churches sent for more supplies above and beyond their original orders. More members were participating than ever before and requested more canisters,

more leaflets and booklets, more registers, badges and receipt books.'

One cloud crossed our beautiful Ingathering skies. Sister Richards in Bolton, having completed an evening collecting in the public houses, was walking down a darkened street when she received a blow to the back of her neck from an assailant who robbed her of her tin and her handbag. Sister Roberts recovered very quickly and ran to a nearby police station but the thief was not discovered. Likewise, Brother J. Oliver, an elderly gentleman from our 'Peacehaven' Home in Scotland, was robbed and, to make matters worse, on another occasion, was bitten by a dog. We thank God that neither person was seriously harmed. Indeed, as I spoke to Sister Richards about her incident, she seemed far more concerned about the £30 she was sure was in that tin and should have been in the Mission fund, than she was for her own welfare. Just the same, these incidents should remind us that we are living in days when it is not safe for our elderly members to collect alone, especially from public houses. As we plan our campaign for 1981 let us be sure to conduct our late-night collecting in groups, preferably travelling from premises to premises in the safety of a car.

God is good. He has fulfilled so many promises and answered so many prayers during this campaign. The British Union Conference wishes to express its thanks to all our collectors and has endeavoured to do so by preparing bookmarks and certificates of appreciation to be distributed in the churches. The legend on them, taken from *Christian Service*, page 168, reads: 'We are to give to the world the light of truth, as revealed in the Scriptures; and we are to receive from the world that which God moves upon them to give in behalf of His cause.' We have endeavoured to follow this counsel and are pleased to report that 694 people have requested our gift of the 'Good Food Guide' and have also been furnished with full information about the Church.

THANK YOU EVERYONE WHO TOOK PART IN 1980. WE LOOK FORWARD TO STILL GREATER INVOLVEMENT IN 1981.

Dates for Your Diary

Ingathering

29 March – 12 April

Special Prayer Offensive
4 April

South England Conference Session,
Portsmouth
30 April – 4 May

North British Conference Session,
Scarborough
4 – 7 June

Quinquennial British Union Conference
Session, Harrogate
8 – 12 July



Write and tell us what YOUR church is doing to TELL BRITAIN the Good News of the everlasting Gospel. Send your reports to TELL BRITAIN, The Editor, The Stanborough Press Ltd., Alma Park, Grantham, Lincs., NG31 9SL. Remember to describe your method of approach so that other churches and companies can learn from your success.

BALHAM – Family Campaign

Pastor Lester Elliott has been running what we believe to be Britain's first ever 'family campaign' in Balham. Each meeting has been packed with visitors – and members from some of our sister churches.

The first lecture covered 'The Pillars of Marriage'. Films, slides and gifts were used with the series, as was the magazine FAMILY LIFE.

The reasons for marriage breakdown were examined in detail; attitudes, selfishness, unfortunate personality traits, lack of communication. An experimental survey was even carried out among couples who attended the meetings.

The stages in the maturing of a marriage were discussed, as were methods of improving relationships and coping with stress and conflict. Emphasis was placed on such matters as love, laughter, talking, caring, sharing and tolerance. Sex was discussed at length and described as a gift from God to be enjoyed and not abused. It was stated that a good Christian marriage is a foretaste of heaven and a blessing to the community.

This new-style campaign was of benefit to us all, including the non-Adventist visitors. We should like to see this new concept in evangelism used elsewhere.

JOYCELIN PATTERSON

HUDDERSFIELD – Magazines and Cottage Meetings

Brother and Sister C. Facey, with other members of the Huddersfield church, go out every Sunday with FOCUS and FAMILY LIFE magazines. Sometimes the magazines are sold in aid of the local youth society, sometimes for the NSPCC.

Connected with this programme they have a series of Sunday evening meetings and Friday night discussion groups – all in homes. They are also using the Bible Survey and have been visiting all former members of the church who reside in the area and encouraging them to come back and enjoy Sabbath services.

PASTOR G. M. BELL

RICKMANSWORTH – Carolling with a Difference

The icy wind and rain of the Sabbath day, 20 December, gave way to gentler climatic conditions in the evening as eighteen of us representing the Rickmansworth company met at the Barn Lea Community Centre in preparation for the first joint outreach programme.

The singers grouped around the street lamps augmenting the light with paraffin lanterns and torches. The singing was melodious and effective. Faces appeared at opened upstairs windows; voices called 'A Happy Christmas' and 'Thank you'.

Four of the group, including Pastor J. P. West, armed with the Christmas number of FOCUS magazine, went from door to door. Each magazine carried a greeting and told who we were and the times of the Sabbath meetings, inviting any who would care to visit us.

Several people came out to greet the singers. Some wanted to make gifts. How surprised they were when told that we

'Let those who gain such an experience in working for the Lord write an account of it for our papers, that others may be encouraged.' – E. G. White in 'Colporteur Ministry', page 79.

were not soliciting funds but rather bringing them our greetings and a Christmas gift.

Four hundred copies of FOCUS and FAMILY LIFE were given away and it is the prayerful hope that interest will be aroused and the seeds of salvation sown in some hearts.

The group agreed that it was a great evening in every way and enjoyed the after-fellowship at the Hubbards, downing steaming soup, hot chocolate and mince pies.

Christmas becomes significant when there is something to give, especially when it is Jesus.

LIONEL ACTON-HUBBARD

LEICESTER BODNANT AVENUE – Newspapers and a lay campaign

An advertisement was put in the *Leicester Mercury* by the Lay Activities department, inviting members of the public to contact them, by telephone, if they felt the need to know more about the Bible and what it has to offer. The advertisement was published on the Thursday of each week and in two weeks over twelve calls were received; some from people who

wanted to know more about the Bible and others from people who wanted to talk to someone about their problems.

Some of those who telephoned in were visited and had the Word of God opened to them. Some of these contacts are still having visits and regular Bible studies.

The laymen of the Bodnant Avenue church assisted by the ministry have planned and run an evangelistic campaign in one of Leicester's suburban districts. The series of meetings, which lasted eight weeks, were well supported by the churchmembers and regularly attended by a small gathering of people from the area. The effort brought in a number of contacts, some of whom are now having regular Bible studies. This is the first of three such campaigns. The second is being planned for the spring.

PASTOR PAUL CLEE

WEDNESFIELD – Magazines

During our magazine drive Sister C. Thompson sold over £45 worth of magazines for the newly-formed Wednesfield church. Others are close behind her. We are convinced that many souls will be won through the medium of magazine evangelism.

W. WILSON

ST. AUSTELL – Health

Here in Cornwall we have found a successful (previously untried) method of witnessing.

Having built a new church hall, we were admonished by a previous Lord Mayor (a relation of one of our late members) who officiated at the opening ceremony, to 'use it for the benefit of the local community as well as for your own functions'.

In the following months, with this thought in mind, we set about the task of thinking of ideas for just such a work.

Our Health and Temperance leader, Molly Newcombe, decided to organize a monthly vegetarian cookery demonstration throughout the autumn and winter of 1979-80 and again in 1980-81.

Each evening was well attended, some visitors being so keen they were in their seats half an hour before time.

At the climax of the series, each person was presented with a full resumé of the recipes demonstrated. It was also decided to organize a 'banquet' in the spring of 1980 which proved highly popular and successful. About sixty people attended.

It has been very interesting for those of us taking part in the venture to learn of the varied reasons why people have attended. Some from curiosity, others for an evening out, but yet others with a real need of help.

One mother, who has a very hyperactive child of seven years, told me that after many forms of treatment which proved unsuccessful, her doctor had suggested she introduce a vegetarian diet. Completely at a loss to know how to begin, she had been happy to see our advert in the local paper. Within two weeks of treating her child in this manner, he had become quiet, slept well and was generally much improved.

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Tell Britain *continued*

Another lady, suffering from acute arthritis and almost incapable of caring for herself, obtained a book from the Health Shop which suggested a vegetarian diet for her condition. The same week she saw our advert and came to the meetings. She has not eaten meat since and her painful condition has greatly improved.

Through this venture we have gained many new friends. One couple are attending services on Sabbath and we are delighted to have them worship with us.

It is, and will continue to be, a very rewarding work. God's service has many facets. We are only asked to be the first link in the chain, and we shall not know, until we are in heaven, how that chain grew from such a small beginning of love and friendship and help to others.

'Decades before physiologists generally were concerned with the close relationship between diet and health, Mrs. E. G. White in her writings of the views which were presented to her in 1863, clearly pointed out the connection between the food we eat and our physical and spiritual welfare.' - Foreword, *Counsels on Diet and Foods*.

JEAN COYSTEN

STANBOROUGH PARK - Magazine Evangelism

On Sabbath 15 November assistant minister Warwick Sheffield interviewed four ladies - all housewives - who have been distributing magazines over the past six months.

Joyce Whilding found someone who likes FAMILY LIFE because of the high standard of English and because the recipes 'are better than usual'.

Daphne Godfrey has twenty regular readers. One of them attends church and is taking a VOP course. Daphne said; 'One letterbox looked ominous so I dropped the magazine through - and ran away! Later I plucked up the courage to knock. They said, "We enjoyed the magazine. Please, may we pay for it?"'

Elaine Thompson talked Angela Colledge into going out with her on a magazine round. They now take between twenty and thirty magazines. One woman they encountered said, 'Oh, no!' The following visit they found her husband in the garden. He gladly took a magazine. A different husband and wife wanted FOCUS because they had seen it at a friend's house.

Two ladies at Stanborough Park distribute 488 magazines every issue!

BRONWEN ATKINSON

LARNE - Health and Welfare

Larne Lay Activities department began a comprehensive witness programme on 15 January with a 5-day clinic. By the end of the series all who attended signed their decision cards to show their determination to break with the demon nicotine. Larne's Welfare leader, Sister Ethel McCormac,

has been responsible for the collection of a large quantity of clothes for Oxfam, the Salvation Army and the NSPCC. We have also commenced a programme of door-to-door magazine evangelism which we pray will result in a large number of regular readers.

BOB McCORMAC

NEWPORT

Each department of the church joined together to make this a very special Christmas at Newport. There was a beautiful display of gifts and toys at our gift service, to benefit local hospitals, children's homes, schools, old folk's homes, centres for disabled, the blind and the Red Cross. Our Pathfinders went to two old folk's homes with a Christmas programme which they presented together with the gifts. They also visited the children's wards of local hospitals to distribute toys and copies of *Bedtime Stories*.

VERA MACHELL

SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD - Magazines for Charity

A small evangelistic effort is currently being held in the Sutton-in-Ashfield church by Pastor G. M. Harris. He is supported by a core of churchmembers, and several interested persons are attending week by week to learn more of the Bible truths as they are presented.

The young people are also engaged in selling FAMILY LIFE and FOCUS in the surrounding villages, and to date have put into the homes almost 500 copies. The profits from the sale of these are to be given later in the year to the NSPCC, thus the young people are taking part in two aspects of Christian outreach at one and the same time.

Our prayers accompany these efforts that they may bring forth blessings for the participators and the recipients. I. BINKS

REACHING THE MAN AT THE TOP!

'If you can get Sir Donald McIntyre's story for our magazine, that would be wonderful; you know that he is the Minister of Finance in our country and his influence will be felt nation-wide,' suggested the late Mrs. Jean Cripps, editor of the *Think* magazine, The Trans-African temperance periodical of that time . . .

Then she added, 'Three of our General Conference men have already made the attempt but without success.'

'I'll see what I can do,' I replied, and the next day I returned to her office with the full story complete with a half-plate glossy photograph.

'How did you do it?' she gasped with surprise and delight; so I shared the Lord's secret with her.

The initial problem, of course, is to see the man himself. But how do you get past his secretary who always informs you that the minister is extremely busy?

One day I found the answer. I read a

word of wisdom: 'A man's gift makes room for him and brings him before great men (Proverbs 18:16, RSV).'

So I decided to take him a Seventh-day Adventist full-message volume duly prepared with a presentation label on the fly-leaf.

When the secretary asked, 'What do you want to see him about?' I simply replied, 'It's personal. I have something for him.' I pointed to the parcel tucked underneath my left arm.

The response was electrifying. He wanted to see me! And as long as the parcel remained underneath my arm I had a captive audience!

As I asked questions, I listened to his story and jotted down his exact words as quotations. When I requested a photograph he just buzzed on his intercom and immediately his secretary brought in his personal file of pictures. I selected the best and most suitable print.

Eventually he was delighted to receive and open his gift book. We parted with a warm handshake and a feeling of deep friendship. The public received his testimony and he in turn was rewarded with the full message of salvation in the setting of the present truth for these times.

PASTOR BRIAN PILMOOR

TELL BRITAIN SUGGESTIONS

from Pastor Everett W. Howell

Statistics from surveys are indicating that:

1. Of every one hundred persons contacted two make a decision for Jesus.
2. That of people becoming churchmembers five out of every one hundred come to the meetings as a result of handbills.
3. Of literature dropped through the letter box a very small percentage is ever read, but that if it is properly introduced and a regular reader enrolled, friendships are established and converts gained.
4. Of people becoming Seventh-day Adventists the majority, over 60 per cent, had previous contacts with Seventh-day Adventists - business, over the fence neighbourliness, health care facilities, or in some other way experienced the real warmth of a practical SDA life.

A successful salesman is one who is able to convince a prospective client that the product he is offering is better than all the other competitive products and that it satisfies the client's needs.

The successful Gospel salesman must convince and influence the prospect that what he has and what he is offering is indeed the pearl of great price. The Gospel salesman must believe in his product and exude a genuine confidence in it.

Every Seventh-day Adventist must join hands in telling Britons the benefits to be received from falling in love with Jesus.

Flashback to summer

ABERDARON

by Pastor W. J. Arthur
COMMUNICATION DIRECTOR
BRITISH UNION CONFERENCE

Almost seven hundred young people enjoy the facilities of the Aberdaron Camp site each summer. Spiritual, social, and physical needs are met, as illustrated in photographs.



Top left: Terry Dyckhoff (centre) is greeted by his wife Pat, a secretary at the British Union Conference, following his baptism in the sea by the North British Conference Youth director and Camp pastor, Pastor Bob Rodd.

Bottom left: Roland Meredith, Julia Denton, Karen Gibson, John Kidd, and Bruce Hertogs render a message in song at Divine worship.

Above top: A highly significant event at the last camp was the installation of a new 'chip fryer'. The facility was purchased and fitted by Pastor Ken Clothier (left) at a fraction of the normal price. Pam Cady (right) and Glyn Jones (centre) assist with the first 'fry-up', which caused considerable rejoicing among the campers.

Above: The local farmer and his wife enjoy a 'western-style' evening at the Senior Special Pursuits Camp.

ADVENTISTS COMMUNICATE AT WATFORD SHOW

Along with other religious bodies and voluntary organizations, the Stanborough Park church recently participated in the Watford Show, held in the pedestrian precinct near the Town Hall. Hundreds of local inhabitants had the opportunity to get better acquainted with Adventists.

Under the capable care of assistant minister Warwick Sheffield, the display stand featured the Second Coming of Christ, and the Church's smoking cessation programme.



Round and About

NEWBOLD FIELD SCHOOL IN EALING



Photo: Kendall Down

What a family is the Adventist family! The help, friendship and co-operation of God's family in Ealing, West London, has been outstanding as, for the past three months, the practical evangelism part of the Newbold course 'Field Evangelism' has been held there.

Upon receiving the invitation to lead the Field School on this occasion, and having secured a hall (not the ideal — but the best we could get at short notice), we began to plan, with the Ealing church, to make the campaign a success, under the blessing of God. Success with this sort of programme is even more desirable than usual, for not only is the local church affected, but the prospective ministers participating.

The eight students in the class, (five from Great Britain, and one each from Ghana, New Zealand and Holland), had six hours a week classwork, and fifteen hours a week in practical work at the evangelistic meetings and in visitation, and both parts of the course were under the direction of Pastor Derek Marley. These students, together with members of the Ealing church and their able minister Kendall Down, made a happy and enthusiastic team throughout the campaign, which began in the Ealing Green High School hall, and continued in its later stages in the attractive Ealing church.

The opening-night subject was 'Unearthed Mysteries of the Past' — a journey through the Bible prophecies of the Holy Land, and from then on the meetings continued each Sunday and Tuesday. Three hundred non-members filled the hall on the opening night, and despite cold weather — and a cold hall — good attendances were maintained as the truth was taught in the twenty-one-programme series. After a month, Sabbath morning seminar-style programmes were held, which were attended by up to forty non-members. After three of these seminars Sabbath meetings were transferred to the church, and many interested people attended.

So far, two baptismal services have been held with a total of ten souls. More are planning to confirm their decision to go the way of Jesus and the programme is continued under the direction of Brother Down.

EALING BAPTISM



As 1980 came to a close, three candidates from the Ealing church demonstrated their love for the Lord through baptism. The service was conducted by Pastor Derek Marley, who was visiting Ealing from Manchester. The three sisters in Christ were Louise Alexander, Ruth Francis and Shelley Obermuller.

H. H. SMITH, *Communication secretary*

LIVERPOOL WELFARE



Sister O. M. Bell, *Community Services leader*, presenting a cheque for £313 to the NSPCC regional organizer.

Although the active members of the Liverpool Welfare Society tend to be somewhat reduced, a number of active and enthusiastic projects were undertaken during 1980. In March a Bring and Buy sale raised £55, and in July a similar sale raised £65, all of this money being directed to the Liverpool church building fund — a project which requires our continuous giving if we are to maintain our church in a usable condition.

In September a Bring and Buy sale raised £38, and in November a similar sale raised £59 — this money being channelled into the local welfare fund.

LONDON DAY OF FELLOWSHIP

The London Day of Fellowship will convene in the
Wembley Conference Centre on 13 June 1981

Tickets will be available to the London pastors in May. For information on how to obtain 80p parking stickers for the day, contact Pastor E. Lawrence

In October the Regional Branch of the NSPCC was the centre of our endeavours when one hundred garments of clothing were supplied. With members from the Liverpool and Wallasey churches, together and in conjunction with various friends and work associates, the annual NSPCC door-to-door collection was assisted and, as a result, we were able to present a cheque for £313 to the NSPCC regional organizer, Mr. D. C. Glass, MBE. In December, a further appeal in both Wallasey and Liverpool churches resulted in our being able to supply to the NSPCC an additional five hundred good garments of clothing and sixty-two good toys. Following this, and in yuletide spirit, a group of carol singers composed of members of the Liverpool and Bolton churches, together with friends, sang the Christmas message in the residential area adjacent to the Liverpool church and collected £52.35 which, with the approval of the Liverpool church board, was also donated to the regional office of the NSPCC.

The Liverpool welfare society would like to thank all churchmembers in Liverpool and Wallasey, together with all their friends concerned, for assisting in this most worth-while project.

Pastor Edward Bell of the Liverpool/Wallasey churches has received a sincere letter of thanks from the NSPCC regional organizer in which he says: 'It is a great comfort to us to know that we have the help and support of such kind friends as yourselves, especially at this very difficult time for us. Please will you pass our thanks on to all concerned with these donations and tell them how very much it means to us and to the many little ones with whom we are working in the Merseyside area.'

JOHN R. KNOTT, Church clerk

NOSTALGIA INC.

Where are the Schuils these days? Why did Ray Vine wish he'd brought his Graduation suit a year earlier? How many children do Per and Susan Bolling have now? Why did Vera Porter never become a vet as she had hoped? What's Robin Riches doing in India? Why did Dennis Porter ask Lasse Kolstad if his father was a wholesale paper dealer? What was Gordon Hyde doing on a train full of Irish troops in London? What are the Drew twins up to these days? And Derek Morris and Colin Cook and Jane Davies?

You can find out the answers to all these questions and many more in the first edition of *Old Newboldian* fresh off the press and now available to all friends and past students of Newbold College. 'Newsletter of the Newbold Association' is its official title and Cynthia Benz its editor. Letter, did you say? It's more like a book. Twenty-seven pages of letters, experiences, news snippets and editorial comments. If you're a friend of Newbold College, you just can't afford to miss it. Requests for the 'Newsletter' are already coming in from around the world in response to our earlier advertisement. We want the Newbold Association to be strong and its strength depends not on whether all the other friends of Newbold support it - but on you.

'Whether it will succeed,' says Dennis Porter in his introductory article, 'will be due less to the officers who were elected at Graduation May 1980'... than to the value which students of the 'new' Newbold place upon their experience and associations there. We may not be able to do much, but we can do something by way of communications and an annual gathering (and perhaps later on by way of helping the College also) to foster and keep alive something which even a non-Newboldian can see is of great worth in an increasingly fragmented and disjointed world. Of the thousands who have passed through the doors of Newbold (of both Newbold that is, and Stanborough College too) are there 200 (the number we have set as the minimum viable to proceed with such an organization) who share that view? If you would like a copy of the 'Newsletter' write to The Newbold Association, Newbold College, Bracknell, Berks., RG12 5AN.

WIMBLEDON WELFARE



Pastor Crutchfield opens the Sale of Work.

Photo: Graham Lucas

On Saturday evening, 29 November 1980, Wimbledon SDA church held a sale of work, the proceeds of which were to go to the church maintenance fund.

Pastor G. Crutchfield opened the sale, and thanked Sister Queenie Newman for her hard work in planning and preparation.

It was good to see some visitors there. Sister Newman and her helpers were rewarded with a taking of £200.

G. LUCAS, Communication secretary

REGENERATION AT HOUNSLOW



'Regeneration' with their leader, Vivian Fosse.

On Sabbath, 29 November, Hounslow welcomed a group of young people called 'Regeneration'. Gifted with a variety of talents, and representing many countries, they combined to make an interesting and enjoyable afternoon.

'Regeneration' are all students from Newbold who, in addition to their own study programme, occasionally bring to our churches, musical items, poems and the truth and goodness of God's Word.

We are grateful for the warmth they brought to us and look forward to another visit from them in the not too distant future.

MARLENE SASS



'BLESS THIS HOUSE..

A report on the dedication of the new St. Albans church, Sabbath 31 January 1981

by D. N. Marshall
Photographs: H. Smit

'It is fitting that the most modern and distinctive building erected in St. Albans in the last twenty-five years should be a church', said Rev. A. H. Medforth – rural dean and vicar of St. Peters – of the new Adventist church. Few would disagree that this edifice of glass, red-brick, maple-wood and stainless steel is among the most representative of Seventh-day Adventist churches in the British Union.

But the founder members of the St. Albans company, organized under the leadership of C. M. H. Cowen in 1965 – St. Albans became a church in 1970 – might have been daunted had they realized that they would have to wait sixteen years for a church building of their own. Even more daunted had they been given a prophetic glimpse of some of the holes and corners from which they would be called upon to worship God: the hot summer mornings in the Oddfellows 'upper room' with beads of perspiration springing from the brows of a sardine-packed congregation, the sound of Pastor Llewellyn's sermon all but overwhelmed by the roar of traffic all-too-audible through the open

windows; the marrow-bone freezing church hall in January where Pastor McMillan's erudite sermons had had to be 'cut short in righteousness' for the elect's sake . . .

The knife-wind blew as the grateful congregation waited, with visitors, for the arrival of the dignitaries which would precede entry into the warm, welcoming interior of their new church. On time, they arrived; the mayor and his lady, the dean of St. Albans Abbey (the bishop sent his apologies – he had been summoned to preach before the Queen at Sandringham; the Archbishop of Canterbury, an old friend of St. Albans Adventists, conveyed his blessings), the local clergymen, the Division president and secretary, the Union president Pastor E. H. Foster, Pastor M. B. Musgrave to represent the South England Conference, local minister Pastor P. Ciešlar – and Pastor J. A. McMillan.

The last named opened the church door after the mayor had cut the ribbon, and it was apt. *He* had worked through the long, tedious days of negotiation during his

pastorate in which a succession of existing churches had been negotiated for (and hopes raised) and a succession of obstacles had manifested themselves (and hopes been dashed). He had also worked through the long days of coaxing local authority officials and town planners, and coping with estate agents, architects and builders which had resulted in the new building. (He must have coped well because they were all present for the dedication. Although, in his talk on the 'History of the church' he *did* say that there had been moments when he had wondered whether he would live to see it completed . . .)

Pastor McMillan had handed his pastorate of St. Albans to Pastor Ciešlar in the spring of 1979. 'Now,' he informed the congregation, 'you have something in common with the Roman Catholic church: *they* have a Polish minister too.'

Looking back on the long trek to completion, Pastor McMillan told those assembled for the opening; 'The Lord had this site in mind throughout; that is why all other avenues were blocked.' He



The Brixton Story

The acquisition of the 'new', spacious Brixton church took place after two years of most delicate negotiation undertaken by Pastor K. H. Gammon, South England Conference president, and the Church of England. These negotiations culminated in the application of a special Act of Parliament and the presentation to Her Majesty the Queen by the Prime Minister for her signature of a Privy Council Release paper. The Queen's signature was appended to this document on 14 February 1980.

Four years ago church elder Brother T. Culverwell came up with the idea that it was time the Brixton congregation had a larger sanctuary. St. Paul's church, then showing signs of neglect, was suggested as a possible purchase.

In 1978 Pastors Lawrence and Elliott conducted a tent campaign on Clapham Common. As preparation for it St. Paul's church was hired for a special week of prayer by the Brixton, Balham and Peckham churches. At the close of that week the vicar said he was happy to have seen so many people in church as his own congregation was so small.

Pastor Lawrence, then Brixton's minister, together with Brixton's elders, asked their Conference president, Pastor Gammon, to investigate the possibility of purchase. This was not acceptable to the diocesan authorities. Pastor Gammon then requested a meeting between the dean, the diocesan secretary, the vicar and the Church Council - with the South England Conference officers, Pastor Lawrence and the Brixton elders. It was at this meeting at the Southwark Church Commission that Pastor Gammon broached the possibility of an exchange of buildings. The dean said that he would think about it and take advice. In subsequent private talks with the secretary and advisor to the diocese it was discovered that he knew Adventists when he was a Government officer in Uganda. He and Pastor Gammon had a mutual friend in Pastor M. E. Lind, former president of our work in Uganda and one time Youth director of the Northern European Division.

Two years of negotiations, meetings with numerous Anglican committees, trustees, legal advisors, a breakdown in negotiations followed by a back-to-square-one and a through-it-all-again, were all undertaken by the Conference president alone.

Some months after the Queen's signature had been appended to the Privy Council document, Pastor C. R. Perry and the Brixton members were allowed into St. Paul's church to commence repairs and renovations. Brixton elder, Tom Culverwell, estimates that £40,000 worth of free labour was put into this mammoth task. 'Dead cats and two hundred years of grime had to be removed before the work could even commence'.

South England Conference president, Pastor Gammon, pays tribute to the unstinted labour of Pastor Perry, Brixton's crusading pastor, in renovating the church and preparing it for the worship of God.

EDITOR



concluded his remarks by saying, 'Let us take from the altar of the past, not the ashes, but the fire.'

The dedicatory address was delivered by Dr. B. B. Beach, director of the General Conference Religious Liberty Department. His presence and his address were most appropriate. Prior to his move to Washington after the Dallas General Conference of 1980 Dr. Beach had had a long and close association with the St. Albans church. He spoke of the commitment and involvement of the St. Albans membership from start to finish; of how, perilously near to 'the finish', days before the opening, the pews had arrived and how the membership had buckled to and assembled them - working into the wee small hours. Pastor Ciešlar had been assisted by his brother on 'holiday' from Poland - and the expert hands of Peter Thirkell.

The Act of Dedication was delivered by Pastor E. H. Foster and the dedicatory prayer by Pastor W. R. L. Scragg.

Dr. Beach concluded his excellent address with some verses, the suitability of

which became apparent as they proceeded:

'Bless this House O Lord we pray;
Keep it safe by night and day ...
Bless the roof and (steeple) tall;
Let Thy peace lie over all ...
Bless the people here within;
Keep them pure and free from sin ...
Bless us all that we may be
Fit, O Lord, to dwell with Thee.'

'We have', he said, 'dedicated not only bricks and beams and glass and steel - but "living stones," people.'

1. Pastor Ciešlar speaks to the St. Albans congregation on their special day. 2. St. Albans members gather outside the church to await the arrival of the city's civic and ecclesiastical dignitaries. 3. His Worship the Mayor, having cut the ribbon, speaks to the members. 4. Dr. B. B. Beach of the General Conference, delivers his excellent address. 5. Newbold choir sing 'Thine is the Kingdom.' 6. Pastor J. A. McMillan, St. Albans minister 1974-79, recounts the story behind the building.



Church news digest

EAST HAM CRUSADE



Above: Pastor Isaac Williams, evangelist, and Mrs. Fleming-Noel, Bible Instructor, with two of the thirty-two baptismal candidates. **Below:** The newly baptized candidates.

Acts 1:8 – 'Ye shall receive power . . .'

This promise was remarkably fulfilled at the East Ham Evangelistic Crusade conducted by Pastor Isaac Williams, assisted by Mrs. Fleming-Noel, Bible instructor. The Crusade was a joint venture involving Forest Gate, Ilford and East Ham. It was preceded by a week of spiritual emphasis which revived the members and prepared them for the campaign.

Our church in East Ham was filled every night, as visitors and members enthusiastically attended. The Crusade was named 'Your Health and Your Future' and in keeping with the theme, health slides were shown which were well appreciated and helped to hold the people's interest. Incentives for attendance were offered, and three visitors qualified for the special gift Bibles.

The Crusade resulted in thirty-two precious souls being baptized on 24 November. This was a joyful day for us in the East End. We were blessed with visiting members from many churches including High Wycombe and Willesden. Special visiting ministers included Pastor Lester Elliott, who assisted our pastor in baptizing the candidates; Brother A. Charles of High Wycombe, Pastor David West, our former minister, and Dr. S. M. Reid, secretary of the South England Conference. The theme of Dr. Reid's sermon was 'Jesus is the Way'. He appealed to the congregation to follow the Jesus way which is the only true way that will bring truth and life.

Solos, quartets and group songs were sung while the candidates were being immersed. Our own Advent Herald Choir led out, assisted by guests from High Wycombe church.

An appeal was made by the two officiating ministers and twenty-two persons responded, indicating their willingness to be prepared for baptism.

We wish to thank our pastor who carried the burden efficiently; Sister Fleming-Noel who assisted our pastor so devotedly, and finally all the members of the three churches who distributed 6,000 handbills. Special thanks be to our Heavenly Father by whose power all was accomplished.

K. ALLEN, Communication secretary



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A HOLE IN MANCHESTER



Tom and Bernice Harlin with Pastor Marley.

There's a hole in Manchester – and I'm not meaning the holes appearing in various places because of the subsidence of the old sewers! Nor am I referring to the new assistant minister of that name. The 'hole' I'm referring to is specifically in Manchester South church – and it has been made by the departure of long-established members, Tom and Bernice Harlin, for the sunnier climes of Coromander Valley, South Australia.

The Harlins packed up their watchmaking business in Manchester, and after sad good-byes flew to join their daughter and son-in-law, Sandra and Roger Clarke, 'down under'. Latest reports on film and tape show that they have now settled in with a nice house and car. 'We're glad you're here and we'll make sure you stay!' said the elder of their local church when they arrived. Yes, Tom and Bernice, but we're sorry you left. You see, you've left a hole in Manchester!

Tom was senior elder, and his friendship and practical common sense was greatly appreciated by ministers and members alike – as was his humour at church board meetings. Tom had a happy knack of diffusing a difficult situation with a humorous comment which helped everyone to see things in a new and better light! He has also served on the Conference committee, and on other institutional Boards.

Bernice was church clerk and organist, and her beautiful work on the new organ would have been even more sadly missed than it has been, had it not been for our good fortune in having Dr. Eileen Baidam's dexterous fingers – and feet – to take over!

At their going-away service, the Harlins were presented with a pair of copper wall-plaques and a cheque from the church as a small mark of our love and of the esteem in which they were held by the whole church.

Hasten, Kingdom of God, when no more 'holes' will be made. In the meanwhile, Tom and Bernice, keep the flag flying in 'Aussie'.

PASTOR DEREK M. MARLEY
District leader, Greater Manchester

Reverence at Cambridge

Do you have problems with reverence in your church? We in Cambridge have started a new idea: Each member has received a news letter drawing attention to reverence. Our visiting friends are presented with a photograph of the inside of the church with the words 'Welcome to the Seventh-day Adventist Church Cambridge' and on the reverse side attention is drawn to church reverence: 'When we do not see one another through the week, Sabbath becomes a high day for us, socially as well as spiritually, and it does require self-discipline not to have a 'chat' in the sanctuary before or after the service. But if we can preserve a meditative atmosphere before, during and after the service our practiced awareness of God's presence will surely be rewarded with His blessing. After the benediction the congregation will remain standing and follow the platform party into the foyer, except for those members who wish to sit a while and meditate.'

These ideas have been working well since the end of November – maybe other churches might be interested. The visitor goes away with a souvenir photograph.

DAVID A. PORTER

Just a thought . . .

Those who try to do something, and fail, are to be preferred to those who try to do nothing, and succeed.

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ESSEX BAPTISM



The baptismal candidates together with Pastor and Mrs. Bukojemsky. From left to right: Mrs. Beryl Bukojemsky, Mr. and Mrs. Grimmer, Mrs. Proctor, Mr. Tether, Mrs. Illsley, Pastor Stephen Bukojemsky and in the front: Mirta and Sylvia Shiong.

With happy expectancy members from Chelmsford gathered in our sister church at Colchester on Sabbath, 13 December to witness our second baptism within three months. The weather was warm and kind, but not more so than the atmosphere of love and fellowship, so evident as seating soon became filled to capacity.

A kindly welcome was given us from Pastor Brian Martin of Colchester, and as this moving service proceeded, a beautiful solo by Brother Evers was sung with much feeling, as he encouraged our faith and trust in a loving heavenly Father, 'Each Passing Day'.

Chelmsford's Children's Choir, looking so smart and fresh in their crisp white blouses and dark skirts, also provided musical delight, with two lovely songs, under the leadership of David Andrews, their enthusiastic choir master.

In his address to the four candidates Pastor Bukojemsky assured them that the basic principles of a true Christian life are more than just a profession and that baptism is more than joining a Church. It means transformation of nature, and a new life brought about by the working of the Holy Spirit.

As Mrs. Rose Illsley stepped into the pool we remembered that she first met Adventists as the result of Ingathering, and we were happy to know that Mrs. Scott, who made the initial contact, was able to be with us to see the result of that visit.

Mrs. Maria Proctor is a German lady, who has also worshipped with us for some time. Her late mother was a Seventh-day Adventist, and we shared Maria's wish that her mother might also have witnessed this happy occasion.

Philip and Sylvia Grimmer, a young husband and wife, entered the water together, and we were most surprised to see that they were actually baptized as one. This was a very unusual event, and one, we feel, they too will long remember.

M. Page

Pathfinders: Leeds Meet Manchester

It was no ordinary Sabbath day for the members of Leeds church on 29 November 1980. This was due to thirty-five smartly uniformed Pathfinders from both Leeds and Manchester.

The Pathfinders took the Young People's service in the afternoon. During this service John Baron and his Mancunian Pathfinders took us for an imaginary trip to their campsite in Wales. There the two clubs re-lived a typical Sabbath day at camp; from 'Morning Watch' to 'Vespers'. Both clubs gave an impressive drill display.

Both the recently appointed Leeds director, Sister C. Harewood, and the more experienced Mancunian director, John Baron, agreed that the meeting was an important one for both clubs.

PATRICK HERBERT

Baptism in Wood Green

On the bright, crisp Sabbath morning of 10 January 1981, Wood Green members, along with friends and visitors, witnessed the Church 'Growing in Jesus'. Five candidates publicly declared that they are going to 'Rise and be heaven bound'. The message for the day was presented by Pastor C. Cook who also conducted the baptism.

The candidates baptized were Josett Skerit, Vivette Burgess, Olivia Moyo, Kelledy Ndlovu and Jeannille Mounieu.

Pastor Cook likened the new members to bulbs developing in winter; they have come out of their dormant stage to a new development through baptism in Christ Jesus.

E. McFARQUHAR, Communication secretary

FROM THE CLOTH

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HIGH WYCOMBE EVANGELISTIC CRUSADE



Left: Evangelist A. A. Charles presents the message. **Right:** Dr. Reid immerses a candidate.

They defied the rain, freezing temperatures and the odd hail storm, in order to make it to the main hall of the County First School, Green Street, High Wycombe, to hear Dr. S. M. Reid, secretary of the South England Conference, Audley A. Charles, local minister, and Brother Lionel Acton-Hubbard, Health director of the South England Conference, speak in the Gospel Crusade. As they made their way there, they did so with a song on their lips – now the most well-known song in High Wycombe – ‘Without Him I Could Do Nothing’. This was the theme song for the Crusade. Visitors and members sang it at home, work, and even at the bus stop.

The meetings began on Sunday, 21 September at 7.30 pm, with Dr. S. M. Reid speaking on ‘Seven Secrets of a Happy Life’. Dr. Reid was invited to give the lectures by the local minister, who learned that the Conference secretary would not be averse to participating in an evangelistic outreach.

The main thrust of the campaign was aimed at the vast number of former Seventh-day Adventists living in the town. They were invited to Visitors’ Day and other special events, such as Youth Day and Voice of Youth Campaign. Members then worked personally with their friends, workmates, relatives and neighbours, using the Voice of Prophecy lessons as their main tool. This meant that by the time the campaign was due to start the members of the church had developed fairly close relationships with their Bible students.

It was no surprise, therefore, to have had a packed house every evening. God spoke nightly thorough His servant, Dr. Reid. At times one could almost ‘see’ the Holy Spirit and other heavenly beings present. The Holy Spirit worked with such Pentecostal power that at times grown men and women openly wept as they took their stand for Jesus Christ.

The first baptism saw twenty-nine souls ‘disturb’ the waters. In some cases whole families took their stand together. The second baptism saw another thirteen people buried with the Lord and rise to walk in newness of life. We are glad to say that another baptism is planned for the near future when at least ten more people will be added to the Church. The Conference president, Pastor K. H. Gammon, was present, and preached the sermon on the occasion of the first baptism.

This campaign has taught us three main things. Firstly, that there is already a famine in the land for the Word of God; secondly, that intelligent, maximum human effort, combined with divine power, is bound to succeed; and thirdly that the laity are ready and eager to take their rightful place in the front line as God’s army goes forth to make battle against the forces of evil.

Thanks must be expressed to Dr. S. M. Reid, who despite his busy schedule gave of himself so selflessly. His work here was greatly appreciated and already there is a golden link of hearts. We thank Brother Lionel Acton-Hubbard for his informative lectures, Sister G. Fleming-Noel, who joined us briefly and gave invaluable service, the members of High Wycombe and Aylesbury who worked tirelessly, and finally, but by no means least, we say thanks be to God, great things He has done.

AUDLEY A. CHARLES, Local minister and Associate evangelist

STANBOROUGH SECONDARY SCHOOL SEPTEMBER 1981 ENTRY

The Entrance Examination and interview for September 1981 entry will take place at Stanborough Secondary School on Sunday, 15 March 1981, beginning at 1 pm.

If you are interested, please apply as soon as possible to: The Headmaster, Stanborough Secondary School, Stanborough Park, Watford, WD2 6JT.

The Story of Anna Moore



Anna Moore with her two books.

Was it just by chance or was it providential that the day I called, Anna Moore was at home, recovering from sickness? For several days I had felt impressed to make evangelistic visits with our magazines on that particular estate.

The morning hours sped quickly by and my salutations and offer of free literature had met in the main with negative responses. A few more homes before completing the estate and I began to feel that my earlier mental impressions had after all been a figment of my own imagination.

The last row of four dwellings came into view – one, two, three – no reply! Finally, the last knock for the morning. The door opened and there stood Anna Moore. We exchanged pleasantries and I accepted the invitation to chat inside where it was warmer.

After a discussion at length on spiritual topics I left with a further invitation to return with more reading material a week later. At the agreed date the first of many Bible studies followed. Now Sister Anna Moore is a baptized member of our Londonderry church.

Recently, while moving home, Anna discovered that she had two books, passed on to her by her late uncle. These books – *Steps to Christ* and *Christ Our Saviour* – were printed by the then International Tract Society and dated 1899. Who was the faithful literature-evangelist that had let his light shine more than three-score-and-ten years ago, even before Anna was born? Well, we don't know that just now, but Anna, rejoicing in the Advent message, treasures these two volumes and is looking forward to meeting that faithful colporteur saint in the very near future, for she too believes with all her heart that our Lord and Saviour's coming is almost upon us.

K. A. DAVEY, District leader

BUC News notes



Lingmoor nearing completion. Renovation work at Lingmoor, the Church's centre for retired workers in Poole (Dorset) is nearing completion.

New Assembly Hall/Gymnasium at Stanborough School. Thanks to a generous 13th Sabbath overflow offering by the world Church, work has commenced on the new Assembly Hall/Gymnasium adjacent to the main building of the Stanborough Secondary School. Considerable funds are still required for the completion of the project, and the responsible committees have gone forward in faith.

W. J. ARTHUR

Communication director, British Union



Films Missing! The films *Sound of Marching* and *Montemorelos* have been borrowed from the BUC offices. They are urgently required. The person or persons who have borrowed them are asked to return them immediately to the Publishing director, BUC offices, Stanborough Park, Watford, Herts., WD2 6JP.



EALING

Pastor James Cuthell recently baptized three candidates in the Ealing church: Mary Byno, Debra Myers and Julian Smith. Sister Myers comes from the Hounslow church. Sister Byno has now returned to Barbados for her forthcoming marriage.

H. H. SMITH, Communication secretary

WEDDINGS

ROBSON-GILL – The Aberdeen Seventh-day Adventist church was the venue for the marriage of Andrew Robson and Karin Gill on 29 December 1980. Fleecy clouds and bright blue skies belied what one normally associates with the weather of the grey granite city as they exchanged their vows. Both of them were members of the Newcastle-upon-Tyne church where they grew up together and eventually formed the friendship which culminated in their marriage. The young couple have set up home at Binfield where Karin is employed as a teacher in the Newbold Primary School and Andrew, whose interest is in zoology, is employed on a nearby estate. Pastor M. B. Musgrave, uncle of the groom, officiated at the ceremony.

Pastor M. B. Musgrave

STOP PRESS – There are spare seats on the Hampstead minibus which goes from Harlesden via Chalk Farm to the John Loughborough School. Please contact Mrs. Maria De Gale on 01-385-5217.

In touch with THE PRESIDENT

North British Conference

President: K. A. Elias



For the nation at large 1980 was a year better forgotten; a year of financial crisis, mounting unemployment and international unrest. But for God's people in this Conference the picture was entirely different. Certainly we have had difficulties, but on balance, 1980 has been a year full of blessings – a factual proof that God still lives and works among His people.

Financially we have felt the recession too. Until the end of November our tithe income was somewhat behind budget, although the actual tithe received was well ahead of the same period in 1979. The wonderful thing, however, was that our financial statement for the nine months ending September actually showed a small operating gain. Only God's blessing could have made that possible in the prevailing circumstances. We gladly acknowledge our members' faithfulness in giving and encourage them to continue proving the Lord in the days ahead. God is no man's debtor.

Our greatest cause for rejoicing lies in the wonderful number of accessions made to the Conference in the year under review. According to our records, no fewer than seventy-eight baptismal services were held in this field in the twelve months, an average of one and a half such inspiring services for each week of the year. The provisional total of those added by baptism and vote stands at 396. It may actually be higher still when the final check has been completed. All areas from Glasgow in the north to Northants and Worcester in the south have contributed, while Greater Manchester under D. Marley and V. Goddard have held no fewer than twelve such services in the year! Surely that must be a record. Baptismal details are as follows:

District	No. added	District Leader
Cumbria	2	S. Hensman
Derbyshire	4	J. Handysides
Gt. Manchester	87	D. Marley, V. Goddard
Humberside	1	R. G. Vine
Preston/Blackpool	3	R. Cooper
Bolton/Blackburn	3	K. Brackenbury
Leicestershire	19	A. Conroy
Grantham/Lincoln	4	D. Markham
Northants	9	B. Robinson
Nottingham	13	G. M. Harris
Glasgow	4	L. Edwards
Edinburgh	3	C. D. Baidam

Staffordshire	3	T. D. MacGowan
Teesside	3	D. Robertson
Tyneside	5	M. Taylor
Wolverhampton	80	D. Masih
Camp Hill/Ward End	44	B. Flynn
Erdington/Chelmsley Wood		
Yardley	8	E. Lowe
Coventry/Rugby	4	J. Mahon
Handsworth/Newtown	47	D. McFarlane
W. Bromwich/Smethwick	12	R. Morgan
Worcestershire	1	C. H. Martin
Huddersfield/Barnsley	7	B. Pilmoor
Leeds/Bradford	10	K. Clothier
Sheffield Carter Knowle	5	R. Hulbert
Sheffield Burngreave	10	P. Sayers
Dudley	4	D. Conroy
Isolated	1	

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Please note that where District leaders have changed during the year some of the baptisms listed may have been the responsibility of the former incumbent. Pastor E. L. Henry teamed up with Pastor D. Masih to achieve the fine Wolverhampton totals. In all these achievements younger workers and soul-conscious laity share in goodly measure. To God be the glory.

Three new organizations came into being during our review period, two fully fledged churches in Old Trafford (Manchester) and Wednesfield (Wolverhampton), and a healthy company in Castlevale (Birmingham). All three have expanded since inauguration and are proving worthy acquisitions to the Conference. In addition groups are preparing for organization in Leek, Staffordshire, Scunthorpe, Lincolnshire, and Nuneaton while the work on the Isle of Man is showing promise.

Seven new workers, as previously reported, joined our staff in 1980 and regretfully we lost two in the same period. Brother and Sister R. Willis left us for mission service in South Africa and Miss Pat Simpson took up other work outside the Conference. We would like to express our appreciation for their help while they were with us and to wish them God's richest blessings in the days ahead.

Work on church buildings during the twelve months has mostly been confined to planning and conservation. However, the Youth Hall at Newcastle was completed and dedicated and foundations laid for the new kitchen. After much difficulty in negotiation the new Stockport church was completed and will be in use early in 1981. Extensive planning centred around an eventual replacement for Camp Hill, Birmingham, which is being made the subject of a compulsory purchase order, to the purchase of a site for the Ward End church also in Birmingham, and to the building of premises for our Indian church at Langley.

Yes, God has continued to be exceedingly good to us in the year that has now entered the history books. We face the New Year with confidence, as gladly we re-dedicate ourselves to Him in privileged service.

News in brief

SOUTHEND

Southend YP society, under the leadership of Marc Sabadin, organized a Christmas programme which raised £50 for the NSPCC and a three-course vegetarian meal for thirty senior citizens.

P.R. SECRETARY

DAGENHAM

Seven candidates – Carol Patterson, Estelle Fernandez, Norma and Harry Buchanan and Susan, Dione and Angela Siemper – were baptized at Dagenham on 18 October. The favourite Bible text of each candidate was read out before their immersion. Pastor A. J. Timothy officiated.

J. WIGGINS

HOVE

A sale of work organized by the Welfare Society at Hove raised £100. The money was spent on food parcels for old folk. Each parcel contained a copy of FOCUS. Under the guidance of Sisters Sebbage and Scott, the Welfare Society also gave assistance to Age Concern and the victims of the Italian earthquake disaster.

MONICA HASTINGS

OULTON BROAD

£90 was raised by a sale of work and used to prepare twenty-five food parcels for the aged.

The Dell saw its usual Christmas festivities, including a visit from a local ladies choir. As always, Sister Roderick, our excellent Dell matron, with her staff, provided delightful meals.

IRENE OSBORNE

WIMBLEDON

A carol concert, conducted by choir master R. G. Parr and Pastor George Crutchfield, raised £55 for the NSPCC.

G. LUCAS

CAMBRIDGE

Gift tokens were presented to the children and youth (up to early teens) in a special Christmas Sabbath School.

D. A. PORTER

NOTTINGHAM CENTRAL

Sabbath School superintendent Sister Robinson, and Michelle Collins, represented Nottingham Central at a special Sabbath School Weekend held at Eastwood Grange and organized by Pastor Bob Rodd. It was a great inspiration for them to meet with other church representatives, from as far away as Scotland.

DEZREEN VALENTINE

WOKINGHAM

Three hundred leaflets were distributed in Woking inviting local residents to attend a special carol concert. Many come along, including parents of non-Adventist pupils from Newbold School. The service was organized by Pathfinder leader, Peter Jaynes.

G. WASTLING

OBITUARIES

PASTOR S. GEORGE HYDE



On 18 December the Adventist Church in Britain lost one of its oldest champions, Pastor S. G. Hyde. He was born in London in August 1894 and was one of the last living links with the early days of Adventism in this country.

Pastor Hyde's outstanding career stretched over fifty years and throughout the whole of this Union there are many who, by their faithful membership, bear witness to his able ministry and zealous evangelistic endeavours. Though evangelism was his first love he also served the Church as Bible teacher at our Union College from 1923 to 1924 and as the president of the Welsh Mission from 1936 to 1946.

It was in Ipswich where he worked from 1951 to 1958, that he found his greatest fulfilment as an evangelist. There he was able to see the church grow from a small membership of around twenty to an active church of well over one hundred people. In 1958 he moved to Oxford and again the church grew significantly under his ministry. He began his second mission in Hove in 1961 under a considerable strain. As his campaign commenced, his wife, née Madge Keough, became very ill and sadly died in January 1962. She had been his wife for over forty years and the devoted mother of their three daughters Doreen, June and Jacky. During all these years she gave him constant support in the ministry.

In 1963 he married Miss Maude Anstee, one of his converts from an earlier campaign in Northern Ireland. Together they worked for the Lord in Hove, Guildford and once more in Northern Ireland.

Retirement was not easy for this old warrior to accept. They tried to settle down in Grantham, but most Sabbaths found him preaching in some Midland church, in areas where he had worked half a century before but where there were still those who welcomed him as the one who first brought them the Advent message. Pastor Hyde spent his last days in Worthing where he preached his last sermon on

11 October. It was entitled 'The Key to Successful Spiritual Warfare'. An apt title for one who had fought so long and well. The service over, he went home and began his struggle against man's last great enemy. Though the battle was lost he died in the assurance of winning the war through Jesus Christ and of hearing the voice of the risen Saviour declare on the great Resurrection Day, 'Death thou art dead'.

Pastor Ronald H. Surridge

Mrs. Maude Hyde wishes to thank all those who have expressed sympathy over the death of her husband and she will be replying to each individual in due time.

REYNOLDS, Emily - d. 4 December 1980. Sister Reynolds was baptized in 1940 under the ministry of Pastor Lamont Murdoch, her husband becoming church elder in the old Peel Street church. She and Brother Reynolds were often seen around the streets of Hull on their tandem bicycle. Her latter years, as a widow, were spent in Grove House, an old folk's home. Pastor Robert Vine conducted the funeral service, and she was laid to rest in Hull's Eastern Cemetery, there to await the call of the Life Giver. Though she had no children of her own, she left many loved ones to mourn her passing. May they be strengthened by the 'Blessed Hope' as are all her fellow believers in the Hull church. P. A. Waller

RICHARDSON, Joseph Snowball - d. 21 December 1980. Members of the Newcastle-upon-Tyne church were saddened to learn of the death of their oldest member, Brother Richardson. He was ninety-nine years of age. Brother Richardson became a member during the ministry of Pastor D. Conroy in 1964 and remained faithful until the time of his death. Although infirmity made it impossible for him to attend church, nevertheless, various members of the church regularly visited him. To the son Raymond, and other members of the family, and to Miss D. Bell, a close friend for many years, we extend our deepest sympathy. The funeral was conducted by Pastor M. K. Taylor. Helen Walton

Accessions to the Church

SOUTH ENGLAND CONFERENCE

AYLESBURY (October) Mr. K. Sterling, Miss W. Sterling, Miss J. Sterling, Miss B. Samuel, Miss B. Swan. **CHELMSFORD** (December) Mrs. R. Isley, Mrs. M. Proctor, Mr. P. Grimmer, Mrs. S. Grimmer. **HIGH WYCOMBE** (October) Mr. H. Adams, Mrs. R. Adams, Miss Y. Adams, Miss Yvonne Adams, Miss J. Baptiste, Miss M. Baptiste, Mr. R. Bullock, Miss J. Bullock, Mr. J. Derby, Mr. D. Da Silva, Mrs. M. Horn, Miss Y. Huggins, Miss T. Jennings, Mr. J. Johnson, Miss B. Johnson, Miss S. Johnson, Mr. A. Johnson, Mrs. J. King, Mr. A. Kydd, Miss J. Layne, Mr. C. Layne, Mr. J. Nanton, Miss A. Nanton, Mrs. V. Noel, Mr. N. Thomas. (November) Mr. C. Alexander, Miss A. Alexander, Mr. C. Alexander, Mrs. S. Alexander, Miss A. Cumberbatch, Mrs. D. Jones, Miss C. Huggins, Mr. G. Lewis, Mr. W. Lewis, Mr. E. Thomas, Miss D. Thomas, Mr. K. Rodrigues, Mrs. D. Williams, Miss M. Williams. **NEW GALLERY** (September) Mr. R. Bailey. (December) Mr. and Mrs. A. Tachmintz, Miss G. Stanley. **NORWICH** (November) Mr. D. Warr, Mr. W. Croce. **PLYMOUTH** (December) Mr. and Mrs. D. White, Mrs. J. Herd, Miss A. Goodman, Mr. R. Hooper.

CONGRATULATIONS to Reuben Mosei who has gained the MSc degree in animal breeding, at the University of Edinburgh and is now engaged in research for a doctorate at Bangor, Wales. Reuben will eventually return to his homeland of Kenya where his qualification will be of benefit in a developing country. Pastor C. D. Baidam

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Edinburgh church acknowledges with grateful thanks £10 kindly sent for magazine lay-evangelism and posted anonymously in the Watford area by former visitors to the church - Pastor C. D. Baidam

EDWARD W. H. VICK

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Blessed are the Christians who miss a week at church. They are the ones who make the world say that the Church is failing.

Blessed are the touchy, with a bit of luck they may even stop going to church.

Blessed are they who keep themselves, their time, and their money to themselves; they are my missionaries.

Blessed are they who claim to love their God while hating other people at the same time. They are mine forever.

Blessed are they who have no time to pray; they are easy prey for me.

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SUBTLE CHANGES

Dear Editor,

I have increased my order of FAMILY LIFE to two dozen because people really seem to be appreciating it. For years I have given away magazines like *Signs*, but find that the non-Christian is simply too busy to find time to read religious literature, when it (religion) is a subject that interests them not at all. The older magazines may have been approved of by the practising Christian, but FAMILY LIFE appears to have a strong appeal to the unconverted. By the human interest features the secular reader's interest is immediately gained. They don't seem to mind the moral slant. In fact it probably makes them feel good for reading such high-minded thoughts, just so long as the wrapping is right. And to put those thoughts in the context of what interests the public at present is an art which you seem to have mastered well. Since the health tips and recipes are of general interest too, people are now also accepting the messages behind the articles because they are being broken down in small enough pieces for them to swallow.

These magazines surely reach the unconverted, and your methods are admirable. There is a good mixture of religious and secular so as to interest those who would be frightened away by too much piety. For those who need stronger meat there is the Bible, and publications enough that deal with religious matters. To have just one magazine that is geared to the thinking of those who are still only at the milk stage is a blessing. The magazine is received with enthusiasm by all. Although the non-believer is not always given to discussion of religion, I have noticed quite a few subtle changes of viewpoint from those receiving FAMILY LIFE. The little touches of humour are very appealing. I have noticed that with secular magazines the question and answer pages are avidly read by all, probably because man is a curious creature and likes to know what his fellow is asking about, and also what the answer was. It's the next best thing. I suppose to eavesdropping on a conversation over the garden wall.

Elizabeth Cashmore (Miss), Torquay

P.S. In confirmation of what I have been writing I have just received this note from a non-believer:

'Not to sound ungrateful for *Signs* (American), I must agree that FAMILY LIFE interested me more. It slips in religion at the correct time'.

I suspect he never even read *Signs*!

E.C.

CHURCH BUILDING

Dear Editor,

Having responded last Thirteenth Sabbath to the appeal to help provide 500 places of worship in the Trans African Division and knowing from experience out there how necessary such buildings are, my thoughts have turned to a similar need in our own Union. When will there be a world-wide appeal for the provision of permanent places of worship for our many organized churches at present worshipping in rented halls, rooms or even private homes? Probably never.

But the need is there. So long as a group of believers are faced with the question 'Where is your church?' our image will always be blurred in the eyes of the public. A church building does play a vital part in the witness of the Church.

The 1 per cent policy of Conference help is entirely inadequate and the sooner the 'powers that be' can realize this the better. Local efforts from sales of work do not keep up with inflation and many groups are discouraged at the futility of the task.

Here in Guildford, while a parking place is available next to the Social Hall, yet it is necessary to set out the seating each Sabbath, arrange tables and pulpit and assemble the organ. The same process is taken in reverse at the close of the meeting with much noise from stacking chairs. A visitor from a sedate church is not impressed. In addition, for six weeks near the close of each year, we have to vacate this hall and use an upstairs room some distance away with no parking facilities. Much of the equipment has to be stored and transported by the local elder.

Every year a sale of work has brought in a few hundred pounds. This year each member was supplied with a tin in which he put small change. We were happy to find this brought in £460. Some friends overseas have also contributed well. But when the question is asked of the Conference the reply is 'We have so many requests coming in that we cannot meet the demand.' The plain fact is that the raising of the sum expected from the local church of say twenty-five members, is quite beyond their reach under the present policy. You could do these needy groups a real service by featuring their present plight so that some of the funds at present devoted to evangelism could be used for this urgent witness in permanent buildings.

Pastor S. G. Maxwell

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D. H. Archer

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