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

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## Not Far From Thee

Not far off would I follow Thee, O Lord,  
And mingle with the curious, idle throng,  
To arbitrate the strife 'twixt life and death—  
The controversy weary hours prolong.

I would not dare to loiter by the way,  
Afar off from my blessed Christ who died,  
Lest, losing all the sense of loss, I might  
Be found among the rabble who deride.

So closely let me press that I may touch  
Thy garment as I tread life's crowded way,  
That healing virtue may its grace impart  
To nobly live Thy life through all the day.

Not far away, though many voices call,  
And beck'ning fingers lure where foes  
beguile;

But urgently I press to closely step  
Beside my Master through earth's little  
while.

And soon, ah, soon, my Shepherd-King  
shall lead

To fields Elysian in the home above,  
Where all His chosen flock shall follow still,  
To hear His gracious voice and love His  
love.

WORTHIE HARRIS HOLDEN.

## News from China

AFTER visiting Hong-Kong and Canton, Pastor B. L. Anderson and I took a small coasting steamer for Swatow, which we reached after one night's travel. Here is where Pastor J. P. Anderson has had his headquarters, but which, on account of the severe illness of his wife, he was about to leave. Sister Anderson has contracted the dread sprue, and is now on her way to America seeking recovery so as to be able to return.

Our Chinese minister, Pastor Ang, lives here, and we were entertained at their comfortable home. The meal was served in Chinese style, but

everything was so clean, all could partake with relish.

Brother Ang has a fine family, and two of his daughters are teaching in the girls' school at this place. They have 103 girls in their school.

We did not remain long, as our steamer was soon to go again; but the work in Swatow is growing and had much to interest us.

Another night's ride on the steamer brought us to Amoy, the home of Pastors B. L. Anderson and W. C. Hankins. Brother Hankins met us as our steamer anchored. We were soon ashore visiting at the pleasant homes of these brethren and visiting sights of interest, chiefest among which was the training school building, now in course of erection. It is a well-constructed brick building of sufficient size for sixty boys, both for living and class accommodation. Near by it is proposed to erect a girls' school, the present one being carried on across the bay in the larger part of the city.

We must, however, write chiefly of our visit to Foochow, where we spent a week, and so had time to see more. Both the above-mentioned brethren brought me on my way to this great city, which is on the China coast about midway between Hong-Kong and Shanghai.

Foochow is one of China's largest cities, the largest on or near the coast of China, save Canton. It has a population of eight hundred thousand, when we count its suburbs, and if we count the two hundred thousand living near on river boats,

it has about a million souls. A visit through its busy streets and lanes, from five to nine feet wide, is a sight not soon forgotten. Along these, busy traders, mechanics, vendors, porters, and many others make their way, and almost constantly the noisy and abrupt voices of the overladen carriers remind the traveller that materials of bulky dimensions and most likely of unpleasant odour, are on their transit, and suggest the advisability of keeping at a distance to avoid collision or contamination.

Foochow is built on the banks of the Miu River, and across the river is an immense stone bridge called the "Bridge of Ten Thousand Ages." It took great skill in constructing, and when this was done is perhaps a mystery. Above and below this bridge, on boats of various sizes, live the two hundred thousands souls already referred to.

We have a strong work growing up in this large heathen city. Pastor Key, another Chinese minister, has been greatly blessed in his work at this place. A good church has been raised up and a strong educational work established. Several schools in and about Foochow have been started, and there is now an enrollment of 280 pupils. The leading school in the heart of Foochow has 180 boys attending, 170 of whom live and board there. It would startle some of the readers to visit this school and see them huddled together in altogether inadequate quarters. The boys are bright fellows, two or three of them able to play

their little organ well, and it was interesting to hear them sing hymns.

While we were in Foochow, a new chapel was opened, and the foreigners were expected to take part in the opening. This we did. What a crowd gathered! Some were Christians, but many were heathen. Some came in with loads on their backs to listen for a few minutes. Some sat down with long pipes smoking away, but as they did not know better we did not stop them.

After the ministers had spoken, our leading native colporteur was called upon to address the meeting. This man was once a notorious robber, who baffled the police and was a terror to them and to all. He has been truly converted, and as he stood to tell the wonderful story of redemption, all were greatly impressed with his earnest and convincing manner and statement. This man is now a blessing to humanity instead of a curse.

The needs of the cause are great at these places. Our native brethren sacrifice to support the cause, but to buy land and erect buildings necessary for the carrying on of the work is very expensive, and so the call sounds to the homeland, pleading for help. A great work can be done in these cities where the interest is so great.

J. E. FULTON.

### A Letter from Brother Sisley

I AM still trying to fill my little niche in this great heathen field. The Sabbath before last I had the pleasure of seeing one of my students baptized. He is a young man, perhaps eighteen years old, and has proved to be an excellent student, and shows promise of becoming a useful worker. He is now a very thoughtful, consistent, helpful young man. He is the only son of a widowed mother, and believing in the usual forms of Chinese worship, she much regrets the change in her son. Chinese families are brought up to believe in ancestral worship, and it seems very disappointing to her to think her son cannot conscientiously continue that practice. It has been the cause of much sorrow to her.

This young man shows more than ordinary talent as a student. He left school at thirteen, passing the sixth grade in the Dutch school, since which time he has been helping to

support himself and his mother. About eight months ago, he came to my evening class to study English, receiving two lessons a week and only his share among the rest. I am happy in the thought that the Lord has raised him up to become a labourer, for he can now translate quite readily from English into Malay. He translated from the *Review* the week of prayer readings, and also translates Sabbath-school quarterly lessons from the English or Dutch into the Malay. He can also translate orally what may need to be translated in any of our meetings, besides helping on our Malay paper. He is very studious, and I think, humble, unassuming, and not afraid of work, so we hope for the best. Should the promise of his becoming a valuable labourer materialize, I should feel well repaid for my efforts. I do not wish, however, to take much credit to myself, because his first impressions came from reading the "Coming King" in Dutch, and a Chinese sister gave him valuable help.

His employer brought the young man before his mother and the boy's mother to answer questions relative to his new belief, and he stood firm to his principles. He now has the privilege of resting on the Sabbath, but has to work alone at office work on Sunday, while forty or more of his companions are resting. Thus, you see, he must have some firmness to come out and stand alone among so many employees. I am now trying to take special interest and pains to help him on the road to usefulness in the Master's work. As I look over my boys at work I often wonder what their future will be; will they become useful, unselfish labourers, or will they simply become more intelligent and useful citizens? Please pray for this little vine which we hope and pray may be of the Lord's planting.

R. T. SISLEY.

*Soekaboemi, Java, February 13, 1916.*

### Baptism at San Pablo, Laguna, Philippine Islands

ACCORDING to previous arrangements, I left Manila on March 9, to conduct a baptismal service at San Pablo. The ride was very enjoyable through rice and sugar cane fields until I reached Luta, which is about two-thirds of the distance to San Pablo. There had been a festival at

this place and many were returning home. As I was travelling third class, the coach was soon packed with men, women, children, and fighting cocks. The crowded condition, the native chatter, the tobacco smoke from both men and women, and the crowing of the fighting cocks made the remainder of the journey very unpleasant.

I was made glad when at the third station from San Pablo one of our Filipino colporteurs joined me. At the next station an old man joined us on his way to the meeting. On reaching our destination at 7 p.m., we were met by our three Filipino workers, Bibiano Panis, Agustin Panaga, Isaac Enriquez, and several brethren. After light refreshments we were taken to their baptismal class, composing nearly two hundred people. The leader called the names of the 130 who had given their names for baptism. Nearly every one was present. They had been holding this class every night for nearly a month after the close of their three or four months' tent meeting. The Spirit of God came very near to us as I spoke to these searchers after truth.

They have been meeting bitter opposition from their Catholic friends, who asked them what their new name would be after their baptism, and who was to be their godfather and godmother, etc. Their greatest opposition, however, came from the Protestant members of other churches. They went in crowds from house to house to persuade them not to be baptized. They used the usual arguments against baptism and then would tell them that we would put them under the water and strangle them. But through all this, I was glad to note, on the record of the leader, that nearly every one had been present every night during the whole time of the baptismal class.

The next day, at one o'clock, we began our journey to the place of baptism, which was about one and one-half miles from San Pablo. As about two hundred people, in solemn procession, wound their way under the beautiful palm trees, it was a scene long to be remembered. Many lessons from the Word of God came fast into my mind as we passed along. The psalmist likens the growth of the Christian to the palm tree. It grows from within and not from without as do other trees. It is always green

and bears its fruit at the top. So it is with the Christian, the growth must be from the heart and not only cutting off the outer bad habits. Our last experiences should be the greenest and brightest of our life; we cannot be satisfied with the experiences of the past; we can bring forth fruit even in old age.

Soon we came to a beautiful lake. Here the many lessons of Jesus came to mind as He taught by the Sea of Galilee. At one side we came to the beautiful clear stream where we were to have our baptism. Here we held another service. We then went to the most beautiful spot for baptism I have ever seen. The banks were covered with palms, and rose at right angle, so that all could be seated very close and see all that was done. The sisters were clothed in baptismal robes and the men in white clean clothes. As we commenced our service a hush came over the congregation and during all the time, while I was baptizing 104 people, hardly a whisper was heard. I have assisted in baptizing at camp-meetings where many helped in the service, but never before have I been called upon to baptize so many alone at one time.

Sabbath morning at eight o'clock we gathered in the home of one of our brethren for the services of the day. It was necessary for them to remove part of the partitions in order to seat 200 people. After a talk on "The Christian Race" we partook of the Lord's Supper. About ninety-five per cent of those baptized had come from the Roman Catholic Church, and so our services were very different from the mass which they had been told was the offering up of Christ again as a sacrifice to God. The hearts of our brethren were made very glad when they were able to read from God's Word that the bread and wine were remembrances of His sacrifice made on Calvary, that "this He did once" and by this one sacrifice He "obtained eternal redemption for us" and "by one offering He hath perfected forever them that are sanctified."

In the afternoon at two o'clock, we met again and held our Sabbath-school. It was an inspiring sight to see the interest of these people in their study of the Word of God of which they have been so long deprived. After the Sabbath-school, we spoke again on "The Church of

God," its organization, officers, etc. A church of 116 members was then organized and officers elected. Thirteen others gave their names desiring baptism as soon as they could be more fully instructed. We thank the Lord for the fruit of His Spirit.

L. V. FINSTER.



### Aborigines Mission, Macleay River, New South Wales

FOR several months past the natives of the district have been much perturbed and generally unsettled, owing to some proposed changes in the management of the settlements, and for fear of losing their children, some of whom were likely to be sent to the training homes. At Burnt Bridge no less than seven families left the reserve for these reasons. These scattered about, taking work where they could get it, which greatly added to our travelling in our endeavour to keep in touch with them. Most of these families have now returned, and are attending meetings as usual.

At Nulla Nulla our tent meetings were well attended, and a good interest manifested in them by the natives till the middle of March, when nearly all the residents left the settlement to garner in the local corn crop. This exodus, right in the middle of the meetings, naturally caused a break in the good interest, but two married women have given their hearts to the Lord, and are having a good experience. There are a few others at Nulla of whom we have great hopes, but the majority are drinkers and gamblers, and can secure as much liquor at the local hotel as they can find money for, hence many of our troubles and difficulties.

Occasionally we visit Nambucca Heads and vicinity and have meetings with the natives. On our last visit there we spoke to about twenty-five in a cottage meeting, and at Cow Creek we held an open-air meeting with about twenty present. At both places we were asked to return and hold further meetings with them.

There are some bright young people in this district, and if they could be separated from the more viciously inclined, it would be a great blessing to them, and they could be a help to the work. To save these young people and children, and train them for usefulness, we need a home on a good farm, where boys and girls can earn the cost of their education and keep while in training.

It may be of interest to readers of the RECORD to know that eight of our young people at Burnt Bridge have received certificates for having passed the examinations of the texts in the Missionary Volunteer Department. Some have passed successfully in three consecutive examinations. Three have reached the highest marks obtainable, and the others have done very well indeed. Nearly all show ability.

We are expecting an early visit from Pastor Watson, and hope he will be able to see the principal centres of our district, and become acquainted with the natives, who need all the help we can give them.

The mission workers are of good courage, and ask an interest in your prayers.  
P. B. RUDGE.

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OUR publications should have a wide circulation, for they are doing a great work.  
E. G. W.

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BLESSED, soul-saving, Bible truths are published in our papers. There are many who can help in the work of selling our periodicals. The Lord calls upon all of us to seek to save perishing souls. Satan is at work to deceive the very elect, and now is our time to work with vigilance. Our books and papers are to be brought before the notice of the people, the gospel of present truth is to be given to our cities without delay. Shall we not arouse to our duties?  
E. G. W.

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SOME years ago, a young man was walking through the country from Sydney toward Newcastle in the pursuit of employment. While walking along the railway line he picked up a paper entitled, *Signs of the Times*. That night he read the paper, and became convinced of the Sabbath truth. Instead of going to Newcastle, he made his way to Avondale seeking further light.



### The Third Angel's Message in the Gippsland Lakes District

AS THE message has spread from Lakes Entrance and Kalimna to Stratford, Calulu, Metung, and Johnsonville, it was thought best that the writer and family should move from Kalimna to a more central position, and Johnsonville was selected for that reason.

We have lived almost two years at Kalimna and felt sorry to part company with the kind friends, brethren, and sisters of that district. These two years have been the brightest in our experience in the service of Christ; the brightest, because we have had the privilege of being connected with a live missionary people whose sole desire is to see the message—which has been such a blessing to them—sent to every corner of the earth. Kindness and hospitality surrounded us and we were loath to leave. However, God's work must have first place in the heart, and it was with this thought in mind that the move was contemplated.

Meetings will still be held on alternate Sabbaths and, while interest remains, on alternate Sundays also at Kalimna. Sabbath meetings, too, will be held at Metung, and we hope to open up meetings on alternate Sunday evenings at Johnsonville.

Bairnsdale is visited as often as convenient, and meetings are conducted at a home kindly loaned for the purpose. Bible studies are conducted with an interested family at Calulu, and a Sabbath-keeping family at Stratford is visited as often as time will allow. All the believers in the message in this district are of good courage in the Lord and are doing much to forward the work of God by their offerings and faithfulness in tithing. Almost the whole church are tithe-payers, and our prayer and aim is to see every one faithful in recognizing God's ownership of all they possess. We are kept very busy, and need the prayers of God's people continually for more efficiency in the Master's service, that there may be an abundant harvest from this corner of the Lord's vineyard.

J. SCOTT STEWART.

### Armidale, New South Wales

THE mission tent has been in Armidale, New South Wales, for three months. A fairly central position was selected, and for many weeks good audiences listened to the message of God, although we cannot say that at any time the tent has been more than comfortably filled. The cold nights and testing truths have combined to keep some away who at first came often. The first-fruits have been in appearance for several weeks, and others are investigating well before changing their position. These come to the mission meetings four or five times each week, and we are hopeful of encouraging results, for saving faith comes from the Word of God first heard and understood, then received into the life.

We have been disappointed in some, who of their own free will were quick to decide, but not having a clear conception of the message have not remained with us.

One brother has found it necessary to resign from his employment, and he plans to go elsewhere for work. A sister who is in harmony with the truth in all its phases, will, on account of her health, be away from us during the cold winter months. We believe that the influence of these new believers will be blessed of God in helping others to gain life eternal.

On Sabbaths we have a nice gathering of a few adults and many little ones at the Sabbath-school and church service.

Brother Bullas, who was assisting us, has now removed from Armidale, and has joined the noble colporteur staff in this conference. Brother Marriot remains with the writer to continue the work in this district.

With the aid of coke fires, we are able to continue the tent services longer than we at first planned.

It has been our privilege to write reports of some addresses to the two local newspapers, but owing to some controversy raised by one of the theologians, we were for a time hindered, but again permission is given us to write short articles on topics not conducive to contention. It is hoped that the readers will profit in a degree from a few seeds of truth thus sown.

We are thankful for increased strength and the prospect of complete recovery to health as a result of

God's mercies and the removal to this part of Australia, which is over three thousand feet above the sea. With sincere regret we departed from the believers in the West, but our trust is in the providences of the Almighty to direct His cause and guide His workers wherever He may deem wise, though the human may not grasp His purposes. Anew we yield our lives for service that we may be God's instruments for saving the lost and bringing the light to seekers after truth, and we humbly rejoice in this exalted privilege.

L. J. IMRIE.

### North Fitzroy, Victoria

SUNDAY afternoon, May 7, was a happy time with the members and friends of North Fitzroy Church. The church is free from debt, and a special meeting was called to rededicate the building as a house of worship.

Brother A. E. White, one of the church elders, told the congregation that the church was built in 1896 at a total cost of £1,700. During the first twelve years the church raised £1,200. In November, 1912, the debt was reduced to £300, at which time the sisters of the church took hold of the matter, and by March 1, 1916, as the result of systematic and persevering effort, the building was free from debt.

Pastor J. H. Woods, one of the church members, gave an interesting outline of the history of this church, which is closely connected with the advent of the work of the message in Australia. Early in 1885 a party of eleven workers arrived in Melbourne from America, and opened a mission home in Highett Street, Richmond. It was at this home that the first Sabbath-school in Australia was organized, July 11, 1885. A little later a tent mission was held at Clifton Hill, the outgrowth of which formed the beginning of the North Fitzroy Church.

Until the church was built in 1896, the members met for worship in various halls—at Clifton Hill, Collins Street City, and at North Fitzroy. Pastor Woods, in referring to the printing and publishing work said: It began its work in the southern hemisphere in a very humble way. A small shop was rented in which a printing press was

set up; but the continual increased call for Seventh-day Adventist literature was such that both the printing press and the premises soon proved inadequate to supply the demand. This led to the erection of the commodious building in Best Street, which conducted business in the name of the Echo Publishing Company, and later to the well-equipped establishment at Warburton.

Pastor Anderson said that the object of a church building was three-fold: (a) A place of worship for believers. (b) A place for training and educating workers. (c) A place for preaching the gospel to unbelievers. In all these respects this church, now free from debt and about to be rededicated, had proved itself eminently suitable. It was situated in a quiet and refined locality, where worshippers could meet undisturbed by the noise and bustle of a busy city. As a place for training workers it had proved itself a success. At least five ordained ministers received their early training there, while five missionaries now labouring in Asia obtained their elementary training in the church-school attached to the building, besides many other workers engaged in various lines of gospel work. As a suitable place for preaching the gospel to unbelievers, the past twenty years' work done there was ample proof.

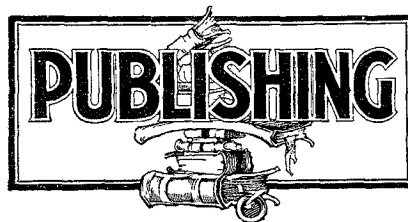
Pastor Lukens, before offering the dedicatory prayer, gave an interesting and encouraging review of the worldwide work of the denomination. Showing the growth of the work, the speaker said: "When the workers landed in Australia in 1885, Seventh-day Adventists had only 28 local conferences in all the world; now the number had grown to 135. Dating from the same year, mission stations had increased from 3 to 104; ordained ministers had multiplied from 213 to 988; licensed ministers from 182 to 575, while licenses were now granted to 1,520 missionary workers. The denomination had at the present time 3,607 churches with a membership of 125,386, which paid an annual tithe of £400,000. Besides the amount paid in tithes, this denomination subscribed not less than £130,000 a year to missions. In 1885, when the workers arrived in Melbourne, the denomination owned only 6 publishing houses; now we have 40, with 2,100 colporteurs selling the books.

The denomination operates 35 sanitariums, 525 church-schools, 75 advanced schools and colleges, while the message of a soon-coming Christ in the light of the third angel's message, was being preached in 107 different languages, of which 100 were in heathen and Catholic countries. Seventh-day Adventist publications were being printed in 80 different languages, 73 of which were in heathen and Catholic countries. The members of our young people's societies contributed some £5,000 a year to foreign missions.

After a substantial collection had been taken up for church repairs, the rededicatory prayer was offered up to God.

May the Lord bless our friends at North Fitzroy, and use them and their church greatly to His praise.

THOS. H. CRADDOCK.



### "Great Controversy" Campaign in New South Wales

THIS campaign is still in progress. The last figures we presented were 14,626 "Great Controversy" actually delivered in New South Wales. These figures appeared in the issue of the RECORD, dated January 24, 1916.

It is now our pleasure to show a very substantial increase in our totals. The figures now stand at 15,905; 1,279 books having been delivered in February and the latter part of January.

You will notice with pleasure that we are gradually rising toward the twenty-thousand aim. We have a good portion of territory to do yet with this book, and feel sure that by the help of God, and the hearty co-operation of the men in the field, we shall reach the twenty-thousand mark.

We hope that more will result from this particular campaign than has resulted from any other campaign that has ever been conducted with our publications. It is inspiring to see such large quantities of our message-filled books going into

the homes of the people. During the first three months of 1916, orders were taken by our colporteurs for 1,874 copies of "Great Controversy."

#### Some Experiences

While canvassing a lady, a colporteur was asked to explain the mark of the beast. He gave a short description of it, after which the lady said, "That is what I understand about it. I have a book inside, entitled "Great Controversy," and that agrees with what you have said on that subject." In the course of the conversation it was stated by the lady that she had been keeping the Sabbath by herself for some time. She said that her husband was interested, and would like to meet with us and study the Bible. An appointment was made for the following Sabbath morning, and a good time was spent with those two interested people. The husband also decided to keep the Sabbath with his wife. When talking to the colporteur at a later date, the lady said that her husband had been convinced of the truth by the kindly treatment of the colporteurs, and was now fully persuaded to take his stand. The influence of the meek and lowly Jesus must have been present with the worker and the people of the home. This is the only kind of service that is acceptable to the Majesty of Heaven.

From another colporteur: "While I was canvassing the book "Great Controversy" to a lady, she said, 'Why, I had that book in my home for years and never read it, but my married sister came over from New Zealand for a three months' holiday, and while here she commenced to read it. She became so intensely interested that on leaving for her home again, she begged to be permitted to take it with her, to finish reading it, at the same time promising to return the book when read.'

"The Spirit of the Lord prompted me to continue my canvass, and this lady also became interested, and expressed her surprise at not knowing the nature of the book she had had in her possession so long. She then told me that she was not clear on the state of the dead; so I read to her from the last page of chapter 33 of "Great Controversy" on that subject. She was greatly interested and ordered another copy for herself, and promised to make her sister a

present of the copy taken across the sea. The paying of half the price as a deposit, ended this encouraging experience."

Still another colporteur writes: "On one occasion, while delivering a "Great Controversy," I found that the son of the lady who had ordered the book, was reading a copy that some one had loaned him. He had read half way through, and was deeply interested. They were offered the book at half price if they cared to buy it, and that would have saved them taking the book that was ordered, as the person who had loaned the book was not at all interested in it, and would be glad to get rid of it; but the young man would not accept the offer for two reasons, namely, that it would be wrong to take such a good book out of the home of his neighbour, who had a worldly family, and that it would not be fair to the colporteur and publishers to refuse to take the book already ordered by his mother. After I had delivered my book and delayed a little longer to call their attention to certain portions of "Great Controversy" that referred to the soon coming of Christ and the Sabbath question, both the lady and her son showed deep interest in these questions, and promised to carefully read those particular portions of the book. I plan to write to them later on when they have read the book.

"Another lady, who was taking no interest in my canvass, when given a chance to speak said, 'I have a new book that I would like to show you and have your opinion on it. Every minister to whom I have shown it discourages the idea of my reading it.' She then produced a full morocco copy of "Desire of Ages," and remarked again that she could not see why ministers opposed such a book. She prized it very much, and read a little from it every day. I at once showed the lady why some ministers opposed that book, and told her that the book which I was canvassing ("Great Controversy") was from the same writer as "Desire of Ages," and then proceeded with my canvass. I did not get an order then, but later, when delivering in that town, I called on her again with a half-morocco copy of "Great Controversy," and succeeded in placing the book, which she promised to read through carefully."

"After taking an order from a lady for "Practical Guide to Health," writes another colporteur, "I felt impressed to remain a little longer and talk with her on spiritual matters, and at the close handed her a tract on "Thirty-one Reasons for Sabbath-keeping," with the remark that she might like to study into that question, as many earnest Christians are now inquiring as to which is the true Sabbath day. She gladly received the tract, and on learning that I was a Seventh-day Adventist she said that she was wishing to meet some one of that faith to have her mind more clearly enlightened on the truths we taught. I have been able to visit this person several times since, and she is now keeping Sabbath. She told me that her mother was a Seventh-day Adventist, and had died in the truth."

A. E. HODGKISON.

### "While I Live I'll Grow"

LAST week's RECORD was a most interesting one, and we have no doubt that the hearts of the readers have been cheered to read the good reports of the accomplishments of that wonderful little messenger of truth, the *Signs of the Times*.

Martin Luther nailed his theses on the door of the church in Wittenberg. We are going to tell you how the truths of the *Signs of the Times* have been impressed upon the heart of one inside a convent. About two years ago I met a sister who had come out of Roman Catholicism and accepted present truth. She was a cheerful person and exulted in her newly-found treasure; but she had a deep burden for a loved daughter, who was a sister in a Catholic nunnery. Not knowing how to open the eyes of the one she loved to an understanding of her perilous condition, she, being an ardent lover of the *Signs*, sent the paper regularly within the walls of the institution. Vexed with the mother's departure from the church of her up-bringing, the daughter wrote very denouncing letters to her parent, and said emphatically that she would not read such rubbish as the *Signs of the Times*, and that on arrival they were immediately consigned to the fire box.

Two years ago when I heard this story, the poor mother was perplexed

to know what to do, but decided to continue the *Signs* and pray that God would work upon the heart and open the mind of her daughter, that she might read the paper. A few days ago I had the joy of hearing from that mother the good news that her prayers had been answered, and that the prejudice had been broken down. The daughter is returning to her home in a few days, and the mother believes it is in order to obtain further light.

As Luther placed the theses on the door of the church, so we should carry the *Signs* to every door, and God will fasten its truths upon the hearts.

The circulation of the *Signs of the Times* has increased during the past few years, but the question arises, Are we doing for it all that it deserves, and what the times in which we are living demand?

This special series of the *Signs of the Times*, which commences on June 5, should inspire every Seventh-day Adventist with a determination to greatly increase its circulation. We can approach the world with confidence that the *Signs of the Times*, for the next twelve months, will contain important Bible truths that every one should know. What a privilege is conferred upon us to be the bearers of such light to the people! We have been brought to a knowledge of eternal realities; shall we not do something *extra special* at this time for some one else?

Let those of us who are young and strong, we who are members of the Missionary Volunteer Department, remember that our aim this year is to double our missionary work. Here is a golden opportunity of approaching our neighbours with great confidence and obtaining from them annual subscriptions for this good paper.

Perhaps there is no better way to double our missionary work than to work up weekly *Signs* rounds. We shall find people very anxious to buy this paper now that their minds are stirred over the present war trouble.

We do hope our young people will engage in the systematic work of weekly *Signs* delivery.

Remember the special series starts on June 5, so commence at once to obtain subscriptions that the readers may have the benefit of all the special numbers.



Next week I am planning to take a day off from the office to go out to canvass for yearly subscriptions for the *Signs*. How many will devote at least one day to this work?

May God bless the work of His faithful people, and may it be said of our spiritual life as well as of the life of the *Signs of the Times*, "While I live I'll grow." F. KNIGHT.

### The "Signs" Cover

DURING the month of May several numbers of the *Signs of the Times* have consisted of sixteen pages only, without the cover that was added some time ago. The publishers have not been able to purchase stock to continue the coloured cover. But beginning with the special series, that is to appear in June, the *Signs* will consist of sixteen pages with cover, but the cover will be of the same material as the paper itself, making twenty pages in all. This will be in harmony with the prospectus number and the canvass with which many are working for annual subscriptions. As soon as stock comes to hand the coloured cover will be resumed.

### Names of Interested Persons

Those who would like to send the *Signs* to interested persons, and would like to have the names and addresses of such, should communicate with conference tract society secretaries.

### Subscriptions for the Special Series

The publishers of the *Signs of the Times* are printing several thousand extra copies of the first issues of the special numbers. It is not too late now to work for this series. Subscriptions should be solicited during the early part of June.

### Cost of Production

The increased cost of production means that the *Signs of the Times* is published at considerable loss at its present price, while the circulation stands at eleven thousand. This loss runs into almost ten pounds weekly. Probably an eleven-thousand circulation would cover the cost of production if it were not for the addition of the cover, which has so greatly improved the paper. If we can give the *Signs* a circulation of fifteen thousand, however, this will just about meet the cost, cover

included. We hope that the present effort on behalf of the *Signs* will ensure that circulation. We trust that in every church the campaign will continue with unabated vigour during the greater part of June. Let us work for annual subscriptions, or weekly clubs, or both, as circumstances permit. This work will bring the truth before thousands of people. W. W. FLETCHER.

"THE Authorised Version was published in 1611. It was the result of the work of a number of eminent scholars appointed by King James 1. to revise the Bible. The Revised Version was published in 1885."

If there is one work more important than another, it is that of getting our publications before the public, thus leading them to search the Scriptures.—"*Testimonies for the Church*," Vol. IV.

THE great and wonderful work of the last gospel message is to be carried on now as it never has before. The world is to receive the light of truth through an evangelising ministry of the Word in our books and periodicals. Our publications are to show that the end of all things is at hand.—"*Testimonies*."

WE have been asleep, as it were, regarding the work that may be accomplished by the circulation of well-prepared literature. Let us now, by the wise use of periodicals and books, preach the Word with determined energy, that the world may understand the message that Christ gave to John on the Isle of Patmos. Let every human intelligence who professes the name of Christ testify, The end of all things is at hand; prepare to meet thy God.—"*Testimonies*."

THERE are many who are seeking for light in the darkness. If our papers, tracts, and books, expressing the truth in plain Bible language, could be widely circulated, many would find that they are just what they want. But many of our brethren act as though the people were to come to them, or send to our offices to obtain publications, when thousands do not know that they exist.—"*Testimonies for the Church*," Vol. IV, page 392.

### Obituary

BROSE.—After an illness extending over a period of two years, Sister Katie Brose passed away at her home in Maylands, Western Australia, on Sunday, April 2, at the age of fifty-eight years. The light of present truth was communicated to Sister Brose as a result of the labours of Pastor W. G. Brittain, about eleven years ago. She readily responded to the claims of the message and since then has faithfully lived in anticipation of its glorious triumph. During the last two years she suffered much, but she murmured not, for her faith in God was strong and she knew He did all things well. Throughout her illness, and especially during the time she was confined to her home, we had many evidences of her close walk with the Master, and it seemed that the light of His countenance was by her diffused with an increasing radiancy as she awaited His call to rest awhile before His coming. Her messages of Christian love to her fellow church members were ever a source of encouragement and hope. She leaves a husband and one daughter, together with her aunt, Sister Budd, who tenderly cared for her in her illness, to mourn their loss, with many friends who held her in high esteem; but they do not sorrow as those without hope, for our sister sleeps in the keeping of Him who is soon to return to call her forth in the bloom of immortality. Till then may we remain faithful! Words of comfort were spoken at the graveside at the Karrakatta Cemetery by the writer.

A. W. CORMACK.

### For Sale

A SPLENDIDLY-BUILT cottage of five rooms and bathroom, with outhouses, good water supply of 2,000 gallons daily, three and a half acres of ground, small irrigation plant to water one acre. Short distance from college. £500. Apply C. J. McGrigor, Cooranbong, New South Wales.

A SPLENDID variety of text cards (worth about £25), all of the latest designs. Good opportunity to do missionary work or to earn missionary money. These cards will be sold to our people at wholesale rates, in lots from ten shillings upwards, and sent rail free to any address in New South Wales. Other States extra. Apply C. J. McGrigor, Cooranbong, New South Wales.

### Corrections

IN our issue of April 24, in the South Australian Conference report, the name of W. Vercoe, Sen. is given as a member of the Executive Committee. This should be W. Vercoe, Jun.

IN the RECORD, dated May 15, in an article entitled, "For the Australasian Young People," in a recommendation of books to be used for the Standard of Attainment, the last-named pamphlet in the recommendation was printed, "The Lord's Day" and "Test of the Ages," as though it were two pamphlets. This is an error, and should read, "The Lord's Day, the Test of the Ages."

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PASTOR FINSTER, in writing from the Philippines to our office on April 10, says: "On March 10, as the result of our tent meeting at San Pablo, we baptized 104 people. This is the largest baptism I ever had from one effort. Here in Manila, on March 31, we baptized sixty-six. This is surely encouraging for the beginning of this year."

FOUR of our Avondale septuagenarians foregathered at the home of one of their number to celebrate the birthday of the youngest two, one of whom was 73 years of age, and the other 74, on that day. The other two are respectively 75 and 76, their combined ages totalling 298 years. It is, perhaps, superfluous to say that both young and old of the party had a pleasant and a happy time.

AS WE are sending the last of the matter for this RECORD to the Press, the week of prayer is drawing to a close. Here at Wahroonga there has been an earnest spirit manifested to seek the Lord. All the meetings have been well attended. At the early devotional services, which have taken the form of consecration meetings, the work has seemed to go deeper each day, and many victories have been gained.

PASTOR ANDERSON and family arrived at Wahroonga on Wednesday, May 17, and will locate near the Union Conference office, which will in future become the headquarters of Brother Anderson's work as secretary of the Religious Liberty and

Educational Departments. We are glad to welcome him to our office, and trust by the close association of all the departments of our work, the whole will be strengthened and rendered more effective.

IN writing from the Australasian Missionary College, Pastor Johanson says: "Our usual routine has been somewhat interrupted by the week of prayer arrangements; but I am glad to tell you that we have had a most blessed experience thus far. There is a splendid response on the part of students and workers, and we have been especially glad to note that some of those who have never before made any profession of religion have taken a good stand." Pastor Watson spent the last half of the week of prayer at Avondale.

BROTHER NICHOLSON, in writing from Marovo Lagoon, Solomon Islands, on March 26, says:

We are enjoying our work for these people, and the Lord is impressing hearts. The other day we counted the young people whom we can consider soundly converted, and found that there were ten. These have given up their tobacco and beetle nut and take an active part in meetings, apparently having an intelligent grasp of the plan of salvation. We have commenced a weekly prayer meeting, and all these young people join in and offer their earnest prayers as in civilized lands. It is truly wonderful to see these people calmly acknowledging the truths of the gospel, who but a few months ago were proud, independent, and steeped in heathenism.

ON Tuesday, May 9, Brother F. Martin of Ourimbah, and Sister A. Kinnear, recently of Auckland, New Zealand, were united in marriage. Pastor Smart conducted the ceremony.

### Working up "Signs" Rounds for Weekly Delivery

THE prospectus number of the *Signs of the Times* can be used to excellent advantage in working up a *Signs* round. The instruction in the article, "Some Helpful Suggestions," given in last week's issue of the RECORD, applies to this work almost as much as it does to canvassing for annual subscriptions. Weekly delivery generally means weekly payment, and that is the way most of our *Signs* work is done in large towns and cities. But those who canvass with the prospectus may find it a good plan to ask pay-

ment of one shilling for the first quarter in advance. The result would be a good guide in ordering the weekly club of *Signs*.

### Some Interesting Meetings

THE other evening Pastor Snow, the editor of the *Signs of the Times*, invited the heads of our departments to meet with him in the editorial room. Earnest prayer was offered for the success of the *Signs* campaign. The Lord was asked to give wisdom in the selection of writers for the various articles in the series, to guide in the preparation of the matter, and to follow by His Spirit the truth-laden papers. The workers present reconsecrated themselves to the Lord's service, and renewed their determination to handle holy things with clean hands and humble hearts. At the following morning's worship in the new office chapel, Brother Snow conducted the meeting, and all of our employees united in the requests and decisions of the previous meeting. There is certainly an earnest desire on the part of our workers in the publishing office that we shall see great things as a result of this campaign, and that our own lives and experiences may be stronger and brighter in consequence of our prayer and work. Dear brethren and sisters throughout our Union Conference, will you unite with us in this earnest effort to "finish the work" that God has given us to do?

W. H. B. MILLER,  
Manager.

PRINTING is the latest and greatest gift by which God enables us to advance the things of the gospel.—*Luther.*

WYCLIFFE, who completed the translation of the whole Bible for the first time into the language of the English people, was born in Hipswell in Yorkshire about 1324. The first printed Bible was the work of William Tyndale, who, because of the laws which forbade the circulation of English translations of the Bible or the reading of them by the common people, printed them in sections in Germany, and had them smuggled into England. Shortly after completing the whole Bible, he was thrown into prison and burned as a heretic in 1536.