

SPIRITUAL HEALING HOME NEXT MONTH

£17,000 ALREADY RAISED

It is expected that Milton Abbey, the mansion at Milton Abbas, Dorset, which was built by the first Earl of Dorchester in 1771, will be taken over on March 25 as a permanent centre for spiritual healing.

The Rev. John Maillard, who a year ago opened St. Stephen's, Brighton, as a spiritual healing church, announced the project last October, and the late Bishop of Salisbury (Dr. St. Clair Donaldson) described it as the beginning of "the greatest experiment" of its kind in the Church of England.

People suffering from mental troubles will be received at this "home of healing," where the spiritual ministrations will be given with the close co-operation of the medical profession.

For the purchase of the estate and the equipment of the building £100,000 will be required, but Mr. Maillard told a Daily Mail reporter yesterday that £17,000 had already been contributed toward the £20,000 needed to ensure possession. This is in addition to £5,000 needed for alterations and other work.



Milton Abbey: exterior of house and church from east

Will E. Luyler

A School of Spiritual Healing

By the Rev. JOHN MAILLARD

Mr. Maillard has recently acquired Milton Abbey and the 900 acres of land which surround it, and here, with the help of qualified medical men and nursing staff, he hopes to open before the end of May a centre of spiritual life and healing

SPIRITUAL healing is often discredited because some people have ideas on the subject which are entirely superficial. They think it is an easy and cheap way out of our troubles and burdens and therefore there cannot be much in it; or they say it is full of dangers and snares for the unwary, and provides a hunting-ground for charlatans.

On the Side of Nature

It is also argued that you cannot go against nature, that it is asking the impossible to expect healing in answer to prayer, that God cannot set aside His laws. This is untrue. You can go against nature. Disease is against nature. Spiritual healing is on the side of nature in its fight against the enemy disease. Healing and not disease is the will of God.

Again, there are some who believe that disease is a cross, and they look upon spiritual healing with suspicion. They regard sickness as the will of God. This is quite inconsistent. We always call in a doctor, which we ought not to do if sickness is the will of our Heavenly Father. Nor was it the belief of the Early Church. It only came about when the Church got involved in politics. In those days of apostasy, faith suffered. When the Church was no longer able to heal the sick it invented the doctrine that sickness is the visitation of God, which we must accept with resignation. What a travesty that the disciples of Jesus Christ Who went about doing good and healing all manner of sickness should now exalt disease as a virtue!

There is nothing in the Gospel story to suggest that faith is a blind belief in the inscrutable will of God. Faith is spiritual insight, seeing the reality which is behind all visible and

material things. Indeed, the realm of life and spiritual knowledge which is explored by faith is as positive and knowable as the material realm which is explored by physical science. Jesus was Master in this realm of the Spirit, and as great a scientist as those who are experts in the natural kingdom. There is no better book of science than the New Testament. It is crammed with the spiritual laws of the Kingdom of God, and the reality of these laws is being attested and demonstrated increasingly in the recent discoveries and applications of modern science. It is no wonder that many of our foremost scientists are confessed believers in spiritual healing when their science is constantly proving the existence of the Kingdom of the Spirit.

To understand spiritual healing, therefore, we must go back to the school of Christ. Spiritual healing is not a new religion. It is as old as the Bible. The Holy Bible is our textbook and authority. It tells us that the love of God is the life of man. We have no need of a new religion. We cannot improve upon the old one. We only need a new faith in the old religion.

Christ's Healing Power

Jesus did not introduce anything new when He healed the sick by spiritual means. He was simply reminding people of what they had forgotten. He opened the eyes of their understanding that they might know the truth and enjoy freedom. On all sides the world could see that perverted human wills were the instruments of all manner of suffering. Jesus revealed that converted human wills can be God's instruments of love and power, until His holy will is done on earth. Jesus laid His

hands upon the sick and healed them all. His touch was an instrument of the Spirit. What is communicated by the touch depends upon the nature of the power which uses it. Behind the touch of Jesus there was not only a loving heart. There was more. There was the mighty power of the life-giving Spirit of God; there was all the spiritual energy and creative force of the unseen Kingdom of the Father. The massed forces of the Kingdom of Heaven were engaged whenever Jesus was occupied in His service of compassion on behalf of the afflicted.

If Jesus had been simply a mental healer, endeavouring by methods of telepathy to communicate His thoughts to others, or to attest the power of mind over matter, this would have limited the range of His influence in healing the sick and would have excluded many diseases. But we know that Jesus was more than a mental healer. He said: 'It is the Father in Me Who does the works'. The touch of Jesus released the Divine Life of which He was the Perfect Instrument. His healing was sacramental.

Now it seems to me that science is turning more and more to the spiritual methods of Jesus of Nazareth, the world's greatest Healer. Moreover, science has now abandoned the old artificial dividing line between functional and organic diseases. It teaches that the body is one connected whole, nerves, blood, glands, bones, brains; it all comes within the scope of the Spirit. Translated into Bible language, the dictum of modern science has its equivalent in the words of Jesus Who said: 'It is the Spirit that giveth life; it is the Spirit that quickeneth'.

Testimony of Science

We have left behind the days when science laid it down, very dogmatically, that the body is material, and that only material remedies can repair a physical structure. A great scientist has said that there is no part or member of the human body which is outside the scope of the Spirit; and science now teaches us that the physical body is not the material thing we thought it was. The thing that we see and touch is not like stone, solid, unimpressionable, unresponsive. Science now talks about the body in terms of vibration and uses all kinds of vibratory treatment, light, energy, sound, and heat, for the relief and healing of sickness, even of cases of organic disease.

Jesus Christ, through the vibrations of immutable truth and eternal love, destroyed the disease vibrations of leprosy, brainstorms, paralysis, blindness, pernicious anæmia, and other ghastly disorders, without having recourse to remedies obtained from sources which are lower in the scale of creation than the life of the patients He treated. He raised the sufferers to the level of a higher potency than can be found in the realm of physical science. He proved that the human body is not outside the life-giving powers of the Spirit. When we accept this truth of divine healing it is not possible to limit the power of God and to say 'there are some diseases which cannot be relieved'. In point of fact, it is no harder to believe that the body can be raised up and restored by the dynamic forces of the life-giving Spirit, than that it can break down under the stress of disease. What has been broken God can mend.

How can we apply this healing today? I will take three cases from our practice at Milton Abbey. We will begin with a case of organic disease. The means employed is prayer. (We must not forget that Jesus healed sufferers at a distance as well as those upon whom His hands were laid. His prayers were as effective as His touch.) I do not mean the kind of prayer which is idle day-dreaming, poetic weavings of the imagination, or begging and craving of God what He may be unwilling to do, but prayer that is a driving-force, positive, dynamic, constructive and creative, that is, prayer through which God works, prayer which releases the energies and potency of the life-giving Spirit, which cleanses the body just as a current of fresh air cleanses a stuffy room when the window and door are open.

This prayer power enters into the life of the body in the same way in which the remedies of medical science are applied. Indeed, the aim of spiritual healing and medical science is the same, although the methods and means differ. We are told that the body is made up of myriads of tiny cells, like little houses. It is in this cell-life that health or disease dwells. Each cell has its own vibratory life. The pure and perfect life of Christ flows into these myriads of cells, introducing the fresh and purifying air of the life-giving Spirit, stimulating, vitalising, energising the body; augmenting, enriching, releasing and

intensifying all the beneficent functioning and activities of the body which have been suppressed, congested, enfeebled, arrested and, in some instances, atrophied by the violence of disease. Our bodies are 'made clean by His Body', as the Holy Communion service reminds us. This process of spiritual healing is sustained until the disease yields to it.

Now I will take a case of functional disorder. The remedy is the same. The nerves and the glands which were made by God to be tracts and ducts of vital energy have become inflamed, congested and impoverished. What better can we do to restore the circulation of vital nervous energy than re-charge the live-wires of the nerves with more abundant life and replace the lost quality in the glands? The human body has a marvellously complete system of nerve tracts through which the healing power of Christ can be transmitted, and, if needs be, the whole physical body can be literally flooded with the virtue of divine healing.

Another case is one of acute mental sickness. Divine healing brings around the sufferer all the powers and love of the Kingdom of God. There may be great resistance on the part of the patient, even to the point of violent opposition. But this does not constitute an insuperable barrier to healing. On the contrary, such mental upheaval is one amongst many symptoms of the sickness and of the sufferer's need of divine intervention. Greater than the delusions, fears and obsessions are the mighty and redeeming forces of the Spirit of God. It is like a tug-of-war. God is on our side. We must be steady and patient. We must persevere. The sufferer is no longer a lonely victim in the camp of the enemy. Within the sanctuary of the love of God every fear will be destroyed and cast out. If necessary the evil obsession will be exorcised in the Holy name of Jesus to Whom God gave all power and authority in Heaven and on earth.

It is sometimes asked how far healing is dependent upon the personal faith of the patient. Whilst it would be wrong to gloss over the need for personal faith, we must not exaggerate this condition, lest we narrow down the love of God. If I might venture a general rule I would say that there must be faith on the part of the patient, there must be trust in God, there must be reconciliation, surrender and divine cleansing. There must be faith in God. But there will be many exceptions, as when sufferers are unconscious, pain-racked or mentally sick, or cases of small children. We do not buy God's healing as we might buy a bottle of medicine.

All Can Be Healers

Faith and feelings have been confused. When people complain that they have no faith, or say that their faith is small, it is not faith in Christ that they are thinking about. Whether faith is big or small depends upon the personality of the one in whom we have faith. Faith has nothing to do with our feelings. Faith is inspired by the character, not of the person who has faith, but of the person in whom we have faith. If we have faith in Jesus Christ at all it can only be a big faith. Faith, however, does not heal. It is God who heals. Faith receives the healing. It is the open door for the power in which we have faith to come into our lives and to do its work there.

Healing is a gift of God. We can all be healers in the sense that we can all be tributaries of God's love. It means the same thing. The love of God is Life. It is not a mere sentiment. God's healing is as free as the air we breathe. No individual has a monopoly of it, not even those who would seem to have a special gift. I believe that the development and use of this power is a matter of consecration and experience, of sympathy and love. Looking back over past history, I am reminded that God's healers have always been men and women of simple faith, those who knew how to love, those whose lives were a mirror of the love of Jesus. Like their Master, they have been channels of perfect love.

The Bible says 'the prayer of faith shall heal the sick and the Lord shall raise him up'. 'Pray one for another that you may be healed'. For many years it has been my privilege to associate with men and women who share this faith. We often attend a school of prayer together where we are taught the language of God's love, and where God's grace cleanses and sanctifies our hearts to fit us for service as disciples of Jesus Christ. We have now many thousands of intercessors in this prayer fellowship. We have no hard and fast rules. All we ask is that those who become members shall desire to be made perfect in love.

1,200 AT SPIRITUAL HEALING CENTRE'S OPENING

VILLAGE TO BE BUILT FOR PATIENTS

From F. G. PRINCE-WHITE

MILTON ABBAS, Dorset, Monday.

A SINGING procession of 80 clergy, led by the Bishop of Sherborne (Dr. Gerald Allen)—who conducted the inauguration ceremony for this spiritual healing centre—slowly encircled the grey walls of ancient Milton Abbey Church to-day, while incense hung in the air and the sun added its blessing to the scene.

Before the Bishop walked the Rev. John Maillard, the Church of England priest whose ministry of spiritual healing at St. Stephen's, Brighton, and elsewhere has attracted thousands of the sick and the halt and the lame.

In this way was celebrated the beginning of a great Christian experiment to combine the knowledge of the Church and the medical profession.

About 1,200 men and women were present—part of that multitude of people whose profound belief in spiritual healing has enabled Mr. Maillard to acquire Milton Abbey mansion for his work.

Mr. Maillard told me to-day that the £20,000 for which he appealed to pay for Milton Abbey has been subscribed, and he is now asking for £73,000 for general equipment and maintenance.

30 PATIENTS SO FAR

"Our aim," he said, "is to make Milton Abbey a real community in itself—not a 'mental home,' but a home in the fullest sense of the word."

People suffering from all manner of ills, not only mental troubles, would be treated here, and be enabled to lead normal lives at the same time.

"To achieve this purpose I intend to build a village on the estate together with workshops in which patients can continue their ordinary occupation."

"Also, I have already begun to build chalets for the occupation of single patients. Five of these have been completed and are now occupied. Altogether 30 patients have so far been received here, and the work of healing has at last definitely begun."

He told me of one young woman who for a very long time had been unable to leave her bed, and who was now able to take a seat at the services.

Mr. Maillard has embarked on his task with the full support of the Church of England, and the Abbey Church, in which services of healing will regularly be held, has been conveyed by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners to the Salisbury Diocesan Board of Finance.

MARSHAL WARNS SOUTH CHINA

A SHARP warning was addressed yesterday to the South China Government (the Cantonese semi-autonomous administration) by Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, Premier of the Central Government at Nanking and Generalissimo of its armies.

"The limit of restraint has been reached," he declared (says a Reuter message from Shanghai), alluding to what he described as the Cantonese action in "mobilising troops and marching them against the Central Government under the guise of an anti-Japanese expedition."

The Central Government, he said, had been striving to place the country's affairs on a firm and lasting foundation, but was now faced with "sinister threats from within" which were profoundly disquieting.

Cantonese sources state that the Kwangtung and Kwangsi (Cantonese) leaders have asked Nanking to withdraw some of its troops from southwest Hunan "as evidence of good faith," declaring that they themselves were moving back their forces in view of the negotiations in progress.

SOUTH AFRICAN TOC H MEMBERS ARRIVE



South African members of the Toc H organisation photographed when they arrived in London yesterday for the Toc H coming-of-age festival.

Police Hunt for Missing Goldfish

From Our Special Correspondent
LARGS, Ayrshire, Monday.

THE police of Largs are pitting their brains in an endeavour to discover the perpetrators of two daring thefts of—goldfish.

There is a reward of £25 for anyone who can give information which will help to solve the mystery.

The fish—dozens of them and some valued at £5—have disappeared from ponds on the estates of two business men.

OTTER AS SUSPECT

The police have two theories. One is that the fish were stolen by human beings, the other that herons or an otter were the "criminals."

Last week Mr. L. H. Wilson, a Glasgow stockbroker, of St. Phillan's, near Largs, stocked two ponds on his estate with goldfish costing almost £50.

At the week-end almost all the fish disappeared, and Mr. Wilson decided to offer the reward.

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REV. JOHN MAILLARD IN ABBEY PROCESSION



The Rev. John Maillard, whose ministry of spiritual healing has attracted thousands of sufferers, playing a cornet in the procession at Milton Abbey Church yesterday when it was opened as a spiritual healing centre.

ARRIVALS FOR TO-DAY'S ASCOT MEETING



Horses that will run at the Ascot meeting, which opens today, arriving yesterday amid the typical beauty as characteristic of the countryside. There will be 25 events in the four days. The race for the Ascot Stakes is to-day; to-morrow the Royal Hunt Cup is the chief attraction, and Thursday is Gold Cup day.



Mr. Lawson's Manton string reaching Ascot yesterday. Zingaro is leading Plunger, Raceburn, and Solar Ray. On the left are two striking fashions seen at the French Derby at Chantilly—advance modes for Ascot.



THREE ASCOT TROPHIES.—The Royal Hunt Cup (top), the Gold Vase (centre), and the Gold Cup. They are hand-made by Garrard and Company, Crown goldsmiths. The Royal Hunt Cup is a rooster dish, the Vase is a reproduction in gold of an early 18th-century silver cup, and the Gold Cup consists of armchairs and inkstands.



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ABBEY FOR SPIRITUAL HEALING.—Milton Abbey, Dorset, the ownership of which has been taken over by the Rev. John Westland, was officially opened yesterday for spiritual healing. Above: The procession of clergy.



ARMED ESCORTS IN PALESTINE.—Owing to the raiding of caravans between Tel Aviv and Jerusalem British troops escort them both ways and, as shown above, change over midway. A British gun is seen.



RIVERSIDE RENEARSAL.—Members of the London Casino cabaret practicing one of their spectacular acts in the picturesque Thames-side setting of the Pavilion Club at Dalché.

MILTON ABBEY DEDICATED

Milton Abbey, Dorset, was dedicated on Monday as a centre for spiritual healing in connexion with the Church of England. The Rev. John Maillard, the warden, told a congregation of nearly 3,000 something of the work of healing which is to be carried on there. The Bishop of Sherborne and 80 clergy from parishes all over the diocese took part in the service. Mr. Maillard stated that £20,000 had already been raised in subscriptions from men and women who had been in personal contact with the church. That money had been spent, and they required for immediate developments another £14,000 to provide, among other things, the provision and equipment of treatment rooms, the provision and stocking of a dairy, a deep well plant and reservoir, and the furnishing and equipment of a cinema. Milton Abbey is seven miles from Blandford. The first guest-patients went into residence three weeks ago.

"FESTIVAL OF HEALING"

The Rev. John Maillard, who is in charge of the spiritual healing centre at Milton Abbey, Dorset, has been invited by three prominent New York clergymen to conduct a series of healing missions in the United States.

"I shall probably go next May," Mr. Maillard told a Daily Mail reporter yesterday.

More than 1,200 people will arrive at Milton Abbas this morning for a three-days "Festival of Healing."

WEEPING WOMEN AT FESTIVAL OF HEALING

OUT FOR EXERCISE



Miss Nada Smith, the New Cross greyhound trainer's daughter, exercising some of her father's charges.

Altar Ceremony In Ancient Abbey

From Our Special Correspondent

MILTON ABBAS, Dorset, Monday.

SUFFERERS travelled from all parts of Great Britain for a three-days "Festival of Healing," which began here to-day in the ancient Milton Abbey.

The services are in charge of the Rev. John Maillard, who conducts the spiritual healing centre at the abbey.

I have seen young and old men and women listening to the beautiful voice of the clergyman who offers to them the hope of relief in their sufferings by faith and prayer. Doctors cannot quell the look of hope that is in their eyes as they listen to Father Maillard.

There were 300 present to-day, and to-morrow another contingent will arrive.

Laying On Of Hands

All are welcome and all receive the same hope. After a choral Eucharist in the Abbey during the morning, the healing service takes place in the afternoon. The sufferers go to the altar, and there Father Maillard lays his hands upon them and prays.

They tell of strange results; of a boy who a few weeks ago went to the altar blind. When he returned to his seat it is stated that he could read a prayer book.

To-day a man of 60, also blind, attended the service, inspired by faith and hope.

Towards the end of the service many women among the congregation were crying.

RESCUED FROM CAPSIZED BOAT



Three Hford men, Mr. E. Hudson, Mr. D. Mitchell, and Mr. F. Hardy, who, with Miss M. Buckland, of Plumstead, were rescued by a motor-boat when a sailing dinghy capsized off Clacton yesterday. Mr. Hardy was picked up while swimming to the shore for help, and the others were found clinging to the upturned boat.

AIR DEFENCE UNITS BEGIN TRAINING

THE last stage of the training at the O.T.C. camps at Tidworth Park and Pennings began yesterday after an enjoyable week-end during which an O.T.C. team defeated Tidworth Garrison at cricket.

At Pennings company training was followed by inter-company exercises, and attack and defence actions were fought.

The last full day's programme will be seen to-day.

Equipped with a fleet of 60 of the

Lord Trevethin, "The Best-Loved" Judge

ALFRID Tristram Lawrence, a first Baron Trevethin, and sixth Lord Chief Justice of England since Cockburn, whose tragic death is announced in another page, passed 27 years of his professional life (1869-1896) as a junior barrister.

He was 61 when he was made a puisne judge (1904); and it is related that it was in reply to his letter of resignation from the Bench in 1921 that he received the offer of the Lord Chief Justiceship rendered vacant by the appointment of Lord Reading as Viceroy of India. He was then 78. He retired in 1922.

Yet he brought to the conduct of his

(1908) he came into prominence as the result of a somewhat generous resort to the "cat." At the Cardiff Assizes (April 1908) he had to deal with too many cases of robbery with violence, including ugly symptoms of a recrudescence of garrotting.

He promptly distributed a total of 147 lashes among twelve convicted prisoners. The results were satisfactory, both to them in their subsequent careers and to the neighbourhood.

For many years before his elevation to the bench, Lawrence had the pick of the work on the Oxford Circuit, of which he was the leader. He defended Mrs. Dyer, the notorious Reading baby farmer.

STATE SHOPS FOR ALBERTA

From Our Own Correspondent

CALGARY, Monday.

MR. ABERHART, Alberta's "Social Credit" Premier, broadcast last night a statement on his plan to make the Province independent of imports.

He said that the Government was concluding arrangements to open one factory each week to supply Alberta's demands for clothing and other necessities.

He did not explain how the industries were to be financed.

CALGARY, Monday.

Mr. Aberhart said that the industries would not be operated by the Government or financed by any form

Blind Woman's "I Can See"

From Our Own Correspondent
WEYMOUTH, Wednesday.

A spiritual healing service at Milton Abbey, Dorset, at which it is claimed sight was restored to a Wiltshire woman who had been blind for six years, was described to me by the Rev. John Maillard, who conducts a spiritual healing centre at the former country seat of Sir Eric Hambro.

The woman, said Mr. Maillard, was conducted to her seat, and during the service her surroundings, faintly at first, took shape. "I can see," she cried.

Mr. Maillard said he knew nothing of the incident until yesterday, "when I received a letter from the woman in her own handwriting to tell me that she has recovered her sight well enough to write.

"I cannot divulge the name of the woman because secrecy is maintained in this work.

"I have held five healing services and have received 500 letters from people who say they have been cured or have derived definite physical benefit."

Freeze a Jolly Good Fellow



House Hunting with a Ghost

By PIERRE JEANNERAT

WHEN the 1789 Revolution broke over France the residences of great nobles were ransacked and their contents scattered in all directions—largely in the direction of England as the Wallace Collection and the sumptuous French furniture and china in Buckingham Palace are here to show.

Thus came about the paradox that London could give a far better idea of the household belongings of French aristocrats of the old régime than Paris. On December 15 a new museum will be opened in the French capital, and the balance will to some extent be redressed.

Count Moïse de Camondo, a financier, not of French origin, but belonging to a family who several times enriched the French national collections, spent forty years and about £1,000,000 in re-creating in Paris a spiritual home for the ghost of one of those "grands seigneurs" whose heads rolled under the guillotins.

Count Moïse, adoptive Frenchman, died last year. He bequeathed his treasures to France on condition that they be left exactly where he put them at 63, Rue de Monceau, overlooking the former park of Dukes of Orleans.

Head under his Arm

We are at liberty to think that the other-world essence of a typical French marquis (let us call him the Marquis de Dentelle), close friend of Marie Antoinette, has now, his head under his arm, taken possession of Count Moïse's house.

At least, I felt that I was accompanied by the marquis when taken from room to room by M. Guérin, scholarly Keeper of the Musée des Arts Décoratifs; and after M. Guérin had gone the marquis, I feel sure, spoke to me.

"My dear fellow," said he, "you cannot imagine what a worrying cen-

tury and a half I have spent. It is all very well being a ghost, but a ghost must have some place where he can rest his head.

"My arm wanted time out of number to drop the beastly thing, and I had great difficulty in dissuading my arm. House hunting is no fun at all for a ghost in a country where people have no notion of the elegance a nobleman like me must have about him.

"I recently met an ancestor, the Vidame de Pierre, who was killed in a tournament in 1243. He invited me to share his dungeon. I answered that damp stones and rotting rafters might satisfy a 13th-century warrior but not an 18th-century exquisite.

"Good fortune one day led me to the house of Count Moïse de Camondo. Now that he has gone, now that the only permanent tenants will be uniformed guardians rather reminiscent of my liveried lacqueys, I shall be able to enjoy the possession of a really habitable mansion.

"Last seen in Tumbrels"

"You have seen the superb bureaux, tables, encadrements, by those master craftsmen Riesener, Carlin, Oeben, Jacob and their peers, the bronzes by Gouthière and Thomire, the tapestries of Aubusson, the unique series of carpets made at the royal works of the Savonnerie, the armchair in which the Duke de Choiseul sat when painted by Van Loo, the two chandeliers that belonged to Madame de Pompadour, the relics of the Turkish cabinet in the chateau of Madame Elizabeth, sister of my sovereign Lord and Master, Louis XVI.

"I shall bring guests, cultured men and delightful women, whom I last saw alive in the tumbrels that took us from prison through ruffianly crowds to the infernal machine with the triangular blade."

I complimented the ghost of the Marquis de Dentelle on his luxurious find and he gracefully took his hat off a smiling head carried under his arm.

Admirers of the wonderful decorative objects made in France by the greatest craftsmen of the 18th century should pay the lucky ghost a visit in his splendid new home.

England's Galleryite No. 1

By A Correspondent

MISS ALICE PILGRIM, who has just celebrated her 78th birthday, can claim to be England's "Galleryite" Number One, for she is now enjoying her twenty-fourth "season" at the Vic-Wells.

She still walks to the theatre every night from her home in Pentonville-road, and Miss Lilian Baylis has accorded her the special privilege of heading the gallery queue at whatever time she arrives, instead of taking a place at the end.

Everybody who goes to the Vic-Wells knows enthusiastic Miss Pilgrim. One night a week she goes to the Old Vic, and the other evenings she spends at Sadlers Wells. She has already seen "The Country Wife" seven times.

When Miss Pilgrim first started going to the Old Vic she was at work in her father's shop, and could only afford to go once a week—even though the gallery was only 2d. in those days.

"But now she is too old to work, and all her life-long savings have been hoarded up to enable her to fulfil the dream of her younger days—to go to the theatre every night.

"Doesn't it tire you to go to the opera every night, especially if you walk there and back?" I asked her.

"Never," she replied with the fervour of a youngster who would walk miles to attend a football match. "So long as I can see these wonderful pieces and hear this lovely music I shall never get tired.

"I know every note of the operas, but I love to hear them over and over again.

"I have seen every one of Shakespeare's plays more times than I can count, and I have learned a lot of them by heart.

"When I went to Stratford-on-Avon I felt I wanted to kneel and hug his tomb for all the pleasure he has given me."

INSIDE A SPIRITUAL HEALING CENTRE

From F. G. PRINCE-WHITE

MILTON ABBAS, Dorset, Sunday.

IN a little chapel here that was once a refectory of a Benedictine monastery, prayers are said, day by day, for thousands of sick and suffering men, women, and children scattered throughout the kingdom.

This regular service of intercession is part of the work of spiritual healing established, with the full approval and blessing of the Church of England, at Milton Abbey, the mansion which the first Earl of Dorchester built in 1771 on the site of a religious house founded by King Athelstan nearly 1,000 years ago.

Beside the great stone mansion, in a scene of superb natural beauty—far-stretching woods now ablaze with autumn's gold, and green hills gently rolling—stands the ancient Abbey Church, wherein healing services are held.

FOR MIND AND BODY

Living in the 90-roomed mansion, and in buildings attached to it, are 20 men and women, victims of various physical and mental ills; here in the inviolable peace of the Dorset countryside they are finding rest for mind and body, and for their souls a deep tranquillity.

The Rev. John Maillard, from whose spiritual healing work at Brighton and in London this remarkable sanctuary has materialised, told me to-day that its influence is spreading "in wonderful ways."

"There are now 7,000 members of our prayer fellowship," he said, "and through their prayers we are helping hosts of people in addition to those who come to the services I hold."

Mr. Maillard read to me a letter he had received from a woman in Wiltshire, who wrote: "Whereas before I was absolutely blind, I can now see forms and the difference between light and dark." She said she was sure that at the next healing service she attended God would "complete His great goodness" to her.

FLOW OF MONEY

Another letter was from the daughter of a woman who had come to the abbey because she was suffering from an internal trouble, believed to be malignant. The daughter wrote: "Mother is quite well."

More than £20,000 was collected for the purchase of Milton Abbey, and, said Mr. Maillard, the money needed for the work carried on there never fails to come in. Last week a total of £820 was received.

"It so happened," he said, "that such a sum was just required, for our needs had accumulated to an unusual extent. One item was a new pump for our well; this alone cost £350. Material help has always come in answer to our prayers."

Healing Pioneer's Challenge

THE Rev. John Maillard, Warden of Milton Abbey, near Blandford, Dorset, pioneer in spiritual healing, yesterday challenged the Bishop of Winchester, Dr. C. Garbett, to produce evidence to corroborate his statement that there was an element of magic in sick-healing campaigns.

At his diocesan conference at Winchester, the bishop stated that he was suspicious of missions and services for physical healing, "because they are open to crowds of people, some expecting to see signs and wonders, and some hoping earnestly for cure, but without having any kind of preparation. The result is that many go away disillusioned."

"Driving Them Elsewhere"

Mr. Maillard said to a Daily Mail reporter: "I have been in this work for 18 years, and never have I heard of such facts.

"I have held services in the bishop's own dioceses—at Bournemouth and Southampton—and I have found nothing to confirm what he says.

"If one believes in the reality of prayer and that results will follow, how can one talk about superstition and magic?"

"The attitude adopted by the bishop is driving people into Christian Science and spiritualism."

NEW WING FOR FAITH HEALING CENTRE DOCTORS' SUPPORT

Prayers of thanksgiving that peace had been preserved were offered by cripples and their friends at Milton Abbey, Dorset, yesterday, when, after a spiritual healing festival, a new £12,000 wing of the famous Abbey House was opened.

The wing will double the accommodation at Milton Abbey, the Church of England's spiritual healing centre.

Doctors and clergy from the South of England attended the ceremony, which was performed by Dr. L. Weatherly, Bournemouth. Dr. S. Watson Smith, Bournemouth, a former president of the B.M.A., referred to criticisms of the work at the Abbey from both outside and inside the medical profession. These criticisms, he said, were rather the outcome of ignorance than knowledge.

The Rev. John Maillard led the prayers.

Incurable?—Let Us Try, say Team of Priests and Doctors

By Daily Mail Reporter

A TEAM of doctors, nurses, and priests is to take on a job the medical world says is impossible—the healing of "incurable" patients. A grey, 100-room manor house adjoining the Benedictine Abbey church at Milton Abbas, Dorset is to be their "Sanctuary of Healing."

More than 40 doctors and nurses have already volunteered to work there without salary. They include a Harley-street orthopaedic specialist, who is giving up his practice to become resident medical officer.

Behind it all is the Rev. John Maillard, 67-year-old former East India Docks Anglican priest and author of eight books on faith healing. Since 1936 he has devoted his life to the care of the sick.

The ancient mansion, once the home of the Hambro banking family, has been used to treat only the mentally sick, but last night Mr. Maillard said: "We feel we can do even more useful work by treating the physically ill: people crippled with arthritis or suffering from diseases like tuberculosis and cancer; people whose doctors say they can never be cured.

"We believe that to admit a disease cannot be cured is defeatism, unscientific and un-Christian."

Age no barrier

Since Christmas workmen have been redecorating and modernising the manor, ready to open on May 1. It will have a separate section for children, and chalets for tuberculosis patients in the 800 acres of parkland.

"Here, now that we are to have a fully trained medical staff, we will combine medical science, nursing, and religion," said Mr. Maillard: "One of our first tasks will be to win back respect for this kind of treatment."

Doctors throughout Britain have been told the home will take 75 patients. "No one will be turned away," said Mr. Maillard. "They will be taken irrespective of denomination or financial circumstances. Those who can afford it will be asked to pay—but the success of our work will depend on voluntary help.

"Nor will age be a bar, although preference will be given to younger people who have a life in front of them.

"The test will be: 'Have other doctors given them up as hopeless?' They are the people we think we can help most."

YOUNG WIVES NEED NOT BE 'PRISONERS'

MRS. J. L. STOCKS, former Principal of Westfield College, London University, told 500 girls of South Wiltshire Grammar School at Salisbury yesterday how not to be "prisoners at home" when they marry.

Points she gave them were:

Set a valuation on your own time and learn how to manage it:

Maintain a standard of efficiency:

Learn how to read and use books and find out what is going on in the world:

Continue studies of history, geography, theology, literature, and science.

Then they would not be prisoners at home, as were so many people whose little world was just their own surroundings.

TRAIN THE MAN

Mrs. Stocks, mother of three children, added: "Marriage is not a full-time job from the moment you leave the altar steps. If it is I can only say you are not training your husband the right way and you have trouble in store.

"When you have a family marriage is a full-time job, in fact more than a full-time job for a number of years.

"When, at the age of about 40, you emerge from this full-time job, you will really be a first-class, all-round human being."

Miss G. A. Moore, headmistress, criticising the attitude of young people, said: "They break, they lose, they borrow without 'by your leave,' they annex, they injure and despoil, all with an utter disregard for the convenience, the feelings, the rights of others.

"This casual attitude towards

PROPERTY MARKET

The Rev. John Maillard has sold Milton Abbey, Dorset, with about 285 acres, to the council of Milton Abbey School for use as a new public school for boys. Messrs. Senior and Godwin, of Sherborne, and Messrs. Knight, Frank and Rutley were jointly concerned on behalf of the vendor, and Messrs. Charles Osenton and Co., of Guildford, acted on behalf of the purchasers. The estate includes the mansion and 14 lodges and cottages.

The Royal Standard of England, Forty Green, near Beaconsfield, a free house which is said to date from early in the thirteenth century, is to be offered at auction by Messrs. A. C. Frost and Co. on May 19.