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At eighty-seven years young, he's Avondale's

CUSTODIAN OF "GOD'S ACRE"

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THE NEAT and well-kept Avondale Cemetery, known in Adventist circles as "God's Acre," makes a profound impression on visitors. Two recent visitors to the cemetery were a reporter and photographer from the *Newcastle Morning Herald*, who had come to see the caretaker, Mr. George Totenhofer, at work. In the subsequent story about Mr. Totenhofer published in the *Lake Macquarie Herald* on January 9, 1975, the newspaper stated: "It is probably the neatest cemetery in the Newcastle area."

What a wonderful tribute to the cemetery trust and especially to Mr. Totenhofer who, for the past thirteen years, has spent about twenty-five hours a week maintaining the cemetery! Although he turned eighty-seven in March, Mr. Totenhofer can still be seen diligently at work, mowing the lawns, keeping the graves free from weeds, and the edges in the lawn cemetery clean. He also looks after the cement form work on the graves and paints most of them at least once a year.

Mr. Totenhofer was born in Collinsvale, Tasmania, in 1888. His parents were among the early settlers in the vale. Under the ministry of Pastors Israel and Corliss, they accepted the Advent message with the first group of believers.

Early Days at Avondale

It was in 1906 that the youthful George Totenhofer first came to Cooranbong and attended Avondale College. He has vivid memories of those early days at Avondale as he first knew it with no electric light and no water laid on to the residence halls. To obtain hot water for a bath, the boys heated a kerosene tin of water at the Sanitarium Health Food Factory and then carried it up to the college bathroom. A far cry from the modern facilities of today! A big difference in wages, too—Mr. Totenhofer reports working for threepence or sixpence an hour.

After spending eight years as an industrial student at Avondale, where he learned the printing trade, he married Chloris Archibald in 1917. After a period working with Pastor Paap in evangelistic work in Manilla, New South Wales, Mr. Totenhofer spent forty-seven years in the printing work at the Signs Publishing Company and at the Avondale Press. He played the euphonium in the Avondale Band, and held many responsible positions in the Avondale Memorial church.

For many years he owned a 1928 navy blue Plymouth. It was his joy to chauffeur many brides in the Cooranbong area in this vehicle.

In 1953 he officially retired, but being a keen gardener, he started mowing lawns as a hobby. This led to his position at the Avondale Cemetery.

We thank Mr. Totenhofer for the witness and influence of his consistent and dedicated life.



Mr. George Totenhofer at work in the cemetery.
Photo: courtesy Newcastle Morning Herald.

Blindness No Obstacle

L. A. GILMORE, Communication Director, Greater Sydney Conference

"IF YOU WANT peace, then you should be keeping the Sabbath," came the very deep impression which seemed almost like a spoken voice to Miss F. Fisher of Sydney back in 1940. This statement may sound just a little trite and nothing over-spectacular, but to a young woman who had been born blind and who was spiritually famished and longing for inner peace, it seemed like the answer to her anxious prayers.

Never shall we forget the moving experience as we sat in the orderly and tidy lounge room on a late afternoon in April to gather the background information on how our sister became an Adventist. We had not met before. The small wooden cottage at Rockdale, Sydney, nestles closely in with the other buildings in this suburb, while her neighbours are mostly people from southern Europe, and for whom she has only the highest praise for their love and interest in her.

Every piece of furniture and every ornament was in place with not a speck of dust to be seen. It was an object lesson, and note that she lives all alone. The time moved to around 5.30 p.m., at which she put on the kitchen lights, no doubt for security. After taking her picture, praying with her and giving our farewells at the door, we offered a prayer of gratitude for the blessed gift of sight before starting the car engine and heading homeward. There is so much we just take for granted. "Thank You, God, for sight."

Florence Fisher was born blind back before World War I, and it was through Mrs. H. Hon's sister, Miss E. Young, that she heard of the Christian Record Braille Foundation in America. In her late teens she had mastered braille reading, but always there was that longing for a lasting mental and spiritual peace. This had not been found among certain churches she had contacted.

Blind people are always so dependent on help from the sighted world, and into her orbit came another Adventist woman, Mrs. A. Lamplough, now of Cowan, near Sydney. In Miss Fisher's reading of Revelation she noted with more than passing interest, the text, "Blessed are they that hear and read." She continually prayed that someone would help her to know the Bible better, for thus far she had been reading mostly in the Gospels.

Mrs. Lamplough helped in the study of topics such as the state of the dead and God's requirements as set out in the moral law. The visitor always ended her discussions on a strong spiritual tone with the comment (this was back in the 1940s) that she believed Jesus would be coming soon. This gripped Miss Fisher's thinking so that she requested more serious reading from the Foundation in America. It was wartime, but wonderfully and providentially her letter of request reached our Adventist blind



Miss F. Fisher reads in the Book of Amos from her Bible in braille. The cabinet on the right houses her thirty-nine-volume braille Bible.

Photo: L. A. Gilmore.

organization and the braille magazine eventually came to distant Australia.

Began Sabbath Keeping Alone

The overseas books did their work of salvation. Healthful living with no tea and coffee became her way of life. Somehow she lost contact with her new-found friend, and thus she kept the Sabbath by herself for some eighteen months. In Sydney, Pastor K. J. Wooller was then connected with the Advent Radio Church, and he faithfully visited this courageous blind woman. She was baptized in the Hurstville church on July 8, 1944, though she worshipped at the old Arncliffe church until 1973, when she returned to her first place of worship.

We were excited to hear so many verses of Scripture repeated from memory, besides a clear understanding of teaching and doctrine. Our sister reads her New Testament twice a year every year and completes the Old Testament in eighteen months. To date she has read the Old Testament more than twenty times and has forgotten the number of times she has finished the New Testament.

My reader friend, never forget that those delicate fingers of hers must interpret the raised dots—the long words and the braille abbreviations—to fully comprehend the meaning of Holy Scripture. Yet she does it and does it well. How many times have you read your Bible? Her thirty-nine volumes of Scripture are housed in a lovely cabinet made by her brother, and her radio waits to be tuned in to Voice of Prophecy broadcasts. Her little cassette playback machine is also there for the new cassettes from our Wairoonga office to widen her horizons.

Christian Record Braille Foundation helped bring the three angels' messages over thirty years ago to Miss Fisher, while today its counterpart in a small way in this Division is flexing its muscles to expand. Christian Services for the Blind, a recognized and registered agency for the blind in Australia and New Zealand, is a subsidiary of the Adventist Church. In the recording studios, certain books have been recorded on reel-to-reel tapes and more recently on to the popular cassettes. Our blind friends,

Adventist or not, may borrow free of charge the listed books:

Cassettes: "Thoughts from the Mount of Blessing," "The Desire of Ages," "The Triumph of God's Love," all by Mrs. E. G. White; "Alone with God," by Matilda E. Andross. On tapes—5-inch reels—is "Steps to Christ," by Mrs. E. G. White.

Soon, yes, very soon, our compassionate Saviour, Jesus, is going to return and then the blind will see, the dumb will speak and the deaf will hear. Every physical disability will not even be a memory, and the thrilling promise is that in His new earth no one will have cause or reason even to say, "I am sick." "Even so, come, Lord Jesus."

HEALTH-WISE

Is Your Baby Too Fat?

MEDICAL research has exploded the old idea that a fat baby is a healthy baby. In fact, doctors are sounding a warning to mothers that overfeeding babies and young children may doom them to a life of uncontrollable obesity.

A child whose overeating leads to the production of too many fat cells—tiny structures located between skin and muscles through the body, but especially on the abdomen and around the heart and kidneys—will keep those cells throughout his life.

Even strenuous reducing later in life will only shrink the fat cells, not reduce their number. And each fat cell in some mysterious way tells the body it wants food. This may explain why some fat people find it almost impossible to lose weight even on a low-calorie diet, and so often regain what they do lose.

A New York City Health Department study found that the mother rather than the baby usually moulds the baby's appetite. The mothers in the study admitted that they followed the advice of old wives' tales more often than their relatives, television commercials and even doctors' suggestions about diet.

Even the finding that the fatter the parents, the fatter the child points not to a hereditary factor, but to the fact that a baby learns his eating habits from his family.

The mounting evidence that obesity is one of the most serious health problems in America today should lead parents to keep close check on their children's weight from birth. For information about what your baby should weigh and how to alter his diet to take off any excess pounds, see your family doctor.

As children begin to share the family diet, special care should be given to provide balanced meals and eliminate all between-meal eating. The sweet, rich

News Pictures



Three missionary couples, who had previously served a pastorate in Warwick, met unexpectedly in that South Queensland centre on a recent week-end. Pastor and Mrs. M. Pascoe (left) now resident in Warwick, served in Papua New Guinea for twenty-eight years. Pastor and Mrs. A. Pietz (centre) served in the New Hebrides and Papua New Guinea for twenty years, and were visiting Warwick to introduce the Stewardship Plan to the church there. Pastor and Mrs. R. Tindall have spent fifteen years in Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands. They were in Warwick at the invitation of the local church, to attend the Federation meeting of the Inland Community Services, Health and Welfare being held at Stanthorpe.

Photo: courtesy Warwick Photo Centre.



The Samoan Gospel Heralds record an album of sacred music in the Voice of Prophecy studios in Glendale, California. The group is based in Honolulu and recently made its first extensive tour, visiting many Adventist churches in the western United States. The album, recorded in English, will be available from Chapel Records, according to the group's music director, Asipeli P. Poulivaati. All members of the group are Samoan or Tongan, but are residents of Hawaii.

foods usually taken as snacks lead to overweight, tooth decay, and in later life to such diseases as diabetes and heart disease.

The old adage that "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure," applies nowhere more aptly than to the problem of overweight.

"Instead of complaining that God had hidden Himself, you will give Him thanks for having revealed so much of Himself."
—Pascal.

"No man can justly censure or condemn another, because indeed no man truly knows another."
—Sir Thomas Browne.



TOGETHER

THE G. C. SESSION

—WITH THE PRESIDENT

IN THIS month of July, the fifty-second Session of the General Conference will convene in Vienna, Austria (July 10-19). Because we recognize that we are living in earth's last hour, this is undoubtedly the most important meeting ever convened by the denomination. This opportunity is taken to draw the attention of RECORD readers to this gathering by way of background information, and to seek through earnest prayer the blessing of the Lord upon every activity of the session. I quote from "Review and Herald" editorials dated May 22 and May 29 as follows:

"First a little history. General Conference sessions have been held by Seventh-day Adventists ever since 1863. To date, there have been fifty-one regular sessions and five special sessions. At the first session, held in Battle Creek, Michigan, there were twenty delegates. The smallest number of delegates—fourteen—gathered for the tenth session, held in Battle Creek in 1871, and the largest number—1,782—attended the fifty-first session, held in Atlantic City, New Jersey, five years ago, in 1970.

"All fifty-one sessions have been convened in the United States. Thus history is being made this year by holding the fifty-second session in Austria. In 1975, 101 years after J. N. Andrews was sent to Europe, four-fifths of the denomination's membership is outside North America. The three angels' messages have been proclaimed in all parts of the world. The church is truly international. Appropriately, therefore, the General Conference session will be held outside North America.

"Each member of the church, through appointed delegates, has a voice in saying how the denomination shall be operated. He has a voice in choosing church leaders, in passing recommendations, in modifying the constitution and by-laws, in setting policies, and in making other major decisions that affect the world church. In the Adventist Church the authority rests with the people, and the people, ultimately, under God, determine what direction the church takes. Regular sessions of the General Conference are necessary in order to maintain this democratic system of representative church government.

"Jesus prayed that His followers would be 'one' (John 17: 11, 21-23). The unity of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, while capable of improvement, is remarkable. Organizationally it is unique, maintaining a headquarters office in Washington, D.C., that is directly or indirectly in touch with church activities in all parts of the world.

"Theologically it possesses a unity that defies comparison. This unity of belief reveals that the Holy Spirit, the great Teacher of truth, is leading the minds of God's people throughout the world as they study the Word.

"In Christian fellowship the unity of the church is nothing short of miraculous, ignoring national, racial, and cultural boundaries. Any Seventh-day Adventist who has travelled outside his native land knows that he instantly feels at home with fellow believers wherever he meets them throughout the world. He feels closer to them, even though technically they may be strangers, than he does to his blood relatives who do not love Christ and have not accepted the three angels' messages. General Conference sessions strengthen church unity.

"Large gatherings of believers are part of God's plan for His people. Anciently, all Hebrew men were required to gather at Jerusalem three times a year (Ex. 23: 14-17; Deut. 16: 16) to celebrate the three harvest festivals—the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the Feast of Weeks, and the Feast of Tabernacles. These

festivals had deep spiritual significance, and doubtless the chief purpose in requiring the men to go to Jerusalem was that they might have their personal spirituality strengthened. But it seems altogether possible that part of the purpose was for fellowship. Human beings need contact with fellow human beings of like faith, and the three annual festivals helped meet this need.

"In our time, as God's people await the coming of their Lord, General Conference sessions, in addition to other purposes, meet an important need for inspiration and fellowship. Who can measure the value of a nine-day meeting where people of all races, coming from countries with differing political systems, and speaking a variety of languages, sing together, pray together, discuss together, vote together, and listen together to the preaching of God's Word? In this kind of environment, faith that has dwindled to a flicker may burst into flame, a vision that has faded may become bright, differences that have threatened to separate member from member or church from church are seen in better perspective and fade into insignificance. Inspired by God's Spirit and the concept of 'all one body we,' the delegates join hands and hearts to finish the task committed to the great Advent Movement.

"And what happens at Vienna will either hasten the day of final triumph or will delay it. Thus it is of supreme importance that at the fifty-second session the business of the kingdom be done in God's way, that every decision be made according to God's will. How tragic it would be for delegates from all parts of the world to gather in Vienna and make mistakes! The times in which we live do not allow for the luxury of making mistakes.

"In view of the importance of this General Conference, we urge Seventh-day Adventists everywhere to spend much time in prayer for the delegates to the session. Pray that the delegates may have a deeper experience in the things of God than they have ever before known. Pray that they may forsake all known sin. Pray that they may be filled with the Holy Spirit. Pray that they may be granted special wisdom from above. And may the delegates themselves seek the kind of experience that marked Christ's followers before Pentecost, an experience that may be described best by the term 'primitive godliness.'

"One of the most important matters to come before the delegates will be the selection of leaders. What kind of leaders are needed? Leaders who are totally committed to Christ and the distinctive message entrusted to the Advent people. Leaders with vision. Leaders with integrity. Leaders who 'will stand for the right though the heavens fall.' God knows who will best lead the church in these critical times. If He directs in the choice of leaders, the choice will be right. Let us, then, pray that He may reveal His will.

"For what else should every member pray? Pray that God may use the Vienna meeting to create spiritual influences that will spread out to the ends of the earth. In apostolic times God demonstrated His presence in an unusual way at Pentecost. As a result, both the believers and the community were stirred, and the gospel was carried rapidly to 'every creature which is under heaven' (Col. 1: 23). Are we not living in times when we may expect God to work again in wonderful ways? If the early rain was glorious, will not the latter rain be even more glorious?"

ROBERT R. FRAME, President,
Australasian Division of Seventh-day Adventists.

Drunk Adventist(?) Refuses Breath Test

K. HANKINSON, Communication Director, South New South Wales Conference

"RELIGION Given as Reason for Refusing Breath Test," was the heading of a newspaper article in the *Canberra Times* on Saturday, May 24. The article said, "The man who refused to submit to a breathalyzer test because he thought it would be against his religious teachings was discharged without conviction on a \$200 bond to be on good behaviour for two years, when he appeared in the Canberra Petty Session, yesterday."

The report went on to say, "When the constable asked the man concerned to submit to a breathalyzer test he had refused and he said that he was a Seventh-day Adventist and did not have to." It further stated his refusal to submit to a breathalyzer test had been based on a misunderstanding of his religion which did not allow its followers to have blood tests and transfusions.

When our church members arrived at work on Monday morning, many of them were met with gibes about Adventists being able to get out of breathalyzer tests, etc.

To decide on a course of action, the South New South Wales Conference president, Pastor Bullock, and the Communication director, Pastor Hankinson, met with the Temperance director, Pastor Ferris, and the two local church pastors, Pastor Blair and Brother Walshe.

Contact was made with this young man, and it was discovered that he knew nothing at all about Seventh-day Adventists in Canberra, but still stuck to his story of going to church with his aunt on the other side of town. He claimed that his aunt, a Mrs. Cooper, was a Seventh-day Adventist, and that he became an Adventist in Sydney about four years ago.

A check was made with the Greater Sydney Conference, where there was no knowledge or record of his name ever being on the Greater Sydney Conference roll. On further investigation, his aunt, Mrs. Cooper, turned out to be a Jehovah's Witness.

The brethren decided to contact the Commissioner of Police on the case, and the president phoned him immediately. He was very interested in the case and invited the president to come and meet with him to discuss it further. In the meantime he suggested that we make a public statement. While Pastor Bullock and Pastor Ferris went to interview the Commissioner of Police, Pastor Hankinson and Brother Walshe went to contact the news media.

The Commissioner of Police met our brethren very cordially and invited his Inspector-in-Charge of Prosecution to meet with them. The Commissioner pointed out that as soon as Pastor Bullock told him of the case, he realized that this young man couldn't possibly be a Seventh-day Adventist, because the Commissioner had attended one of our semi-

nars on alcohol in Adelaide and knew of and appreciated the work of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. He went on to say he would instruct his police that Adventists fully supported breathalyzer tests and that they were not to be deceived by drunken drivers claiming to be Adventists.

Misunderstanding Corrected by News Media

Because of a previous contact on the "Crisis" series, and because of advertising for evangelistic programmes, we were

Adventists do not drink, Pastor Walshe says church members would submit to breathalyzer tests and that Haines had misrepresented the church's view on blood tests and transfusions. The church believes in blood transfusions to save life, and they are given in their 140 hospitals around the world; church members also freely give blood to Red Cross appeals."

Within minutes of the TV broadcast, the young man concerned, who had been rather rude and aggressive when first approached, was at Pastor Blair's place ready to sign anything and begging for mercy.

The same news item was repeated the following morning on the local radio station. A five-column by eight-inch newspaper advertisement, setting out clearly our stand on blood transfusions and



Photo: courtesy Alert.

well received at the TV station. They were happy to broadcast the following news item in their evening news, which is prime viewing time for television:

"After pleading guilty in a Canberra court, Stephen Haines has been placed on a \$200 bond, without a conviction, for refusing a breathalyzer test and a blood test on the grounds that he was a Seventh-day Adventist. But Pastor Alan Walshe—for the Seventh-day Adventist Church—says the man is not a member of the church, or known to any of its church members. Although Seventh-day

health reform, was prepared and placed in the "Canberra Times," which also printed a "Letter to the Editor" from Pastor Ferris, identifying him as the director of the Narcotics Education Service of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

The young man concerned was also interviewed by the newspaper, and another newspaper article came out under the heading, "Breath Test Refusal Misunderstanding" in which it stated the young man admitted he had been confused, and

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The President Reports . . .

South Australia's Biennial Session

W. A. TOWNEND, President, South Australian Conference

BRIEFLY in this report we shall look at a few highlights gathered during the biennial session from the progress in various areas of our work in South Australia.

People

Baptized membership in our thirty-two churches at the close of the biennium numbered 2,935. Additionally there were many highly valued youthful adherents, and an ever-growing group of young people and older folk preparing for baptism and church membership.

Serving the people in our Conference territory we have sixty-four workers. Twenty-four are ministers, there are nineteen teachers, seven lady office workers, eleven literature evangelists, an accountant and a book department manager. Standing shoulder-to-shoulder with our full-time work-force we have 104 church elders and many other church officers helping in leading our churches, located from Darwin to Mount Gambier and from Port Lincoln to Murray Bridge, some 3,300 km from north to south and about 724 km from east to west.

Executive Committee

Each of the eighteen meetings of the Conference Executive Committee was a spiritual experience for the nine committee members. A climate of good fellowship and heavenly grace prevailed at all times, even in the midst of diverse opinions and different ways of looking at things. In this spiritual atmosphere our committee worked together for some 133 hours, and recorded 456 processed items, in addition to considering many matters that did not become the subject of committee minutes.

Schoolwork

South Australia now has seven church schools with 353 pupils enrolled, an increase of 85 per cent over the previous biennium. We employ sixteen full-time teachers.

At our high school we have up-graded to Matriculation, which is a full five-year school programme. We have added a very modern Domestic Science department and a Typing department of equal grading. In the library, there are some 1,500 additions since last we met in session. A new toilet block, a sealed recreation area and an attractive assembly room are among the additions to the school. We have new schools in Adelaide (Northern District), an expanded school there (Eastern District), two school buses and a school in Darwin—all added to the Education scene during the period.

Operating the denominational school-work in South Australia and beyond, cost our Conference \$105,257 during the biennium.

This \$105,257 was 9.79 per cent of Conference income available for expenditure in South Australia. In addition, there was considerable financial support given by the sponsoring churches responsible for a major portion of teachers' wages and some operating expenses, parents who paid fees, and other members and friends who supported with special gifts and their participation in the auxil-



Elected again as president of the South Australian Conference, Pastor W. A. Townend looks happy with the prospect of the next two years.

ary organizations of our schools. And additional still, there was considerable outlay of means and man-hours for major capital items in connection with developing school-work.

Facilities

As you travel around this Conference, you see quite a few new and improved facilities for worship and service that did not exist two years ago.

Whyalla's church and Welfare unit has been dedicated, likewise the schools at Darwin and Northern District and extensions at Eastern District. A new block of amenities and a large assembly room have been added to the high school there.

Nuriootpa's big new church is almost ready for use and so is Elizabeth's new hall, and Modbury's. Both Birdwood and Stirling are in the same happy position. Work is well under way on the new, well-located Millicent church. The churches at Mannum, Port Lincoln, Prospect and Brighton have added facilities.

Our Conference has acquired four additional homes for ministers and is in the process of erecting a fifth. The programme of providing homes for ministers now sees this Conference with residences in Naracoorte, Murray Bridge, Adelaide (four), Darwin, Port Lincoln, Whyalla and Berri.

A particularly active committee of fifteen laymen and ministers is working on the immediate development of our campground at Morphett Vale and will be placing in the hands of delegates a comprehensive and encouraging report, together with a copy of the recently voted layout of the grounds.

Our youth camps at Ankara and South End continue to serve the cause.

But there are large needs yet unfilled in the area of facilities, both in our local churches and in our Conference set-up. In this we are challenged.

Financial

Some members can recall those long years when South Australia was no stranger to that unwelcome intruder—the annual financial deficit of our Conference. In those days there were regular ugly gaps between income and expenditure.

During the 1969-70 biennium the picture began to look brighter, with a small operating surplus showing up each year. The happy trend continued in the 1971-72 period, resulting in \$10,168 operating sur-



Brother C. B. O'Neill, the Publishing Department director, was re-elected to his important post.

plus for the quadrennium 1969-1972. During 1973-74 the trend was further continued, despite more expansion of the services offered our people, growth of the school system, larger remittances for the work outside of South Australia, increased evangelism and increased costs coming through inflation. Each year again ended with an operating surplus.

Faithfulness in tithing has been outstanding among our people. God has blessed them abundantly. His blessings will continue.

Thrilling indeed are the tithe figures for the biennium, showing, as they do, an increase of 48 per cent when compared with 1971-72, which, by the way, increased 12.98 per cent in 1971, with a further increase of 11.41 per cent in 1972. And now, during the 1973-74 period, there is a further 48 per cent increase.

As we all know, faithful stewardship is a basic ingredient in Christian success.

Evangelism

Indicators of the effectiveness of the united soul-winning efforts of God's people in South Australia are tithes, offerings and lay activities, along with the work of our ministers and teachers.

When we look at Pathfinderling, Youth work, Appeal for Missions, Temperance activities, pre-recorded telephone contacts, literature distribution, public evangelism, lay evangelism—each an evangelistic outreach—we see growth in the size of both the effort made and the results obtained during 1973-74.

In South Australia in 1968 there were seventy-three baptisms; in 1969 there were ninety-five baptisms; in 1970 there were 129 baptisms; in 1972 there were 124 baptisms; in 1973 there were 141 baptisms, and in 1974 there were 152 baptisms.

In 1967-68, tithe income in South Australia was \$420,923; in 1969-70, tithe income was \$493,912; in 1971-72, tithe income was \$621,245; in 1973-74, tithe income was \$919,213.

In 1967-68, the total offerings given by South Australians were \$240,777; in 1969-70, total offerings were \$272,253; in 1971-72, total offerings were \$334,854; and in 1973-74, total offerings were \$487,488.

As we all no doubt realize, an inkling of the spiritual progress of God's people can be found in their evangelistic awareness and diligence. The trends are encouraging, so much so that for 1975-76 we already can see the shape of many new records in evangelism in South Australia.

Committee on Nominations

The chairman of this committee, Pastor S. M. Uttley, asked the secretary of the committee to read to the delegates its recommendations. They were as follows: President, Education, Ministerial Association, and Religious Liberty director, W. A. Townend; secretary-treasurer, Stewardship and Development, J. Roberts; Youth, B. K. Craig; Temperance, Health Department, K. J. Gray; Adventist Book Centre manager, O. S. Christian; Communication, Sabbath School, Lay Activities, Christian Services



Pastor Bryan Craig was re-elected to lead South Australia's youth for the next two-year term.

for the Blind, R. J. Porter; Publishing Department, C. B. O'Neill.

The Executive Committee comprises the following brethren: Pastor W. A. Townend (president), Brother J. Roberts (secretary), Pastor G. B. Agars, Pastor

B. K. Craig, Brother K. J. Dansie, Brother E. Greeneklee, Brother K. Murdoch, Pastor F. L. Mackay and Brother K. Wagner.

South Australia looks forward, under the blessing of God, to further advances in every department in the current biennium.

BREATH TEST

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that it had been another organization which had laws about blood tests. He also admitted that he was not really a Seventh-day Adventist.

A further by-product of the contact with the newspaper was an interview with Brother Alan Walshe on the teachings and practices of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, to be printed in the next week-end's Religious News section. As a result of this small taste of adverse publicity in the local paper, the stand of Seventh-day Adventists on health principles and their relation to authorities has been broadcast on television, radio and altogether four newspaper articles. All things work together for good.

LARGEST BAPTISM IN FIJI



As the culmination of an eight-week mission campaign run by Pastor A. Kabu in the Suva Civic Centre and Town Hall, Fiji, 105 candidates followed the Lord in baptism. This is the largest single baptism ever held in Fiji. It was conducted in the swimming pool at Raiwaqa, a suburb of Suva. Shown here are five ministers officiating at the baptism: Pastors W. Ligabalavu, I. Tulevu, J. Lansdown, T. Bola, A. Kabu.

Photo: courtesy Fiji Times.

Cessna dedicated at the . . .

North Queensland Biennial Session

C. G. ALLEN, Communication Director, North Queensland Conference

A "NEW LOOK" camp meeting best describes the North Queensland camp which was conducted at Halliday Park, Townsville, May 1-10. The cabins were newly painted; the kitchen had a walk-in cold room, and larger serving facilities; the toilet block was painted and had new amenities; the Adventist Book Centre was enlarged and the accounts office enclosed. The grounds looked neat and trim, as a recently purchased mower had fought and won the battle of continuous grass growth.

As this was a biennial session year, the reports were sent to the churches a fortnight before the camp meeting, and in this way the church members were able to read and evaluate the reports before they came to camp. This method saved a great deal of time, and the business session was completed by the Sunday afternoon, the rest of the time being spent in a spiritual feast.

Our motto for the camp was: "Compelled by the love of Christ," and this theme was developed throughout the camp meetings. One could sense the quiet, confident atmosphere which pervaded the meetings from the early morning devotionals to the evening evangelistic series on the Book of Daniel.

How inspiring to see 75 per cent of the church members attending the meetings throughout the day! The evangelistic evening meetings were packed.

Our president, Pastor E. I. Totenhofer, in his opening address, laid a firm spiritual foundation for the other speakers to build on. He gave a call for a personal relationship to Christ as our greatest

need, since we are living in the last days of earth's history.

Pastor C. D. Judd, president of the Trans-Tasman Union, took the divine service and challenged the members present to rebuild and stand firm on the faith that was once delivered to the saints. A call for rededication brought forth a spontaneous response.

Nominating Committee's Report

During the business session on Sunday morning, the nominating committee's report was read and unanimously adopted. The officers of the North Queensland Conference for the next biennial period are as follows: president, Religious Liberty, Education and Stewardship director, Pastor E. I. Totenhofer; secretary-treasurer, Book Centre manager, Brother R. E. Eager; accountant, Book Centre supervisor, Brother R. S. Borresen; Sabbath School, Lay Activities, liaison officer for the Blind, Communication, Pastor C. G. Allen; Youth, Health, Temperance, Pastor R. E. Possingham; Publishing director, Brother J. F. Webster. The following will comprise the executive

committee: Pastor E. I. Totenhofer (chairman), Brother R. E. Eager (secretary), Pastors F. G. Pearce, C. G. Allen, M. M. Kennaway, Brethren W. Peterson, N. Ace, R. B. Brinsmead and Sister J. Gate.

The report from various departments showed increases in most areas.

Education

Each of the schools has been painted and new furniture and equipment installed over the biennial period.

In October, 1974, the Conference-wide development was launched for Christian education, and the first project will be the establishment of a secondary school within the Conference.

Stewardship and Development

This plan was introduced into the Conference during the biennium, and now sixteen churches are on this plan.

Lay Activities

A special team of lay members were trained during the period to pioneer evangelistic efforts in new areas. Laymen and their families have given up weeks of their vacation to move into areas to conduct Vacation Bible Schools, Nutri-



The primary children show some of the hobbies they learned at camp.



An aerial view of the camp taken from the Conference plane.



The dedication of the Cessna in North Queensland. Those pictured are (left to right): Pastor R. H. Abbott, Pastor E. I. Totenhofer, Pastor C. D. Judd, A. Maberly, R. Eager, Pastor John Kosmeier (pilot) and R. Borresen. Notice the cartons of "The Great Controversy."

Photo: M. Chamberlain.

tion and Cooking classes, and nightly evangelistic meetings. These programmes were a great blessing to all those who participated and assisted the ministers in their follow up. Each year we plan to enter a new area.

Dorcas

Each church is fitted out for emergencies, and the ladies in green are moving out from door to door on a regular basis. Not only is a spiritual interest being found, but hundreds of people are helped with food and clothing, or even just by our listening to their problems.

Appeal for Missions

The Appeal was the largest increase ever in the Conference. Another encouraging fact that is interesting to note, is that 65 per cent of all baptisms were first introduced to the mission by the young people and the lay members.

Youth, JMV, Pathfinders

Missionary Volunteer Societies increased from eight to twelve. Forty-seven people were assisted toward baptism. JMV societies increased from eleven to fifteen. One hundred and ninety-one juniors received insignia, and 1,270 Vocational Honours were issued. The Pathfinder Clubs have grown from six to eleven, with a membership of 262.

Youth Camp Building Programme

Stages one to six have been completed, which include: landscaping, office, main buildings, storage, amenities blocks, electrical power throughout, caretaker's cottage and eight cabins completed. The value thus far is \$38,000. Riverside Park Youth Camp has become a sacred place for the youth of North Queensland, and they have helped in the building programme, as well as giving very liberally toward this project.

Health and Temperance

Thirty-one programmes were conducted. There were also interesting cooking classes conducted in various churches.

Communication

We have seen the greatest increase in news media and radio coverage for this biennium. This is due to the good work of the local communication secretaries.

Publishing Department

There was an increase of \$19,927 over the previous best biennium. During this biennial period two of the leading literature evangelists were called to leadership: Brother Arthur Jones to assistant Publishing director of Victoria, and Brother George Backhouse to assistant Publishing director of North New South Wales.

The membership of North Queensland Conference stands at one Adventist for 205 of the population.

The secretary-treasurer's report showed that God has abundantly blessed His people, and the increase in tithes and offerings shows the evidence of this blessing.

The Book Centre sales for the camp meeting set a record figure of \$9,070.

Monday, May 5, was a high day for the camp, as a Pathfinder Fair was conducted in the morning, and how thrilling it was to see the Pathfinders going through their various activities and doing them so well.

Conference Plane Dedicated

In spite of the torrential rain that commenced at 3.30 p.m. and continued for fifty minutes, the dedication of our recently donated Cessna aeroplane went forward. Townsville airport had never before seen such a large gathering of Seventh-day Adventists. Our hearts were filled and overflowing with praise to the Lord that this aircraft had been

made available for evangelism in the west of our Conference, which is almost impossible to reach any other way.

Pastor Totenhofer gave the history of the aircraft and the purpose for which it will be used. Pastor Judd spoke of the blessing it would be to the third angel's message in the north, and Pastor R. H. Abbott led in the dedicatory prayer. Pastor John Kosmeier will be the pilot, and it will be stationed in Mount Isa. We know that as these areas are entered, many will be led to a knowledge of Christ through this method.

All too soon, the buzz of voices just before lights out, the laughter of children in play, the scribbling of crayons, the prayers of groups together, the rattling of the plates in the queue, and the aromas from the kitchen, the rustling of Bible pages, the marching Pathfinders, the quiet organ preludes, the voices of testimony, the rolling of canvas all ceased as the camp meeting closed and all was still on the grounds once again.

The spirit of the camp meeting never dies; it continues to grow in the spirit of service, as the members, "Compelled by the Love of Christ," witness moment by moment until Jesus comes and earthly camp meetings will be no more.

New Church Organ

MRS. J. McLEAN

Parramatta Church, Greater Sydney

ABOUT HALF-WAY through 1974, the Parramatta church, Greater Sydney, decided they needed a new organ for the proper conduct of worship. Accordingly, two committees were formed: one, chaired by Brother Don Hansen, was to investigate the various makes of organs and their suitability for the church's needs. The other was the finance committee under the chairmanship of Brother John Gerahty.

The Allen organ was recommended and accepted, the cost being \$4,500. The whole church pressed together as one, with the result that the money was raised in a little over four months.

On Sabbath, March 8, 1975, at 5.30 p.m. a service was held to dedicate the new organ. After a welcome by Pastor C. T. Potter and prayer offered by Brother Aikers, an organ recital of four pieces by Bach was given by Brother Pocock interspersed by four solos sung by Mrs. J. McTier.

Pastor Potter gave a short dedicatory address, and as the Sabbath closed, Brother J. Gerahty offered the benedictory prayer.

What Impression Are You Leaving?

MRS. GRACE WILLS, Communication Secretary, Bundaberg Church, South Queensland

IMPRESSIONS! Do you realize the import? In speaking with a group of candidates after their baptism in the Bundaberg church, South Queensland, at the end of last year, I realized how much impressions had played a part over the years toward this final step. The two earlites, of course, had impressions stamped upon their minds by godly parents from birth in their Adventist family circle; but what of the other seven?

They each had a remarkable story to tell, of struggles, problems surmounted, of years of patient wooing by the Holy Spirit. It would take volumes to tell their stories in full, but one thing they all had in common was . . . impressions.

Brother Bob Seid who lived in Victoria was holidaying near the New South Wales border. He had car trouble, and hospitable people opened their home to him. He was so greatly impressed by the friendliness and hospitality of the wife and son that he agreed to accompany them to church on the Sabbath.

Years went by . . . and then he met a friend of his wife's whose practical Christianity impressed him. You've guessed it—another Seventh-day Adventist.

Time slipped by again till 1968, when a surprise arrived for them in a letter from their daughter Val in Brisbane, bearing the news that she and her husband were becoming Seventh-day Adventists and were to be baptized. Though they knew Val and her husband were having Bible studies with an Adventist friend, they had not anticipated this news. Two years later, Mr. and Mrs. Seid moved to Bundaberg in Queensland. Mrs. Seid's interest was aroused by the zeal displayed by their daughter and son-in-law for their new-found faith.

Mr. Seid did not mind his wife studying into Adventism nor did he mind her attending church, but it was not for him, said he. An evangelistic series commenced. Bob was impressed by the sincerity of the senior elder in his invitation for Bob to accompany his wife with them to the meetings, and so he accepted. He witnessed his wife's baptism on November 7, 1970. Another evangelist, another mission, and this time Bob assisted with letter-boxing of handbills and drove his wife to the meetings. Again he listened intently, but the barriers were still up—he was not ready yet.

Sabbath Visits by Church Brother

His wife was in hospital for several months due to an accident. During this time Bob regularly attended church. While his wife convalesced, a church brother went to their home each Sabbath and studied the Sabbath school lesson with them. Bob said he gained much understanding from these Sabbath school studies together.

When Pastor M. M. Kennaway arrived in Bundaberg early in 1973, he was taken by an elder to visit this home, and this latest in a long train of impressions resulted in Bob's agreeing to take studies:

Putting it in Bob's words, "From that time on, slowly and surely, a change began to take place in my life as I drew nearer to the Lord and surrendered my life fully to Him." Week by week we could all see the mellowing by the Holy Spirit going on in his life. His wife's sweet patience over the years was rewarded as she witnessed his baptism on December 7, 1974.

Impressions! Yes, impressions from a godly Adventist father lingered on after the death of Sue's father in New South Wales where they resided. Later, this lonely, sorrowful teenager went to Sydney. Impressed to follow the church of her father and longing for fellowship, she decided to go along one Sabbath to one of our churches, but she returned to her place of abode as lonely as she had left it that morning.

Disappointment led Sue to accept an invitation to the Baptist church, and there she found the friendship that she was craving with other Christian young people. The friendship was there, but something was wrong—the teachings were not right, it was not the church of her father. Sue asked to be transferred to the Bundaberg branch of the bank she worked at, and came to live with her Adventist grandparents. Soon she joined the baptismal class conducted by Pastor Kennaway, and before her baptism she was assisting in the kindergarten Sabbath school, impressing the young minds with the love of Jesus.

Three years ago Kevin lived near one of our unordained young ministers in North Queensland. Kevin, keen about healthful living, found a common interest with this young Adventist minister and was soon studying the Bible with him. As Kevin felt so impressed with the minister's sincerity, he began attending church. Later he moved to Bundaberg with his young son and continued studies with Pastor Kennaway; problems were overcome and now he rejoices as a member of the Adventist faith.

A Stranger Joins S.S. Class

It was August, 1973; Bundaberg Sabbath school classes were in session when in walked a very dignified-looking gentleman, who quietly took a chair with the class in the foyer. Speaking with him afterwards, my husband was surprised to find that he was not a visiting Adventist, but a seeker after further light. Many years ago a young man named Des, not so long in the message, worked with our new friend in the Forestry Department.

Many friendly arguments on religion took place between them. Mr. Manly-Smith could not help but admire and be impressed by the way his young friend so convincingly backed up all his arguments from the Bible, but was not at the time prepared to accept the proof given him. He has since searched around for "something." He could not get away from the Bible proof of the Seventh-day Sabbath that Des had shown him, and that he himself could see from his own study of the Bible since, so this day he decided he would go along to the Seventh-day Adventist church and learn more about it.

From then on Mr. Smith was a regular church attender, each Sabbath carrying a cassette recorder, taking down the service for his crippled wife. The pastor's weekly studies in the home and his faith that God would heal his wife sufficiently for her to accompany him in baptism brought its rewards that day. (A sad spot in this story is that for some years now Des has not walked with us. But Brother Smith now hopes that one day he may be used of the Lord to bring an impression to Des, just as Des had years ago impressed upon his mind the truths of God's Word.)

Do we all fully realize the impressions we make upon those around us, those at work? Are we allowing the angels of God to work through us to make the right impressions? Results sometimes take years, as shown in Mr. Smith's story, but the seed sown in good soil eventually bears fruit.

Geoff Yelaska worked with an Adventist in Bundaberg, an Adventist who shared his faith. Geoff listened and was greatly impressed. Then he and his wife Karen went north to live, but in time returned to Bundaberg. Pastor Kennaway and an elder decided to do some door-to-door visitation, and God must have impressed them to go to a certain area just where they would meet Karen. Karen agreed to take the first lesson of the Gift Bible Course and this was the beginning of weekly studies with the young couple. Geoff showed keen interest, for was it not the same as that which his workmate, Harold Wakefield, had talked to him about some time before?

It was not very long till they were asking our minister if they could pay their tithe into our church even though they were not as yet members. It gave us great joy to see this happy young couple with their three children attending church each Sabbath.

Breaking Ties of Worldly Entertainment

They had to by-pass one baptism, for they were still under contract with a local hotel. Although they refused to be there during any Sabbath hours entertaining vocally and with their instruments, they had \$3,500 tied up in their equipment that had to be paid off, and this contract was bringing to them far more a week than Geoff's work pay packet. But the more they studied the Word of God, the closer they came to the Lord and the more they detested entertaining in the atmosphere of a hotel. We praised God that day when they finally stood in the baptismal font together, free from any worldly ties and now using their talents for the Lord. Geoff is cur-

rently teaching a senior Sabbath school class.

As they look back, Geoff and Karen can see how the Lord had been preparing them for membership in the Adventist Church and for eventual heavenly citizenship, for over recent years a "cleaning up" process had been going on in their lives from various unhealthy practices such as smoking, etc.

Karen has held happy impressions over the years which were made upon her when she was just a girl of between ten to twelve. At that time her family lived not far from the Wills family, and Beverley, of the same age as Karen, persuaded Karen's mother to allow Karen to ac-

company her to Sabbath school and to JMV's for handicraft on Saturday night. Unfortunately for these little mates, these happy times were short-lived, for soon after, Karen's father was transferred to North Queensland. But now we see that all things worked together for good, for later Karen met Geoff whose home was in North Queensland, they married and today they are both together rejoicing in the Lord and witnessing as to what the Lord can do. The improvement in their lives is now greatly impressing their parents . . . and so impressions go on being made.

What impression are you making? Will another soul be saved for the kingdom as a result?

Danish Press Highlights Adventist Conductor . . .

Herbert Blomstedt Answers Newspaper's Questions

Reprinted from "Light," Northern Europe-West Africa Division

"ON FRIDAY, last week [now a couple of months ago] Herbert Blomstedt conducted Denmark's Radio Symphony Orchestra for the recording of the Danish composer Carl Nielsen's six symphonies. Blomstedt is the chief conductor for this orchestra in Copenhagen. On Sunday he tested eighteen flautists and fourteen horn players who competed for four vacant seats in the orchestra. But the Saturday in between these two busy days he spent at Ringerike in Norway.

"The Swedish conductor, who is known the world over, and who will now be even more notable, having taken over, since January, 1975, the famous Staatskapelle, Dresden, following Rudolf Kempe, ate a simple vegetarian meal at Tyriffjord College, together with students, parents and teachers. He also preached the Sabbath sermon that morning. The reason? Herbert Blomstedt is an Adventist and closely ties in with the work of his church. He could find no better use for his Sabbath than to travel to the college and take part in a 'week of music.'"

So wrote the newspaper "Drammens Tidende" about a European celebrity who is a Christian and a Seventh-day Adventist. During his visit to the college to see, hear and interview Brother Blomstedt, the reporter was impressed and interested in life at the college. This resulted in a full-page report concerning Adventist principles followed at the institution, also a report of the Sabbath sermon.

The interview with Brother Blomstedt covered another half-page in the paper. From this we quote:

"From his sermon and the lecture he gave later in the day about a 'good musi-

cal atmosphere in the home,' Mr. Blomstedt spoke strongly about differentiating between good and bad music. This had nothing to do with being a 'cultural snob,' but with an instinctive feeling for what is genuine and what does justice to music as a means of expression.

Never Flat and Boring

"Good music has several dimensions. It makes use of the possibilities which exist rhythmically, melodiously, and dynamically. It may very well be simple in a

positive understanding of the word, but it must not be so simple that it becomes dishonest. Good music contains perspective, it is never flat and boring, it can never function as background noise.

"Great values are to be found in good music. Those who have found them know it. But many who are well qualified to enjoy this part of human development live their lives not knowing the great resources of joy in music, and which are freely offered them.

"Why is this so? One reason is that these people were never confronted with good music. From their start in life, at home and perhaps also in school, they heard only flat and simplified music.

"If a child listens to good music in his home, he instinctively receives a fund of information which makes him react negatively when, later in life, he hears poor music. The children are too small

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Mr. Herbert Blomstedt, Adventist and eminent Swedish conductor. Readers may remember a previous brief news item we published concerning his not conducting orchestral rehearsals on Sabbath.

ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT THE STATE OF THE WORLD?

JOHN L. MORRIS, Greater Sydney

AS ONE looks at the varying situations presented to us the world around, problems arise in understanding how the church is to fulfil the Gospel Commission. How is the knowledge of the soon-coming of Jesus Christ to be given to others? When we think of inflation which seems to be affecting more of the world than has been the case in the past, we are led to wonder, How can we provide the finance required to meet the goal?

If we look at the Middle East, we find a warlike situation which admittedly has existed for a number of years, but seems to be intensifying despite the efforts of many to bring peace. Dr. Kissinger's personal diplomacy has had its ups and its downs. The efforts of the great powers to bring a settlement have had just as small a degree of success. The conflagration of the Middle East shows all the omens of spreading, and whether it does or not, it creates a great problem for the church in this area.

One's eye moves across the globe to the Sahara area of Africa. In a wide belt from the West Coast to the east of the continent, famine is raging. The Sahara Desert is extending its range a few more miles every year. Food is short. Water cannot be found. Food, when it is provided, does not give the farmer sufficient to sow for the following year's crops. Many countries have hidden the news of the famine situation, and at least two countries have seen their governments change, almost directly as a result of mishandling the famine crisis. It is a difficult task in the best of times to convince people of the need to change their priorities, but to attempt to do this in the famine situation is a near impossibility.

We can move half-way around the globe to South Vietnam, and in this focal point of the Indo-China area we have tremendous problems presented to us, the likes of which have not been seen since the second world war. Yet, there is not the same escape available as there was at that time. Many people have died. Special needs of the children in particular have been drawn to our attention, and although we can make some token contribution in the way of adopting children and accepting other refugees out of the country, this by no means can answer the problems of the people in that country.

War Horrors on Television

The Vietnam situation has been made more horrifying than were the atrocities of earlier wars because of the advances in communications and the changes in attitudes to reporting that

have occurred over the past twenty-five years. In some cases, parents of American soldiers saw their sons killed on their television screens before they were officially advised by the United States Government. The concern of the church to Vietnam relates to more than the humanitarian aspect of caring for people. In Vietnam we see the transition of government from a so-called democracy to a government based on communism. Such governments do not allow people, as a general rule, the same freedom of choice, freedom of decision which characterizes democracies. This restriction on freedom has existed in almost every communist government which we have known since the advent of communism earlier this century.

As a result of the Vietnam situation, one is forced to look at America and its role in the world. Since the second world war, we have seen the United States assume prominence in world affairs. Today we are seeing the reverse, and America seems to be withdrawing in many areas. It is almost moving back to the isolationist-type policy that existed in that country from its independence until very early in this century.

An examination of relationships with America is currently being undertaken by many of America's so-called allies. This examination is not something which is being conducted in secret, but has been announced to the world at large. Of particular interest is the Philippines, which has announced a re-examination of the conditions of the treaties which exist between those two countries. These re-examinations are the result of an apparent failure by the United States to keep its promises.

"O Lord, How Long . . . ?"

Another class of people have also been forced to re-examine the role of America in the world; these are the Bible students. Revelation chapter 13 portrays the power of the United States as being one which was going to influence the whole world, in that it would endeavour to cause the people to worship in a way that would be different from the dictates of their consciences and indeed different from the requirements of God's Word. We might ask: If America is pulling back in its relationships with the world, how can it fulfil the role provided for it in this thirteenth chapter of Revelation?

The situation today, perhaps, is similar to that which concerned the prophet Habakkuk prior to the over-running of the country of Judah by the Babylonian armies. "O Lord, how long shall I cry, and Thou wilt not hear! even cry out

unto Thee of violence and Thou wilt not save! Why dost Thou show me iniquity, and cause me to behold grievance? for spoiling and violence are before me: and there are that raise up strife and contention." Hab. 1: 2, 3.

Habakkuk was concerned with the trouble that was in both the Jewish nation of the time and in the coming of the Babylonian armies. He was distressed by the state of sinfulness which his people had reached. He was concerned that many wrongs were happening in all areas of life. There was not simply physical violence with one person assaulting another, but there was a general opposition to the behaviour standards called for by people who were supposedly following the law of God. It almost seemed to Habakkuk that God had forgotten the nation, that He was no longer concerned with the behaviour of His people. It seemed that Habakkuk was the only one who had this interest in the state of the nation.

"The Lord Is Not Slack"

Perhaps today we might be asking the same question. The violence which exists in the world at large, the increasing severity and frequency with which it is occurring, the troubles afflicting the people in many countries by way of famines, earthquakes, tidal waves and hurricanes is frightening. We look at the state of the religious organizations in the world today and see a deplorable decline. The churches are no longer interested in salvation, but are more concerned with being socially acceptable. Such may cause us to wonder if God is in control. Has He forgotten the world, the people and the church?

We should remember that, "The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness; but is long-suffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." 2 Peter 3: 9. Earlier in the chapter, Peter directs our attention to people who would laugh at the idea of Christ's return saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation." (Verse 4.) They intimate that because of an apparent delay in the fulfilment of the promise to return, the one who accepts and believes in that promise has misconstrued the whole issue. Such people forget (conveniently) the evidence of time, the statement of promise and the fulfilment of prophecy to date.

Consider Habakkuk again. Just as Peter commented on delay, God was very specific in His direction to Habakkuk on

this point. "The vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry." Hab. 2:3. While Habakkuk could not see the answers to his problems, by faith he had to accept that they would be solved. Adam and Eve expected a speedy end to sin as they listened to the promise recorded in Genesis 3:15, but they died without its fulfilment. Like the many worthies of Hebrews 11 they had nothing but faith.

The danger today is perhaps more complex than in days gone by. In addition to delays in fulfilment, there are facets of twentieth-century life and its benefits that can lead us away from a correct determination of our priorities.

Jesus referred to such distractions as drunkenness, surfeiting and the cares of this life. Obviously, caution is needed. We must not cast away our confidence "which hath great recompense of reward."

"For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise." Heb. 10:36.

"Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. . . . Stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh." James 5:7, 8.

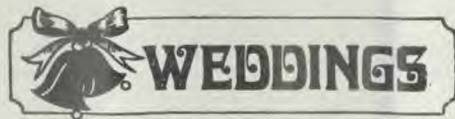
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to know why, but still they react healthily. This is of fundamental importance to the child's aesthetic start in life.

"Music today may be almost too easily obtained, via record, cassettes, radio and TV programmes. We must be thankful for the technical developments, but they demand much from the users. If we use the record and cassette players correctly, they can enrich our lives. If we misuse them, they may blunt our minds to such a degree that we cannot differentiate between good and bad.

"Man has a right to have his taste developed, not drowned in less valuable commercial products."



Would those who send notices of weddings and obituaries please remember that two facts must be included in every notice. These are the date and the place at which the death (or burial) or wedding took place. Without this information the notices cannot be published. Correspondents are reminded that wedding details must be limited to ninety words and obituaries to one hundred and twenty words.—Editor.

ANGUS—ZURCHER. On the afternoon of May 4, 1975, in the Perth church, Western Australia, Derrick Angus and Verena Zurcher exchanged wedding vows. Many friends gathered to wish them God's richest blessing and lasting happiness. Derrick came from Jamaica and Verena from Switzerland a few months ago. We welcome them to our country, and the beautiful State of the West, and pray that they will be very happy as they settle and make their new home among us. D. H. Davies.

LEAVES FROM A MISSIONARY'S DIARY



MOLLY RANKIN

February 21.

I had no way of knowing that anything was "ON" at Kainantu. It seems that for once the "bush telegraph" had broken down, or perhaps it was that I had been too busy to overhear the schoolboys or staff talking around the campus. But at any rate, the first inkling I got was when I saw the outline of a man dressed in white shirt and long black trousers striding past the frosted glass of the kitchen louvres.

"Whoever is that?" I asked of anyone who was listening. As it happened, no one was listening, so, full of curiosity, I went out the back door to find the answer to my question.

"Council?" I exclaimed when I saw the tall, erect figure and the strong features of our local Councillor.

"Ah, yes, Missus." He answered with what appeared a certain amount of unease and embarrassment. "Yu gat nektai?"

"Sure I have. You come around to the front door."

We met on the front steps, and when I handed him my special brand of 50-cent necktie he fumbled to do up his top button. Now it did not take too much insight to see that "Council" had never had to do this before.

"Yu laik mi helpim yu?" I offered.

"Yesya." He seemed very grateful and relieved as he relaxed a little and explained that Michael Somare was coming to Kainantu, and all the big men were going in to meet him.

I pulled and squeezed and finally fastened "Council's" top shirt button, then placed the tie around his neck and then realized my inability to do more.

"Seth," I called, "come and help me tie 'Council's' necktie."

Seth bolted from his bedroom and school-work and landed on the veranda more than willing to help. He fiddled a bit then decided he could tie it better round his own neck. Finally he got it tied—a tie about six inches long. We laughed together and started all over again. In the meantime poor old "Council" was changing from one foot to another, doing his best to be patient, and in the end he was rewarded and was able to slip the tied tie over his head.

I explained that with this type of knot he need not tie it every time, but could just loosen it and slip it off without untying it and it would be ready for next time. He was most grateful. We gave the tie a final adjustment, brushed off his shoulders, and he ran down the steps, jumped into his car and was gone.

A few minutes later a puffing and panting "Committee" arrived.

"Makimai," I asked, "yu laikem wanem?"

"Oh, Missus," he said hopefully, "I want to go to town. Is Masta going?"

"Sorry, 'Committee.' He is teaching in the mornings. He does not go to town until next week. Why didn't you get a ride with 'Council'?"

"Oh, Missus, I knocked on his door, but he had already gone. I was too late."

Now, could any Adventist miss an opportunity like that? I couldn't, anyway.

"Makimai, it is not good to be late. Soon Jesus will come and you must be ready for Him. You must 'ready' your life now. It will not be good to be late for Jesus."

He smiled, but I think he was more concerned about getting in to see Michael Somare.

BELFORD—PRESECAN. David Richard Belford and Durdica (Jenny) Presecan chose their home church, Stanthorpe, Queensland, for their marriage on May 4, 1975. A pleasant sunny day, with bracing mountain air, brought added blessings of Heaven for a wonderful wedding day for David and Jenny and their many relatives and friends. With the background of Australian and Yugoslavian cultures, and two strong Christian homes, David and Jenny will make a new Adventist home in

Brisbane. Brother S. Jakovac assisted the writer in interpreting for the Yugoslav guests, helping to make this a most delightful and happy occasion for all present. H. A. Grosse.

CAPON—PARKER. In the Frankston Adventist church, Victoria, on Sunday, April 20, 1975, Philip Capon, youngest son of Mrs. W. Capon, and Geraldine Parker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Parker, exchanged marriage vows. At the conclusion of the service, they passed

through a fully-uniformed guard-of-honour from the Frankston Pathfinder Club. Philip and Geraldine plan to live in Frankston, and will continue to support their Pathfinder Club as officers, and also give their time and talents in other church spheres. R. H. H. Thomas.

RICHARDSON—BALL. On Sunday, June 8, 1975, at the Mount Lawley church, Western Australia, Alexander Stephen Richardson was united in marriage to Carol Ball, formerly of Kalgoorlie. A magnificent day, a large group of well-wishers and proud relatives made this occasion a happy one for these young people as they commence their walk together through life. W. R. Sleight.

ROBERTS—JANS. In the New Plymouth church, New Zealand, on April 25, 1975, Keith Roberts and Karen Jans met to exchange marriage vows. Keith is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Roberts, respected members of the Stratford church, and Karen, who was baptized earlier this year, is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Jans of New Plymouth. After the service in the church, a reception was held in the kiosk at beautiful Pukekura Park. We wish Keith and Karen God's richest blessing as they set up a Christian home in New Plymouth. J. Veld.

SCHOFIELD—UPTON. At the lovely new Bickley church, Western Australia, on Sunday, May 25, 1975, Julie Upton stood by her man, Trevor Schofield, and exchanged vows with him that made them man and wife. Beautiful in their youthfulness, and sincere in their love, may God grant them a life of deep joy and happiness as they make their home in Perth. W. R. Sleight.

SMITH—LOGANATHAN : PALMER—DURHAM. On May 18, 1975, in the Perth church, Western Australia, two very happy bridal parties made a delightful and impressive double wedding. A large number of relatives and well-wishers watched with expectation as Phillip Smith, who was baptized just the day before, exchanged wedding vows with Margaret Loganathan; then James Palmer and Janet Durham exchanged their marriage vows of love to each other. Margaret and Janet are cousins, coming to Australia with their parents from Rangoon. We wish these four dear young people God's richest blessing as they set up their new Christian homes. D. H. Davies.

SPENCE—WYNN. On Wednesday, May 14, 1975, in Bowral, New South Wales, Kenneth Richard Spence and Gladys Mary Wynn were united in marriage. Both are loyal members of the Bowral church, and we know that, as they walk life's pathway together, their home will be a blessing to others. As they unite their lives in Bowral and in love for each other and service for the Lord, we wish them Heaven's richest blessings. L. J. Laws.



ATKINS. On May 6, 1975, we tenderly committed the mortal remains of our Brother Alfred Atkins to the elements in the Centennial Park Crematorium, South Australia. Being sightless, this godly old man of eighty-nine years has lived in a world of physical darkness for many months and also in a land almost of silence. Grateful for any kindness shown, he lived for one purpose—reunion with his late beloved wife. He was one of God's saints, and we will miss him. Our sympathy goes to his son, Ken, and loved ones. But we think of the joy of meeting him again when those deaf ears will thrill to the music of heaven and those sightless eyes will see with vision glorious! God hasten the day when this becomes reality! W. T. Hooper.

BUSH. Sister Lilian Elsie Bush was born in Victoria on January 28, 1881, as the eldest daughter of the McLean family, and was brought up on her father's large station. He was the son of the first Gaelic Presbyterian minister sent to Australia. Our sister married William Bush on April 25, 1908, and was baptized in 1932 at our Ashfield church. Her husband predeceased her in 1934. With her three children, William (pathologist at Western Suburbs Hos-

pital), Lilian (Sister Colquhoun), and Sybil (Sister Fuller), she was an active and loyal member of our Concord church. Our sister passed away on June 5, 1975, aged ninety-four years, and was buried at Rookwood Cemetery, New South Wales, on June 9. The mourners were encouraged to find comfort and hope in the prospect of the soon-coming Saviour who is the resurrection and the life. R. B. Mitchell.

COUTTS. Quite unexpectedly and without prior warning in the early hours of February 9, 1975, Joyce Coutts closed her eyes in sleep. A member of the Woollahra church, New South Wales, Joyce was visiting her relatives in Albury, her home town, where she had spent most of her married days. Joyce's passing has left an aching void which only the God of all comfort can fill. To her husband, Harold Coutts of South Coogee, her sister, Olive Ward of North Ryde, her brother, Harold Hodge of Albury, another sister, Esme Krueger of Albury, to nieces and nephews, all relatives and friends, we extend our sincere sympathy. Joyce was laid to rest in the new lawn cemetery at Lavington, where she awaits the call of the Life-giver. R. J. Porter.

CROZIER. Sister Myrtle Crozier, nee Stellmaker, fell asleep in Christ at the Warburton Hospital, Victoria, on February 27, 1975. Failing health was her lot for some time; the end came suddenly. Hers was a full life. Thirty years were spent at Avondale, where she worked for the Sanitarium Health Food Company and in Searle's Store. Born in Tasmania, she qualified as a children's nurse; later she nursed Sir Sydney Kidman's daughter. She retired with her husband at Erina. The last four years were spent with her sister, Mrs. Durham, at Forest Hill, Victoria. Words of comfort were expressed by Pastor J. Mitchell and the writer. Her resting place is the Springvale Cemetery. B. A. Foster.

DIPPELL. John DipPELL passed to his rest on May 12, 1975, at the age of seventy years. All his years were spent on the Darling Downs, Queensland. He belonged to a generation that laboured hard, and with his inventive mind, turned many things to useful purposes. He leaves to mourn his passing, three sons and their families, and with his late wife awaits the resurrection morning in the Toowoomba Lawn Cemetery. H. A. Grosse.

GARRARD. On May 20, 1975, Edward George Garrard passed to rest in the Gosford District Hospital, New South Wales, after a brief illness. In 1919 he was baptized by Pastor Lester Newbold at Gayndah, Queensland. Later, the family moved to Avondale, where he spent some nineteen years with the Sanitarium Health Food Company. A number of years were then spent "on the land" in the Maitland-Singleton districts. Finally, he retired at Gosford and is survived by his widow, Winifred, a daughter Mavis (Mrs. Mavin), and a son Pastor E. J. Garrard. At his wife's request, a memorial service was conducted in the Gosford Baptist church by Pastor Shirley. We laid him to rest in the Avondale Memorial Cemetery where he now awaits the call of the Life-giver so soon to return. Pastor A. P. Dyason assisted the writer. L. A. Dyason.

GARRETT. It was with sadness that we learned of the passing, on April 11, 1975, of our beloved brother Clarry Garrett. The members of the Albury church, New South Wales, offer their deepest sympathy to Sister Garrett and family. The following verse is but a paraphrase of the life of our brother:
"I asked for strength, for with the noontide heat I fainted, while the reapers, singing sweet,
Went forward with ripe sheaves I could not bear;
Then came the Master, with His blood-stained feet,
And lifted me with sympathetic care.
Then on His arm I leaned till all was done,
And I stood with the rest at set of sun
My task complete."
Clarry awaits the call of the Master in the Waugh Road Cemetery, North Albury. R. J. Porter.

GROSSER. Mark Andrew Grosser was one of God's "little ones" needing special care. Born into the home of Brother and Sister Eugene Grosser on September 19, 1965, he touched chords of love and compassion and received in return that "Inasmuch" service which only a Christian home can give. He fell asleep in the Sabbath evening hours of May 16, 1975, and subsequently, with the family about him, was laid to rest in God's acre at Avondale, New South Wales. "He hath done all things well." Mark 7: 37. R. H. Abbott.

HANCOCK. Stephen Hancock was born at Wild Dog Creek in Victoria on December 13, 1903, and died in Melbourne on May 25, 1975. He was a builder by trade, and lived most of his life in Sunraysia. In 1925, Steve married Myrtle Allen, and to the union were born five sons and two daughters. As the boys grew into manhood, Steve bought a wheat farm at Wemen, and in partnership with his sons established one of Victoria's largest market gardens. His friends were legion, and in great numbers they came to the Mildura church and Cemetery to farewell with regret a close and loyal friend. Steve loved life, family, and friends, and left us all assured that after taking a short rest, he would be with us again. C. F. Hollingsworth.

HAYES. Mount Lawley church members were saddened to lose a warrior for the Lord when John Hall Hayes passed to his rest in the Royal Perth Hospital on the night of April 19, 1975. Although in his eighty-third year, our late brother continued to witness for his faith until he became too sick to do so. Words spoken by an old friend, Pastor Perry, at the graveside brought comfort and hope to many sorrowing loved ones and friends. He leaves to mourn his passing, many brothers and sisters in Christ along with his children and grandchildren, some of whom worship with us each Sabbath. W. R. Sleight.

HOULISTON. Sister Felicia Houliston, born in Dundee, Scotland, on May 14, 1891, passed to her rest in the Charles Harrison Home, Cooranbong, New South Wales, at 4.30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 4, 1975. With her mother she accepted the message as a result of the work of a faithful colporteur. Her passing left Brian and Valerie (Mrs. Atkins) and the six grandchildren with happy memories of a loving and lovable Christian mother and grandma. Loved ones and friends gathered in the Avondale Lawn Cemetery as Pastor W. Ferris and Pastor L. C. Coombe brought to them the assurance of the blessed hope and pointed to the God of all comfort. L. C. Coombe.

MASSEY. On May 6, 1975, Mrs. Sophie May Massey passed peacefully to her rest. Her long life of eighty-four years was one in which she completely trusted her Lord. About forty-five years ago, she accepted the message at the time of a mission conducted by Pastor R. A. Anderson in Brisbane. She has been a member of Central church in Brisbane, and her happy nature will be greatly missed. On May 9, 1975, at Albany Creek, Brisbane, we remembered her and her faith and confidently left her to await the great resurrection morning. H. G. Harker.

MOORE. On May 12, 1975, we laid Frederick Charles Moore to rest in the Cheltenham Cemetery, South Australia. A cheerful man, he left behind many lovely memories for those who knew him best to cherish. Our deepest sympathy goes out to the sorrowing loved ones. To them we direct, for comfort and consolation, the sweet promises of our gracious Lord. W. T. Hooper.

MCNESS. At the advanced age of ninety-eight years, Rose Mcness quietly passed to rest on May 7, 1975, while a patient at the San-Marco Hospital, Fremantle, Western Australia. Described as an amazing person by those who loved her, this mother in Israel lived daily for God and the advancement of the message dear to her heart. Baptized by Pastor S. M. Uttley some thirty-five years ago, as a true follower of Christ she never looked back, but remained loyal to the day of her death. Our late sister was laid to rest in the Fremantle Cemetery to await the coming of her Lord and the resurrection morning. G. I. Wilson.

PEDEN. Sister Barbara Peden was born in Queensland sixty-seven years ago, on January 14, 1908, and died suddenly at her son Bryan's home at Canley Vale, New South Wales, on May 15, 1975. Our late sister was a member of the Castle Hill church, New South Wales, but because of ill health was confined to her bed for the last few years. In her earlier life she had worked untiringly to help her family, and was employed for some time at Lewisham Sanitarium Health Food Branch. The family and friends gathered at the Woronora Crematorium for the funeral rites on May 19, when words of comfort and hope were spoken by the writer, who pointed forward to the soon-coming advent of our Lord. R. B. Mitchell.

PERKIN. On Sunday, June 8, 1975, at the age of eighty-eight years, Sister Olive Perkin (nee Williams) closed her eyes in the sleep of death to await the glad resurrection morning. Our sister accepted the message in South Australia, and trained as a nurse in the Adelaide Sanitarium. She also served for a time as the

matron of "The Retreat" at Avondale. Her joy was to be able to give generously to the support of the work in her home state, South Australia. Pastor W. G. Turner and the writer conducted the service in the Avondale Lawn Cemetery on June 10, 1975. Many old friends met to pay tribute to one who served her Lord with confidence and joy. L. C. Coombe.

SCOTT. Baptized in 1948 by Pastor George Burnside, Mrs. Ivy Joyce Scott maintained her confidence and trust in Christ in an active life of helpfulness to those mentally and emotionally maladjusted. "Well done, thou good and faithful servant!" To her daughter, Mrs. Pitcher, who cared for her mother during her last illness, was also surely be spoken the word, "Inasmuch." On June 13, 1975, at the funeral parlour and the Mangere Cemetery, Auckland, New Zealand, services were conducted by the writer. R. Pavitt Brown.

SUMMERFIELD. Ernest Frederick Summerfield passed unexpectedly to his rest at the Sherwin Nursing Home, Rossmoyne, Western Australia, on May 10, 1975, at the age of seventy-eight years. Originally from Cheshire, England, he arrived in Western Australia with his late mother, and here they both subsequently became loyal Seventh-day Adventists. Throughout his association with the Advent family, his soul thrilled with joy as he lifted his voice in praise and adoration to the One who had redeemed his soul and given him an assurance of one day seeing Jesus. After a service at the Karrakatta Cemetery, our esteemed brother was tenderly laid to rest to await the Master's call on the resurrection morning. G. I. Wilson.

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FLASHPOINT

- ★ No doubt you will get a complete account through our news columns later, with pictures and lavish detail, but here is where you read it first. On June 1, a Sunday as you will recall, the Avondale married students' housing complex was opened. The president of A.B.P.M. handed over the keys to the Division president, and these, in turn, were handed over to Warren Irvine, who represented the married students. No longer will married students have to live in an old tank in somebody's backyard or stand in line to get first option of a disused chicken-coop. Now, thanks to this splendid project, married students can look forward to reasonable and comfortable accommodation.
- ★ The construction of the units was supervised by A.B.P.M. personnel, and the funds were provided by the Division. As Brother A. L. Knight said, it was a venture in co-operation. Federal, state and local government representatives were present, along with the Division president, treasurer and other dignitaries and a goodly group of interested onlookers. Dr. Magnusson chaired the proceedings. With a burst of unparalleled originality the new housing project may be known as "Collegeview"—well, can you think of a better name?
- ★ "VOTED: That the overflow from the 1976 Appeal for Missions be allocated to the building of national staff homes at Kambubu High School, Papua New Guinea." (Extract from the Division Committee minutes.) And a right good project this is, brethren. Swing in behind it.
- ★ Coming home! (also known as "permanent return") are the following folk (and, where appropriate, their families)—effective, mostly, from the end of the year or thereabouts: From the Afro-Mideast Division: Miss Gwenyth L. Davis and Miss Lola M. Hill. From Papua New Guinea: C. I. Butler, a physiotherapist at Togoba Hansenide Colony; P. Roberts, D. J. Webster and B. W. Plane (teachers at Kambubu High School); I. B. Rankin from Omaura Training School; L. N. Lock from the P.N.G.U.M. headquarters after a wonderful thirty-seven years of mission service; A. L. Voigt, agricultural instructor at Mount Diamond school. From the Western Pacific Union Mission: Miss M. D. Stafford.
- ★ On furlough: Miss Marlene Broad, a nursing sister from the Papua New Guinea Union Mission is in Sydney enjoying the less exacting routine of a vacation. She has been at Sopas Hospital, Wabag, for nine years.
- ★ As you read this, some thirty-nine Ministerial Department staff and students from Sonoma College will be out on field service under the helpful eye of Pastor John Gate, the director of the Ministerial Department at the college. Ten of these men will be working in new areas. There will be two each at Bulolo, Malalaua, Kandrian, Goilala and Alotau (do those names mean anything to you? But you would need to know them so that you could add them to your prayer list).
- ★ Pastor Philip Daboyen, L.A. director of the Western Highlands Mission of Papua New Guinea, reports from Mount Hagen: "I spent several days at Maramuni and then Mulitaka. I asked the church members to bring their relatives to Sabbath school and church. The Mulitaka church was full. Twenty-four people stood up and have now joined the 'class ready.'" That's the spirit we need in the homeland. You bring the one next to you. . . .
- ★ Dorcas ladies who have co-operated in sending Singer sewing-machines to Papua New Guinea should know that their gesture is greatly appreciated by the folk out there, and right now, if you pause, you can probably hear the whirring hum of twenty-five of these machines which are churning out shirts and dresses from Bougainville to the Sepik. Pastor Calvyn Townsend, the L.A. director of the Union, says a big thank you.
- ★ From Len Larwood, the hand on the tiller at Atoifi Hospital in the Solomons, there comes one of those all-too-frequent requests for books. But it's something all can have a part in. Here's what his letter says: "We have a group of student nurses here now, and more at the government hospital. Reading matter can be a problem. They enjoy GUIDE and similar papers, also Panda-type paperback books." Can help? Address your parcel of books to L. G. Larwood, Atoifi Postal Agency, Malaita, Solomon Islands. Can I count on you to do something about it? Please?
- ★ My old friend the editor of the SIGNS OF THE TIMES wafted through my office the other day with big news. He had in his hand a letter from a gentleman (not an Adventist) who told him that he had had a vision and that the date of the Second Coming was July 8, 1984. Don't say I didn't tell you.
- ★ Barry Gane (the lucky fellow is married to Marilyn Knight) is working in England and is serving as junior minister at the Stanborough Park church, assisting Pastor Surridge and Dalbet Elias. Now what is a mite exciting is the word that this Pastor Surridge has been appointed chaplain to the mayor of Watford. This is a "first" for England. Probably in the world. Marilyn, by the way, is working at the South England Conference office.
- ★ "Finally, sisters . . .": How to Preserve a Husband:
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