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True Sympathy

With earthly friends I cannot trust the woe
That lies entombed within my aching
heart;
For they know not the cause that placed it
so.

Words could relate the story but in part.
They could not realize how rough the way
O'er which I've travelled seems. No two
lives tread
The selfsame road. The thorns I found to-
day

Pierced not their feet until they pained
and bled.

But there is One in whom I may confide,
A trusted Saviour, ever kind and true.
With confidence I linger near His side,
And tell my saddened story calmly
through.

He listens. Then He sweetly says: "Dear
child,
Those same thorns pierced your Elder
Brother's feet.

'Twas I who travelled through the desert
wild;
I struggled through its sands of burning
heat."

Oh, yes, I've found that He can sympathize.
My pain is His. He understands the
strife

That moves within my soul ere evil dies.
He knows my longings for a holy life.
And so I am content to trust His love,
And prove His matchless power day by
day;

For I have heard, in whispers from above,
That Christ is still the helpless sinner's
stay.

MABEL CORINNE CRAKER.

The Seal of God

1. WHAT is the great lesson to be
learned at this time?

"In every case the great decision is to be
made whether we shall receive the mark of
the beast or his image, or the seal of the
living God."—*Testimonies for the Church*,
Vol. VI, p. 130.

2. What is the seal of God?

"The Sabbath is not introduced as a new
institution, but as having been founded at

creation. It is to be remembered and ob-
served as the memorial of the Creator's work.
Pointing to God as the maker of the heavens
and the earth, it distinguishes the true God
from all false gods. All who keep the
seventh day, signify by this act that they are
worshippers of Jehovah. Thus the Sabbath
is the sign of man's allegiance to God as
long as there are any upon the earth to
serve Him. The fourth commandment is
the only one of all the ten in which are
found both the name and the title of the
Lawgiver. It is the only one that shows by
whose authority the law is given. Thus it
contains the seal of God, affixed to His law
as evidence of its authenticity and binding
force."—*"Patriarchs and Prophets,"* p.
293.

3. In what way is the fourth com-
mandment set apart from the others?

"In the ark was the golden pot of manna,
Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of
stone, which folded together like a book.
Jesus opened them, and I saw the ten com-
mandments written on them with the finger
of God. On one table were four, and on
the other six. The four on the first table
shone brighter than the other six. But the
fourth, the Sabbath commandment, shone
above them all; for the Sabbath was set
apart to be kept in honour of God's holy
name. The holy Sabbath looked glorious
—a halo of glory was all around it."—
"Early Writings," pp. 32, 33.

4. How must God's people regard
sin before they can receive God's
seal?

"The true people of God, who have the
spirit of the work of the Lord, and the sal-
vation of souls at heart, will ever view sin
in its real, sinful character. They will al-
ways be on the side of faithful and plain
dealing with sins which easily beset the peo-
ple of God. Especially in the closing work
for the church, in the sealing time of the
one hundred and forty-four thousand who
are to stand without fault before the throne
of God, will they feel most deeply the
wrongs of God's professed people."—*"Testi-
monies for the Church,"* Vol. III, p. 226.

5. Upon whom alone will the seal
of God be placed?

"The seal of God will be placed upon the
foreheads of those only who sigh and cry
for the abominations done in the land."—
"Testimonies for the Church," Vol. V,
p. 212.

6. Will all who profess to keep the
Sabbath be sealed?

"Not all who profess to keep the Sabbath
will be sealed. There are many even among
those who teach the truth to others who
will not receive the seal of God in their fore-
heads. They had the light of truth, they
knew their Master's will, they understood
every point of our faith, but they had not
corresponding works. These who were so
familiar with prophecy and the treasures of
divine wisdom, should have acted their faith.
They should have commanded their house-
holds after them, that by a well-ordered
family they might present to the world the
influence of the truth upon the human
heart."—*"Testimonies for the Church,"*
Vol. V, pp. 213, 214.

7. What must we remedy in order
to receive this seal?

"Not one of us will ever receive the seal
of God while our characters have one spot
or stain upon them. It is left with us to
remedy the defects in our characters, to
cleanse the soul temple of every defilement.
Then the latter rain will fall upon us as
the early rain fell upon the disciples on the
day of Pentecost."—*"Testimonies for the
Church,"* Vol. V, p. 214.

8. Upon whom will the seal never
be placed?

"Now is the time to prepare. The seal
of God will never be placed upon the fore-
head of an impure man or woman. It will
never be placed upon the forehead of the
ambitious, world-loving man or woman. It
will never be placed upon the forehead of
men or women of false tongues or deceit-
ful hearts. All who receive the seal must
be without spot before God—candidates
for heaven."—*"Testimonies for the
Church,"* Vol. V, p. 216.

9. What was held back by Jesus?

"I saw four angels who had a work to do
on the earth, and were on their way to ac-

compish it. Jesus was clothed with priestly garments. He gazed in pity on the remnant, then raised His hands, and with a voice of deep pity cried, 'My blood, Father, My blood, My blood, My blood!' Then I saw an exceeding bright light come from God, who sat upon the great white throne, and was shed all about Jesus. Then I saw an angel with a commission from Jesus, swiftly flying to the four angels who had a work to do on the earth, and waving something up and down in his hand, and crying with a loud voice, 'Hold! Hold! Hold! Hold! until the servants of God are sealed in their foreheads.'—"*Early Writings*," p. 38.

10. To whom was this mercy extended?

"I asked my accompanying angel the meaning of what I heard, and what the four angels were about to do. He said to me that it was God that restrained the powers, and that He gave His angels charge over things on the earth; that the four angels had power from God to hold the four winds, and that they were about to let them go; but while their hands were loosening, and the four winds were about to blow, the merciful eye of Jesus gazed on the remnant that were not sealed, and He raised His hands to the Father, and pleaded with Him that He had spilled His blood for them. Then another angel was commissioned to fly swiftly to the four angels, and bid them hold, until the servants of God were sealed with the seal of the living God in their foreheads."—"*Early Writings*," p. 38.

11. Will this interval be of long duration?

"The Lord has shown me the danger of letting our minds be filled with worldly thoughts and cares! I saw that some minds are led away from present truth and a love of the Holy Bible, by reading other exciting books; others are filled with perplexity and care for what they shall eat, drink, and wear. Some are looking too far off for the coming of the Lord. Time has continued a few years longer than they expected, therefore they think it may continue a few years more, and in this way their minds are being led from present truth, out after the world. In these things I saw great danger; for if the mind is filled with other things, present truth is shut out, and there is no place in our foreheads for the seal of the living God. I saw that the time for Jesus to be in the most holy place was nearly finished, and that time can last but a very little longer. What leisure time we have should be spent in searching the Bible, which is to judge us in the last day. My dear brethren and sisters, let the commandments of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ be in your minds continually, and let them crowd out worldly thoughts and cares. When you lie down and when you rise up, let them be your meditation. Live and act wholly in reference to the coming of the Son of man. The sealing time is very short, and will soon be over. Now is the time, while the four angels are holding the four winds, to make our calling and election sure."—"*Early Writings*," p. 58.

12. Through what must God's people pass in order to be fitted to receive the seal?

"We must deny self all along the way, die to self daily, let Jesus alone appear, and keep His glory continually in view. I saw that those who of late have embraced the truth would have to know what it is to suffer for Christ's sake, that they would have trials to pass through that would be keen and cutting, in order that they may be purified, and fitted through suffering to receive the seal of the living God, pass through the time of trouble, see the King in His beauty, and dwell in the presence of God and of pure, holy angels."—"*Early Writings*," p. 67.

13. What is Satan doing during this sealing time?

"Satan is now using every device in this sealing time to keep the minds of God's people from the present truth, and to cause them to waver."—"*Early Writings*," p. 43.

14. Before what time must all soul-winning work be done?

"When Jesus leaves the sanctuary, then they who are holy and righteous, will be holy and righteous still; for all their sins will then be blotted out, and they will be sealed with the seal of the living God. But those that are unjust and filthy, will be unjust and filthy still; for then there will be no Priest in the sanctuary to offer their sacrifices, their confessions, and their prayers before the Father's throne. Therefore what is done to rescue souls from the coming storm of wrath, must be done before Jesus leaves the most holy place of the heavenly sanctuary."—"*Early Writings*," p. 48.

EDITH M. GRAHAM.

The Workers' Institute in Korea

THERE was a good attendance at the institute held recently in Seoul, Korea. The daily programme provided for five lessons, and in addition to these, one hour was devoted each afternoon to individual study of the lessons given by Professor Prescott. As this was followed by a review conducted by one of our Korean evangelists, the lessons learned and the experiences gained will, we feel sure, have a lasting influence upon the lives and work of all attending these meetings. The leading study conducted by Professor Prescott dealt especially with the life and work of Christ. These lessons were presented in such a clear, simple manner that they could not fail to give the student a broader vision of the plan of salvation, and thus with the opening up of the Word of truth there came to all a deeper experience in the love and goodness of God, and an earnest desire for a closer walk with Christ, and greater usefulness in His service.

In view of the solemn appeals that come to us through the Spirit of Prophecy concerning the necessity for planning work for all believers, special attention was given to the church missionary work. The importance of ministers and church elders teaching and helping every church member to take an active part in soul-winning work, and the ways and means whereby every church may become the centre of aggressive work in giving this message to the people around them, were therefore dealt with very fully. There appeared to be a good response to this effort, and as lessons were

drawn from the "Testimonies" concerning the organization and the distribution of responsibility in connection with our home missionary work, we trust that results will be seen in increasing activity in our churches.

The interests of the publishing department, and the canvassing work in particular, were given due consideration in the institute. In addition to general instruction in such details which experience has proved to be helpful to the personal work of the canvasser, attention was given to the importance of every other worker gaining an experience in selling our literature: first with a view to enabling our ministers to help and encourage others to take up this important work; and also that the ministers themselves may become more efficient in personal work, and thus be better prepared to help men and women take their stand to serve God fully in this message.

The management of the Soonan school arranged for a short vacation at this time, so that the teachers and as many students as possible might have the privilege of attending part of the workers' meeting, and also the annual session of the conference, which was held immediately after the institute closed.

During this meeting we were much encouraged by the good reports which gave evidence of progress in every department of the conference. The work of our brethren in the ministry has been greatly blessed of God during the past year. Over one hundred baptisms have been reported, and many others have been converted and are now keeping the Sabbath. The Sabbath school Department shows good progress and reports a steady growth both in membership and donations. The publishing work is practically self-supporting, and it is most encouraging to note the success that has attended the work in this department.

The reports from the colporteurs tell of successful work and a steady increase in the output of literature, and many of these workers have proved themselves to be good soul-winners as well as successful salesmen.

We were glad to welcome to this conference Brother and Sister Klose, who arrived while the meetings were in progress. Korea has been waiting a long time for a worker to devote his whole time to the canvassing interests, and we feel assured that with the good experience Brother Klose is bringing to this field we shall soon see advance moves that will keep our publishing house busy and be the means of spreading the message more rapidly.

The outlook for educational work is very encouraging, and gives evidence of earnest, successful effort on the part of those who are responsible for the school work at Soonan. The conference has now made arrangements which we believe will greatly strengthen the work in the Soonan school, and be the means of placing the business of that institution on a basis where within reasonable time it will readily meet current expenses and provide for the salaries of the native teachers.

We feel that we have great cause for thankfulness to God for the blessing that is resting upon the cause in Korea, and we sincerely trust that as a result of the work done during this recent meeting, we shall in the immediate future see more rapid progress made and a large ingathering of souls for the glory of God.

J. M. JOHANSON.

Tent Work at Nagkarlang, Philippines

NAGKARLANG is situated about fifteen miles from San Pablo in a very prosperous coconut country. Ever since our meeting was held at San Pablo, many requests have come that we might hold some services at that place. Some few months ago, I visited the town and was very much impressed with the surroundings and the general interest of the people and we planned definitely then that as soon as possible we would send a tent there. About a month ago, Pastor Bibiano R. Panis, and Sixto Tolentino were sent with a tent to open up the work there. At first there was a great deal of rain that hindered them in their meetings, but yet the people came out to hear. Their meetings started with about two hundred people, but this gradually increased from night to night until now the whole town is greatly stirred. A few lines written in a private letter to me may be of interest. His letter is as follows:

Dear Brother Finster:

Without waiting for an answer to my first letter I thought it best to write another one telling you of the interest in our work here. I am sure you will be glad to see our work here, for indeed this is equal if not better than the San Pablo work. On week-days our attendance varies from four to five hundred people, and on Saturdays and Sundays it reaches to almost eight or nine hundred people. Brother Finster, I hope you will not forget to pray especially for the work here at Nagkarlang. It will be good if on your visit to the different churches you ask them to pray every day for our work here. The Lord is really going before us and is doing wonders. Ever since I have been connected with our work, I have never seen such an earnest attendance, and such a big crowd. Even the priest comes and, from a distance, tries to hear the sermon. The people wonder why those Catholics who never attend any meeting except the mass, come freely to our meetings with their cross, rosary, and images hanging on their necks. The priest does not hinder his pupils from attending our meetings. Everybody is at the tent at night. Can you not come next Saturday or Sunday, 27th or 28th, with your stereopticon? I will wait for you on either of those days.

The people are very Catholic. I have to change my programme. I do not follow the usual order of sermons that I give in other places. This is necessary in order not to lose the ear of the people. There is a great deal of difference in preaching before a mixed audience and in an audience of strict Catholics. I hope I will not make a mistake in the endeavour to present to them the truth as it should be given to this people so that many of them may be saved in His kingdom. I can clearly see now that much of the success of our work among the Catholics depends on how we present the truth to them. They are eager

and ready to listen, if we only know how to present it to them. So pray for us here.

We greatly rejoice with the opening that God is making for our work. We have calls for help from many places, and I believe we are now living in a time when we should expect great things from God.

L. V. FINSTER.

Solomon Islands

BEFORE leaving the Solomon Islands for Sydney, I laid the vessel *Melanesia* up in a safe and snug little harbour in Rendova Island, where our mission is located under Brother Maunder, who with the mission young people will look after her while Brother Radley is away on the *Advent Herald*. All sails were unbent, and ropes coiled away so as to preserve from being weather-worn during the excessive rains and winds at this season. The vessel was also covered with large coconut branches from stem to stern, to protect her decks and wood-work from the double effects of rain and intense heat of sun. We have done all we can to keep her ever new. I have felt very much relieved on the wild and stormy nights and days which we have had of late to know that she is snugly at anchor in a quiet, land-locked harbour.

On the Telina Mission in the Marovo Lagoon, we planned to plant food, as hardly any work of this kind had been done; and we cleared the remainder of Telina Island which belongs to the mission, and started planting it all with sweet potatoes and bananas. As the island has not the best soil, and is insufficient to supply food for the mission school, we obtained a lease of sixty acres more on the mainland, a few hundred yards away across the water. Having explained to the young people that it was improper for them to depend on the mission rice as they had hitherto, and that it would be more manly and better for them if they would all rally together and work every afternoon, besides the two hours of school work, and clear land and plant, they all gladly responded, and forthwith, that very hour, we all went over and began chopping down the thick bush and tall timber. Five acres or more have been cleared, but the very wet weather has hindered us from burning off as quickly as we desired. This is now being planted with sweet potatoes and taro. The good work continues cheerily, and we hope in the future to have an abundance of food on the mission. In addition to this the leaf roof was put on the new church, a launch house built over the water, a landing wharf rebuilt, walks made, and a native kitchen going up, etc. I never saw these young people so happy as now they are kept busy. The older people, too, are better pleased and are visiting the mission more. Brother and Sister Tutty are kept busy looking after all this, as well as giving a number of treatments every day. I held an examination in the school, and also celebrated the Lord's ordinances together with the baptized young people.

We spent the week of prayer at the Rendova mission and enjoyed the presence of the Holy Spirit. There also we had together the Lord's ordinances.

At Rendova a lot of planting was done in the beginning, as well as erecting the different buildings, so that now some food is being dug up every day.

The adversary, seeing that good work is going on here, is busy endeavouring to bring alienation among the people. I was glad to be there during some of this time, but the Lord is bringing out of it victory to the mission. We also dedicated the mission church.

At Viru the young people with Brother Gray have been working like Trojans, finishing the furnishing of their pretty and well-built new church ready for dedication. This I dedicated when there, and also had the ordinances for our baptized young people. They are getting ready also for our general annual meeting, which is to be held at Viru next January.

At Nono we spent an enjoyable Sabbath with the people in their new church, and dedicated the building at the same time.

Brother Radley and I ran up to Ramiada, forty miles from Telina, in the mission launch, and there we met those dear people who are clearing land for our mission. After having a meeting with them we came away.

As Brother Gray's three months at Viru were expired, where he works alternately with Gatukai, Brother Radley took the *Advent Herald* to bring him away and land him at Gatukai. Here also they have a nice church building, which was dedicated some time ago.

Brother Radley spent two weeks thoroughly overhauling the mission launch *Minando*, cleaning and painting it and repairing copper, and also the engine, which now works like a new one. He also spent three weeks on the *Advent Herald*, which needed the same kind of work. We have few idle moments; and in the midst of it all fever pays its periodical visits of woe, but only to see us arise again with a stronger courage to advance while we are strong and well.

G. F. JONES.

Central Polynesian Conference

SOMETIMES the shadows are deep and the path is rough to the object which we wish to obtain. Yet these shadows and rough places are necessary in the development of the work of God. Though we cannot always see, yet we must learn to trust the Hand that is guiding the universe.

We laid our plans to have the presence and help of our Union Conference president, Pastor Watson, at our Central Polynesian Conference session, held at Buresala, Oyalau, June 7-12. But on account of the delay of his steamer for two days, and then the unexpected refusal of our launch engine to operate when he did arrive, this privilege was denied us. Yet even out of what seemed to us defeat we believe that God has been working victory, although it was a great disappointment to us European workers and our native people. This experience drove us all nearer to the Lord, and led us to lean wholly on His wisdom and leadings. It gave us more tender feelings toward our native brethren and made us one.

Preceding the conference session, we held a meeting for our European workers for one week. It was a helpful meeting, and as one said, "It has given me a new vision of my work and relations to my fellow-workers,

and I go back to my field with a courage born of heaven."

There were over two hundred of our native believers in attendance at the conference. Samoa was represented by Pastor Steed and his wife; and Tonga by Henele Maafu, as Brother and Sister Thorpe could not leave their school work until some one can be sent to relieve them. Pastor Carr also could not attend, as the work at Niue needs careful attention just now. We were sorry that these brethren could not be here, but trust that next year nothing will prevent a full representation of our conference divisions.

Everything went on like clockwork in our committees and in the business of the conference. We were able to do in a very short time what it generally takes a much longer time to accomplish. The reason for this lies in the fact that we were heart-to-heart, and we saw eye-to-eye. When the meeting closed we were loath to separate.

native workers to the general gathering. We believe that this institute has been a help and strength to our workers, and that they have returned to the field with greater courage and confidence.

C. H. PARKER.

Final Results of Warburton Church Ingathering Effort

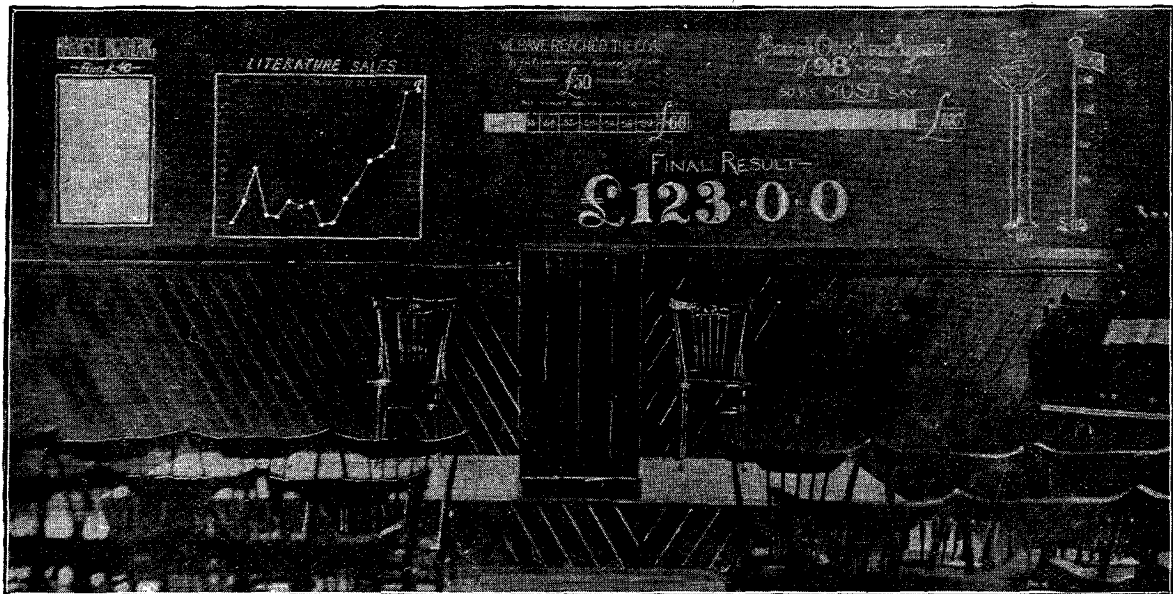
IF you wish to know why we want to report these results, just look carefully at the accompanying miniature reproduction of the blackboard in our office chapel, and then follow us in a short explanation of the diagrams and a brief account of our interesting experiences.

The aim set for us by the conference was £40. The chart shown to the extreme left contained forty squares, each representing £1. How could we possibly manage to collect £40? This was the query of all on the

names we obtained from various sources—canvassers' order stubs, magazine lists, directories, etc. Here was an outlet for the pent-up desire of many who had no friends or relatives to approach and for whom we had no territory. The cost of postage on this section of the effort was gladly subscribed to.

It was certainly a shot at a venture. But that little company bowed earnestly around those precious bundles of mail, sending them forth on the wings of faith and prayer. Numbers of the "strangers" proved to be friends. Over seventy opened their purse strings and gave liberally, remitting to us through the post. Eighty replies were received, the total amount sent being £26 10s.—an average remittance of 6s. 8d., or 1s. 1d. for every one of the 487 persons thus approached.

But what about our blackboard? The diagrams were watched daily with increasing interest. The receipts had reached al-



During the fiscal year the number of Sabbath-keepers in Fiji has increased by one hundred in the districts where our work had previously been established. Besides these a large number have embraced the truth in some new districts; I cannot give the exact figures now. Over forty have been baptized in Fiji, and a number in Samoa, Tonga, and Niue.

At this conference we were able to appoint our first colporteur to the general work of selling our literature. We pray for much grace to foster this step, and that we make a glorious victory of it.

At the close of the meeting, twenty-three were baptized, three of whom were the first fruits of our Indian work, and a fourth was a Tongan from our school in Vavau, Tonga.

Following the conference, a workers' institute was held for all our native workers. Solid work was carried on in this meeting. The subjects taken up were, Bible studies on the pillars of our faith, singing, writing, simple accounts, physiology, and Sabbath school work, besides different matters connected with a labourer's work. All seemed to enter heartily into the study, and even our dear old Pauliasi Bunoa took an active part in it. Each night the Bible study of that day was presented by some one of the

missionary committee and was the thought in the minds of many others who knew the scattered district and poor homesteads comprising our territory. Some other opportunity further afield must be discovered. But what would be the most successful? That was the problem.

However, a start was made first at "Jerusalem." On June 11, sixteen missionary workers—ten young people and six adults—visited every home in the township near by. In two hours the territory was finished, but an excellent start had been made, namely, £10 5s. which was increased by a few call-back visits some days later, to £12. As 135 magazines were used, this made the amount per copy 1s. 9d.

That gave us great heart. We "thanked God and took courage." Private letters sent by members to friends soon began to bring responses. On the sixth day the total had reached £30, so only ten squares remained on the board facing us.

That night a bold attack was launched. Twenty busy hands prepared for mailing, about five hundred neat, printed letters and a corresponding number of magazines (letters, envelopes and wraps, all neatly printed, given free by the publishing house.) These were sent to entire strangers whose

most to £39 when the response to letters sent by the publishing house to business men began to tell in downright earnest,—ten guineas, five guineas. The aim must be set at £60. Very well then. What happened next?—the record donation of the campaign, £25 all in one lump.

That was Friday afternoon. With our aim already more than doubled we waited almost breathlessly for the next surprise. Could we dare make our aim £100? Well, by the next Tuesday we were beyond the £100, and had the thermometer set for a good finish at £115 by July 31.

July 24 the thermometer burst. A week still to go, so to make the aim £120, *treble* the original aim, was the wish of every one. A flagpole was erected. By three o'clock on the closing day the flag was flying 5s. below the top. One of our young people cycled out to half a dozen homes which had not been visited in a township a few miles distant, and brought back 8s. Next morning we had a praise-service, a fitting close to this important effort. A couple of amounts were afterward received, making the final result £123. Of this the manager of the publishing house collected £54,—an average of £6 per magazine. Another worker, in very poor health, saw in this

campaign an opportunity for service, and collected through private correspondence £14. The average amount received per copy all round, was 2s. 3d.

All heartily co-operated. The hearing of personal reports from those chosen to work the small townships of the valley and the scattered homesteads among the mountains was always enjoyed.

That God may add His blessing to these offerings from friends of our cause, and stimulate us to still greater earnestness and faith in His mighty work, is our prayer.
S. V. STRATFORD.

Monthly Summary of Australasian Colportage Work

New South Wales

JULY, 1918

| | Hrs. | Ord. | Value |
|------------------------------------|------|------|----------|
| <i>Great Controversy</i> — | | | |
| O. W. E. Maxwell | 129 | 24 | £22 15 6 |
| <i>Ladies' Handbook</i> — | | | |
| Mrs. N. Frayley | 2 | 2 | 2 5 0 |
| <i>Heralds of the Morning</i> — | | | |
| H. J. Smith | 46 | 10 | 7 12 6 |
| W. J. Broad | 17 | 4 | 2 17 6 |
| <i>Bible Readings</i> — | | | |
| R. J. Fayers | 99 | 24 | 20 6 6 |
| W. J. Broad | 96 | 23 | 18 19 6 |
| E. R. Gane | 58 | 17 | 14 16 0 |
| <i>Practical Guide to Health</i> — | | | |
| C. R. Farrell | 215 | 83 | 109 3 0 |
| E. K. Maisey | 69 | 47 | 55 16 6 |
| J. W. Davis | 24 | 33 | 38 12 0 |
| E. Murray | 55 | 32 | 31 14 6 |
| A. M. Potter (Del.) | 94 | 20 | 19 9 6 |
| Mr. & Mrs. Vicary (Del.) | 62 | 9 | 8 6 6 |
| H. J. Meyers | ... | 4 | 3 14 0 |
| Helps sold by Agents | ... | 31 | 0 0 0 |
| | 966 | 332 | £387 8 6 |

JULY, 1918

| | Hrs. | Copies Sold | Subs. | Value |
|--------------------------|------|-------------|-------|---------|
| <i>Life and Health</i> — | | | | |
| Church Members | 270 | | | £6 15 0 |
| <i>Outlook</i> — | | | | |
| Church Members | 12 | | | 6 0 |
| | 282 | | | £7 1 0 |

Victoria

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| | Hrs. | Ord. | Value |
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| <i>Practical Guide to Health</i> — | | | |
| J. Mancy | 125 | 34 | £34 4 6 |
| <i>Seer of Patmos</i> — | | | |
| M. Wilson | 52 | 13 | 6 12 6 |
| H. Swain | 54 | 25 | 20 5 6 |
| <i>Heralds of the Morning</i> — | | | |
| Miss Hodgetts | 17 | 5 | 4 15 0 |
| Miss Rampton | 57 | 15 | 8 7 6 |
| <i>Ladies' Handbook</i> — | | | |
| E. M. Bernoth | 54 | 18 | 18 15 0 |
| Mrs. S. E. Coulsell | 24 | 5 | 6 10 0 |
| J. F. Ward | 53 | 21 | 23 2 6 |
| Miss M. Anderson | 6 | 5 | 5 5 0 |
| A. N. Harker | 29 | 23 | 24 5 0 |
| F. J. Parkin | 76 | 21 | 24 15 0 |
| Helps sold by Agents | ... | 10 | 6 6 |
| | 547 | 185 | £186 4 0 |

Western Australia

JULY, 1918

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| A. von der Heyde | 1 | 17 | 6 |
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| A. von der Heyde | 1 | 12 | 6 |
| <i>Prophetic Waymarks</i> — | | | |
| A. S. B. Craig | 53 | 32 | 30 0 0 |
| <i>Coming King</i> — | | | |
| I. R. Dear | 77 | 37 | 11 19 6 |
| Mrs. Meldrum | 2 | 3 | 18 6 |
| <i>Daniel and the Revelation</i> — | | | |
| A. von der Heyde | 3 | 2 | 11 0 |
| Mrs. S. Reynolds | 1 | 15 | 0 |
| <i>Heralds of the Morning</i> — | | | |
| E. R. Dadd | 14 | 9 | 6 5 0 |
| F. H. Gall | 65 | 51 | 36 2 6 |
| L. E. Fawcett | 13 | 1 | 15 0 |
| Miss E. Deering | 3 | 2 | 1 5 0 |
| <i>Ladies' Handbook</i> — | | | |
| Mrs. E. R. Dadd | 1 | 1 | 0 0 |
| Mrs. W. Martin | 56 | 19 | 21 0 0 |
| Mrs. E. Robertson | 56 | 21 | 21 15 0 |
| Mrs. D. Deering | 17 | 15 | 18 0 0 |
| A. von der Heyde | 1 | 1 | 10 0 |
| <i>Practical Guide</i> — | | | |
| E. G. Dunn | 104 | 63 | 68 0 0 |
| Mr. & Mrs. S. Reynolds | 46 | 30 | 28 13 0 |
| J. G. Gray | 110 | 53 | 55 3 6 |
| W. J. Brooks | 38 | 17 | 18 7 0 |
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| Miss B. M. Brooks | 43 | | | £1 1 6 |
| <i>Life and Health</i> — | | | | |
| A. von der Heyde | 454 | 11 | 14 | 7 6 |
| W. J. Hunt | 50 | | | 1 10 0 |
| Mrs. A. Dixon | 66 | | | 1 13 0 |
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| <i>Heralds of the Morning</i> — | | | |
| J. W. Bilbrough | 81 | 42 | £32 12 6 |
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| <i>Prophetic Waymarks</i> — | | | |
| J. S. Sweet | 79 | 17 | 14 14 0 |
| S. G. White | 112 | 14 | 11 15 6 |
| <i>Ladies' Handbook</i> — | | | |
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| J. Lowe | 91 | 117 | 132 10 0 |
| Mrs. Wegner | 79 | 19 | 21 16 0 |
| H. K. Welburn | 51 | 26 | 27 5 0 |
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| <i>Life and Health</i> — | | | |
| Agents (2) | 239 | 82 | £15 17 0 |

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| <i>Daniel and the Revelation</i> — | | | |
| A. T. Start | 4 | 3 | £2 11 0 |
| <i>Patriarchs and Prophets</i> — | | | |
| Cyril Daniel | 6 | 3 | 2 8 0 |
| <i>Heralds of the Morning</i> — | | | |
| Mr. & Mrs. Newley | 40 | 9 | 6 7 6 |
| E. C. Watts | 5 | 4 | 0 0 |
| <i>Prophetic Waymarks</i> — | | | |
| C. L. R. Rowland | 89 | 63 | 57 16 6 |
| T. Coulston | 80 | 53 | 46 7 0 |
| <i>Desire of Ages</i> — | | | |
| E. C. Watts | 1 | 12 | 6 |
| J. Tinworth | 136 | 32 | 33 2 6 |
| G. H. Bartlett | 155 | 38 | 38 12 0 |
| <i>Practical Guide to Health</i> — | | | |
| C. E. Harlow | 6 | 3 | 2 15 6 |
| H. E. Streeter | 104 | 15 | 17 19 0 |
| W. G. Hodgkinson | 81 | 62 | 73 7 0 |
| <i>Ladies' Handbook</i> — | | | |
| E. C. Watts | 124 | 33 | 36 10 0 |
| Mrs. C. F. Hodgkinson | 67 | 63 | 79 0 0 |
| Mr. & Mrs. Newley | 74 | 30 | 34 15 0 |
| Miss. A. S. Cozens | 9 | 11 | 13 5 0 |
| Mr. & Mrs. Hewitt | 13 | 25 | 26 15 0 |
| | 988 | 449 | £476 3 6 |

North New Zealand

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| <i>Daniel and the Revelation</i> — | | | |
| J. S. Jackson | 61 | 27 | £29 12 0 |
| <i>Great Controversy</i> — | | | |
| D. Collins | 160 | 29 | 22 12 6 |
| <i>Practical Guide to Health</i> — | | | |
| A. Jackson | 43 | 27 | 33 5 0 |
| <i>Bible Readings</i> — | | | |
| E. J. Martin | 108 | 37 | 30 3 0 |
| P. Dixon | 84 | 22 | 16 11 0 |
| T. Bellamey | 27 | 18 | 15 7 0 |
| <i>Heralds of the Morning</i> — | | | |
| Miss Ross | 30 | 14 | 8 16 6 |
| J. S. Jackson | 1 | 1 | 0 0 |
| J. Wordsworth | 24 | 6 | 4 7 0 |
| <i>Ladies' Handbook</i> — | | | |
| Mrs. Stacey | 52 | 10 | 20 15 0 |
| Mrs. Reid | 22 | 5 | 5 5 0 |
| Mrs. Beavis | 11 | 20 | 23 5 0 |
| D. M. Brown | 60 | 27 | 33 15 0 |
| James Ivey | 26 | 20 | 30 0 0 |
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| | 708 | 263 | £286 2 6 |

Tasmania

JULY, 1918

| | Hrs. | Ord. | Value |
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| <i>Practical Guide to Health</i> — | | | |
| S. J. Ward | 37 | 6 | £7 1 0 |
| <i>Home and Health</i> — | | | |
| W. J. Stevens | 26 | 10 | 5 8 6 |
| <i>Ladies' Handbook</i> — | | | |
| E. A. Darko | 71 | 40 | 42 0 0 |
| H. Darko | 81 | 23 | 23 10 0 |
| J. W. Roberts | 133 | 153 | 160 15 0 |
| Helps sold by Agents | ... | 1 | 7 0 |
| | 348 | 232 | £240 11 6 |

South New Zealand

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| <i>Great Controversy</i> — | | | |
| F. N. Smith ... | 59 | 58 | £54 10 6 |
| <i>Daniel and the Revelation</i> — | | | |
| R. Barber ... | 111 | 54 | 50 15 6 |
| <i>Ladies' Handbook</i> — | | | |
| F. Byford ... | 51 | 36 | 37 10 0 |
| T. W. Philips ... | 61 | 33 | 39 2 0 |
| Mrs. Wells ... | 46 | 31 | 22 5 0 |
| <i>Home and Health</i> — | | | |
| State Agent ... | 30 | 26 | 12 5 0 |
| Helps sold by Agents | | | 14 11 0 |
| | 358 | 228 | £230 17 0 |

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| <i>Life and Health</i> — | | | | |
| State Agent ... | 12 | 42 | 11½ | £2 10 3 |
| T. W. Brown ... | 96 | 56 | 56½ | £9 17 9 |
| | 108 | 98 | 68 | £12 8 0 |

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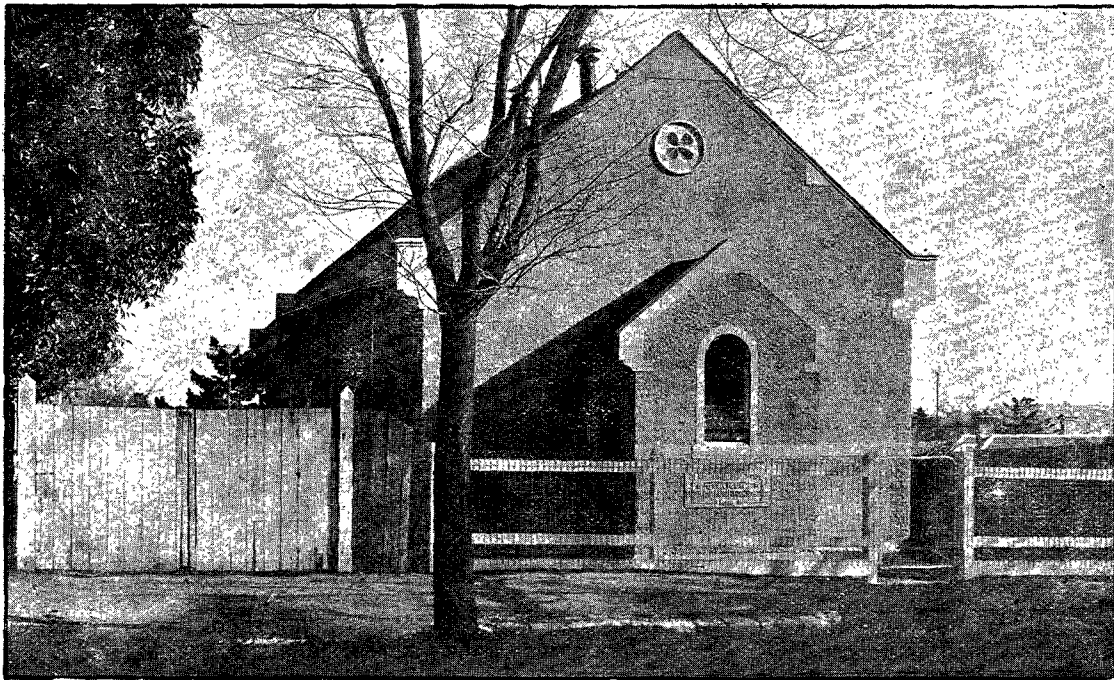
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| New South Wales ... | 966 | 332 | £387 8 6 |
| North New Zealand ... | 708 | 263 | 286 2 6 |
| Queensland ... | 988 | 449 | 476 3 6 |
| South Australia ... | 684 | 280 | 311 9 5 |
| Victoria ... | 547 | 185 | 186 4 0 |
| West Australia ... | 889 | 395 | 364 5 0 |
| Tasmania ... | 348 | 232 | 240 11 6 |
| South New Zealand ... | 374 | 309 | 308 18 0 |
| South New Zealand (June) | 358 | 228 | 230 17 0 |
| | 5862 | 2673 | £2791 19 5 |

Geelong Church

SABBATH, August 10, was a day that had been looked forward to for a long time by the believers of Geelong, for it was on that day that their neat little church building, which had just been erected was dedicated

timber and other material, this was no easy question to solve. It was finally decided to build it of reinforced concrete, roofed with iron, as it was considered that this would not only prove comparatively cheap, but would also be a substantial structure. A certain amount of anxiety, however, was felt by some as to whether the work would be a success, not only as regards durability, but in appearance also. Any fears concerning the latter have disappeared and there seems no doubt but that the structure will, under ordinary circumstances remain until the Lord comes or a larger one is required.

The original estimate for the building—including the price of land—was £700. The actual cost of the structure including gifts of labour and material donated, amounted to £494. Adding to this £140 for the land and £59 for furniture brings the total cost of the church, very neatly



Our New Church Building in Geelong

JULY, 1918

| | Hrs. | Ord. | Value |
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| <i>Great Controversy</i> — | | | |
| F. N. Smith ... | 112 | 143 | 145 8 6 |
| <i>Daniel and the Revelation</i> — | | | |
| R. Barber ... | 77 | 36 | 31 9 0 |
| <i>Home and Health</i> — | | | |
| State Agent ... | 65 | 49 | 23 14 6 |
| <i>Ladies' Handbook</i> — | | | |
| T. W. Philips ... | 70 | 47 | 54 10 0 |
| Mrs. E. Wells ... | 12 | 11 | 13 0 0 |
| F. Byford ... | 38 | 23 | 25 0 0 |
| Helps sold by Agents | | | 15 16 0 |
| | 374 | 309 | £308 18 0 |

JULY, 1918

| | Hrs. | Copies | Subs. | Value |
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| <i>Life and Health</i> — | | | | |
| T. W. Brown ... | 54 | 11 | 38½ | £6 18 3 |

Magazine Totals for July, 1918

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| New South Wales ... | £7 1 0 |
| West Australia ... | 27 14 0 |
| South Australia ... | 15 17 0 |
| South New Zealand ... | 6 18 3 |
| South New Zealand (June) ... | 12 8 0 |
| | £69 18 3 |

to the service of God in the presence of about eighty members and visitors.

For the past seventeen years a church building has been spoken of, but during sixteen years very little of importance was done except the raising of about £40 in cash. One widowed sister, however, continued to pay in her few shillings each year during the whole of this time, and now she is rewarded for her faithfulness.

When Brother A. W. Kent was sent to labour in Geelong about a year ago he, with the church officers, commenced to lay plans for the erection of a church building of their own, and it was not long before the members went to work in real earnest. Much prayer and careful thought was given to the selection of a suitable piece of ground, and the site chosen is central, yet out of reach of the noise and dust usually associated with a busy place like Geelong.

After purchasing the ground, which cost £140, the committee that had been appointed, considered the best and cheapest kind of building they should have. With the prices that are at present ruling for

furnished and all ready for services, up to £695. Of this amount £300 was borrowed from the Union Conference, which has since been reduced by the church, leaving a balance owing of £296 1s. 3d.

The treasurer, Brother Ernest Watson, in presenting his financial report expressed on behalf of the church his heartfelt thanks to God for the fine building He had provided for a place of worship for His people. Brother Watson also spoke words of appreciation for the good help received from different citizens not of our faith. He felt it would be unnecessary to thank the many church members who had contributed in ways too numerous to mention, because they now have their reward. The treasurer then stated that arrangements had been made for the payment of all the local debts, and in conclusion he handed over to Pastor Westerman, President of the Victorian Conference, who occupied the chair, a cheque for the full amount owing, £296 1s. 3d., thus leaving the church entirely free from debt, and in a truly fit condition for dedication. As can be imagined we could

scarcely refrain, at this point, from singing "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

The church is situated in Little Meyers Street, and has seating accommodation for about one hundred persons. The rostrum and pulpit are nicely finished off; and the kauri-pine pews, the good quality chairs, carpet, and matting, to say nothing of the electric light, and electric room-warmers, all tend to give a very attractive and comfortable appearance to the interior; at the same time nothing has been done that would lead one to believe there has been a lavish expenditure of money. A nice cement walk leads to the front entrance, while the vehicles drive down a right-of-way at the side, into a commodious yard. There is a large room at the back of the building and under the same roof, which later on is to be partitioned into two, one to be used by the ministers and the other as a class room for the juniors.

Pastor J. W. Kent gave a Scripture reading from a portion of I Kings 8, and Pastor J. H. Woods preached a very interesting and instructive dedicatory service.

Before Pastor Westerman asked the congregation to bow with him while he invoked God's blessing on the temple that had been erected to His glory, he read a few verses of Scripture from I Chronicles 29, in view of the excellent financial report that had been presented.

The Geelong press has given some good notes in their columns regarding the work at this time. But we could not help feeling amused at the heading of one article which styled us, "The Saturday-is-Sunday Church."

Sunday, August 11, the day following the dedication, Pastor Westerman delivered an address in the new church on "The World-Wide Work of Seventh-day Adventists." It is the intention of Brother A. W. Kent to continue these Sunday services. We pray that as the light shall continue to shine in Geelong it may be the means of bringing many a darkened soul to see and accept the third angel's message.

P. G. FOSTER.

New Church at Hamilton, New Zealand

SEEMINGLY because of the auspicious event, the weather cleared up beautifully on July 27, at Hamilton, New Zealand. The members living at a distance knew that the church building was to be opened, so well-filled pews greeted the visiting ministers. Pastor Pascoe took the service, during which he recounted the wonderful progress of this message the world over. This cheered the hearts of God's people, leading them to consecrate themselves more fully for service.

This new building helps to crown the efforts of about two and a half years of labour. A camp-meeting was held in the town in January, 1916. Three workers remained for about three weeks, but very little had materialized by that time. Trouble with the lighting arrangement had

disappointed both the workers and the audience, and so a new effort had to be started in another part of the town. By the end of the year several had taken hold and were baptized, and six weeks or so later the Hamilton church was organized by Pastor Pascoe. Work was continued all the next year, additional help having been given to the writer. The Lord gave us some very precious souls, and at camp-meeting we were able to report forty members, with more than twelve others keeping the Sabbath, and several other interested people among the wealthier class. Is it any wonder then that the writer could scarcely contain his joy at seeing the neat monument erected to God's glory?

Since last January Brethren Currow and Smith have worked hard, resulting in some new converts to the truth, in spite of the fact that most of their time has been spent with "coats off and sleeves rolled" doing their bit with the builders.

A nice large school room is attached to the church, in which it is planned to commence church school next year. Most of the school furnishings have already been purchased, as an evidence of their faith. The children are there. They are looking for a teacher.

There is every prospect for a good work to be continued, and we trust that the seating capacity of the church of one hundred and twenty will be severely taxed at the end of next year.

F. G. RAMPTON.

For Sale

FIVE miles from the Avondale Church; lovely water frontage at Lake Macquarie comprising 2½ acres of the best cultivated black soil, partly planted with citrus and summer fruits also 150 rooted grape vines; ideal place for citrus orchard and early tomatoes and peas, £10 per acre per annum being an easy yield. Together with practically new, pretty, four-roomed villa completed throughout, shed, pen fowls, farm implements, good horse, dray and harness, sulky and harness, seventeen feet rowing boat, and a springing heifer. Comfortable living for any energetic man. Full-est investigation solicited. As a going concern £500 cash or purchase of house and land alone could be arranged. Would suit S.D.A. wishing to make a living within easy access of Avondale. For any further particulars apply R. H. Heaton, The Lake, Dora Creek, N.S.W.

STRONG in the goodness of his cause, with his back to the throne of God and his foot on the rock of truth, a man can stand against the world.—*Guthrie.*

Obituaries

GRUBB.—On July 10, after ten years of faithful membership and close association with the Seventh-day Adventist company in Christchurch, New Zealand, Brother James Grubb fell asleep in Jesus, to await the call of the last great day. For many months he had been a patient sufferer, and was wearying for rest. Our sympathies are with his dear wife, who is so well-known in our midst by her faithfulness, and also with the son and daughter who mourn their loss.

H. LETTS.

BLACKBURN.—On July 14, Sister Blackburn passed away. She accepted the message in 1915, but owing to almost continued illness she has been debarred from church fellowship that would have been so dear to her. Shortly before her death she requested that she might partake of the Communion service, and on this occasion she expressed her hope in her Saviour and her confidence in the truth.

H. LETTS.

FOREST.—On August 2, 1918, we bade farewell to Sister Forest, who has for almost a quarter of a century been rejoicing in the truths of the third angel's message. Sister Forest first heard of the truth through the labours of Pastor Farnsworth, and never for a moment has her confidence in this movement wavered. From childhood her life has been devoted to the Master's service and a number of her former Sunday-school pupils attended the funeral to offer the last respects to the one whom they all loved. Her dear ones mourn but not as those who have no hope.

H. LETTS.

JOHNSON.—"Auntie Johnson," one of the most beloved members of our church on Lord Howe Island, fell asleep in Jesus on April 25, 1918, at the advanced age of one hundred years and eight and a half months. Sister Johnson was born in Cape Colony, South Africa, August 8, 1817. Left an orphan at the age of five, she was adopted by a kind friend and taken to Hong Kong, China, where she lived for over thirty years. In 1854 she came to New South Wales and remained some years in Sydney; but for the last fifty years she has made her home on the beautiful little island of Lord Howe. Although her sight had failed entirely before the truths of the third angel's message reached her, Sister Johnson was the first to embrace the message when Brother A. H. Ferris visited Lord Howe Island. A year or so later she was baptized by Pastor Butz, and ever since has her home been a welcome place for the people of God. For some time she never missed a meeting, although she was blind, and the road rough, and she had a considerable distance to travel. Sister Johnson always carried a happy and smiling face, and was patient even when suffering most severely. Affectionate and hospitable, her loving deeds of kindness are remembered with gratitude by many. A cancerous growth finally caused her death. Our sister passed away trusting in the certain hope of resurrection at the voice of Him who shall come to awake the sleeping saints. She was laid in her last resting place on earth on April 26, the service being conducted by the writer.

SIDNEY H. NOBBS.

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THE last mail from Fiji brought an excellent report from Brother Dudley Meyers which will appear in our next issue.

WE are pleased to hear that Brother C. A. W. McGowan, the state canvassing agent for Victoria, is making a successful recovery from his recent severe illness with pneumonia.

PASTOR A. G. Stewart and wife are spending a month in Victoria, visiting his relatives. The conference secretary writes from that state: "Needless to say, we are pleased to have Brother Stewart with us, and are making good use of him while he is here. He has brought his stereopticon views and is arranging to show these at different places."

FROM Faleloa, Tonga, Sister Tolhurst writes: "There are about thirty-three white people living in this part of the world, most of them being here for no other purpose than the making of money. Mr. Tolhurst spent a day and a half distributing the Ingathering papers, and received £7 9s. The Lord certainly opens the hearts of unbelievers to give for His cause."

ON August 27 and 28 we were pleased to have a visit from Brother and Sister H. R. Martin and family, on their arrival from Fiji. For the past three and a half years Brother Martin has rendered good service as principal of our Buresala Training School. Having visited one of the specially interested districts in Fiji in company with Pastor Parker recently, he expresses the conviction that a very large number of the Fijians are willing to give up their wrong habits and obey this message. Brother Martin has proceeded to Victoria to spend a little time with his people before the opening of the Union Conference.

THE New South Wales camp-meeting is to be held October 24 to November 3, at Concord Park, the ground occupied by the encampment the past two years. In addition to the labourers in the home field, it is expected that Pastors W. A. Spicer and J. E. Fulton will be with us from abroad, as well as some of our island missionaries attending the Union Conference. A large attendance of our people in this state is desired.

ON August 15, the marriage of Brother Clarence H. Davis and Miss Amy Collins was celebrated by Pastor H. E. Piper at the home of the bride's parents in Maidley, Brisbane. Brother and Sister Davis left for Sydney the same evening, and a few days later sailed for China. Brother Davis is in charge of the colporteur work in the province of Honan, China. His wife has been connected with the head office of our Sanitarium Health Food Company in Sydney. We trust that both these young people may be abundantly blessed in the work to which they have devoted their lives.

Arrivals from the Solomons

ON the latest steamer from the Solomon Islands, Pastor and Sister G. F. Jones arrived in Sydney, accompanied by a young native brother by the name of Peo. It is good to see Brother and Sister Jones looking so well, and to hear their cheering reports of the work in the Solomons. We have also appreciated making the acquaintance of this son of Tatunga, the chief by whose word our missionaries received permission to establish a mission on the Marovo Lagoon. He is a tall young man, of good physique and intelligence.

When invited to speak in the Wahroonga church missionary meeting, Peo introduced his talk by reading distinctly in English the gospel commission as found in Matt. 28:18-20. Continuing in native, with Pastor Jones as interpreter, he told us he knew the people in Australia believed these words for they had sent missionaries, boats, books, and many good things to the Solomon Islands, for all of which he thanked us.

Having been born in the midst of head-hunting and cannibalism, this son of one of the most noted warrior-chiefs of that group, gave a detailed description of the departure and return of an expedition of war canoes. He contrasted the many wonderful things he has seen in this country with the meagre facilities and the primitive methods employed in the islands. He also told about the great transformation that has taken place since the coming of the missionaries. Our hearts were touched as he told of whole districts now asking and waiting for a missionary to come to them.

In conclusion, slowly but clearly he recited the words of John 3:16 and John 14:1-3. Never before had these promises seemed so precious to us as when we listened to them from the lips of this brother so lately won from heathenism. Peo was baptized in the Solomons on last New Year's Day with nine other young men, and has proved himself a really dependable Christian.

The Union Conference

THROUGH troublous years and difficult conditions we have come to the close of another quadrennial period of Union Conference work. How we have needed the grace and presence of God with us in these years! What mercies have been ours! What advancement has been made! What triumphs we have witnessed! Large numbers have been added to the faith, new places have been entered, new strength has come to the cause in old fields, and the demands of the work, so wonderful in its development, have taxed to the limit our resources in men and means.

Without doubt we are witnessing the outpouring of the Spirit of God for the finishing of the work. Doors of opportunity are wide open before us everywhere. From the strongholds of darkest heathenism come most earnest appeals for help. Fiji is responding to the call of the message as we had scarcely dared to hope that it would. New interests there are again reported to us, and our missionaries are confident that hundreds will be added to the church by these awakenings. East and west, north and south, at home and abroad the work is of the Holy Spirit and in demonstration of His power.

The approaching Union Conference will be the most important that has ever convened in this field. We pray that it may be the most blessed. Delegates from the

conferences and missionaries from the islands will be in attendance. May the Lord answer the prayers of His people for the success of the meeting by giving us a Pentecostal experience and the mind of the Master to plan aright for the successful continuance and rapid development of the work in every place.

We rejoice to learn that Pastor J. E. Fulton is to be with us during the session and for some time after, and we hope that his many Australian friends will all have opportunity to meet him in their home fields before he leaves us again. Sister Fulton will accompany him. Old friends and new alike welcome them both back to Australia and pray that their visit may prove a blessing to us and be very beneficial to them. We especially hope that Sister Fulton's health shall be greatly improved while in this field.

It is expected that Pastor Spicer and wife will attend the conference. They come for the first time to Australia and we bid them welcome. Brother Spicer brings tidings of the Lord's doings in the world-field, and his visit will, we are assured, help us much in the Australasian Union. The counsel of these brethren is much needed here and will be much appreciated by us all. As the opportunities to work multiply, the problems of the work grow greater, and perhaps we have never before realized the need of counsel as we now do. Surely it is in the order of the Lord that Brethren Fulton and Spicer should attend this conference and give such help as their experience and close association with the world-field will fit them to give. May God richly bless their sojourn here and their efforts on our behalf.

The attendance at the conference will not be so large as that of four years ago. The accommodation at Avondale is quite limited and the number of visitors will also be limited, but we shall greet with joy those who come. That they may be spiritually enriched is our earnest prayer. To those who shall not attend provision is being made to pass on the good things of the conference by the publication of two special numbers of the RECORD. These will convey to our readers reports of missions, conferences, institutions, conferences proceedings, studies given, and sermons preached. We are anxious that all our brethren and sisters shall have the benefits of the meeting in this way, and suggest that those not now receiving the RECORD order as once through their tract society.

"Time is short, and our forces must be organized to do a larger work." "Those in the highways and byways of life are to hear the gospel message." "At this time—a time of overwhelming iniquity—a new life, coming from the Source of all life, is to take possession of those who have the love of God in their hearts, and they are to go forth to proclaim with power the message of a crucified and risen Saviour." "This message is to be carried to foreign lands; it is to be given to the cities and towns of our own country." "Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. . . . The Lord shall arise upon thee and His glory shall be seen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising."

The end is near. We need a baptism of the Holy Spirit. Pray that this conference may be successful and that all who are travelling to attend it shall have the presence, protection, and blessing of God.

C. H. WATSON.