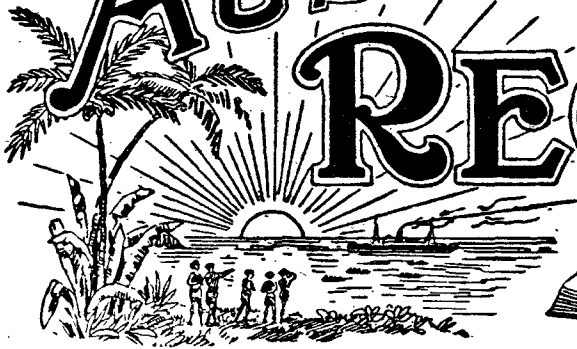


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Christ Within

Lord Jesus Christ, grow Thou in me,
And all things else recede,
My heart be daily nearer Thee,
From sin be daily freed.

Each day let Thy supporting might
My weakness still embrace.
My darkness vanish in Thy light,
Thy life my death efface.

In Thy bright beams which on me fall
Fade every evil thought.
That I am nothing, Thou art all,
I would be daily taught.

Make this poor self grow less and less,
Be Thou my life and aim;
Oh, make me daily through Thy grace
More meet to bear Thy name!
—Selected.

The Perfection of Character

THAT perfection of character which the Lord requires is the fitting up of the whole being as a temple for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. God will accept of nothing less than the service of the entire human organism. It is not enough to bring into action certain parts of the living machinery. All parts must work in perfect harmony, or the service will be deficient. It is thus that man is qualified to cooperate with God in representing Christ to the world. Thus God desires to prepare a people to stand before Him pure and holy, that He may introduce them into the society of heavenly angels.

Perfection of character cannot be attained when the laws of nature are disregarded; for this is transgression of the law of God. His law is written by His own finger upon every nerve, every muscle, every fiber of our being, upon every faculty which has been intrusted to man. These gifts are bestowed, not to be abused and corrupted, but to be used to His

honour and glory in the uplifting of humanity.

But how far have men departed from fulfilling God's purpose! Wherever we look, we see defilement and corruption. The world is full of disease and misery, deformity and sin. Life is regarded as of little value. Crime is increasing on every side. By many, sins of the very darkest dye are lightly regarded, or even justified. The violation of physical law, with its consequent suffering, has so long prevailed that the terrible results of such violation are now regarded as the appointed lot of humanity. God is not pleased to have this suffering exist. This is not His work. It is the work of man. The wretchedness and misery, poverty and woe, that exist all around us are brought about by wrong habits,—by violating the laws that God has made to give health and happiness.

What can be done to press back the inflowing tide of evil? The people must be led to understand its cause. With unerring certainty the seed sown produces a harvest of its kind. He who sows to the flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption. He who sows to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. In order that men may be more careful how and what they sow, they must be led to realize that they make their own harvest. This is the great need of the masses of mankind at the present time. The blessing that God gives as a result of obedience to the laws of health, is a healing power, a balm for many of the evils that are cursing the world to-day. Satan's strongest hold on man is through disobedience to these laws.

The relation that exists between mind and body is very intimate:

when one is affected, the other is always more or less in sympathy. It is impossible for men, while under the power of sinful, health-destroying habits, to appreciate sacred truths. When the intellect is clouded, the moral powers are enfeebled, and sin does not look sinful. The most ennobling, grand, and glorious themes of God's Word seem but idle tales. Satan can then easily snatch away the good seed that has been sown in the heart; for the soul is in no condition to comprehend or understand its true value. It is thus that selfish, health-destroying indulgences are counteracting the influence of the message which is to prepare a people for the great day of God.

We are living in a most solemn, awful moment of this earth's history. Not a soul whose life is one of careless self-degradation, through transgression of physical laws, will stand in the great day of trial just before us. There is a terrible account to be rendered to God by those who have but little regard for the human body, and treat it ruthlessly. Transgression of God's law is sin, and the punishment is death. "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are."

Reform, continual reform, must be kept before the people, and by our example we must enforce our teachings. True religion and the laws of health go hand in hand. It is impossible to work for the salvation of men and women without presenting to them the need of breaking away from sinful gratifications, which destroy the health, debase the soul, and

prevent divine truth from impressing the mind. Men and women must be taught to take a careful review of every habit and every practice, and at once put away those things that cause an unhealthy condition of the body, and thus cast a dark shadow over the mind.

If the Word of God were studied as it should be, we would better understand the value which the Lord places upon men and women, whom He has purchased at infinite cost. Many of these are in great distress because they know not the truth in regard to these things. They are perishing for lack of knowledge. Our Heavenly Father sees the deplorable condition of these poor souls who, ignorant of the result, are disregarding the great foundation principles of nature's laws. And it is in love and pity that He has caused light to shine upon this subject, showing the blessings that are sure to reward obedience, as well as the terrible punishment that will follow transgression.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

Groaning Buoys

THROUGH some parts of the seas the government has placed bell-shaped floats called buoys. These buoys are so anchored that they can be seen for some distance, and are placed there as a guide to mariners. They are of three kinds,—the simple bell-shaped; the bell-shaped object with a staff on top supporting an electric light; and the third is so constructed that as the sea swells, air is forced up into it, and causes it to emit a noise that sounds like the groan of despair.

The first two of these are to direct the mariners, by day and by night, as to the course they should pursue in order to reach the desired haven in safety. The third is a danger signal, notifying the sea-farer that in its vicinity is a dangerous reef or shoal. It is a spot from which he should keep away. Its groaning can be heard for miles, and its despairing sound can be heard in the darkest night or the densest fog.

How much like these buoys are professed Christians! Some by their quiet demeanour influence the voyager through life into the lane that leads to the haven of eternal rest; some are bright and shining lights, beacons whose light can be seen afar off through the night of sin and the fogs of superstition; while some there are who seem to consider it their duty to

play the part of groaning buoys. By their unhappy faces they give the impression that Christian life is a failure, and that God is not always true in His promises. Brethren, do not be groaning buoys. Show that the Lord's ways are best, and His paths bring peace. Talk faith, courage, and confidence, and there will be less at which we shall be tempted to groan.—*Selected.*

World Wide

DURING the fourth week of their tent meetings in New Amsterdam, British Guiana, South America, Pastor I. G. Knight reported that twenty-four had expressed their determination to keep the commandments of God.

One of our early pioneers and well known writers laid down his life work on October 5, when Pastor H. A. St. John passed away at St. Helena, California. Brother St. John was ordained in 1867 and laboured for forty years as a minister of the gospel.

Pastor Lukens, writing from Wichita, Kansas, to renew his subscription to the RECORD adds: "We are having meetings in a theatre here every night, and hundreds of people are attending. We can seat thirteen hundred, but on Sunday nights we turn away hundreds for lack of room."

Twenty native converts publicly confessed their faith in Christ and pledged themselves to serve Him by baptism at the Shanghai Mission compound. The language teacher of Pastor K. H. Wood was among the candidates. It was expected that at the next baptismal service, to be held three months later, thirty sisters—in many instances the wives and mothers of the brethren recently baptized—would enter into church fellowship. Among the candidates in these two services were ten entire families, consisting of husband and wife, or parents and children, who have been won from heathenism to serve the living God.

The International Branch of the Pacific Press, near Chicago, now employs thirty-five people of eight different nationalities. Its three type-setting machines are running long hours of overtime, and the press room and bindery are filled with work,—and not a line of it English. Besides various books, the Sabbath-school lesson pamphlets are printed in six different languages for believers in America, and three periodicals are issued in the Danish-Norwegian tongue, three in German, two in Swedish, and one each in Russian, Hungarian, Rumanian, Polish, Bohemian, Italian, French, and Yiddish. Several of these are weekly papers, some monthly, and some quarterly magazines.

Brother C. Robinson tells of a united meeting held at the Malamulo Mission, South Africa, when a large number of teachers and pupils gathered from the surrounding outschools. Following the Sabbath-school, at which four hundred and seventy-four assembled in the classes, and repaired to the river, where sixty-seven were baptized. All of these candidates had

been attending the outschools for three years, and are the fruit of much careful sowing of good seed by the native teachers. This large baptism brought joy to all, and filled the teachers with new courage in the work. They expected to have a visit from Pastor Bender a little later, and to hold another such service then.

Associated with our denominational history for over forty years is the name of Pastor William Covert, who died recently. Brother Covert was president of the Indiana Conference when it was organized forty-five years ago, and has served faithfully as president of several conferences since that time. He has written a good deal, and taken an active part in establishing sanitariums and academies in various centres. Never sparing himself, Pastor Covert was a hard worker until a week before his death. A few hours before he was prostrated by a stroke of apoplexy he was planning an active campaign in the Harvest Ingathering. The previous year he was successful in gathering the largest amount in this campaign of any one person in the United States. Another veteran soldier of the cross sleeps.

Pacific Union College Harvest Ingathering Campaign

THE hearts of teachers and students in Pacific Union College are full of joy and thankfulness these days because of the marked success and blessings God has given us in our Harvest Ingathering campaign. According to the notification sent us by the local conference, our quota of funds to be raised in this campaign was £120. However, we are pleased to announce that at the end of the second week of our campaign we had secured £125 12s. 6d. for missions. From our experience in this campaign, we have felt that one thing that greatly helped us in fulfilling our hopes was the promptness with which we took up the work.

After the Harvest Ingathering work had been outlined by the president of the local conference, the committee of five teachers appointed to have the work in charge, immediately laid plans, and within a week our campaign was under way. Classes for instruction were organized, one for those who were to engage in the field work of soliciting, and another for the correspondence band. These classes met every day.

It was decided to make October 10 and 11 field days for those teachers and students who were to go out soliciting. Situated as we are in a mountainous country eight miles from town, it was impossible for us to take all who wanted to go. However, about forty stout-hearted, energetic young men and women were carried down the hill, followed by the prayers of those who had to be left behind. Six companies were to go to different towns in the neighbouring country. One company of young men with two of the teachers, went to San Francisco to solicit from the business men. In the evening of the following day we all returned to the college, and when it was announced in the chapel the next day that we had raised £90 in two days' work, we all felt very happy.

Our chapel exercises the next day after the campaign were a mighty inspiration. Many unusual and interesting experiences were told, and proved blessings to all of us.

As Mrs. C. W. Irwin, the wife of our college president, was walking in the morning through the street in a certain town, she met a company of young women with knitting bags hanging from their arms. Entering into conversation, she told them of her work. They became very much interested, and wanted her to meet their teacher and classmates at a school that afternoon where they held a sewing class for war purposes. Mrs. Irwin met them at the appointed time, and when she presented the Harvest Ingathering work, telling of our mission work as illustrated by the special number of the *Watchman*, she was given £1 17s. by the class.

One young man who had been canvassing for "Bible Readings" the previous summer near where he solicited for missions, found, to his joyful surprise, a woman who was keeping the Sabbath as a result of his selling a friend of hers a copy of "Bible Readings."

We also received a great blessing when the company of students who went out on October 15 and 16 reported their experiences.

Many letters have been sent out by our correspondence band, and when the full returns are in we hope to go still farther beyond our goal.

In closing we, the teachers and students of Pacific Union College, wish to say that we are glad we can have a share in this great work of sending the message to all parts of the world. Let us all do our best to hasten the finishing of the work.

W. G. WIRTH.

Manila, Philippine Islands

WHEN the Australasian Union Conference first sent labourers to the Philippines, it received no comment from the daily press; but in heaven it was a time of joyful anticipation. God's agencies were operating on heart strings and purse clasps to fulfil literally the prophecy of Christ in Matt 24 : 14.

A thousand times at least the courts of heaven have resounded in praise (Luke 15 : 10), as the result of the past twelve years of gospel work.

In our recent conference with eleven families of foreign workers, and almost one hundred Filipino delegates present from the north and south, was seen some of the harvest that has been garnered from the various dialects.

One event that should be mentioned was the Sabbath-school offering from the Pasay congregation. One hundred and ten were present and £7 9s. was received. Self-denial was responsible for a portion of this, as the sixty poor students of the academy chose to deprive themselves of breakfast one day in order to assist. The appeal was a strong one—it was to provide printing facilities for Singapore.

As Australian believers laid up

treasure in heaven by giving of their means in exchange for bright, glittering gems, so these jewels in turn help to gather other precious ones from the fold of sin. He who gives blesses three: himself, the recipient, and God.

R. A. CALDWELL.

Bukabuka

BUKABUKA, though not one of the Cook Islands, is considered a part of our field. We have always taken a special interest in the people of this island, because they, up till very recently, kept the seventh-day Sabbath. The change was at last made, and all but about twenty-five transferred their worship to the first day of the week. The few who remained steadfast in their allegiance to God's Sabbath, petitioned us for a worker.

Feeling that this was a call of God we placed the matter before the brethren of Aitutaki, asking that they release Iti Strickland from his duties as elder of the Aitutaki church that he might go to Bukabuka. Though but few in number and needing Iti's help, they gladly released him to carry the blessed light of truth to Bukabuka.

Iti left Aitutaki on October 24, by schooner, reaching Manahiki after eight days, where he stayed about a week, holding meetings and visiting. A further sail of three days brought him to Bukabuka.

The return of the schooner brought us a letter from Iti telling of his arrival and kindly reception by the people who are desirous of keeping the Sabbath. He was kept up by the people the first night until two o'clock answering their questions and explaining the Word of God to them. Little knowing what it means to be a Seventh-day Adventist, they asked for baptism the first night. Iti will remain with them a few months at least, instructing them and preparing them for baptism. We hope that a white worker may be able to visit them at a later date.

GEO. L. STERLING.

Apia, Samoa

I MUST tell a little of what God is doing for another family in Apia. About four years ago when canvassing for the *Signs and Good Health* I became acquainted with a lady, the wife of an influential man then in government employ. She was a sufferer from various ailments, and most of the time an invalid. She readily took both papers, and I visited her from time to time, and talked with her along health lines, and also of the love and

fatherhood of God. Then we went to Vailoa, but when opportunity offered I visited her, and before we went to New Zealand she requested that we send her a Bible, and also a help to its study. Accordingly a Bible and "Bible Readings" were purchased and forwarded.

When we returned to Apia last March, I renewed the acquaintance. Time had done its work, and I found Mrs. — had grown wonderfully in the knowledge of God and His Word. "She was eager to talk on the different points of our faith, and was especially interested in the Sabbath question, though she remarked to me more than once that of course she would never change her religion. I said nothing, knowing she would probably change her mind on that point. It was not long before she became deeply troubled concerning the fourth commandment, and one day in real distress appealed to her husband, saying, "I feel we must keep this Sabbath, that it is the right day." Her husband, though in many respects a very excellent man, was a thorough believer in Darwinism, having been taught it from boyhood by his mother. He was always present when I visited, and though at first he talked continually of higher criticism, telling me that he had no faith in the Bible, it was not long before he became intensely interested in Bible study, and one day he remarked to me, "Mrs. Howse, I am very eager now to study the Bible. I cannot yet believe it all, I cannot forget quickly the doubts of forty years, but I am always reading my Bible." A week later he told me his only regret was that he had not more time to study the Bible, and "Bible Readings." He talked with his friends concerning what he found, and as a result two other men wanted to borrow his "Bible Readings," but he could not spare it. One of these I supplied with a copy.

Meanwhile his wife continued to be agitated concerning obedience to the Sabbath commandment. I was sure she could not long remain under such deep conviction without making a decision, and I was not surprised when a little later she informed me that she had kept her first Sabbath. Step by step the Lord led them on. As I visited from week to week they would themselves bring up subjects for conversation and study, such as baptism, the nature of man, etc. Another time they wanted to know how our work was supported, and there followed an interesting study on the tithing. From the first they had both taken to the health reform; disliking to kill in order to eat, vegetarianism appealed to them. So it was not long before Mr. — informed me that he had told his butcher not to call any more, and on tasting some of our red cooked beans and some protose I sent around to them one day, he came along the next morning to ask me to order some of each for him. One day he surprised me by saying to his wife, "I have to give up my tobacco, and you have to give up your tea." At my next visit, he said, "How many pipes will you allow me a day, Mrs. Howse?" It was agreed that he should finish the tobacco he had, and get no more. But he did not finish it; it was thrown away. His beer was the next thing to go. And now a new experience came to them. Such radical changes aroused both the ridicule and the ire of relatives and friends, who objected to the stand Mrs. — had taken with regard to the Sabbath, and were also displeased because they were no longer supplied with

tobacco, spirits, and tea at Mr. —'s hospitable home.

Mrs. — is now anxious to be baptized and connect with the church, but is held back somewhat by her husband, who tells her to wait, that he cannot believe so quickly. But she says, "How long must I wait for you to believe; time is so short, I fear you will be too late."

Brethren and sisters, pray for this family, that He who has begun a good work in each of their hearts may also finish it; and that they may unitedly take their stand on the platform of God's eternal truth.

EDITH B. HOWSE.

First Annual Council, Solomon Islands

FROM December 29 to January 2 we held our first annual meeting in the Solomon Islands at the Marovo Mission, known as Sasaghana, the second mission station we opened. This is a small station, but there are belonging to it some of our best young people. Most of the others have moved to the Telina station, where we are endeavouring to establish one central school for all the Marovo Lagoon district. Not all the people are yet in favour of this plan, as the old tribal enmity cannot be wiped out in a year or two, and the mission of our mission is to bring peace among them and not to force matters against the will of the people. It is this religious-liberty phase of our work that has found and is finding for us so many genuine friends of independent minds among the natives, each one of whom is worth a thousand others; and that is what the Bible means when it says that one shall chase a thousand and two put ten thousand to flight. Now seeing that we have about a thousand friends of this sort; you can readily understand that we are equal in strength to many, many thousands,—more than some of you dare to count. Soon this very strong company, when it has learned to march in step, will move forward, "terrible as an army with banners."

Please understand that all these people are not living together in one or two places, where we can easily reach them and instruct them, but are scattered in very small tribes far away from each other on separate islands, in the bush, on mountains, and up rivers. Neither have they the same language, and their customs and superstitions also are different. To unite these in friendly feelings and one religion, "in the bond of peace" in one faith, one baptism, and one God and Father of all, is more than ordinary human work. Yet the divine-human plan of God will accomplish it, and missionaries are needed in the plan. Without them, how is it to be done? Dear friends at home, it is your privilege to "help at such a time as this." Will you not do your best?

It is just a little over three years since the first work by us was commenced here, and what great things God has done for us in a difficult field! We were planning to have this annual gathering a year ago, but were not ready to hold it, as so many problems had to be considered before hundreds of people of different clans could be brought together, housed, and fed for a week. This was by no means a small undertaking, and very different from camp-meetings at home. But it has now been successfully done, and God prospered us and blessed us wonderfully. Over three hun-

dred were on the grounds, and twenty-one chiefs with whom we held council each day. These chiefs represented the people who could not come, through not having sufficient large canoes to convey them. The *Advent Herald* and *Melanesia* were busy the day before and the day after the meetings in carrying many to and from the mission.

What a happy gathering it was, how eagerly they listened, and how united they all became! There was a spirit of harmony prevailing all through and it resulted in accomplishing the good that we hoped. There were on the grounds many who were the mediums of the evil spirits, and in past days they had held absolute control over the minds of the people. Some of these I have seen under possession of the devil, and some had eaten human flesh. But now all have but one mind and that is to do right and to follow Jesus, and they gave expression to their feelings.

On the way from Gatukai to the meetings, a sailing cutter full of people was held up by Satan, and commanded not to go any farther. They feared to go a step farther, and two days passed thus. Then we sent the *Advent Herald* in search of them, not knowing what might have befallen them, as the weather had been very stormy,—another attempt of Satan, I believe, to hinder their coming to the general meeting. The cutter had reached Telina and the people could not be persuaded to leave there, so the *Advent Herald* returned without them.

Brother Gray and his party, who were on our launch *Minando* coming from the lagoon side of Gatukai, also were missing. The storm was too much for them and they had some trouble with the engine. Brother Radley, on the *Advent Herald*, finally found them on Segigi, ten miles farther on, and brought them all over.

On the third day of our meetings the cutter from Telina with her company arrived, and the chiefs—very influential ones, too—who were on board of her confessed that a spirit kept them from coming, and they were afraid to disobey; although they were worried at not being able to come, and so every now and then they kept asking the spirit to let them go. Finally, the spirit said yes, and they came. I believe the angels of God made that spirit say yes, or they would never have been allowed to come. It was a real victory, and they received blessings at the meetings, and heard and saw things they had never experienced before. There were twenty-seven of them thus held up by that tyrannical spirit.

On account of the bad weather, the *Advent Herald* had to go out again in another direction in search of others who had not turned up, and bring them in. Many came in their canoes, and finally all who were intending to come arrived safely on the grounds. What with the evil spirits and the bad weather, the first two days it seemed as if our first annual gathering would not be as well attended as we had hoped. But the weather finally changed and the last three days were perfect.

New Year's Day was given over to a pleasant picnic and innocent amusements, which all thoroughly enjoyed, and this helped to bind them together in closer friendship.

An impressive baptismal service closed our meetings on the sixth morning. It was very touching to see the first ten young people going into the watery grave, having cut loose from everything that so

recently bound them in iron chains to all that was satanic. We did not lower the standard to make it easier for them, but they themselves stepped eagerly forward and embraced the message with joy, although it means much persecution, some of which they have experienced already, thus proving themselves worthy of our brotherhood. These young people came from the Sasaghana, Telina, and Viru missions. Hundreds would follow were they properly instructed, and we do hope and pray that more workers and means to carry forward the work will be forthcoming to these fields.

G. F. JONES.

North New Zealand Camp- Meeting

EIGHTEEN years ago a camp-meeting was held in Wanganui, and a church was built soon after. At that time a lady, one not of our faith but with kindly feeling toward us, gave a block of land with a cottage on it to the conference, and on this the church was reared. With such evidences of sympathy and goodwill associated with the first camp, the conference committee felt that Wanganui should be visited again.

In approaching the owner of the grounds used by the Rugby Union, the same spirit of goodwill was manifested and the grounds with all their conveniences were freely lent without charge. The racecourse authorities next door also freely lent us the use of their conveniences.

Under these favourable omens the camp opened on January 15 and closed on the 27th of the month. It was the largest camp-meeting ever held in New Zealand. In spite of increased fares and costs generally, the people had come in greater numbers than ever. Surely nothing can hinder our people in their seeking after God.

Never at any gathering was a more loyal devotion shown to the business of a conference. The people were prompt and regular in their attendance, so that all the business was done by a full and interested delegation. To the visiting brethren especially this was encouraging. It proved the seriousness with which our people in New Zealand were relating themselves to their responsibilities.

One thing that greatly rejoiced us all was the presence of our boys who had been called up just a fortnight before the camp-meeting, for work on the state farms under the Military Service Act. It will be remembered by the RECORD readers that the government had decided that our young men should, in keeping with

their convictions, serve the nation in this way. Though only on the government farm a fortnight, they had been given ten days' leave to come to the conference, and they all gladly availed themselves of the privilege. It all helped to demonstrate how God is prepared to open the way for His people, under any circumstance, to attend the annual feast.

The workers all had interesting and encouraging reports to present. Through the military exigencies the conference had attached most of its workers to churches and the fruit of this was shown in the unity of our people and workers. The president, Pastor Pascoe, spoke encouragingly in his report of the work that had been done. Increases of substantial sums were noted in all lines of offerings. The outlook for the coming year is hopeful, and on past evidences of the Lord's blessing many advance moves should mark the history of the year that is before us.

A new pavilion had been provided for the conference and public meetings, and this rain-proof cover was acceptable indeed after many years of uncertainty under leaky canvas. The Lord poured out His blessings richly. On both Sabbaths the Spirit of God worked on hearts. The first Sabbath in response to the call many came forward, especially of the young people, and some found the Lord for the first time.

The young people's tent was daily filled with an earnest company of young men and women. The testimony meetings were responded to readily and we heard many definite expressions of blessings received and victories gained by the young folk. The children's meetings were likewise blessed.

The attendance of outsiders increased steadily, and on the last Sunday night the pavilion was filled to overflowing with an earnest congregation, listening intently to the reasons why Adventists keep the Sabbath. Brethren Brittain, Reynolds, and Nilsson will continue the effort in Wanganui.

The spirit of liberality was never more fully displayed than on the last Thursday morning of the camp, when £700 was given in pledges for the Oroua Missionary School. It overjoyed us all to see the support that our New Zealand brethren gave in this substantial offering for their educational institution. At the meeting following this, £32 was donated for the distribution of literature

through the post to those who could not be reached in any other way. At the camp Sabbath-school a sum of £25 was taken up on the two Sabbaths as an offering for missions.

On the last Sunday morning, in the Gonville public baths, over twenty candidates followed their Lord in baptism. It was especially gratifying to see so many young people take this solemn step of a closer relationship with their Master.

Throughout good weather favoured us and when the camp closed we all felt that we had passed through one of the best seasons of spiritual refreshment. Our prayers go out to Pastor Pascoe and his fellow-workers, that the Lord may richly bless their efforts for the coming year. Our loyal people, too, are determined to press the battle to the gates and witness the performance of great things for God.

CECIL K. MEYERS.

Avondale

DOES the Lord still have His hand over the work at Avondale?

Would that all could have been at the late church business meeting—the last for the year 1917. Figures are said to be uninteresting, but they tell a story, a wonderful story of God's goodness and love. Let us review some of the reports given at that meeting.

The church clerk told us that we had a membership of 360 at the close of 1917, and that this number was a fair average for the whole year. The treasurer's report showed that tithes amounting to £1,395 had been received, and that £650 had been given to missions during the year. All the local church funds stood with good credit balances.

Books, tracts, papers, and periodicals to the value of £115 had been purchased by our members. Much of this literature has been spread broadcast, and we are looking for God to fulfil His promise, that His word shall not return unto Him void.

The Avondale Dorcas Society is a live one, and its members are well versed in the art of patching, darning, and mending. Every week this faithful company meet, and during the year over one thousand garments have been mended. Their work is much appreciated by the young men of the college.

Gospel services have been held at Martinsville and at Morisset, and as a result of these meetings, some are now rejoicing in the message, while

others are still in the valley of decision. House-to-house work has been done with tracts, and two state schools have been visited every week. The children of these schools look forward to the visits, for they enjoy the Bible stories and are willing to respond to the kindness shown by the workers.

The missionary spirit has taken possession of our Sabbath-school, as manifested by the liberal offerings.

A branch school is held every Sabbath afternoon at Lake Macquarie and this is well attended.

Truly God has been here by His Spirit. Dangers have threatened, and at times it seemed as though the enemy would come in and overthrow the work, but God has heard prayer and put His arm around it, and all has been well.

Without has been strife and war with financial distress, but God has prospered His work and to Him would we ascribe all the praise and glory for

"A year of precious blessings,
And glorious vict'ries won,—
Of earnest work progressing,
Its onward course has run;
To Thee, O God, our Refuge,
Whose goodness crowns our days,
Within Thy earthly temple,
We lift our souls in praise."

EVA A. ESCREET.

Adelaide Young People's Societies

AS we review the way the Lord has blessed us in our young people's work during the past quarter, it is with feelings of gratitude that we write this account of our sale of work, which took place in December and helped materially in raising funds for the *Melanesia*.

It was decided that the five societies in the metropolitan area combine in a sale of work to be held for the benefit of the mission boat. Accordingly, "Busy Bee" meetings were held in connection with each society, and all worked their hardest to make the evening a success. As it was nearing Christmas time, articles were made that would be useful for presents and inexpensive, and which we knew would sell readily.

We were fortunate in securing the Council Chambers of the Trades Hall, situated in the same street as the conference office and convenient to all. This was let to us at a very reasonable figure, and the secretary deducted 7s. 6d. from the usual price when told that our sale was for missionary purposes. This hall is the same building in which we had our "Rally" in August, and the people seem very favourable towards us.

The body of the hall was fitted up with chairs, and a slightly raised platform at one end served for seating the choir. From the wall at this end hung our banner, with the words in bright letters visible to all: "The Advent Message to All the World in This

Generation," and our motto, "The Love of Christ Constraineth Us." Pastor Turner acted as chairman. The programme opened with an anthem by the choir, followed by prayer and a brief history of the young people's work given by the chairman. Several recitations and musical items were given by members of the different societies, and an anthem rendered by the choir concluded the programme.

Opportunity to inspect the different stalls was then given the visitors who filled the hall. They quickly availed themselves of this opportunity, and soon those in charge became salesmen in real earnest. The six different stalls, each filled with useful things, were tastefully decorated with asparagus fern, and everything looked bright and cheery. One little boy had an eye to business by using his silkworms to bring him money for the missions. The raw silk neatly wound and tied with pretty ribbon sold readily. Four out of the six stalls were sold out in a remarkably short time. Everything was conducted in an orderly manner, so that no objection could be taken to the evening.

All seemed satisfied with the success of the evening. We appreciated the help of willing hands in the preparation of the hall, and in all that was done to make the effort the success it was. When we deducted the expenses, such as cost of the hall, license, and a little that was spent on materials, we found that we had £25 to donate to the *Melanesia Boat Fund*.

We feel thankful to the Lord, for He it was who blessed us, and without His help we could not have accomplished so much. This is the best sale we have had in Adelaide, and it has helped us to realize that when we do our best for the Lord He always does His part, and His cause is benefited. Truly there is joy in service for the Lord, and in the earth made new we shall see souls saved as the result of our young people's offerings to missions. It is our earnest desire that the interest manifested by the young people of Adelaide during the past quarter may continue through this new year, and that souls may be won as the result of earnest work in the Master's service.

G. E. COLLINS.

Sabbath-school Department, Queensland

ANOTHER year of successful effort in the Queensland Sabbath-school Department has drawn to a close and the results to hand show that each quarter of 1917 has in itself constituted a record.

At the beginning of the year we had 21 Sabbath-schools in this state with a total membership of 630. Our schools now number 27 and we have 779 members enrolled, 181 of these being isolated members.

The largest school is connected with South Brisbane, one of our city churches. Here we have a membership of 126, the junior and primary divisions numbering 55, the little school-room being well-filled with bright faces each Sabbath. The number has increased so much during the year that it has been necessary to transfer many of the older members of the junior division into the senior. The marked advancement of this school is mainly accounted for by the efforts of the city mission workers who have been labouring on the south side of

the city. At the same time, we believe much credit is due to the officers of this school, as they conduct a bright teachers' meeting each week and see that the department is provided with necessary equipment such as blackboard, picture roll, and memory verse cards.

Encouraging improvement is also noticed in the promptness of our members. This past quarter we received names of 154 members entitled to perfect attendance cards, and during the year there were 28 members who received bookmarks as an acknowledgment of a year's perfect record. Eleven of these bookmarks found their way to the Sabbath-school in North Brisbane.

The offerings to missions from this department reveal the gratitude of God's people to a large extent. These have amounted to £437 for the year showing an increase of more than £100 over those of the previous year. The last report shows £129 for the quarter's offering, £26 of this coming from our isolated members.

Owing to flood conditions in the Northern districts of our state, our reports were not quite complete when sent in at the close of the quarter. Missing reports have since been received with accounts of the Lord's wonderful dealings with those in the storm-smitten areas. Many interesting experiences have been related and our people have proved the Lord's promises to protect them in times of danger.

Thirteen members were baptized during the quarter, and, as the aim of our schools is to win souls for the kingdom, we trust they will each prove a great power to this end, during the year just entered upon.

H. OSBORNE, *Secretary*.

The Sydney Sanitarium

SANITARIUM life reminds one of Tennyson's poem, "The Brook." "Men may come and men may go" but sanitarium life goes on just the same. There is no let up in the kitchen or treatment rooms. During the past year the workers have been kept very busy attending to the six hundred patients who have patronized the institution.

Among our patients we have found ministers of the gospel, members of parliament and their wives, merchants, eminent musicians, and school teachers. These have come mostly from New South Wales, but all the states have been represented.

One group of patients will seem sober-minded, but in a week or two these give place to others whose hearts are evidently set on this world alone.

It is interesting to hear the comparisons many of our patients make between the sanitarium and other institutions they have attended, but always in favour of the Sanitarium. One gentleman said he had never met with such attention and civility before. He visited our church and handed a cheque to some of our workers to help in our mission work.

Another gentleman, the head of a department in a large wholesale business in Sydney, who has been a patient for several months, has accepted the third angel's message, and is awaiting baptism. A good number of others have shown considerable interest in the truth, and we hope that the interest will be deepened by the Spirit of God as they return to their homes. One talented young lady who had a wonderful recovery from a long sickness, declared that henceforth she intends to serve the Lord. Another who had been somewhat under the power of Spiritualism, and had been offered lucrative positions by the government, declared that she intended to give herself to missionary work. Many of the patients attend our meetings in the parlour where gospel themes are presented. During several weeks of the year we had studies on the books of Daniel and Revelation with the patients in the lounge room. Some were deeply interested. As workers with and for the Lord we delight in seeking to help these poor souls.

A neat cottage has been built beside the gymnasium for the accommodation of our male nurses, and also a shaded one-room building for the night watchman. These will be greatly appreciated by the workers and were very much needed.

Although vacation is a busy time in our institution, with fruit-canning, cleaning, etc., the sanitarium continues full of patients. For this we all feel grateful, and pray our Lord to send upon us the spirit of supplication and to teach us each day how to submit to the working of His good Spirit that the work here may be a continual success. Pray for the sanitarium and its sister institutions.

W. J. SMITH.

Notes from the Publishing House

THE publishing house at Warburton is at present sending out, on an average, over two tons of literature weekly.

The two new medical books, "Ladies' Handbook" and "Children's Diseases," are having a very large sale.

The autumn number of *Life and Health* is just ready for distribution. We are developing aggressive plans in connection with this good magazine. We hope to receive the active co-operation of all. A prospectus for the next twelve months will be issued shortly.

The average monthly output of our bindery is over 2,500 large books and 4,000 helps.

We are just about to publish two new tracts; one on the Jewish question, dealing

with the matter from the present political standpoint, reprinted from a recent number of the *Review and Herald*, and the other from the pen of Pastor Sharp entitled, "The Seal of God and Mark of the Beast." Both of these tracts will be welcomed by our workers.

Splendid reports have been received from Pastor Meyers regarding advance Home Mission moves in New Zealand.

The South Australian subscription book summary for January just received totals nearly £600—a record for that state.

Four of our employees have sold in the surrounding towns and districts about 300 copies of "Beyond Death's Barricade."

The new Home Mission workers' outfit is being received most enthusiastically by our churches. The case holds six of our small publications, such as "World War," "Crisis," etc., and although worth 15s. each, being made of full leather, it is given free if six dozen books are purchased or sold. Hundreds of our church workers should be using this case in the "Finish the Work Campaign."

We are just about to publish a series of four new purity books by Miss Ina L. Austin. They are entitled "How Alyce Was Told at Six," "What Alyce Learnt at Nine," "Alyce on the Threshold," and "Alyce in the Country of Teens." These, with "Almost a Man" and "Almost a Woman" will complete a most valuable series on this important question.

Four issues of four-page *Signs Extras* will be printed during the coming year, on real live, present truth subjects. We are offering to mail twelve copies of each issue (forty-eight copies in all), to Commonwealth and New Zealand addresses for 2s. 6d. Orders have already been received for thousands of copies. These little papers should be scattered "like the leaves of autumn."

The sale of "World War" is increasing every week. This is one of the best little books ever published.

Over 30,000 copies of the last *Outlook* have been sold. We are just about to commence work on a new number entitled "The Other Side of Death."

We have an immense stock of paper sufficient for eighteen months supply of our literature, and have just ordered an additional thousand reams, which will keep us going till the beginning of 1920.

W. H. B. MILLER.

IF Christ, the heavenly Vine, has taken the believer as a branch, then He has pledged Himself, in the very nature of things, to supply the sap and spirit and nourishment to make it bring forth fruit.—*Andrew Murray*.

"It is a duty to know how to preserve the body in the very best condition of health, and it is a sacred duty to live up to the light which God has graciously given. If we close our eyes to the light for fear we shall see our wrongs which we are unwilling to forsake, our sins are not lessened but increased. If light is turned from in one case, it will be disregarded in another. It is just as much sin to violate the laws of our being, as it is to break one of the ten commandments, for we cannot do either without breaking God's law. We cannot love the Lord with all our heart, mind, and strength, while we are loving our appetites and tastes a good deal better than we love the Lord."—*Testimonies for the Church, Vol. II, page 70.*

Tell Me About the Master

Tell me about the Master,
I am weary and worn to-night;
The day lies behind me in shadow,
And only the evening is light—
Light with a radiant glory
That lingers about the west;
My poor heart is a-weary, a-weary,
And longs, like a child, for rest.

Tell me about the Master,
Of the wrongs He freely forgave,
Of His love and tender compassion,
Of His love that is mighty to save;
For my heart is a-weary, a-weary
Of the woes and temptations of life,
Of the error that stalks in the noonday,
Of falsehood, and malice, and strife.

Yet I know that whatever of sorrow
Or pain or temptation befall,
The Infinite Master has suffered,
And knoweth and pitieth all.
So tell me the sweet old story,
That falls on each wound like a balm,
And my heart, that was bruised and
broken,
Shall grow patient, and strong, and
calm.

—Selected.

Obituaries

CROKER.—John Hammond Croker, aged fifty-six, died of tuberculosis on February 6, at the Waterfall Sanatorium. He leaves two sons and three daughters to mourn his loss, to whom we extend our sincere sympathy. E. S. BUTZ.

CLAYTON.—Brother Anthony Clayton died at his home in Croydon, New South Wales, on January 7, 1918, at the age of eighty-four. Brother Clayton embraced the Adventist faith twenty-three years ago, since which time he has rejoiced in the blessed hope of the soon-coming Saviour. He leaves a wife and one son to mourn his loss. E. S. BUTZ.

ROBINSON.—Little Gordon Robinson of Concord, New South Wales, aged eighteen months, died on January 26, after an illness of only five days. The sorrowing parents take comfort in the hope of having Gordon soon restored to them when the Saviour shall come and call forth His own. The experience has been a hard one; but it has been used of God to beget in the heart of the father the determination to serve Him and be ready to meet Gordon in the morning of the first resurrection. They sorrow not as others who have no hope. E. S. BUTZ.

HANCOCK.—After an illness of some months' duration, Brother Richard Hancock passed away at his residence, Eungai, December 19, 1917. An affection of the chest, culminating in heart asthma, was the immediate cause of death. The last few weeks Brother Hancock suffered much, and bore it with Christian fortitude, surrendering fully to the Master, who doeth all things well. Brother Bullas was instrumental in bringing our dear brother to the light of present truth about eight years ago, and Sister Hancock and family are still holding the fort in their district. A short time before the end came, Pastor Cole visited him, much to his spiritual uplifting, and the writer had the privilege of several visits

with him as the end drew near. We laid him to rest in the Eungai Cemetery, there to await the coming of Him who has the keys of death and the grave.

P. B. RUDGE.

FISH.—Sister Maria Fish, of Norfolk Island, fell asleep in Christ on January 19, 1918, after an illness of twelve months. The dread disease consumption claimed her as a victim, and although every effort was made on her behalf, she gradually sank. Sister Fish, who was the youngest daughter of Pastor Alfred Nobbs, leaves a husband, three little children, and brothers and sisters to mourn their loss. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord." Hers truly was a blessed end. She died in a most excellent frame of mind, fully trusting in the cleansing power of the blood of Christ. A week before her own death, her little daughter twelve months old died of meningitis. Her comment when the sad stroke came was, "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord." Her last words before she peacefully fell asleep were, "The eternal God is my refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms." She greatly wished to be re-baptized if the Lord would give her sufficient strength; but it was not to be. On the occasion of her receiving the ordinances a few days before her death, she was greatly comforted with the words, "He that is washed needeth not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit." As is customary on Norfolk, nearly the whole island turned out to the funeral. Brother Wright and the writer conducted the services at the house and by the grave, when the beautiful hope of the resurrection and the certainty of God's promises were presented and much appreciated by the people. We ask the prayers of the readers on behalf of this poor brother and his little children who are so sorely bereaved. A. H. FERRIS.

Wanted

BY a young Sabbath-keeping sister who has recently accepted the faith, position in S. D. A. home near Sydney, to do general house work. Address Miss Powick, C/o Mrs. A. Duffy, Dural Rd., West Pennant Hills, N. S. W.

Western Australian Conference

NOTICE is hereby given that the sixteenth annual session of the Western Australian Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in conjunction with the camp-meeting at Midland, from March 7 to 17, 1918. The Constitution provides that all church members in good and regular standing are delegates to the Conference. We earnestly desire that all who can do so will attend this gathering, and join us in seeking God for an outpouring of His Spirit, remembering the instruction of His Word, "not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, . . . and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching."

A. W. CORMACK,
President.

"It is only into the thirst of an empty soul that the streams of living waters flow. Ever thirsting is the secret of never thirsting."

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BROTHER R. G. COOPER, a graduate nurse from the Sydney Sanitarium, has been invited to engage in field work for the Victorian Conference, and for this purpose left Wahroonga February 4.

BROTHER CHEVY MOLA, who has been a student at the Australasian Missionary College for several years, recently left for New Zealand where he is to take up an appointment in the office of the North New Zealand Conference.

THE tent mission at Midland Junction, Western Australia, where Brethren Robinson, Hellestrand, and Simpson are located, is being well attended. Last Sunday night the tent was well filled and there were almost as many outside as were inside.

SISTER W. W. FLETCHER and her two little girls arrived in Melbourne January 10, having left India four days prior to Pastor Fletcher's departure for the General Conference. Brother Fletcher expects to spend a little time visiting and attending meetings in China on his way to San Francisco.

THE Western Australian camp-meeting, which is to be held March 7-17, promises to be a good one in every respect. A large number of tent orders have already been sent in. For the second time in the history of our work in the West, a camp is planned to be located on the same site as the previous one in the same township.

WE are pleased to record the departure of another missionary to the island field, in the person of Miss Emily Koglin, a graduate nurse from the Sydney Sanitarium. For some time Sister Koglin has been connected with the work of the Health Food Company in Sydney. She sailed on the *S. S. Mendimi* en route to the Solomon Islands and will join our band of workers in the Marovo Lagoon.

THE Victorian camp-meeting opened on February 12 with the largest attendance that that conference has ever witnessed, there being one hundred and thirty-five tents pitched in the encampment. Pastors Anderson, Snow, and Meyers, and Dr. Sherwin and Sister A. L. Hindson are in attendance as representatives of the Union Conference.

FROM a report received from Brother Von Der Hyde, leader of the Fremantle missionary society, we learn that a large amount of work has been accomplished during the past year by the members of this society. On an average each member has paid five missionary visits weekly, sold or given ten papers in the same time, and worked extensively with tracts. This certainly indicates a spirit of earnestness on the part of the members.

THE New South Wales treasurer reports a record amount received as tithes and offerings for the quarter closed December 31. The gross receipts total £3,105 17s. 2½d. The tithe, which amounts to £1,888 is over £350 larger, and the Sabbath-school offerings are £40 higher, than those received during the corresponding quarter of the previous year. This is an encouraging evidence of God's blessing and an indication of faithfulness on the part of His stewards.

SOON after arriving in Burma in September last, it was necessary for Sister Fulton to undergo a serious operation. In writing from India on November 11, Pastor Fulton says, "You will be glad to hear that Sister Fulton has recovered from her operation. After twenty-four days she was out of the hospital, and is now walking about and able to do light work. It is really wonderful the good recovery she has made, and we feel very thankful. We feel sure that she will now have better health than for years." We know that the many friends of Brother and Sister Fulton will be glad to get this word.

SISTER LYNDON writes from Tahiti: "My husband met a very interested man to-day from Mangareva. He understands a great deal of our truth. He is a Frenchman but speaks German and broken English. He gave Mr. Lyndon ten dollars and said he wanted the worth of it in our literature. He wants some periodicals to distribute among the people in Mangareva. He is a storekeeper on that island." It is good to know that God is opening the way before us on this distant and lonely island—the nearest neighbour to Pitcairn, and the field to which Brother and Sister Adams have been appointed.

RECENTLY while on a visit to Kalgoorlie, Pastor A. W. Cormack baptized six persons who had accepted the truth as the result of mission work that is being carried forward by Brother A. H. Britten and Sister E. Sawyer. This makes nearly thirty persons who have been added to the Kalgoorlie church during the past three years. A little over a year ago the members of this church purchased a neat and comfortable church building, and already this has been paid for. Now they have purchased another building which is to be removed to the site of the church, and when some necessary alterations have been made, this will be used as a church school building. The Lord has certainly blessed His work on the goldfields.

ONE of our church elders in the West writes thus of his work in the campaign with the relief book, "Beyond Death's Barriers." "Of the hundred copies you sent to me I have sold ninety-nine. I had a real good time with the book, and had it not been that I was so busy with my own work I should have wired for another twenty-five to be sent to me at Wagin, as half of the township was yet unworked. A minister, to whom I had sold a copy previously, came across the street to speak to me. I asked him what he thought of the book, and he said it was one of the best works he had ever seen on that subject. His testimony helped me to sell others. I met with some who had borrowed books that I sold there on my first visit, and three homes had received the book from Fremantle by post or purchased a copy in Perth. Thus you see that they are finding their way into these country towns."

Notes from Queensland

WE give thanks unto the Lord for the prosperity that has attended the work in the Queensland Conference during the past months. Bountiful rains have fallen, and so have showers of the Holy Spirit, and the result has been encouraging.

Since the camp-meeting held in Brisbane last September, the city mission workers, under Pastor E. B. Rudge, report over thirty as having taken their stand for the truth of God. The workers have been kept exceptionally busy, and the interest remains good.

Encouraging news comes from the Gayndah Mission in the charge of Brother L. E. Newbold. The new company of Sabbath-keepers is being established in the truth, and a new effort has been commenced at Woodmiller, a short distance from Gayndah.

A new tent mission has been commenced in the town of Murwillumbah, on the Tweed River, New South Wales, which territory is now under the control of the Queensland Conference. Brother B. Cormack, who has associated with him Brother J. J. Crammond, reports excellent attendances for the first meetings of the mission.

Some changes have been made in our staff of labourers. Brother and Sister Maurice Smith, who recently arrived from Victoria, have accepted a call to labour in Townsville. Brother C. E. Hames has been called to the city work from the Tract Society, and Brother A. Heuschele, one of our successful colporteurs, has also connected with the evangelistic work in the city. Brother C. Tinworth is taking the secretaryship of the Tract Society, and Miss E. Appleton, of Brisbane, has taken up stenographic duties in the office.

The blessing of the Lord has been especially manifest in the revenue of our conference. The faithfulness of God's people in giving to Him a tithe of their increase has yielded by far a record in tithes for one quarter. For the quarter ending December 31, 1917, the treasury received £961 13s. 1d., showing a gain of £374 16s. 5d. over the corresponding quarter for 1916. This is £280 15s. 9d. above any previous record. We are grateful for this token of the favour of God upon His people.

Australia has been shocked by the fearful calamity that has befallen Mackay and Rockhampton, on the coast of Queensland, caused by floods, cyclones, and a tidal wave. We are pleased to inform our people the lives of our people in these districts have been spared, although much loss of property and inconvenience has been experienced.

The intensity of the times in which we are living calls for a speeding up in every branch of God's work. To cope with the opening providences of the Lord, and to meet the demands made upon us, we must consecrate every resource to the Master for the finishing of the work.

H. E. PIPER.

"THE soul in which the wondrous combination of perfect passivity with the highest activity is most completely realized, has the deepest experience of what the Christian life is."