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Have Confidence in God

LOOK away for a moment from the uncertainty and confusion in the world to the blessed assurance of the Refuge Psalm (the forty-sixth). Calmness of mind, quietness of spirit, and strength of heart may be drawn from these comforting words of our God.

We have had faith in God's Word, and it has not failed us. Faith now is turned to sight. We see before our eyes what the ancient Word foretold. The last things of prophecy are upon us. The stupendous events of "the time of the end" are gathering headway. The prophecies are fulfilling. Not one of them will fail. God has spoken, and His Word will be fulfilled.

What mean these present perplexities of God's people, these uncertainties, this blackness, this seeming hindrance of God's work? They mean that the majestic current of God's eternal purpose is sweeping on to its consummation, and these are merely swirls and eddies that will be absorbed into its moving waters and disappear.

I am just as certain that the return of our Lord is near at hand, that this blessed message we have believed is true, as I am that tomorrow's sun will rise, or that the sun now shining will set behind the western hills.

We must have confidence in God's truth. The

church may seem to be in danger. The cause may appear imperilled. The advance of the message may look to be retarded. But the closing message of the gospel is nearer its consummation than it has ever been before.

God's work is nearest its glorious triumph when its peril seems to men the most imminent. It is God's truth; God is with it, and it must prevail.

A day, beautiful as ever dawned in Paradise, is about to break. Yes, dear fellow pilgrim, after a short, dark, terrible night, that beautiful day will come; it is nearly here now, sweeter than thaw after frost, more welcome than the light of day after the darkness of night, more refreshing than sunshine after rain, when the Prince of Peace shall reign over all the earth, and all creation, restored to its original glory, shall bask in the beams of an unsetting sun. Sin, which has rent creation asunder, shall be extirpated, all sorrow shall vanish away, all tears shall be wiped away from every eye.

God's day is hurrying on with swiftest pace. Soon, oh, how soon, we shall enter His glorious kingdom, safe, secure, immortal, to go no more out forever.

CARLYLE B. HAYNES.

A Motto for the New Year

"He led them on safely, so that they feared not." Ps. 78:53.

"He led them," not in pastures fair,
Nor where still waters be,
But through the surging waves of care,
Through sorrow's trackless sea.

Ah, but He led them "safely," bade
The watery depths divide,
So that, dry-shod and undismayed,
They reached the other side.

"They feared not." Why, how could they fear,
That feeble, helpless band,
With such a mighty Saviour near,
With God so close at hand?

So, as another year I meet,
My trustful heart grows calm,
For God will surely guide my feet,
And shield His child from harm.

Safe in His care, I fear no ill,
But follow where He leads,
For in the wilderness He still
His flock protects and feeds.

His presence cheers me as I press
Along life's pilgrim way,
Singing sweet songs of thankfulness,
And nearing home each day.

—Selected.

Importance of the Colporteur Work

"HOW beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him . . . that publisheth peace; . . . that publisheth salvation." Isa. 52:7.

The writings of the prophet Isaiah emphasise the fact that in the last days a special message, a message of power, will be given in all the world in preparation for the coming of Jesus. We read of this in several parts of his prophecy. His appeal to the servants of God is very clear and definite. "Lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God!" Isa. 40:9.

Towards the close of his prophetic ministry we find these further words: "Behold, thy salvation cometh; behold, His reward is with Him, and His work before Him." Isa. 62:11.

This is the message that is to go to the ends of the earth, and we are assured that all flesh shall see the salvation of our God. The message will be preached or published in some way or other so that it reaches all classes of men in every country. Apart from the public presentation of the Word of God the prophecy seems to indicate that literature will be used. While the word "publisheth" in the text referred to above does not have the same significance as we attach to it today, yet it still remains a fact that the message of salvation is to be published in these days. The thousands of pages of tracts, pamphlets, magazines, and books of the Advent movement—literature containing God's last message for this time—is a definite fulfilment of this prophecy. Not only men but women will be called to share in the giving of the evangel of peace to a lost world. We read: "The Lord gave the happy tidings; they are published by the female messengers, a numerous host." Ps. 68:11, Lesser's Translation.

God has many ways of heralding the glad tidings of salvation to men and women everywhere. The inhabitants of earth are not only to hear but also to read; they will not hear the living preacher, but they will read the books which contain this heaven sent appeal for this time. Hence the publishing work is a very vital phase of the gospel message in these last days.

"If there is one work more important than another, it is that of getting our publications before the public, thus leading them to search the Scriptures."—"Colporteur Evangelist," p. 80.

For many years we have talked about the loud cry of the third angel's message; we have hoped for it, we have prayed for it, and we have worked for it. It is the real longing of our hearts to see the message go with mighty power, and to see the earth ablaze with the glory of the message of God, and our publishing work is to play an important part in the closing scenes of the gospel message.

"In a large degree through our publishing houses is to be accomplished the work of that other angel who comes down from heaven with great power, and who lightens the earth with his glory."—"Testimonies," Vol. 7, p. 140.

Others besides members of the Advent

movement recognise the exalted character of the colporteur ministry.

The Rev. C. H. Spurgeon said: "There is no calling nor occupation more honourable."

The Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone mentioned that—

"The greatest public benefactor is the man who sells good books. The bookseller's vocation is as high as any in the business world."

The Rev. W. H. Rainey, of the British and Foreign Bible Society, writing from Peru several years ago, emphasised this:

"The colporteur is not simply a book hawker nor a commercial agent. To be that would not be dishonourable, but he goes as a pioneer evangelist, a pathfinder, a scout of the great militant church of Jesus Christ. He goes where the pastor does not go. He goes to open the door for the pastor. Again he co-operates with the missionary. He goes to the town and visits every house, and gives a list of their names to the nearest pastor. Sometimes he calls the people together and preaches to them, so that when the pastor comes he finds a church all ready for him to organise.

"The pastor in turn co-operates with the colporteur. We have lost some very good men because missionaries and pastors in place of encouraging and stimulating them, have discouraged them, treating their work as purely secular. They tell the poor man that he is just a book hawker. He returns to the central station and gives up his pack. But the colporteur is really an evangelist. He must work alone a great deal of the time: he must travel the dusty roads in the boiling sun; he must climb the mountains; he must go down the rivers in open boats. Tormented by mosquitoes, he must bear the heat and burden of the day in order that the way of the missionary and the pastor may be made more easy. Let us recognise his work as true evangelism, and the colporteur himself as a real missionary, and thus dignify the task."

The assurance of divine guidance as given by the Saviour in His commission to His church belongs to the faithful colporteur as to the gospel minister. When Jesus mentioned, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world" (Matt. 24:20), He had in mind those who travel the country roads, those who visit the farmsteads of the countryside, as well as the crowded cities of our land, besides those engaged in other lines of gospel work. In all such journeys angels of God guide the feet of the consecrated colporteur.

"Under divine guidance, go forward in the work, and look to the Lord for aid. The Holy Spirit will attend you. Angels of heaven will accompany you, preparing the way."—"Colporteur Evangelist," p. 40.

"The same ministry of angels attends the books that contain the truth as attends the work of the minister."—"Testimonies," Vol. 6, p. 316.

What an assurance this should bring to the hearts of all who are engaged in the publishing work! Each year thousands upon thousands of our message-filled books find their way into the homes of the people. They may be read once, then cast aside. They may be hidden

away in the bookcase or even relegated to a disused attic, but some day it is certain that these books will be sought out and read in times of need. Through a careful study of their pages many souls will be born into the kingdom of heaven.

"It is true that some who buy the books will lay them on the shelf or place them on the parlour table, and seldom look at them. Still God has a care for His truth, and the time will come when these books will be sought for and read. Sickness or misfortune may enter the home, and through the truth contained in the books, God sends to troubled hearts peace and hope and rest. His love is revealed to them, and they understand the preciousness of the forgiveness of their sins. Thus the Lord co-operates with His self-denying workers."—"Colporteur Evangelist," p. 6.

To all engaged in the literature ministry we would pass on the following words of comfort and assurance which have come down through the ages: "In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand." Eccles. 11:6. "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." Ps. 126:5, 6.

W. E. READ,

Sec. Northern European Division.

Fitted for Service

O turn me, mould me, mellow me for use,
Pervade my being with Thy vital force,
That this else inexpressive life of mine
May become eloquent and full of power,
Impregnated with life and strength divine.
Put the bright torch of heaven into my hand,
That I may carry it aloft,
And win the eye of weary wanderers here below,
To guide their feet into the paths of peace.

I cannot raise the dead,
Nor from the soil pluck precious dust,
Nor bid the sleeper wake,
Nor still the storm, nor bend the lightning back,
Nor muffle up the thunder,
Nor bid the chains fall from off creation's long fettered limbs;
But I can live a life that tells on other lives,
And makes the world less full of anguish and of pain,
A life that, like the pebble dropped upon the sea,
Sends its wide circle to a hundred shores.

May such a life be mine!
Creator of true life, Thyself the life Thou givest,
Give Thyself that Thou mayest dwell in me, and I in Thee.

—Horatius Bonar.

NEWS FROM AFAR

Our Beautiful Estate at Watford, England

THIS aerial view was taken primarily for publicity work in connection with The Stanboroughs Hydro, but we are sure that all our readers will be interested in seeing just how beautiful the estate appears to the airmen who frequently pilot their machines over our heads.

The Stanboroughs Hydro, more familiarly known to us perhaps as the Sanitarium, appears in the foreground, immediately behind which are the kitchen gardens, the medical superintendent's residence, with the steam laundry to the right, and the orchard stretching back in the rear.

The Sanitarium Annexe (the former Stanborough Missionary College) stands out boldly almost in the centre of the picture, and has quite an imposing appearance. At the top of the picture to the left will be recognised the Stanborough Press, with the Granose Food Factory immediately behind.

Between the Annexe and the Sanitarium are the British Union Conference offices, the headquarters of our church organisation in this field, and at the top of the picture to the right of the factories is a row of pleasant villas occupied by British Union officers and members of the institutions. Just out of the picture at the right-hand top corner is the Stanborough Park church school.

A. S. MAXWELL.

Progress in China

DR. W. H. MILLER, President of the China Division, gave the following facts regarding his mission field during a chapel talk at the Philippine Union College:

"Our work in China began over a quarter of a century ago. In the beginning the work made slow progress, but there has been a wonderful transformation since those days. Especially has this been true the last few years.

"Last year we had over 2,000 baptisms. During the past five years more has been accomplished in soul-winning than in the previous twenty-five years. Men of wealth are beginning to turn their means into our message. This is particularly true of our medical work. To illustrate:

"We desired to build a Sanitarium in Manchuria. Mrs. Oss and Mrs. Miller went there with a letter of introduction from the Mayor of Shanghai. They saw the general, Marshal Chang, the former war lord of Manchuria, and told him of our desires and our needs. The general asked how much we needed. They told him they would like to secure about \$30,000. He replied that if that was all they needed, he would give it, but that he did not feel it was enough, and stated that the place where we should go to build was Mukden; and if we would go there and build, he would not only give the land but

\$100,000 in addition. They dared not accept so much, and told him they would have to get permission first. He instructed them to wire for me. I went up and saw him the day I arrived, and the arrangements were completed. For this Sanitarium he gave us eight acres of valuable old park or palace land. We are safe in saying that we are the first people who have been able to secure old ancestral land, and that as a gift! This piece of land is the most beautiful place we have in all the East.

"Today in Shanghai we not only have our Sanitarium and hospital, but a six-story clinic, which is paid for and partly endowed, right in the heart of the city. The funds for building this mammoth structure were given by the Chinese people.



Our Headquarters in England

From every quarter of China the leading people are calling for Sanitariums and hospitals for their part of the field. Aside from the Sanitarium in Shanghai, we have ten other Sanitariums in different parts of China.

"The medical work is certainly the right hand of the message in China. It seems that everywhere we go we meet people who have learned of us through our medical work. A year ago I was down in Canton, the largest city in South China. Sun Fo, the son of President Sun Yat Sen, sent for me, and said that if we would build a Sanitarium and hospital there he would give \$150,000 and the land.

"Not long ago I was in Hongkong. There they told me of a man who wanted to see me. He told me that he had in the bank \$50,000 that he wanted to give to the building of a Sanitarium and hospital there, and that he would be personally responsible for raising \$100,000 more if we would but give him the word that we would accept it and proceed to build.

"China is ready for the gospel. Not

many years ago we laboured under great obstacles, from both civilians and the military; but now in many parts of China our missionaries are given military escort for protection, and many times the officials welcome us with their own motor cars.

"Soon the God of heaven will write 'finish' to His work."

Evangelism in South Africa

A FEW recent experiences will give some idea of what is taking place in South Africa. Early in the year, Pastor F. G. Clifford and his co-workers started a ten-week series of meetings in the Bloemfontein Town Hall. Bloemfontein is one of the most difficult and conservative cities in South Africa. Previous efforts had not yielded the harvest hoped for. Some questioned the use of the town hall with a seating capacity of 800, feeling that it was rather a risky undertaking; however, from the first, especially over the week-ends, the capacity of the hall was taxed. A very deep interest was aroused throughout the city, and a spiritual re-

vival resulted such as Bloemfontein has never before known. Forty-three have been baptised, while a large interest is being followed up by the workers.

Another wonderful miracle of God's power has been witnessed at Bethlehem, considered by many another unpromising place,—conservative, creed-bound, and self-satisfied. The largest theatre in the town was secured, and double sessions were a regular week-end feature. Public interest ran high throughout the entire effort. The Holy Spirit mightily moved on hearts, and conversions of a deep and lasting nature took place. Forty have been baptised, and others hope to follow soon.

A series of meetings of special interest to all of us has recently closed at North Boksburg, conducted by one of our lay brethren. A few months ago there were no Adventists in the town; today there are forty-six who have been baptised and organised into a church. Twenty others are being prepared for baptism. We are daily impressed with the fact that this is

our day of unparalleled opportunity and unequaled privilege.

N. C. WILSON,
President Sth. African Union Conf.



Aore School, New Hebrides

SUNDAY, October 29, saw the close of the school year at the Aore Training School. Arrangements were immediately made to return the students to their homes. It was decided that the writer should have the benefit of the "outing," having been confined to school work for over nine months.

The returning of the boys and girls to their homes necessitated three trips from Aore in the launch *Kani*, besides the *Kariof's* taking some on her return to Ambrym with Brother and Sister David Ferris, who had come across for the close of school. The first trip was to Big Bay in the north, the second to Ambrym in the east, and lastly to Malekula and Atchin in the south. The time occupied was the best part of a fortnight, and the distance travelled almost 500 miles.

Everything went well, and it was a pleasure to meet with the various companies upon which we called. A Sabbath was spent at Baiap, South Ambrym, where a strong school work is being carried forward. There are a large number of fine children and youth at this village, and two teachers are employed to care for the needs of this place. Meetings were also conducted at two outstations during the day.

At Malekula I was particularly interested in the work of a couple who are working for the cannibals. The missionary spirit and love for souls manifested by Masing and his little wife called forth the greatest admiration. The day we visited their station we found them overjoyed because the chief of another warlike tribe had spent the previous night with them talking over the possibility of obtaining a mission teacher for his people. This man, who had never been away from his home before, accompanied us to Aore to become informed about our methods and to see for himself the work we are doing.

Although the majority of our students are now at their own villages, enjoying their vacation period, yet we still have about thirty boys and girls, mostly from Tanna, who have remained with us. We are conducting school daily for these, and although a much smaller family we are still a happy one.

G. H. ENGELBRECHT.

The Ruruvae Intermediate School, Choiseul

IT seems but a very short while since we began, more than five years ago, felling timber on the beautifully located island of Ruruvae, in order to provide another educational centre for the Solomon Islands, in the form of an intermediate school.

In the latter part of September the final examinations were held, thus bringing to a close four years of school. As usual, the students took their examinations very seriously, and tried hard to accomplish their best, though of course it was somewhat of an ordeal for most of them. They take a very live interest in their school subjects, especially in Bible and geography lessons. They realise that a little understanding of geography helps to clarify their knowledge of the Bible. The significance of prophecy and its fulfilment, and the spread of the message in all lands, are grasped much more readily when strong emphasis is placed on geography. The other day one boy voluntarily expressed himself this way: "I never dreamed the world was so large. A few years ago, before the coming of the gospel, we thought practically only of Choiseul. Then we began to learn that the Solomon Islands cover a large area, and now we are beginning to realise there is a very large *soloso* (world) all about us."

I am tempted to mention one or two errors in the geography examination papers. In answer to the question, Where are the cities of London, Sydney, etc., located? one boy stated that London was in New South Wales, and Sydney in South America! But with the exception of a few such errors, most of the students did very well.

A programme of singing was held one evening to close the school year. For this occasion the church was prettily decorated with a wealth of tropical foliage, including palms, ferns, and crotons. A party of sixty Choiseul men who were on their way to Batuna to work in connection with the sawmill, formed part of the audience.

A few days later a *kinolo* (feast) was held. More than half a ton of *talo* brought in by the mission launch from Vio and other missions formed the basis of supplies for this much-looked-forward-to event. A holiday was declared, and on the afternoon of that day, after our return from a launch excursion, the native ovens were opened. The aroma emanating from them was certainly of an appetising kind. Willing hands piled the steaming hot food in a long single row on banana leaves, and after a blessing upon the food had been sought, all were seated on either side, and ate heartily of the savoury repast. One boy apparently expressed the feeling of all when he said, "Number one *kuikai!*" (first class food) for there followed a chorus of assents.

The students are now working full time for a few weeks before leaving for their homes. Some will go on to the Batuna Training School next year, while others will return here, accompanied by new ones. During vacation some will dive for pearl-shell (those who propose to go pearling are elated at the new rise in price of pearl-shell), and others will work *copra* (dried kernel of the coconut), the price of which, on the other hand, is about the lowest on record.

A number of boys from this school are already engaged in teaching work. Two are labouring on Mussau, and two others in Bougainville, both places in the Territory of New Guinea. Four more are working in Brother Ferris' field, Guadalcanar, and two in the Marovo District. A number of students have been baptised

from time to time. It will be seen that this new school, made possible by the faithful giving of our people in the homeland, is bearing fruit here and afield.

A. J. CAMPBELL.

An Experience in Fiji

THIS brief story is concerning a Fijian who was recently called upon to make the choice between God and his job. And I am sure you will all rejoice with me to know that he proved faithful under the test. I tell the story so that you in the homeland may know that there are some in the islands who well repay all the effort put forth on their behalf.

Bennie, who is a stalwart Fijian, lives in the town of Navatucere, in close proximity to the Kauri Timber Company's mill. Being a strong and willing worker, he soon found employment with the company. It was not long before his foreman found him so useful that he went about to get him to work on the Sabbath in order that his time might be undivided. As we had no one in charge of this district at that time who could have advised Bennie, the foreman was able to persuade him.

After several years of working on the Sabbath, Bennie, as a result of personal work with him, made up his mind to again serve the Lord. To this end he issued an ultimatum to his foreman, that if he could not have the Sabbath off, then he would have to cease working for the company. After visiting him a number of times, both the manager and the foreman finally came to the conclusion that he meant what he said, and that money was a secondary consideration with him, and that his *lotu* (worship) came first. So rather than lose him altogether, they have put him to other work where he can have the Sabbath off without interfering with their programme. Surely such faithfulness will receive its reward.

R. W. LANE.

Nadarivatu,
Fiji.

A Request for Prayer

FROM Vavau, Tonga, Sister B. E. Hadfield wrote in a personal letter dated November 13: "Since our steamer was taken off the run to this part of the group, we feel rather isolated. Often our mail is three months old when we receive it. We have been very busy. Mr. Hadfield is trying to have the manual work finished before the hurricane season and the very hot weather. We have changed the order of our Sunday evening meetings in the picture hall. A service for the European residents is held one Sunday each month, and meetings for the Tongans the other three weeks. Last evening at least seventy adults were present. They were mostly young married men in their twenties. They are the very men we have longed to reach. We need your prayers that the Lord will impress the truth upon the hearts of these people. We appreciate the help of Jone Tofua'a and his wife. You will remember reading of this young minister who recently accepted the message. We send greetings to all the old friends. We often think of you all."

WEST AUSTRALIA

PRESIDENT: L. D. A. LEMKE
SECRETARY: S. C. BUTLER

In the Remote West

"THE groves were God's first temples." Such was the thought impressed upon my mind when recently I was privileged to associate with a company of God's people who are steadfastly holding to the blessed hope in the midst of nature's environment.

Perhaps few among our believers who congregate from Sabbath to Sabbath in our city churches, realise the conditions under which many of our faithful country believers worship together.

How often have we heard from our missionaries of the willingness of our native believers to walk long distances to worship God, and has not such a thought inspired us? It is most gratifying to me to know that this message, wherever it is planted, produces fruit of a similar nature, whether it be in the homeland or in lands afar.

Come with me for a few moments to far off Western Australia. To reach a certain Sabbath school we must take a train journey of some 200 miles south from Perth, followed by a twenty-five mile motor run over an almost impossible road. After several delays along the road to prepare our way, by the removal of trees, or to dig our car from the mire, we finally arrive at our destination.

While the music, "Sweet Sabbath School" or "Jesus, Come and Bless Us," peals forth from many a city church, the members of this Sabbath school are travelling over most rugged bush tracks to their place of worship, which opens at a later hour than the usual time.

The company is known in the West as the Biddella-Donnelley Sabbath school. There are about thirty members, including the children. Two homes have been chosen for the weekly meeting place, seven miles apart, where alternately they worship, Sabbath by Sabbath.

Before Sabbath school can function each week, many of the members must first take a seven mile journey, but rarely, if ever, is there any reason to mark a single member tardy. The superintendent is in her place, the hymn is announced, the company arise, and over the quiet hills float the words of their opening song. Sweetly and all too soon the hour passes away. Church service is attended by every member of the Sabbath school. "Christ, Our Only Hope" is the preacher's theme. The talk is finished, the appeal is made for all to surrender anew to Him who is our only hope. One by one the entire number arise, from the oldest to the youngest, to yield anew their allegiance to the God of their salvation. The closing hymn speaks of hearts aglow, touched by a Saviour's love.

After a happy stay with the people of God, I return to resume my work, thank-

ful in heart for the power of God that holds together our devoted country believers, and assured that, even in the isolation that surrounds them, there is a blessing in disguise which often is not found where folk congregate in large numbers in our cities, and are unable to choose the groves as their houses of worship.

GORDON I. WILSON.

NORTH NEW SOUTH WALES

PRESIDENT: A. H. WHITE
SECRETARY: E. L. PENGILLEY

Notes from the North

LEAVING headquarters on November 16, it was the privilege of the writer in the succeeding days to visit our workers and believers at a number of centres on the North Coast. The following places were visited where conference workers are doing aggressive work; Taree, where Pastor C. J. Reynolds is labouring; Kempsey, where Brethren H. A. Kent and J. Cormack are associated in labour; Nambucca and Bellingen, where Pastor B. Cormack is

a statement made in the long ago by the servant of the Lord.

Word has reached us that at the camp meeting continuation meetings at East Maitland, there is an increasing number attending week by week. Word from our representative in the far north-west, Brother G. F. Bohringer, tells of the launching of a strong evangelistic effort in the centre where he is stationed. Besides the above mentioned workers, we have Pastor R. A. Salton giving his attention to the work at Cessnock and Kurri Kurri.

Then we must not forget the services being rendered in this conference by two of our visiting brethren. One in the person of Pastor C. H. Davis of China, who is spending a well-earned furlough at one of the many seaside resorts that abound in North New South Wales. Here at this resort since our camp meeting which ended November 5, Pastor Davis has been busy with literature and visiting and conducting meetings. An interest has been aroused, and we regret that soon this work will have to be placed in other hands due to the return of Brother Davis and his family to the land of Chosen. The churches in the southern end of this conference have deeply appreciated the strong help that has been given them by Pastor Davis, and they will not forget his good work in their midst.

Then, too, in the person of Brother W. S. Renn, we have a good, strong work going forward on behalf of our pioneer missionary paper, the *Signs of the Times*. Years ago Brother Renn was led to accept the Advent message because of the persistency of the leader of the Gosford church in placing this paper before him week by week. Now we see the happy picture of Brother Renn seeking to encourage the whole membership

of this conference to engage in the good work of distributing the *Signs of the Times*. The motto, "MORE SIGNS, MORE SOULS," will surely find a verification as the work goes forward amongst the churches and companies.

In the near future we expect the RECORD readers to read a report from our individual workers. These few notes will serve as an introduction to their reports.

A. H. WHITE.

Greetings for 1934

"Be not afraid nor dismayed
. . . ; for the battle is not yours, but
God's." 2 Chron. 20 : 15.

holding up the banner; Lismore, where Brother J. S. Jackson is very busy looking after the interests; and at Murwillumbah, where Brother C. J. Griffin has interests in various centres to care for. Visits were also made at Wauchope and Port Macquarie. While there is no local conference worker at the last named places, we have in the person of Pastor F. A. Allum one who is labouring untiringly in the interests of the work.

A visit was also made at Kendall, where we have some very happy and staunch members of the Advent family. In each of the above named towns and their surrounding districts we have a growing work, and much to encourage us. We would that funds were available to enable the conference to augment the number of labourers already in the field and to respond to the many calls that come to us insistently for workers. As was said by the Master, we can truly say that "the field is white already to harvest."

My own heart was encouraged as I listened to the testimonies of some who have recently accepted the message for today. Books that were sold by our faithful colporteurs in past years have now been removed from the dusty shelves on which they were placed in days gone by, and as the message is being studied, the books are being read, and thus we see a fulfilment of

The Garden

WHAT a wonderful world we are living in! When you come to think of it, every part of nature lives to fulfil the Creator's purpose, every living thing, it seems, faithfully fulfilling that purpose for which it was made.

I wonder do we really give the Creator thanks from our hearts that this is so. A good way to determine whether we do or not, would be to count each blessing and then just ask ourselves, "What would happen to me if this beautiful rose, and all her sisters of the flower garden, rebelled against the Creator's will? What would this world be with all their glorious brightness gone?"

We may also consider the world of fruit and vegetables, and that great mystery surrounding seed and fruit; in fact, every

element of nature. Let us take them one by one, and then ask ourselves, "What would become of me if they all ignored God's purpose?" Let us give thanks to God with all our hearts that this is not so.

But there must be one more question. "Am I taking my lesson from this? Am I fulfilling the purpose for which I was created, or am I rebelling against that only which is good, His divine will?"

"Love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. . . . Love thy neighbour as thyself." Matt. 22 : 37-39.

"Each form of life that breaks the sod,
Or decks the vine or tree,
Reveals a tender thought of God
And speaks of Him to me."

J. E. D.

VICTORIA

PRESIDENT : G. G. STEWART
SECRETARY : L. J. IMRIE

A Church Picnic

ON the kind invitation of Sister O. Brinsmead of Lake Connewarra, Vic., members of the Geelong church were on November 24 enabled to spend a pleasant and profitable day in the open air.

At 10.30 Sunday morning, in cars and trucks, seventy-five old and young brethren and sisters wended their way along the picturesque road, with mown hay on either side, vistas of the bay, and lovely rises appearing at intervals.

The high spirits of the children found vent when a glimpse of the lovely lake was obtained at a turn of the road, and when the winding tracks brought all vehicles to a sudden stop right on the bank of the lake a little later, voices of mentors could not be heard.

Right into a wide garden yard surrounded by bowers of ivy geranium, scarlet roses, and every conceivable colour of blended flowers, the cars discharged their cargo. Immediately the fine old homestead grounds seemed to have absorbed all living freight.

Down in the valley could be seen young men and maidens busily engaged in rounders, fill the gap, and "rats and rabbits," whilst the small boys, like horses in new pasture, explored every nook and cranny, wisely reserving their strength for contests later.

Elderly and invalid sisters contented themselves sitting on the verandahs, enjoying a view of the expansive lake, covered with black swans.

In groups on the shore the older brethren met, probably recounting reminiscences of the message.

Meanwhile Sisters Brinsmead, with their attendants, had provided a sumptuous repast, for which the adult members were invited to pay the modest sum of one shilling, the proceeds of which will go toward the church debt fund.

No need of tonic to whet the appetite. Keen air and games had done their work. A lengthy verandah accommodated the young people and children, whilst the elders had the use of a large dining room.

After dinner Brethren Jones and Vetter kept the ball rolling briskly with all kinds of contests, games, races, etc., until near-

ing four o'clock, when all were invited into the home to sing the songs of Zion.

Listening to these praises from her bed was the invalid mother of the home, who assured us that she enjoyed it very much, although she was permitted to see only a few old friends.

Pastor Michaels invoked God's blessing on the day and the kind hearts who had made it possible for us all to have such a pleasant time, after which light refreshments were partaken of at a charge of 3d. per head.

Some new Sabbath-keepers were privileged to attend, and they expressed themselves as delighted with a people who would hold a church picnic such as this.

Daylight found every one safely home minus any accidents. It is rumoured that the function may become an annual event.

ONE OF THE NUMBER.

Colporteur Work

Colporteur Evangelistic Soul-Saving Work

A Few Experiences Related at South New South Wales Camp

THE Field Missionary Secretary's report was read, which revealed that more books were delivered in 1932, when the value of orders taken was £5,819, than were delivered in the year 1929, when the summary value was £7,055.



Colporteurs in South New South Wales

As most of the colporteurs handled Scriptural books, combining with them the *Signs of the Times* or *Our Little Friend*, we look for a spiritual harvest. Some of the experiences related at the camp are as follows:

One colporteur in Sydney, working with "Daniel and the Revelation" early in the year, with the help of the field leader, placed forty-four books in one home. Studies were held in that home, three families attending. Already one husband and wife with two children are keeping the Sabbath and attending church, and we were glad to see twelve persons from that interest come to some of the meetings on the camp ground. We are still working and praying for souls from this company.

Six are already keeping the Sabbath in another place where a colporteur pioneered the trail and found his way to the hearts of the people. To that district an evangelist has been sent, and he reports every home open in one section of the country. At the camp the colporteur himself was asked to join the evangelist in labour in that part of the State. We confidently expect that a good church will be raised up from this interest in the near future.

Another colporteur was working a short time in a country town, but studied with a lady who was there on a holiday. This lady has since returned to her home town and she and her sister are both keeping the Sabbath.

After the colporteurs had prepared the way by canvassing the book, "Through Turmoil to Peace," a worker stationed in that town studied with different persons, and at least one family is on the point of accepting the whole truth.

"Listen," says another, "until I tell you an experience I had in the city. When delivering 'Bible Pictures and Stories' to a lady, she told me to go to her mother. I hurried there and had no difficulty in making a cash sale. Then I found she had paid for her daughter's set too, and was willing to purchase more if only the young people would read them; for, said she, 'I am up in years, and I want to help my grandchildren to get a good Christian training.' A month later this elderly lady paid cash for two more sets, and a little later another, making five in all. I left that district. Another colporteur followed me, and sold still another set of 'Bible Pictures,' also a copy of 'Our Day'

to this same lady. It gives me pleasure to see how our publications are appreciated."

"Immediately after camp last year," said another colporteur, "while delivering I met with an experience which I shall long remember. At 8.30 p.m. I called on a home and was invited in for the evening, and while I talked with the husband the good lady prepared a room for me. At 10 p.m. I was asked into a room to retire. They were humble but very hospitable folk, and made apologies for not having better conveniences, yet their expression of love in the midst of poverty would touch the hardest criminal. In the morning the separator was rumbling and only half doing its work; others had tried to fix it and failed. I understood dairy farming and machinery, so soon had it running

smoothly and effectually. The farmer expressed his appreciation. After breakfast we had prayer together. The Holy Spirit touched each heart, and with tear-filled eyes they told how the Lord had blessed my visit to their good."

Many similar experiences could be told. We ask an interest in your prayers as we scatter the truth-filled literature.

T. A. MITCHELL,
Field Missionary Sec.



Junior Summer Camp, South New South Wales

Is it true that South New South Wales is planning to hold a Junior Camp this summer? Yes, it is true, and a beautiful camping ground, situated on the Nepean River, six miles from Richmond, has been chosen as the spot where, from January 10-24, the camp will be in session.

Will your children be there, dear parents, to join in the family worship; to gather round the teachers for instruction in First Aid, nature study, and camp craft; to enter into the spirit of the swimming and hiking periods; and to sit with us around the camp fire during the story hour?

Your children will miss much if they miss this camp, so we urge you to send in the names of those who can attend. A fee of ten shillings per child will be charged for the week's board. The boys' camp will convene from January 10-17, and the girls' from January 17-24.

For further information apply to the Young People's Department, 72 The Boulevard, Strathfield.

DELPHIA P. PHILLIPS,
Asst. M.V. Sec., Sth. N.S.W.

WEDDING BELLS

Askin-Hall.—In the Sydenham S.D.A. church on October 31 Ada Eileen Hall, daughter of Brother and Sister Hall of the Sydenham church, was united in the holy bands of matrimony to Allan Kidd Askin of Pleasant Point. Interested friends tastefully decorated the church, and a large number of relatives and friends attended the service to wish them God's blessings as they commence their united service for the Master. Our sincere prayer is that God will richly bless the union.

S. L. PATCHING.

Bazley-Coulston.—On Nov. 21, 1933, the home of Brother and Sister Alwyn Coulston of Mulgeldie, Q., was the scene of a quiet little ceremony, when their elder daughter, Eileen Beryl, was united in marriage with Henry Bazley, in the presence of a small company of intimate friends. As Brother and Sister Bazley make their home at Monto, another lamp

will be lighted, from which the rays of present truth will be radiated to the neighbourhood. Our best wishes go with them.

E. H. GUILLIARD.

OBITUARIES

Ballard.—Sister Elizabeth Mary Ballard passed peacefully to her rest at Gympie, Q., on November 30, the anniversary of her eighty-fifth birthday. Her end was peace. In 1866 she came to this country in the sailing ship *Blackmore*, and accepted the Advent message in the year 1897 under the labours of Pastor G. B. Starr, thus becoming one of the charter members of the first Adventist church in Queensland. Sister Ballard loved the message to the day of her death, and never missed an opportunity to testify of her confidence in her Master. She attended the first camp meeting in Queensland, and until sickness laid her low was always a faithful and familiar figure at such sessions. Her bright testimony will be sadly missed. She leaves to mourn her loss her faithful husband, three sons, and two daughters. We laid her to rest in the Gympie cemetery. Services in the church and at the graveside were conducted by the writer.

R. J. BURNS.

Behrens.—Mrs. Alice Martha Behrens passed peacefully away at her home in Doncaster, Vic., on Nov. 8, at the ripe age of seventy-six years. Our late sister entered that home as a young bride fifty-three years ago and lived there until her decease. Her husband predeceased her twenty-six years ago. God blessed this union with six sons and three daughters. The first break among the children occurred only a few months ago, when the youngest son, Edmund, met a tragic death by a kick from a horse. The late Brother and Sister Behrens, Senior, accepted present truth forty-three years ago under the influence of Sister Higgins, Senior. They were acquainted with the pioneer workers and first attended the meetings held in a hall at North Fitzroy. Sister E. G. White visited their home while she was labouring in Australia. Even before becoming an Adventist, Sister Behrens was an ardent Christian worker and opened a Sunday school for the children of the Church of Christ; she was always much interested in the work for young people, and her last message was to them—an exhortation to prepare for the soon coming of our Lord. All the sons and daughters followed in the footsteps of their parents, and now find great solace and comfort in remembering the consistent life their mother lived, and feeling sure that she will have a part in the resurrection of the just. She was laid to rest beside her late husband in the Box Hill cemetery on November 10. Pastors H. J. Meyers, L. J. Imrie, and the writer assisted in the services.

G. G. STEWART.

Nichols.—On November 5, Sister Levina Nichols of Albury, N.S.W., aged sixty-two years, fell asleep in Jesus. Sister Nichols had been an invalid for thirty-seven years. She was a patient sufferer and a devoted child of God. She accepted

the message about nine years ago under the labours of Pastor G. G. Stewart. She leaves a devoted husband and two sons to mourn their loss. A short service was held at the house before leaving for the cemetery, where comforting words were spoken to the many friends who had come to pay their last respects. The writer was assisted by Brother E. H. Parsons at both services. We laid her to rest with the blessed assurance that when Jesus our Life-giver shall return, our beloved sister will be among those who shall have a part in that first resurrection.

H. C. HARKER.

Havea.—In the Neiafu Hospital, Tonga, after five days' illness, Bohahau Havea, the eleven months' old son of Silva Havea, our Tongan worker and Sabbath school superintendent in Vavau, fell asleep as the result of toxemia and pneumonia. We thought he had eaten a poisonous berry, and it was not until after his death that his parents remembered his being bitten by a diseased cat three days previous to his illness. Cat bites are dangerous in this country. The doctor did all that was possible, but the Lord so willed that the little sufferer should sleep. He now rests with his baby brother who died six years ago at the same age. His bright little face will be missed by us all, including his two little sisters. At least two hundred people gathered around the graveside while Mr. Hadfield spoke words of comfort and hope. "Suffer little children to come unto Me."

L. V. HADFIELD.

Please Take Notice

THOSE of our people who plan to spend a week or two at Manly, Sydney's most popular seaside resort, may desire to know where the Manly Seventh-day Adventists meet. They have their Sabbath school and service in the lodge room of the United Friendly Societies' dispensary in Eustace Street, about two minutes' walk from the wharf. Time of Sabbath school, 10.30 a.m.

Employment Offered.—An S. D. A. is wanted for dairy farm, experienced with cattle. 15s. per week. State age. Apply to J. MCCAMLEY, "Clover Hills," Barjool, Q.

For Sale.—Choice orchard property. Absolute deep water frontage to Dora Creek. Area about sixty acres, all cleared. About six acres under orchard. Modern four-roomed bungalow, delightfully situated. All necessary sheds and outbuildings. For price and further particulars apply to M. J. McDONALD, Dora Creek, N. S. W.

For Sale or Exchange.—A nice homely home in Bennett Street, Dee Why, a suburb of Sydney. Beautiful situation and ocean view. Apply JOSEPH E. STEED.

GOD has an abundance of grace and power awaiting our demand. But the reason we do not feel our great need of it is because we look to ourselves and not to Jesus.—"Testimonies," Vol. 5, p. 167.

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WE were happy to welcome our General Conference President, Pastor C. H. Watson, and Sister Watson on their returning to their native land on December 4. The meetings that he has conducted at Wahroonga and Sydney have been a source of inspiration to all his hearers. We are glad to be able to announce that Pastor Watson will be in attendance at the camp meetings in Victoria, North and South New Zealand, South Australia, and West Australia. Following the camp in the West, he will proceed to Africa, sailing from Fremantle. Sister Watson will remain in Australia until Brother Watson comes back this way in time to attend our next Annual Council before returning to headquarters in U.S.A.

SISTER NORMAN FERRIS and children were passengers by the *Mataram* from the Solomon Islands, arriving in Sydney on December 13. Sister Ferris had a serious tropical illness six months ago, and being unable to recover her strength, has finally found it necessary to come south to recuperate. We trust that she will soon be looking and feeling much better.

"MORE than 80 per cent of all the boys who have attended the Batuna school, Solomon Islands, are now out as teachers or engaged in some other line of mission work," Brother N. A. Ferris states in a recent letter.

It is with much sorrow that we record the death of Pastor C. M. Snow, the esteemed editor of the *Signs of the Times*. Pastor Snow has not been well for some time. His trouble was diagnosed as a greatly enlarged heart. Brother Snow has served the cause efficiently for forty-six years. Much sympathy is felt for the relatives left to mourn. The obituary will be given in a later issue.

Recent Committee Actions

AT a meeting of the Australasian Union Conference Committee held at Wahroonga on December 5, 1933, the chairman, Pastor W. G. Turner, made feeling reference to the death of our loved and respected fellow worker, Sister A. L. Hindson, and it was voted to place on record the following minute:

"WHEREAS, in the providence of God our esteemed sister, Mrs. A. L. Hindson, has been called to lay off the armour and rest until the resurrection morning,

"We desire to place on record our highest appreciation of the faithful services of our beloved Sister for over forty years in this field, ably filling for various periods the important offices of Secretary of the Australian Tract Society, Secretary of the Australasian Union Conference, of the Home Missions Department, the Young People's Department, and the Sabbath School Department, and Editor of the AUSTRALASIAN RECORD and the *Mission-*

ary Leader. Her faithful and untiring devotion to duty was maintained even until the last moments of her life, and we are assured that for her is laid up a crown of everlasting life.

"We desire further to express our condolence and sympathy to our dear Brother Hindson and his family in this sad loss which they have sustained."

As the full Committee stood, the secretary led us to the throne of grace, praying that God will keep us as faithful to His service as our sister had been, and further, that He would greatly comfort and bless those who by her death have been so sadly bereaved.

Consideration was given to the filling of the vacancies made by Sister Hindson's death. Miss V. M. Rogers was appointed Acting Editor of the AUSTRALASIAN RECORD and *Missionary Leader* until the next Annual Council. Miss Rogers has been doing very acceptable work on the RECORD and *Leader* for some years, and we are confident that the paper will continue to maintain its usual high standard.

Plans were also laid for the New Zealand Missionary College. Having asked to be relieved of the responsibility of principal of that institution, Pastor E. Rosendahl is being invited to connect with the faculty of the Australasian Missionary College.

It was voted to invite Brother G. H. Greenaway, the Normal teacher at the A. M. College, to connect with the N. Z. Missionary College as principal and manager.

That we invited the Queensland Conference to release Brother H. S. Streeter to connect with the N. Z. Missionary College as preceptor and teacher.

That Brother L. A. Butler be invited to connect with the Queensland Conference as secretary-treasurer.

That Brother E. M. Abbott, of the Union Conference Treasury Department, be appointed accountant and teacher of bookkeeping at the N. Z. M. College.

That Miss Elva Thorpe, of the Union Conference M. V. Department, assist in the business department of the college, teaching shorthand and typewriting.

That Brother William Pascoe, of the Avondale Industries Office, connect with the Treasury Department of the Union Conference.

That Miss Edith Stewart, who is now assisting in the Victorian M. V. Department, come to headquarters to help in the M. V. work.

A. H. PIPER,
Secretary.

AS Pastor and Mrs. G. B. Starr, and Mrs. Starr's sister, Mrs. M. S. Boyd, are so well known to our Australian believers we share with our readers this paragraph from a personal letter written by Pastor Starr on November 15 from Glendale, California: "We three are enjoying many blessings in our evening of life. Mrs. Starr and I are both in our eightieth year. Mrs. Boyd is past 82 but we are all reasonably well. I spoke last Sabbath to five hundred of our people at the Los Angeles Central Church and enjoyed as much freedom as in years past. November 23 will be our fiftieth anniversary, or golden wedding. God has been good to us." Sister Boyd still gives Bible studies to patients in the Glendale Sanitarium.

Our Mission Ship

SINCE the boat built by the Sabbath schools, the *Diari* (De-ar-e), reached Papan waters she has been kept busy, and we wonder how ever we got along without her. We have been able to use her in transporting our white workers and their furniture and goods from place to place, and bringing students to our training school. Now that the school term is ended we are returning the young people to their own stations for the vacation period.

Yesterday we returned from a trip up the coast to Vilirupu and Aroma, where we went to hold district meetings with the teachers and believers. We had a fine time together. In a few days we shall be leaving for a long trip down the western part of Papua. We shall first visit Vaialala mission to hold district meetings there, and then go farther west into the Delta Division of Papua on a visit of inspection to see where we may open up new work in the future.

This Delta region is just one mass of waterways. We have waited many years to see this country, but have not been able as we had no ship of our own and the coastal boats do not call at the places where we wanted to go. But now, thanks to the *Diari*, we shall be able to visit these people and see for ourselves just what it is possible for us to do for them.

Our party will consist of Pastor J. R. James, Brethren C. J. Howell, C. E. Mitchell, and L. I. Howell and the writer, and we expect to be away about two weeks. Later we shall be able to report to you what we have found. We expect to go as far as the great Fly River, which is navigable for 600 miles. We have heard much concerning these rivers, and now we hope to see them.

Our workers much appreciate the very fine service that the *Diari* renders them in carrying mails and goods. Many pounds are saved by our mission ship, and I am sure many times they feel to thank the good folks who made it possible for this ship to be built. Our boat is much admired by both white and native folks. She is by no means the slowest ship along the coast, but is able to hold her own with most of them.

We are expecting a visit from the boat-builder early in the year, and hope he will have the privilege of travelling in her. We shall be very pleased to see Mr. Halvarson and his wife, and hope they will be able to visit some of our stations with us during their stay in Papua.

We believe this little ship will be true to her name, "Light," and that she will be used of God in carrying His servants from place to place so that they may teach the people about the Light of the world.

PASTOR W. N. LOCK.

Important Dates

Camp Meetings:

Victoria: December 21-31.
North N.Z.: January 9-21.
South N.Z.: January 23-February 4.
Tasmania: February 13-25.
South Australia: February 20-March 4.
West Australia: March 6-18.
North Queensland: May 10-20.

Appeal for Missions: February 24-
A. M. College opens: February 14.
Week of Prayer: May 19-26.
Annual Home Missions Effort: June 23-