

# AUSTRALASIAN RECORD



*"Sound an alarm: for the day of the Lord cometh, for it is nigh at hand."*

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## No Time to Pray

"No time to pray!"  
O, who so fraught with earthly care  
As not to give to humble prayer  
Some part of day?

"No time to pray!"  
'Mid each day's dangers, what retreat  
More needful than the mercy-seat?  
Who need not pray?

"No time to pray!"  
Must care or business' urgent call  
So press us as to take it all  
Each passing day?

What thought more drear  
Than that our God His face should hide,  
And say, through all life's swelling tide,  
"No time to hear!"

—Selected.

## What Shall We Neglect?

Not only the world, but our lives and work are crowded with duties and cares. The busiest of us never accomplish all we have to do; we fail to accomplish, perhaps, all that is expected of us. And, then, either without system we leave undone the things we would last reach, or with system we plan to leave out those things we deem least important. What shall we neglect?

In the home comes the round of cooking and house-cleaning and mending; on the farm is the care of the crops and the stock, the marketing of produce, and other business; in the institution is the following of the prescribed routine of work and study

or the management; in the ministry is the proclaiming of gospel truths, and the service rendered to bodies and souls of men. Always something suffers, something is neglected; what shall it be?

Too frequently the thing neglected is study and prayer. And thereby is time wasted; for without study and prayer no worker can accomplish anything of value. It is as if the typist, earnest to do a great day's work, should not have time to clean and oil his machine; as if the engineer, needing a high pressure of steam, should not have time to draw out the ashes and cinders; as if the farmer, with a long day's plowing before him, should not have time to feed his horses.

How much of all the many lines of thought the worker can compass, or how much he must neglect, is a matter for each one to determine with God for himself; but certain it is that before the one great essential is omitted, all these might better be neglected, "lest that by any means, when I have preached to others. I myself should be a castaway." The worker who spends time with God will not be behind the times; his spirituality will be worth more to the church than all the feverish researches and the funds of information of him who neglects God.

"Remember that prayer is the source of your strength. A worker can not gain success while he hurries through his prayers, and rushes away to look after something that he fears

may be neglected or forgotten. He gives only a few hurried thoughts to God; he does not take time to think, to pray, to wait upon the Lord for a renewal of physical and spiritual strength. He soon becomes weary. He does not feel the uplifting, inspiring influence of God's Spirit. He is not quickened by fresh life. His jaded frame and tired brain are not soothed by personal contact with Christ. 'Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and He shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord.' 'It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the Lord.' Ps. 27:14; Lam. 3:26. There are those who work all day and far into the night to do what seems to them must be done. The Lord looks pityingly upon these weary, heavy-laden burden-bearers, and says to them, 'Come unto Me, . . . and I will give you rest.'—*Testimonies for the Church, Vol. VII, pages 243, 244.*

What shall be neglected, prayer and the study of God's messages, or the pleasures of life and the manifold cares of our daily work? Which shall engross our thoughts, the husks of form and profession or the kernels of God's truth and life?

"Martha, Martha, thou art anxious and troubled about many things: but one thing is needful: . . . for Mary hath chosen the good part, which shall not be taken away from her."

A. W. SPAULDING.



### An Interesting Trip, Fiji

TRAVELLING in Fiji during the summer months is done with a good deal of risk, owing to it's being the hurricane season. Yet we thought that after the severe "blow" which visited the group during the latter part of the month of January, we were safe for a time, and so with Bennie Tavodi, who was with us on furlough from New Guinea, I boarded an interinsular steamer at Levuka bound for a round trip on the Vanua Levu and Taviuni coasts.

The bill of fare on these steamers consists chiefly of tinned meats, vegetables, and some fruit, the first being used freely at every meal. The first day out I told the Indian steward that I did not take meat, but that I would have vegetable soup when it was "on," and so for a day or two this was the first dish served. One day after taking about two spoonfuls I happened to stir the soup from the bottom of the bowl, when my spoon suddenly struck something which upon being brought to the surface proved to be a piece of pig's foot. There are many other little incidents that I might relate which are just about as unappetizing as this one.

The course taken by the vessel proved to be very interesting to me, as we had the privilege of visiting some parts of the group, which, to my knowledge, had not been previously visited by any of our workers. Though we could not go ashore at every place we called, still we usually succeeded in sending literature ashore to the native villages and to the scattered European settlers. One place which particularly interested me was Labasa, a European village on the north-west coast of Vanua Levu, where the Colonial Sugar Refining Company has a very large sugar mill, employing about 6,000 Indians, or coolies, as they are usually called.

I first wished to visit the Church of England minister, who is a young man supported by the Propagation Society, and who is devoting most of his time to the Indian work, as I

thought he could show me more about the Indians and the work being done for them than I could gather alone. I found my way to his place, which is about half a mile from the village, but the hurricane of January 24 had flattened his house like a brick falling on a cardboard box, and the poor man had removed into other quarters. As he was then out visiting I left some papers for him and a message telling him that I was aboard the steamer and that I would probably call upon him the next morning. In the evening, however, he came aboard the vessel to see me, and we had a long, interesting conversation about his work and also on some points of our faith which he seemed pleased to discuss. Before leaving that night, we arranged that I should accompany him the next morning on one of his visits to an outpost where some Buddhist believers have some interest in the Christian faith.

This visit proved very interesting indeed, and I learned from our conversation that my friend has a knowledge of three Indian dialects, which he uses in his work for the coolies; namely, Hindi, Telegu, and Urdu. Hindi, however, seems to be the dialect chiefly spoken among the Indians of Fiji. Part of the time he acted as interpreter while a Buddhist priest and I compared the Christian religion with Buddhism. It makes one long to be able to help them let go the soulless doctrine of Buddha for the grand truths of the Christian religion.

The Church of England minister told me that he finds the work goes slowly among these people as so few can read and write. He has, however, baptized a few and can count a few score who may be called nominal Christians. He then asked me if we intend starting work among them, and when I replied in the affirmative, he said, "Well, there is plenty of room for us all, and anything that I can do to help you I will gladly do it." He apologized for not being able to accommodate me while there but hoped that if ever I was round that way again he could have me come and stay with him.

Leaving there, we went on to visit three small companies of our native brethren, who seemed pleased to see us. They directed us to a few in their neighbourhood who are becoming interested in the truth, and we had a very pleasant visit with some of them. One man whom we met, who is almost a full European, is a descen-

dant of the "Pilgrim Fathers" and still has many of the Quaker ideas. He invited me to stay with them over night, and many times during the evening he remarked how good it was to find some one who wished to talk on religious topics. We discussed the Sabbath question and other points of doctrine on present truth, with some of which he was in perfect harmony. He said he would like reading matter on the subjects we discussed, and you may be sure we are pleased to be able to supply him through the clubs which are being sent us from America and Australia.

It is good to find inquirers in these out of the way places, and we trust that some of them will be included among those who shall finally sit down at the marriage supper of the Lamb. We invite all to have a part in helping them through your continual prayers.

A. G. STEWART.



### En Route to Eastern Polynesia

#### Auckland

LEAVING Sydney April 3 by the *S. S. Maheno*, the writer arrived in Auckland, New Zealand, April 9, where two days were spent with Pastors Pallant and Cole and the Doctors Keller. The special subject of consideration was that of the sale of the Pukekura School and the selection of a new place.

It may be of interest to the readers of the RECORD to know that the brethren have for some time been convinced that the school has not been located in the right place, and that it has not been in harmony with the instruction that the Lord has sent us with reference to the establishment of schools. Many prayers have gone up to God to guide in the sale of the property. Many will be interested to hear that the larger portion of the school farm, including the buildings, has been sold at a price higher than we had hoped to obtain. We believe that the Lord has led in this matter. While the buildings have been sold, we have a right to use them till the end of the year, thus giving us opportunity to look about for another place. Our great

concern now is that the Lord may lead the brethren in the selection. We want our brethren and sisters throughout the field to join in prayer over this important matter. Much wisdom is needed. The brethren are looking about already, but much care will be exercised, and therefore nothing will be decided hastily.

While we were together in Auckland, the Doctors Keller kindly took us about in their motor-car looking at pieces of property some distances out of Auckland. A search will be made near Wellington, and perhaps other centres. It has been thought that a small place will be selected near a good market, where small fruit-farming and gardening may be carried on to advantage.

The writer is just about to start by the *S. S. Talune* for Rarotonga and Tahiti to visit the workers in these missions.  
J. E. FULTON.

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### The West Australian Camp Meeting

DESPITE threatening letters and ominous remarks that our camp would be a menace to the health and peace of the community, and that effective means were being taken to remove us, we quietly and energetically went ahead with our work. For the present we did not even attempt a reply to the letters that appeared in the papers against us. We were, however, very careful that no accusation could reasonably be laid to our charge; and, as so many times in the past, the Lord took charge of His own work and gave us one of the best camp-meetings, free from disturbance, that has been my privilege to attend.

The outside attendance, we regret to say, at no time was very great, but this was occasioned rather by our location. The site chosen, the quiet grounds of Peppermint Grove, Cottesloe, an ideal place for beauty and comfort, was not so accessible to the outside public. In all seventy-eight tents were provided, some of those in attendance occupying rooms in the vicinity of the camp.

As we prepared to begin our services, the daily papers freely opened their columns to our reports, and it was surprising how much was published in our interests. It would seem that the gratuitous circulation of the little book, "Rights of Man," has done

much in our behalf with public men of the West.

We feel deeply grateful for the help of Pastors Lukens and Teasdale and Dr. Ethel Heynemann, all of whom laboured earnestly and untiringly to make this meeting a success. Along with many other important services, Pastor Lukens conducted the two Sabbath morning meetings, which were especially blessed. One hundred responded the first Sabbath, and on the second two hundred came forward to seek the Lord. Pastor Teasdale's services, and his studies on certain chapters of the book of Romans, bringing in the subject of religious liberty, we believe, will be long and favourably remembered. Dr. Ethel Heynemann's addresses on health topics each afternoon were instructive occasions and were well attended. The doctor's time when not before the public, seemed to be almost fully occupied in giving instruction and advice to those who sought help.

Speaking of the meetings as a whole, we can truly say that there was a good spirit in all the services, and this harmony and unity that prevailed in the camp generally, no doubt formed a strong element in the success of the meetings.

The Sabbath-school during the two Sabbaths that we were in camp, superintended by Brother Ephraim Giblett, were profitable occasions. The highest membership, the second Sabbath, numbered 326, and the offerings for the two Sabbaths amounted to £15 4s. 6½d.

The young people's meetings were well attended by a class of devoted and intelligent youth, who seemed to have entered into the spirit of the meetings and heartily responded when occasions were given. The children's meetings were under the direction of Sister Hilliard, who called to her assistance the church-school teachers and some other helpers.

The baptismal service conducted the second Sunday morning by Pastors Hilliard and Michaels, in the clear, calm waters of the Swan River, just at hand, was an impressive occasion. Eighteen followed their Lord in this solemn ordinance.

During the time of the meetings a considerable quantity of literature was sold, the cash sales amounting to £50. The meetings at which many of these books were taken by our people were among the most interesting. Personal incidents in the use of

our literature and how God had wrought by this means in the salvation of souls, seemed to revive the hope and courage of all. Nine hundred and sixty copies of "Armageddon" were either sold or ordered.

Among the most interesting meetings we should not fail to mention those that had been set apart for the raising of funds. In these services there was no urging nor waiting. All seemed to give because they loved to do so. In the first service of this kind, the people were actually restrained. They were told that there was to be another similar meeting when they would have opportunity to give to other enterprises. It might be interesting to note that this liberal people fully sustained their reputation of the past by freely pledging £518 3s. 10d., a handsome amount when we remember that the membership of the conference is only a trifle more than four hundred.

The days so full of important meetings quickly passed, and we were brought to our closing service. Surely many hearts were made lighter and hopes were revived by the knowledge of forgiven sins and by the manifestation of the gracious presence of the Lord with us. May the battles there fought and the victories there gained remain with this dear people throughout the years before us.

W. L. H. BAKER.

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### The West Australian Conference

IN connection with the camp-meeting held at Cottesloe, March 7-17, the tenth annual session of the West Australian Conference was held under very favourable conditions. The weather was all that could be expected, there was an ideal spot for the camp, and there was a good attendance, owing, perhaps, to the fact that "all church members in good and regular standing" are constituted delegates. Pastors Lukens and Teasdale, and Dr. Ethel Heynemann were present as representatives of the Union Conference.

Standing committees were appointed as follows:

ON PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: M. Lukens, C. P. Michaels, J. Todd, A. Mountain, C. M. Rule.

ON NOMINATIONS: G. Teasdale, J. Lang, A. G. Minchin, R. Howie, E. G. Morris.

ON CREDENTIALS AND LICENSES: W. L. H. Baker, E. Hilliard, C. E. Ashcroft, G. Chapman, D. Smith.

The balance-sheet showed the worth of the conference at the end of the financial year to be £671 1s. 10d.; represented by inventories, £461 8s. 9d., and the balance of the profit and loss account, £209 13s. 1d. The amount of tithe received was £2,039 8s 10d. On July 1, 1910, the credit balance of the profit and loss account was £169 19s.; showing an increase this year of £39 14s.

The financial statement of the West Australian Tract Society for eighteen months ending December 31, 1911, showed a profit on book and periodical sales of £369 19s. 7d. The expenses had been £297 1s. 8d., so there was a profit of £72 17s. 11½d. At the beginning of that period there was a debit balance of £74 10s. 10d. This had been reduced to £1 12s. 10½d.

The Health Food Depot's balance sheet showed that a good volume of trade had been done. There was a clear profit of £65 2s. 11d. on the year's working, so that the indebtedness of £259 15s. 1d. which existed at the beginning of that period has been reduced to £194 12s. 1d.

The Darling Range School, too, had been blessed in temporal things. The business manager, in presenting the balance sheet, gave a brief sketch of the growth and development of the school since its establishment in 1907. The present worth of the school is £3,424 8s. 3d. The profit and loss statement showed that there was a profit on the year's working of £559 6s. 2½d. This was regarded as highly satisfactory.

During the conference session the needs of the field were considered, and at an early morning meeting before the camp closed, all present were given an opportunity to demonstrate in a practical way their interest in our various enterprises, and £518 was contributed in cash and promises. Of this, £234 was designed specifically for the establishment of a Health Home. See Recommendation No. 3.

At the close of the conference business, Recommendation No. 1 was brought forward, and after several had spoken of the many blessings received and of their great desire to walk in humble obedience to all of God's requirements, it was put to the meeting and carried by all rising to their feet and singing "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow."

The Committee on Plans and Recommendations presented the following resolutions, which were adopted:

WHEREAS, During the past year God has shown His love and favour in the abundant blessing bestowed upon us as a people, and also upon each branch of our work as shown by the balance sheets, therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That we in this conference unitedly praise God for His blessings and care, and endeavour to approach nearer to Him through a deep searching of heart and consecration of life and purpose to His service.

2. *We Recommend*, In harmony with a resolution passed at the Union Conference Council held in September, 1911, that plans be laid by our conference for a special campaign of an evangelistic nature, to follow the proposed Chapman-Alexander Mission to be held in West Australia during the early part of 1913, and that we petition the Union Conference to send us a worker to co-operate with our local conference workers in this effort and, that a fund of £20 be raised at this meeting to provide tracts for free distribution in this campaign.

WHEREAS, Calls for medical assistance are continually being made among our own people and the public generally, therefore,

3. *Resolved*, That we take steps at this conference to raise a fund for the purpose of establishing a Health Home in West Australia.

WHEREAS, There are worthy young people among us who should be receiving an education at the Darling Range School, but who cannot provide sufficient to pay the tuition fees, therefore,

4. *Resolved*, That we raise a sum at this conference to provide a permanent fund from which the Executive Committee may be able to make loans to such young persons as they shall consider worthy, to enable them to obtain such education, with the understanding that any student so assisted shall hold his services at the call of the Conference until his loan has been repaid.

5. *We Recommend*, That, in view of the nearness of the end, and recognizing that the only safe place for our people, and our young people especially, is to be actively engaged in the Lord's work, our conference workers and church elders seek out and encourage suitable persons to engage in the circulation of our literature by canvassing for subscription books and periodicals.

WHEREAS, Brother Ephraim Giblett of West Australia and his wife have been chosen to labour as missionaries in Niue Island,

6. *We Recommend*, That our young people of West Australia undertake to support them in their field of labour.

7. That we endorse Recommendation No. 49 as passed by the recent Union Conference Council relating to the Sustentation Fund.

8. That the membership of the church missionary society include all church members, members of young people's societies, and church-school children. That the missionary work of the church be under the direction of a missionary committee made up as follows: elder or leader, missionary secretary, Sabbath-school superintendent, young people's leader, and others if necessary.

9. That every church in our conference secure a library of our denominational works, especially the Testimonies of the Spirit of Prophecy; and that we encourage every family in our conference to purchase

these books for home and missionary work.

10. That in harmony with the Recommendation No. 46 passed at the recent Union Conference Council we request the Australasian Conference Association Limited, to hold in trust for the West Australian Conference the property of the Darling Range School.

11. That as far as it will affect the West Australian Conference we endorse Recommendation No. 41, passed at the Union Conference Council of 1911.

12. That every member present personally adopt the penny-a-day plan passed at our previous conference, and that we urge all other church members to adopt the same.

13. That, realizing the importance of the education of our children, we keep in mind the resolution passed at a previous conference; namely, that we donate to the Conference Educational Fund not less than one penny per week per member.

14. That in future we plan to conduct all the conference business during the first three days of the camp-meeting, and that instead of commencing the meeting on Thursday evening as heretofore, the meeting commence on Tuesday evening.

The Report of the Committee on Credentials and Licenses was as follows:

CREDENTIALS: W. L. H. Baker, E. Hilliard, C. P. Michaels, W. J. Smith.

MINISTERIAL LICENSE: C. E. Ashcroft.

MISSIONARY LICENSES: J. Todd, R. H. Constandt, R. Howie, Mrs. J. L. Baker, Mrs. C. E. Ashcroft, Mrs. I. Hilliard, Miss C. M. Rule, Miss D. Bartlett, Miss M. E. Learned, Miss L. Minchin, Miss M. Chandler, Miss F. Reed, Miss E. Britten.

MISSIONARY TEACHERS' LICENSES: W. J. Smith, Mrs. W. J. Smith, A. Mountain, Mrs. A. Mountain, E. Behrens, Miss K. Giblett, Miss Amy Clarke, Miss M. Dawkins, Miss B. M. Voss, Miss A. Chitty, Miss A. Hilliard.

The Committee on Nominations presented the following report:

PRESIDENT: Pastor W. L. H. Baker.

VICE-PRESIDENT: C. P. Michaels.  
SECRETARY AND TREASURER: R. H. Constandt.

STATE CANVASSING AGENT: J. Todd.  
MISSIONARY CAMPAIGN SECRETARY: J. Todd.

TRACT SOCIETY SECRETARY: Miss M. E. Learned.

TRACT SOCIETY TREASURER: R. H. Constandt.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SECRETARY: Miss C. M. Rule.

SABBATH-SCHOOL SECRETARY: Miss C. M. Rule.

EDUCATIONAL SECRETARY: Pastor W. J. Smith.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY SECRETARY: Pastor C. P. Michaels.

CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: W. L. H. Baker, C. P. Michaels, W. J. Smith, J. Todd, R. Howie, C. E. Ashcroft, J. Lang.

DARLING RANGE SCHOOL BOARD: W. L. H. Baker, C. P. Michaels, W. J. Smith, J. Todd, R. Howie (C. E. Ashcroft, J. Lang, and A. Mountain to be alternatives to present to the Union Conference).

W. L. H. BAKER, *President*.

R. H. CONSTANDT, *Secretary*.

### Kelvin Grove, Brisbane, Queensland

UPON our arrival in Brisbane on March 6, we found that Brother and Sister Hubbard had taken a house in Kelvin Grove, and were soon to pitch the tent and begin meetings, with Brother Melvin Munson as assistant. As we were requested to join them in this effort, we took a room in the house with them, and in due time we began our mission. It will soon be four weeks since the meetings were started, and we have had a very good interest, which, if we can judge by the attendance, has increased from the first. The attendance is especially good on Sunday nights, though quite a number of interested ones attend regularly throughout the week, and these are a good class of people. The third Sunday night, the seats in the tent were quite filled, there being more than ninety present. Considering the large number of children and young people in our congregation, we have very good order. Our collections have been very fair, averaging about fourteen shillings. The people around seem remarkably friendly and without prejudice.

One woman has attended every meeting but one, and that was on a very rainy night when we ourselves thought there would be no service; but upon going to the tent, we found about thirty present, some adults, but mostly young people, and so we had our meeting according to appointment. This woman of whom I have spoken says that some years ago Pastor and Mrs. Wilson held cottage meetings for a time in the home of her mother in this vicinity, and that her mother liked the meetings very much, but that Pastor Wilson died soon after that. It seems that we have not had

workers in this part of the city since that time. This woman has lived here all her life, and has a good many relatives around, some of whom are interested as well as herself and her husband. One Sunday night, she said that there were twenty-one of their family at the tent.

All has not gone smoothly with us. After we had held meetings for about a week, Pastor Hubbard was taken very ill with gastralgia, and for more than two weeks he was not able to help in the preaching; but I am glad to be able to say that he is regaining his strength, and is gladly taking up again the work that is so dear to his heart.

Last night we had another unpleasant experience. In some way, a little water had gotten into the drum of carbide, and the box was filled with gas, so when Brother Munson lighted a match, there was an explosion. He was thrown to the ground and his face badly burned, but friends flocked to his assistance, and it was not long before the treatment given alleviated the pain considerably. His glasses served as some protection to his eyes, so the sight has not been injured, and we hope that in a few days he will be able to take up his work as usual. Much kindly sympathy has been manifested by the people. Quite a number have called to-day to enquire about him, and flowers have been sent to him. One man who has had experience in first aid work and who rendered valuable assistance last night, came in again this morning to dress the burn and apply fresh bandages.

There is a young man here who recently came from England and whom Brother Munson met on the boat coming up from Sydney last January. He has been holding Bible studies with him for some time. The young man was an infidel, and says that his father is a strong infidel; but as a result of these studies, he now firmly believes in the Scriptures as the Word of God. He lives in a distant part of the city, and has only attended one meeting at the tent, as he is a tram driver and cannot get away to come. Hearing of Brother Munson's accident, he came over to-day to see him, and upon entering the room, his eyes were moist with tears of sympathy.

We are now in the Easter holidays, and a good many of the people are away, so our attendance was not as large last night as the week before, yet we had a good congregation, and

though we were a little late in getting the lights started, we had our service as usual, and very good attention was given as we presented the Bible Sabbath. Now that we are beginning on the testing truths, decisions will soon be made either for or against the right. May God help that many may be led by His Spirit to see the importance of obeying Him, and have grace and strength to walk in the light that has come to them. B. J. CADY.

### Temperance Work in Victoria

OUR work for temperance reform is genuine gospel work; it shows to the world that we are not "faddists," but stand for the same high ideals as those which Paul set before Felix—"righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come."

At our late Victorian camp-meeting, we were brought in contact with a number of earnest temperance people, and found that our firm stand on gospel temperance appealed to them strongly. In acknowledging receipt of an offering made by our people on the camp-ground to the Victorian Temperance Alliance, the Secretary of the Alliance wrote me as follows:

I am sure the members of our Association will be much pleased to receive this token of good will and practical sympathy with us in our great work. We realize that the Seventh-day Adventist folk have always been foremost in temperance work, and we know that when our big fight comes on in Victoria for Local Option, judging from experiences elsewhere, especially in New South Wales, they will be with us in the forefront of the battle.

Yours faithfully,

In answer to a letter I wrote to him when sending him a copy of *Life and Health*, he sent the following:

Dear Pastor Gates,

I have to thank you for forwarding to me the magazine *Life and Health*. It has interested me very much indeed. I have nearly read it through, and I think the articles are very good indeed. I feel certain that if the majority of people would only follow the natural rules of life, a vast amount of sickness and unhappiness that exist at the present time would be overcome.

Yours faithfully,

In pity for afflicted humanity, God gave the light of health and temperance reform; and if all Seventh-day Adventists realized the value of the gift, they might have ten times the influence they now do in a sinful world.

E. H. GATES.



### An Encouraging Outlook

A FEW lines from the pen of Mrs. E. G. White, written during the month of April, 1899, are herewith quoted that the RECORD family may be able to read for themselves what the Spirit of Prophecy has to say regarding the work in this district, before giving a report of the missionary work done in the Lake Macquarie territory.

We want to push the triumphs of the cross in Australia right where we are. New fields are opening, and the work must not be hindered. Maitland and Singleton and other towns and cities must be warned. The Lord is coming. Prepare to meet thy God. Every place not entered, not worked, has its own claims. The anticipation, the prospects of working these fields must give place to the grave, decided, self-sacrificing reality of hard work itself. Anticipate all you please in regard to regions beyond, but go to work now. Every Christian is bound to be a Bible worker, to do something in imparting to others the great present truth for this time. Communicate what you do know. Tell it, sing it, pray it. Work while it is day; for the night cometh in which no man can work. God help you in my most earnest prayer.

I wish to say the light given me is the towns from Morisset to Sydney must be worked, also from Cooranbong to Newcastle.

When this ground [college estate] was first brought to our notice, I was shown that there was a large work to be done in and around Cooranbong. Repeatedly companies had been presented to me reaching forth their hands in supplication, and saying, "We are sheep without a shepherd; come and open to us the Word of God." This means much to us. God and Jesus Christ whom He hath sent are to be kept before the people. The Lord designs that a new revelation shall come to them in the opening of His Word, showing His dealings with the world and individuals in the working out of His great plan. He would have them realize man's accountability and responsibility in view of the future judgment. . . .

Then there is Toronto, a pleasure resort, these places are all within ten and twenty miles of Cooranbong. . . .

The world is hearing its last message of mercy. This is a solemn thought. All must be willing now to take their place in the vineyard and cultivate every neglected corner. All our consecrated influence is needed. Every soul is to stand in his appointed place. There are to be no idlers. God calls for workers, for means, for men and women who will give the Word of Life to those who are starving for food. The knowledge of God has long been perverted,

there must be no limit to our labour. There is nothing that will bring vitality into the church like the earnest work of those in the church.

### PREPARING FOR THE WORK

Having in mind the carrying out of this solemn instruction from the Lord, the officers of the Avondale Church assembled some time before college opened this school year to formulate definite plans. Shortly after college opened quite a number of young men were invited to attend a special meeting in the chapel building. After laying before them the different places and plans proposed for carrying on missionary effort, a call for volunteers was made. Ten responded to the call to devote every second Sunday to missionary work. Others also would have volunteered, but the already assigned duties at the college would not permit of their so doing.

Arrangements were made, and this band of young men met immediately after Sabbath-school teacher's meeting the following Tuesday evening, and received some practical instruction from Brother Blunden regarding the methods and manners they should adopt in systematic house-to-house work.

### FIRST MISSIONARY JOURNEY

Before leaving the college wharf the next Sunday morning we knelt by the water's edge while Pastor Hoopes asked God's blessing upon us. We then boarded the Australasian Missionary College passenger launch, with Brother Blunden as our leader, Brother T. Lister having charge of the boat. Having plenty of "ammunition" in the *Signs of the Times*, and of course our Bibles, we headed for the towns at the extreme end of Lake Macquarie; namely, Speers Point, Teralba, and Boolaroo; by water a distance of twenty-one miles or more from the college.

Before arriving at our destination, however, it was decided that we work in twos; and the territory was assigned thus: H. C. White and J. S. Harding, Speers Point; A. Wright and W. Gillis one portion of Teralba; L. R. Harvey and O. Brooks another portion of Teralba; C. Head and J. Everett one portion of Boolaroo; G. Robinson and the writer the remaining portion of Boolaroo. The Lord was with us. Truly words were given us at times of need as we came in touch with the people. We all testified of God's power and goodness

in fulfilling His promises to those who labour in Jesus' name.

'Twas sunset's hour as our little boat neared home; our hearts overflowing with feelings of gratitude. We heartily sang together, "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow." And should we not have done so when God had so graciously heard and answered our prayers, and had enabled us with the assistance of ministering angels to place a copy of the *Signs of the Times* in the hands of hundreds of individuals who promised to read?

### SUBSEQUENT VISITS

Upon our second visit, every one of our number reported having given some Bible studies, several gospel talks, and many interesting missionary talks and visits: several tract rounds were also started. Our experiences have been most interesting from the very first.

Owing to Brother O. Brooks not being able to continue going with us, his place is taken by Brother E. H. Guilliard. We have had some blinding weather on the water, the spray at times going over the top of the cabin of the launch, yet we have not suffered, other than a little anxiety. A 7½-horse-power motor lands us at our field of labour and home again in very good time.

A feeling of solemn responsibility comes over us as we endeavour to engage in conversation with every person in our allotted territory upon some phase of present truth.

There are many Catholics in this locality, and also several hotels. All are visited. Much tact is needed. From the unfurnished miner's cabin to the drawing-room of the well-to-do, we have been welcomed. There we meet, study, and pray with the people. Already they are asking if we can not hold meetings, if two or three families meet together. This work draws the soul out to God in earnest prayer for assistance. If souls are brought to a saving knowledge of the truth in this locality and a church raised up, we will give God all the praise.

### VITALITY IN THE CHURCH

Our missionary band gave a report entitled, "In Touch with Humanity" at one of the Wednesday morning missionary meetings at the college, after which the students pledged about seventy-five hours' work per week to help defray the expenses of this enterprise. A report was also

given to the young people's society on Sabbath afternoon at the Avondale church. We might say that the entire expense of this effort is carried by the church missionary society and the missionary department of the college; and with this practical assistance, it has the earnest prayers of the church. Thus we see that, "There is nothing that will bring vitality into the church like the earnest work of those in the church."

There are many souls in the towns mentioned; some are careless and indifferent, some bigoted; and the Spirit of the Lord says some are sheep without a shepherd and desire the Word opened to them; and some are studying the last message of mercy. We earnestly request the prayers of the RECORD family on behalf of these souls; and on our behalf that we may have such a rich measure of God's Holy Spirit that we may do faithfully this Heaven-appointed work.

S. L. HOOPES.

### To Our Subscribers

WE have received of late many renewals of subscriptions which reach us after the term of subscription has expired. True it is "better late than never," but it is much "better never late," and we want to explain to you what a late renewal entails.

We send out red wrappers on the papers a few weeks before the subscription actually expires, and some take warning promptly. Others wait until the second or third warning comes and then renew too late to save the cutting off of their names from the mailing list. In such cases we are put to the extra trouble and expense of having the name and address set up in type again and reinserted in the mailing list. Most of you know that the RECORD is printed at a heavy loss each year, and we feel sure that you will be as anxious as we are to keep this loss as small as possible. You can help us by renewing promptly through your State society as soon as you receive the first red wrapper.

C. H. P.

True worth is in being not seeming,  
In doing each day that goes by  
Some little good thing—not in dreaming  
Of great things to do by and by.  
For whatever men say in their blindness,  
And spite of the fancies of youth,  
There's nothing so kingly as kindness,  
And nothing so royal as truth.

—Alice Cary.



THE Sanitarium Health Food Company's exhibit in the Royal Agricultural Show, Sydney, proved a great attraction to the multitudes that thronged the grounds this Easter. The stall was neatly draped and painted; and our numerous foods in tins and packets made an excellent background, while in glass cases were displayed nut and cereal foods on fancy dishes. One part of the stall was portioned off for a sanitarium parlor, neatly furnished and draped, and here the "sanitarium idea" was explained to many inquirers. We gave away a large quantity of literature, which we believe will bring much benefit to the sanitarium, the cafe, and the health food department. Nurses Ulrich, Shannan, Packham, and Davies, with Misses Oliver and Cormack, and Mr. C. Forsyth rendered valuable aid in explaining our work to the public.

THE factory at Avondale has been kept extremely busy during the last few months. Brother H. Moseley, who succeeded Brother Giblett as superintendent, is now planning to add new machinery, and make other changes necessary for the advancement of the work.

SISTER L. Ulrich has now connected with our health food factory at Avondale, and will spend some time with Brother Moseley in experimenting, and improving our manufactures.

BROTHER and Sister Roy Thompson, late of the Adelaide Sanitarium, are spending a few weeks at the Sydney Cafe before taking up their future work in Brisbane, Queensland.

MISS L. Minchin writes from West Australia as follows: "I am of good courage and know the Lord will bless me. The work is somewhat different to what I have been doing, but it did not take me long to get used to it. I felt a little sorry at first to give up tract society work; but I feel differently about it now. I think it is a good thing to have a broad experience."

Miss Annie Peterson has returned from Perth, West Australia, after having spent several years in faithful service at our health food depot in that city. Sister Peterson will visit her home in Queensland and have a short holiday before returning to work again.

WE have received word from Miss Sandberg that new premises have been secured for our cafe in Wellington on very reasonable terms. The new location is far superior to the old. Their future address will be Willis Street, Wellington, New Zealand.

NEWS comes from Melbourne that the building where our cafe is located has been sold, and will be remodelled shortly. Brother Hallam writes that he expects the work to benefit by the change, as they will obtain the extra space for which they have been looking so long. Their dining-room is crowded every day.

BROTHER and Sister Rogers, of the Adelaide Cafe, write of some interesting experiences that they and their fellow-workers have had while canvassing for our magazine, *Life and Health*, in their spare moments. This is a work that pays. The Lord has admonished us to "educate, educate, educate."

THE Sanitarium Health Food Company have just issued a new descriptive booklet of all our health foods. It is well illustrated, and the cover design depicts a well-known waterfall scene on the Blue Mountains. The booklet was printed at the Avondale Press, and copies can be secured free from any of our branch addresses. Do not fail to obtain a supply for your interested friends and neighbours.

G. S. FISHER.

TO TRY to find any real satisfaction in hating others is like pinching ourselves and expecting them to feel the hurt.—*Good Cheer.*

### Bicycle for Sale

NEW B & B cycle. B. S. A. parts throughout. With all accessories. A bargain, £10. Cost £17 10s. Apply, New South Wales Tract Society.

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WHEN your copy of the RECORD comes in a red wrapper, it indicates that your subscription is expiring, and that your renewal is kindly solicited. Please order promptly, that no copies may be missed.

BROTHER FISHER left for New Zealand on the *Ulimaroa*, sailing on April 13.

PASTOR PIPER went to Harden in this State on April 18, to be present at the dedication of their new church in that place.

SISTER M. CARO and Sister Edith Caro and children arrived in Sydney from New Zealand on April 6, and went on to Avondale, where Sister Edith Caro has entered upon her duties as preceptor of the college.

ALTHOUGH the camp-meeting in South Australia was not large, we learn that it was a very successful gathering, at which the Lord was present in large measure. A report of this meeting will appear shortly.

AFTER a few weeks' stay in Wahroonga and Avondale, our Fijian missionaries to New Guinea, Bennie Tavodi and his wife, sailed for their field of labour on the *Van Waerwijck*, April 17. At the missionary meeting at Wahroonga and at Avondale Bennie told (Brother Allan Butler acting as interpreter) of the work in New Guinea and of the great need of this people. What the Lord has done for Bennie and his companion He can do for others of these dark-skinned races. Let us pray that the Lord may use them to carry the gospel light to many who sit in darkness.

THE sad word has been cabled from Fiji of the death of Alipati, one of

our native workers in that field. Alipati was present at our last Union Conference, and is known to many of our people. At the time that Bennie and his wife, Aliti (who is the step-daughter of Alipati), left Fiji, he was suffering from fever, and this has probably terminated fatally. Alipati was a faithful and efficient worker. Something over a year ago, Josefati, another faithful labourer in Fiji, also fell at his post. Their loss to the field is great. Let us pray the Lord of the harvest to raise up other reapers to take the place of those who have fallen. The news has also come by letter from Fiji of the death of Ene, a student in the Burasala School, who gave promise of usefulness.

THIS paper will reach many of our people on the eve of our week of prayer. Careful preparations have been made that this season may be to us all that is designed in its appointment. In some churches plans are being laid to conduct early morning meetings as well as the regular evening services in which the readings will be presented. Meetings are also being arranged for the children. How much we need this season of refreshing! Just what it may mean to us and to our children we cannot fully appreciate, but we know the Lord is waiting to be gracious. When we read of the fearful disasters by sea and the strife and unrest in almost every land, we are led to wonder how many more such seasons remain to us. Let us enter into this week of prayer as though it were our last, and obtain the help that comes alone from waiting upon God.

### At Our College

THE first term of the school year has well fulfilled the fair promises which it gave in the beginning. Good work has been done by the students, and spiritual growth has been manifest among them. Of the large number of students enrolled at the beginning of the year, a few have dropped out along the way, but their places have been filled by incoming students, and on the first day of the new quarter the chapel was filled with an earnest body of young people, ready for work.

The examinations, which closed the studies of the first term, took on some

decidedly new phases this year. In order to have our college occupy the position which it should in its relation to the educational work of the State, and in order that the standard of excellence might be still further raised in our school, it was found necessary to make considerable changes in the way in which the examinations were carried on.

Two days were devoted to this work, Monday and Thursday of the first week in April, no recitations being conducted on those days. A detailed programme was arranged so that a full hour was allowed for each study, the classes being seated in the chapel, where each teacher supervised the work of his own class. Printed regulations were placed on each desk, to aid in keeping everything up to the necessary standard. Each student was furnished with a printed set of questions; the answers to these will be filed for future reference.

The results which have been obtained from the recent examinations have been, in the main, satisfactory, and teachers and students alike agree that the changes have been for the better. Of necessity, they will require more diligence in study and more painstaking effort in every line.

We have recently been favoured in having visits from Pastors Fulton and Munson. On the various occasions on which these visits were made, meetings were conducted among the teachers, with the students, and in the church. These were very much appreciated, and an uplifting influence was felt throughout the school from hearing the words of encouragement and counsel which these brethren had to give.

Three days were granted as holidays between terms, a brief interval of rest being welcome to all.

The closing event of the term was one of the most enjoyable. A stereopticon lecture, illustrated by fine views and diagrams, was given by Mr. Gale, of Newcastle, on Tuesday evening. Those who had the privilege of listening to the scholarly address, cannot but look upon our little sister planet, the moon, with an intelligent interest, after hearing of the wonderful path which she follows through the heavens, and after seeing the remarkable surface brought so near. Our thoughts were directed to the great Creator, of whom the ancient writer said, "Lo, these are parts of His ways."

BERTHA S. CHANEY.