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HELP!

by Pastor Harold L. Calkins
president, British Union Conference

Africa's Mega-Famine continues to draw the attention of world humanitarian organizations. Drought and famine are responsible for thousands of deaths and multiplied thousands of refugees.

The Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) which has replaced SAWS, is sending a first-relief transport to Ethiopia to assist ADRA-Ethiopia in their food relief programme. Fifty tons of biscuits have been ordered from Holland and will be on their way shortly. Biscuits and other food commodities were sent to

Ghana and a distribution chain was set up by ADRA-Ghana. Trucks and spare parts such as tyres and batteries were sent to ensure smooth transportation to famine-stricken areas. With the aid of the governments of Finland, Norway and Holland £2.5 million-worth of food was sent to Ghana.

The Adventist Church in Ethiopia has its headquarters in Addis Ababa with regional offices in Asmara, Debre Tabor, Awassa and Gimbie. These offices, along with their hospitals and clinics in the Reg-

ions, will serve as distribution centres.

Those wishing to assist in this major world crisis may contact the British Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, Stanborough Park, Watford, Herts., WD2 6JP, or ADRA-Northern Europe, 119 St. Peter's Street, St. Albans, Herts., AL1 3EY.

The ADRA-Northern Europe office in St. Albans, is co-ordinating all relief programmes from Finland, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Holland and England.



BEYOND THE SHADOWS OF BEREAVEMENT

An obituary for Dr. Roy Edward Graham, who died 10 July, by Pastor E. H. Foster



The Seventh-day Adventist Church in the British Isles has suffered the loss of one of its most eminent sons in the death of Dr. Roy Graham. The impact of his life and ministry has been felt for good not only in his home Union and Division but also in the considerable contribution he has

made to the well-being of the world Church. Occasionally the Spirit of God imparts varied gifts to an individual which fit him for exceptional service as he recognizes and improves those gifts for the glory of God. Such was Roy's experience.

He was blessed with an agile mind which he diligently cultivated. With a love for reading, a retentive memory, and an aptitude for logical assessment he acquitted himself as a student from his boyhood days in the highly-respected City of Norwich Grammar School, through the theological course at Newbold College where he graduated in 1949, and onward through Masters' Degree work (MA and M.Div) at Andrews University. The

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BUC News notes

by W. J. Arthur, Vice-president and Communication director, BUC

General Conference Session – 1985. The 1985 General Conference Session will be held in New Orleans from 27 June to 7 July. A full quota of delegates (fourteen) has been appointed by the British Union, but numerous members and workers from around the world attend as observers. All enquiries for accommodation in New Orleans for non-delegates should be addressed to the official GC-appointed agents. Check with BUC secretary, Pastor E. W. Howell, for details.

BUC Session – 1986. The quinquennial session of the British Union Conference will convene at Warwick University from 17-20 July 1986.

Special emphasis on lay and youth evangelism. In order to increase the momentum during the remainder of the '1,000 Days of Reaping Campaign', the NED is making available special funds to be matched by the BUC, local conferences and missions, and the local church. If your church is interested in conducting a lay or youth evangelistic campaign commencing in the autumn of 1984, ministers or elders are invited to apply for assistance through their Conference or Mission presidents. It is hoped that over thirty such efforts can be conducted throughout the British Isles.

Five-book pack for 1985. Ten 64-page paperbacks have been made available for evangelistic purposes during 1983 and 1984. A third series of five books – bringing the range to fifteen titles in all – is to be published for 1985. Details regarding ordering and distribution will be issued at a later date.

Priorities committee. Requests to the BUC committee for financial appropriations are many and varied. Some individuals are of the opinion that the Church in the British Isles is attempting more than it can handle. It is for this reason that a widely-representative priorities committee has been set up. In due course a report will be rendered to the Union committee suggesting an order of importance for the general programmes and projects of the Church which require monetary support.

Stewardship department plans. A two-year Stewardship Emphasis programme commencing in October 1984 has been approved by the Union Committee. The plan envisages the conducting of seminars in local churches dealing with such matters as family finance, time management, health and temperance, and the development of gifts and talents.

Ingathering planning committee. The BUC has established a sub-committee to give study to promotional literature for the 1985 Ingathering, and to the implementation of additional fund-raising activities for our overseas missions. If you have any suggestions as to how the Ingathering campaign can be enhanced, please address them to the writer as soon as possible.

Personnel. It was with regret that farewells were extended recently to **Dr. and Mrs. Sakae Kubo** who have now left Newbold for Walla Walla College in the USA. Newbold's new principal, **Dr. Stephen Thompson**, has been welcomed to the Union Committee as a replacement for Dr. Kubo.

Pastor Lloyd Antonio and family have returned permanently to NBC from West Africa where he served as president of the North Ghana Mission.

Bill Kitchen has recently transferred from the SEC Publishing department to serve as assistant treasurer to the HHES operated by The Stanborough Press.

ART EXHIBITION AT NEW ORLEANS

An international exhibition of art will be mounted at the Superdome in New Orleans, Louisiana, USA, during the General Conference Session, 27 June to 6 July 1985. Adventist artists are invited to submit, by 15 November 1984, 35 mm colour slides of their own original work, for possible inclusion in this show.

Submissions are invited for the following categories: Painting, Drawing, Printmaking, Sculpture, Graphic Design, Photography. No submission fee will be charged.

Each work should show a focus of Christian expression to the world in our time, and while it need not directly illustrate a Bible theme, it should be represen-

tative of the Church in concept, ideals and professional execution.

Information on how to make a submission to the art exhibition may be obtained from Dr. Victor Griffiths, General Conference Art Exhibition '85, 6840 Eastern Avenue NW, Washington DC 20012.

It is hoped that a wide cross-section of style and national character will be represented. It is also possible that after the Session, a selection of the exhibited art will travel to a number of Adventist centres in North America.

The choice of exhibits will be made from the slides by a jury appointed by the General Conference's committee on The Arts and the Secular Mind. Notifications of acceptance will be mailed by 31 December 1984.

VICTOR COOPER,
Department of Communication, General Conference

WEEK OF PRAYER TAPES

For several years the adult and children's Week of Prayer messages have been available on cassette tapes through the *Ministry* Tape of the Month Club sponsored by the General Conference Ministerial and Stewardship Association. This service is offered again this year.

The 1984 Week of Prayer will focus on the Bible – 'Knowing God through the Scriptures'. Our authors will deal with topics like 'The purpose and place of the Scriptures', 'Understanding the Scriptures', 'Developing a Devotional Life' and 'The Scriptures and Salvation'. You will actually hear the voices of Neal C. Wilson, General Conference president, and other distinguished leaders of the Church.

The children's messages are by Paul Sundquist, an experienced and highly successful youth leader of the Church. Pastor Sundquist served as youth leader in the Congo Union and later in what was known as the Trans-Africa Division. Following this he was president of the Swedish Union, and Youth and Sabbath school department director in the Northern European Division.

The eight messages for adults are available on two cassettes for £4 (inc p & p). The six children's messages are on a single cassette at a cost of £2 (inc p & p). Send payment with order to: Week of Prayer Tapes, Advent Audio Visuals, Stanborough Park, Watford Herts., WD2 6JU.

REX D. EDWARDS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

THE STANBOROUGH PRESS LIMITED

Notice is hereby given that the ninetieth Ordinary General Meeting of the Shareholders of The Stanborough Press Limited will be held on Thursday, 27 September 1984 at 2 pm in the offices of the British Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, Stanborough Park, Watford, Herts.

On behalf of the Board of Directors,

A. R. CROUCH
For the Stanborough Press Limited

HHES LIMITED

Notice is hereby given that the eighth Annual General Meeting of HHES Limited will be held on Thursday 27 September, 1984 at 2.30 pm in the offices of the British Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, Stanborough Park, Watford, Herts.

On behalf of the Board of Directors,

A. R. CROUCH, (Secretary)

ADVENTIST BOOK CENTRE LIMITED

Notice is hereby given that the ninth Annual General Meeting of Adventist Book Centre Limited, will be held on Thursday 27 September, 1984 at 2.45 pm in the offices of the British Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, Stanborough Park, Watford, Herts.

On behalf of the Board of Directors,

L. P. ANDERSON, (Secretary)

SDA TRUST COMPANY LIMITED

Notice is hereby given that the second Annual General Meeting of the SDA Trust Company Limited will be held on Thursday 27 September, 1984 at 3 pm in the offices of the British Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, Stanborough Park, Watford, Herts.

On behalf of the Board of Directors,

S. V. MAXWELL

STANBOROUGH SECONDARY SCHOOL PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION

Notice is hereby given that the second Annual General Meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association of Stanborough Secondary School will be held on Tuesday 11 September 1984 at 7.30 pm in the gymnasium of the School, Stanborough Park, Watford, Herts.

On behalf of the Executive Committee,

Mrs. P. J. EASTWOOD (Secretary)

EDITORIAL

by Bernard F. Kinman

THE HEALTH WORK AND CHURCH GROWTH IN BRITAIN

An interview with Peter Wagner, Professor of Church growth at Fuller Theological Seminary, was published as an editorial in the last issue of MESSENGER.

Among other questions put to Professor Wagner was the following: 'If the denomination had asked you to come in as a consultant, what kinds of things would you tell us we need to sharpen up on? What could we profitably do that we aren't doing?' In answer, Professor Wagner said, 'I think Seventh-day Adventists have a very important pipeline to a *felt need* that is increasingly common – and that is health ministries. I think that more and more are learning that things like smoking and indiscriminate eating are just not healthful, and a lot of them are looking for a way out. Of all Christian denominations, Seventh-day Adventists know more about this and have known more about it through the years. I think even more in terms of winning people to Christ could be stressed.'

This counsel is only a repetition of the counsel given to the Church through the pen of Ellen White. We as a Church have been greatly blessed by Mrs. White's ministry. 'The Lord . . . revealeth his secrets unto his servants the prophets.' Amos 3:7.

It would almost seem that the professor had read *The Ministry of Healing*, for there the same statement is plain. On page 144 Mrs. White says that medical missionary work is 'the pioneer work of the Gospel'. 'In the ministry of the Word and in the medical missionary work the Gospel is to be preached and practised.' Again on page 171 we read, 'Every true reform has its place in the work of the Gospel. . . . Especially does the temperance work demand the support of Christian workers. They should call attention to this work and make it a living issue.'

Recently a government Minister of Health said: 'You are the only people who can rightly preach a message of health because your motivation is right.' While opposing a case in court recently, the QC who was appearing for the applicant said to me: 'You people are the only people who have justifiable and reasonable objections in this court, because your motivation is right.' From where did we receive the motivation, the belief that healthful living is right, that the consumption of alcohol is wrong? Surely from the same source that Moses received the health laws given to the children of Israel. These testimonies safeguarded them in

all their wanderings, and when they kept them, preserved their health.

We are a fortunate people. The Lord's plan is that He has given us a message which is for this day and age. Not only do we have the message, but also the means by which it is to be given in order to bring about the best results. 'I have . . . spoken by the prophets.' Hosea 12:10. Mrs. White has faithfully interpreted God's plan. 'Christ's method alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Saviour mingled with men as one who desired their good. . . . There is need of coming close to the people by personal effort. If less time were given to sermonizing and more time were spent in personal ministry, greater results would be seen.' — *The Ministry of Healing*, page 143.

Professor Wagner continued to give his advice as it was requested, only to reiterate the identical message given by Mrs. White. He says, 'My suggestion to Adventists is not to compromise any of the doctrines but to investigate the possibilities of the focus so that you don't load the whole package of Seventh-day Adventist ethics and life-style into the initial presentation of the Gospel, but you present the Gospel to people as *you have perceived their felt needs*.'

How much clearer can the Lord make His message to us as a people? The 5-Day Plan was inaugurated in order to follow the programme of Isaiah 58. What a pity that the number we now operate has fallen off! This plan offers God-given opportunities to present Adventists as they really should be – a caring people. Those who attend anti-smoking clinics are those who would not normally attend any evangelistic meeting.

The outreach programme now being operated in St. Albans by Dr. Drusilla Hertogs, and at the Better Living Centre in Dublin by the Dublin church, are moves in the right direction for other churches to follow.

We are fortunate that, with no cost to the British Union treasury, a number of dedicated American brethren have established Enton Hall. Here a full 'preventative medicine' programme is in operation under the direction of Dr. Russell Standish. This institution is operated independently of the Church. *Within* our Church structure, of course, we have Roundelwood Sanitarium at Crieff. Here, under the expert direction of Pastor Martin Bell, a whole variety of health programmes are operational. His back-up team now

includes physiotherapist Harry Wilby who, until recently, was head of the Dublin programme.

The Lord is blessing Roundelwood richly these days. Thanks to the excellent groundwork done by Mr. Colin Wilson, the present business manager of Roundelwood, Marcus Dove, is able to preside over an economically viable institution which is paying off its debts of yesteryear and showing a healthy profit. In addition, Roundelwood is an excellent witness to the Adventist Church in Scotland. Over and above his work of heading up the Roundelwood institution, Pastor Martin Bell and his team operate health programmes in all of the major cities of Scotland using the health message, as it was always intended to be used, as an entering wedge for the Gospel.

We must pay more than lip service to the health and temperance work. There is a crying need for the establishment of Better Living Centres, on the model of the ones already operating in St. Albans and Dublin, in other parts of the Union. 'Thousands in positions of trust and honour are indulging habits that mean ruin to soul and body. . . . They need to have their attention called to the principles of temperance, not in a narrow or arbitrary way, but in the light of God's great purpose for humanity. Could the principles of true temperance thus be brought before them, there are very many of the higher classes who would recognize their value and give them a hearty acceptance.' — *The Ministry of Healing*, page 211.

Is it possible that in Britain we have never really given the health and temperance message the emphasis that it should be given to make possible more successful Church growth? If this is the case could it possibly be that there are many, both ministry and laymen, who are not convinced of its importance?

In 1863 Mrs. White first received the health message. By 1901 the Church ran twenty-seven sanitariums, thirty-one treatment rooms, a home for the aged and a home for orphans. The Battle Creek Sanitarium, internationally known, was the largest and best equipped health institution in the world.

At the turn of the century the American *Good Health* magazine had a circulation of 30,000 copies per month. Here in Britain the combined annual circulation of *Good Health* and *Present Truth* magazines prior to World War I was well in excess of a million. Could it be significant that the current American health magazine, now known as *Life and Health*, is struggling for its existence? Could it be significant that the British *Good Health* magazine actually died the death in the early 1970s because of its minuscule circulation? Is it similarly significant that the magazine that replaced it, *Family Life*, with its strong emphasis on the health message, though enthusiastically supported by many of

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BOOKS TOO EXPENSIVE? NOT ANYMORE!

The current emphasis of the British Union Conference's Publishing department is to make available inexpensive books to our approximately sixty million population.

In the picture above, our Publishing leaders, surrounded by new recruits, show a range of special offers. Pastor K. Pedersen, Northern European Division Publishing director, is holding the *Bible Story/Family Health* pack. The normal retail price is:

<i>Bible Story Set</i>	£94.95
<i>Family Health</i>	£9.95
Total retail price	£104.90
Special offer price	£65.95

In the centre, Whitford A. Shaw, British Union Conference Publishing director, shows the new *Guide to Family Health* book with two different covers; one with an immigrant appeal and the other with an indigenous appeal. Already this new book is proving to be a real winner in this territory. The retail price is only £9.95.

Other Publishing leaders holding books from left to right are: William Kitchen, HHES treasurer; Paul Hammond, former assistant treasurer of The Stanborough Press and the Home Health Education Service, and currently treasurer of the North British Conference; Roy Chisholm, recently ordained to the Gospel ministry, at the time when the picture was taken North British Conference Publishing director.

Each of these leaders is holding one of

the four different Bible packs available to the public. With each pack comes approximately £20 worth of additional books at no extra cost to the customer. The customer only pays for the cost of the Bible.

Example of Pack 1:

Bible	£41.95
5 <i>Bedtime Stories</i>	£9.95
1 <i>Christ Our Saviour</i>	£1.95
1 <i>Confrontation</i>	£2.50
Total retail price	£62.10
Special offer price	£41.95

In order for customers to benefit from these special offers, the sale must be made on a cash basis. In operating on this cash basis, neither The Stanborough Press nor the literature-evangelist will be in debt. Our present experience is showing that such an operation is creating happy, satisfied customers, who are responding in a positive way to Bible studies that are being offered by our Publishing evangelists, who are full-time paid workers of the Publishing department.

In the Midlands area, Brother Victor Harewood follows up the literature-evangelist contacts, while Brother N. Burton does the same in the London area. The programme started recently, and already sixteen literature-evangelist contacts have been baptized.

The sale response from our UK population is most encouraging and now our most urgent need is to have more of our

TEACHERS AND TEACHERS IN TRAINING

A weekend for you at Eastwood Grange,
9-11 November 1984.

Speakers: Dr. Jan Paulsen, Education director, NED
David Wright, teacher, naturalist,
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C. R. Perry, Education director, SEC

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membership offering these publications to the public either on a full-time or part-time basis. The time to sow the precious seed is now but the sowers are few. Ellen White provides the assurance that 'our publications are now sowing the Gospel seed and are instrumental in bringing as many souls to Christ as the preached word.' (*Review and Herald*, 10 June 1880.)

Those who are at present engaged in the literature ministry are finding the whole experience very satisfying and rewarding. Recently, one of our literature-evangelists saw eight of his customers baptized. How would you feel if you were that literature-evangelist? Would you like to know more about literature-evangelism and how you can become involved? Why not write today to:

Publishing Department,
British Union Conference,
Stanborough Park,
Watford,
Herts., WD2 6JP.

I am interested in full-time literature-evangelist work.

I am interested in part-time literature-evangelist work.

'The canvassing work, properly conducted, is missionary work of the highest order.' — *Colporteur Ministry*, page 6.

WHITFORD A. SHAW
Publishing director, British Union Conference

DUDLEY HOUSE SCHOOL



Left to right: Esme Sutton, Eric Winch (Headmaster), and Margaret ALEN.

'True education . . . is the harmonious development of the physical, the mental, and the spiritual powers.'

This quotation from *Education*, page 13, has always been a favourite of mine and that is why you will find it written in gold, along with the Coat of Arms, on a blue plaque in the entrance hall of Dudley House School.

The original Dudley House was razed to the ground in the late sixties, making way for the modern school and adjacent church we have today. The stately trees of the original gardens have been retained and contribute to the beautiful surroundings. The school is sited only a quarter of a mile from the original Great North Road which made Grantham a prosperous engineering town. Because the school is central, pupils come long distances to attend, the majority throughout their primary education.

When Dudley House School was established, most of the pupils were Adventists, but today the situation is reversed. Many of our Adventist children have grown up, leaving few to support the school. We have, however, a good number of non-Adventists always interested. Our enrolment at present is around fifty, but we are hoping for a steady increase in the not too distant future.

The pupils wear a royal blue and grey school uniform, and members of the public are attracted to their smart appearance.

The curriculum includes basic subjects, the creative arts, physical education, computer studies, with religious education playing an important role, along with community service.

A typical year in the life of a pupil at Dudley House would be interesting, var-

ied and challenging, and we, as teachers, hope it would be character-building from the very beginning.

Early in the school year we have a harvest festival, after which the children distribute produce to the elderly living nearby. Parents help with transport for visits further afield.

A school day begins with worship taken by the teachers, except on Wednesdays, when parents join the children for worship. The classes take turns to lead out on these occasions and sometimes we take advantage of a visiting speaker. Recently we had a missionary nurse, Diane Tokeley, from Lesotho to speak to us. In return we were able to give her some surplus reading books for the African children.

After the harvest festival comes the autumn fayre when children and parents help to raise money for school funds, usually extras for Christmas activities. The public are invited and this event always proves well worth the effort. Christmas preparations begin soon after the fayre is over, and with lessons of paramount importance, both teachers and children have to work extra hard during this period. Much of their leisure time is devoted to preparation for the Christmas concert which is a well-known event in Grantham, and the church is filled to capacity with mainly non-Adventists. The children always perform well, and the concert is enjoyed by all. A special offering is taken up. Last Christmas the monies were donated to the newly-formed Cot Death Association. In addition, the children personally fill little stockings to give to the elderly at one of their centres in Grantham.

Several charities benefit from annual collections at the school, namely: The Poppy Day Appeal, the National Children's Homes and our own Ingathering

campaign (£65 was handed over during the last campaign, enabling the church to reach its goal).

The Easter message is highlighted by the children's performance of a tableau, when parents and friends are again invited into our church. This is followed by a competition in the school hall, such as an Easter bonnet or miniature garden competition and refreshments are served. The pupils make up little posies of flowers and take them to the neighbours around the school, along with an appropriate Easter message.

The summer term, which brings the school year to a close, is filled with sporting activities. There is the Small Schools sports, when we compete with other schools – all highly exciting – and swimming galas when we frequently come in the top three. The children also go cross-country running. Dudley House usually have their own sports and swimming galas with a cup for the best 'house'. Tennis, cycling proficiency and cricket – all in addition to lessons.

A sponsored skip was held last term and over £200 was raised for school sports equipment. One parent raised £75 towards school funds by holding keep fit classes for ladies only.

Open evenings are held twice a year when parents can inspect their children's work and discuss progress, etc. We also hold an occasional parent/teachers' meeting to give everyone an opportunity to discuss topical points.

Included in the last term is the annual outing. This year we went to Twycross Zoo and it turned out to be a perfect day. The whole school boarded a coach early in the morning and were back at the school by 5 pm – still full of energy, even if the staff were wilting! The children always enjoy a picnic to the local 'hills and hollows'. For once they discard their uniform for T-shirts, shorts, and even wellies if necessary, and have a whale of a time.

Every year the children in Junior Four take the 11-plus (Verbal Reasoning Test for Secondary Selection). We have a high success rate and had a 100 per cent pass this last time. The successful pupils will go on to the boys' or girls' Grammar Schools which serve the area. We said goodbye to several other children who will be continuing at boarding school. We pray for these children, that their days at Dudley House will remain in their memory always and that the lessons they learnt in youth will fortify them throughout their lives . . . this is our prayer.

ERIC J. WINCH, Headmaster

FOCUS FOR EXETER

£155 came in as a result of the appeal which appeared twice in MESSENGER for sponsorship of FOCUS distribution at the time of the Exeter Youth Congress. This enabled the young people to distribute 1,240 copies of the magazine to the general public free of charge.

TO OPEN THE GATES

In ancient times walled cities were built with heavily guarded gates to prevent unwelcome visitors entering. Today they say 'an Englishman's home is his castle' and put on their gates such notices as: 'NO HAWKERS', 'NO BILLS' or 'BEWARE OF THE DOG' - all designed to keep away visitors. During the months of September, October and November you are once again invited to open those gates and use the Voice of Prophecy cards as an invitation to the people to open the gate of understanding and discover for themselves, through the study of the Scriptures, God's will for their lives.

Thanks to special gifts from members to help meet advertising expenses, we were able to have a limited number of new leaflets 'The Gateway to Understanding' printed, advertising all the courses that are available from the Correspondence School. To determine the effectiveness of this leaflet, we are inviting only forty churches to take part in the GATEWAY EXPERIMENT. This entails giving out 1,000 leaflets and 1,000 'Man for All Seasons' cards carefully recording the numbers given out, the kind of territory, and the method of distribution. The Personal Ministry (LA) leader in your church will have full details. When we analyse these reports from the churches, we will get a more accurate picture of which method of advertising is most effective.

We are also extending the VOYAGE OF DISCOVERY plan introduced at the beginning of the year, enabling more churches to try it. For £15 the church will get 3,000 cards - 1,000 of each kind, to distribute in a carefully-selected area. First give out all the cards of one type, then return to the same area and give out the second type of card, then the third time give out the last type of card. Experts tell us that a better response is obtained by repeating the advertising.

One of the most effective ways of promoting the correspondence courses has been the GO BY AIR method. Those churches who are able and willing to pay for a standard VOP advert in their local paper receive free invitation cards which are similar in design to the newspaper advert, together with some door-to-door survey sheets. When the advert appears in the newspaper, the members distribute the invitation cards, and a few weeks later they conduct the survey to determine the effectiveness of the campaign.

This year, in an effort to balance our budget, we reduced the money to be spent on advertising to a third of the 1983 amount. As a result the amount of advertising material is limited, but with the Lord's blessing and careful use of what is available, we will receive a good number of applications. This is why we were so pleased to get almost 1,750 applications for the health course as a result of the Ingathering campaign. As far as the school was concerned, this was free advertising.

If 7,000 members who went Ingathering can get such a good result, let us aim for an even greater total over the next two or three months.

For the first six months of this year we have received 7,347 applications, over 800 more than in the same period last year. Fifty per cent of these applications came as a direct result of member participation. Keep up the good work. Last year seventy-eight students were baptized.

Sabbath 22 September is the day set aside for a special offering for the Bible School. Last year the churches gave through the budget offering £5,256, an average of 35p per member. This amount was more than trebled when personal gifts from members were added. This year, to balance the budget, £23,000 has to be raised, most of which I hope will come from you. Please remember this when you plan your gifts this year. An average of 50p per member will be a great help towards reaching this goal.

A few days ago I received a letter from one of our students in which she stated: 'Please thank God for Miss Copeland, who kindly introduced me to your Bible course.' It would be wonderful to receive more letters like this as a result of your involvement in the Voice of Prophecy campaign.

KEITH F. TAYLOR, principal, VOP Bible School

VOP SABBATH 22 SEPTEMBER

Use the new VOP leaflet to invite people to open the Gateway to Understanding.



LETTERS

ELDER IN KILT

Dear Editor,

Some take the high road, others the low, but for a sheer taste of heaven, all should take any road which leads to Roundelwood, Crieff, in bonny Scotland.

Awaiting you there is the warmest of welcomes; delightful, courteous, efficient staff; loving, caring, generous management; and an enchanting house in exquisite grounds, high amid those beautiful hills.

The personal testimony of my sister and myself may encourage those suffering the inconvenience of muscular defects, as we, in the gentle but supremely efficient hands of Gerry and Harry, the physiotherapists, shed the long-standing aches and pains which we had so miserably endured.

Innocently accepting the jovial invitation from Pastor Martin Bell to climb the famous 'Knock', our senses were stunned by the magnificence of tree and hill, and upon reaching its summit by the panoramic spectacular.

Love, joy, beauty and laughter, as again with Pastor Bell and student missionary Calista Hullman, we and several patients from the sanitarium shared an outing in the minibus, to beautiful Loch Earn, picnicking by its sparkling blue waters.

Could anyone resist the vibrant personality of Mrs. Ann Dove, who with her quietly efficient husband, Marcus, manages so cheerfully and adequately, the varying demands made in this unique establishment?

Or John, the waiter, with his thrilling story of his remarkable conversion, for which we give thanks. And so to the Sabbath, in the superb little church nestling at the bottom on Roundelwood's garden. The magnificent picture made by Ian McKay in kilt, sporran and tweeds as he, being church elder, bade us welcome to worship. Ian and Jean, his lovely wife, take great good care of Roundelwood.

Mary Barrowclough

LITERATURE SUCCESS

Dear Editor,

God is blessing. Two friends (one of them works with me) have been baptized. One customer works part or full time with me, and two others are now reading and studying their Bibles with me.

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COUNTRY LIFE RESTAURANT

Dear Editor,

Some time ago now, a unique vegetarian restaurant was opened at our New Gallery Centre. To date, however, no opinions good or otherwise have been expressed by Messenger readers. I would like to redress the balance by saying that, should there be any Adventists around today still holding lingering doubts as to whether the time really has come for us to give up eggs, they should visit this interesting venue and sample their Western-style omelette. One of many deliciously wholesome vegan dishes, this one is tofu-based and remarkably like the real thing in both taste and texture, with a delightful nut and seed topping.

I have also found the soya milk produced by Granose to be not only identical to anything the cow can produce, but much more satisfying, and its slight sweet and nutty flavour dispenses with the necessity of injurious sugar on breakfast cereals.

With so many perfect substitutes on the market today, to say nothing of daily warnings from modern medicine on the dangers of dairy produce, it is surprising that so many of our members still cling to the lacto-ovo vegetarian diet with all its mucous-forming milk, allergy-inducing cheese and battery-laid eggs from (in many cases) cancer infected birds. I gave up eating eggs five years ago with no ill effects and, by abstaining from cheese and milk in all its forms (including ice-cream!) for a mere six-week period prior to the hay-fever season this summer, my symptoms were reduced by 50 per cent - thus furthering a growing conviction that veganism is God's preference in these last days. However superior an ordinary vegetarian diet is to a flesh one, I know that if we are determined enough to live on a higher plane, the Lord will give the victory.

Natasha L. Denham

Good-looking Preacher

The Glasgow Herald, in announcing the hospitalization of Pastor C. D. Baidam, reported that, in the main, Seventh-day Adventists are a health-conscious Church. They also pointed out that Pastor Baidam's place was, temporarily, being taken by one of his assistants, Mrs. Isabel Webster. 'She is such a nice-looking lady,' they said, 'that even the longest sermon is a pleasure. When she stands up in the pulpit and says with a winning smile: "Isn't it wonderful to be a Christian?" a chap can do little but agree.'

DURRANTS

EXCITEMENT AT EXETER

A report on the European Youth Congress by Pastor John Arthur

CONGRESS SPECIAL

Almost 1,800 young people from twenty-eight different countries assembled at Exeter University from 24-29 July for the largest International Youth Congress ever to be held in the British Isles. Arriving by car, bus, plane, and train – two young ladies even driving from Sweden on their Yamaha 400cc motor cycles – the young ambassadors from many lands were

platform party took their positions, with Dr. Jan Paulsen, president of the Northern European Division, welcoming the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Exeter, Councillor and Mrs. J. Pollett.

The Mayor mentioned that it was fitting for such a gathering to be convened in his city at this time, as the emphasis during his term of office was the wellbeing of young

instructional periods. In the afternoons there was a variety of happenings such as witnessing, sightseeing excursions, and sports. Then in the evening there were pageants, films, music, and audio-visual reports of out-reach endeavours by the Adventist youth of Europe.

Plenty of action! Those responsible are to be congratulated on an excellent choice of venue, not only because of nearby places of interest, ranging from the local historic cathedral to superb seaside resorts and the second-to-none scenic beauties of Dartmoor, but also because of such marvellous university facilities as badminton, billiards, cricket, football, squash, swimming, table tennis, tennis, and volleyball. To enhance proceedings, the sun shone gloriously throughout the five days so that all these activities were vigorously engaged in and greatly enjoyed by those in attendance.

Evening presentations. The nightly national reports were interesting and varied. Space will permit only a brief mention of the following:

AUSTRIA: Memorable exhibition of maypole dancing together with items by choir in national costume.

EAST GERMANY: Introduction of an audience-participatory round (with actions!) by six youth leaders, one of whom was dressed as Martin Luther.

FRANCE: Colourful, musical episode from life of Louis XIV emphasising a need for love in the world today.

HOLLAND: Pictorial report of youth activities, followed by distribution of small chunks of cheese by young people dressed in Dutch costumes.

SWITZERLAND: Delightful sample of yodelling; and scattering of Swiss chocolates!

WEST GERMANY: Excellent dramatization to illustrate the objective of the Church in calling people away from the worship of material things to the worship of the living God.

Guest speaker – Dr. James Londis. The main speaker for the week was Dr. James Londis, formerly a member of a New York street gang and now pastor of the 3,000-member Sligo church in Washington DC. Dr. Londis's messages, backed by a wealth of ministerial experience, zeroed in on the Christian Way – what it means to be a follower of Jesus in the twentieth century.

Workshops. Besides the presentations to the whole group of delegates in the Great Hall, one and a quarter hours each day were allotted for workshops and seminars dealing with eighteen topics of



City of Exeter town crier declares the Congress well and truly open.

quickly made to feel at home in the modern halls of residence dotting the wide-spread and beautifully landscaped campus, situated one mile north-west of the city centre.

Opening by Lord Mayor of Exeter. Following introductory music by a local brass band, the Town Crier commanded: 'My Lords, Ladies, and Gentlemen: Be Upstanding!' It was at this point that the

people. Good wishes for the success of the Congress were expressed by the joint-organizers – Pastors Jim Huzzey of Northern Europe and Nino Bulsis of the Euro-Africa Division Youth departments.

Daily schedule of events. The daily programme was divided three-fold. Each morning after a devotional message there were reports from different countries about youth activities, workshops, and



interest to the modern disciple. These group discussions dealt with a number of biblical, moral and practical issues.

Emphasis on evangelism. Throughout the time spent at Exeter, the emphasis was on evangelism. This came across strongly in the reports, several examples being:

BRITAIN: All of the 350 delegates from the host Union manned the platform—and about ten individuals gave brief experiences about their involvement in personal evangelism.

DENMARK: The Church's youth department sponsored an exhibition stand at a Rock Music Festival attended by 60,000 young people. Using the logo 'Christ—the only hope of the world', The Adventist youth were able to make a number of contacts.

POLAND: In a country of thirty-six million, 95 per cent of whom are Roman Catholic, there are now 7,000 SDAs. One hundred and forty-two young people were recently baptized in the largest single baptism in the history of the Church in Poland. 150,000 copies of *The Great Controversy* (5th edition) have just been sold in two weeks!

SPAIN: An 8mm film showed how young people were reaching remote villages by canoe, distributing Christian literature, and then conducting evangelistic campaigns.

SWEDEN: Twelve churches now have their own radio studios for local broadcasting.

You can tell His story! For fifteen minutes each morning, Dalbert Elias, Youth sponsor for the Irish Mission, enthusiastically presented 'finger exercises' in Christian witnessing—the Who? What? Why? How? and When? of Christian communication. These talks were by no means just theoretical, because each afternoon groups of youth 'invaded' the local city!

Street witnessing. Equipped with literature (20,000 special tabloid newspapers having been printed), enhanced by many colourful national costumes, and enlivened by a song in their hearts, hundreds of delegates set Exeter aflame with the sound of gospel music.

Instrumentalists and vocalists from Austria, Germany, Poland, Spain, together with Britain's 'Deep Persuasion' performed in different parts of the city, thus making possible meaningful dialogue with a wide variety of the inhabitants. Even punk-rockers and skinheads were recipients of testimonies about a Saviour

Top left: Bob Foreman of BBC Radio Devon interviews Chalupka, conductor of the Polish Choir. Top centre: Representatives of various nations with their national flags. Top right: At this Deep Persuasion witness group of punks, in one instance in a somewhat unorthodox setting. Bottom right: Youth witness in city centre. Bottom left: A group of young people. Left centre: Bob Rodd talks to...





living in the hearts of our youth.

Media coverage. Prior to the Congress a local Church of England vicar had described Seventh-day Adventists, in an Exmouth newspaper, as an 'anti-Christ sect' who are the 'lowest of the low'. In one or two other ecclesiastical quarters there was not the warmth which we would have liked. So obviously a big public-relations exercise was necessary to break down the prejudice.

The witnessing groups did much to win friends. The Polish choir 'Advent Sound' played their part well in conducting two public concerts to raise funds for a local charity. The tabloid newspaper prepared by Pastor Mike Stickland helped to correct inaccurate viewpoints; and the local newspapers more than counteracted the earlier adverse publicity. Moreover, the writer broadcast for four minutes on Radio Devonair; while BBC Radio Devon, besides including an item on the five o'clock news, featured a seven-minute report on its weekly religious programme the following Sunday.

Music. What a marvellous part music plays in Adventist gatherings. For this

Huzzey, joint organizer of the Congress, and Roman

tives from the various European countries hold aloft their

eter precinct the Adventist cause was championed by a

... Right centre: Joint organizers Jim Huzzey and Nino

tre: The Polish Choir. Bottom left: The New England

Adventist youth attracted by outdoor witnessing.

event we were privileged to have an extremely versatile Johannus organ specially loaned by the makers. From Exeter this organ was destined for the National Eisteddfod in Wales and then Westminster Abbey. 'Advent Sound' from Poland, under their director Roman Chalupka, climaxed a much-appreciated tour of Britain. The New England Ensemble, under Dr. Virginia-Gene Rittenhouse, gladdened hearts with a truly professional performance. Other choirs from various countries, solos from Ireland's Jaki Craig, not forgetting the chorus sessions conducted by John Thurber, contributed to the success of the programme.

Sabbath - a high day. The Sabbath meetings at Exeter were exceptionally memorable. Sabbath school was conducted under the auspices of Newbold College, with Helen Pearson ably co-ordinating proceedings. Dr. Londis's theme for Divine worship was 'His Gospel is Forgiveness'.

Then in the evening, the Congress crescendoed to a grand finale when the World Youth director, Pastor Leo Ranzolin, challenged the youth of Europe to a new commitment for Christ. This resulted in an overwhelming response on the part of the young delegates to prepare for, and participate in, greater service for the Master.





Top left: Some of the youth representing Wales at the Exeter Congress — together with emblems of the Principality. **Top right:** World Youth leader Leo Ranzolin assists with preparations for the Congress. **Centre left:** A presentation put on by the East German delegation. **Centre right:** Dalbert Elias introducing Lyla Wilby and Joe Donaldson from Ireland. **Bottom left:** Dr. James Londis, right, and his German translator. **Bottom right:** Austrian choir in national costume.

'AN ACTION-PACKED WESTERN'

Report on the HOPE FOR TODAY Crusade conducted by Pastor Cecil Perry, Personal Ministries, Education and Community Services director of South England Conference.

'... We'll build a little nest,
Way out in the west,
And let the rest of the world go by.'

So the song goes; but the members of the West London churches – Chiswick, Hounslow, Richmond, Southall, Ealing and Willesden, did not agree with the sentiments expressed in this song. Far from encouraging this insularity, they went out in great numbers and invited their friends, relatives and members of the general public to the large marquee, pitched on Roundwood Park, a mere half mile from the Willesden church.

This campaign, which went on for four weeks, began on Sabbath 12 May with Pastor Perry preaching a powerful sermon on the subject: 'Is there someone out there?'; and climaxed on Sabbath 9 June with an awe-inspiring baptismal service.

This campaign had various features which were lacking in many of its predecessors. First of all, it used drama as a visual way of making certain main points – who can forget the impressive portrayal of

the change of the Sabbath – 'Trial by Jury' – by the Revive and Stay Alive drama group? Secondly, Pastor Perry used as his main back-up team young people who, in fact, preached on three of the nights. The youth speakers – Emmanuel Osei (Chiswick), Claudette Elliott (Willessden – formerly of Nottingham) and Donna Bellingey (Southall) spoke on 'Why Suffering?'; 'The Unpardonable Sin'; and 'The High Cost of Low Living'. They gave excellent accounts of themselves. God used these three messengers in a way that is befitting the spirit of the age.

Thirdly, every minister, elder and officer of all the churches in the area were intimately involved in this campaign. It was a thrill to see the willingness with which they stuck to their task. Apart from the West London pastors – James Cuthell, Lester Elliott and Horace Taffe, who co-ordinated the whole effort – Pastor Lionel Acton-Hubbard from the Health and Temperance department of the South England Conference gave some very in-

formative health lectures on practical, healthful living. Pastor Audley A. Charles of the SEC Youth department co-ordinated the youth involvement, not only in the preaching but in the Sabbath afternoon programmes as well. Errol Blackburn, associate minister at Hampstead, and Sister G. Fleming-Noel, SEC Bible worker, also worked tirelessly to make the venture a success.

Pastor Perry is one of the British Union's hardest workers. He did everything humanly possible, sometimes preaching by means of candlelight, when the electricity failed, sometimes fighting against the inclement weather, and competition from the carnival celebrations next door. As a result, God rewarded his efforts.

There were two baptisms – the first witnessed fourteen souls sealing their decision and the second, thirty-six. Pastor Perry must have been especially thrilled as he baptized his three children – Paul, Christopher and Sheryl-Ann. In addition, eighty or more people are taking studies in preparation for baptism.

The theme was 'Hope for Today'; and despite the gloom and problems we read about in our daily newspapers, this campaign demonstrated that there is hope after all.

AUDLEY A. CHARLES
Associate Youth director, South England Conference

Left: Fourteen were immersed in the first baptism and thirty-six in the second. Right: Main speaker, Pastor Cecil Perry.



INSTEAD OF SITTING HIS FINALS – HE WENT TO CHURCH!

As our Sabbath school superintendent, Dr. John Walton, said, 'It's not often that the Dundee Sabbath school has a member graduating MB, ChB, so we think it calls for a graduation ceremony. Accordingly, I'm asking Dr. Julian Smith to come forward to receive his scroll.' Thereupon, John read with due pomp and dignity the impressive-looking document which offered Julian our warmest congratula-

tions and which Julian duly accepted with suitable solemnity, much to the delight of those present, two of whom were Julian's justifiably proud parents, Brother and Sister Smith of the Ealing church, London.

Now Julian had not expected to graduate from Dundee University in June, not because he felt that he had not done well in his final exams, but *because he had not sat them all!* The first fell on a Sabbath.

Julian asked, and was refused, permission to sit it at some other time. He decided, in spite of the very real temptation to do otherwise, to go instead to Sabbath school and church that morning 'as his custom was'. When he presented himself at the University on the morning of the last day of his final exams, he was told by the secretary to remember that he had an oral exam that afternoon – in the subject he had not sat! He says, 'I had the very strong sensation of circumstances being directed in my favour.' This sensation must have been

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further strengthened when, after sauntering over to the notice board where the names of the successful candidates were listed, merely out of curiosity, he saw his own name. And the Lord, who loves to be gracious, had another surprise for him. Because Julian believed that he would have to sit the exam he missed in September, he had not done anything about arranging for his first post in a hospital, but one suddenly became available quite unexpectedly.

Julian recounted his experiences to the writer solely for the purpose of encouraging anyone who may be faced with a similar situation either at their place of work or study. He testifies to God's faithfulness. He said, 'All credit and praise must go to Him, as I was in no position to influence matters. God delights to give such experiences because they build faith and confidence and prepare one for the next step.' What that next step of faith for Julian will be he does not know, but may he always draw strength and courage to be faithful from the memory of God's past mercies!

I must tell you that Julian's first impressions of Dundee (maybe also of the church, where most of us are approaching middle age, not to mention old age) were not the most favourable. During his first week he was so alone and miserable, and it rained so much that a record was set. He half expected that during winter he would see ice-floes and polar bears, but when winter came he said it was too cold even for them! In spite of such an unpromising beginning, Julian says that he has come to love Scotland and that the one ever-bright spot in his university life, with its ups and downs, was the local Adventist church which 'always friendly and supportive, made a big difference' to him. Julian has been as much a blessing to us, perhaps more so, than we have been to him.

The Dundee church is also privileged to have fairly near it two isolated lovely young people, a brother and sister, Denis and Isabel Robb of Montrose. Denis was baptized a few months ago, no doubt largely as the result of Isabel's prayers and consistent Christian life. He had given up his job and was sure God would lead him into another one where he would be able to keep Sabbath. His faith was tested during this time but he did not waver. He has now found a temporary job with weekends free from Friday lunch-time. Denis is determined to work hard to please his employer so that his job will be made permanent. 'Seest thou a man diligent in his business? He shall stand before kings.'

Julian and Denis, may the Lord lead you both into a bright future! I. HOWARD

A Baptism at 'Central'

Words, though a marvellous vehicle for conveying feelings and intentions, are sometimes just not enough. On these occasions, as the saying goes, 'actions speak louder than words'.

Consider the call down the centuries:

'Repent and be baptized.' The latter should most definitely follow the former though many would have us believe otherwise. Not so, Harriet Knight, Ivy Williams, Judith Frazer, Kevin Johns and Danny Hellawell. They have chosen to respond to the call in its entirety. So after having made their peace with God sometime earlier, they chose to demonstrate in a public confession of their faith this new relationship with Him through baptism.

The baptismal service at Nottingham Central was a very emotional one.

For Pastor R. H. Surridge, the Conference representative, who gave the address, it was a delight to be able to welcome new members into the family of God and the world-wide Adventist Church.

For Pastor G. Harris, shepherd of the Nottingham flock, who immersed the candidates, it was an opportunity to touch the hearts of those who have not yet responded to the promptings of the Spirit to get to know Jesus personally.

For Yvonne Christie and the group 'Grace' who provided the vocal renditions of the evening, it was a chance to give their testimony in song.

For the family, friends and persons who gave the Bible studies to the candidates, there was the joy and relief of knowing that of all the associations that their loved one could have made there is none finer than that of being a son or daughter of God.

CATHY BURRELL

Eight Days to Control Stress

Continuing its evangelical outreach with the stress control series, the Better Living Centre of the St. Albans church recently held a further seminar, entitled 'Eight Days to Resolving Stress'. At the conclusion, Dr. Drusilla Hertogs, who had conducted the seminar, presented each participant with a copy of *The Desire of Ages*, which it is hoped will be an ongoing help in the lives of those who took part.

C. M. HUBERT COWEN, *Communication secretary*

Gay Abandon

Brother L. Cundle of our York church reports his deep concern at the growth of homosexuality in British society. An item in his local newspaper caught his attention, entitled 'Numbers up as Tory gays tuck in'. As he read through the news item, Brother Cundle observed that a number of prominent Members of Parliament including Martin Stevens, 53, MP for Fulham, and Matthew Parris, 33, MP for West Derbyshire, and described by the newspaper as 'one of Mrs. Thatcher's brightest young MPs who has shown much sympathy to the homosexual's cause', were among the forty-nine Conservatives who attended an annual dinner. The lavish meal took place at Bertorelli's in Bloomsbury, London.

Brother Cundle wrote to both Members of Parliament expressing the Christian viewpoint on homosexuality and citing the relevant Bible passages. Both men replied

courteously. Mr. Stevens expressed sorrow that 'you feel so strongly that a Christian should not support this particular minority'. Mr. Parris dismissed the biblical passages, but added another of his own, 'Judge not that ye be not judged'.

In these developments Brother Cundle sees a fulfilment of the long-foretold signs of our Lord's return, and takes courage that the second Exodus is at hand.

'The world is in darkness. God has His faithful remnant who are to be a light to the world. As we see the signs detailed in Matthew 24 and Luke 21 fulfilling fast around us may we look up, knowing that our redemption draweth nigh.'

Young Musician of the Year?

Michael Ince is thirteen. Just. If you have ever visited the Stevenage church his face and form will be familiar to you. Studious, bespectacled with that quiet reserve which usually indicates a brain powered by at least four cylinders.

Michael is the only member of the Stevenage congregation who can play the piano. Hence he is pianist for both Sabbath school and divine service. As a needs must pianist, one might expect that the quality of his music would be to match. However, one would expect incorrectly! Michael is no fumbler when it comes to the piano keyboard and is clearly developing into a pianist of the first calibre.

Michael Ince began to learn to play the piano when he was aged 4½. He has also learned the viola, and has some knowledge of other musical instruments. He has been pianist for the Stevenage congregation for two and a half years.

Michael is doing well as a pupil at Stanborough School. Last October, at their Speech Night presentations, Michael received a cup for the best boy boarder, a rare honour, especially for one so young.

Asked whether he plans to make music his career Michael replies in the negative. His interests during school time are strictly scientific, and his ambition is to enter the medical profession. In this and with his musical sideline we wish him well.

Soul Winning at Hadley

Hadley is a district in the Telford area where we have a lovely company of believers. Efforts are in gear for the spread of the Gospel message in preparation for the soon return of Jesus. An effort is already planned for this autumn, commencing 1 October, where we pray for a rich harvest. In the meantime, however, our members are sharing their faith. Accompanied by their pastor, a number are giving Bible studies.

As a result of this programme, Sister Theodora Wilson was welcomed into the fellowship of our Hadley company on 16 June on profession of her faith. Pastor E. Logan, our Mission president, was visiting speaker that Sabbath; and representing the Welsh Mission he joined the local pas-

tor and company leader, Brother E. Reckord, in extending a warm welcome to Sister Wilson into our church family. Sister Wilson formerly became a Christian and was baptized, but through the earnest efforts of Brother and Sister Reckord she started to attend our Sabbath services. The local pastor was invited to visit her, from which a series of Bible studies ensued. Convicted of the truth as it was carefully taught week by week, she expressed her desire to unite with the Church.

We thank the Lord for this precious soul who loves her Saviour, and for the evidence of her spiritual growth through the grace of the Lord Jesus. Please remember the work in Hadley and neighbouring districts when you pray, that the Holy Spirit will continue to bless our efforts and use us in realizing fruit for the Kingdom of God.

PASTOR MICHAEL I. WALKER

Ladies Day at Deptford

The church was packed to capacity with visiting non-Adventist husbands, sons and daughters, grandchildren, friends and acquaintances. It seemed everyone wished to witness for the first time in the history of Deptford church a 'Ladies Day'.

Last year there was a 'Men's Day' and this year it was the ladies' turn. The entire Sabbath day's programme was superbly conducted by ladies. Perhaps the most unusual sight was the platform party for divine service, composed entirely of ladies. The guest speaker for the day was Sister Fleming-Noel. Her heart-rending sermon based on Daniel 5, touched the hearts of many visitors, over ten of whom responded to her appeal to give their hearts to the Lord.

Visitors were also able to partake of a sumptuous lunch prepared by some of the ladies of the church.

D. STEPHENSON, *Communication secretary*

Dr. Mueller at Manchester

On Sabbath 7 July the Manchester South church was very pleased to welcome into their midst Dr. Konrad F. Mueller, director of the E. G. White Research Centre, Newbold College.

Dr. Mueller held three very interesting discourses, which were much appreciated, on the rise and progress of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. He pointed out that this was not just another Church but a product of prophecy.

The joy of the Millerite Adventists who expected their Lord's return in 1844 and the bitter disappointment that followed, had all been foretold in Revelation 10 by the symbol of the eating of the little book which was at first so sweet only to become bitter later.

Just as the early Christians expected the coming of Christ in their day, and had to be instructed that a great falling away must come first, so the early Adventists, in

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THE WRETCHED OF THE EARTH

Millions of children are dying in the drought in eastern and central Africa.

In the meantime we spend our surplus cash on videos, colour TVs, fitted carpets and new suites of furniture. Mad, isn't it?

September is 'Missions Extension' month. Seventh-day Adventists throughout the Western World go out and sell magazines in aid of the desperate of the Third World. In Britain a special Missions Extension issue of FAMILY LIFE has been produced. Co-operate with your Personal Ministries leader. Go out and **do something for the starving. Words and sentiment cost nothing. Action is needed. Act to alleviate hunger among the wretched of the earth – and, at the same time, help spread the Gospel at home.**

mistaking the sanctuary for this earth, had overlooked the fact that certain events had to be fulfilled before the second coming of the Lord.

It was further pointed out that the Seventh-day Adventist Church fulfils two characteristics mentioned in Revelation 12:17, 'And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.'

As a very privileged people let us always remember the words of King Jehoshaphat to Israel, 'Hear me, O Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem; Believe in the Lord your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper.' 2 Chron. 20:20. By obeying the counsel of this wise King of Judah a great victory was won. The same counsel, followed by God's people today, will ensure that they gain similar victories and finally their acceptance into God's Kingdom of light and glory.

EUGENE FREEMAN

The Smarts Celebrate Diamond Wedding



The MESSENGER family will be delighted, with us, to extend every good wish to Charles and Dorothy Smart as they celebrate their diamond wedding anniversary. While visiting Brother and Sister Smart recently in the beautiful, picturesque countryside of the Gower peninsula they recalled for us the many ways the Lord has led and blessed them since they first heard the Advent message.

When they first heard the 'message' Charles was working as an engineer for the Rolls Royce company. A neighbour introduced them to the Gospel, stressing among other things that 'the Sabbath is on Saturday'. 'You will find it on your own calendar', he had said. It was when Charles found the calendar and showed it to Dorothy that the penny dropped. The first step was made towards following the Master and the message.

Another major step towards Adventism was when the Smarts changed their habit of cinema attendance. In those days they were both poor readers. The Gospel message has developed the reading skills in both Charles and Dorothy - and over

the years they have found the Scriptures more gripping than ever they did the cinema.

Each Sunday Dorothy would go to the door in response to a caller. Sometimes she was quite a time before returning. The caller was a man selling magazines. His name, Walter Woodfield. Clearly he was trying to interest his prospect. One day Dorothy said to the caller: 'You don't keep the right Sabbath day, so what are you doing selling a magazine called *Present Truth* - when it doesn't contain all the truth?' The colporteur was taken aback by the encounter. He fumbled for an article in the magazine by its editor, A. S. Maxwell, relating to the topic under discussion. He also invited them to church and gave them the address.

When they reached the address they wondered if they had arrived at the right place. They had walked up an alleyway, then up some stairs - and the meeting place was over a butcher's shop! This was in Derby in 1926. Dorothy Lockton and Nurse Handysides conducted the service that evening. They offered to give the Smarts Bible studies. These lasted for two years.

Step by step Dorothy and Charles were led to follow the Lord. Charles gave up his work (not a five-day week in those days), and during the Depression years entered the colporteur ministry.

We congratulate Charles and Dorothy on their diamond wedding - and wish them more happy years.

G. E. MARSHALL, *Elder, Swansea*

Peckham Witness

First on 17 June and then on 1 July the Peckham Community Service department went out to contribute to the Borough of Southwark summer festivals. On sale at the festivals were books, magazines, foods and many other items. The free samples of delicious vegetarian foods proved to be a favourite. Having had their appetites whetted, many showed interest in attending a vegetarian lecture and demonstration being planned. The opportunity to carry out a community religious survey was not missed. Sister Hawan, the Community Services leader, was well pleased with the response received.

EDWARD COLE, *Communication secretary*

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our churches, receives little or no support from others? What does all this tell us about our attitudes towards the health work? Is it back-to-the-blueprint time? If health were given greater stress in our outreach could we expect greater, more rapid Church growth in Britain? Professor Wagner certainly thinks so.

In its early days the Church grew because God's message was accepted and followed. If we accept and follow God's plan we can expect the hand and blessing of God upon the work, and surely it will grow accordingly.

Young Deacons

Two young men of the Grantham church were ordained to the office of deacon on Sabbath 14 July.

Stephen Bull and David Bell, both 19, have served the church as ushers for two years. During this training period they have taken up the offering from Sabbath to Sabbath, and among other duties, welcomed members and visitors at the door.

Their ordination took place on Communion Sabbath, and Stephen and David's wider duties commenced as they helped to serve their fellow members with the emblems of the Lord's Supper.

Grantham minister, Pastor Eric Lowe, introduced the new men to the church, and then read Paul's description of the life and work of a deacon from 1 Timothy 3. Pastor A. Raitt, head elder, offered the prayer of dedication, and the new deacons were welcomed into office.

B. M. BELL, *Communication secretary*

All Roads Lead to Dublin

You might have wondered why Dublin was even more full of traffic than usual and why it was all going in one direction. Had you wondered thus it would have meant that you were a stranger, for anyone from Ireland knows that for five days in May, the week of the great 'Spring Show', they'll be hurrying to Dublin from Donegal to Kerry, and from Larne to Waterford!

Although now, wonderfully, there are four groups of believers in Eire, until three years ago, in this land with over 90 per cent Catholic population, we have had only one church group, and that was in Dublin, the capital. For years Mrs. Evelyn Wilson felt that the show had great potential for our church outreach, and so last year for the first time, and again this year, a stand bearing the name in large letters 'Seventh-day Adventist World Service' greeted all the thousands of visitors. 'Smoking Sean', a life-size warning as he puffed away at his cigarette, drew attention to the stand resulting in hundreds of people pausing to express surprise and ask why we wanted to help them combat the smoking habit. You can imagine how happy were those on duty (from Dublin, Ballinacrow and even some from Galway), to tell the deeper reason for our life-style. Thanks to The Stanborough Press and its *Family Life* magazine, we were able to give out a steady supply of magazines. In addition we distributed *Focus*, *Steps to Christ*, and health tracts. The two ministers, John Freeman and Anthony Keough and all of our members helped in some way. We were especially glad that our youth volunteered and attracted other young people to pause and chat. Interesting contacts were made and followed up, and many visitors gave their warm appreciation for the help our Dublin Better Living Centre had been to them in their health problems. It cost quite a lot in money, time and energy, but who

knows the end result of these contacts from the many counties of this land, where no one else can tell them of a returning Lord? Those who were involved thank Evelyn for all her hard work in getting this started and feel that a yearly appointment should be kept with eager visitors to this famous show, that in among the attractions it has to offer, they will somehow come in touch with the 'altogether lovely' One.

E. FREEMAN

A Reputation to Live Up To

A spirit of enthusiasm gripped the members of the Handsworth church as they rallied to the challenge of Ingathering, 1984. Over the years the Handsworth church has gained for herself the reputation of being one of the leaders in Ingathering, and 1984 was to be no exception.

Taking courage from the way in which God has led in the past, the Personal Ministries department, under the dynamic leadership of Brother L. Wellington, set for the church the goal of £15,000.

To achieve this goal total involvement of the membership was essential. To facilitate this the church provided transportation. On Sunday coaches were provided for the designated areas. On Saturday nights cars were provided for visiting the pubs. During the week members concentrated on the areas in which they lived. It was strongly recommended that each member set himself a personal goal of £100.

The response to the challenge of Ingathering was excellent. The Handsworth church managed, by God's grace, to reach and surpass its goal, the final achievement being over £16,000.

A great many people are worthy of mention. Among them is the long-standing veteran Sammy Morgan, *collecting over £6,000*. Among the young people, John Marney, Winston Brown, Doreen Reeve, Steve Palmer and Andrew Hewitt collected over £100 each.

M. BARRETT

Hampstead Baptism

The Hampstead members witnessed the marvellous working of the Holy Spirit as eight souls were baptized on 9 June. There were moving stories behind the conversion of most of those baptized.

When they made the decision to be baptized, David, Roy, Cynthia and Michelle Stewart never thought that such a great sorrow would overshadow their new birth. On Thursday 7 June their father died, but these young people stood firm in their decision and were baptized by Pastor D. Murtagh.

That day Dr. and Mrs. T. E. Nzegwu were also baptized. The work of the Holy Spirit was marked in the making of their decision to follow their Master. They prayed for God to intervene in their lives, in which, despite all their worldly attainments, there was a vacuum. This prayer

Urgent Notice

SOUTH ENGLAND CONFERENCE CAMP MEETING

Date: 30 September to 7 October 1984

Venue: Butlin's Holiday Centre, Bognor Regis, West Sussex.

Bookings are still being accepted. Application forms available from South England Conference, 25 St. John's Road, Watford, Herts., WD1 1PY or telephone Watford (0923) 32728.

was made one Saturday evening and on Sunday morning a member of Hampstead church was knocking on their door saying, 'I've come to tell you about the love of Jesus.' They found peace and a delight in knowing God.

Also baptized were Byron Austin and Norman Le Tang.

E. R. CAMBRIDGE, *Communication secretary*

LADY ELDER

Wood Green church has ordained their first lady elder.

On Sabbath 7 April, Sister I. Hutchinson was ordained by Pastor Roland Fidelity.

Sister Hutchinson has been a literature-evangelist and has now fully committed her life to the service of the Lord.

We look forward to her ministry in the church, which we are sure she will diligently perform.

E. A. WRIGHT, *Communication secretary*

Cumbria Comes Alive

Carlisle church had the pleasure of a visit from Pastor Martin Bell and his son Simon on Sabbath 14 July. We were also pleased to welcome Brother and Sister Clee, quite frequent visitors to Carlisle during the summer months.

After a brief résumé of the wonderful work carried out at Crieff, Pastor Bell's sermon, which was of great encouragement, was based on the assurance of salvation.

Pastor Hoover, our resident minister, has recently held 5-day Stop Smoking Clinics in Barrow and Kendal. Our pastor is hoping to hold similar meetings in Carlisle during September. Your prayers are asked for success with this forthcoming venture and for the contacts made at the clinics already held.

On Sunday 29 July, following a suggestion by Pastor Hoover, Carlisle church members accompanied by Pastor and Mrs. Hoover, Lee and youngest son Davie, organized a new-style 'Day of Fellowship'.

After prayer at the church, we went by hired minibus to Rockcliffe in south-west Scotland, visiting Dumfries en route. During the time spent there, packed lunches were enjoyed, we had football on the beach for the 'boys', and a walk around the tiny village.

At 4 pm we left Rockcliffe to spend an hour at nearby Kippford, watching the yachts, and stocking up with further re-

freshment. We arrived back at the Carlisle church about 6.30 pm after a day of enjoyable Christian fellowship and beautiful weather. We thank our Lord for His countless blessings.

GLADYS MACKAY, *church clerk*

LITERATURE-EVANGELIST JUNE ACHIEVERS

		Hours	Deliveries
Distinction:	E. Amos	150	£2,402.25
	Mrs. I. Blackburn	352	£1,561.30
	C. Mullings	51	£1,492.85
	Mrs. G. Price	218	£1,485.86
	J. Stephenson	120	£1,302.10
	L. Abayasinghe	126	£1,195.30
	Mrs. M. Herron	309	£1,184.40
	Mrs. I. Mardner	42	£1,016.15
	S. Ahwan	157	£1,004.95
	Commendation:	J. D. Ahwan	177
S. Koncz		112	£874.60
Miss A. Duncombe		100	£870.15
A. Roderick		166	£831.35
H. Griffiths		117	£765.97
J. Fenton		146	£728.15
G. Njoku		152	£671.05
Miss M. Bullen		146	£572.50
Miss V. Watson		138	£559.30

TRAGEDY IN THE BOLDEAU FAMILY

Nicholas Boldeau has died in tragic circumstances. He was 14 years old and the son of Desmond and Claudette Boldeau, formerly of the Forest Gate church, London, currently at Newbold College.

SEC expresses deepest condolences to Brother and Sister Boldeau and family and would remind them of the Blessed Hope of the return of Jesus, and of the certainty of the Resurrection when they will see Nicholas again.

We would echo at this point the words of the Psalmist: 'Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints' (Psalm 116:15).

PASTOR A. A. CHARLES, *Communication director, SEC*

WEDDINGS

WHEELER-LAWRENCE - It was a real joy to witness the wedding of Norman Wheeler, from Leicester, and Sarah Lawrence (Jabaar) of Cwmbran on 14 July. The wedding took place at a local Methodist church where the young choir provided some lovely musical items including a rendering of a Maori love song. It was a beautiful day; the sun was shining and Sarah looked radiant in her flowing peach gown. Some of our readers may be familiar with the two-year battle against deportation to South Africa that Sarah struggled through, along with her three sons of a previous marriage. Well, Sarah won the battle and is now happily embarking on a new life again. We wish Norman and Sarah, and her three sons Carlton, Errol and Donny every joy and God's continued blessing as they set up a new Christian home together. *Janet Penny*

CONGRATULATIONS to Dr. Robert Beardsell, son of Dr. and Mrs. D. C. Beardsell, upon the completion of his medical training at the University of Manchester Medical School. He has begun work at the Ashton General Hospital, Manchester.

to Pastor David Newman, son of Pastor and Mrs. Walter Newman, on his appointment as managing editor of *Ministry* magazine and assistant secretary in the Ministerial department of the General Conference.

to Sonia Monroe of the Oxford Street church, Wolverhampton, on gaining her BA degree in General Studies at Nene College, Northampton.

capstone of his academic achievements was the attaining of his Doctor of Philosophy degree from Birmingham University.

Roy's education and lifework were 'balanced by religious principles'. He loved his Lord, the Word of God, and the Church. His teaching and preaching were based on sound doctrine and were refreshingly presented. He had a large capacity for work. In committees he had a knowledgeable grasp of detail which gave him the ability to penetrate to the core of problems and to maintain his arguments in discussion with enviable skill. He appreciated people for their true worth but he was no sycophant.

Roy entered ministerial service in 1949 at Bristol as an intern under the direction of Pastor C. R. Bonney. This was followed by periods of evangelism and district leadership at Swindon, Lewisham and Croydon, Cornwall, Lowestoft and Yarmouth. Roy was ordained to the Gospel ministry at Watford in July 1955. In 1958 he joined the North England Conference staff as Home Missionary and Sabbath school secretary and the following year the Education department was added to his responsibilities. In this capacity he was the motivating spirit in the foundation of the Student Endowment Fund which proved a practical blessing to many young people. From 1961 to 1967 he served as Bible teacher at Newbold College. Two further assignments within the British Union followed: first as Youth and Education director for the Union and then in 1970 as president of the South England Conference. From this position in 1971 Roy was called to be principal of Newbold College. During the five years of his leadership there solid progress was made in academic and financial affairs as well as in areas of building construction. With very limited opportunity for study leave during these years, Roy pursued and completed his doctoral thesis. Responding to a call from Andrews University, Roy joined the faculty of that senior educational institution as a lecturer. His final appointment at Andrews was that of Provost. These brief biographical highlights portray in outline the service of a dedicated worker who invested his talents for the upbuilding of God's cause.

Roy was born at Southend-on-Sea, 1 September 1929, the only son of Albert and Dorothy Graham. The influence of his Christian parents and home life were cherished and appreciated by Roy throughout his varied experiences. A significant notation on his Personal Service Record should cheer the hearts of his parents and also encourage our ministers in their vocations - Roy wrote in answer to the question: 'By what means particularly were you brought into the Seventh-day Adventist Church?' - 'Good home background and understanding ministry of A. G. Tapping and W. G. Nicholson.'

In 1951 he married Jean Cooper of Louth, the only daughter of another well-known Adventist family. Two children, Ian and Valmae, and two grandchildren constitute the immediate family. To each of these loved ones together with Roy's only sister - Beryl Sindall - we extend deep, heartfelt sympathy.

Since that sad day when we first heard of Roy's tragic illness, scores of prayers have been offered on his behalf. They have not accomplished the purpose we had in mind when we presented our petitions. In this we have been disappointed. But the Christian's faith must extend beyond human horizons and still trust the providence of God even when we do not understand. One thing is sure, that our sincere prayers must have a positive effect sometime, somewhere, in someone's experience. Our sorrow is eased by the knowledge that Roy lived a full life of purposeful activity; that he bore his fight with cruel disease with Christian fortitude; that he maintained his faith. The good influence he exerted lives on in the lives of many whom he blessed. Above all, the Christian hope gleams bright in the shadows of bereavement that the certainty of reunion and eternal life are not far distant.

Jean Graham and family wish to express gratitude to all their many friends in the British Union for their expressions of love, sympathy and prayerful support during the past two-plus years and at the time of Roy's passing.

Tribute from America

During his long, painful fight with cancer, Dr. Graham was asked if he had a favourite Bible text. He quoted 1 Corinthians 10:13 (RSV). 'God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your strength, but with the temptation will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.'

No complaint was ever heard from the lips of God's servant. The former provost of Andrews University endured with great courage until, relieved of his sufferings, he went to sleep in Jesus.

Pastor Duncan Eva conducted the funeral service on Thursday 12 July in the Pioneer Memorial church at Andrews University. He was assisted by Pastors Alan Norman, Victor Cooper, and representatives of the University, the Theological Seminary, and the Lake Union Conference. A graveside service followed at Rose Hill Cemetery, Berrien Springs.

Beyond his personal relatives, Dr. Graham is remembered by the Seventh-day Adventist Church for his devoted ministry. He lived by the motto of his alma mater, Newbold College - 'virtute et labore' - and that of his 1949 graduating class - 'Linked with Omnipotence to serve in time's last hour.'

'Personally and professionally, Roy was an inspiration', said a colleague. He listened to both sides of a story, and was genuinely concerned for people. His associates described him as straightforward, highly organized, and shrewd. He never minced matters, he remembered names and details about people he met, and always had a thoughtful word for everybody.

At youth camp and ministerial retreats, he could be seen going from one to another in endless pastoral concern. He made of administration, and everything he did, a genuine ministry.

He devoted his energies to the youth of Great Britain, Northern Europe, his beloved Newbold College, and of Andrews University.

An Englishman, he was also a citizen of the world, and made a world impact on the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Dr. Roy Graham treasured a poem by Elva McAllister, published in the *Christian Century*, 25 September 1968:

The Ambassador

And failure, failure. All his wells are blank.
Dry wells. No drilling brings him water; none.
No rain has touched his wheat field month by month.
Dry, dry, too dry. His hands are chapped and bleed
From too much sun and wind. Dark headaches burn
Slow fires inside his skull. Old sores break out
In suppurations on his hands and feet. 'I fail,
I fail. Release me, let me go', he sometimes begs.
... yet what is 'fail'? Who can
Define that word? On his Employer once
Men conjugated it with Roman nails
And three days later found their grammar flawed.

God's ambassador, Roy Edward Graham, courageously followed in his Employer's steps. VICTOR COOPER

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GERMAN kindergarten teacher, SDA, aged 20, would like to work as an au pair for one year in an Adventist family with children, beginning August 1985, in order to improve her English. Please send enquiries to: Annette Packmann, Alfred-Messelweg 26, 6100 Darmstadt, Federal Republic of Germany.

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BRENDA BURTH, known as Lois Lawrence when in Jamaica, would like to make contact with her sisters Claudette and Marcia Lawrence, now resident in the Greater London area. Claudette and Marcia should ring 021-552-7190. Or write to 10 Barker Street, Langley, Oldbury, West Midlands, B68 9UQ.

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COMMUNION tray and glasses, portable folding desk, as new, and three dozen *Advent Hymnals* free to first applicant who can collect. Whittaker, Tel. Crowborough 5284.

COMMUNITY SERVICES SALE will be held on 9 September in the John Loughborough School at 10 am in aid of the Hatty Craig Memorial Home. *Refreshments, Handicrafts, Bric-a-brac, Home-made delicacies and drinks, etc.*

FLAT urgently needed for retired SDA couple. Any area considered. Phone: Watford 22091.

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SUNSET

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