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The Former and the Latter Rain

An Individual Experience

ASK ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain; so the Lord shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain." "He will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain." In the East the former rain falls at the sowing time. It is necessary in order that the seed may germinate. Under the influence of the fertilising showers, the tender shoot springs up. The latter rain, falling near the close of the season, ripens the grain, and prepares it for the sickle. The Lord employs these operations of nature to represent the work of the Holy Spirit. As the dew and the rain are given first to cause the seed to germinate, and then to ripen the harvest, so the Holy Spirit is given to carry forward, from one stage to another, the process of spiritual growth. The ripening of the grain represents the completion of the work of God's grace in the soul. By the power of the Holy Spirit the moral image of God is to be perfected in the character. We are to be wholly transformed into the likeness of Christ.

The latter rain, ripening earth's harvest, represents the spiritual grace that prepares the church for the coming of the Son of man. But unless the former rain has fallen, there will be no life; the green blade will not spring up. Unless the early showers have done their work, the latter rain can bring no seed to perfection.

There is to be "first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear." There must be a constant development of Christian virtue, a constant advancement in Christian experience. This we should

seek with intensity of desire, that we may adorn the doctrine of Christ our Saviour.

Many have in a great measure failed to receive the former rain. They have not obtained all the benefits that God has thus provided for them. They expect that the lack will be supplied by the latter rain. When the richest abundance of grace shall be bestowed, they

intend to open their hearts to receive it. They are making a terrible mistake. The work that God has begun in the human heart in giving His light and knowledge, must be continually going forward. Every individual must realise his own necessity. The heart must be emptied of every defilement, and cleansed for the indwelling of the Spirit. It was by the confession and forsaking of sin, by earnest prayer and consecration of themselves to God, that the early disciples prepared for the outpouring of the

Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost. The same work, only in greater degree, must be done now. Then the human agent had only to ask for the blessing, and wait for the Lord to perfect the work concerning him. It is God who began the work, and He will finish His work, making man complete in Jesus Christ. But there must be no neglect of the grace represented by the former rain. Only those who are living up to the light they have, will receive greater light. Unless we are daily advancing in the exemplification of the active Christian virtues, we shall not recognise the manifestations of the Holy Spirit in the latter rain. It may be falling on hearts all around us, but we shall not discern or receive it.

The True Missionary

HE'S a seer for God, with his vision afar;
His faith binds the earth to the farthest star;
He is ears to the deaf and sight to the blind,
To the stranger a guide, to the humblest, kind;
For his touch is as gentle as fresh morning dew,
And his heart, like the polestar, is faithful and true.
He has love for the wayward and aid where there's need,
And he speaks for his Master in pulpit and deed.
He has balm for the wounded and smiles for the glad,
He has prayers for the dying and tears for the sad.
On his heart lies the world as it lay on his Lord,
And he willingly offers himself with the Word.
In Christ's service he lives, in Christ's service he dies,
And naught that is given he counts sacrifice.
He's a seer for God, with his vision afar,
And for him heaven's portals are standing ajar.

Shanghai, China.

I. H. EVANS.

At no point in our experience can we dispense with the assistance of that which enables us to make the first start. The blessings received under the former rain are needful to us to the end. Yet these alone will not suffice. While we cherish the blessing of the early rain, we must not, on the other hand, lose sight of the fact that without the latter rain, to fill out the ears and ripen the grain, the harvest will not be ready for the sickle, and the labour of the sower will have been in vain. Divine grace is needed at the beginning, divine grace at every step of advance, and divine grace alone can complete the work. There is no place for us to rest in a careless attitude. We must never forget the warnings of Christ, "Watch unto prayer," "Watch and pray always." A connection with the divine agency every moment is essential to our progress. We may have had a measure of the Spirit of God, but by prayer and faith we are continually to seek more of the Spirit. It will never do to cease our efforts. If we do not progress, if we do not place ourselves in an attitude to receive both the former and the latter rain, we shall lose our souls, and the responsibility will lie at our own door.

The Need of Prayer

"Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain." Do not rest satisfied that in the ordinary course of the season, rain will fall. Ask for it. The growth and perfection of the seed rests not with the husbandman. God alone can ripen the harvest. But man's co-operation is required. God's work for us demands the action of our mind, the exercise of our faith. We must seek His favours with the whole heart if the showers of grace are to come to us. We should improve every opportunity of placing ourselves in the channel of blessing. Christ has said, "Where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst." The convocations of the church, as in camp-meetings, the assemblies of the home church, and all occasions where there is personal labour for souls, are God's appointed opportunities for giving the early and the latter rain.

But let none think that in attending these gatherings, their duty is done. A mere attendance upon all the meetings that are held will not in itself bring a blessing to the soul. It is not an immutable law that all who attend general gatherings or local meetings shall receive large supplies from heaven. The circumstances may seem to be favourable for a rich outpouring of the showers of grace. But God Himself must command the rain to fall. Therefore we should not be remiss in supplication. We are not to trust to the ordinary working of providence. We must pray that God will unseal the fountain of the water of life. And we must ourselves receive of the living water. Let us, with contrite hearts, pray most earnestly that now, in the time of the latter rain, the showers of grace may fall upon us. At every meeting we attend our prayers should ascend that at this very time, God will impart warmth and moisture to our souls. As we seek God for the Holy Spirit, it will work in us meekness, humbleness of mind, a conscious dependence upon God for the perfecting latter rain. If we pray for the

blessing in faith, we shall receive it as God has promised.—"Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers," pages 506-509.



A Novel Method of Labour*

OUR evangelistic work in Africa in the past three or four years has surprised all of us. I received word recently from one of our evangelists up in Nyasaland, telling of a campaign that he and some others were conducting during the school holidays. They have a very novel plan of working there. I have never seen it before, but it seems to work very well. A leader takes four or five native teachers out with him during the holidays. They go into some section where the gospel has never been preached. They make their headquarters in some central location, and every evening they sit down and study over the sermon they are going to preach in the villages next day. Each of them visits about five villages and preaches the sermon in each village on the same subject. This worker reports: "We are preaching to 1,700 people every day in our company." That is, in all the villages around, the number attending the meetings was about 1,700 daily. "The people of many other villages are sending messengers to us, begging us to preach in their villages also. Already 346 people have turned to God during the month's campaign." The people in this locality were practically all heathen. Very few of them had heard of the gospel. Another evangelist sends along the word of 213 converts in five or six weeks.

After about two weeks of work they open a Bible class, and those who wish to become Christians are accepted into the Bible class. Every week they receive definite instruction on some point of gospel truth, in order that when they are baptised they may be thoroughly familiar with all points of the faith.

Still another company that went out with six teachers during the holiday season report that when they opened a Bible class, 58 joined at once. Next day 213 others came forward and gave their hearts to God, and before the meeting closed they reported 320 who had been won from heathenism to the gospel in that locality. Well now, it does us a great deal of good to hear such reports as that, because in the early days our pioneers went into some of those fields and year after year they toiled, some of them six, eight, or ten years before they saw the first convert yield his heart to God, throw away his idols, and become a Christian. What a different situation we are facing today!

W. H. BRANSON.

*From a talk given in the Wahroonga church, when Pastor Branson passed through Sydney on his way to the General Conference.



Visit to Tahiti

OUR party on board the *S. S. Makura* were all disappointed on anchoring off the little port of Rarotonga to learn that no one excepting passengers for Rarotonga could go ashore, nor would any one from the shore be allowed on the steamer. So we saw none of our folk who were waiting for us in Rarotonga to attend a meeting.

But at Tahiti we had a good time. The steamer was in port a good part of the day and all night following. We saw Pastors Lyndon and Sterling, and many of the brethren there. We spent an enjoyable time together, and had a very enthusiastic gathering of our dear people in the church. Pastors Branson, Cormack, Cole, Butz, Parker, Snow, myself, and Ratu Meli all spoke, and our people enjoyed the meeting much, as far as I could observe.

We are glad to report that the work seems onward in the island here, and for this we all are thankful. New interests are springing up. We do pray that God's quickening Spirit may transform the lives of many in this group. The workers seemed of good courage. After stormy seas and tedious days over trackless ocean it was certainly a pleasant time we had in Tahiti with these good brethren.

Let us pray that God may greatly bless our work in these islands, where in past years we have seen so little for much hard labour. God is certainly putting forth His hand to save.

J. E. FULTON.

Visiting the Churches in the Western Solomons

(Continued from our last issue)

AT the first faint tinge of dawn the following morning, we steamed out of the harbour and made across for Choiseul, and in the evening anchored near the Ghoghobe mission. Brother and Sister Gray soon came over to the *Melanesia*, and had tea with us. Then we went ashore and had worship with the people, and a chat with Brother Gray regarding the work in Choiseul. We stayed here for four days, endeavouring to make arrangements for a permanent location for headquarters for Brother and Sister Gray, who have only just recently taken the oversight of this promising field. At Ghoghobe eighteen injections were given for native sores.

On leaving here we went to the Duke coast, and spent three days with our companies there. We showed our lantern slides twice, married one couple and baptised three persons, and Thursday at 10 a.m. we left them. On negotiating the Ferguson Passage we encountered a heavy tide rip, and our jib was torn beyond repair by the force of the waters; but once through it we stopped our engine and

sailed the rest of the way to Ughela.

At about 11 o'clock on Christmas morning we sailed across the Blanche Channel to Viru, our first mission station in this group. The people were all waiting for us here, for we had told them to expect us on this date, so that we could have the Lord's Supper together on Sabbath, December 26. That Friday evening we held a consecration meeting, which was a solemn time to all. Several confessed to having sinned, and asked forgiveness of the ones wronged, and then sought forgiveness from on high. Some who were not baptised confessed the things that were holding them back from a full surrender, and sought the Source of all strength for power to overcome, and expressed their desire to prepare for baptism. One said: "I am an angry man. It has always been easy for me to be angry, and to speak angrily, and to act with anger. I have tried in the past to overcome my anger, but I have always failed, but now I see that I must let Jesus control me, and then I cannot be angry." The next morning we held the ordinances with them, and they all enjoyed the hour of communion, giving themselves anew to the service of our Lord.

The following morning we went up the Viru River in the dinghy with all the people following in canoes. After rowing for about three-quarters of an hour we landed, tied the dinghy up to the shore, and then walked for over an hour through the forest, until we came to the little village of Limbo. Here the people had built a small church in which to worship, and our visit was for the purpose of dedicating this edifice. We walked all round the church, which was nicely decorated with ferns and flowers and shrubs, to find the door, and it was not to be seen, but a small stairway led up through the floor, and this was their only entrance. Soon the bell rang, and all filed into the building until it was filled to its utmost capacity. It was my privilege to exhort the people to cleanliness and holiness, and to dedicate this neat little building to the service and worship of God, who had broken down all the old customs of darkness and heathenism, and had given light and grace to these people.

After this a bountiful supply of puddings made of maria nuts and talo was served round, to which all did justice. Then the bell rang again, and the little church was again filled when a young couple were married by the writer. At the close of this ceremony the bride and bridegroom stood at the bottom of the steps at the entrance of the church, and as the people filed out they shook hands with them and wished them much blessing in their new relationship.

Then came the return journey through the forest, which was very pleasant in the cool of the evening. During the next two days all the people went out to gather some leaf for building houses for the married men who are coming to the Batuna Training School. At this time two more young couples were married in the Viru church. Nine persons received injections for native sores. On Wednesday morning we weighed anchor and steamed out of Viru Harbour, and that evening tied up again to the Telina wharf. Here we were shocked to learn that a woman and child, adherents of the

mission, had been murdered under the most distressing circumstances, just across on the mainland about a stone's throw from Telina. The murderer, an elderly native, was still at large in the bush. The people were very much agitated, and they were very glad to see us again, so that we could share their trials and sorrows. We comforted them the best we could.

The next morning we went to Batuna, where we unloaded the leaf that had been gathered at Viru. Thus ended a pleasant and profitable month's trip among our missions of the Western Solomons. The most encouraging feature to me is that there seems to be a healthy spiritual growth among our people; for which we give all the praise to Him who is able to keep us from falling, and to present us faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy.

H. B. P. WICKS.

NORTH NEW ZEALAND

PRESIDENT : W. R. SCRAGG
SECRETARY : P. G. FOSTER

New Plymouth. Pastor L. R. Harvey is working energetically at New Plymouth, and Sister Osmond is giving him splendid help. They have a real live interest, with well attended meetings. Brother Brabyn, elder of the church, is also assisting.

Levin. Here Brother and Sister Paap have been labouring since camp. The Lord has given them souls. Already nine or ten have taken their stand, and a number of other interested ones should do so soon. On Sabbath, May 8, we opened a Sabbath school at Levin with an attendance of seventeen. A number of new Sabbath-keepers were not present, as the day was wet and stormy. Brother Paap told this new school about the work of the Sabbath school in general, and I had the pleasure of taking a short study on "The Renewing of the Mind." The following day we visited some nine homes. After taking the Sunday night meeting, where there was a good attendance considering the weather, I returned with Brethren Cossentine and Bohringer to the school at Longburn, a long drive of thirty-eight miles.

Gisborne. Pastor Anderson writes of the continued interest at Gisborne. From 400 to 500 are attending the Sunday night meetings in the Palace Theatre, and from 100 to 200 in the tent on week nights. Meetings have been started at Ormond, eleven miles out, with an attendance of 90. Pastor Anderson states that there were 85, in all, at the Sabbath service in the church. He is short of workers as Brother Were, who recently came from Christchurch, is returning to Australia for medical attention at our Sanitarium.

Tauranga. Pastor and Sister Sharp are here, and in a letter received from him last week, he tells of his activities begun once again after a miraculous recovery from a painful and severe illness. Brother Hookings has gone to Tauranga to superintend the erection of the new church there.

W. R. SCRAGG.

QUEENSLAND

PRESIDENT : A. C. CHESSON
SECRETARY : P. GLOCKLER

Queensland Notes

It was recently the writer's privilege to visit the Central and North Queensland churches and companies. Nearly two years have passed since the Mackay coloured church at Farleigh was organised, and during most of that time they have been without a conference worker in the district, but have held firmly to the truth. More recently we ordained Brother Willis Petersen as elder and superintendent of the coloured church, in conjunction with the two coloured elders. One of the latter was leading the Sabbath school in a very earnest prayer in their own church building, when I arrived. Among other things our devoted Kanaka elder prayed as follows: "God bless our brothers and sisters from here to Hatton, in North Queensland and South Queensland, and in the islands, and those over the line, and those over every other line." He used, of course, an accent that would sound very strange to most of us in the south. It was his way of inviting Jehovah to bless the church and its members all over the globe. Our coloured Sabbath school secretary in reading the minutes stated that the membership was forty-nine, the attendance forty-two, and the offering 11s. 9½d.

Travelling farther north we reached Proserpine, which, with its surrounding sugar district, is virgin territory as far as our evangelistic efforts are concerned. Some months ago we located Brother J. J. Crammond here, and God has blessed his labours. Four men and two women have been won to the truth,—the first representatives of our work resident in this beautiful and verdant district, nestled among the vine-covered hills, on the low lying flats of the Proserpine River.

Going another one hundred miles still farther north, we had much pleasure in dedicating the Ayr church building, which is a very creditable building, with a seating capacity of approximately one hundred and fifty. It is intended as soon as the supplies come from the Monamona mission, about two hundred and fifty miles still farther north, to line and ceil the building with beautiful Queensland cedar. The railing around the rostrum, also the church pews, are made of silky oak which has been varnished, thus showing its beautiful grain. When the writer first visited North Queensland three years ago, we did not possess one church building in Australia north of the tropic, but now we have four, at the following places, named in the order in which they were built: Finch Hatton, Farleigh (Mackay coloured church), Monamona (aboriginal mission), and now Ayr. In the dedicatory service the writer was assisted by the workers, Brethren C. Wrigley and A. Hysler, whom God is blessing with success.

At Townsville, fifty miles north of Ayr, we found all the Sabbath-keepers faithful who had taken hold over two years ago, although we have had no resident minister

in the interim. As Townsville is the centre of North Queensland and the largest population is found there, and also considering that a number of strangers who became very friendly towards our work while the tent effort was there, have offered our members donations towards an Adventist church building in Townsville if they would start a building fund, the members feel inclined to favour the proposal and to put a deposit on cottage property in an area which, in a comparatively brief space of time, will become a city business and warehouse area. This town is slowly but surely becoming a city, with its fine port and a railway system stretching out close to the Northern Territory border.

While we were in Townsville, Brethren Westwood and Schick, who are going as missionaries to the Northern Territory, arrived, and our members were delighted to listen to their inspiring message.

At Nambour Brethren W. Morris and T. Anderson are conducting a second tent effort, and expect shortly to consolidate their work before the camp-meeting season, which with Queensland commences in August.

A. C. CHESSON.

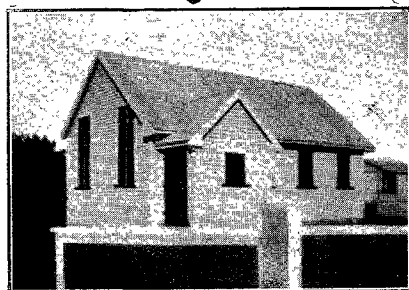
SOUTH NEW ZEALAND

PRESIDENT: W. J. WESTERMAN
SECRETARY: A. S. HERBERT

Notes of Progress

WHILE we have been encouraged by reports of progress from other fields, we thank the Lord for His tender care and for His guiding hand which has been seen in the steady advancement of the work here in South New Zealand.

The three accompanying photographs show our recently acquired church build-

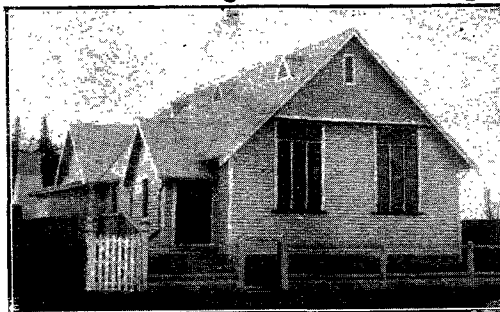


Blenheim Church

ings, the one at Blenheim being our latest addition to the number. A fine little church it is, a credit to the cause, and capable of seating a congregation of about eighty. Recently Pastor Westerman conducted the dedicatory service there, and at the same time organised a church of eighteen members. The cost of the land and building was about £600, and we can congratulate our Blenheim friends on the fine church building they have erected. Brother and Sister T. Howse have been working there for some

months now, and as a result of the distribution of the *Signs* the interest of several people has been aroused. Brother G. Engelbrecht also was recently appointed to take up work in Blenheim, and is now holding public meetings in the church.

At Invercargill, Pastors Kent and Pascoe have continued their effort. The work has met with many difficulties, and the opposition has been strong, but there are souls deeply interested and already



Papanui Church

several have decided to walk in the way of the Lord's commandments. We hope that in the near future the members at Invercargill will commence to build a church. Land has already been secured for this purpose. A church building at Invercargill should help materially to stabilise the work there.

We hope the day will soon come when there will be a church building at Dunedin also. Recently Pastor Kent conducted a baptismal service in this city, after which fifteen souls were admitted into church fellowship. Pastor Were now holds the fort at Dunedin. Since the camp-meeting he has been conducting a tent effort, and recently reported that three men had decided to stand for the message.

Just prior to his leaving for Invercargill, Pastor Pascoe completed his work on the West Coast by organising a church of fifteen members at Greymouth. Since camp, Brother Powrie has taken up the work on the West Coast, and at the present time is conducting an effort at Ranunga, a small town a few miles out of Greymouth. This place is known as a hard field, but our brother is having fairly good attendances at his meetings. Recently several members of the congregation requested that meetings be held on week nights as well as on Sunday nights, which shows that the addresses delivered are being appreciated. A number of people in the place are now deeply interested.

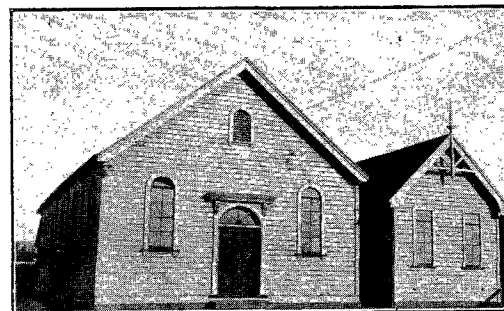
Since the camp-meeting Pastor Hare has been with us here in Christchurch. For several weeks meetings were being conducted in a tent close beside the camp-ground, but now he is conducting his meetings in the Barbadoes Street church. In connection with this effort, Pastor Westerman, Brother Engelbrecht,

and Sister Westerman, have assisted in the personal work. From the outset, the mission was favoured with a good attendance, the congregation to a large extent, however, being made up of our own people; nevertheless a goodly number of strangers have always been present. Two married men and their wives have taken their stand for the message, and several others are keenly interested. Of the two men above mentioned, one is a city council man, who having written to his employers, telling of his convictions regarding the Sabbath, found favour in their sight, and has been permitted to cease work upon that day. The other man was employed in a butter factory, and as a result of his standing true to his convictions he has lost his position, but we know that the Lord who promises to give bread to the hungry and drink to the thirsty, will not see our brother want.

Including those who accepted the message prior to camp, we have about twelve new Sabbath-keepers in and around Christchurch.

In addition to the Sunday evening meetings held in Barbadoes Street church, Pastor Hare is conducting week night meetings at Papanui and Sydenham.

Pastor J. W. Kent has now laid down his burdens at Invercargill, in order to commence work at Timaru. At this



Sydenham Church

place a fine central picture theatre has been secured. The first meeting was held Sunday evening, May 9, with about two hundred and fifty people present. In this mission, Pastor Kent has the assistance of Brother Sibley, and a little later we hope that Sister E. Stewart also will be able to connect with the work at Timaru. Timaru is a promising field, and from this place we are encouraged to look for a good harvest.

Scattered throughout the South Island, in isolated parts, one here and there, we have members who are witnessing faithfully for the Master; in consequence of this, three souls are reported as won to the message, one in the vicinity of Blenheim in the north, and one each at Gore and Totonui, in the south. The work of the Lord is onward here, and for this we give thanks.

A. S. HERBERT.

Canvassing

Monthly Summary of Australasian Canvassing Work

Victoria-Tasmania

APRIL, 1926

Bible Readings—	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
J. A. Bown	62	8	£9 7 6
O. R. Lloyd	6	6	6 14 0
N. Fisher	70	19	19 8 0
E. Martin	139	39	44 3 6
Mrs. Martin	54½	8	7 16 0
W. J. McLelland	92	24	25 13 0

Home Nursing—	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
Mrs. Cole	22	20	25 1 6
N. W. Fisher	1	1	19 6
S. H. Gander	17	40	50 15 0
W. Gander	51	12	13 13 6
H. Rose	75	23	27 8 0
C. Stuelclair	46½	17	29 0 6

Ladies' Handbook—	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
Mrs. Ashroft	50	18	26 0 0
Mrs. Coulsell	1½	1	1 7 6
J. A. Bown	1	1	1 7 6

Seer of Patmos—	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
M. Wilson	20	8	5 10 0

Coming King—	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
E. Kemp	54	14	10 9 0
Helps Sold by Colporteurs			40 13 3
	754½	259	£336 12 3

Queensland

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Home Nursing—	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
C. L. Rowland	109	66	£75 15 0
Mrs. C. Hodgkinson	45	37	46 5 6

Christ's Object Lessons—	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
Miss M. Henschel	9	4	2 14 0
Mrs. K. Newly	12	3	1 13 6

Our Day—	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
F. Richter	5	5	5 17 6
L. E. Newbold	55	109	118 8 0
G. Westlake	79	46	48 2 0

Ladies' Handbook—	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
Mr. H. J. Cooper	112	100	148 8 6
Helps Sold by Colporteurs			9 12 10
	417	370	£456 18 10

South Australia

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Ladies' Handbook—	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
Mrs. M. Badcock	50½	39	£56 2 6

Our Day—	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
L. P. Higginson	87½	8	8 0 0
C. E. Watts	28	5	5 6 6
Mr. & Mrs. Bullas	52	22	23 17 0

Home Nursing—	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
Miss M. Luke	9	4	4 17 9

Helps Sold by Colporteurs	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
			5 16 0
	227½	78	£103 19 0

North New Zealand

APRIL, 1926

Bible Readings—	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
A. A. Ryder	1	1	£1 11 0

Christ's Object Lessons—	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
Mrs. Stacey (del)	53½	12	6 18 0
U. Parr	23	17	10 8 6

Great Controversy—	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
C. Hardymont	137	55	74 5 0

Our Day—	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
Miss Marter (del)	44	13	13 14 6
C. Anderson	30	5	5 8 6
W. Watrhouse (del)	79½	26	28 7 0

Ladies' Handbook—	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
A. A. Ryder	71½	35	57 17 6
R. J. Martin	27	21	30 7 0
G. Bailey	76½	33	48 12 6
W. Jebb	63	27	39 12 6

Home Nursing—	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
V. Bedford	103	37	45 14 0
H. E. Kruse	61½	18	21 17 6
Mrs. Grulinton	18½	2	2 8 6

Helps Sold by Colporteurs	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
			33 11 6
	792½	302	£420 14 0

Life and Health—	Hrs.	Copies	Subs.	Value
H. E. Whitford	87	129	69½	£15 7 9
Helps Sold				4 14 0
				£20 1 9

South New Zealand

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Bible Readings—	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
A. E. Woodley	65½	18	£25 15 0

Ladies' Handbook—	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
R. Barber	55½	30	42 15 0

Our Day—	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
S. Bearpark	69½	18	18 9 6
M. Neeson	74½	26	27 9 0
T. Fraser	19	2	2 7 0
Miss Hossack	67	19	19 2 0
Miss Ward	20	4	4 13 6
T. Chick	63	18	19 15 6

Home Nursing—	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
E. Presnall	34	14	18 17 0

Christ's Object Lessons—	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
Miss Ward	59½	18	15 12 6

House We Live In—	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
Mrs. Engelbrecht	4	8	1 16 0
Miss McLennan	2	2	11 0
Helps Sold by Colporteurs			17 14 0
	531½	177	£214 17 0

South New South Wales

APRIL, 1926

Our Day—	Hrs.	Orders	Value
L. V. Wilkins	54	28	£34 1 0
R. Peare	41½	7	7 19 0
R. C. Sherwin	34½	3	3 12 0
E. Greenfield	13	1	1 4 0

Bible Readings—	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
A. G. Carton	13	3	3 3 0

Home Nursing—	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
A. S. A. Kings	5	3	3 14 6
Mrs. Behrens	7½	5	5 16 0

Coming King—	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
Miss C. Jley	9	5	4 14 6
Miss Barber	26	6	4 4 0

Ladies' Handbook—	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
Mrs. Hammond	16	7	9 17 6

Helps Sold by Colporteurs	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
			6 4 0
	222½	68	£84 9 6

Life and Health—	Hours	Copies	Value
Nurse Neill	105	105	£5 5 0

North New South Wales

APRIL, 1926

Coming King—	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
F. Taylor (del)	31	19	£15 4 6
D. Brennan	77½	7	5 6 3
S. Uttly	78½	13	9 16 6
S. Pennington (del)	48	27	20 18 6

Our Day—	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
W. V. Rees	44	6	5 17 0
J. C. Stirling (del)	41	29	34 2 6
H. James	36	32	31 8 6

Ladies' Handbook—	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
W. V. Rees	22	7	10 17 6

Home Nursing—	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
B. Koch	36	12	14 1 0
J. C. Radley	10	6	7 5 6
A. T. Ray	101	23	27 9 6

Helps Sold by Colporteurs	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
			12 17 9
	225	181	£195 4 3

West Australia

APRIL, 1926

Home Nursing—	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
A. P. Hoise	131½	52	£64 7 6
Miss Forbes (del)	4½	15	17 11 6
Miss Wishart	31½	13	15 1 0

Our Day—	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
J. R. Kent	75	67	82 19 6
Mrs. Dadd	64½	17	18 6 0
E. R. Dadd	129½	39	43 13 0
I. Giblett	101	24	25 13 0

Coming King—	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
Miss Spencer	26½	9	7 13 6

Helps Sold by Colporteurs	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
			23 11 6
	598½	236	£298 16 6

Book Totals for April, 1926

	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
North New Zealand	792½	302	£420 14 0
South New South Wales	222½	68	84 9 6
Victoria-Tasmania	754½	259	336 12 3
West Australia	598½	236	298 16 6
North New South Wales	5 5	181	195 4 3
South New Zealand	531½	177	214 17 0
South Australia	227½	78	103 19 0
Queensland	417	370	56 16 10
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WEDDING BELLS

CLARKE-CHANDLER.—The little church at Bickley, W. A., was well taxed for room on April 14, 1926, the occasion being the marriage of Miss Elsie Chandler to Mr. James Clarke. Both of these young people have lived in the village near the W. A. Missionary School for a number of years. To our people both from the village and school, as also to those not of our faith who were present, was the thought brought home that marriage stands as a beautiful symbol of the union between Christ and His church. In the new school of life may God be the teacher, and the new home be a pattern of all that heaven desires. We pray earnestly that their lives may be fruitful unto souls, and with those whom they win to God may they taste of the joys of the eternal home. H. J. MEYERS.

"Praise and thanksgiving from grateful hearts will ascend to God as a sweet oblation."—"Christ's Object Lessons," page 298.

OBITUARIES

BARBER.—Sister Barber died in the Lord, April 30, 1926, aged seventy-four years. She accepted the third angel's message at the Leichhardt tent mission under the labours of Pastor Imrie, and Brother Maunder, and with her two daughters, Nurse Barber and Mrs. McKay, connected with the Stanmore church. We laid her to rest in the Independent portion of the Rookwood Cemetery, in the sure and certain hope of a part in the first resurrection. Words of comfort were spoken from the Bible to a large company of relatives and friends by the writer, who was assisted by Brother B. Osborne. The rendering of a quartette, "We may sleep, but not forever; there will be a glorious dawn," made us long for the coming day when death shall be swallowed up in victory. A. SHANNON.

CONNELLY.—Sister Connelly was born at Moy, near Inverness, Scotland, seventy-seven years ago. She was a descendant of the McIntoshes of "Moy Hall." Her father was a Waterloo veteran. She was a colonist of seventy-one years, having been brought to Australia when she was a girl six years old. She died at her son's residence, "Inverell," Gobur, Vic., April 22, 1926, and was interred in the Alexandra cemetery, April 24, peacefully resting "until the day dawn and shadows flee away." Rev. James, Methodist minister, officiated at her graveside. She accepted the present-day message under the combined labours of Brother J. L. Smith and Sister McDowell eleven years past, and became a member of the Coburg church. She leaves three sons, two daughters, and two grandchildren, to whom we extend Christian sympathy.

THOS. H. CRADDOCK.

DUNKERTON.—George Dunkerton was born at Mount Lofty, S.A., forty-one years ago. On May 10, 1926, he died suddenly at his residence in Brunswick, Vic., of hemorrhage of the brain. Eight years ago he was baptised and connected with the Coburg church. His sudden death came as a shock to all who knew him. On May 12, friends and relatives gathered at his parents' home, 8 Horne St., E. Brunswick, where a service was held, and thence the cortege moved to the Melbourne General Cemetery at Fawkner, where he was laid in his dusty bed, peacefully slumbering until the Archangel's trump shall wake the dead. He leaves a wife, father and mother, two brothers and four sisters, to mourn their loss. We sincerely sympathise with these bereaved ones.

THOS. H. CRADDOCK.

BURNS.—Walter Joseph Burns was born at Port Melbourne, April 12, 1857, and died at his residence, 39 Davies St., N. Brunswick, May 16, 1926. He was laid to rest in the Melbourne General Cemetery, May 18. The deceased (the father of one of our young evangelists, R. J. Burns, who is now conducting a mission at Springvale,) during the major portion of his life gave no outward evidence of having thought seriously on spiritual matters, but some three years

ago when called on to pass through a serious operation, the writer having gained his confidence was able to direct his mind to the love and sacrifice of Christ. During the closing days of his life he left a bright testimony, saying, "I have made my peace with God." He leaves a wife (Sister Burns who is a deaconess of our Coburg church), five sons, two daughters, and a number of grandchildren to mourn their loss. To these sorrowing ones we extend sincere Christian sympathy.

THOS. H. CRADDOCK.

HARNETT.—Just after the Sabbath had closed and the shades of night were falling over Tasman's Isle, Mrs. H. Harnett fell asleep in Jesus suddenly, after a severe illness, at her home at Penguin. Sister Harnett accepted the message some eight years ago under the labours of Pastors Harker and Gillis. We laid her to rest in the Wivenhoe cemetery to await the call of the Life-giver. The parting has brought deep sorrow to the loved ones left behind, but in their sorrow they feel that it is a call to be more faithful, that the family may once more be united in the land where tears shall never fall and death shall never enter. Our hearts go out to them in deepest sympathy.

R. THRIFT.

Wanted

SITUATION in refined, musical family having good piano, where advertiser will be allowed to learn singing and keep the seventh day as the Sabbath. Salary 14s. a week. Fullest particulars from Miss N. Gordon, 27 Douglas St., Dulwich Hill, N.S.W.

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From Sydney to Monamona

Around Australia by Motor Car

YOU probably noticed in the RECORD several weeks ago the announcement of the commencement of our mission trip around Australia. We have now reached Monamona Mission and have covered about one-eighth of our journey.

The trip from Sydney to Monamona has been a very pleasant one. The car has been performing well, and thus far we have only had two punctures and a slight breakage, which after a short delay was renewed.

On our journey we had the privilege of visiting our College at Cooranbong, and meeting the student body there. The following day we reached Newcastle and spent a very enjoyable half-hour at the conference office. Before leaving, Pastor H. E. Piper gathered the office staff and we all joined in a season of prayer, and as all assured us they would remember us in their prayers this was a great source of encouragement to both of us. It is good to know that prayers are being presented before the throne of grace on our behalf,

and right here we want to thank you all for your kind interest.

Leaving Newcastle we aimed to reach Wauchope and Brother Rosendahl's home that night. We had to keep travelling, and unfortunately at the top of a five-mile hill ran out of petrol. There was another car behind us, and by this Brother Westwood travelled into a town about two miles distant and obtained some petrol. It was then quite dark, and while he was away I amused myself with my mandolin. At about midnight we arrived at Brother Rosendahl's. Here we stayed over Sabbath, and thoroughly enjoyed it. We were able to do a little medical work, in the way of extracting teeth and giving some advice in the matter of dengue fever.

Continuing our journey Saturday evening, we motored all night, and arrived in Grafton early next morning. Here we had a short but pleasant visit with Pastor Gordon Robinson in his home. We reached Lismore at 2 p.m. the same day, and had a brief visit with Pastor M. H. Whittaker, then on to Murwillumbah, where we spent the night at Brother Jackson's home.

Our next stop was at Brisbane, where we arrived at five o'clock the following evening. We called first at the conference office, then at the café, where we left our car, and spent the night at Brother Morrison's treatment rooms. Before we left Brisbane several reporters interviewed us, also press photographers, then once more we were on the trail. On our way we passed the famous Hellidon Spa, and we had a drink of the cool refreshing water. At Haden we spent a very pleasant Sabbath.

From here we passed on through Dalby, towards Roma. This is all prickly pear country, about 300 miles of it. After leaving Wallumbilla we had a good road, and for two hours averaged forty miles an hour. About thirty miles past Roma our engine suddenly stopped, through a broken distributor driving shaft, so we walked back to Muckadilla, and while waiting for repairs we visited the famous Muckadilla bore. Here we were privileged to talk with several young men who were seeking that wonderful treasure, health. As one of them was leaving for Sydney in a few days, we advised him to visit the Sanitarium, and another one to see Brother Morrison in Brisbane. We do not know why we were thus delayed in our journey, but perhaps it was to give these young men an opportunity of hearing the message.

From Roma we made a straight run of 700 miles in about thirty hours, travelling night and day. We found the country in Central Queensland very dry, and there were dead sheep and cattle and horses everywhere. Kangaroos were in abundance, and one night it took us all our time dodging them. One big fellow did get under the wheels and was killed. Shortly afterwards a frisky young kangaroo rat became very inquisitive and jumped right into our bonnet. He too fell a victim to curiosity.

Arriving in Hughendon we made arrangements to have our car overhauled, while we journeyed by train to our Monamona Mission. As the train pulled in at Homestead we remembered there was an Adventist family living there, and finding

we could catch another train later which would make our connection the other end just the same, we stopped off and spent several hours with the family. We found it to be Brother Ronald Dilger's mother and sister. We very much enjoyed our visit there.

Our next stopping-place was Townsville, where we stayed over Sunday. We had several meetings with our church folk, and went on to Cairns next morning. The trip to Cairns and the mission will ever remain in my memory as some of the finest scenery I have ever gazed upon. The beautiful Barron Falls are beyond description,—a volume of water tumbling over a precipice 880 feet to the gorge below.

At present we are at our Monamona Mission, very much enjoying the rest. We are very favourably impressed by the results of the faithful efforts that have been put forth by the workers here. We shall be leaving the mission within a few days. Then our work really begins. In about six weeks we hope to be in Darwin, travelling via Bourketown and Arnhem Land. We are both of good courage, and ask all to continue to pray for us.

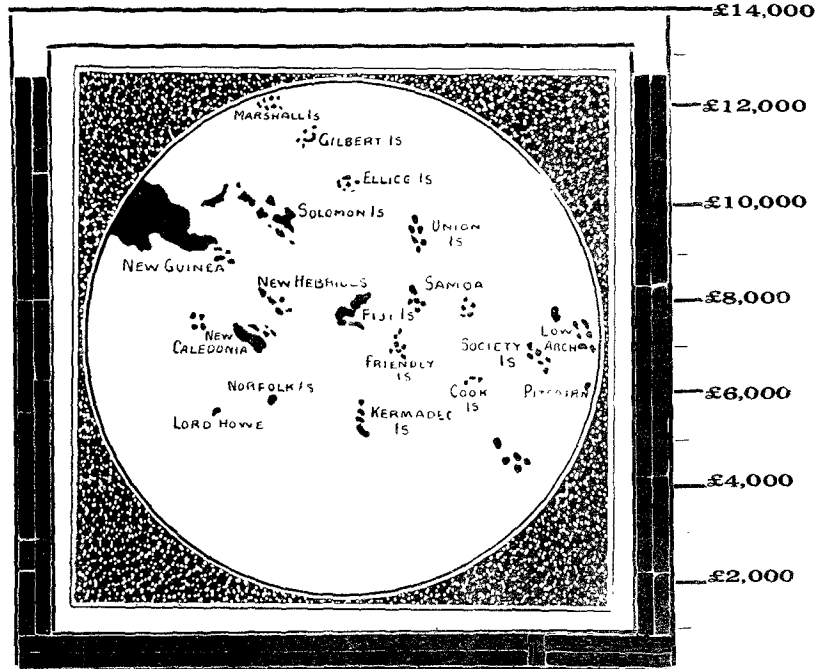
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May 14, 1926.

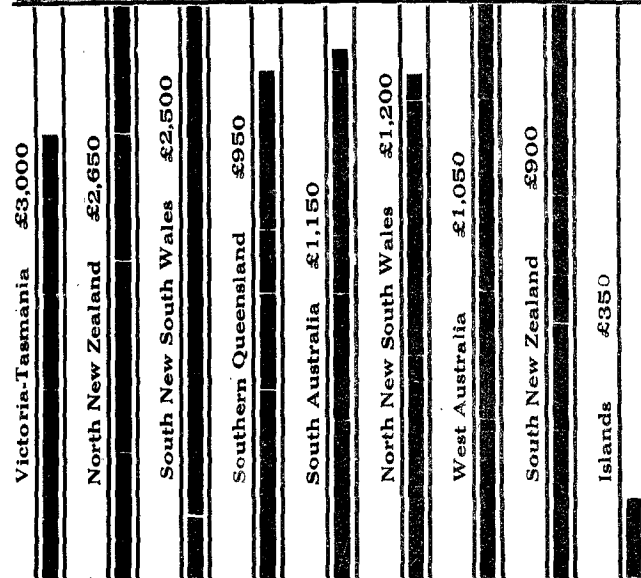
"We praise the Lord for the way the Appeal effort has gone forward this year," writes Brother Herbert, secretary of the South New Zealand Conference. "We are now pleased to be able to report £1,020 received, and still the money is coming. We are hopeful of getting £1,050 at least. Our people entered very enthusiastically into the work, and the Lord blessed their earnest efforts."

Our Ninth Appeal for Missions

Union Conference Goal, £14,000



Reports from Conferences to May 29		
Conferences	Amt	Per Cent of Goal
South N.Z.	£1,020	113
South N.S.W.	2,580	103
West Australia	1,050	100
North N.Z.	2,608	98
South Australia	1,015	88
North N.S.W.	1,047	87
Queensland	787	83
Victoria-Tasmania	2,383	79
Islands	36	10
Union Conference	£12,526	89



Did You Meet the Minister?

THROUGHOUT the Australasian Union Conference at this time of the year our people have been busy in the Harvest Ingathering campaign, and doubtless many of them, both old and young, have met with many interesting experiences.

The following extracts from a letter sent in by one of the students of the Australasian Branch of the Fireside Correspondence School, will be of interest. The letter says:

"The other Sunday a party of us motored to _____, about forty miles from _____, to collect for missions. I happened to knock at the door of a min-

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REPORTS are coming in from various parts of the field in reference to the rich blessings received during the Week of Prayer. The concensus of opinion seems to be that the readings this year were the finest we have ever had, because of their intensely practical nature. We trust that as the result of this prayer season, the finishing of the work in all its phases may indeed be hastened.

BROTHER A. L. WERE, who has been labouring in New Zealand for some years, arrived with his family in Sydney on May 26 by the *Ulimaroa*, and is now at the Sydney Sanitarium seeking restoration to health. Already Brother Were is beginning to feel some benefit from the treatment received.

AN impressive service was held in the Wahroonga church June 2, when nine persons covenanted by baptism with their Lord, to follow Him faithfully as long as their lives shall last. Six of the candidates were young people from the village and Sanitarium; two had accepted the truth while patients at the Sanitarium; and one, who had been convinced of the truth by reading, was found by one of our young people while appealing for missions.

Tragic Accident at Warburton

THE brethren and sisters at Warburton were made very sad during the Week of Prayer by a lamentable incident which happened on Thursday afternoon, May 27. Some of the electric light poles are requiring replacing, and the work was proceeding. One pole at the rear of the home of Brother P. Jensen was in process of removal, when without any warning, it fell. Just at the moment of falling little Beryl, the five-year-old daughter of Brother and Sister Jensen, stepped off the back verandah to play with her little cousin, Russell Behrens, the son of Brother and Sister Fred Behrens. The arm of the pole struck Beryl on the head, inflicting a wound which rendered her instantly unconscious. The pole also broke her leg and fractured some of the bones in the foot of Russell Behrens.

Beryl was carried immediately to the Sanitarium, but it was recognised by Dr. James that the little girl could not live long. She never regained consciousness. An inquiry was held into the cause of the accident, but it was apparent that it was one of those unfortunate incidents which are beyond human explanation. Why a little innocent child playing around its own home should be suddenly stricken

down in death without a moment's warning is one of those inscrutable mysteries which we cannot explain now. But when the kaleidoscopic circumstances of life are seen in their right perspective, and the apparently unsolvable mysteries which puzzle us in this life are solved for us in the cloudless land, then we shall know that all things have truly worked together for good to them that love God.

On the Sabbath afternoon, May 29, a short service was conducted by the writer in the Warburton church. The pulpit was draped in white and decorated with beautiful flowers, and the table bearing the little white casket was also covered with wreaths and floral emblems. David's experience, as related in 2 Samuel 12: 18-23, was selected as a basis of a short address, special emphasis being laid upon the thought, "I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me." The choir sang that beautiful hymn No. 798 in "Christ in Song," the words of which were most appropriate for the occasion.

At the conclusion of this service a large company of mourners and friends followed the cortege to the cemetery where the little one was laid to rest till the Life-giver returns to call His beloved to inhabit the bright mansions which He has gone to prepare for them that love Him.

Just at the time little Beryl Jensen was being carried into the Sanitarium, the writer was about to leave that institution to conduct the burial service of Kelvin, the infant twin son of Brother and Sister Hodder of Warburton. Kelvin lived but one day. It was truly a pathetic sight to witness the little white casket covered with floral tributes sent by loving friends of the parents, being carried from the Sanitarium to the motor by two young girls of the Sanitarium staff, dressed in white; and the pathos of the scene was augmented by the tragedy which we have just related.

The thought impressed itself upon all who were associated with these pathetic incidents that life hangs upon a very thin thread. No one can tell what a day may bring forth. Truly, "in the midst of life we are in death." There upon the quiet mountain side, far from the bustle and activity of the "maddening crowd," amid an atmosphere of peace and contentment the angel of death stole in unexpectedly and brought sadness of heart to a whole community. What a blessed hope is provided through the gospel that in that great day there shall be no more death, and all tears shall be wiped away! What an incentive such a hope should be to greater faithfulness! Doubtless the sorrow which came to our Warburton people kindled in all hearts a more earnest desire to render more faithful stewardship to God.

A. W. ANDERSON.

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ister. He was very nice to me, but brought up the question of the 'seventh day,' and also the 'elect of God.' The texts just seemed to flow into my mind, and I was able to offset his arguments on every point with a 'thus saith the Lord.' It was a subject that I had studied in connection with these lessons in Bible Doctrines, and it has made me appreciate the Correspondence School all the more."

As I read this extract, I wondered what

effect this visit of the young sister would have upon the minister. He certainly received a message from the Word of God, and he could not but admire the character of a person who knew her Bible so well. May not the experience of this sister be the experience of many more of our people in this field?

The Harvest Ingathering time is one of the greatest opportunities for our people to present the truths of our message to those who know them not; but such work needs preparation. In the time of need, we cannot expect the Lord to bring to our remembrance texts that we have never learned.

How is it with you, dear reader, are you prepared to answer arguments with a "thus saith the Lord"? If not, let us help you, through the studies offered by the Fireside Correspondence School. You will enjoy the studies, even as this student does, for in the same letter we read:

"Yes, you are right in stating that one lesson would cover a week's work at the College. The studies are beautiful and I am thoroughly enjoying them. I can spend hours every day with them, which I have been doing this last week, and I feel the benefit of the studies."

We shall gladly send particulars of the school to all who will address their inquiries to, The Principal, Fireside Correspondence School, "Mizpah," Wahroonga, N.S.W.

MABEL V. WHITE.

Missionaries Arrive in San Francisco

SABBATH, April 17, was a wonderful day for the California Conference Bay section churches. Friday, the sixteenth, nineteen missionaries from Africa, India, New Hebrides, Fiji, New Zealand, and Australia arrived in San Francisco. A number of these missionaries were appointed to the various churches for the Sabbath morning service and gave soul-stirring reports of the progress of the message in foreign fields.

Sabbath afternoon a mission rally was held. The Civic Auditorium was full, and those in attendance were thrilled and greatly blessed in hearing the messages that were given by Pastor F. A. Stahl, of South America, who had with him a little Chuncho Indian girl rescued from heathenism and from the death of witchcraft; Pastor W. H. Branson, president of the African Division; Pastor H. M. Blunden of Australia; Professor Vernon Hendershot of Singapore; Pastor C. H. Parker of the New Hebrides Islands, and Pastor J. E. Fulton interpreting for Ratu Meli, converted Fijian chief. The Bay section has probably never experienced such a meeting as this. It was a foretaste of the coming General Conference. The hearts of all have been cheered and stirred as never before and we believe that offerings to missions will be considerably increased on the part of those who were privileged to attend.

Most excellent music was rendered by the R. J. Bryant evangelist choir, under the able direction of Earl Williams, musical director and singing evangelist. —Pacific Union Recorder.