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Graduation Address

Delivered by Pastor C. H. Watson to the 1925 Class at the Australasian Missionary College, Monday, November 22, at 8 p.m.

I HAVE been asked to address a few words to the graduates on this occasion, and following a long established usage, I have chosen words from the Scriptures that will serve at least to indicate the tenor of what I shall say. They are found in the 22nd chapter of the Book of Revelation, and verses 3, 4, and 5: "His servants shall serve Him: and they shall see His face; . . . and they shall reign for ever and ever."

One cannot read the Scriptures without being deeply impressed by the very exalted place that service holds in the thoughts of God. All through the Old Testament that is emphatically shown. When we come to the New Testament, Jesus gives us the key to the value of Christian service in the sight of God, as He links it up with true greatness in those remarkable words, "He that is greatest among you let him be your servant." All through the Gospels and the Epistles we are led along this way of greatness in God's service, till conviction seizes us that all that God has said of service in the Old and the New Testament finds its climax in the words of our text; for when we come to this last chapter of the Bible we are carried up to the peak of human attainment where we find service on the throne of the universe.

"His servants . . . shall reign for ever and ever."

My dear graduates, you have chosen a wonderful class motto, "Serving to Save." By your choice of such words, you have given me the right to assume that the salvation of God is a fact of your own experience. And in this you have a reliable basis for successful service. Without such an experience you would hope in vain to be led into the company of those who shall see His face and reign with Him forever.

Down at the base of all true Christian service must be the consciousness that God through Christ has saved us. Christian service based on any other thing is a mockery. Learning, talent, natural endowment, intellectual brilliancy, or any other gift or acquirement, is insufficient as a basis for Christian service. Dependence on these things will but leave us at last with those who shall say, "Lord, Lord, in Thy name we have done many wonderful things," only to hear Him reply, "Depart, I never knew you;" and instead of the throne where the Lamb will be the light, there will be an outer darkness with the despairing and the unsaved.

"Serving to Save"

"Serving to save," whatever the cost;
Life in God's service can never be lost;
And love's alabaster, still poured on the feet
Of earth's lone and weary, yields perfume as
sweet
As love's tender incense, once offered so free
To the Stranger who walked by blue Galilee.

"Serving to save," though out in the night,
With loved ones all distant, the end out of sight,
Lifting the fallen, and cheering the sad,
Where life in its sorrow has never been glad;
Though love's broken idols are turning to clay
Still pointing to life and God's holy way!

"Serving to save," O, what could we ask
More from the Master than this holy task?
Divinity served in His mission below,
We follow His steps through earth's shaded
woe,
Still looking beyond for the glory to come,
And waiting to share in a tearless home!

"Serving to save," soon the wreck of the years
In hope will have passed and life's flood of tears
Will flow, but in vain. Now! now! is the time
When love's holy service must reach every clime,
To rescue the lost while lingers the light—
Earth's twilight is passing—soon! soon! comes
the night!

Great Master in heaven, we offer to Thee
The service of love, devoted and free,
Still pleading that all it can offer may bring
Glory alone to our Saviour and King;
O grant that each heart may be loyal and
brave,
While ever and always "serving to save."

R. HARE.

O, I trust that the words of your motto will be always in your heart a pæan of praise—a hallelujah to God, who

by His great salvation has made it possible for you to serve.

I offer no prediction as to the field where you shall labour. I would not dare to do this. Some of you in your work will never leave the shores of your native land. You will be continually amongst the people whose speech and life you understand, yet you will be constantly where opportunity to serve abounds. In all places great need exists. Men who live in our cities are ready to confess that the devil has made the city his headquarters, and those who live in small towns confidently declare that they are worse than the cities. Sodom and Gomorrah lurk everywhere under the crust of our civilisation. In town and country men have lost their way. They need a guide. It is because men are sick unto death that God would send you in His name to minister to them. You must be appalled neither at the gilded godlessness of the rich nor the squalor and wretchedness of the poor. Human need is your

men and women will see Him and receive Him as their Saviour. It is just as true now as it ever was, that if Jesus be lifted up, He will draw all unto Him. Lift Him up in your service, and all men—the ignorant as well as the learned, the sinful and godless and despairing as well as the good—will come to know you as the bearer of good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people.

Opportunities Unlimited

Your opportunity to serve is a wide one. There is no country or place in this wide world where such service is not in demand. I think it was this world-wide view of the servant's opportunity that Jesus had when He commanded, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." In some comparative sense you may hold your gifts and qualifications to be either rich or poor. You may consider your equipment for work either full or meagre. You may feel abundantly confident or extremely hesitant, but never

powers of description. I beg you to lift up your eyes and look upon the field, and as you have been "saved to serve" go, and in the name of the Lord serve to save.

To my sister who graduates from her courses of study tonight, and to every young lady who will graduate from this school in future years, I appeal on behalf of the women of our island field,—your own sisters right at your door. Lift up your eyes and see them in their heathen hovels—degraded, debased, downtrodden, insulted, and ill-used. I am told that though the cruelties of their barbarous heathenism crowd mercifully upon them, reducing their lives to an existence almost unendurable, yet they are more difficult to win from heathenism than are the men. Go and teach them what womanhood means. What light and life and liberty in the gospel of Jesus Christ means! There at your door is your special field of opportunity, equal both in appeal and promise to any that the world elsewhere has to offer. Go, I say, and as you go,



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warrant for service, and until such need does not longer exist in this great land of ours, opportunity to serve to the utmost limit of your capacity will not be utterly wanting.

Godliness and Sympathy Needful

Some of you will go to foreign lands and labour for people who do not think along your lines—people to whom the name of Christ is not even a passing sound, for they have never heard it. They will easily misunderstand much of what you will say. Your life must reveal the Saviour. You can make Him known only as you experience His salvation. The attitude of your heart toward these people just where you find them will determine the quality of your service. Remember to cultivate above all other virtues the virtue of sympathy, for where sympathy and understanding are, there are neither bars nor bolts of race or creed.

You have a good mental equipment for the task. You have painstakingly followed the courses of study from which you graduate tonight. You have been sitting at the feet of your teachers, and have possessed yourselves of the knowledge by which you intend to convince others of the truth; but do not depend upon these things to bring you success. They may disappoint you. Reveal Jesus in your lives. Set Him forth in all His love and tenderness and purity and goodness, and

permit yourself to be tempted to measure the extent of your opportunity by any such consideration. As you sit here tonight, opportunity to serve in the way that your motto determines is to you all as wide as human need, and to not one of you is it any less wide.

Fields of Appeal and Promise

It is difficult for one who has seen much of the world's need to restrain his words while speaking to young people trained and ready for service. I have recently been amongst seven hundred and fifty millions of heathen—almost an inconceivable number—three-quarters of a thousand millions of human souls, Christless and needy. There we gathered our total force of workers together, and we were but a pitiful handful amongst the millions. Could we have taken those workers and multiplied them a thousandfold there still would have been a great world of need untouched by our utmost service.

I have been amongst the thousands of godless peoples of our own island field. I have observed the abandonment of their condition, and on this the evening that has brought you to the climax of all your school successes, I say to you, There, just as long as you are under an Australasian sky, is your opportunity—an opportunity that gives you contact with men and women in deepest need—men and women the utterness of whose need is beyond my

treasure the assurance that He who has saved you and called you to serve is with you to make that service effective.

The True Motive in Service

May I urge upon you all the deeper cultivation of your spiritual life? You will have to meet special temptations in God's service. You may sometimes have to meet them unsupported by Christian fellowship and enthusiasm. You must be sure of God.

You will feel sometimes that your work is almost in vain, for the apparent results are small. Be strong and of good courage, for into the fields where you sow, God will one day send His angel reapers, and then, according to your faithfulness in sowing, they will gather the sheaves of a golden harvest, and God Himself shall say to you, "Well done, good and faithful servant!"

The scripture that I quoted at the beginning of my remarks promises reward for service. But, "the Lord desires us to rest in Him without a question as to our measure of reward. When Christ abides in the soul, the thought of reward is not uppermost. This is not the motive that actuates our service. . . . Love to God and to our fellow men should be our motive." However long our service, however abundant our labours, without love for our brethren, without humility before God, we are nothing.

It is not the length of time we labour, but our willingness and fidelity in the work that makes it acceptable to God. In all our service a full surrender of self is demanded. God looks to see how much of the Spirit of Christ we cherish, and how much of the likeness of Christ our work reveals. He regards more the love and faithfulness with which we work than the amount we do.

"Only when selfishness is dead, when strife for supremacy is banished, when gratitude fills the heart, and love makes fragrant the life,—it is only then that Christ is abiding in the soul, and we are recognised as labourers together with God."

"Not in our learning, not in our position, not in our numbers or entrusted talents, not in the will of man, is to be found the secret of success. Feeling our inefficiency, we are to contemplate Christ, and through Him who is the strength of all strength, the thought of all thought, the willing and obedient will gain victory after victory. And however short our service, . . . if in simple faith we follow Christ, we shall not be disappointed of the reward."

Embarking on a Great Sea

In conclusion let me say that many of us here tonight envy you your opportunity and your task. You are sailing out of the land-locked harbour into the great seas. You are embarking on a great service. Remember that "Heaven's golden gate opens not to the self-exalted. It is not lifted up to the proud in spirit. But the everlasting portals will open wide to the trembling touch of a little child. Blessed will be the recompense of grace to those who have wrought for God in the simplicity of faith and love."

Closing Exercises at the College

THAT the 1926 College year has been one of much blessing from the Lord is, I believe, the general feeling among students and teachers. This rightly led to thoughts of gratitude and thankfulness, as the closing days of the year passed away. A week of prayer was observed at the College, from November 1-6. This season was a means of much refreshing to us all, and it was with hearts softened and tendered, and with a lively sense of God's goodness to us that we went forward to the examinations and the exercises that were to bind off the year's work.

The examinations closed on Friday, November 19, and that evening a consecration service was held for the graduates and other appointees, and indeed for the whole school. We were pleased to have with us that evening Pastors A. H. Piper, A. G. Stewart, J. Ross James, and H. K. Martin. (Pastor Martin recently arrived from Canada, to take up his appointment as Bible teacher at the College.) The

writer gave a short address on I Cor. 2:2: "I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and Him crucified." Pastor L. H. Wood then offered the consecration prayer.

The first to speak in the consecration service were the graduates and other appointees, then ten students who had during the previous week been baptised and received into church fellowship. These testimonies were followed by those of many others, until the lateness of the hour made it necessary to allow those who had not spoken to signify their desire to do so by rising to their feet.

The next morning we had a combined meeting of the College and Avondale

juncture, are fitted and prepared to enter upon a life of service for God and for their fellow men.

A song specially written for this occasion by Miss R. Allbon, was sung by the graduating class, and Brother N. H. White recited a poem on the class motto, composed by Pastor R. Hare.

The principal of the College, Pastor Wood, made feeling reference to the illness of Pastor J. Mills and Sister Rhae Allbon, both of whom had been for so many years prominently connected with the College, and whose illness had come as such a heavy blow to the work, and to the hearts of their fellow members of the faculty and to the students. Pastor

Wood then proceeded to distribute the diplomas to the graduates, as follows: From the Biblical-Academic Course, Walter Owen Broad; Normal Course Walter R. Whisker and Noel H. White; Business Course, Clarence David Morgan and Miss Alice Welburn.

Brother Broad has been appointed to the evangelistic work in the Queensland Conference; Brother Whisker to church school work in Auckland, N.Z.; Brother White to church school work in Perth, W.A.; Brother Morgan to the Union Conference office work; and Sister Welburn to the North New Zealand Conference office. There have been others also from among our student body appointed to various posts in the work, as already announced in the RECORD.

On the night of the 20th, a carefully selected musical programme was rendered in the College chapel, under the leadership of Brother A. Martin, head of our music department. A feature of special interest was an orchestral item, with two vocal quartettes, descriptive of the close of the College work and the departure of the students, all composed specially for the occasion by Brother Martin.

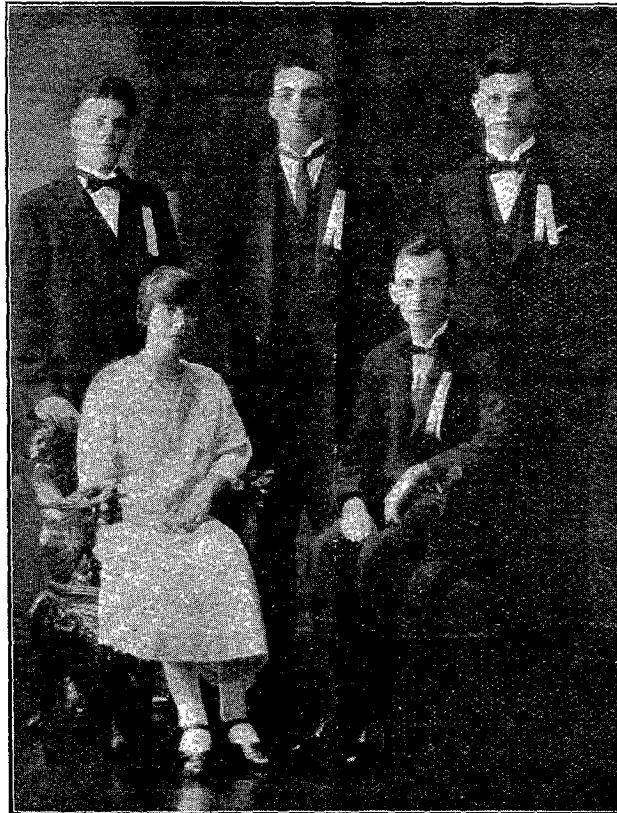
The next night the College chorus rendered the cantata, "Jesus of Nazareth." These musical treats were greatly enjoyed by the large and appreciative audiences present.

On Tuesday, the 23rd, we were called on to bid farewell to the large number of students leaving for their homes, and for various lines of activity in the field. Our prayer is that God will keep us all faithful and true to Him, and to the great trust committed to us.

W. W. FLETCHER.

Closing Another Chapter in the College History

ASSOCIATED with the closing exercises of the College, there is always an undercurrent of sadness at the thought of parting, blended with the joy of the anticipation of service. The thought that the association and comradeship of a year



The 1926 Graduating Class

Back row (from left to right): N. H. White, W. O. Broad, W. R. Whisker. Front row: Miss Alice Welburn, C. D. Morgan.

churches, in the Avondale church. Pastor A. H. Piper preached the graduation sermon to a large congregation. We were indeed glad that Brother Piper could be with us. He was one of the first group of appointees ever sent out from the College, and the first of our Australasian missionaries to be sent to the island field. He preached an earnest and helpful sermon bearing on the motto chosen by the graduating class, "Serving to Save."

The graduation exercises were held in the College chapel on Monday evening, the 22nd. The graduation address was delivered by Pastor C. H. Watson, who spoke very impressively to the graduates and to all present on the solemnity of the times in which we live, and the great responsibilities and high privileges of those young men and women who, at this

will so soon end, is coupled with the pleasant expectation of the assembly of God's people in that great school of the hereafter where, with faculties unimpaired, knowledge will be acquired, unlimited by human weakness. So while we part at Avondale the time will come when "we'll never say good-bye."

And so it came about that, the official programme revealing that "Finis" was about to be written to another chapter in the College history, some two hundred or more assembled in the College chapel to witness the closing exercises on Monday evening, November 22. The chapel was nicely decorated for the occasion with palms and paper decorations in the class colours, violet and cream. A central archway of trellis design formed a pleasing background for the class motto, "Serving to Save."

Following an instrumental quartette entitled "Coronach," and the Scripture reading from the second chapter of Acts, given by Brother S. V. Stratford, the invocation was offered by Pastor H. K. Martin. Pastor C. H. Watson, in addressing the class, stressed the significance of the exalted place occupied by service in the Book of God, and the abundant opportunities for service which the world presents today.

The class poem, recited by a member of the graduating class, was composed by Pastor R. Hare, who has been teaching some of the Bible classes at the College during the last weeks of the school year, thus relieving Pastor Fletcher during the Union Conference session and Pastor Mills during his illness.

The principal of the College, in presenting the diplomas to the five graduates, called attention to the fact that all through the Bible the number five stood for progress but not completeness, but with the addition of the Trinity to this, the number eight—the resurrection number, symbol of victory—was the result.

Thus closed another College year.

J. T. S.

Serving to Save

Only to follow the way of our Lord,
Doing His will both in deed and in word,
He who came down from great glory
above

Gave to the world a full measure of love.

CHORUS:

Serving to save, yes, oh, serving to save,
This is our motto so true and so brave,
Serving to save, yes, oh, serving to save,
And Christ gives the victory o'er sin and
the grave.

Not to the grand and the high upon earth,
Not to the halls full of feasting and mirth
But to the weary and suffering soul,
Seeking the sin-burdened one to make
whole.

Never of self did our Saviour once think,
Service to Him was His meat and His
drink,

Saving the lost was His mission below,
Forth in His name and His Spirit we go.

Whether in office or tent or in school,
Serving to save shall be ever our rule.
Few though our numbers, Christ's pres-
ence we claim,

His smile of approval more precious
than fame.

RHAE ALLBON.

SOUTH NEW SOUTH WALES

PRESIDENT: G. G. STEWART
SECRETARY: W. H. HOPKIN

Conference and Camp-Meeting

THE sixth annual session and camp-meeting were held at Rodd's Estate, Five Dock, October 19-31. The situation was an ideal one, overlooking the waters of the Parramatta and away from the rush and roar of the activities of city life. The camp was a very large one, there being 219 family tents erected. Pastor Behrens and his associates had everything nicely arranged and in readiness for the opening of camp.

We were glad to welcome Pastor C. H. Watson to this field again after an absence of four years. The other representatives of the Union Conference present were Pastors A. W. Anderson, F. G. Rampton, J. M. Johanson, W. D. Smith, and H. B. P. Wicks, and Pastors W. W. Fletcher and Lynn H. Wood for the two week-ends. We were also glad to welcome Pastor F. A. Allum for the first week-end. Pastor Allum and Para, our brother from the Solomon Islands, left during the early part of the meeting for the camp-meeting at Lismore. We were also glad to have with us Brethren D. H. Gray and J. D. Anderson from the Solomon Islands, home for a few months on furlough. About 700 persons were camped on the ground.

It was a great privilege to meet so many of the isolated brethren and sisters. The camp-meeting is the one great occasion during the year in which they have the opportunity of meeting with those of like precious faith, and of talking with one another concerning the things of God.

The meetings were well attended, and our people were spiritually refreshed. The service held on the last Sabbath morning of the camp was a wonderful meeting. When the call for consecration came hundreds went forward with a determination for a deeper experience and for a greater realisation of the power of the Holy Spirit in their lives, the workers being among the first to respond. The response which came from the young people was also wonderfully encouraging.

On the Sabbath afternoon the appeal for foreign missions resulted in pledges to the amount of £570 being given. The last Sabbath was indeed a day of great activity and also one of rich spiritual blessing for God's people. In the morning an impressive ordination service was held, at which Brother E. R. Whitehead was ordained to the gospel ministry.

A Year's Progress

The secretary's report stated that the membership at December 31, 1925, stood at 1,542, while at June 30, 1926, the number had increased to 1,645. Over 100 persons had been baptised since the previous camp-meeting. The number of workers on the pay roll at Dec. 31, 1925, was 31. The treasurer's report revealed an increase of £1,917 for the year in the present worth of the Conference. The tithe for the year amounted to £12,492. The amount collected in the Appeal for Missions was £2,579; the Sabbath school

offerings for the year, £2,827; Week of Prayer offering, £414; the Missionary Volunteer offerings, £356. The Book Department revealed a loss in the year's running of £173. For the four years ending Dec. 31, 1925, the total number of orders taken by the colporteurs was 22,001, valued at £28,154. The Sabbath school offerings are a wonderful object lesson in systematic giving, and they reveal the fact that our people recognise the truth of the saying that "generosity is the investment from which we gather the coupons of happiness." As we review the financial progress of the conference we can say that the Lord has blessed us and with David we would exclaim, "Not unto us, O Lord, but unto Thy name be the glory."

The reports of the regular committees were rendered and adopted as follows:

Nominations

PRESIDENT: G. G. Stewart.
SECRETARY-TREASURER: W. H. Hopkin.
FIELD MISSIONARY SECRETARY: H. G. Moulds.
SABBATH SCHOOL SECRETARY: Miss L. V. Booth.
HOME MISSIONS SECRETARY: Charles E. Head.
RELIGIOUS LIBERTY SECRETARY: A. W. Anderson.
EDUCATIONAL SECRETARY: G. H. Greenaway.
MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER SECRETARY: E. R. Whitehead.
ASSOCIATE MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER SECRETARY: Miss Iva Hoy.
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: G. G. Stewart, H. Mitchell, A. H. White, R. Govett, F. W. Reekie, C. Davies, W. J. Wright.

Credentials and Licenses

CREDENTIALS: G. G. Stewart, A. H. White, H. Mitchell, J. W. Kent, A. Smart, B. Cozens, F. H. Letts, Sydney Watson, E. Behrens.
MINISTERIAL LICENSE: C. J. Griffin, R. Govett, J. Hindson, T. R. Kent, S. R. Maunder, W. H. Hopkin, G. H. Greenaway, E. H. Parsons, Theodore Anderson, Charles E. Head, James Eggins, E. R. Gaue.
MISSIONARY LICENSE: C. E. Bird, George G. Parker, H. G. Moulds, Miss A. E. Pearce, Miss S. Read, Miss Eva E. Perry, Miss Iva Hoy, Mrs. E. L. Palmer, Mrs. G. E. Chapman, Mrs. H. Bridgett, Mrs. M. C. Morgan, Miss L. V. Booth.
MEDICAL MISSIONARY LICENSE: A. Carrick, R. G. Cooper.
TEACHER'S LICENSE: E. J. Felsch, E. A. Butler, D. Sutherland, Miss M. Dawkins, Miss M. Schnepel, Miss V. G. Camp, Miss Thelma Mason, Miss Mary Anderson.

COLPORTEUR'S LICENSE: B. Waldrom, F. Nicholson, R. Fayers, W. E. Browne, R. Peare, L. C. Bryne, Miss N. Murphy, Miss L. Glazier, C. J. de la Mothe, Mrs. L. de la Mothe, H. Moore.

All other names were referred to the executive committee.

Plans and Recommendations

The following is a brief outline of some of the recommendations that were adopted:

Expression of heartfelt gratitude to God for His abundant mercies during the year by reconsecration to Him for the

finishing of the work; appeal to our people for a careful and prayerful study of the Bible and the writings of the Spirit of Prophecy; expression of gratitude to God for His blessing which has rested upon the various departments operated by the Australasian Conference Association Ltd., and also appreciation of the co-operation of our church members, and recommending that they deposit with the Association such money as they may have available either for ordinary pass-book accounts or for fixed deposits; our hearty co-operation and support of the Appeal for Missions, not only as a means for raising funds for the support of our mission work, but also as a soul-saving agency, and our acceptance of the aim set for this conference, namely, £2,500; our belief in the health principles as taught in the Spirit of Prophecy, and that we engage extensively in the circulation of the *Life and Health* magazine; our co-operation and support of the 1926 Big Week campaign and the acceptance of the aim set for the campaign, £285; that the reports of the standing committees be tabled until the sitting of the conference next following the presentation of the report, unless the delegates otherwise instruct the chairman; appreciation of the work of the *Signs of the Times* and an earnest endeavour to increase the circulation to 5 copies per member; our support of the envelope plan for tract lending; and when possible that classes be held in our churches for instruction to suitable church workers, which will enable them to follow the tracts with Bible studies; and that we advise our church members to use the revised edition of the "Advent Hymnal" now being produced by our publishing house in England.

Conclusion

On the last Sunday of the camp, fourteen persons were baptised. As we review the work of the camp-meeting we can truly realise that the Lord came very near to His people. We were favoured with fine weather throughout, although at times it was rather warm. We feel sure that our people have returned to their homes greatly strengthened by the help which they received at the meeting. On the last Sunday night Pastor J. W. Kent preached a powerful sermon on the subject of the greatest question ever asked, "What must I do to be saved?" At the close of the meeting that grand old hymn which has breathed courage into many a soul, "God be with you till we meet again," was sung. As we face again the responsibilities of another year may we do so with the realisation of the presence of the ever living Christ, and opening our hearts to His Spirit may we go forward with a determination to finish the work which He has committed into our hands, and then to enter into that rest which awaits the people of God.

G. G. STEWART, *President*,
W. H. HOPKIN, *Secretary*.

NOT one who is earnest and persevering will fail of success. . . . The weakest saint as well as the strongest, may wear the crown of immortal glory.—*The Acts of the Apostles*, p. 313.



Present Truth and Health Reform

A Wonderful Opportunity with "Life and Health"

"PRESENT truth lies in the work of health reform as verily as in other features of gospel work."—*Counsels on Health*, p. 434.

According to the foregoing quotation, the work of health reform is as much "present truth" as are other phases of the message. In its relation to other aspects of the truth for this time, health reform has been declared by the Spirit of Prophecy to be "the right arm of the body." And the right arm is to "serve and protect the body."

Much precious light has been given this people by the Lord through the Spirit of Prophecy. We are told, for instance, among many other things, that the capital of health is "more precious than any bank deposit;" that it is "a religious duty" to "take care of the health and strength;" that "the health of the body is to be regarded as essential for growth in grace;" that "our habits of eating, drinking, and dressing" should "be such as to secure the preservation of physical, mental, and moral health."

Our Health Journal

As an aid to helping and enlightening the public and even our own people in regard to the great subject of health reform, the magazine *Life and Health* has been established. Every issue contains interesting and valuable articles by our doctors and others of our writers. Our people will find this information and advice of very great value, and carefully followed and practised, it will save them from much disease and suffering.

Others Value "Life and Health"

It will interest our people to know that not only are many of the outside public keenly interested in the subject of health and in the wide propagation of health knowledge, but that they also highly value this denomination's Australasian health journal, *Life and Health*.

For instance, a Food Education Society has been formed in New South Wales, with Dr. Richard Arthur, M.L.A., as president, and on the committee are men of education and culture. Now this Food Education Society of New South Wales has adopted "*Life and Health*" as its official organ.

The organiser of the society is Mr. J. Kelly Powell, the editor of *Sparks' Fortnightly*. Mr. Powell, our people will be pleased to learn, is a most enthusiastic vegetarian. Mr. Powell has a very high opinion of *Life and Health*. In a letter to the writer, he says:

"My plan is to boost your magazine. . . . I certainly prefer your publication to — because you are specialists. My idea is to make *Life and Health* a great

power in Australia. It can be and it must be,—the sooner the better."

When one not of our faith writes that it is his plan to make *Life and Health* "a great power in Australia," what Seventh-day Adventist will refrain from saying "Amen"? When one not of our faith possesses such enthusiasm and faith in regard to our health journal, can our own people hesitate in having more of this goodly enthusiasm and vision and faith concerning it?

It is indeed possible for *Life and Health* to be "a great power in Australia." That is what the Lord designs it should be, and what we, His people, should strive to make it be.

It is hardly necessary to assure our people that it will be the editorial policy or aim to make *Life and Health* an increasingly efficient medium for the sounding of the grand and glorious message of health. We greatly desire to give our readers better and better service, and to make the journal a blessing to every home it enters.

The January-February Number

By the time this article appears in print, the January-February, 1927, issue—the first for the coming year—should be in circulation. Among the articles in this issue may be mentioned:

"Foreword." A promise of good things.

"Do You Brush Your Teeth Correctly?" By Dr. Eulalia Richards. A most interesting and timely article giving much valuable information on the care of the teeth.

"Physiological Ashes and Disease." By Dr. W. Howard James. Shows how the clogging of the body furnace with "ashes" and "cinders" causes disease, and how the accumulation of these clogging food wastes and by-products can best be avoided.

"Simple Life Keeps Cancer Away." By the Editor. Points out one or two of the much-overlooked causes of this dread disease.

"Notes of Interest Contributed by the Food Education Society of New South Wales." Our people will be interested in these notes, and will find them encouraging and even inspiring. The work of food reform is onward!

"Eating Between Meals." Tells of some very interesting facts that X-ray investigations have disclosed.

"Waste on Drugs."

"Clothing in Summer."

"Eating to Promote Health."

"Teething Without Troubles." A very valuable article for mothers with infants.

"Some Cool and Inviting Salads for a Summer Day."

"Chats with the Doctor." A most valuable department.

Wonderful Value and Cheapness

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A. L. KING,
Editor.

QUEENSLAND

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Book Work in Queensland

SINCE coming to Queensland I have often thought of letting you know a little of how the book work is going in this large conference. One of the things which impressed me most was the enormous size of this State. Going north one can step on the train at Brisbane and keep going straight ahead for 1,042 miles, which is the distance to Cairns (almost the same as from Sydney to Adelaide), and right on beyond that, is a vast stretch of sparsely populated territory. Going west from Brisbane one can travel 604 miles to Cunnamulla, but right on beyond that there are hundreds of square miles of country which is divided up largely into sheep or cattle runs.

Queensland is no doubt a beautiful State, with its sugar cane, and tropical fruits, which are delicious, such as bananas, pineapples, custard apples, paw-paws, mangoes, and others that are still foreign to me.

Severe Drought Conditions

The one great drawback, however, is the uncertain rainfall. At the present moment we are passing through a most severe drought, not only in one place, but over practically the whole of Queensland. In places it is worse than others. In some parts rain fell some time ago, but not nearly enough, and since then we have had continual dry weather. In many parts cattle are so poor that they are dying. One man recently took over a dairy farm and before he had a chance to pay for the farm or the cattle, twenty-three of his best cows died. News came through from near Rockhampton a few days ago, that a man who had forty head of cattle a short time ago, has now only six left. With his fowls and cows his total income for a month was 14s. These are not isolated cases, but such conditions are existing over nearly the whole of Queensland, with the exception of patches of country here and there where a little rain has fallen.

Under these conditions our faithful colporteurs are doing their best, pushing ahead trusting in God for help and guidance, and surely God is blessing them. As you have noticed during the past few months in the RECORD we are doing very well. Most of our canvassers are working in the city and suburbs of Brisbane, others are out in places that have not suffered quite so badly through

the drought. Let us pray that God will send showers of blessing upon thirsty Queensland.

A Storm of Words and the Sequel

We will mention one or two experiences that may be of interest.

I was with one of the colporteurs delivering one day. The order which had been given by the wife, evidently didn't meet with the husband's approval, and he happened to be home when we called to deliver the book and was quite ready for us. Both husband and wife met us at the door, and as soon as he learned that we were the bookmen he began to storm so much that his wife vanished, for the time being. He said—using very descriptive language—that travellers came and forced things on to the women while the men were out. After we had listened for a time (as one couldn't get a word in edgeways) he gradually calmed down, and then I agreed with him that travellers did often overpersuade women, but we were not ordinary travellers. We were Christian men working for a society whose object is to help people to get a knowledge of the Bible and to save their souls. After the book had been explained to him he decided that "Our Day" was a good book to have. By this time his wife was back again, and she said that was why she ordered it. So he took the book, feeling convinced that he had bought something worth while.

An Unusual Occurrence

Another interesting experience which seldom occurs, happened a few days ago when one of our canvassers tried to secure an order from a lady, without success. She was deeply interested in the book, but said she would not think of giving an order without first consulting her husband. This is usually another way of refusing. However, he arranged to call back the next day and was not very much surprised to find that she was out. The blinds were down, the door was shut, and even a note out under a brick. As he came closer and examined the note, it was not for the milkman, but the bookman. It read as follows: "I have decided to have a book in the 19s. 6d. binding, if possible before Christmas."

Longing to Learn More

While canvassing in Gympie a few days ago, I came in contact with a woman who said that both she and her husband were longing to meet some one who could really explain the second coming of Christ and other Biblical questions, as they were both so deeply interested and were longing to learn more. She is moving to Brisbane shortly, and has promised to get in touch with me then, to secure her book, as well as to have some one study with them in their home.

Surely the bookmen are God's hunters to hunt for souls, not only in the holes and the rocks, but also in the cities and towns. Pray for our colporteurs that they may be guided, protected, and helped while at the battle front, scattering seeds of truth,—the world's great need at this time.

D. A. SPECK,
Field Missionary Secretary.

THE Sabbath is a golden clasp that unites God and His people.—"Testimonies," Vol. VI, p. 351.



Ambrym, New Hebrides

WE can scarcely realise that twelve months have passed since we arrived in Australia from New Zealand, on our way to this group. Time seems to fly here; I suppose it is because we have plenty to do.

We have been enjoying our mail the last few days. We were four months without a mail bag, but within ten days we have had six—heaps of papers and about thirty letters. We are enjoying the news of the RECORD and Review. I do not know what we would do without the RECORD, it is like a good newsy letter, and we just drink in all we can and return the next day to its pages in case we missed some item of interest. And the beautiful readings and experiences related in the Review show us that we are just in sight of the port for which we are sailing.

We are both feeling well and happy in our work. But our mission family is suffering from an epidemic of measles at present.

Our newest outstation on Ambrym now has as large a membership as some of the older stations. I shall never forget my visit there last week. To begin with, I was nearly dropped into the sea as the boys carried me ashore. As we came to our teachers' houses, we found the single young men have their homes so beautiful and sweet and clean, especially the new mission. It was a real credit to them. It just shows what the Word of God through the missions has done for them. And when they are placed as teachers they do try to be true leaders. One boy whom Mr. Taylor asked to go out, said he did not know if it was right for him to go as he got a little impatient sometimes with the children if they would not learn. He said he was trying hard to overcome, and if Mr. Taylor thought it would be all right for him to go, he would go. We do become attached to our teachers, they are so willing and faithful, walking miles to heathen villages to tell to them this message which has cleaned them up and brightened their lives.

MARY TAYLOR.

Niue Island

OUR Sabbath school number is still increasing. We have fifty girls and thirty-one boys now, and the little children are growing so good. They just listen with their mouths open. I am teaching them the hymn, "Beautiful the Little Hands," and they are doing well and like it. Our little church is getting full.

The sewing class is highly appreciated by the girls and they are making good progress.

Leslie [one of the native believers] is a gem, admired by all. He is a young man now, and one among a thousand.

The school he attends was planning to have a concert on Saturday night. This would mean travel for him, for he lives five miles out from the school. He withdrew from the concert, so the head teacher put it off to Thursday instead. You can see from this what sort of young man he is. He is a living testimony for the truth on Niue.

We had our school concert last Saturday night. I was given time off from teaching on Friday to decorate the hall, so I could be free on Sabbath and enjoy the Lord's blessing. Everything was done Friday morning, and it was the best Sabbath I have enjoyed for a long time. It was so quiet on Sabbath morning that my husband remarked that it seemed like Sunday on the island. I had no worry and the Lord came near and His angels helped me that night; and nothing had been said on the Sabbath. The Lord is good to those who love and fear Him. The concert went off all right. Everything was good and we raised more money than we expected.

The people are still short of food because of the drought here. I was about to cook my last pot of rice today and live like the poor widow spoken of in the Bible, then the ship came. So you see how the Lord looks after us. We would not have known what to eat, if the ship had not come with our provisions.

VAI KERISOME HEAD.



Inquiries Answered

As indicated by many inquiries that came to us during the recent South New South Wales camp-meeting concerning the activities of the Australasian Conference Association, Limited, it is evident that there is, on the part of the church members, a general desire to avail themselves of the facilities afforded by the A.C.A. for depositing money with that organisation in order that it may be used in connection with our various enterprises. We therefore call attention to the addresses of the various agencies that will receive money either on pass-book accounts or on fixed deposits. These agencies will also furnish the fullest information to church members both as regards terms and the operation of our various departments. As all business dealings with depositors are strictly confidential, we feel very free to invite our church members throughout this Union Conference to take the fullest advantage of the opportunities thus afforded to ensure that any money entrusted to the Australasian Conference Association, Limited, will not only, if so desired, return a reasonable interest to the depositor, but it will be the means of earning money that will go direct to the support of our mission enterprises. We shall also be pleased to correspond with any of our church members who may desire to inquire direct from headquarters concerning business arrangements with the A.C.A.

List of our agencies where deposits will be received and at which interest warrants will be honoured:

NEW SOUTH WALES: Australasian Conference Assn. Ltd., "Mizpah," Wairoonga; Sanitarium Health Food Company, 308 George St., Sydney; North N. S. W. Conference, Gordon Ave., Hamilton; South N. S. W. Conference, 72 The Boulevarde, Sirathfield; Australasian Missionary College, Coorabong.

QUEENSLAND: Queensland Conference, 53 Grey St., South Brisbane; Sanitarium Health Food Company, 360 Queen St., Brisbane; Monamona Mission, Oaklands, via Cairns.

VICTORIA: Victorian Conference, 8 Yarra St., Hawthorn; Sanitarium Health Food Company, 293 Little Collins St., Melbourne; Sanitarium Health Food Company, 118 Union Street, Windsor; Signs Publishing Company, Warburton.

NEW ZEALAND: North New Zealand Conference, 84 Jerovis Rd., Auckland; Sanitarium Health Food Company, 174 Queen St., Auckland; Sanitarium Health Food Company, 83 Willis St., Wellington; South New Zealand Conference, 902 Colombo St., Christchurch; Sanitarium Health Food Company, 93 Princes St., Dunedin.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA: South Australian Conference, 116 Grote St., Adelaide; Sanitarium Health Food Company, 7a Rundle St., Adelaide.

WEST AUSTRALIA: West Australian Conference, 47 Hay St., Subiaco; Sanitarium Health Food Company, 757 Hay St., Perth.

TASMANIA: Sanitarium Health Food Company, 85 Elizabeth St., Hobart.

FIJI: Fiji Mission of Seventh-day Adventists, Box 186, Suva.

J. M. JOHANSON,
General Manager.

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Conference	Clubs	Singles	Total	Av. per member
West Australia	2104	495	2599	3.31
South N. S. Wales	4021	663	4684	2.97
North New Zealand	2641	359	3000	2.55
South New Zealand	790	168	958	2.5
Victoria-Tasmania	2638	1395	4033	2.12
Queensland	1065	520	1585	2.08
South Australia	729	567	1296	2.01
North N. S. Wales	1158	464	1622	1.36
Foreign, Misc.	504	127	631	
	15,650	4,758	20,408	

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Total Circulation for October

South New South Wales	18,763
Victoria-Tasmania	17,262
North New Zealand	12,091
West Australia	10,380
North New South Wales	6,705
Queensland	6,345
South Australia	5,168
South New Zealand	3,851
Foreign, Miscellaneous	1,374

81,939

WEDDING BELLS

WHITE-BROWN.—October 18 was a beautiful day when the friends of Mr. and Mrs. Brown, of Ngaio, gathered at the Seventh-day Adventist church, Wellington, N.Z., to witness the uniting of their daughter Adeline in marriage to Brother Percival White, son of Sister Huff, of Wellington. The church was tastefully decorated with greenery and flowers, and well filled with expectant visitors to extend their best wishes to the happy couple. Brother White has worked some years at the Wellington Café, as shop assistant. Both are members of the Wellington church. We wish them much happiness in their united life as they continue in God's service.

W. SCRAGG.

BOYLE-KEITH.—The 27th day of October was an unusually interesting occasion in the history of the church at Dannevirke, in that it was the first time a wedding was solemnised within its walls. Sister Janet Keith, eldest daughter of Brother and Sister Keith of Dannevirke, was the bride, and Brother Hugh Boyle of Masterton, the bridegroom. The church was brightly decorated with flowers, and many of the brethren and sisters and their friends gathered to wish the happy pair God's guidance and blessings through life. They will reside at Masterton.

W. SCRAGG.

OBITUARIES

JENSEN.—Cecil Roy Jensen, infant son of Brother and Sister Cecil Jensen, of Wentworthville, N.S.W., passed away in his eighth month at Coorabong, at noon on November 22, after a very brief illness. The little one was laid in the Avondale cemetery, in the presence of many friends who deeply sympathised with the sorrowing parents.

W. W. FLETCHER.

KEYMER.—After a painful illness lasting over several months, Brother William Keymer passed away in the Auckland hospital October 31, aged sixty-nine years. Brother Keymer accepted this message under Pastor A. G. Daniells in 1886-87, but after continuing faithful for six years—part of which time he held the office of elder of the Ponsonby church—business perplexities caused spiritual declension and for twenty years he ceased to grow in grace. In 1917 he was rebaptised, and the Lord used him in helping others to see the light of truth. Though he leaves behind a sorrowing widow, two sons and eight daughters, it is encouraging to know that through the Christian, God-like lives of loving parents, of the ten children living seven are with their mother in this glorious truth, and they look forward with a sure and certain hope that the one who has been snatched from them in death will come forth on that glad resurrection morning. Services were conducted in the Ponsonby church, and the Purewa cemetery, by Pastor Scragg.

P. G. FOSTER.

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The thirteenth volume of the "Record" closes with this number. During the two weeks following, there will be no issue of the paper. Our next number will be dated January 3.

BEFORE we greet our readers again, another year will have been ushered in. We wish all the RECORD family a happy New Year. Whatever the year may have in store for us, we can be truly happy. "Whoso trusteth in the Lord, happy is he." "Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the Lord his God."

DR. AND MRS. GEORGE HARDWICKE have proceeded to England from Southern California for further medical training and experience.

FROM an anonymous sender, the sums of £2 2s. and £2 tithe have been received at the Victorian Conference office. The RECORD has been asked to acknowledge these amounts with thanks.

BROTHER AND SISTER W. E. BATTYE sailed for New Zealand December 2. Brother Battye is connecting with the North New Zealand Conference for evangelistic work.

PASTOR AND MRS. F. G. RAMPTON and family arrived at Wahroonga from Queensland November 30, to make their home here, as Brother Rampton has now connected with the Union Conference office as field missionary secretary.

FROM correspondence from America we learn that Brother and Sister F. L. Chaney are under appointment to the Philippine Islands for teaching work. Brother and Sister Chaney, at one time teachers at Avondale, are well known to many in the Australasian field.

RETURNING from India, Brother and Sister G. M. Masters disembarked from the *Mooltan* at Adelaide to visit Brother Masters' parents. After spending a few weeks in Australia, they will proceed to Fiji to enter upon their work in connection with the Indian Mission.

THE workers in the North N.S.W. Conference were pleased to greet their new president, Pastor H. A. Hill, on his arrival from the Cook Islands at the end of November. Sister Hill and children spent a short time with her parents at Arcadia, near Hornsby, after coming off the *Tahiti* and before going on to Newcastle.

COMING from New Zealand to take up his responsibilities as Missionary Volunteer and educational secretary for the Union Conference, Pastor N. H. Faulkner, accompanied by his family, reached Sydney November 30, and for the time being is making his home in Hornsby.

BROTHER AND SISTER R. R. GOODING and family are among the new-comers to Wahroonga. Brother Gooding, formerly secretary-treasurer of the West Australian Conference, has been appointed to connect with the Union Conference Audit Department.

ON December 2 Pastor and Mrs. H. E. Piper, with their daughter and son, sailed for New Zealand by the *Tahiti*. Pastor Piper goes to take the presidency of the South New Zealand Conference. Miss Lilian Howarth, from the Sydney Sanitarium, was a passenger by the same boat, also on her way to South New Zealand.

MISS EVA EDWARDS, who is under appointment to Fiji to serve as preceptress and matron of the girls at the Navuso school, is expecting to reach Sydney about December 17 from West Australia. Sister Edwards has been filling a similar position in the W.A. Missionary School. Her previous experience in Fiji and knowledge of the language will be helpful to her in her future work.

PASTOR C. M. SNOW, the editor of the *Signs of the Times*, accompanied by his wife and their daughter Ivanilla, returned to Warburton November 15. Since attending the General Conference they have been visiting different centres in America and have also made a brief visit to Europe in the interests of Pastor Snow's work. The homeward voyage was made on the *Baradine*, by way of South Africa.

FROM Pitcairn Island Brother M. E. McCoy wrote on October 29 in reference to their camp-meeting: "Our camp-meeting closes in two days. We have enjoyed this season of refreshing, and we hope before the meeting closes all will have renewed their consecration to the Lord." A few days later Brother McCoy wrote: "We have had three months of dry and parching heat, but the Lord is now supplying us with rain. Surely He has answered our prayers, and is still caring for us."

WRITING from Atchin, New Hebrides, Sister Nicholson tells of new members being received into fellowship, and of a new church building opened. She says: "Friday before last my husband went down the Malekulan coast and brought up to Atchin the native teachers and their wives, the baptised believers at Tonmiel, and a few others. On the Sabbath a woman was baptised who was sick when the rest of her class were immersed, and then the ten of them were received into church fellowship, and the ordinances celebrated. The people seemed thoroughly to enjoy their short visit here. Sunday noon they were on their way home again. Last Friday Mr. Nicholson went down again and held a meeting at each of the three stations on Sabbath. At Tonmiel the new church was opened. There is a wonderful change in the Tonmiel natives, compared with what they were a few years ago."

By letters received from New Zealand, it is evident that a most encouraging interest has been awakened in Gisborne and district as a result of the mission which has been conducted there during the past few months by Pastor R. Allan Anderson. To accommodate the large increase in membership a new church building is being erected, as the capacity of the old church is quite inadequate for the augmented congregation, over 120 adults and children having embraced the message in the Gisborne district during the past six months.

A SUITABLE office building has been secured for our headquarters in Tasmania, next door to the Health Food Café. In reference to this, Brother F. J. Butler, the secretary, writes: "We have been fortunate in securing office accommodation right beside the café building, No. 83 Elizabeth Street. By a coincidence the same box at the G.P.O. that we had in former years, has been given us,—No. 291. From what we have seen of the place we are all encouraged to go forward in the work, and believe we shall enjoy our service here. Pastor Newbold is, I understand, settling at Huonville until the camp-meeting, Pastor Whittaker is still looking for a house in Hobart. We have had beautiful weather during our first week in Hobart."

OUR readers will rejoice to know that our last Thirteenth Sabbath offering—given September 25 for the boat for the New Hebrides—was a record one. As yet not all the reports are in from the mission field Sabbath schools, but already we have received £1,315,—the largest Thirteenth Sabbath offering ever given in the history of the Sabbath school work in this field. The highest previous offering was £1,120, given in March, 1925. The need for the boat for the New Hebrides was great, and nobly have our people responded. At the time of writing, the boat is probably on its way from the docks in Suva, Fiji, where it was built, to its destination in the New Hebrides.

New Office Addresses

NORTH N.S.W. CONFERENCE: "Cooleong," Gordon Avenue, Hamilton. (Postal address, Box 27, P.O. Hamilton, N.S.W.)

TASMANIAN HEADQUARTERS: 83 Elizabeth Street, Hobart. (Postal address, Box 291, G.P.O. Hobart, Tasmania.)

Important Dates

Camp-Meetings:

North New Zealand: Dec. 28 to Jan. 9, 1927
South New Zealand: January 12-23.
Victoria: January 18-30.
Tasmania: February 3-13.
West Australia: Feb. 22 to March 6.
South Australia: March 8-20.
North N.S.W.: March 1-13.
Fiji "Bose": June 16-20.
Indian Meeting: June 10-12.
Solomon Island Meeting: May 1-8.
Queensland: To be arranged.

Young People's Week: December 11-18.
Educational Day: January 15, 1927.
A. M. College opens Feb. 23, 1927.
Appeal for Missions: March 5—
Sabbath School Rally Day: April 24, 1927.
Week of Prayer: June 4-11.