



Be Sure to Read:

"SEPIK MISSION CLOSES SCHOOLS"

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# Medical Ministry in Nepal

RON MILLS

YOU will have heard by this that we are no longer in Kalimpong, but are now working at the Scheer Memorial Hospital in Banepa, Nepal. We received notification of our transfer in January of this year, and arrived here in May.

Dr. Keith Sturges is now medical director of the hospital, having replaced his brother Stanley, who was the first doctor and the first Adventist to be appointed to Nepal.

We arrived at the hospital in time to find Dr. Sturges and his staff very busy. The bed capacity of twenty was exceeded by placing beds on the veranda, bringing the total to twenty-six. A number of typhoid cases have come in this season and an occasional cholera. Tuberculosis and intestinal parasites are very common.

The hospital is set on the ridge of a mountain overlooking the town of Banepa, which is just below us, and has a sweeping view of the "Valley of Seven Cities."

We are about sixteen miles from Kathmandu, the capital of Nepal, and we have access to it by a reasonably good road, which is being built for His Majesty's Government by Communist China. We can easily see the road from the hospital, and it takes us but a few minutes to reach it. Until just recently, the road to Kathmandu was very bad, and during the monsoons would be a nightmarish trip for the most experienced driver.

This time of the year is hill-leave season for many missionary families, and we had a few of them here at the hospital. It was interesting to note that a week ago there were five of us here from the Australasian Division and we had all graduated from the Sydney Sanitarium and Hospital. I might add without fear of contradiction that

the first Adventist missionary family from the Australasian Division to be stationed in Nepal are sanitarium graduates. It seems to me that the sanitarium has quite a distinguished record for its contribution to the world field.

Brother and Sister Leon Powrie were the first to arrive for their holidays, with five-months-old David. As you know, they are stationed at the mission hospital in Gopalganj, East Pakistan, and are gallantly holding the fort while waiting for a doctor to arrive and relieve them, so they can man the medical launch.

Then Sister Hilary Cooper came, with a friend from the Southern Asia Division office,

and we had the pleasure of their company for one short week. You can imagine the refreshing times we had together, as we brought each other up to date by exchanging news items we had received from Australia.

Hilary is doing a good work as nursing supervisor at the Adventist hospital in Ranchi, where she has been serving for some years.

On Sabbath we had special items from Dorothy and Leon and my wife, and it seemed that it was just yesterday they were serving the Master in nursing and song at the Sydney Sanitarium.

Soon we will be seeing Australian shores and familiar places, and old and new friends, an event we are looking forward to. We will have with us our two children, Dalton, aged two years and eight months, and Allyson, who is one year old. God has richly blessed us with these two healthy children, and they have helped the years to slip rapidly past.



Australians in Nepal: Mr. and Mrs. Ron Mills, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Powrie, Miss Hilary Cooper.

# Our ISLAND FIELD



## Sepik Mission Closes Schools

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"Wherever in Israel God's plan of education was carried into effect, its results testified of its Author." ("Education," page 45.) Further in the book "Education," Sister E. G. White writes: "These schools were intended to serve as a barrier against the wide-spreading corruption, to provide for the mental and spiritual welfare of the youth, and to promote the prosperity of the nation by furnishing it with men qualified to act in the fear of God as leaders and counsellors." (Page 50.)

We find three points of interest in this statement. The schools were to—

- (i) Serve as a barrier against the wide-spreading corruption.
- (ii) Provide for the mental and spiritual welfare of the youth.
- (iii) Promote the prosperity of the nation by providing—
  - (a) qualified men
  - (b) God-fearing men
  - (c) leaders and counsellors.

When reading this statement the questions came to my mind, "How do the schools of the Sepik Mission compare with the blue-print? Do our schools serve as a barrier against the wide-spreading corruption seen in the rising number of convictions against the people of this country?" Many natives are haled before the courts on charges of thieving, drunkenness, and for creating disturbances. These are but a few of the charges that are levelled against them.

The fact that our students are continually pointed to the requirements of the Ten Commandments makes our schools a barrier against the rising corruption in the country.

What of the second point? Do our schools provide for the mental and spiritual welfare of the youth?

It is widely known that in many ways our educational system is equal to that of the Government, and students who have been educated in our recognized schools find little difficulty in gaining Government employment. Even those who start late in life to gain an education, and finally come to saturation point at grade three, can find employment. I well remember a boy who failed to pass standard three for two successive years, and was asked to leave the school. He applied for the position of doctor boy, the pre-requisite being standard four. He took the examination and passed with flying colours. This story can be repeated over and over again.

A local District Educational Officer once said concerning our teachers, "Your graduates have some thing that ours have not. What is it?" The answer is "dedication."

Dedicated teachers attend to the spiritual welfare of the students. In prayer, in worship, in study, in song, the students are daily directed to their Maker, and from an early age their participation in these acts of devotion is fostered.

Do our schools promote the prosperity of the nation by providing qualified and God-fearing men as leaders and counsellors? Yes, our schools provide the type of man needed for the prosperity of the nation or, as it is today, the prosperity of the cause of God.

Many students have passed through the Nagum Adventist school to higher learning at Kabiufa College. Some have returned to this field, some have gone to other fields, and still others continue in training. These students will be the qualified, God-fearing men and women of tomorrow who will be the leaders and counsellors of our mission.

I firmly believe that the schools of the Sepik Mission measure up to the statement by Sister E. G. White—**BUT**

Schools have been closed;  
Schools are understaffed;  
Students are being denied entrance  
And are seeking education elsewhere.

Recently, **the Sepik Mission took dramatic action in closing twenty-five schools.** Admittedly, some could not be classified as schools, but in them was potential. Government regulations demand that a registered teacher (one who has completed teacher training) or a "permit to teach" teacher (one who has sufficient education but has not done teacher training, or one who graduated from teacher training, before Government examinations were necessary) operate the schools. If these are not available, then the school must close. Failure to comply with the regulation results in a heavy fine.

We did not have the qualified staff to operate these schools, therefore closure was necessary. **We now have upon our hands hundreds of students clamouring for an education,** and many, because they are denied a Christian education, are turning elsewhere. Parents, reluctant to see their children going without an education, are sending them to schools where there is no "barrier against wide-spreading corruption." We shudder to think what the outcome will be.

Many of our schools are sadly understaffed. The newly opened school at Yanmarie, in the lower Sepik could admit 120 students. However, the parents have been told that only thirty-six will be admitted in 1966. What will happen to the other eighty-four? Where will be the barrier against wide-spreading corruption raising

its head within our ranks? Will the greater percentage of these students be lost to the cause of God as leaders and counsellors?

Concerning Israel, Sister White said: "God's plan of education was set aside, His authority disowned." (Ibid.) Result—an idolatrous and proud nation that had no barrier against corruption.

The Sepik Mission is not putting aside God's plan for education. Lack of funds and qualified teachers causes us to close schools and turn students away.

"The experiences of Israel were recorded for our instruction. 'All these things happened unto them for ensamples, and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.' 1 Cor. 10:11. With us, as with Israel of old, success in education depends upon fidelity in carrying out the Creator's plan." (Ibid.)

How long must the children of the Sepik Mission seek an education elsewhere? What will be the results of our drastic action? Will wide-spread corruption find an entrance into our ranks?

To stem the tide of heathenism we are endeavouring to operate schools in central areas so that students can be drawn from villages as far as twenty miles away to gain a Christian education. But we are only touching the surface. For every student we admit to school we must turn away three.

We have a problem and we would like to share it with you. Please join with us in placing it before the Lord.

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### Missionary Women

Sister Lewis Parker wrote from Vailala River, Papua on June 23:

"Darrin and I have just spent a lonely week-end. Lewis was away visiting two villages about thirty-five and forty-five miles away from here. Although the work is a little slow we are sure that the Lord is blessing our efforts and that there will be precious souls won to Him as a result.

"While Lewis was away I had two babies brought in. One was only six days old and had a very distended abdomen. It was also very dehydrated. I was almost sure it had an intestinal obstruction, so we transferred it to the nearest hospital, where it can be observed closely.

"The second baby was about five to six months old and was badly burnt. I guess about a quarter of its body had second and third degree burns. We dressed the burns and allowed the parents to return to their village after telling them to come back daily for dressings. This they have done and I'm glad to report that the burnt area is now healing nicely.

"These people have such a lot to learn. Owing to the fact that the accident happened at night, the parents were unable to come for treatment till daylight, so they rubbed sugar into the burnt area, thinking it would help. What pain the poor little baby must have suffered from such treatment!

"Today, Lewis and the boys are building a new wharf. This is the fourth since we arrived sixteen months ago. The trouble is the river bank keeps washing away. About thirty feet have gone while we have been here. If it continues at this rate it won't be many years before the river is level with our house."

The following paragraphs are taken from a personal letter written by Sister Olive Fisher of Sopas, New Guinea:

"My annual holidays are nearly over; I took only six days, but it was well worth while. Marita Tinworth (a trainee nurse from the Sydney Sanitarium and Hospital who was also on holidays) and I went out in the 'Andrew Stewart' Cessna plane with Pastor L. H. Barnard to Laiagam. This was my first flight in this plane. I would not have missed the week-end for anything. It gave me a fresh vision of what is being accomplished by the Holy Spirit working upon the hearts of dedicated, humble instrumentalities.

"We witnessed a baptism by Pastor Barnard, when eighteen converts rose to follow their Master. Then there was an inspiring scene as Paul Piari, like John the Baptist, called the people to prepare their lives for Christ's coming. He held up a picture of the second coming of Jesus. It was thrilling to see eighty-eight people stand in line to have their names recorded as wishing to prepare for baptism. They were raw heathen, with tangets (leaves) and belt and headdress to cover their naked bodies.

"One dear old soul was baptized who seemed too weak to stand in church for the singing of the hymns; but appeared to gain a fresh hold of life as she came out from the watery grave. Her face beamed as we spoke of heaven.

"If we had less of this world's goods and comforts, I think we would look more earnestly to our future home. These folk have nothing to attract them on this earth, nothing of what we know as comforts. Every night I thank God for a comfortable bed, while thinking of the many natives sleeping on the earth or on hard beds made of wood or bamboo.

"An orphan girl of about fourteen years, with a dear sweet face, was baptized against the wishes of her relatives, who told her they would cut her in pieces if she received this rite, and the teachers said they meant it. Pastor Barnard decided to bring this girl back with us in the plane to Laiagam, where for the time being she is happy with friends of hers.

"We asked her if she wanted to go ahead with her baptism, and without hesitation she replied that she did and would be ready for Christ's coming should her people take her life. Her fearlessness made me think seriously and ask myself whether I would be willing to take the same stand with such a threat over my head. I feel the need of a deeper faith and calm trust in God.

"In the new area at Lake Kapiago, a young teacher, his wife and child, who have given faithful service, were brought out because of sickness. It is a malaria-infested place, and many die even though they take their anti-malaria tablets reg-

ularly. The young wife and child are in Sopas hospital, she being dangerously ill.

"What impressed me so much was that the native teacher and his wife and child who were called to replace those who have had to leave Lake Kapiago, knowing the dangers full well, accepted without hesitation. Three days later, Pastor Barnard flew them in, and I had the privilege of going with him again.

"These dear children of God are so willing to go where they are called to spread the gospel. They are far away from home and loved ones, and many miles from medical assistance. How they look forward to Pastor Barnard's visits, and what a wonderful blessing this plane is! It wings its way through space carrying teachers and their families, thus saving them miles and miles of trudging through rugged country and bringing sick ones into the Sopas hospital.



### Behold, I Come Quickly!

*"Behold, I come quickly!" O hasten Thy coming,*

*And fly on the tempest and ride on the cloud;*

*Around us the rage of the storm is increasing,*

*The menacing roar of the billows is loud.*

*The earth holds no refuge, the world has no helper,*

*And men's hearts are anxious and failing with fear.*

*Repeat the assurance that fills us with comfort*

*When death and despair and destruction are near.*

*"Behold, I come quickly!" So come, we beseech Thee;*

*But what are we doing to hasten the day*

*When earth shall be filled with the light of Thy glory,*

*To bring back the King from the land far away?*

*Are we doing Thy will? Are we giving Thy message*

*To souls Thou hast loved and redeemed on the cross?*

*Do we show forth Thy grace to the sad world around us,*

*Thy patience in trial, Thy comfort in loss?*

*We watch for the signs and we love Thine appearing,*

*We long for the peace that Thy kingdom will bring!*

*But what are we doing to hasten Thy coming?*

*And how are we helping to bring back the King?*

—Author Unknown.

These dear people need our prayers, and we Europeans need the dedication to service that many of the native brethren have."

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### Missionaries' Letters

We take these extracts from letters written to us lately by missionaries:

**Mrs. D. E. G. Mitchell, Tonga:** "We have only ten weeks before leaving for furlough, and are surely looking forward to a reunion with loved ones, especially our eldest daughter, who preceded us in January to attend school at Avondale.

"Since the Burnside campaign here we have seen many new faces at church. A number of these dear ones are facing much opposition and persecution from relatives and their families. The first baptism will be held during our Session, June 26-30. A few Sabbaths ago we held the communion service for the first time since Pastor Burnside's campaign. I wish you could have joined us and experienced the thrill that came to us. Jesus surely was very near, victories were gained, decisions made, and tears flowed freely for the joy and happiness and peace that came to the new members and to all.

"Two week-ends ago we as a family went across to the island of Eua. This was the first time the children and I had been off the main island of Tonga. We were so happy to see the earnestness of the people there. The local minister has worked hard, and now we have a membership of twenty-one on Eua. Three of these were baptized while we were there. This company has now been organized into a church. We see the Spirit of God speaking to the hearts of men and women in these isles of Tonga. How much we need and depend upon the support and prayers of those at 'home!'"

**Pastor Ray Kent, Africa:** "It has been a joy to work in this part of the world and the Lord has blessed our humble service. This field offers a tremendous challenge, and it seems to me that now is our day of opportunity here. Threatened trouble is of course awakening an interest in the hearts of men and women for spiritual things.

"When I attended the mid-year session I met members of the division from the newly independent countries north of Rhodesia. Our president in East Africa stated that within five years the State will have taken full control of religious teaching in that area. Our leaders in the Congo are meeting with great difficulties, but all are encouraged by the way God has been blessing them. I spoke with a leader from that field, an African, who was imprisoned and beaten and threatened with death by shooting. By a miracle of God he was released and allowed to return to his post. He said that out of 8,000 church members only eight were put to death, and these had renounced their spiritual loyalty before being captured. So God has wonderfully cared for those who have been true to Him. It was thrilling to meet these men and hear their wonderful reports."

# ROUND THE Conferences



## University Students' Convention

B. H. BRINSMEAD  
President, MUSDASS

The Melbourne University Seventh-day Adventist Students' Society was host to members of like societies from all over Australia and New Zealand for the fourth national convention of Seventh-day Adventist university students. The convention was recently held at Cairn Curran, in Victoria, and during the nine days was attended by about seventy people.

The pattern of devotion and study set by previous conventions was continued, and a valuable opportunity for meeting and fellowshiping with others of both like faith and like circumstances was provided. Each day was begun with a short worship led by one of the students, followed by prayer bands; and almost every evening was closed with some discussion of experiences or problems.

The convention also provided a forum for student and post-student thought on many topics. There were papers of a devotional or doctrinal nature: Dr. J. W. Kent spoke on Old and New Testament morality; Ian Clarkson spoke on predestination and free will; Miss Meryl Totenhofer on religion and symbolism in the ancient times. There were other papers of a more scholastic or scientific nature: Gavin Donald spoke on evolution and catastrophe; Bruce Armstrong gave a paper on vegetarianism; and Pam Kent spoke on church music. These last papers did not at all contradict our beliefs, but merely added more scholastic evidence for many things which we have always held.

Perhaps one of the most enlightening meetings was the one in which the reports were given. They spoke of very healthy activity within the societies, in witnessing and guarding the faith at university. An evening forum on student evangelism soon afterwards was also extremely helpful. From this arose a suggestion for door-to-door evangelism by students; more ideas on evangelism within the university; and a concrete move towards the latter, with the start towards production of a series of tracts or pamphlets dealing with topics of interest in universities. These pamphlets are to be a presentation of the truth by various of our own scholars, and will go into use immediately they are available.

We were very fortunate in having excellent guest speakers to minister to us. Dr. D. Ford addressed us publicly several times, and spoke to many of us privately.

Pastor R. A. Vince added much to the doctrinal side of the convention; Dr. E. E. White, as well as taking a church service for us, presented a paper on Adventist education, showing the need the church has for trained personnel here and in other fields.

Altogether, the fellowship, devotion, and instruction of the convention was more than just useful for the individual and societies present. In fact, it became evident that as Dr. Ford remarked: "These conventions are a necessity, not a luxury."

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## Bourke and Beyond!

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Australia's outback waits for rain—and the Advent message.

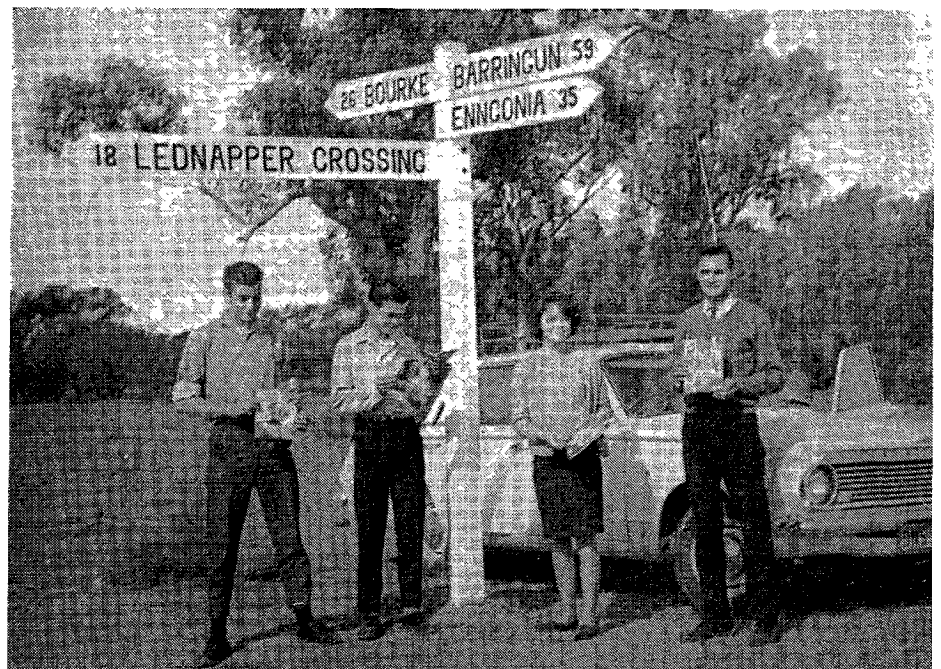
"Back o' Bourke" has been a byword in Australian parlance for half a century. The coastal dweller gives little thought to the struggles of the grazier and farmer of the more remote parts of our wonderful land until news headlines remind him that drought and dying sheep are affecting the economy of the stocks and shares market. A colourful history has been made by the outback towns in the heyday of the paddle steamer, which plied hundreds of miles up our inland rivers.

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## An Effective Answer

R. H. H. THOMAS  
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Some readers of the "Record" may be familiar with an article from the "Anglican Church News" of Tasmania which was quoted in the "Australian Bulletin." This article was an attack on our Appeal for Missions. It appeared in two Tasmanian newspapers, which gave it heavy emphasis with black headlines.



Youthful Appeal collectors at a signpost in far western New South Wales. From left: Ivan Webb, Alwyn Stocken, Mary Webb, Len Stocken.

I had acquainted the division with what had happened, and was awaiting advice as to what course of action to pursue (as Public Relations secretary) when I received a letter addressed to me as the Home Missionary secretary—a case of mistaken identity.

This is nothing new in Tasmania, where the four office leaders are caring for all of the various departments and each field worker is responsible for as many as four churches.

As Pastor A. D. Pietz was away and the letter might have been urgent, I decided to open it. The letter advised that clothing was being sent from the Smithton Dorcas Society to the Southern Federation for despatch to New Guinea. This consignment and other clothing sent in by various Dorcas Societies, was to be packed ready for fumigation the following Monday.

Immediately the Public Relations antennas went up. Here was a chance for some favourable publicity, particularly after the Anglican Church had accused us of rarely, if ever, doing any spade work for missions. A few telephone calls to the TV, radio, and newspaper editors received favourable attention.

The result? One six by six-inch photograph of our Southern Dorcas Federation leaders sorting clothing, with good headlines and an excellent position. TV and radio news items covered the event.

These items must surely have a good effect. Once again we can believe that God works in mysterious ways to accomplish His will. Let us thank Him for energetic Dorcas members, responsible church secretaries—and well, Public Relations!

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## More Clothing for New Guinea

A. W. PETERSON  
Public Relations Secretary, West Australian Conference

"A fifty-two-bag consignment of clothing for the natives of New Guinea was prepared yesterday by the Health and Welfare Department of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Items of clothing for this island shipment had come from the church's thirty-six Welfare Societies in all areas of Western Australia." So stated a news item over the A.B.C. in Perth.

Our Welfare service, under the leadership of the conference Home Missionary secretary, Pastor H. W. Gunter, is nicely developed in Western Australia, and particularly in Perth. Some 200 rice bags of clothing are sent out to the Coral Sea Union each year and, according to reports from the area, are greatly appreciated.

Under the State Federation president, Sister E. M. Thompson, the Welfare Centre in the conference office building runs very smoothly, and at the regular hours for public appointments many people come in. Also, it is gratifying to see that many civilized aborigines come to the centre for assistance. The Welfare Federation, though pleased with what is being done now, is of course anticipating the day when an enlarged and fully operative centre can be established in Perth.



Mrs. W. J. Cole,  
president of the Southern  
Welfare Federation,  
Tasmania, (right) and  
Mrs. M. J. Lloyd,  
secretary, packing clothing  
to be sent to  
New Guinea. They are  
working in Hayven Hall,  
Moonah.

The Welfare service is highly approved and strongly endorsed by the Spirit of Prophecy. May God grant His continued blessing on this grand public outreach programme in Western Australia.

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## Evangelism in North Queensland

W. A. TOWNEND, President

**Cairns.** Revival warmth has characterized the preaching of Pastor C. V. Christian in the Youth Crusade Mission which commenced in a city theatre and has continued night after night for two weeks. Pastor K. E. Martin and Pastor E. A. Robinson are certain baptisms will follow this powerful preaching, which they have devotedly supported.

**Innisfail.** Pastor Christian's ministry here has been of the same tenor as in Cairns. The public meetings are now being continued by Brother A. S. Currie, whose courage is high, and likewise the courage of the church members.

**Ingham.** Pastor R. Parker tells us that some fifteen people are willing to look further into present truth as the result of his two weeks of meetings in this largely non-Protestant town. There is evidence of the guidance and motivation of the Holy Spirit.

**Ayr.** "There will be a good harvest," Pastor W. Otto forecast as he reported on

the full-scale campaign. There is sweetness in the church, freedom of expression in the public preaching of Scriptural truth, and a drinking in on the part of some fine people.

**Elsewhere.** To commence soon are campaigns at Collinsvale, Townsville, Spring-cliff, and Bowen.

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## Start with the School Children

NOEL H. J. SMITH

"That film on 'Verdict at 1.32' was a real shocker," remarked a senior youth in the Singleton High School.

"Why aren't the cigarette packets labelled 'POISONOUS' if they are so dangerous?" asked a wise girl in the Scone school.

"How is it that our parents and thousands of people smoke, if it is such a cause of lung cancer and heart disease?" asked another youth, who could not understand such paradoxes.

The school is a good place to answer all such questions, and to provoke young people to thinking about these vital matters. For this reason headmasters are most co-operative in presenting the scientific evidence on the possible dangers of smoking and alcoholism to their students.

Over 1,500 young people in seven schools in the Hunter Valley recently viewed "Time Pulls the Trigger" and

"Verdict at 1.32." These colour films are outstanding in laying the naked facts before the world, and more particularly, before the young, before they embark on the life-long death-dealing habit. May I suggest that all men and women everywhere who have a burden for the community, make an approach to the schools in their own town or city, to arrange for the screening of one or both of these films. You will be doing a service of the highest order. They are available from the Australasian Temperance Society Regional office in most States.

"Verdict at 1.32" we screened for the senior age groups, and "Time Pulls the

Trigger" for the younger forms. Where time permitted we showed both films to the seniors. Business men in Muswellbrook were approached to sponsor the screening in the town hall on Saturday night. To this they gladly responded, and paid for the hall and advertising in two local papers. Churches are also willing to have these films screened, as well as some clubs.

Legislation alone cannot cure or prevent these vicious evils to human health and life. Education at the right time and in the right place, and in the right amounts, is one of the most effective means we can employ.

philosophy embraces could not impart." Page 254.

"Those who have communed with the poets and sages of the Bible, and whose souls have been stirred by the glorious deeds of the heroes of faith, will come from the rich fields of thought far more pure in heart and elevated in mind than if they had been occupied in studying the most celebrated secular authors, or in contemplating and glorifying the exploits of the Pharaohs and Herods and Cæsars of the world." Page 256.

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; and the knowledge of the Holy is understanding." Prov. 9:10. "Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom; and with all thy getting get understanding." Prov. 4:7.

## Intellectual Virtues

CLAUDE D. JUDD

President, South New South Wales Conference

"The basic intellectual virtues are **understanding, knowledge, and wisdom,**" said Mortimer J. Adler, contemporary philosopher, scholar, educator, and associate editor of the "Great Books of the Western World." We shall consider the three great words in the above statement separately from the Christian standpoint.

### Knowledge

Every normal human being is born with a thirst for knowledge; that is, a theoretical or practical understanding of certain subjects, languages, etc. Modern educational facilities are being multiplied to aid mankind in his search for knowledge. For example, discoveries and accomplishments in the scientific field are so amazing that today we can hardly keep pace with developments. Many things that our forefathers deemed impossible have been accomplished and are established as fact. But the Christian should never forget that the Holy Scriptures point to the Infinite One who is the source of all knowledge.

"The world has had its great teachers, men of giant intellect and extensive research, men whose utterances have stimulated thought, and opened to view vast fields of knowledge; and these men have been honoured as guides and benefactors of their race; but there is One who stands higher than they. We can trace the line of the world's teachers as far back as human records extend; but the Light was before them.

"As the moon and the stars of our solar system shine by the reflected light of the sun, so, as far as their teaching is true, do the world's great thinkers reflect the rays of the Sun of Righteousness. Every gleam of thought, every flash of the intellect, is from the Light of the World."—"Education," pages 13, 14.

"Who hath directed the Spirit of the Lord, or being His counsellor hath taught Him? With whom took He counsel, and who instructed Him, and taught Him in the path of judgment and taught Him knowledge, and showed to Him the way of understanding?" Isa. 40:13, 14.

When the intellect is sanctified it will be able to unlock the treasures of God's Word, and a knowledge of the riches of His grace will ennoble and elevate the human soul. On the other hand, knowledge alone in the hands of the enemy of souls can be a power that will lead to man's eternal destruction.

### Wisdom

This is a more wonderful word than knowledge in that it pictures a combination of experience and knowledge being applied practically or critically. Wisdom is knowledge gained by study being used with sound judgment and sagacity. Much in the world which is thought to be wisdom is far from the truth.

The Greek philosophers of Athens who met the Apostle Paul on Mars Hill (Acts 17) were not long in learning that Paul had a store of knowledge and wisdom far greater than their own. His intellectual power commanded the respect of these learned worldly men. True wisdom, like true knowledge, stems from God.

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom" (Ps. 111:10); "O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments, and His ways past finding out." Rom. 11:33. We cannot possess wisdom without knowledge, but in our quest for knowledge let us not forget the source of all knowledge. These gems from "Messages to Young People" will suffice to illustrate what I mean:

"The study of the Bible is superior to all other study, in strengthening the intellect. What fields of thought the youth may find to explore in the Word of God! The mind may go deeper and still deeper in its research, gathering strength with every effort to comprehend truth; and yet there is an infinity beyond." Page 253.

"Open the Bible to our youth, draw their attention to its hidden treasures, teach them to search for its jewels of truth, and they will gain a strength of intellect such as the study of all that

### Understanding

This final word incorporates both knowledge and wisdom and could be defined as the power of apprehension. To be understanding one must have insight and the ability to comprehend. The power of discernment is one of the greatest needs in service for humanity.

In recent years a new word has been coined to express a similar thought. It is "empathy." It is not to be confused with sympathy, although it is closely related to it. It has been defined as the "power of projecting one's personality into (and so fully comprehending) the object of contemplation."

I think of the newcomers to our fair land who have left home and loved ones overseas and who find themselves in a strange country of new beginnings, where a strange tongue is spoken. How they long for understanding, for empathy and not just sympathy!

The sick, the bereaved, and the dying in our midst need understanding, or empathy. The Christian physician, nurse, teacher, or minister who can actually enter into the feelings of the one under his or her influence is a valued servant of Christ.

The Apostle Paul knew this when he wrote: "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing." 1 Cor. 13:1, 2.

Yes, charity, or love, embraces understanding and empathy. I do not know exactly what Mortimer J. Alder had in mind when he wrote: "The basic intellectual virtues are understanding, knowledge, and wisdom," but I do know that from a Christian point of view he was right. "Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding." Prov. 4:7. "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the Holy is understanding." Prov. 9:10.

God grant us grace and power to cultivate the basic intellectual virtues of heavenly understanding, knowledge, and wisdom.

Wedding Bells



**MACKEE-ANDERSON.** The delightful late autumn afternoon of May 30, 1965, added beauty to the tastefully decorated Townsville church for the exchange of wedding vows between Alexander (Lex) Robert Mackee, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Angus Mackee of Ingham, and Carol Joy Anderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Anderson of West End, Townsville. Carol was formerly employed as a typist in the North Queensland Conference office. We wish this couple much of God's blessing as they establish their home in the Ingham district.

K. E. Martin.

**TIMMINS-FOX.** On Wednesday, June 9, 1965 Nolan Timmins and Jean Fox met in the beautiful chapel of the New Zealand Missionary College and exchanged their wedding vows. The esteem and affection in which both these young people and their respective families are held was indicated by the presence of large numbers of relatives and friends who gathered from near and far to convey expressions of goodwill and good wishes. As Nolan and his bride set up their home in Wairarapa district (N.Z.) we trust that it will be as a light upon a hill to all those who pass by.

G. R. Miller.

**PEAK-WALSHE.** On Monday, June 7, 1965, a large group of relatives and friends gathered at the new Auburn church to witness the marriage of two consecrated Adventist young people—Brian Arthur Peak and Aileen Ruth Walshe. The wedding was the first to be performed in the new church, and the happy occasion was marked by the presentation of a beautiful white Bible to the young couple, by Pastor W. Hawken, the church pastor. As these young people establish a Christian home in Sydney, we believe they will strengthen the work of God and be a blessing to their community.

K. F. Wright.

**NELSON-WEEKES.** On July 4, 1965, Lorraine Eunice Weekes and David John Nelson linked hand and heart in matrimony in the beautifully decorated Taree church (N.S.W.) Lorraine, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Weekes of Cedar Party, and John, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Nelson of Coff's Harbour, were members of the Wingham church. Standing together before relatives and friends they pledged their love one to the other for as long as both shall live. This young couple are planning to establish their home near Wahroonga, where Brother Nelson is a bank officer. We wish them all of the Master's joy in their associated lives.

S. T. Leder.



UNTIL THE DAY BREAK

**FAULL.** A life devoted to Christian service came to a peaceful end when Joseph Thomas Faull passed away at the Concord Repatriation Hospital, N.S.W., on June 27, 1965, after a long illness. Greatly esteemed by all who knew him, he will be especially missed among the members of the Neutral Bay church. Left to mourn are his devoted wife, one son William, a brother Stan of Cooranbong, and two sisters, Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Bailey, Sydney. Pastor R. H. Powrie was associated with the writer in the service at the Northern Suburbs Crematorium, where the bereaved were comforted by the certain hope of the resurrection.

H. G. Bryant.

**SMEDLEY.** Brother Harold Wilton Smedley died suddenly of a heart attack while working on May 26, 1965, at the Sanitarium Health Food Factory in Adelaide. He had just reached three-score years and ten. His sudden passing brought deep sorrow to his associates at work and great grief to his stricken widow who, as an invalid, was dependent on his care. Brother and Sister Smedley accepted the message for these last days under the labours of Pastor Errol Ibbott in Ballarat, Victoria. Funeral services were held in the funeral parlour in Prospect and at the Dudley Park Cemetery. Pastor O. K. Anderson was associated with the writer in these services. Left to mourn, but not as those that have no hope, are Sister Smedley, her daughter and son-in-law, Brother and Sister John Hawkes. Our sympathy goes out to them in their sad and sudden bereavement.

S. C. Butler.

**FAN.** Brother William Fan was born in North China fifty-five years ago and passed to his rest in Perth on June 26, 1965. At the age of nineteen years he came to this country and established a business enterprise which he operated till a few months before his death. He accepted the Advent message under the ministry of Pastor E. E. Roenfelt in 1930 and was faithful to his Lord to the end; serving as a trusted deacon in the Perth church for many years. In the company of a large number of fellow believers, we laid our brother to rest in the Karrakatta cemetery. To his wife and daughters, Olga (Mrs. Peter Tan) of Singapore, and Alison, words of hope and assurance were expressed based on the sure promises of God.

V. J. Heise.

**MILLER.** On June 23, 1965, Brother William Thomas Miller aged sixty-four years, was called to a peaceful rest after a sudden illness. Our brother became acquainted with the message during the ministry of Pastor and Mrs. H. W. Hammond in Perth a few years ago. His faithfulness in church attendance continued till the Sabbath before his death. In the presence of his immediate family we tenderly laid him to rest in the Karrakatta cemetery, W.A., to awake on the resurrection morning clothed in glorious immortality.

V. J. Heise.

**HOLMES.** On Sunday, June 27, 1965, Sister Norma Florence Holmes quietly passed to her rest at the age of forty-one years, after some months of patient suffering. Sister Holmes was a radiant and cheerful Christian, and bore the adversities of life with Christian fortitude. At the Karrakatta cemetery, W.A., church members from several of the metropolitan churches where Sister Holmes had worshipped, extended their sincere condolences to her husband and other relatives assembled. On occasions such as these, it is only the beams from the blessed hope that can effectually penetrate the darkness of the tomb and bring comfort and assurance to the sorrowing.

V. J. Heise.

THANKS

Mrs. Behrens, wife of the late Pastor Ellis Behrens of Cooranbong, expresses her sincere thanks to all kind friends and relatives whose Christian love, floral tributes, and other tokens of sympathy supported her in the recent sad loss of her beloved husband. Will all please accept this expression of gratitude as personal.

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R. D. CRAIG, Secretary-Treasurer, North New South Wales Conference.

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## PEOPLE and EVENTS

- ✧ Miss Rose-Marie Radley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Radley, retired missionaries, will take up work at the Taiwan Sanitarium in the Far Eastern Division in the near future. Sister Radley, who is a graduate of the Sydney Sanitarium, and who had recently increased her nursing knowledge by taking advanced courses, particularly in hospital administration, will carry heavy responsibilities in the Taiwan institution and we wish her God's blessing as she takes her departure from Australia.
  
- ✧ Recently the General Conference Executive Committee took action appointing Pastor H. F. Rampton acting secretary of the Division Radio-Television Department. Pastor Rampton will carry this responsibility in addition to his work of Home Missionary and Sabbath School Secretary. We join with our members in wishing Pastor Rampton Heaven's blessing and we are confident that he will give a strong lead in this new sphere.
  
- ✧ As we go to press Pastor A. C. Thomson, president of the remote Gilbert and Ellice Islands Mission, writes as follows: "We have had a good number of baptisms this year so far, and hope to reach over forty before the year-end. We have been making progress in some islands, but still have no work in others, although at the present time we are printing 1,000 'Te Koaua' each edition, which are distributed throughout the group. Also we have on the way our first book from the Signs—'Tomorrow in Prophecy' in Gilbertese."
  
- ✧ In a beautiful setting at the Beulah College, Tonga, fifty-five souls were baptized on Sunday, June 27. Between twenty-five and thirty of this number were the first-fruits of the Burnside Mission campaign conducted in Nuku'alofa, the Tongan capital, during the month of March, 1965.
  
- ✧ Readers of the "Record" will be interested to learn that the 1966 Morning Watch Devotional book comes from the pen of Dr. W. G. C. Murdoch, former principal of Avondale College. Entitled "Christ Our Victory," the book promises encouragement and blessing to every reader in his battle against sin. Dr. Murdoch's daily meditations will be a blessing in family and private worships next year. An early order to your Book and Bible House could save disappointment later in the year. Cloth binding, 25s. 3d.; de luxe, 32s., plus postage.
  
- ✧ In the May issue of the U.S. journal "The Secretary," two pages are given to pictures of Miss Eileen Robson at work and elsewhere. She is secretary to a senior executive in the District of Columbia Department of Insurance. In her earlier years Miss Robson gave considerable service to the Adventist cause in this division, and in two year's time she intends returning to New Zealand to retire.
  
- ✧ From a contemporary in U.S.A. we learn that Pastor Gerald Minchin (brother of Pastor E. I. Minchin), Professor of Religion at Columbia Union College, plans shortly to retire and build a home at St. Helena, California. Originally of Western Australia, Brother Minchin has spent most of his life abroad. Among other positions of responsibility he occupied were: president of the South-east Asia Training College in Singapore, vice-president of Avondale College, and Bible teacher at N.Z.M.C. He is now engaged in writing a book on the problem of good and evil.

## Cigarette Money Purchases Books

R. E. APENZELLER  
Publishing Secretary

"I can't buy your books and smoke cigarettes, too," was the response from the man and his wife. Both were chain smokers and couldn't afford the books Brother Lee Thomas was presenting.

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## Far from the Edenic Plan

How far have we strayed from the Edenic diet first given man! Like modern art, our taste for the bizarre has become so perverted that the original flavours of our food have been all but lost in our frenzied efforts to drench them in oil, to over-salt and season without reason, and sweeten them to death.

It is well to remember, too, that heart and other diseases which definitely relate themselves to unhealthful diets, never develop suddenly, but slowly sap our vitality by insidious neglect and ignorance. The longer we delay making wise changes in our menu, the longer we delay the enjoyment of better health, greater vitality, and the eventual lengthening of our days.

If you are not already doing so, why not try a vegetarian programme? Just eat simply and sensibly from a wide variety of good fruits, grains, nuts, and vegetables, for not less than six months (it may not take even so long for you to detect outstanding results) and see how much better you feel inside and out! But if you find it difficult to make a complete change all at once, do not become discouraged.

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