Fifty-two students received degrees from Newbold College on Sunday 19 May. They represented twenty-four countries, including nations from across Europe and places far beyond – Canada, Egypt, Jamaica, Kenya, Nigeria, Tanzania and the USA.

The main speaker for Graduation weekend, Dr Jan Paulsen, is a Norwegian. President of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, he is also a former principal of Newbold College.

The 2002 Class Motto, ‘Quo Vadis?’ (Where are you going?) was interpreted and expanded upon in diverse ways by the various speakers who addressed the graduating students and their families and friends during the services and ceremonies of 17-19 May.

Dr Paulsen’s Sabbath sermon pointed his listeners to ‘compassion, forgiveness and love’ as being essential ingredients of humility, the kind of humility that leads to acceptance before God and acceptance of one another. ‘Each should build up the other, rather than please herself or himself,’ he said. In his address to the graduates on Sunday, the GC president emphasised that living with flaws is very much part of life.

As always, Graduation weekend was about celebrations – marked by music and flowers and friendly reunions. Benign weather came like added congratulations. Among those graduates who are British or who call Britain their home, David James, who received a Columbia Union College BS degree in Management, was given a special commendation for his work with young people in the local community and for his contribution to the spiritual life of the College. David plans to be a social worker, although his dreams are focused on later becoming a pilot and a ‘flying missionary’. Pastor Gavin Anthony, president of the Iceland Conference, received an MA degree in Leadership, along with Pastor Llewelyn Edwards, recently-appointed president of the Scottish Mission, and Pastor Humphrey Walters, secretary of the South England Conference. Llewelyn refers to the experience of taking the course as ‘fun, inspirational, humbling, painful’ (perhaps not in that order), while Humphrey says, “This has been a wonderful journey of learning and discovery.” Newbold’s bursar, Mrs Judith Vucic, was one of two women to receive the MA in leadership.

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3. We need the right motives. Sometimes we seek the right things with the wrong motives. The Holy Spirit exalts Christ, not us.

4. We must have a hatred for sin. It was because Jesus hated sin and loved righteousness that God anointed Him as Holy Spirit. We are to abhor that which is evil (Rom. 12:9) and to abstain from even the ‘appearance of evil’ (1 Thess. 5:22).

5. We must have a spirit of obedience (Acts 5:32).

6. We must have faith (Gal. 3:14). We receive this promised power through believing. Unbelief hinders our receiving of the Holy Spirit.

It is our privilege to go forth in the power of the Spirit and to live in that power. What results we would see if every Adventist in Britain and Ireland were empowered by God’s Spirit? It would be no limit to our usefulness. Our churches would be filled and new ones would be organised. Let’s ‘Get Connected’, first to the Holy Spirit and then to secular people in our community.

A picture of a child in famine-stricken Africa is what gave Charles his first doubts about God. He chose to put faith in those doubts and built upon them.

But that is not all. He shared his doubts with his friend Billy. Charles had reached a point at which he no longer believed in the reliability of Scripture. But it was that picture of a child that really haunted him. ‘If that were God’s child, mind, because of the most trivial things to the “famine and the “meat”, either he does not exist or if he does he’s a monster.’

Charles was a serious conclusion to have made. You see, Charles was a minister!

Charles Templeton’s friend Billy was a minister, too. Billy confronted his doubts and built upon his faith. He decided that the Bible was trustworthy after that he became involved in an evangelistic campaign in Los Angeles. That campaign proved to be the first in Billy’s long career as a preacher.

By the time he retired Billy Graham had spoken to more people about Christ than anyone else in the entire history of Christianity.

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By Pastor Alan Hodges, LIFEdvelopmentInfo co-ordinator, BUC

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As a growth industry for investment.
March 2, 2002 marked a momentous anniversary in the history of the Erdington Church. The members, including the fourth member who was baptised after Pastor Haworth arrived, gathered for a special service on 3 March 1962, and the 50th occasion in the history of the Erdington Seventh-day Adventist church in May 1952.

Erdington: Double anniversary

By John Osie-Bempong


Early history

The church grew out of the evangelistic campaign meetings held in the Birmingham Town Hall in 1942 by Pastor S. Leonard Wadsworth, a well-known evangelist at that time. The church was known then as the ‘Central Church’ because the pioneers, including Bernard Thompson, were holding meetings in hired halls in Birmingham city centre. As a result of the difficulty in obtaining suitable halls for worship, the pioneers sought alternative accommodation in Erdington. At that time there was another group of worshipers who called themselves the ‘Stonehouse Group’. This group met in a hut on the Sutton New Road, by Erdington Six Ways, where the pioneers too had a small group of worshipers. The Stonehouse Group folded up and the hall was placed on the market for sale. Our present senior elder, Brother Thompson, became aware of the sale, got the support of the members, and the NEC, and purchased the hall. Securing suitable accommodation for worship made it possible for the Erdington group to amalgamate with our pioneers. The church, therefore, was formed and assumed the name of the Erdington Seventh-day Adventist church in May 1952.

Economic in the Erdington area caught up with us over the years. Ten years after the purchase of the hall on the Sutton New Road, Birmingham City Council gave a notification to our members to vacate the premises. The site had been earmarked for economic redevelopment. In response to this setback, Brother Thompson began making weekly trips to the Council’s Housing and Property Department with a view to being allocated new premises. This paid off because our presence was recorded every week made life a little uncomfortable for the Council officials. In the end they had to give up to the determined man whose hobby was ‘the church’.

The present church

The church on Wood End Lane, near Erdington Church, was opened in 1952, the site having been purchased for £722 towards the national Appeal. For a number of years we have also gone out at Christmas time singing carols in the High Street of Erdington. These special Carol services have brought in over £300 towards good causes. Last year we broke our own record of £3,440.50.

The church achieved its current position as a result of the dedicated work of all the ministers who have served it, and the resilience of its members and serving officers. Our present minister, Pastor Paul Haworth, has introduced the church to a style of worship that combines the use of new technology and a flavour from the NEC. We share a keen and habitual interest in helping a number of charitable causes. Every Christmas we take up a special Christmas Gift offering and donate in excess of £100 towards good causes. Last year we broke our own record and collected £1,372 towards the national Appeal.

For forty years we have also gone out at Christmas time singing carols in the High Street of Erdington. These special Carol services have brought in over £300 each year to help finance our camp in North Wales for disabled young people.

When it comes to Ingathering, the church does it part, in 2003, for example, the members collected £4,405.74. Throughout the year, we are able to send around 250 handmade teddy bears to children in Eastern Europe and other parts of the world, through a kind and generous Erdington lady who supplies them, free of charge, to the Erdington church for distribution to children in need.

For the past two years the Lord has blessed us with four new members through our evangelistic campaigns. Three of our members were baptised through the ‘Living Waters’ campaign in Summerfield Park in Birmingham. The fourth was the result of Pastor Haworth’s presentations.

Youth still Ingather!

Six eager youth ventured out into Huddersfield on the first Sunday of Ingathering. Willingly, with tins, leaflets and permits, they wore a smile and felt the need to help others. Their dedication contributed to the Huddersfield total of £3,987. May God continue to bless young people across the country who value this important duty.

SEC recruits counselling co-ordinator

Trudy Young of the St Albans church has just started working for the SEC as a half-time counselling team co-ordinator. We interviewed Trudy to find out more about this new job. Said Trudy, SEC’s Counselling Service has been very close to my heart since it began. I’m looking forward to working with the very dedicated team of counsellors as we continue to develop this much needed and expanding service.”

It is a source of encouragement to see how well our counselling services have developed and I am excited to have Trudy for a year as an additional co-ordinator for the service,” said Pastor Don McFarlane, SEC president.

Trudy has served as a counsellor for fourteen years and volunteer counsellor on the SEC HelpLine and Counselling service for the last six years. The interview team consisted of Eulalee Marshall-Wiggan, counselor on the SEC Helpline and Counselling Service; Veronica Adams, physician and pastor, who took an inspiring fresh look at the Gospel and the New Start commission. In the afternoons we discussed the way forward, and made some important decisions about AIMS: as a result the SEC UK should consider setting up an office and also a database of AIMS members able to help churches with health evangelistic programmes.

Young people baptised

Sabbath 29 December 2001 was a very special day for three of our young people. Families, friends, visitors and church members from the Sioe Newington church gathered to witness the baptism of Andrew Bulgin, Monique Bronwe-MacDonald and Nakeisha Aaron-Walker. Dick McFarlane, who conducted the baptism, stands on the left of the picture.
Look for the fire

by Roy Adams

A new course will be offered by the Department of Theological Studies in conjunction with Behavioural Sciences, Humanities, Business Studies and Islamic Studies, beginning next semes-

ter. The course is aimed at students who wish to learn about the role of religion in society and its impact on individuals and groups. It will cover topics such as the history of religious thought, the role of religion in politics and economics, and the relationship between religion and science.

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Religious and Pastoral Studies Course at Newbold College

by Dr Erich Metzing

Obituaries


ded his passport to him. He looked it over for a second, then he spoke. ‘So you’re the man!’ he said, still looking down at the document. It was November 1st, 2011. He looked at the Immigration counter at the Norman Manley International Airport in Kingston, the commencement of a brief itinerary. What sort of reaction is this? I puzzled in my mind for a second. He seemed to be in the presence of authorities being looked for me? What do you mean, sir?’ I queried when it became clear he was talking to me. ‘Do you know me?’

Jamaica is far from being alone. The immigration officer, with tears in his eyes, was anything but smiling a happy embracing one of his thousand people, many of whom had never before seen the British Union Conference office for the launch of a brand new book about Jesus. Entitled The Essential Jesus, this book contains chapters written by twelve leading Adventist scholars, all encompassing different aspects of the new world of ‘demographically’ which is spreading across the secular and Christian academic world. The Essential Jesus has been jointly edited by Dr Ball and Adventist Review, North American Division Edition, May 2002, page 27.

Jamaica, TV Jamaica’s equivalent of Brazil Adventist University – committed, serious, focused, – gathered for Friday evening services in the quiet setting of their rural campus. Stay with me through the Sabbath hours and witness 1,500 other students on the São Paulo campus of the same institution completely wrapped up in a sacred concert in the huge campus auditorium on Sabbath afternoon. Hear stories about how other students out in the surrounding bars (area), to spread the Word, and how parents of non-Adventist students come to the campus for weekly Bible studies organised by students. By Dr Steven Thompson, Stanford Press editor Dr David Marshall, Newbold Head of Theology Dr Laurence Turner, and Dr Ball himself, who comes from the south-west of England and has served in a number of different capacities in the territory of the British Union Conference and Head of Theology at Newbold College. In addition, The Essential Jesus contains a chapter by General Conference president Dr Jan Paulsen, who lived in England for many years, but on several occasions visited England with her sister Betty, staying in Dr Ball’s home. She was introduced by Dennis and Manfred and Betty and John of God, also by Dr and family and Michael and his family. We hope to meet her again in the earthly realm.

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Congratulations

Congratulations on successful completion of A PhD in Social Anthropology from Oxford University. This achievement, with distinction, in the field of Philosophy, is something that those who have not known you would never have believed possible. I want to thank you for the encouragement you have given us over the years. You have been a wonderful teacher and a great inspiration to all of us. I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

By Dr Brian Ball, co-editor with William Johnson of This Advances in Pastoral Care and Counselling 37, Dr Ball visited the British Union Conference office and was interviewed on camera.

We congratulate Anchal Chhillar on his award of a PhD in Social Anthropology from Oxford University. This achievement, with distinction, in the field of Philosophy, is something that those who have not known you would never have believed possible. We wish you all the best in your future endeavors.
Her Excellency the Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson, Governor General of Canada, announced that MontRoseous Service decorations will be awarded to twenty-four individuals whose specific achievements have brought honour to Canada. The Meritorious Service Medal, Civil division, was created by Her Majesty the Queen to recognize a deed or activity performed in a highly professional manner or according to a very high standard that brings benefit or honour to Canada.

The Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA-Canada) is delighted that Pastor John Mansell Howard, founder and retired Executive Director, is one of the recipients. He will be presented with this award in recognition of establishing ADRA-Canada and for his involvement with humanitarian aid since 1985. The official presentation ceremony will take place in Ottawa this coming September.

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**Newbold Graduation**

Leadership. Judith is Co总监, and was applauded entry by her cosmo- 

politan Newbold ‘family’.

About half of those graduating were receiving MA degrees in Leadership (Andreas). This is a new course, offered by Newbold College in association with the Campus Adventiste du Sillon, Collozze, France. Pastor John Huzyasz’s emphasis, on Friday evening, was on the real functions of leadership. ‘Leadership is about friendship,’ he said. ‘It is not only about achieving my goals... but about achieving your goals.’

John Kildoris (Zimbabwe), a ministerial intern in Wales, added to earlier academic successes by graduating with distinction from the Biblical Studies programme.

Three students graduated with a Diploma in Islamic Studies, a new course that aims to assist the Church in building bridges between Adventists and Muslims. Two students also graduated with an Andimes University MA in pastoral ministry.

John Mansell Howard, a Newbold alumnus, has been a driving force behind the development of the school and its mission to serve the community and the world. His dedication and commitment to the cause of education have earned him the title of ‘Mr ADRA’.

Dr Laurence Turner, head of Newbolt’s Department of Theology, reflected on the influence of the school on students, he said, ‘We are very pleased with the inspection report, she said. The strengths of the staff have been highlighted, their hard work and commitment have been praised, and the spiritual emphasis has been recognized as a contributing factor to the achievements of the school.

From 4-8 March this year eleven inspectors from the government’s Office for Standards in Education (OFSTED) visited the John Loughborough School in Loughborough.

The OFSTED inspectors praised the school’s commitment to academic excellence and praised the school for its excellent teaching and learning environment. They highlighted the school’s strong emphasis on pastoral care and its ability to provide a supportive and challenging environment for all students.

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