

AUSTRALASIAN RECORD



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

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"I Will Come Again"

Jesus is coming on some glad to-morrow,
Coming to lift the heart from its sorrow;
Coming to give the weary child rest,
Long by the wilderness journey oppressed;
Coming to whisper, "Be free from thy
pain,"

Jesus is coming, yes, coming again!

The loved ones, who slumber in dust shall
arise,

Their veiled faces radiant with holy sur-
prise,

All clad in His glory immortal they sing,
Over the rent tomb, "O death, where's
thy sting."

Then in the gladness of eternal day,
Death is forgotten and tears wiped away!

Murmur no longer, O spirit of mine,
Jesus is coming in splendour divine,
Brighter than noonday His glory shall fall,
Over the loyal hearts waiting His call,
Faithful is He, and the promise is plain,
"Tell them, O tell them, I'm coming
again!"

R. HARE.

God's Ownership—No. 8

"Now then we are ambassadors for Christ." 2 Cor. 5:20. An ambassador is one sent by his government into the domain of another power to work in the interests of the kingdom that sent him. He is always supposed to be loyal and true to the interests of the power which has entrusted him with the greatness of its cause. As nations send their ambassadors abroad to represent their interests among the other powers of the earth, so does the government of heaven send its able and trusted subjects with heaven's interests among the peoples of this earth.

"Our citizenship is in heaven."

Phil. 3:20, R. V. Therefore the business of the Christian in this world is to look after the interests which heaven is endeavouring to promote in this realm. He should be loyal to the interests of the kingdom of heaven, for he is entrusted with the very chiefest of heaven's work.

At least one-tenth of the money that God places at our disposal is to be used in evangelical work, for the purpose of saving sinners for whose sin Christ died. Will a faithful ambassador use any of this tenth for his own selfish purposes? Could one who did use that which did not belong to him expect to be regarded as an honest, upright citizen of heaven? Have not the powers of darkness actually overcome such an one and taken him back into the service of the enemy?

"The angel said, 'Can such enter heaven?' Another angel answered, 'No, never, never, never. Those who are not interested in the cause of God on earth, can never sing the song of redeeming love above.'"—*Early Writings, page 41.*

But, you ask, suppose a man is unable to live on the nine-tenths, or is indebted to others, should this debt not be paid first? "He is debtor to his God for all that he has, but he becomes a double debtor when he uses the Lord's reserved fund for paying debts to human beings. 'Unfaithfulness to God' is written against his name in the books of heaven. He has an account to settle with God for

appropriating the Lord's means for his own convenience."—*Testimonies, Vol. V, page 391.*

The Lord, because of sin, has been obliged to curse this world; but He promises to pour us out a blessing if we bring in all our tithe. Therefore, nine-tenths of our income with God's blessing will go further than the whole without that blessing.

"And in old age when others fade,

They fruit still forth shall bring;

They shall be fat and full of sap,

And aye be flourishing."

MORRIS LUKENS.

A Little Boy's Example

THE following incident related by a father shows the influence of a little boy's example in faithfulness:

"God has not only caused me to see the truth of the Word, but my little boy, who spends most of his time in a hospital, has shown great interest in the truth. I am now able to tell him, when I visit him, some of the good things I have learned at the meetings.

"Recently when I gave my little boy his weekly allowance, which is now five-pence, he continued counting it again and again, and appeared rather troubled. On my asking him the reason, his reply was, 'I was trying to find the tenth part, as I want to pay my tithe to God.' The eagerness to give and the happiness it gave him to do so I shall never forget. It is but a very small sum, but I believe the Lord noticed the act and will accept it as holy unto Himself.

"My little boy's faithfulness has

taught me a lesson as a child of God, and that is ever to be ready to respond to duty to our Redeemer who has done so much for us."



The Work in Batavia, Java

SINCE my last letter several necessary changes have been made in our work. I have been glad to have Brother and Sister Jones with me the last few weeks after being alone for so long. It was indeed good to see these workers again, who have stood so steadfastly by the work in Singapore, amidst trials and disappointments. The arduous work in that field has impaired Brother Jones's health. It is difficult to realize the heavy strain on one who is working in these hot climates, and for these needy people.

About two weeks ago we had the joy of seeing nine follow the Lord in baptism. It was a beautiful sight to see these humble people going forward in this ordinance, willing to give up all their old bad habits.

Those baptized were two Europeans, two Chinese, and five Javanese. The European brother is seventy-six years of age. His earnestness and that of his faithful wife has been manifested as they have given up the things of this world.

The other European, a young Miss Brouwer, a relative of Brother Brouwer, our Bible worker in Sourabaya was just about to be confirmed in the Dutch Reformed Church. She had her dress ready for the ceremony, but wore it instead at the baptism. To find such an earnest young girl in the midst of this wicked city rejoices one. She is preparing to help in the work soon.

A Chinese woman who had spent years in gambling, gave this up as well as the use of the betel-nut and other things, as soon as the truth came to her. For nearly two months she attended the meetings every night, and listened with the deepest interest as these precious truths were presented. Nicodemus, her brother, also gave up opium smoking and his pipe. How good it is that the Lord has a message that is calling these professed Chris-

tians out of Babylon and to separate from everything that is filthy and unclean. It is nothing less than the power of God that is helping these elderly people to give up their evil habits that they have practised from childhood.

A Javanese baboe, Ati, who has accepted with joy as much of the message as she can understand, was the first among them to pay tithe. Though she receives only four guilders a month and her food, yet from the first time she heard of it, several months ago, she has paid a faithful tithe.

Marie, a Javanese Christian young girl who has been with me for several months, has also shown her faithfulness in obedience. She has attended school for many years and is educated in Dutch as well as Malay. She teaches our little church-school now.

My servant, Kesin, and his wife were also baptized. He is an honest man and loves the Bible. It is difficult for these people who cannot read to understand these great truths, but it is good to know that the Lord does not require impossibilities from us. He looks upon the motives of the heart.

Several others are awaiting baptism, and among these the Chinese sister of whom I wrote previously as having worshipped the ashes of her dead child for seventeen years. She seems to be steadily growing in faith and is so anxious to become baptized; but her son has some ashes in the house that represent his dead father, and these he worships. His mother does not care to throw them away, fearing the displeasure of her son, as the Chinese custom is so strict in this respect, three years being required to elapse after the death of the person before the ashes can be removed. However, the son has promised to take them away in a few months, and then we have assured her that she can become united with God's people.

In a few days Emmanuel Siregar and family are returning to Battakland, their home. They are going on account of Emmanuel's health, as it is found that he is in need of a cooler climate, and also to sell literature there, as we have no permission to do other gospel work in that field.

Samuel Rantoeng is making a trip through the towns of West Java selling tracts. By means of the literature we hope to reach some of the millions of Java.

We are rejoiced to have our first

church organized in Java, consisting of twenty-seven members, and Brother Jones expects to organize a smaller one in Sourabaya. After the organization we had the ordinances of the Lord's house, when we were brought very close together.

It was good to have Brother and Sister Sharp from Oheribon, and Brother Sisley from Soekaboemi with us for some days. These self-supporting missionaries are also doing what they can to make known this message to others.

Brother and Sister Jones have gone to Soember Wekas to counsel with the workers there about the work in East Java, and also to take a needed rest.

As Meester Cornelis, the suburb in which we were living, was not within the limits of Batavia proper, and we have permission to work in the city only, it became necessary to move our mission within the boundary, which we did over a month ago. It was unknown to me that Meester Cornelis did not belong to Batavia when we located there. We believe that this has all been in the providence of God, as He wanted this message to enter that locality, and thus it has been sounding there for six months, with the result that quite a number have accepted it. The climate is not nearly so good here, but our new quarters are more centrally situated for our work.

It is such a comfort to us to know that so many prayers are ascending in the homeland for us. It is not long now until the sheaves will be gathered. Let us press on both with our means and by our efforts, thus hastening the time of reward.

P. TUNHEIM.

AS THE result of meetings covering a period of only seven weeks, at Lindsay, California, twenty-one have taken their stand for the closing message.

THE good news comes from southern Italy that nine persons have been baptized recently. Good progress is being made in other parts of Italy, a great many having become interested in the truth in different places.

It is easier for me to believe that God can create matter than to believe that matter can create man.—W. J. Bryan.



The Homeland

O home of the first-born, fair land of my dreams,
In spirit I wander beside thy clear streams,
Thy glories resplendent oft burst on my sight,
Thus cheering my pathway through earth's dismal night.

I hail thy fair visions, I long for thy joy,
When troubles are ended and naught can destroy;
No black sweeping tempest can darken thy strand,
For storms are unknown in Emmanuel's land.

Fair land of the blessed, where all is delight,
Thy loud swelling anthems I hear in the night,
Till I sing with the seraphs that glorious strain
Of Christ my Redeemer—"the Lamb that was slain."

Bright city eternal, pure home of the blest,
I wait for thy glory, I long for thy rest;
Soon, soon will I greet thee in heaven above,—

The homeland of promise, the city of love.
H. STREETER.

How God Helps

THE Lord has said that the canvassing work has been ordained by Him. It has been my privilege to have sufficient experience in this work to be thoroughly convinced that this is so. The astounding results that we are continually seeing from this branch of the work prove beyond a doubt that it has been ordained by God.

One instance in New Zealand demonstrates to me how God helps by exercising a watchcare over this work when we are not near to care for it.

We had canvassed a large town with one of our good books, and the Lord had most assuredly helped us to secure a large number of orders from a certain body of men who meet once a month to study the onward march of the greatest enemy of all reforms.

They were much interested in the matter which our book, "Great Controversy," contains, as it deals so thoroughly with the tactics of the arch-deceiver.

After these men had received the

notifications of delivery, one of their meetings was held, and the great question under consideration was whether or not they should take the books they had ordered, which were to be delivered the following Monday. Some spoke loudly and long concerning the men, and the book the men were selling.

Those who spoke loudest and longest were those who had not really given an order for the book. Others arose and confirmed all that had been said in disfavour of the work that had been done. Things seemed to be working up to a very high pitch, and all were just about convinced that it would not be right to take the book, particularly as it was a Seventh-day Adventist publication. Had we been at that meeting, we would have thought the delivery of those books impossible, and would even have dared to stand and make a defence on behalf of the work we had done, and whatever success attended the delivery, we should have attributed to what we had said. But God did not need us there. He had sent His angel to that meeting.

When all had spoken, and the case seemed decided against the book, because of the strong sentiment in disfavour of it, then the Lord worked through the chairman of the assembly. He arose and said: "Gentlemen, I have heard all that you have spoken to the discredit of these men and their book, and now the time has come for me to speak. I have met these men and heard what they had to say, and I consider that their work was conducted in a most legitimate manner, and moreover, in a manner becoming Christian gentlemen. I looked through their sample, and was quite satisfied with its contents and also with its appearance, so much so that I gave them an order for the best they had. Furthermore, I regarded the men so highly that I paid them half the price of the book I ordered. It is my intention to receive these men just as I received them at first, and act the man by completing my purchase and taking the book. I believe it will do me good to read such a book, and I feel sure you will benefit by it, too.

"One thing I must say in closing, and that is this: As chairman of this meeting, I cannot allow you to cancel your orders in the name of our organization. Whatever you do must be done as a personal matter, and the organization must not be mentioned

or even hinted at in the transaction. My advice to you all is to take your books, and give these men all the help you can. They are doing a noble work."

I have little need to tell you that the delivery was a good one. We also made another successful delivery in that place. It is truly wonderful how God helps.

While doing work in Dunedin in connection with the temperance campaign, one of our sisters met a member of a religious body who seemed to have a clearer realization of present-day conditions than has the religious world in general, and I would like you to notice whence she gained her knowledge. She said: "The whole trouble with professed Christians (I am referring to ourselves) is that we are quite willing to do something, but not to be out-and-out for Christ. We do so like to go with the tide, and keep right with everybody; but if we do God's will we shall have enemies. The devil is not going to see his kingdom shaken without making war with us. However, if Christ be for us, who can be against us? What are all the boasted pleasures of life worth when looked at in the light of eternity, and when we know that time is so short. Most Bible students agree that we shall see the close of this dispensation before we leave this earth. I have the loan of a book containing splendid information, called "The Great Controversy." You may be able to borrow a copy, for it is worth reading, every bit of it. The time is near when Christ is coming for His church. Everything is pointing to the end of the chapter—sorrow and distress, and the preaching of the gospel to all nations. God's Word is being fulfilled on every hand, and it is for us to watch and pray, for Christ says: 'Behold I come quickly.'"

Would you not like to be proclaiming this same message in this definite way? If you would like to give God the opportunity to help you, and you feel unfitted for the work, write to the principal of the Warburton Institute for the Training of Canvassers, or to your State Canvassing Agent. DO IT NOW. A. E. HODGKISON.

A FATHER said to me, "The anchorage of my children has always been a bright, happy home." That man has not had one of his sons wrecked on the rocks of ruin.—Dr. Cuyler.



Tonga

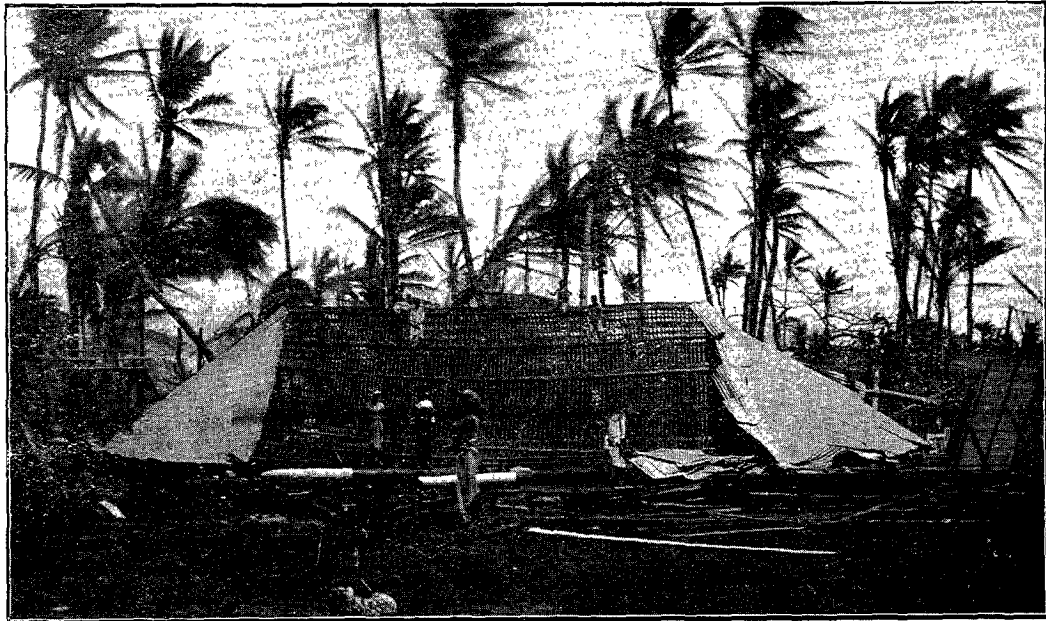
SINCE sending our last report we have spent about six weeks over at Faleloa, Haabai, during which time, with the help of the natives, we rebuilt the school-house (which was blown down by the hurricane) in the form of a church. Our few people there were

spent, so that they will not be able to obtain even that. Many are moving away to other parts of the group where the hurricane was not so severe.

During our stay at Faleloa many of the members of the Free Church were very friendly, and some of them came and helped us on the building; the women also brought food to the men who were working. It is the first time to my knowledge when members of another denomination have helped to build a Seventh-day Adventist church. I am afraid that the white man who stands at the head of their church would not approve of their action, as only yesterday he refused to

In the South Seas

AN interesting incident was brought to our notice a few weeks ago. A certain Tongan choir-master, of some thirty summers, became exercised concerning the keeping of the law of God. It appeared that he came in contact with the truth a few years ago, but made no outward sign as to his relation to it. After a lapse of some time he went to the leading Free Church ministers (native) and questioned them with regard to the obligation of the law, and the old-time arguments against keeping it were placed before him. But he was so convinced that all were under obliga-



Catholic Church Building in Haabai, Tonga, Destroyed by the Recent Hurricane

so anxious to have a meeting-house that they gave the extra money to buy new iron for the roof. The old was so much damaged that we could not use it again, so we sold it at less than half its original cost, and put the money into the new to make it as easy as possible for our people there, as they had lost all their crops and were facing a very hard time.

The cocoanut trees upon which they largely depend as a source of income were so much damaged that it will take them six or seven years with favourable weather to fully recover. Food is now very scarce there, and the natives are depending almost entirely on flour and biscuits. This is famine diet to them, and the worst of it is, that their money is now about all

sell a Bible and some seed corn to one of our members. I suppose he would starve us all out of the country if he could.

I think the reason why those people were so ready to help us is because many of them are convinced that we as a people are following the teachings of the Bible more closely than they are. But few are ready to change their manner of life to join with us. The most difficult thing for them to do is to give up drinking kava, smoking tobacco, and the eating of unclean foods.

We are trying to get a knowledge of the language, to be able to tell them of the far better things in store for those who are willing to make a covenant with God by sacrifice.

G. G. STEWART.

tion through Christ to keep His Father's law, that he concluded that the Free Church ministers did not believe in the Bible, so he discontinued attending church, and was conscientious in his belief, although still holding the position of choir-master.

A year or so after this, the time came for him to cross the narrow river. A minister visited him. "You are going to hell," the minister said. The dying man looked calmly at him and answered, "I am not ashamed to meet my God; see to it that you die as happily as I." His friends and relatives marvelled to see him close his eyes in death as peacefully as a child closes its eyes in sleep. Someone's seed-sowing had borne fruit, although this

man's name was not entered in the books of God's people upon earth.

An old Tongan translator named Uga (Unga), who some years ago worked for Pastor Butz, is living here in Vavau for a few months engaged in hospital work. He visits us frequently. He said, "I will never forget the things Mr. Butz taught me, never." We have hopes of this man yet, although the white man's "fire-water" possesses him at times.

A number of people come to the house for our Tongan paper, and some of them sit down and devour it before they leave. This is a great factor in our work in these islands. The other churches have no literature for the people, and this makes them more anxious than ever to read ours.

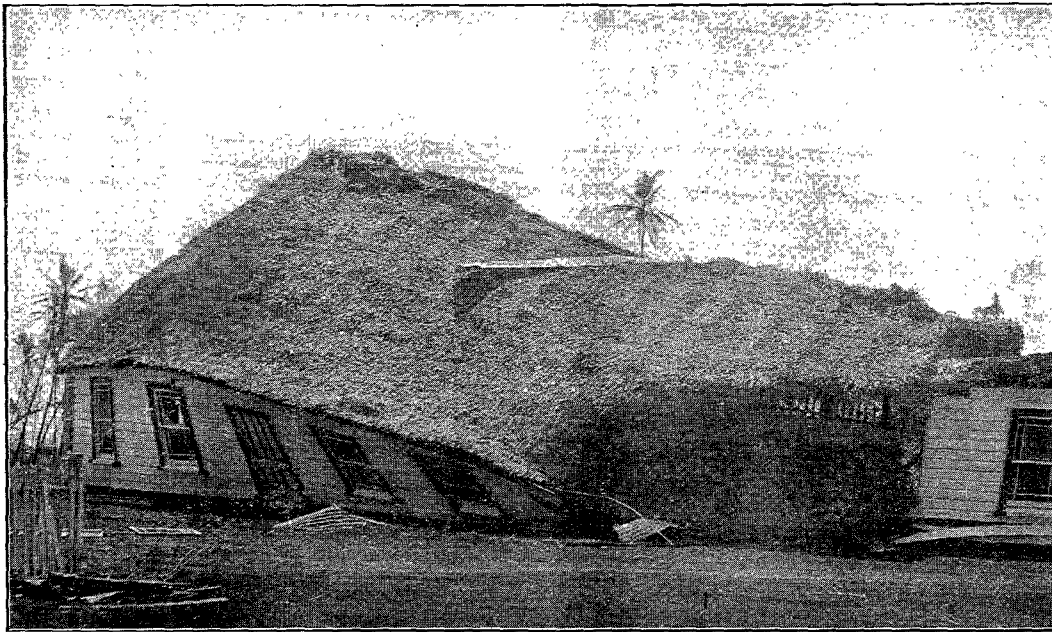
ing and drinking purposes for a very short time. Full baths have been out of the question for four months. It has just commenced to rain at this very moment. It does not not bid fair to be more than a sprinkle, but it is a token for good, as a five years' drought has been predicted for Tonga.

We are having on an average of nearly two earthquake shocks a day. The grass is all dried up, and vegetation is languishing. But we are of good courage in the work, and hope in God's mercy.

It is early yet to speak of our school, but it has started well, and we believe it will grow. We have a nice class of young men and women, and

will read the Bible. They will interpret his words by his life, and a slip in conduct will outweigh the most convincing words. Living epistles are known and read of all men.

One missionary of our acquaintance was obliged to return home because of an ungoverned temper; another was powerless because of impatience in family life; many have lost influence through pride, and others through selfishness or careless habits. Dr. Whitfield Guinness of China tells of the lesson that has been burned in upon his heart in the fifteen years he has spent in China; the missionary must adorn the doctrine that he preaches. Dr. Guinness tells of a testimony meeting at which a young



Wesleyan Church, Haabua, Tonga, in Ruins as a Result of the Hurricane

We are planning to have the excellent current Sabbath-school lessons translated and distributed among the people. The Tongans have reached an important place in their history as a people. Many of the one-time earnest Christians are becoming infidels, and the country is in a political unrest. Give liberally of your prayers, brothers and sisters, on behalf of this important field.

At the present time we are experiencing a water famine. No rain has fallen for two months. This is a serious matter when one considers that there is not even one stream or river in the group. Every one depends upon tanks, and most people's are empty. We have sufficient for cook-

ing and drinking purposes for a very short time. Full baths have been out of the question for four months. It has just commenced to rain at this very moment. It does not not bid fair to be more than a sprinkle, but it is a token for good, as a five years' drought has been predicted for Tonga.

Niafu, Friendly Islands.

Missionary Personality

THE power of the Holy Spirit is the most important factor in missionary work, and the necessity for intellectual training and practical experience is not to be discounted; but an asset of great importance is apt to be overlooked—it is the missionary's personality, including character, tact, sympathy, courtesy, magnetism, magnanimity. The true missionary not only carries the message of the Gospel of Christ, but, in a sense, he is the message. Non-Christians will read him long before they

Chinese said to a missionary, "I want you to forgive me for the feeling I have had against you for the last two years. One day when I had been away for a visit to my home, I came into your room and found you lying in your chair. You did not rise to greet me, and I could not forgive you for the discourtesy. I could not receive your words after that." How many missionaries have been stumbling blocks because of their discourtesy, and how many have hid their light under the bushel of conceit, or pride, or selfishness!

On the contrary, multitudes of Christian workers wield immense influence because of their character and personality in the midst of per-

secution and the most trying circumstances.

Even the non-Christians in darkened lands recognize reality. They know when a man or woman lives the gospel even if they do not understand all his teachings.—*Missionary Review*.

A Call to Service

"AND I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to Him; for the hour of His judgment is come: and worship Him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters." With this follows a second message and a third, and then the coming of the King, and the reaping of the harvest of the earth. This is the end. Rev. 14: 6-14.

The Saviour's commission to His church is a world-wide commission, and is not to be inoperative until all the work is done at the end of the world. With the command He assures the Holy Spirit's power to do the work; and although the task seems an impossible one, the power promised is "all power," sufficient for the work. When the complete gospel, including the "gospel of the kingdom," that which proclaims the coming of Christ, the King, is fully preached "in all the world" and "unto all nations," then "shall the end come." And there is not a land in which this last great message is not to be preached. This "everlasting gospel" will be proclaimed in no uncertain voice, to "every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people." Could the commission to us be more plain? Our work is set out before us. God has spoken to us. We are called by a divine voice to service. But the Lord, who has spoken by the mouth of His prophets in past times, has also in the last days spoken many times along these same lines, and specifically He has set before us this commission as it relates to the

AUSTRALASIAN UNION CONFERENCE

The Lord has said: "Upon the Australasian Union Conference rests the burden of carrying the third angel's message to the islands of the Pacific." It seems right that we should do that,

but how assuring it is for the Lord to tell us. One reason that the Lord so frequently tells us the same thing is to impress us. Are we being impressed with what the gospel commission means? When God has set before us our duty in a general way so frequently, and then speaks to the people of the Australasian Union Conference and tells them specifically what their work is, shall we not now arise to do the work? But let us for a moment look at

THE SCOPE OF OUR WORK

As the message is to go to all nations, and to every tongue and to every tribe in these nations, it is certain then, that this message is to go to every island in the Pacific, great and small. It is a vast work and attended by many difficulties. But the difficulties are no encumbrance. They are to be overcome. They point forward to a greater fullness of power. This has all been taken into account, and for it provision has been made.

IN "THIS GENERATION"

And let us not forget that a large part of "this generation" has passed, and much of the work is yet to be done. The signs are many which show us where we live. We know that He is near, "even at the door." Signs have been given us in the heavens, and long ago most of these were fulfilled. The generation that saw these signs in the preaching of the first message is passing away. There have been signs upon the earth, and they have been thickening about us; they are too numerous even to mention. These have a double purpose: they are meant to warn the world, to cause the ungodly man to call a halt, and to serve to awaken God's people to their God-given duty to carry quickly to the sinking nations their last warning message. Shall we wait till God speaks in still more terrible tones than He has in some of the extraordinary signs of the past few years? We have a duty to perform; we are to be

LIGHTS TO THE WORLD

The world is in darkness and needs the light we should be giving them. They are looking to us as tempest-tossed mariners look for a light as they travel near a dangerous coast. Shall we fail to set the light on high that they may see it? "Ah, sir," said a certain lighthouse keeper, his face

shining, with intensity as he spoke, "sometimes in the dark night, in the stormy weather, I look out upon the sea, and feel as though the eye of the whole world were looking at my light. My light go out? Burn dim? That flame flicker? No, sir, never!"

"And shall Christians, shining for tempted sinners, allow their light to fail? Forever out upon life's billowy sea are souls we see not, strange sailors in the dark, passing by, struggling amid the surges of temptation. The ocean is vast, its dangers are many, and the eyes of far-away voyagers are turned towards the lighthouse—the church of Jesus Christ." Shall we fail at such a time as this? O, then, "arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee." And why should we shine?—"For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people." And this is the condition to-day. The world is in darkness.

PRAYER AND DEFINITE CONSECRATION

The Master stated the situation when He said, "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth labourers into His harvest." We need to look upon the fields which are "white already unto harvest." Study of missionary fields will beget a burden for the fields. Let us study our great field as we have never done before. We should not only pray that God will raise up others to be labourers, but each individual should ask himself, "What can I do?" And many should be saying, "Here am I, Lord, send me." The magnitude of the work, and the brevity of the hour are certainly a call to the church for extraordinary service.

The great question of the missionary problem is, how can we all be brought back to where the disciples of the early church were, so that they were able to do for that generation a greater work than had ever been done before. And this generation must have a work done for it of a similar nature. That was the "early rain." Now is the time for the "latter rain." And this generation sees the culmination of the whole scheme of redemption, the closing of earthly history, and the coming of Christ. Momentous events hang on our relation to the issues of these last days.

J. E. FULTON.

Let Us Sing with the Spirit and with the Understanding Also

THE apostle Paul wrote that he would sing with the spirit and with the understanding also. 1 Cor. 14:15. This is sometimes quoted to prove that those who worship God in singing should have an understanding of music, and be able to sing in a technical manner, but may it not mean also that we should understand the words that we are singing as well as the music? In Ps. 47:7 we are told to sing praises with understanding. In order to sing with the spirit we need to think of the words that we are singing and make them our own, so that they may truly come from the heart.

We as a people are sometimes accused of keeping the letter of the law and not the spirit. While this charge may be untrue, I have sometimes thought that if we might apply these expressions to music, we do sometimes have musicians who make everything of the letter of music and say nothing about singing with the spirit. In fact, they are constantly calling our attention to the technical points, and will hardly give our minds time to think of anything else. Then they hurry through some hymns at such a rapid rate that we have to give our whole attention to the matter of keeping pace, or we should fall behind. They may say that this is the way it should be, but the fact is that some musicians differ from this idea and consider that very rapid singing detracts from the sacredness of the hymn.

I once attended a religious gathering where the leaders were very free with such expressions as "Amen," "Praise the Lord," and "Glory Hallelujah," all of which were spoken in a quick, jerky way that seemed to me irreverent, and my feelings were shocked to hear these solemn words spoken in such a light, flippant way. Now, the words of our hymns are prayer and praise to the Lord, and should be sung with due reverence. There is such a thing as rushing through these sacred hymns in such a way that the congregation find it hard to keep pace, and their whole attention is absorbed in putting forth strenuous efforts to sing faster, so they cannot give the attention to the words that they should, and fail to gain spiritual help from that part of the service.

And when a musician cannot sing

or play loud enough to lead the congregation with him, would it not be better for him to keep with the others instead of keeping a few notes ahead all the way through the hymn? There cannot be harmony in such a case, and if a musician can sacrifice harmony just for the sake of having his own way, well, it seems that his taste in the line of music may not be as good as he thinks it to be, for to the truly cultured ear the sound of discord in music is very annoying.

We are to let our moderation in this be known to all men, neither to drag in our singing nor to attempt to sing too rapidly. We certainly should seek to sing with the understanding, that our singing may be as harmonious as possible, but let us not seek to uphold some pet theory at all costs. We must not take too much of the letter to the neglect of the spiritual.

AN OBSERVER.

Distinguished Purchasers

BROTHER SEAMAN, who has been canvassing on the Isle of Wight, reports that he is enjoying much of the Lord's blessing in his work. He says:

"As I was riding home from a village on Thursday, after having taken seven orders, I got into conversation with a tourist who told me about the countries he had visited. I told him about my work and showed him my book. We got off our cycles, and I went through it in the road, and he gave me an order for a 9s. 6d. copy. After riding to Newport together, we shook hands and parted. When I got home and looked at the gentleman's name, you can judge my surprise when I saw the writing, which read: 'Baron—, of Belgium, on a visit to Ryde, Isle of Wight.' I pray that the Lord will bless the message as this gentleman takes it back to his own country, and that he will see the truth and obey it."

Another canvasser in the British field relates the following experience among others of an encouraging nature:

"Prior to coming here I had a good experience with Lord and Lady B——n, who gave me an order for three copies of my book and also wrote to say that the carriage would call for the books to save my delivering them. I did not like the idea of approaching Lord B——n, but our truth is for all people, and I went in the strength

of our Master. I received a cordial welcome, and was asked why I sold so many books. I replied that I had faith in God and believed that I was doing His work. At this Lady B——n, said: 'How beautiful! I hope you will always have faith in God and never look back.'"

"If bitterness has crept into the heart in the friction of the busy day's unguarded moments, be sure it steals away with the setting sun. Twilight is God's interval for peace-making."

Obituaries

DAVIS.—Died on July 30, at his residence, Toorak, Melbourne, Edmund Davis, the beloved husband of Sister E. Davis, in his eightieth year. Brother Davis was born at Southstake, Somersetshire, England, January 26, 1833, the same year that the stars fell. Nearly eighteen years ago Brother C. P. Michaels was canvassing the street in which he lived, with the *Bible Echo*. He bought a paper and saw advertised the place of meeting in South Yarra, and attended. Brother John Bell held Bible studies with him. He was baptized by Pastor Israel, October, 1895. The cause of his death was heart failure and dropsy. For several years he was a great sufferer. With the cold weather, bronchitis came on, and he was almost constantly confined to his room. Our brother bore all his sufferings patiently. He leaves a wife and six children to mourn their loss. We laid him to rest in the St. Kilda Cemetery, August 1, 1912. Services were held by the writer in the home and at the graveside. "There will be no dark valley when Jesus comes." J. H. Woods.

WILSON.—Died on August 2, 1912, at 40 Taplin St., North Fitzroy, Victoria, Miss Janet Wilson, aged eighty-two years. Sister Wilson was a native of Jamaica, but for many years resided in Australia. Some fifteen years ago Miss Wilson accepted the present-day message under the labours of Pastor Daniels, whom she held in high esteem. Sister Wilson was a member of the North Fitzroy Church, and was counted among its most devoted workers. Her confidence in God was supreme, and she always spoke of "God's finished work" for her. In the social meetings she was among the first to bear witness for the Master, and always gave expression to the words: "God is good." For many years our sister lived in delicate health. At times she suffered greatly, but always bore her sufferings patiently, and with Christian fortitude. She is now at rest. Sabbath afternoon, August 3, our sleeping sister was reverently borne into the North Fitzroy church, where a short funeral service was held, after which she was interred in the Melbourne General Cemetery, there to await the call of the Life-giver. "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord." Both services were conducted by the writer.

THOS. H. CRADDOCK.

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THE address of Sister Geiss as given in a recent number of the RECORD was incomplete. It should have been 35 Woodland Rise, Muswell Hill, London, N., England.

ON Sabbath, August 10, the newly-finished church in Shepparton was dedicated, free of debt, to God's service. The special services on Sabbath and Sunday were conducted by Pastor Woods

THE Sabbath-schools in the United States have adopted the plan of giving the last offering of the quarter to a special object. Their first special offering, given on March 30, for the cities of India, amounted to over seventy-five hundred dollars, or fifteen hundred pounds.

PASTOR A. H. WHITE conducted the service at Wellington, New Zealand, on Sabbath, July 13, celebrating the ordinances with them. He took the missionary meeting also, relating some of his interesting experiences while in the South African missions. On Tuesday, July 17, he left to visit the Sabbath-keepers on the Wairarapa line.

ON Monday, August 12, 1912, at the home of her parents in Shepparton, Victoria, Sister Eva Lucy Burgess, who spent five years in our Melbourne Cafe, was united by Pastor Woods in marriage to Brother A. G. W. Davey, of Prospect, South Australia, for which State they left after the wedding. The parents of both parties are Sabbath-keepers of long standing. We wish the young married couple much of God's blessing.

THE following is from a letter written to the sanitarium:

"I have heard a great deal about the Sydney Sanitarium, and would like to have a happy, helpful holiday, such as people say you have there."

More Personal Evangelism

THE other day I came across an article entitled "Tracts as Soul-Winners." It told a most interesting story of a tract that reached the hands of the godly Richard Baxter. He was led to Christ by it. He afterward wrote "The Saints' Everlasting Rest," and that book aroused Philip Doddridge to come to the Saviour. Wilberforce was converted through Doddridge's book "Rise and Progress of Religion in the Soul;" and then Wilberforce himself wrote "Practical Christianity," a copy of which fell into the hands of Thomas Chalmers, who became a convert and a great worker for humanity. These results, thus united in a chain, all came through one tract.

A great believer in tracts was Dr. Marshman, of India, a vast number of whose natives came to Christ by these silent messengers. When a boy, J. Hudson Taylor, the great missionary to the Chinese, was brought to Christ by a tract; and as a consequence, multitudes in China are blessed in the gospel to-day. The saintly George Mueller, of England, with all his many activities, did not forget the printed page. During his lifetime he distributed over a million and a half Bibles and Testaments, besides circulating millions upon millions of books and tracts; and vast numbers of people are on their way to the kingdom as the result.

The bountiful sower will reap bountifully. Results are sure to follow the liberal and continuous seed-sowing. There is no one thing that I regard as more vitally important to the growth and efficiency of the missionary society, as an organization of the church, than a steady, organized effort in personal evangelism with present truth literature. It is safe to say that the printed page is the only means of reaching the majority of the people with the message, and every member of the church can have a splendid time in helping in this work.

Reader, pledge yourself to this personal service. Get others to enter

it. If all were engaged, as all should be, in daily witnessing for the Master, in conversation or with the printed page, the spiritual life of our people would be so stimulated and quickened that the entire church would quickly feel the throb of new spiritual energy. The work requires tact; but good sense, guided by enthusiastic love for Christ and for those whom He came to save, would make this united and earnest effort wondrously effective in forwarding the message.

We need more of that first fine enthusiasm which characterized the early history of our movement. And we need the divine fire to keep it ablaze.

We read that the Word of God was proclaimed by Paul. Our chief business as Christ's disciples is to proclaim His love and His truth. Are we faithful to the trust?

"I sent my love to you every day!" said a little girl, indignantly, to a sick friend who was beginning to be convalescent, and felt hurt because no word of remembrance had come to her. "They just took it, and kept it all themselves." The childish way of looking at it sets in strong light the meaning of an undelivered message. Christ sends His love, His truth, to men, with each returning day,—sends it by us. Do we deliver it? or do we take it and keep it all ourselves? What does He think of us as messengers? ERNEST LLOYD.

Queensland

THE Queensland camp-meeting and annual conference will be held in Brisbane, September 19-29. The encampment will be situated at the terminus of the Kelvin Grove tram line, a two-penny tram section from Roma Street Railway Station. All church members in good and regular standing are duly accredited delegates; so there will be no need for an election of delegates. Write immediately to the conference secretary and tell him when you expect to arrive, and what tent and furniture you will require.

G. TEASDALE.

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