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## The Broken Sword

"For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not." 2 Cor. 8:12.

This I beheld, or dreamed it in a dream :  
There spread a cloud of dust along a plain,  
And underneath the cloud, or in it, raged  
A furious battle, and men yelled, and  
swords

Shocked upon swords and shields. A  
prince's banner

Wavered, then staggered backward, hem-  
med by foes.

A craven hung along the battle's edge,  
And thought, "Had I a sword of keener  
steel,—

That blue blade that the king's son bears,—  
but this

Blunt thing!"—he snapped and flung it from  
his hand,

And, lowering, crept away and left the  
field.

Then came the king's son, wounded, sore  
bestead,

And weaponless, and saw the broken sword,  
Hilt buried in the dry and trodden sand,  
And ran and snatched it, and with battle  
shout

Lifted afresh he hewed his enemy down,  
And saved a great cause that heroic day.

—Selected.

## The Week of Prayer

ANOTHER week of prayer is rapidly approaching, and we are looking expectantly to its experiences for much needed help. The year has presented many evidences of our personal weakness and need. It has also revealed more fully how very tender is our Heavenly Father's care. Past experience has taught us the necessity and benefit of such seasons with God, but the present hour emphasizes all that we have experienced of need, and demands the definite help of the Lord. Its opportunities are glorious, but the enemy of all good is most active in seeking to prevent us grasping them.

A faith that staggers not at difficulty, that will not allow sense to suggest the impossible, is needed. "More than money or men, intellectual resources or an overflowing treasury, or wisdom and prudence in their management, we need such faith as will bring the infinite and pledged resources of our Almighty Head, the living Jesus at the right hand of the Father, to the aid of our instrumentality. Along with a deepening sense of our inadequacy, we need a more living, vivid, abiding apprehension of His actual position as our Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel, of the vastness of His power, the amplitude of His promise, and His infinite veracity and trustworthiness."

Great is our need of the saving grace of Christ, and the impress of His Holy Spirit on mind and character. "The judgments of God are in the earth, and, under the influence of the Holy Spirit, we must give the message of warning that He has entrusted to us. We must give this quickly. . . . Men will soon be forced to great decisions. . . . The Lord calls upon His people to labour." "Church members, the world is your field, and it is white unto the harvest. 'Say not ye, there are yet four months, and then cometh harvest.' . . . The times in which we live have a peculiar importance. Countries hitherto closed to the gospel are opening their doors, and are pleading for the Word of God to be explained to them. Kings and princes will open their long-closed gates inviting the heralds of the cross to enter. . . . Eternity alone will reveal the results of well directed efforts put forth now."

"Every soul has the privilege of

stating to the Lord his own special necessities, and to offer his individual thanksgiving for the blessings that he receives daily. . . . We need, O so much! clean, converted hearts. We need to have our faith strengthened. 'Ask, and ye shall receive; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.' We need to educate ourselves to trust in this word, and to bring the light and grace of Christ into all our works. We need to hold to Christ, and to retain our hold of Him until we know that the power of transforming grace is manifested in us. We must have faith in Christ if we would reflect the divine character."

"God has appointed the angels that do His will to respond to the prayers of the meek of the earth, and to guide His ministers with counsel and judgment. Heavenly agencies are constantly seeking to impart grace and strength and counsel to God's faithful children, that they may act their part in the work of communicating light to the world." "Our strength lies in taking our burden to the great Burden-bearer. God confers honour on those who come to Him and ask Him for help, in faith believing that they will receive.

"Human help is feeble. But we may unite in seeking help and favour from Him who has said, 'Ask, and it shall be given you.' Divine power is infallible. Then let us come to God pleading for the guidance of His Holy Spirit. Let our united prayers ascend to the throne of grace. Let our requests be mingled with praise and thanksgiving."—*Special Testimonies, Series B.* C. H. WATSON.

**The Appeal for Missions effort begins the first of April.**

### Teach Me to Pray

LORD, I know not what I ought to ask of Thee; Thou only knowest what I need; Thou lovest me better than I know how to love myself. O Father, give to Thy child that which he himself knows not how to ask. I dare not ask either for crosses or consolations; I simply present myself before Thee. I open my heart to Thee. Behold my needs which I know not myself; see and do according to Thy tender mercy. Smite or heal, depress me or raise me up, I adore all Thy purposes without knowing them; I am silent; I offer myself in sacrifice; I yield myself to Thee; I would have no other desire than to accomplish Thy will. Teach me to pray. Amen.

—François de la Mathe-Fenelon.

### Sabbath School Workers' Training Course

#### Teaching Little Children

(April, First Week)

1. *Getting Ready.*—This is no small part of the primary teacher's work. Little minds, like little bodies, require more care than larger ones, and the work of preparation is half the battle. First, the place should be one of seclusion, as far as practicable. Curtains, blackboards, or screens will suffice where there is not a separate room. In the opening and closing exercises of the general school, the little ones should be near the superintendent, who should have the good sense to bring the songs, prayers, etc., down to their level as much as possible, and not weary them with exercises in which they cannot take part. The classification will depend upon the number and the ages. The equipment need not be elaborate. A blackboard, the large weekly lesson picture to focalize attention and aid in teaching, the little memory verse cards for home study, are the essentials. Those who can read should have their Bibles. The music, except the motion songs and others peculiar to the department, should be the hymns of the school and church, which children can be trained to sing as well and as understandingly as the older ones. The special exercises of the department should be few and simple, each with a definite purpose of helpfulness. Much time that might be profitably used in teaching is taken up with showy and meaningless so-called "primary exercises."

2. *Holding Attention.*—Advising is easier than doing. The restless little bodies, the irrepressible hands and feet and tongues of the little ones, perplex the best teacher at times. Attention is to be won, not compelled; as children have not learned the use of the will in constraining attention from within, but must be led along by the skill and patience of the teacher.

3. *The beginning.*—A right beginning is more needful with children than with adults. The opening moment of quiet, the first look, the first words, the hush of expectancy that is begotten of the teacher's reverent beginning, will set the standard of work for the day. Of all teachers, the one in charge of little children most needs to begin her work gently and quietly.

4. *The Teacher's Voice.*—It is fortunate for the primary teacher if her voice is low and sweet by nature. If not, let her take care to train it to this end. Nothing repels

attention or arouses the spirit of disorder among children more quickly than a high-pitched, rasping, "fussy" voice and manner on the part of the teacher. The quick imitativeness of childhood specially enforces this admonition.

5. *Variety.*—Monotony is fatal to primary work. A set programme is a physical and mental burden to children. In a great school, with hundreds of little ones in the primary department, are recalled the pathetic looks of the little sufferers undergoing from Sabbath to Sabbath the infliction of a cut-and-dried order of exercises and teaching from a pretentious "Primary Quarterly." Change the programme often. Vary the singing, shift the order, deal in surprises, let not the right hand know what the left hand doeth, if you would hold attention and interest of children. Change need not beget confusion.

6. *Illustration.*—The child's mind has two gates, "eye gate" and "ear gate." More passes through the former than through the latter, hence the need of the objective in teaching. The blackboard is indispensable, not, however, for putting on elaborate outlines and drawings. Little David needs his sling and pebbles. The simplest lines, words, and pictures, growing out from the crayon of the teacher as she stands at the board and talks, or sits with class slate or paper before her, is what the children relish. But do not be a slave to board or map, picture or chart. Many lessons are best taught eye to eye, without objective illustration. Remember that the Bible is its own best interpreter and illustrator. The finest primary teacher in the land has largely won her reputation by getting her illustrations from the two sources our Lord used—the Bible and the simple things of everyday life.

#### For Discussion

##### Teaching Little Children

1. Getting ready.
2. Holding attention.
3. The beginning.
4. The teacher's voice.
5. Variety.
6. Illustration.

(Second Week)

7. *Using the Bible.*—No small part of the primary teacher's work is the cultivation of reverence for God's Book in the hearts of the children. To this end the Bible should be in the hand of the teacher, and every look and word of the teacher should conspire to deepen the impression upon the little ones that it is God who speaks to them through this Book. As early as possible the children should be expected to bring their own Bibles, and the teacher should begin to train them in their use.

8. *Drilling the Children.*—The secret of success with many primary teachers is the constancy and painstaking of the drill. Over and over, over and over, the facts and teachings of the lesson are drilled upon, separately and in concert; the teacher first putting the truth in small portions in exact form, and then having a child here and there repeat it singly, and afterwards the full class or department in concert. Children take pleasure in a spirited drill, and only by repeated drills do they truly learn. Some lessons are harder to teach than others. In such cases give to the easy lesson of the day less time, and after it is

taught go back to the hard lesson of a previous Sunday, and drill upon its difficulties. Lesson after lesson of the quarter should thus be linked together by the method of the drill.

9. *Memory Verses.*—To have the children commit to memory and to understand these, is an essential of primary teaching. They epitomize the lesson, and hold it in condensed form. About the memory verse the lesson crystallizes. But it is better to drill this into the memory of the child after the lesson has been taught, and for the teacher, as she teaches, to bring out its meanings. Hence the wise primary teacher begins with the lesson story and ends with the memory verse, around which the story is made to revolve again and again in the teaching.

10. *The Spiritual Things.*—The primary teacher who merely tells prettily a Bible story, and goes no farther than the concrete things of the lesson, on the assumption that little children cannot enter understandingly into spiritual truth, knows little of the childish mind and heart. Children are the special care of the Holy Ghost, who fails not, though the teacher may, to set before the child the mysteries of the kingdom. The child's spiritual intuitions are often keener than the adult's. Be not afraid to appeal to the conscience, to deal strongly with the spiritual consciousness of the child, to question it upon the things of God. But avoid another extreme, and do not wrest the lesson away from its plain and simple intent, nor thrust upon the children fanciful and far-fetched teachings "about Jesus." Every lesson, though from the Bible, has not in itself the image and person of Christ.

#### For Discussion

##### Teaching Little Children

8. Drilling the children.
9. Memory verses.
10. Spiritual things.

### North New Zealand Conference and Camp-Meeting

THE North New Zealand Conference held its fifth session in the showgrounds at Palmerston North. The opening of the camp-meeting took place on the evening of January 7, and the closing meeting was held on January 20. Owing to the uncertainty of the opening date, the unsettled condition of things generally as a result of the recent epidemic and the increased fares, fewer attended than were present at last year's gathering, but even so accommodation was taxed to its utmost. The grounds were very convenient, and almost all necessary equipment in the way of tables, forms, etc., was to be had from the generous store of the Manawatu Agriculture and Pastoral Association.

• Our delegation list numbered 107, twenty-four of whom were delegates at large, the remainder representing

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our twenty-one churches. In all, thirteen business meetings were held and much work was done that should count for the finishing of the work.

The regular sessional committees were appointed as follows:

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS: J. Mills, T. A. Franks, A. Cambie, J. Hookings, J. Archibald, H. C. Tempest, J. Walworth.

COMMITTEE ON PLANS: G. G. Stewart, E. Rosendahl, F. G. Rampton, C. Head, G. F. Hansford, H. Streeter, A. Cambie, A. Currow, J. B. Donald, M. Olsen, Dr. P. M. Keller.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS: W. H. Pascoe, G. G. Stewart, W. G. Brittain, G. F. Wright, W. Richards.

The retiring president, Pastor W. H. Pascoe, gave an inspiring report of the year's work. Our membership at June 30 stood at 658, an increase of thirty-four for the year. Sixty-three had been baptized. Thirty-eight workers have been engaged in the various phases of our evangelical work, including an average of twelve colporteurs. The Lord has guided the conference through many difficulties in connection with the military situation, and protected His people in a marvellous manner. The country was sobered by the recent epidemic, and fresh opportunities existed for the presentation of the gospel message.

The conference financial report showed a steady growth, the tithe particularly being higher than for any previous year. The total receipts for the year were £7,829 12s. 8d. against an expenditure of £7,469 9s. 9d., leaving a surplus of £360 2s. 11d. The tithe received was £5,354 4s. 8d., and the contributions to missions under the control of the Union Conference amounted to £1,775 0s. 2d. After the reading of this report the congregation rose and sang the Doxology.

It was with regret that a loss of £136 4s. 7d. was reported on the running of the Tract Society. Owing to the unsettled state of shipping between New Zealand and Australia, sometimes months go by before shipments arrive. This has hampered the work considerably. In spite of this, the hand of our God has been upon His work for good and the year records souls won as a result of the work done by our missionary colporteurs and home mission workers.

Progress was very noticeable in the Sabbath school report. Twenty-four schools with a membership of 779 contributed £677 13s. 11d. to missions. This exceeded the previ-

ous year's offerings to the extent of £135 7s. 4d.

The Missionary Volunteer Department report was of interest to all. The total offerings to missions amounted to £22 4s. 1d. Besides the ordinary lines of work which revealed progress, the young people entered heartily into the Ingathering campaign, collecting £192 7s. 6d. This represents an average of £1 5s. for every member who worked, and as many of the workers were children the results are very satisfactory. The presentation of three Standard of Attainment certificates created a pleasant diversion from the usual order of the meetings, and the congregation were very pleased with the accomplishment of these first graduates from the course in this conference.

The report of the Religious Liberty Department for the past year gave evidence of a guiding hand that had overruled all for good. Altogether 105 men were called to the colours by the ballot, of whom seventy-five were classed C2,—"Unfit for service abroad." Early in the year, total exemption was obtained for all our ministers. This enabled them to continue with their work instead of working on the State Farm. Several of our young men spent the year there, but expected speedy release owing to the war being concluded. (All have since been released.)

Protestant literature was censored by the Government at the instigation of Rome. Our own Protestant series were held up for a week, but allowed through finally.

Sunday traders in refreshments had a bad time with many penalties, at the acknowledged instance of the church party, until the Chief Justice ruled otherwise. By his ruling the aggressive power of the Lord's Day Alliance was much weakened, and on their appealing to the Cabinet for redress they received no help whatever. We held a protest meeting of citizens in Auckland. Six hundred attended and the meeting was an enthusiastic success.

The large amount of Religious Liberty work prevented much being done in the Home Missions Department. The main effort was on behalf of the Appeal for Missions. In this effort 370 people engaged, raising £850, or an average of 46s. each. The largest donation received by any worker was £50.

The educational secretary reported

three primary schools in flourishing condition, with practically all the children of our own faith within reach in attendance. Of the total attendance, forty per cent were children not of our faith. Five teachers were employed and the enrolment at June 30 was 65.

The following officers were appointed for the new year:

PRESIDENT: A. W. Cormack.

SECRETARY AND TREASURER: E. Rosendahl.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: A. W. Cormack, G. G. Stewart, W. G. Brittain, G. F. Hansford, E. Caro, W. Richards, G. F. Wright.

TRACT SOCIETY SECRETARY AND TREASURER: E. Rosendahl.

HOME MISSION SECRETARY: F. G. Rampton.

SABBATH SCHOOL SECRETARY: J. Hookings.

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER SECRETARY: J. Hookings.

STATE AGENT: G. F. Hansford.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY SECRETARY: A. W. Cormack.

EDUCATIONAL SECRETARY: Principal of the Oroua School.

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

MINISTERIAL CREDENTIALS: W. H. Pascoe, A. W. Cormack, G. G. Stewart, W. G. Brittain.

MINISTERIAL LICENSE: A. Currow, R. K. Piper, E. Rosendahl, A. L. King, H. A. Lukens, F. G. Rampton, C. Head, J. Pascoe, J. Thompson, C. J. Reynolds, L. W. Jones, G. H. Wordsworth.

MISSIONARY LICENSE: Dr. P. M. Keller, Dr. Florence Keller, Dr. E. Caro, W. D. Smith, V. Nilsson, J. Hookings, Miss E. Brittain, Mrs. Neilson.

COLPORTEUR'S LICENSE: James Ivey, J. Wordsworth, A. Jackson, J. S. Jackson, R. J. Martin, G. P. Wright, Miss Emma L. B. Hill, Mrs. Beavis, Miss D. M. Brown, Mrs. S. J. Reid, Mrs. Stacey.

[Owing to limited space, we give in condensed form the recommendations passed by the conference, as follows. **ERROR.**]

That we hereby express our deep gratitude to God for His special protection and blessing in the midst of peril by pestilence and perplexities of war, and our determination to prosecute with greater zeal the work committed to our trust; That our churches come to the help of the new church at Hamilton by raising the balance of £135 required for their church building; That the churches in the sisterhood of this conference observe uniform rules and regulations, and that a suitable constitution be drawn up as a simple guide in church order and government; That we endeavour to make social meetings a very frequent part of our church services; That on the annual young people's day the offering be devoted to local conference young people's work; That it be the policy of our state conference committee in the appointment of nominating committees to select as far as possible delegates other than executive-committee members and conference officers; That our churches uniformly adopt the method of having the outgoing officers select the names of those to act on the nominating

**and "Appeal for Missions" magazines at once.**

committees, choosing as far as possible those who have not been in office, and submitting the names to the church for election; That to foster and strengthen our primary schools our people be urged to dedicate one per cent of their income to their support; That a suitable man be appointed to circulate our books in the Maori language; That we as a conference co-operate with the New Zealand Alliance by taking an active part in the great fight for prohibition in the Dominion; That our camp equipment be transferred to the Union Conference; That consideration be given to the need of strengthening the industries of the Oroua Missionary School, and assisting worthy young people through school.

On the final Sunday morning an appeal was made for missions. Under the marked influence of the Holy Spirit the figures on the blackboard rose to the sum of £1,005. Every face was shining and all hearts were glad that such practical evidence of gratitude to God was given.

The Sabbath meetings were remarkable for the particularly powerful presence of the Holy Spirit. Many hearts were softened and deep confessions of sins were made. Some who came to live on the grounds to examine our faith were constrained to make a full surrender.

An ever increasing interest on the part of the residents in the evening services were noticed. It is hoped that a rich harvest awaits Brother Lukens as he follows up this interest.

A baptism was held on the final Monday, at which nine pledged themselves to the service of King Jesus. Others were ready, but it was thought advisable to have the ordinance performed at their home churches.

The gathering is over and the ground is desolate, but the impressions left and the lessons learned will never be obliterated from the memories of those who attended this best of all camp-meetings.

A. W. CORMACK, *President.*

E. ROSENDAHL, *Secretary.*

### A Letter from the Society Islands

Moorea, Society Islands,  
December 17.

WE are so shut away from all news these days that our hunger for it at times becomes intense. We are now getting towards the end of December, and have not heard a word of the late Conference proceedings, nor do we yet know where Pastor Lyndon is. We know that the steamers have been detained in New Zealand, but do not know if this sickness has actually reached there or Sydney, but fear that it has.

This epidemic has been the most frightful thing we have ever witnessed, and it is

undoubtedly a merciful sign to us to awaken and prepare. We have passed through three epidemics since Brother Lyndon left us for the Conference, although this last one might properly be termed a plague.

On Monday, December 2, the gasoline boat from this village took its usual weekly trip across to Papeete, its custom being to return on Tuesday morning. But that Monday night we commenced having earthquakes, and they lasted until Wednesday evening, numbering about twenty in all. As our boat did not return on Tuesday we naturally expected that Papeete—our little Sodom—was having a “quake” visitation. So on Wednesday evening, as the boat came in sight we all went out on the wharf to catch the first news. And what a sight met our eyes! A boat load of sick and frightened looking creatures. The trouble was influenza. Germs had got ashore at Papeete from a cargo boat from San Francisco that had been in quarantine, and already death had started its work.

Most of those on board were our next-door neighbours, and some new Sabbath-keepers, and they fell right under our hands for treatment at once. It all came so unexpectedly that we hardly knew the best way to proceed. It was commonly reported that if the patient drank cold water death was instantaneous, but this we afterwards found to be untrue; but we adhered to the warm both internally and externally and had good results.

After five days of heavy work our baby boy was taken ill, two days later our eldest girl, then our second girl, and the following day my wife took sick. I was then obliged to confine my labours to our own family exclusively, with the exception of short visits to those of our people close by.

It was a most anxious time, yet the most profitable experience to our own souls that we have ever passed through; for as we sought the Lord thrice daily, and prayed as we walked, His presence was with us, and we were strengthened and blessed. It was my special burden that I might be spared to serve, and I had the assurance and confidence within me that the good Lord would grant this petition until at least my family were better. The text to which I held was 1 Cor. 10: 13. The promise is that nothing shall come more than we are able to bear, and it seemed to me that if I were stricken down while the rest of the family were all down, it would be more than we could bear, and in the strength of that promise I was enabled to work on without any fear.

In Moorea we have not suffered like those in Tahiti. In this district where we live, we have lost, up to the present, 36; but in the township of Papeete alone, not counting the outside districts, there have been about a thousand deaths, and five hundred of this number were burned on the pile.

In speaking of Satan's destructive work in the impending conflict, there is an extract in “Great Controversy” that seems to us to exactly fit this case:

“While appearing to the children of men as a great physician, who can heal all their maladies, he will bring disease and disaster, until populous cities are reduced to ruin and desolation. Even now he is at work. . . . He imparts to the air a deadly taint, and thousands perish by the pestilence. These visitations are to become more and

more frequent and disastrous.” (Pages 589, 590.)

This “deadly taint” is felt by all, even those who are not directly overcome by the thing. It is surely the destructive work of Satan, and a foretaste of his final wrath. To the wicked it means a swift coming destruction, to us it means a soon coming Saviour. When the earthquakes were on, and the dishes and windows were rattling every few hours, it did seem to us that the mighty hand of God was ticking off the telegraph code, “Prepare, I am coming.”

*Tuesday, December 24.*—As I was writing this last week, a government boat came in with food for sufferers, and we were very thankful, as many homes were in a pitiable condition. Since the dying of the vanilla bean here in Moorea, the natives cannot meet their old debts, nor can they get further credit from the Chinamen's shops, who only do the trading here, and there were none able to go to the mountains for the native food. We helped with milk, sugar, and bread to those in distress who came for food, but the Lord speedily and unexpectedly returned it. While I was writing the first part of this letter, a box each of sugar, milk, rice, and a thirty-pound tin of cabin bread was left with us to use as we wished. Other foods were left with the native governor for distribution. This enables us also to use from the common stock until traffic is resumed. The Lord indeed is merciful, and never forgets for one moment the very least of His people.

Our losses for Moorea have now reached about two hundred. Our church elder from Papeete came across here with others in a little boat, and lost his wife and baby child after landing. Tuu Deane is his name. He told me that Pori, our native worker, and his wife and two eldest children were down with the sickness when he left. My family have about reached normal again, my wife taking a little longer than the children to shake off the weakness. The old man, Matariro, of whom I have previously written in the RECORD, we buried a few days ago. He was preparing for baptism with five or six other candidates here.

The new Sabbath-keeper from the Puomoto Islands is also here. Brother Lyndon mentioned him in his report as a prospective worker, and now that we have had opportunity to personally meet him and see something of his spirituality and natural make up, we feel confident that the Lord has called him at this time for the work here amongst his own people. For just such material as this the cause here had been in need. We feel thankful indeed for this evidence of the Lord's eye upon His work in these places, to see this man marked out in that out-of-the-way place, and miraculously released from his signed contract with his employers. After returning to Papeete he was offered employment in a store with a large salary, but as they refused him the Sabbath off he also refused the offer. He is now living here in Moorea, where he has land of his own, and is awaiting the return of Brother Lyndon, when he wishes to express his desire to give himself to the Lord for service. His wife also is a very fine consecrated woman, and their grip of prophecy and the history of this message is just wonderful, especially as they have never had personal instruction from a worker, except during his short stay with Pori, of whom he is a cousin. I hear at the

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# Statistical Report of the HOME FIELD of the Australasian Union

## Conference for the Quarter Ended Sept. 30, 1918

	Relation to Corresponding Quarter of Previous Year			CONFERENCES (Home Field)									
	Totals Sept. 30, 1917	Increase for Qtr.	Totals Sept. 30, 1918	Australasian Union	New South Wales	North New Zealand	Queensland	South Australia	South New Zealand	Tasmania	Victoria	Western Australia	
CHURCHES													
Number of Churches	125	7	132		35	21	9	13	6	6	27	15	
Membership	5681	443	6124		1795	663	690	625	214	310	1230	627	
Baptized during Period	41	76	117		9	7	36	28			18	19	
LABOURERS													
Ordained Ministers	35		35	11	6	3	3	4	1	2	4	1	
Licensed Ministers	49	6	55	16	8	9	4	1	4	1	6	6	
Licensed Missionaries	78	17	95	9	15	11	10	14	4	4	16	12	
Book & Periodical Colporteurs	96	5	91		20	8	16	9	6	4	15	13	
Office Workers (without license)	33		30	10	7	5	1	1	1		4	1	
Total Labourers	285	21	306	46	56	36	34	29	16	11	45	33	
TITHES													
Total Receipts	£7139	£607	£7809		£2052	£1105	£986	£715	£343	£263	£1618	£727	
Per Capita	£1 1 4	4s. 2d.	£1 5 6		£1 3 3	£1 13 3	£1 8 7	£1 2 10	£1 12 1	16s. 11d.	£1 6 3	£1 3 2	
OFFERINGS													
To Foreign Missions (except S. S. and Y. P. offerings)	£362	£2902	£3264		£618	£747	£344	£375	£180	£86	£634	£280	
For Home Mission Work	£661	£216	£877		£175	£116	£284	£33	£44	£7	£62	£156	
For Local Church Work	£729	£58	£787		£261	£188	£81	£95	£19	£25	£57	£61	
SABBATH SCHOOLS													
Number	210	9	219		52	26	29	27	7	13	36	29	
Membership	7174	311	7485		2159	803	881	785	219	299	1416	923	
Offerings to Foreign Missions	£1117	£138	£1255		£349	£180	£159	£96	£58	£36	£224	£153	
BOOK & PERIODICAL SALES													
(Retail Value)	£5932	£1325	£7257		£1923	£783	£1246	£702	£597	£48	£1043	£915	
TITHES APPROPRIATIONS													
(To Fields outside of Conference)	£1203	£51	£1253		£537	£149	£88	£64	£33	£23	£294	£65	
CHURCH BUILDINGS													
Number	77	4	81		23	12	7	9	1	6	12	11	
Estimated Value	£28215	£2350	£30565		£7857	£8150	£1850	£3700	£400	£1270	£3900	£3488	
Approximate Seating Capacity	9905	430	10335		2905	1850	850	1300	240	540	1550	1100	
CHURCH SCHOOLS													
Number	32		21		6	3	1	2	1	1	1	6	
Number of Teachers	22	8	30		10	5	1	2	1	1	3	7	
Enrolment	461	126	587		200	65	28	62	30	11	80	111	
Value of Buildings & Equipment	£613	£460	£1073		£750	£66	£20		£150	£10		£77	
Expense of Maintenance for Period	£463	£195	£658		£227	£96	£25	£42	£39	£19	£69	£141	
MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER													
Number of Societies	117	11	128		31	13	14	20	3	7	24	16	
Membership	3096	379	3475		1015	298	452	409	40	177	658	426	
Offerings for Foreign Missions	£456		£357		£139	£37	£37	£29	£7	£16	£65	£27	
Offerings for Home Missions	£14	£2	£16				£3	£4			£9		
Offerings for Local Church Work	£14	£10	£24		£12		£4			£1	£6	£1	
Total Offerings	£485	£12	£397		£151	£37	£44	£37	£7	£17	£80	£28	

# Statistical Report of the MISSION FIELD of the Australasian Union Conference

## Quarter Ended September 30, 1918

	Relation to Corresponding Quarter of Previous Year			MISSIONS										SUMMARY FOR WHOLE FIELD				
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	Totals Sept. 30, 1917	Increase for Qtr.	Totals Sept. 30, 1918	Central Polynesia	Eastern Polynesia	Lord Howe	New Guinea	New Hebrides	Norfolk Island	Solomons	Monamona	Kempsey	Home Field (See other side)	Mission Field	Grand Totals	Total Sept. 30, 1917	Increase for Qtr.	
CHURCHES																		
No. of Churches	29	1	30	17	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	132	30	162	154	8	
Membership	553	69	622	340	119	20	7	6	45	20	21	14	6124	622	6746	6234	512	
Baptized during Period			14	3	4						7		117	14	131	41	90	
LABOURERS																		
Ordained Ministers	10		10	6	2			1		1			35	10	45	45		
Licensed Ministers	29		21	12	4		2		1		1	1	55	21	76	72		
Licensed Missionaries	26	1	27	10		1	1	3		7	5		95	27	122	104	18	
Book & Periodical Canvassers	2		2		2								91	2	93	98		
Office Workers	1	3	4	1	3				1				30	4	34	34		
Total Labourers	68		64	29	11	1	3	4	1	8	6	1	306	64	370	353	17	
TITHE																		
Total Receipts	£ 236	£ 66	£ 306	£ 167	£ 93	£ 16	£ 8	£ 3	£ 19	£ 34	£ 19	£ 7	£ 7809	£ 306	£ 8115	£ 7376	£ 739	
Per Capita	8s. 6d.	1s. 3d.	9s. 9d.	5s. 11d.	12s. 7d.	16s. 1d.	£ 1 3 8	12s. 5d.	8s. 8d.	£ 1 14 7	18s. 6d.	10s. 3d.	£ 1 5 6	9s. 9d.	£ 1 4 0	£ 1 3 8	4d.	
OFFERINGS																		
To Foreign Missions (except S.S. & Y.P. Offerings)	£ 7	£ 83	£ 92	£ 50	£ 5	£ 16	£ 17	£ 2	£ 1		£ 1		£ 3264	£ 92	£ 3356	£ 369	£ 2987	
For Home Mission Work													£ 877		£ 877	£ 661	£ 216	
For Local Church Work			£ 12		£ 2				£ 10				£ 787	£ 12	£ 799	£ 730	£ 69	
SABBATH SCHOOLS																		
Number	53	5	58	38	8	1	1	1	1	6	1	1	219	58	277	263	14	
Membership	1252	260	1512	626	294	27	20	42	44	343	94	22	7485	1512	8997	8426	571	
Offerings to Foreign Missions	£ 75	£ 24	£ 99	£ 52	£ 23	£ 6	£ 3	14s. 6d.	£ 2	£ 7	£ 4	£ 2	£ 1255	£ 99	£ 1354	£ 1193	£ 161	
BOOK & PERIODICAL SALES																		
(Retail Value)	£ 11		£ 11		£ 7		£ 4						£ 7257	£ 11	£ 7268	£ 5944	£ 1324	
TITHE APPROPRIATIONS																		
(To Fields outside of Conf.)													£ 1254		£ 1254	£ 1204	£ 50	
CHURCH BUILDINGS																		
Number			16	4	6		1	3	1			1	81	16	97	83	14	
Estimated Value			£ 1225	£ 450	£ 27		£ 3	£ 45	£ 100				£ 30565	£ 1225	£ 31790	£ 28916	£ 2874	
Approximate Seating Capacity			2160	600	1600		40	300	200			20	10335	2160	12495	10005	2490	
CHURCH SCHOOLS																		
Number			9	7	1		1						21	9	30	32		
Number of Teachers			13	9	3		1						30	13	43	22	21	
Total Enrolment			49		39		10						587	49	636	461	175	
Value of B'd'gs. & Equipment			£ 1				£ 1						£ 1073	£ 1	£ 1074	£ 614	£ 460	
Exs. of Maintenance for Period			£ 3		£ 3								£ 658	£ 3	£ 661	£ 464	£ 197	
MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER																		
No. of Societies			9	6	2				1				128	9	137	117	20	
Membership			131	30	30				21				3475	131	3606	3096	510	
Offerings for Foreign Missions			£ 1	£ 1									£ 357	£ 1	£ 358	£ 157		
Offerings for Home Missions													£ 16		£ 16	£ 14	£ 2	
Off'gs for Local Church Work			£ 3						£ 3				£ 24	£ 3	£ 27	£ 15	£ 12	
Total Offerings			£ 4	£ 1					£ 3				£ 397	£ 4	£ 401	486		

present time he is very ill with this sickness, but if the Lord has a special work for him to do, it is impossible for him to die just yet.

News has reached us that the island of Raiatea is suffering keenly, and that in the village where Brother Cozens lives one hundred and twenty have died, and this report is two weeks old, so what the real condition is we cannot tell. How good it is to know that God has a special care for all of His workers and His work in such times as this. Life is for all the world like the blowing out of a candle.

January 8, 1919.

The influenza seems to have left us, just a few lingering cases of pneumonia which may yet prove fatal. Business is quiet, but drinking and scoffing go on as before. In our little land of Moorea alone, 260 graves remain mostly by the roadside—to speak on, "All flesh is grass; the grass withereth, the flower fadeth, but the word of our God shall stand forever."

With Christian regards to our dear brethren and sisters in the homeland,

H. A. HILL.

## The Statistical Report

OWING to the delay of the report of one of the local conferences in reaching our office, it has been impossible for us to publish ere this the statistical report for the quarter ending September 30, 1918.

It will be noticed that the report as here given has been divided into two sections—the Home Field and the Mission Field. There are several reasons why we have decided to make this change, a few of which we will briefly state.

Owing to the irregularity and infrequency of the mails from some of our mission fields delaying their reports, our summary for the Union has at times been held up. Under the new plan we shall publish the report for the home field as soon as all reports are to hand from the local conferences, and there will be given in the same issue of the RECORD the mission field report for the previous quarter. With each mission report a summary for the whole field will be appended in order that our readers may not have any difficulty in ascertaining the totals of the various items reported for the Union as a whole.

Another advantage in separating the report of the mission field from that of the home field is that quarter by quarter our readers will, more readily be enabled to watch the growth of the cause in both divisions of the work of the Union, as well as that of the whole field.

The tables included in each report showing a comparison with the corresponding quarter of the previous

year will, we believe, be of interest to many.

For the quarter ending September 30, 1918, however, we are publishing the combined report of the home and mission field.

It is certainly pleasing to note that the membership of our Union now stands at 6,746, being an increase of 512 members for the year, and 120 for the three months. Of the increase in membership, 443 are reported for the homeland, and 69 for the mission field.

For the quarter it will be seen that 131 baptisms have been reported, as against 41 for the three months ending September 30, 1917. This splendid showing is surely a good index to the faithful and earnest efforts which have been put forth by both workers and lay members throughout the Union.

The total tithe received during the quarter amounts to £8,115, an average of £1 4s. per member. This is an increase of £739 in tithe, or fourpence per capita, over the corresponding quarter of the previous year. It is interesting to note that the tithe per capita for the home field is £1 5s. 6d., and for the mission field 9s. 9d., compared with £1 1s. 4d. and 8s. 6d. respectively for the corresponding quarter of 1917,—a very encouraging increase indeed.

The offerings for foreign missions show a most substantial increase, due largely to the efforts put forth in connection with the "Appeal for Missions." The total amount received during the quarter is £3,714. This includes £358 received by the Missionary Volunteer Department, over and above anything they collected in connection with the "Appeal for Missions." We hope to have sufficient data available shortly to enable us to publish a complete report of all money collected in connection with the "Appeal for Missions," and then we shall state the amount collected by the Missionary Volunteer societies. The amount reported for foreign missions for the third quarter of 1917 was £826; it will therefore be seen that the increase for the present quarter is £2,888. Shall we not pray for the Lord's blessing to rest upon this splendid offering which has been given, for the advancement of the work of God in mission lands, by His children, and also by the people of the world?

The report also reveals encouraging

increases in both the number of Sabbath schools and the membership, also in offerings from the Sabbath schools. The number of schools and the membership now stand at 277 and 8,997 respectively, and the offerings received during the quarter amount to £1,354.

The figures given in connection with the Missionary Volunteer Department reveal an increase of 20 in the number of societies and 510 in the membership. The total membership of the societies now stands at 3,606.

A few of the items of our report are incomplete, owing to the fact that some of our conferences and missions have not supplied reports in full. We hope, however, to have complete information for our quarterly reports in the near future.

W. O. JOHANSON, *Statistician*.

## North Fitzroy Church School

AN interesting and inspiring service was held on Monday morning, March 3, in connection with the opening of the North Fitzroy school. The president of the conference, assisted by Sister Faulkhead and members of the school board, spoke words of encouragement to the children and urged them to embrace the opportunity afforded to gain an education in the Christian principles upon which this message is based.

The opening had been postponed from the third of February owing to the restrictions imposed by the health authorities in connection with the influenza epidemic.

Some eighteen years ago this school had a bright and prosperous experience, with its one hundred scholars and staff of three teachers. As a result of the good work done in the teaching of right lines, the teachers and those concerned in that school now have the pleasure of seeing a number of former scholars working in the mission fields, preaching the precious truths of the third angel's message.

The closing of this successful school was brought about through the Echo Publishing Company moving their plant and employees to Warburton. Several feeble attempts were made to again organize the work, but without success, owing to the apparent difficulty in securing scholars. However, in view of the ever-increasing need of educating our children in gospel truth, together with the convincing proof given in the Testimonies for such work, the brethren decided to take hold of the movement with renewed zeal, and after prayerful thought and many meetings, their efforts are crowned with success. Fifteen children attended the opening, accompanied by their parents, with indication of fully ten more coming before the close of the first week.

Appeals were made to three churches within the school radius for financial help to clear the initial expenses, with the result that about £25 was freely given. This sum has been expended in desks and other school requisites.

**above our estimated income from regular sources.**



Sister L. McMahon, who has had some years' experience in state school teaching, has charge of the children and is enthusiastic in the work she has undertaken. It is the intention of the school board to assist her in every way and to visit the children regularly, thus encouraging the good work.

We earnestly ask our people to remember in their prayers this movement, together with the many branches of the work. The effectual fervent prayer of the righteous is that mighty power which brings success.

W. A. BUSSAU.

### Farewell to Sister E. M. James

FULLY one hundred and fifty people were present at the Domain Gardens, Melbourne, to bid adieu to Sister E. M. James on Sunday, March 2. Assembling shortly after 3 p.m., proceedings were opened by all voices uniting in a song of praise, and Pastor Woods invited the presence and blessing of God.

A short nature study was then given by Brother Beatty, who extolled the praises of the Creator in the contemplation of His marvellous handiwork all around us, from the grass of the field beneath our feet to the giants of the forest in fern and tree life. The Home Mission secretary took this opportunity to outline the plan of missionary campaign in the streets around, and pointed out how opportune was the message of the moment in the prohibition leaflets, as we had the object lesson of hotels closed, and diminished drunkenness as a consequence, while the raging of the pneumonic influenza opened the doors of the people's homes to the acceptance of the leaflets bearing on the influenza question. Brother R. A. Nattrass dwelt for a few moments on the health phase of our message and the proper treatments to apply for influenza patients. The willing workers then went off in every direction in parties of from two to six to distribute tracts. Brother Jacobs of the South Melbourne church, who is an invalid-chair occupant, was wheeled to the Botanical Gardens, and his face fairly beamed with delight as he gave away the seasonable truths for the times to the passers-by.

Re-assembling after tract distribution Brother Nattrass, on behalf of a number of friends of Sister James, presented her with a solid leather, silk-lined, toilet-fitted travelling case, suitably inscribed in anticipation of the joyful occasion to be celebrated later on in India. His timely words, happily expressed in eulogistic phrases respecting the call to India, evoked general approbation which were responded to in a few words of appreciation by Sister James. The singing of the hymn, "We Shall Meet beyond the River," caused more than one eye to glisten, and faces assumed a pensive expression in contemplation of parting, only to brighten out into radiance at the thought of the happy reunion hereafter.

Prior to the partaking of tea, a thankful melody ascended to our Heavenly Father for His merciful goodness in providing for our material necessities.

Most of those present afterward journeyed to the marquee in Flinders Street to swell the audience and thus help forward the city mission.

J. L. SMITH.

### Books Containing a Message for To-day

"IN the night of March 2, 1907, many things were revealed to me regarding the value of our publications on present truth, and the small effort that is being made by our brethren and sisters in the churches for their wide circulation. I have been repeatedly shown that our presses should now be constantly employed in publishing light and truth. This is a time of spiritual darkness in the churches of the world. Ignorance of divine things has hidden God and the truth from view."—Mrs. E. G. White.

It is now twelve years since the servant of the Lord had this vision, and much has been done throughout the world-wide field to circulate the literature containing the message. Many have responded to the call and the sales have been greatly increased, and many souls have been lead to accept the message, but in view of the solemnity of the times and the importance of the work, more labourers are needed. If the call was urgent in 1907, how much more now, seeing we are twelve years nearer the end?

"I seemed to be in a council meeting where the book work was being discussed. . . . Elder Haskell was presenting strong reasons why the books which contained the knowledge that has been communicated to Sister White, the books containing the special message to come to the world at this present time, should be more freely circulated. Why, he enquired, do not our people appreciate and circulate more widely the books bearing the divine credentials? Why is not a speciality made of the books containing the warnings regarding Satan's work? Why do we not give greater effort to circulating the books that point out Satan's plans to counterwork the work of God, that uncover his plans and point out his deceptions? . . . A messenger from Heaven stood in our midst; he spoke words of warning and instruction. He made us clearly understand that the gospel of the kingdom is the message for which the world is perishing, and that this message, as contained in our publications already in print, and those yet to be issued, should be circulated among the people who are nigh and afar off."

### Danger of Commercialism

"There is danger of our brethren entering into commercialism and becoming so engrossed with worldly business that the truths of the Word of God in their purity and power are not brought into the life. The love of trade and gain is becoming more and more prevalent. My brethren, let your souls be truly converted. If ever there was a time when we needed to understand our responsibilities, it is now. . . . The Lord is coming very soon, and we are entering into scenes of calamity. Satanic agencies though unseen, are working to destroy human life. But if our life is hid with Christ in God we shall see His grace and salvation. . . . Let us work now as we have never worked before. . . . Our books and papers are to be brought before the

notice of the people, the gospel of present truth is to be given before the cities without delay. Shall we not arouse to our duties? . . . I am very desirous that the light contained in my books shall come to every soul possible; for God has sent the message for all. . . . Our workers are now to be encouraged to give their first attention to the books that deal with the evidences of our faith, which teach the doctrines of the Bible, and will prepare a people to stand in the trying times before us. . . . Let every human intelligence who professes the name of Christ testify, 'The end of all things is at hand; prepare to meet thy God.'"—Mrs. E. G. White.

As we study these solemn words from the pen of inspiration, we cannot but be impressed with the fact that the distribution of our literature at the present time is a very important work, and the circulation of the books containing the doctrines of the Bible that will prepare a people to stand in the trying times before us should receive our special attention. Now that the war has ceased and people are beginning to realize the cost, and many aching hearts are seeking a balm, the words of instruction and comfort contained in such books as "Desire of Ages," "Great Controversy," "Patriarchs and Prophets," "Christ's Object Lessons," "Daniel and Revelation," etc., are a great blessing at this time. Shall we not, in harmony with the counsel of the Lord, put forth greater effort to place these books in the homes of the people while it is yet day? for soon the night cometh wherein no man can work.

G. S. JOSEPH.

### North Queensland-Papua Mission

IN forwarding our first report from this recently organized mission, the workers desire to record their gratitude to God for His providences and care over us as we have journeyed by land and sea. We need no reminder that we have moved twenty-three degrees nearer to the equator. With the warm weather conditions has come also a warm welcome from the brethren and sisters of North Queensland.

Through its pages, the readers of the RECORD have learned of the workers newly appointed to this field. We are glad to acquaint you with the location of each, and on behalf of each labourer seek an interest in your prayers. Brother E. H. Guilliard has commenced labours in the town and district of Bowen. Bowen is one hundred and twenty miles south of

**Last year we obtained £4,650, almost doubling**



Townsville. Brother Maurice Smith has been working in the latter town for a few months prior to the beginning of February when, with his family, he moved to Hughenden, a town two hundred and thirty-six miles from Townsville, or one hundred and fifty-three miles from Charters Towers, the present headquarters of the mission. Brother A. L. Were is associated with the writer in public effort in Charters Towers. The towns of Bowen and Hughenden have not had any labour bestowed on them other than the work of our colporteurs.

On Sabbath, February 1, the organization of the Charters Towers church was effected. The members present numbered nineteen, but our membership will embrace all of the baptized believers of North Queensland, with the exception, of course, of those who constitute the Monamona church. This will give us a membership of some sixty souls. Heretofore the believers have been members of the Queensland Conference church. We have found already that there is a loyal band of brethren and sisters in North Queensland and it is hoped that in the near future churches will be organized in other places. In Charters Towers we have a Sabbath school with a membership of thirty-eight.

Since our arrival we have bidden farewell to a "home missionary" who has left Charters Towers for Thursday Island, where she will make her home with a married daughter. Thus we are glad to note yet another isle entered by a living witness for the truth. Our faithful sister has taken with her a basketful of good seed and we trust to see fruit from Thursday Island in the kingdom of God.

But more labourers are needed in North Queensland. Only to-day, March 4, a letter was received telling of an awakening at Mackay and the plea presented that a worker be sent to that district.

There are honest hearts in North Queensland and we hope soon to see additions to those already rejoicing in the message. Do not forget, too, to pray for Brother Arthur Lawson and his associates in their endeavour to gather souls from the blackness of Papua's heathenism and superstition.

A. H. WHITE.

"YOU cannot follow Christ and keep step with the world whilst you do it."

## The Sure Word of Prophecy

THE empire of Caesar is gone; the legions of Rome are mouldering in the dust; the avalanches Napoleon hurled upon Europe have melted away; the pride of the Pharaohs is fallen; the pyramids they raised to be their tombs are sinking every day in the desert sands; Tyre is a rock for bleaching fishermen's nets; Sidon has scarcely left a rock behind; but the Word of God still survives. All things that threatened to extinguish it have only aided it, and it proves every day how transient is the noblest monument that man can build, how enduring is the least word that God has spoken. Tradition has dug for it a grave; intolerance has lighted for it many a fagot; many a Judas has betrayed it with a kiss; many a Peter has denied it with an oath; many a Demas has forsaken it; but the Word of God still endures.—*Dr. John Cumming.*

## Opening of the College

AFTER several days of cloud and rain, the sun once again poured out its wealth, and the brightness of its shining on the morning of March 5 was a happy augury of a successful college year. The strains of band music warned us of the approaching of the opening hour, and by the time appointed the chapel was well filled with students and friends, while on the rostrum in addition to members of the teaching staff were visiting brethren—Pastors C. H. Watson, A. W. Anderson, J. M. Cole, and C. K. Meyers.

An organ solo by Pastor F. L. Sharp was followed by a scripture reading by Pastor Cole. Beginning with the key word of Ezra 7: 10, "Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the law of the Lord," he gave precious promises, "live wires," to students, teachers, departmental leaders, headmaster, and principal, respectively. Isaiah 44: 3 was for seeking students, and Numbers 10: 29 and Isaiah 58: 11 for the teachers, "whose waters fail not." To the departmental leaders came the promise from the Testimonies that God would supervise the work done, and that angels would share in it. By a slight transposition Colossians 4: 1 read, "Masters, give unto your students that which is just and equal," and was followed by 2 Thessalonians 1: 11, 12. For the principal the message was that of Paul, "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock," coupled with Ruth 2: 12 and Jude 20, 21.

Pastor Watson's text was that pre-eminently student text, 2 Timothy 2: 15. Commenting, he said, Never since Christ hung upon the cross have there been such opportunities before the church of God, and the students present are the solution to the problem of seizing these. Each must be impelled by a desire to serve, and that desire must become action. There is no place for the slothful. Proverbs 22: 29, and 24: 30, 31, present the contrast between the diligent and the slothful. The college is based upon industry, and by industry it must stand. Not by worldly standards may success be measured, for only by heart, mind, and body preparation may students be workmen "approved unto God."

Pastor Anderson followed with the same text, and led our minds to that wonderful event soon to take place,—the coming

of the Lord,—an event greater than creation in the measure of its power. The spirit of intensity taking hold upon all things must likewise take hold upon those in preparation. Against the "go slow" policy prevalent in many lines stands God's word in Ecclesiastes 9: 10, and from Testimonies, Volume 9, was emphasized the thought of *Working together with God.*

One thought seemed to have taken the minds of all the speakers,—the thought of workmen wanted, for Pastor Meyers quoted, "My Father worketh hitherto, and I work." The great work before the church had need of great men—great in God, and for every one is there a place in that work if he prepares for it. "So Jotham became mighty, because he prepared his ways before the Lord his God." Thus preparation precedes might; success is a result. In preparation, character is developed, and tests are part of God's preparation, therefore tests may be expected in college life.

Thus full of inspiration was the opening hour, and as our attention turned to the detail work of planning studies and programmes, our hearts echoed "workmen that needeth not to be ashamed."

RHAE ALLBON.

## Notes from Tasmania

AS a result of actions taken at the last Union Conference, our island conference has experienced almost an entire change of field and office workers. We are glad to state that the newly appointed ones are all settled and have entered heartily upon their work.

Brother W. E. Battye from Victoria and Brother H. J. Meyers from New South Wales, are working with the writer in mission work in Hobart. Miss C. Pettersson from Western Australia has taken charge of the Sabbath School and Missionary Volunteer Departments. Brother A. G. Minchin remains as our Conference and Tract Society secretary and treasurer.

For some considerable time we were cramped in three rooms for offices on the second floor of the Commercial Bank Chambers, Macquarie Street, Hobart. An offer was made to us of four good rooms in the same building on the first floor. This we accepted and early in January we moved our offices. The change is beneficial in every way and is appreciated by our people.

Good news comes to us from the Burnie district where Brother E. R. Whitehead is located. Another young man has taken his stand for God's message and others are deeply interested.

Although we were not favoured with good weather at the opening of our Hobart mission, yet we are happy to report an increasing attendance and interest. Homes are beginning to open to us for Bible studies and we are praying for good results. Sunday-night meetings are being held in a large hall in the city, and the workers are seeking interests which will fully occupy their time during the week.

Church members are co-operating with us in the good work, doing what they can in general lines of missionary endeavour. Although our conference is numerically small yet we are of good courage in the Lord. May we all be faithful until the end.

H. E. PIPER.

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WE have been obliged to hold over several reports, owing to lack of space, among them that of the South New Zealand Conference.

BROTHER and Sister Ashcroft, with their son Ernest, sailed recently for New Zealand, where they are to connect with the conference work in the South Island.

BROTHER T. Coulston has been appointed to take charge of the book work in the North Queensland-Papua Mission, and is making his headquarters in Townsville for the present.

OUR Health Food Department contemplates having an exhibit at the Royal Agricultural Show to be held in Sydney at Easter time. The management will be glad to hear from any of our members who would like to help in this effort to educate the public along health lines.

BROTHER and Sister T. J. Dowling left Sydney on March 16 by the Melbourne express, to connect with our sanitarium at Warburton. Brother and Sister Wise, who have been in charge of this institution, have been invited to engage in medical work at Cooranbong. They are taking a holiday before entering upon their duties there.

A SISTER seventy years of age has sent us an anonymous gift of £1 for the assistance of our school work in Africa, and 10s. for a student's fund in the Cook Islands. Reading in the *Missionary Leader* a report of our work in Africa, where so many who came seeking admission to our schools had to be turned away, she wished to help the work there, and also the young woman in the Cook Islands for whom Brother Wicks asked assistance that she might be sent to school.

TO those who have heard Pastor Fulton's description of the new sanitarium in Shanghai, China, the following words from a letter from Miss Bessie Dowell will be of special interest: "The sanitarium work in Shanghai is prospering, and there is more work than can be accomplished by our brethren and sisters there. The hospital is kept full, and outside patronage is excellent. Mrs. Landis, the wife of Dr. Landis, is now matron. We pray that this institution may indeed be a soul-saving place."

THE restrictions consequent upon the outbreak of pneumonic influenza have been removed from Sydney and Melbourne, and our churches and Sabbath schools are again able to resume their meetings. Here at Wahroonga during the five weeks intermission, Sabbath school was held in the various homes of our people, and we are pleased to say that the offerings during this time averaged over £2 10s. per week, thus more than reaching the weekly aim of £2 that had been set at the opening of the quarter.

THE annual conference in Victoria is being held March 27 to 31. Pastors Watson, Anderson, Meyers, and Chesson will be in attendance from Wahroonga. For some weeks after the postponement of the camp-meeting which had been appointed for February 4 to 16, the hope was cherished that it might still be possible to hold this annual gathering; but when the restrictions regarding public meetings were withdrawn, it was thought to be too late in the season to hold a camp-meeting. Most of the meetings are to be held in the city mission tent in Flinders Street, and a fine hall in the heart of the city has been secured for all-day Sabbath services.

A LETTER from Pastor Fulton written off the coast of Queensland on March 6 and posted at Thursday Island brings us the following word: "We are now having delightful weather and it is greatly enjoyed after the storm we had a day or two ago. It was the roughest time the captain has had. We were compelled to slow down to a creeping pace. Mountains of water came aboard. A horse was killed, cargo dislodged and destroyed, the ship damaged by the waves, etc. So you see we have had enough to break the monotony of sea travel. Mrs. Fulton and I came through fine, without seasickness and able to be at every meal. We are travelling second class, but are very comfortable, and would not exchange for a first class passage if we had the privilege. Brother and Sister Wood and Brother A. G. Fletcher make good travelling companions. We have worship together every day and greatly enjoy this."

### 1919 Appeal for Missions

WHEN this number of the RECORD reaches, you the Appeal for Missions effort is timed to begin. It may therefore be well to summarize the plan of operation.

Another magazine has been printed even more amply illustrated than the one used last year. A large section is devoted to illustrating and rehearsing the work being done in our island mission field. Pastor Anderson, the editor, has spent much time and devoted a good deal of energy in collecting the matter, and as a result we have a paper that will be most enlightening to the public as it is placed in their hands. There is also a section devoted to the worldwide field, and much information given as to the operations of the denomination throughout the world.

Collectors' cards, goal cards, a leaflet of instruction, and a letter for use in correspondence, have been prepared as before. These were all helpful and this year the use of them, with the experience gained in our last campaign, should mean a greater measure of success.

The greatest incentive of all should be the ever pressing need of the work in our island fields. The readers of the RECORD have lately read of the wonderful openings of God's providence in Fiji. Reinforcements have been hastened out and we have faith to believe that the harvest will be a plentiful one. In other parts likewise the brethren in charge report progress. The work in Eastern Polynesia, the Solomon Islands, and the New Hebrides is demanding more and more from the treasury because the

Lord is leading His workers to a greater work. This enlargement of the work has meant, especially since the Union Conference session, the sending of more men, and of course this takes money.

Our expenditure in the island field for the year will amount to £19,264. The estimated revenue for the same period will amount to £14,000, leaving a shortage of £5,264. We look to the Appeal for Missions to supply us with a large part, if not all of this amount. We appeal to our brethren and sisters to put their best into this work of collecting from the public. You helped us last year. We set the aim at £2,500 and obtained nearly £4,650. This was a great encouragement to all who worked and certainly helped greatly in answering the call from the missionaries for help.

This year we have set the aim at £4,000. You will see that this is well within our reach inasmuch as we actually reached £650 beyond this in our first effort. We know that you will again go well beyond this aim and help to meet the urgent demands that must be met this year. The Union Conference Committee in its planning for the work in the islands stepped out in faith, knowing that even though there was a shortage, yet our brethren and sisters would help, and they are all helping liberally by their offerings and will help us by working with the Appeal for Missions magazine so that the Lord's work may not be hindered.

We feel we have grounds for making this appeal personally apply to each one of you. It is your holding up of the missionaries before the throne of grace that is making their work fruitful, and so we appeal to you individually as those who are just as much concerned as the missionaries themselves, to do your part in making our effort for the heathen races within our boundaries what in the providence of God it is designed to be.

Before closing this appeal let me thank each collector personally for what you did last year. Let me assure you that the Union Conference Committee was deeply grateful for the assistance you gave, and your very response to the demand made upon your energies last year makes us hopeful and confident of an even greater success at the present time.

The campaign is timed to start in April and the papers have been shipped to the local conference offices. You can therefore apply at once to your local tract society to obtain your supplies. Work in the full seriousness of the situation. Remember this is a call from our heathen and that time is fast passing and that opportunity for working can only linger at best for a few years, and best of all work in the consciousness of the fact that this is the work of the Lord and that all you do in connection with it is counting for eternity.

CECIL K. MEYERS,  
Union Conference Secretary.

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MAN used to poultry, also a general farm hand. Single men preferred. Apply Manager, Sanitarium, Wahroonga, N.S.W.

WANTED, either share or small mixed farm on conditional purchase. Terms. Or work as handy man. Not dairying. Apply "R," C/o "Mizpah," Wahroonga, N.S.W.

**Remember that the Appeal for Missions helps carry the gospel to the heathen.**