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How to Hasten the Master's Return

THE Bible exhortation to those who by faith see an early dissolution of all earthly elements, is to live godly lives, and so hasten the coming of the day of God. 2 Peter 3:12. One may, however, reason that the message we bear must go to all nations prior to the Master's return to earth, therefore the closing of the work must wait upon this great accomplishment.

Such reasoning is logical, therefore is suggestive as to how the final act in the great drama of God's patient grace may be hastened. The sooner that work can be closed, the sooner will come the consummation of God's eternal purpose. We may be sure also that any effort on our part to bring about that long looked for event will meet the approval and support of high heaven, because God has said that we are workers together with Him. 1 Cor. 3:9.

The question then comes forward as to how we are to work with Him. God has ever had a plan by which humanity could affiliate with Him in providing life for all who desire it. This included the bestowal of divine breathing upon the first man, which was the link of union between heaven and earth. This, too, was the preparation of fitness by which to fill the earth with righteous beings. But since sin has now so fully permeated the minds of men, Christ seeks those for associate workers who will work in behalf of the lost.

But all cannot act in the same capacity in this service, though all are equally responsible for the outcome of the divine plan. When the Saviour ascended to heaven, after giving His life for the lost, He assigned to every man his particular part to act in the great work. Mark 13:34. To this end He provided a Spirit power for all, that each might fitly

represent Him in the course marked out for His workers.

Positive instruction has also been left on record for the guidance of all. Some are called specially to teach and exhort, while others are called to support these in their direct contact with lost souls. The Lord has given a law by which to

appropriated it to their own personal use the censure of heaven has rested upon them, since they were counted as robbers of the great God, who had ever so graciously given them the privilege of being partners with Him. This is what He says of such: "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed Me. But ye say, wherein have we robbed Thee? In tithes and offerings." Mal. 3:8.

Then the call of the Lord comes loudly to these faulty ones: "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in Mine house, and prove Me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." If the people would but do this, the divine promise was that heaven would protect their crops of fruit from blasting or unseasonable dropping. But better than all else, all nations would call them blessed.

The query may well come forth, why would the nations call them blessed? Because what they restored to the Lord as His own, He would in turn bestow upon those who needed His help to know heaven's ways. This promise is now more strongly applicable than ever, when believers are looking for the early return of the Lord to gather nations redeemed from superstitious darkness, through the bestowal of tithes returned from the blessings received from the Lord.

Is it not clear that the more copious the flow of tithes toward this work, the sooner will come the joyful advent of the Master? Why, then, shall we not each one, resolve to be more faithful in rendering to the Lord His own, that when He comes, the nations of the saved will hail us as a delightful, blessed people, knowing that their joy has come through our constant faithfulness?

J. O. CORLISS.

Things To Forget

If you can see a tall fellow ahead of a crowd,
A leader of men marching fearless and proud,
And you know of a tale whose mere telling aloud
Would cause his proud head to in anguish be bowed,
It's a pretty good plan to forget it.

If you know of a skeleton hidden away
In a closet, and guarded and kept from the day
In the dark; and whose showing, whose sudden display
Would cause grief and sorrow and life-long dismay,
It's a pretty good plan to forget it.

If you know a thing that will darken the joy
Of a man or a woman, a girl or a boy,
That will wipe out a smile, or the least way annoy
A fellow, or cause any gladness to cloy
It's a pretty good plan to forget it.
—Selected.

regulate this distribution of assistance, based on His own support of the race. The world and its fulness are His by virtue of His creative power. But, in order to permit man to live and be associated with Him in the salvation of the lost, He lets them enter upon, and live from His domain, on condition that one-tenth of its products be returned to the work of beseeching wayward sinners to be reconciled to heaven's watchword. Lev. 27:30-33; Matt. 23:23.

When men have failed to render to God that which is His, but have instead

A Colporteur Murdered

DURING the General Conference, a message came that one of our colporteurs in South America had been assassinated. The particulars were given by the field secretary, Brother B. E. Wagner, in a letter to Pastor Town as follows:—

“Dear Pastor Town:

“Our hearts were made very sad the 22nd of this month when the definite word came through the Venezuelan government that our beloved Brother Rafael Lopez had been murdered. A more zealous, persevering, and self-sacrificing man could hardly be found. His name will ever be remembered as a martyr and pioneer for the cause of God in Venezuela. Our church of thirty-five members in the interior is the result of his work. He has worked in nearly all parts of Venezuela and leaves interested ones in the truth wherever he goes. I have a list of over twenty interested people that he has sent in and to whom I am sending literature, following up the work he has begun. Some of these people are now keeping the Sabbath.

“His home is in Porto Rico, where lives his wife and seven children, from two to fifteen years of age. When he returned to Venezuela last July he said, “I must continue my work in Venezuela if it costs me my life.” A short time ago he wrote in, after being away from his family nearly eleven months, “I have much sympathy for my family, but I cannot leave this territory unfinished and thus please the devil.” He has received bitter opposition from the priests the past few months.

“I received a letter today that was written just two days before his death, including the report of his last week's work (a delivery of \$208.80), and the relating of more experiences of being bothered by the priests. He was a man of extraordinary ability as a salesman and was loved and respected by all who knew him. For the month of February his report was as follows: Hours worked, 182; orders taken, 292; value, \$1174.

“His lonely grave among a fanatical people in the Andes is another call to an unfinished work. To many this is a missionary story of another martyr, but to us here it is a terrible reality. In view of the fact that our beloved brother laid down his life for the truth's sake, we had a prayer and consecration service in the church here in Caracas last Sabbath. It was an impressive service and all reconsecrated themselves to the Lord for the finishing of the work.”

Treatment for Malaria

AS many of our workers in the island fields and also in tropical Australia have to labour in malaria-infested districts, and very often fall prey to its unpleasant attacks, a little information in regard to how it can be cured or relieved, will be welcomed by the subjects of its unpleasant visits.

When an attack is coming on, the patient should get to bed as quickly as possible, with plenty of blankets. Place a hot bag on the stomach or spine and another one at the feet. Take a hot drink or two of lemonade or water and in an hour or so the patient will break out into a profuse perspiration. After a little while the extra coverings can be

removed and a nice warm sponge all over given, and clean clothing put on. If the treatment is given in time the patient should feel almost normal.

Another method I have found to work successfully is to keep taking a sip of unsweetened lemon juice, made out of two good sized lemons, at very frequent intervals (about a quarter of an hour), when the signs of an attack are coming on. The effect of this seems to be the same as quinine, but without the bad after results of the latter. This is also a good and simple cure for influenza.

In order to prevent the malarial attacks coming on at all and eventually to get rid of the disease almost entirely, will be a longer procedure, but if persisted in faithfully the reward will follow.

Every morning upon rising out of a warm bed take a few minutes' exercise in your bath-room, whilst you are running into the bath about a foot of cold water. After divesting yourself of your clothing, quickly wash your neck, face, arms and chest as you stand at the side of the bath, then jump quickly into the water and lie down in it for a second to let the water come in contact with the whole of the body and as quickly get out and dry yourself with a good, big, rough towel, and dress quickly.

Should the feet remain cold after the bath, it can be remedied by standing in a bowl of hot water at the side of the bath whilst drying the body.

This simple treatment will work wonders if persisted in, with an occasional hot bath taken at night to keep the pores of the skin active. The latter is best taken at night before retiring, and should be hot enough and continued long enough to produce a nice gentle sweat.

CHARLES D. BARON.

Elsterwick, Victoria.

Teachers' Institute Held at Buresala, Fiji

AFTER months of separation it was considered by all a great privilege to gather at Buresala to study together from the Word of God, and also to consider ways and means of advancing the work of God in this part of the field.

On Thursday, August 17, the *Dina* returned from the coast of the mainland with Pastor Carr and all the teachers from the Wainibuka, and inland districts of Viti Levu. Then on Friday the *Talai* arrived from Suva, bringing all the white and native workers from that district. The representatives from Lau, the eastern division of the group, had arrived in the *Talai* a week earlier.

Spiritual meetings were conducted on Friday night and Sabbath morning, at which a number reconsecrated themselves for service. There were eighty-three adults and twenty-nine children present at the Sabbath-school. The aim for the day was to erect a church building on one of the islands of the Solomon group at the expense of £2 10s. On the collection being taken up, it was found to be a little short of the aim. One immediately stepped up and handed in a shilling to buy nails, as he put it, then another stepped up with sixpence to buy paint, and so within a few minutes we had reached and passed our aim, the amount collected totalling £2 11s. 9d.

Pastor Carr conducted the ordinances

in the afternoon. This meeting proved a blessing to all, the presence of the Holy Spirit being very evident. All doubtings and questionings were put aside and all were of one accord in their desire to gain further instruction from the great Guide Book throughout the coming week.

The institute proper commenced on Sunday, the 20th, the daily programme being as follows:—

Prayer Bands, 6 a.m.

Devotional Meeting, 7 a.m.

Discussions of methods of work, etc. 10-12 a.m.

Period of work for recreation, 1.45-2.45 p.m.

White workers Bible study, 2-3 p.m.

Further discussion of methods, etc. 3-5 p.m.

Preaching service, 7-9 p.m.

One of the things most evident throughout the week was the promptness, and splendid average of attendance at all meetings, and also the live interest taken by all in the discussions of methods and means of carrying on the work of God. Note books were in constant use, and questions were many and well chosen.

Our president, Pastor Rudge, set before the native brethren in a very forceful manner the fact that the receipts for the field during the past year were very much below what they should have been. He also set before them very definite methods for overcoming this state of affairs, and judging by the hearty way in which the workers took hold of the different suggestions, we have every cause to hope for great things during the coming year.

It was a happy occasion to all when the new appointments were announced, particularly when we learned that the name of Senavalati, one of the older workers, was to be brought up for consideration for ordination at the conference in Australia. This we all recognize as the reward of faithful effort and successful work. We were also glad to have five Buresala students ready for appointment to the work. The names and appointments of these are as follows:—

Tevita Daivalu, teacher to Colo North; Saimoni, Turaga-ni-koro (chief of the town) Navuso School; Taniela Vauvau, church school teacher, Naqia; Joeli Lotawa, church school teacher, Naraiyawa; Apete Dawai, teacher to Qamea.

We were also pleased to hear of the appointment of Timoci Nawara and Ratu Sailosi as delegates to the Australasian Union Conference. The natives appreciate this very much.

We had excellent weather throughout the session, and a spirit of love and unity prevailed. All were unanimous in proclaiming it the best meeting they had ever attended. Surely we could all say with the psalmist, “Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His name,” “I will praise the Lord at all times: His praise shall continually be in my mouth.”

Farewells were said on Friday, August 25, as the *Talai* hove anchor at 6 a.m. with all on board who were bound for Suva, and then again at 8 a.m., as the *Dina* left the coast with the teachers from the inland districts of Viti Levu.

As the teachers go back to their work full of courage and the joy of service, we would ask you to join us in prayer on their behalf, that the Lord will bless their efforts throughout the coming year to the salvation of many precious souls.

R. W. LANE.

The Still, Small Voice

EVERYTHING in the world today speaks in no uncertain voice of the nearness of the end; but to me one of the most important signs is the marvellous way God is leading people out of the Babylons and Sodoms of this world.

Sometimes we, like Elijah, expect that God will always resort to thunders and lightnings and we forget the still voice that leads into the paths of righteousness.

A few of the experiences that I have met in my labours in Dunedin show that God is finishing His work with His sweet voice of love.

A woman, who for years had regarded the Bible with sceptical indifference, became confined to her couch. Then it was that a voice urged her to read the Bible and at the same time a flood of light would seem to fill the room. At first she ignored these manifestations, but they came so repeatedly that she commenced to read the Bible, and was becoming interested in it when Brother Shin called with the book "Daniel and The Revelation," which she purchased from him, and read and re-read, and the same voice that had urged her to read the Bible convinced her of the truths the book contained. It was my privilege to establish her in the present truth.

Another lady whilst in Scotland felt strongly impressed to come to New Zealand. Her relatives urged her not to do so, but a voice told her to go. Finally she came, despite the advice of her friends, and here commenced attending spiritualist meetings, as the churches failed to give that for which she looked, and thinking that perhaps there was some connection between spiritualism and the voice that had spoken to her. It was through attending these meetings that she was providentially led to come to hear me give a Bible study opposing Spiritualism. Today she rejoices in the truth, and firmly believes that it was God who led her to New Zealand to receive the message.

Another incident that I regard as being directed by God, was when one Sunday night, after conducting a meeting in the St. Kilda Hall, I was returning home in the car, sitting on the front with the driver, and felt impressed to talk to him. He learned that I was the one who was holding the meetings in the St. Kilda Hall, and remarked that he had heard about them, and that he and his wife were anxious to come. At my request he gave me his address, and studies were held in his home with the result that his wife and her mother and another friend accepted the message, though he rejected it. Especially does it appear providential when I consider that on leaving the hall I had left the lights burning and did not think of it until I was in a car bound for home. So I jumped off the car and hastened back to the hall, turned out the lights, and caught the next car which was the one God had ordained that I should take.

Whilst conducting another effort in a hall near the Otago University, a young man who is there taking the medical course came along to the meetings in search of the truth. He had been to about a dozen different churches, but these failed to give him the satisfaction for which he longed. His attention was drawn to the advertisement of our meetings, and he was impressed to come. To-

day he finds complete satisfaction in the truth of God.

Others have accepted the message though perhaps have not been led into it in such a marked manner. I thank God for a small part in His work. Soon it will close up triumphantly.

Today I received word from a brother whose experience I would like to pass on. In 1901 he accepted this message, but drifted back into the world again. For years, though not obeying the truth, God cared for him, and has safely brought him through some of the most trying ordeals. Even some of God's people seemed to think him beyond recall. He longed for some one to speak the kindly word and to give a helping hand to lead him from sin to the Saviour again. Finally he heard of the camp-meeting being held in Dunedin, and so he wandered one day in the vicinity of the camp, his soul thirsting for the living waters of the "good old message." As he lingered near the gates of the grounds two mothers in Israel came out, and one approached him, to use his own words, "with the bread of life on her lips that I longed for. My soul thrilled at her words, the first for over twelve years I had heard. I knew then why I came to be at that particular place and at such a time. God was planning it all, and dear Sister Gibson, for she it was who gave me the invitation to step out, was the means used of God to lead me into the truth that saves and keeps one from falling. Words utterly fail me when I think of the goodness of God towards me. What a Saviour is Jesus, that saves to the uttermost all that come to God by Him. Thank God for the three-fold message that is going throughout the world now. May it go with power and hasten the coming of our blessed Lord and Master, Jesus Christ, the altogether lovely One, the fairest of ten thousand."

Shall we not determine to speak no unkind words, or act unkindly to any of God's children, causing them to stumble and fall; but rather let us learn the lesson taught in this case to be ever ready to speak with love and bind up the broken-hearted, and encourage those who are sorely tempted and discouraged.

The Saviour says, "Rejoice with me, for I have found that which was lost."

L. F. WERE.

Seventh-day Adventist High School, Auburn

REALIZING that "the work that lies next to our church members is to become interested in our youth," and that "the church has a special work to do in educating and training its children." (*Counsels to Teachers*, pp. 42, 173), the Parramatta and Auburn churches combined their efforts to found a school in conjunction with the latter church about four years ago.

God so prospered this work that, as it was necessary to provide extra accommodation, a fine brick building was erected two years ago. Here the children received instruction to the standard of the Qualifying Certificate until the beginning of this year, when the school was raised to an intermediate grade.

As it was necessary to obtain the services of an extra teacher, this change involved added financial burdens. We were encouraged, however, at the close of the

half-year ended June 30, to find that in spite of some twelve scholars being transferred to the newly-opened school at Liverpool, the enrolment had increased, and also that the tuition fees had been the highest on record. This increase helped materially in meeting our heavy expenses. The loan on the school building has been reduced by over £100, and all our current expenses paid in full. It is good to see that the Lord is prospering His educational work, together with the other branches of Christian endeavour in this closing message.

The gracious blessing of God upon our sale of work, opened by the mayor of Auburn during the midwinter vacation, was manifested in the result of a profit of over £100.

Of greater importance than the financial and intellectual progress, are the definite spiritual blessings experienced by teachers and children alike. During the week of prayer many heartfelt petitions ascended from our schoolroom. From tiny tots of five years to the older children in the upper classes, came sincere supplications for grace and strength for a Christian walk. Even children from godless homes voiced their desire to serve Jesus.

As we are very anxious that our children should have the right ideals set before them, there is a pressing need for a well-filled library of good books, such as our mission series. What we read, we are. It is vitally important that our children should have access to the best inspirational literature we can provide, that they may be servants of God now and hereafter. Should any reader interested in the salvation of the youth care to assist us, gifts in cash or in kind to stock this library will be gratefully acknowledged.

The blessings of the past inspire us to press on into the future. A. E. SPECK.

Enthusiastic Native of Catholic Italy

OUR readers will doubtless remember that Brother J. Donghi of Waipawa, New Zealand, through the RECORD made a request for papers for his missionary work. In response quite a large number of papers were sent to him and he would like to say "Thank you," to all who helped him. "I wish you could see and hear him tell how the Lord blesses him," writes Brother Hooking, "and the joy he finds in scattering the papers everywhere he goes. Brother Donghi is seventy-three years of age, was born in Catholic Italy, and was brought up in the faith of that church to which he adhered until he was forty-seven years of age. At that age he accepted this blessed truth. A Catholic mission has just recently concluded in Waipawa, and some of his old time co-religionists made a determined effort to win him back to the church. 'But,' said he, 'called out of darkness by the lovely Jesus, how could I go back? No, no, He gives me strength to resist and to carry war into the enemies' country.' He regularly visits two small towns,—his home, Waipawa, being about mid-way between Waipukurau and Otane, each about four and a half miles away. He has literally sown the district with our literature, and is one of the best known men in the district."

Monthly Summary of Australasian Canvassing Work

South New South Wales

AUGUST, 1922

Bible Readings—	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
R. H. Powrie ...	74	41	£58 2 6
A. G. Carton ...	11		17 6
C. E. Bird ...	38	15	17 5 0
Miss B. Todd ...	17½	9	10 7 6
O. V. Hellestrand ...	86	22	38 0 0
R. Ross-Lewin ...	40½	32	38 10 0
Mr & Mrs Thompson ...	39	10	11 0 0
D. Sutherland ...	144½	13	17 0 0
R. Feare ...	50	24	29 7 6
G. White ...	24	8	9 0 0

Ladies' Hand-book—	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
Mrs. Hammond ...	38	29	42 12 6
E. K. Maisey ...	123½	128	235 5 0
Mrs. Bucknell ...	41½	26	38 11 0
J. Mancy ...	23	5	6 17 6
Mrs. M. E. James ...	11½	9	13 17 6
Mrs. V. Nolan ...	16½	16	23 15 0

Christ's Object Lessons—	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
Mr. & Mrs. Vicary ...	8	5	3 7 6
E. V. Garbutt ...	58	31	18 19 6
A. J. Kelly ...	51½	48	26 3 6

Practical Guide—	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
K. Broszat ...	33	9	11 17 6

Daniel and Revelation—	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
S. G. White ...	6	6	6 0 0

Helps Sold by Agents	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
	981½	436	£671 8 9

World Outlook—	Hrs.	Copies	Subs.	Value
D. Chapman ...	28	27		£1 13 6
Mrs. J. Martin ...	32	52		2 12 0
	60	79		£4 4 6

Victoria

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Bible Readings—	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
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R. G. Roberts ...	116	38	46 5 0
G. H. Lane ...	103	24	31 5 0
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Christ's Object Lessons—	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
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J. T. Dunne ...	150	46	69 10 0
J. A. Bown ...	129	34	48 0 0
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Mrs. Ashcroft ...	10	4	5 10 0
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Queensland

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J. T. Cox ...	16	9	9 15 0

Great Controversy—	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
O. W. E. Maxwell ...	32	9	12 10 0

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R. J. Paterson ...	58	32	38 15 0

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L. H. Smith ...	2	1	5 0
R. J. Paterson ...	21	11	2 6

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Mr. & Mrs. J. Newley ...	108	50	31 5 0
Miss G. Boon ...	74	28	17 10 0

Practical Guide—	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
H. J. Robinson ...	4	7	5 0

Ladies' Hand-book—	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
Mrs. M. C. Cox ...	2	3	4 2 6
Mrs. E. Cordingley ...	17	8	12 5 0
Miscellaneous ...	41	32	56 9 6
Mr. & Mrs. H. Cooper ...	254	176	274 19 0
Mr. & Mrs. J. Newley ...	6	8	5 0

Helps Sold by Agents	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
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North New South Wales

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Ladies' Hand-book—	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
W. Morris ...	106½	45	£69 17 6

Bible Readings—	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
T. Mitchell ...	1	1	5 0

Coming King—	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
W. J. Cottier ...	1	1	12 6

Christ's Object Lessons—	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
A. I. Mitchell ...	90½	116	78 17 6
W. J. Cottier ...	69	32	21 12 6
C. C. Ellis ...	108	93	63 12 6
T. A. Mitchell ...	97	130	87 12 6
G. Bailey ...	115	77	42 14 6

Helps Sold by Agents	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
	586	495	£404 7 0

North New Zealand

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Bible Readings—	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
J. E. Laybourn ...	105½	48	£56 10 0
E. Barnard ...	90½	36	45 2 6
A. E. Woodley ...	114½	29	40 6 6
R. K. Piper ...	65	35	47 2 6
W. C. Boniface ...	78½	20	26 0 0
H. L. Tolhurst ...	121½	34	43 10 0

Practical Guide—	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
D. Collins ...	140	29	43 2 6
A. Jackson ...	74½	46	86 5 0

Ladies' Hand-book—	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
J. Ivey ...	13	9	16 17 6
Mrs. Ivey ...	48½	36	67 10 0
Miss D. Brown ...	49½	16	25 5 0
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Great Controversy—	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
F. N. Smith ...	70	40	44 10 0

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South New Zealand

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Bible Readings—	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
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G. Bohringer ...	1	1	1 10 0
W. Haddock ...	138	104	120 5 0
Miss C. Hames ...	52½	20	24 12 6

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L. Fraser ...	10	6	£6 5 0

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L. Fraser ...	35	19	27 17 6
Mrs. Fraser ...	43	27	44 7 6
Mrs. Haddock ...	27	23	34 7 6
J. Shin ...	120½	131	185 15 6

Helps Sold by Agents	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
	814	475	£645 7 0

World Outlook—	Hrs.	Copies	Subs.	Value
Miss F. Knowles ...	42	200	21	16 16 6

Tasmania

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W. E. Battye (del.) ...	70	33	£41 0 0
C. C. Widdifield ...	33½	11	13 5 0
H. C. Morgan ...	110	23	29 5 0
L. J. Reid ...	75	19	22 0 0

Christ's Object Lessons—	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
V. G. Bedford (del.) ...	19	22	14 12 6
A. E. Hastie ...	37	12	7 7 6

Ladies' Hand-book—	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
F. M. Secretary ...	29	2	2 15 0

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	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
North New South Wales ...	586	495	£404 7 0
South New South Wales ...	981½	486	£71 8 9
West Australia ...	115	90	118 4 0
Victoria ...	1727	788	922 15 3
South Australia ...			505 15 6
South New Zealand ...	814	475	645 7 0
North New Zealand ...	1124½	441	£636 8 9
Queensland ...	684	425	560 13 0
Tasmania ...	373	122	137 11 0

A Record Summary

LOOKING over the summaries just to hand for August we find that another record has been established in our book-work. The value of sales for that month was £4,602 10s. 3d., an increase of £35 1s. 5d. over the sales of March of this year, which was our record month in Australasia till the present figures came to hand. The splendid summary from Victoria has considerably helped to make these figures possible.

We praise God for the way in which He is blessing the noble efforts of those engaged in this work. "Jesus walking by the side of the colporteur is the chief worker," hence the reason for the wonderful results witnessed in their ranks. H. S.

Helping Sydney's Needy Ones

"THOSE who wait for the Bridegroom's coming are to say to the people, 'Behold your God!' The last rays of merciful light, the last message of mercy to be given to the world, is a revelation of His character of love. The children of God are to manifest His glory. In their own life and character, they are to reveal what the grace of God has done for them.

"All around us are heard the wails of a world's sorrow. On every hand are the needy and distressed. It is ours to aid in relieving and softening life's hardships and misery.

"Practical work will have far more effect than mere sermonizing. We are to give food to the hungry, clothing to the naked, and shelter to the homeless. And we are called to do more than this. The wants of the soul, only the love of Christ can satisfy. If Christ is abiding in us, our hearts will be full of divine sympathy. The sealed fountains of earnest, Christ-like love will be unsealed."—*Christ's Object Lessons*, pp. 415, 417.

For a considerable time some of the officers of the Wairoonga Seventh-day Adventist Church have desired to launch out in the good work indicated by the foregoing quotations. The Executive of the Union Conference had also planned that the nurses of our Sydney Sanitarium, in their third year of training, should have an experience in visiting and ministering to the sick and needy of the city. But until recently we have found it impracticable to launch the effort as desired.

The leaders of the various departments of the church, composing the missionary committee, were extremely gratified when in the providence of God a start was made. The members of the church who seemed to be most accessible were divided into three bands, and with these a party of nurses was to go each week. A supply committee was also appointed to arrange for the receipt and distribution of supplies of food, clothing, or cash, for use among the needy. Each band was to visit its territory once in three weeks, and assist those found in need of assistance. Through the willing co-operation of other churches, it was hoped that during the two weeks between the visits of the Wairoonga Christian Help Bands to their respective fields of labour, their needy ones would not be left unvisited. And this has proved to be the case. The Seventh-day Adventist Churches at Stanmore, Marrickville,

and Woollahra, have gladly joined hands to help our needy fellow-citizens of greater Sydney.

In providing supplies, what are called "pound nights" (an old institution revived) have been again planned for in the several churches participating. The name indicates that each member coming to the week-night meeting set apart for the "pound night," should bring one or more pounds of some food to be used in supplying the needs of the poor. The response has been good, articles of clothing being also donated at the same time. Those who prefer to do so, give in cash, which is more easily taken to the city, and can then be converted into food and clothing.

Our missionary leader, Brother S. V. Stratford, and the writer, felt that the Lord had guided us in the selection of our territory, when we went to the junction of Alexandria, Waterloo, and Redfern. There a "baby clinic" has been established, and the nurses readily supplied us with the names of worthy people who were in distress. We later discovered that one of these nurses was already acquainted with Nurse McLean, the assistant matron at the Sanitarium, and had visited her at that institution. The help given by these nurses in locating the worthy poor, has been much appreciated, and we feel it is another evidence that God is guiding in the work. The Master has said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me." At the present writing each of three bands has visited in the districts already mentioned, and almost without exception found the persons recommended by the nurses of the clinic to be worthy of assistance. Many of the women whose husbands have just begun to work, have declined assistance, saying that they could now struggle along, paying a little at a time off the accounts run up while their husbands were idle. They felt that others were more in need of help, and gladly gave them precedence.

Already about £7 worth has been given by our members to supply the needy with food, and several families have also been supplied with clothing. In order to keep up the supply, the writer, as a member of the supply committee, has solicited help from a number of business people in the city, and up till now over £7 has been received from them. This I believe is in harmony with the instruction in Testimonies, Volume 6, page 286, where instruction is given regarding the care of the world's orphans. *The burden is not to be borne entirely by God's people. But in caring for the world's poor they should appeal to the world for support.* Our people have a world-wide work to support, and must not have all their means enlisted in local enterprises, however worthy. But worldly men, who will not give to foreign mission funds will often give to the work which lies nearest to them. Will not our other churches also go to the world and ask it to do its share in supporting the world's poor?

Those of our members who have engaged in this work have already realized that "it is more blessed to give than to receive;" and all who do so may confidently claim the blessing promised in Ps. 41: 1-3, provided always that love for the Master and His needy creatures inspires them in the work.

Should any of our members, who are not within reach of Sydney's needy ones, feel it a privilege to help in this good work by sending a donation to our missionary society secretary and treasurer, the same will be promptly acknowledged. The address is, Jas. F. Rattray, "Mizpah," Fox Valley Road, Wairoonga. Any donations handed to the writer will, if desired, be acknowledged in the same way. Believing that we shall see much good result from this labour of love, I would encourage all who have an opportunity to do so to have a part in it. The promises of Isa. 58: 6-14 are for those who cheerfully take up this work.

W. R. CARSWELL.

Arrival of the Fijian Delegates

By the R.M.S. *Makura* from Vancouver via Fiji and Auckland, there arrived in Sydney on Tuesday, September 12, a party of delegates to the Australasian Union Conference.

Included in the party are Pastor M. E. Kern, representing the General Conference, Pastor E. B. Rudge, superintendent of the Fijian Mission, Pastor S. W. Carr, Ratu Sailosi Balago, and Timothy Nawara. Brother McLaren and family arrived on the same steamer, while Brother Ward and family arrived the day previous.

The arrival of the two native delegates has been quite an interesting event, and general publicity has been given it through the columns of the daily papers, one heading reading as follows: "Colour Forgotten. Seventh-day Adventists. Fijians for Convention."

Two things, Ratu Sailosi said, particularly impressed him, one was the vast population, the other the immense buildings. "Suva," he continued, "we Fijians thought was a large city with all the modern conveniences, but when we reached Auckland, it so far eclipsed Suva that we thought there could not be a larger place. Four days later, when we reached Sydney, we were dumb; our eyes took it in, but our tongues fail to tell. How could we describe it! Like the Queen of Sheba, when she went to see the famous temple built by King Solomon, we exclaimed, 'It was a true report which I heard in mine own land, and behold the one-half . . . was not told me!'"

Their genial disposition has made them popular among the staff and patients at the Sydney Sanitarium, where they have been staying a few days. In response to a request from some of the patients, they gave rather a vivid description of their first impressions of Sydney, which Brother Ward interpreted. He said, "When it was suggested that we go up to the top of Union House for a 'lookout,' I thought it would be dark before we could climb up so far. But upon entering the vast building we were taken into a room, and the door being shut, the one in charge touched something, and the room rushed clear to the top."

Of particular interest are his remarks about the Vegetarian Cafe and Sanitarium. Of the former, he says, "In Fiji we heard about the Adventists' house-eating in Sydney, but when I saw it, a clean place with a clean bill of fare, I could understand how it must appeal to

clean people, and it is a splendid sermon from a clean church."

Of the Sanitarium he said, "I understand a good deal about hospitals, but there is this difference between hospitals and this place. In hospitals the patients do not seem contented. They are anxious to return home as soon as possible, and some even run away without permission, but the patients in this place seem to like to stay after they are well. They certainly must like the place and the people."

A. G. STEWART.

New Zealand's Modern Athens

WITH a population of about 72,000, Dunedin offers unlimited scope, at a time that is now ripe, for the presentation of the principles of present truth.

For some time this city could boast of only a half-dozen representatives of the third angel's message, who were won three years ago by Brother Barber and his wife in the canvassing work. Nearly two years ago Brother Shin and his family came here, and while canvassing, "Daniel and The Revelation," he found a few honest souls interested in the truth, and eventually, Brother L. F. Were was asked to follow up the work. The last camp-meeting, which was held in Dunedin, helped more firmly to establish these interested ones, and with others who became interested Brother Were continued to labour until his efforts proved fruitful in thirteen new Sabbath-keepers and two reclaimed, after being out of the truth for some time.

With the elements at variance—a feature of Dunedin—but with hearts brightened by the warm rays from the Sun of righteousness, nearly thirty adults and a few young people and children, assembled at the municipal baths to hold a baptismal service. The singing of appropriate hymns prepared our hearts to receive the instruction from Pastor Cozens on the subject of baptism, as he dwelt chiefly on the spiritual significance of this ordinance. Four sisters and two brethren were buried with their Lord in baptism.

In the afternoon all again assembled at the meeting hall for the purpose of being organized into a church. The president took charge of the meeting, assisted by Brother Were.

In the singing of that awe-inspiring hymn, "With Reverence Let the Saints Appear," all felt the divine presence of God, and prayer, invoking His aid and blessing, was answered.

Pastor Cozens, in giving the Bible study, referred to I Cor. 12:12-27, as showing how the Lord used the physical structure of the body and its parts to teach the relationship of church members with Christ, the head of the body. As we are all members of one great body, when one member suffers, all must suffer with him; when one receives honour, all participate, and if this experience is maintained, selfishness will not exist in the church. The bearing of one another's burdens is the greatest privilege and opportunity whereby we may receive heaven's blessing. With organization comes agreement—agreement in the principles of truth for which we stand and in our manners of life.

As all present had been previously in-

structed on these principles, which had been placed on the board for observation, they readily subscribed themselves to accept the church covenant and rightly represent in life and by precept, the teachings of our Lord.

Twenty-eight names were enrolled, with others to follow, thus forming a church that we pray will be the foundation of a strong centre to represent the third angel's message.

The ordination of Brother Were as elder, followed the election of church officers, and brought the service to a very impressive close.

The outlook for our work is very encouraging in this city. While no great effort has been made with religious meetings, owing to shortage of workers, yet an aggressive campaign has begun in the interests of the health food work. Brother Lane, representing this branch of the work, has received requests from many influential people for a food depot and cafe to be opened. Professors in the University are eager for this. The Government Health Inspector of Schools, who has been on the medical staff at the Battle Creek Sanitarium, has expressed himself as being able and willing to cooperate with us in this work. The Theosophists are a strong body and are persistent in their requests for a cafe. No other city, comparatively speaking, throughout Australasia could afford such opportunity or offer such inducement for this branch of the Lord's work, as in Dunedin, the centre of learning for the whole of New Zealand, and who can estimate the results of launching out in this manner?

Brethren and sisters, will you pray for the church and work in this modern Athens, where are possibilities nothing less than glorious for winning precious souls?

W. HADDOCK.

"While Men Slept"

THE Bible contains much warning against sleeping, both literally and figuratively, and the heir of the kingdom may well take alarm at the thought of losing his heritage because of a moment's careless indulgence. Perhaps nothing tends to awaken indignation more than to learn that some one has fallen a prey to foul deception. "Died Abner as a fool dieth," David passionately cried as he bewailed the death of one whose life-stream was poured out at an unguarded moment.

Years ago, when the people of Rurutu were a race of savage cannibals, a scene was enacted on this island which in its twofold application shows the necessity for watchfulness.

For reasons unknown to us an inhabitant of the little village of Narui became responsible for the conflagration of a storehouse belonging to the king of Auti. Greatly enraged at the affront the king determined to have revenge, and accordingly rallied his people for an attack, and, desirous of making a big event of the affray, the king also sent an invitation to the people of another village called Avera to join him in the chastisement of his enemies.

The Avera people received the invitation with great joy, but thought that to first hold a big feast would give them a better spirit. The king of Auti, however

wanted immediate action and so when night came on he led his men down on the sleeping village of Narui and destroyed every living soul, besides burning up all the houses. Thus they became sole possessors of the Narui property. The following morning another army raised the shout of battle as they pressed their way down the valley. This time it was the Avera people, expecting to take spoil, but only disappointment greeted them as they looked upon the coveted possession in the hands of their neighbours. Today the Auti people have a surplus of land, while those of Avera find it difficult to provide food for their families, because of meagre land holdings.

This tragical story is a forceful reminder of two classes of slumberers in these last days. The one class, hardened in unbelief and sin and not knowing that the time of their visitation is at hand, will sleep on until the great day of destruction stealthily overtakes them. And what of the other? The Spirit of the Lord has spoken of them as saying, upon awaking to the fact that their crown is taken, "We knew that the great day was at hand, but we did not think that it would come so soon."

O, then—

"Let us be careful that slumber
Press not our eyelids too hard,—
Surely not one of our number
Must be found sleeping on guard!"

H. S. COZENS.

Visiting an Indian Chief

THE following inspiring story from Pastor W. S. Hyatt in Africa is possible because of a plan by which some of our churches at home are furnishing clubs of the *Signs* to our missionaries abroad. He writes:—

"Just one experience that I had a few days ago. I was visiting a native village with Pastor Armitage in the vicinity of Pretoria, and we went to see the chief. He is a well-educated man and lives in a good brick house. His dining-room is well furnished, having a good sideboard, a nice organ with plate glass in the top, and nicely upholstered chairs and couch.

"The first thing I saw when I went into the house was the *Signs of the Times* on his table. I asked him how he liked the paper and he said it was the right paper to teach the truths of the Bible. We had not been there an hour when he asked us to give him a study on the Sabbath question. This we did and also on the messages, all of which he said he believed. I learned before leaving that Sister W. H. Anderson had his address and was sending him the papers.

"Old Chief K— has given the London Missionary Society full possession in his country, so we are shut out; but he can not shut out the post, and we are planning to post our good papers all over his country and write letters to the readers. The old chief's brother has accepted the Sabbath and is living near K—, so the truth has gained a foothold in the very heart of his country and in the royal family, too. There are many well educated natives in Bechuanaland, and we hope to reach some of these."

J. R. FERREN.

The Way It Is Done in Newfoundland

THE plan to divide churches into work bands is urged upon us in the "Testimonies." Over in Newfoundland, in the St. John's church, our brethren have followed this advice, and have a number of live, active bands of willing workers. The church missionary secretary, Brother Benjamin Bugden, in writing of their activities with our literature, tells how it is done.

They have three special methods. One is a mailing band, another method is the use of literature racks, and still another company has the unique title of "Water Front" band. The larger share of this work is done Sunday morning. Those who visit the St. John's church say it is inspiring to see three or four of the adult members of the church starting out with their arms filled with literature to supply the ships in the harbour. The thought comes, why not all our churches situated on harbours, either on the Great Lakes or on the Coast, form a Water Front band, and reach the class of people they have been failing to reach in the past?

There is an abundance of literature that can be used on such occasions, and it is always gladly received. The British and Foreign Bible Societies supply a portion of the Scriptures to every immigrant that lands on the Newfoundland shores. They have their workers on the dock, and do not let one person get by. Should we not be equally as faithful in bringing this precious message to the attention of sailors and passengers of the ships that come into our harbours? H. H. RANS.

In Eastern Canadian Messenger.

First Christian Wedding at Monamona

ON Sunday, August 19, 1922, was celebrated the first wedding at Monamona where both the contracting parties were Christians, and one where both had taken the privilege of choosing the other for a companion. It is the custom among the natives here when a baby girl is born to give her to some man much older in years, and when she enters early girlhood she must yield herself to him whether in love or otherwise.

But Charlie Levers and Lucy Walsh, both beautiful Christian characters, broke this heavily-borne yoke and made their own overtures, and were united in holy wedlock by Brother Branford. They were dearly loved in the dormitories where they had been brought up, so the other girls and boys expressed their love and esteem by decorating the large dining hall, and in other ways helped to make the occasion of their wedding a pleasant one. Lucy looked very nice in her neat, white dress she had helped to make.

To us as workers the service was a very impressive one, as these two young people, fruits of many heartaches, were united in life.

After the usual wedding breakfast the two young people walked home to their neat little two-roomed cottage, where we hope and pray they will be shining lights to their people who sit in ignorance.

RUTH K. BORGAS.

Obituaries

WIGGINS.—Brother Herbert Vincent Wiggins was born in England thirty-nine years ago, and died August 29, 1922, in Wyong Hospital, after a brief illness. During 1918 Pastor F. E. Lyndon attended the Union Conference session, and owing to the outbreak of pneumonic influenza preventing him for a time from returning to his island field, he laboured for the Ourimbah church, with the result that our departed brother with his brother, W. Wiggins, and wife, were won to the truth. Brother Wiggins was highly esteemed for his quiet, upright life. He leaves a widow and two children to mourn their loss. Words of comfort were spoken at a service held in the Ourimbah church by Brethren J. J. and W. F. Martin and the writer, after which he was laid to rest in the Church of England cemetery, Ourimbah, the Rev. R. Winter officiating at the graveside. F. W. REEKIE.

SAUNDERS.—Henry Saunders was born seventy-two years ago at Stone, Buckinghamshire, England, and died at his daughter's home, No. 4 Cambridge Street, South Yarra, Melbourne, Tuesday, August 22, 1922, and was interred in the Brighton cemetery. Brother Saunders was a printer by trade, and travelled extensively. It was in West Australia that he first heard and accepted the present truth about seven years ago. For a number of years he travelled through life partially blind, and about a year ago he became totally blind. In the home and at the graveside we spoke words of comfort. Our sleeping brother leaves a wife, two sons, four daughters and eight grandchildren to mourn their loss.

THOS. H. CRADDOCK.

EDWARDS.—Brother Charles Edwards passed away July 24, 1922, at the age of seventy-eight years. Brother Edwards had been failing in health for two years, growing gradually weaker and finally fell asleep without a struggle. He was the first person to accept the truth in Tonga, and was baptized by Pastor Butz, December 10, 1899. He acted as treasurer and clerk for the Nukualofa church for almost twenty years. He leaves to mourn a wife, one son, one daughter, a son-in-law (Joni Latu) and one grandchild. We feel sure that Brother Edwards will come forth at the call of the Life-giver in the morn of the first resurrection. The service was conducted by the writer.

R. W. SMITH.

KNEEVES.—Sister Louisa Kneeves died at her home in Willoughby, Sydney, on August 5, 1922, at the age of seventy-nine. She accepted present truth fifteen years ago, and for many years services were held in her home. Her death came suddenly. She was in her usual health on Wednesday and on Sabbath she passed away. We laid her to rest in sure and certain hope of a glorious resurrection. She leaves four daughters and two sons to mourn their loss, and to these we extend our heart-felt sympathy in this time of their sorrow. REUBEN E. HARE.

COOPER.—Died at Melbourne, on August 24, 1922, after nearly three years' illness, Brother Ernest Cooper. Brother Cooper was born in Port Melbourne thirty-eight years ago. He and his wife were baptized at Caulfield camp-meeting.

He leaves a widow and three little children to mourn their loss, and to whom we extend our deepest sympathy. Our brother was buried from his home in North Carlton, Sabbath afternoon, August 26, being laid to rest in Fawcner cemetery. Services were held in the home and at the graveside by the writer. Brother A. Ballingall, elder of North Fitzroy church, assisted in the service at the home. "We'll never say good-bye in heaven." J. H. WOODS.

CAMPBELL.—Alexander Campbell died suddenly at his home, Beamish Street, Campsie, Sydney, during the night of August 16, 1922. Although not a church member, Mr. Campbell, at one time a strong opposer of this message, later took a keen interest in it and lived up fully to the light he had received. During the last year or two of his life a wonderful transformation was witnessed in him, which bore testimony to the power of the Holy Spirit to change hearts. He leaves a widow and one son, who are rejoicing in this truth, to mourn their loss.

R. GOVETT.

HARE.—Another saint at rest. The Bendigo church loses one of its most faithful and true members in the person of Sister E. A. Hare, who passed away on August 6, at the ripe age of eighty-six years, at the home of Sister Webb. Our sister loved the truth, was always a regular attendant at services when health permitted, and ever on the watch to bring others to a knowledge of the Lord and the truth, either by word of mouth, or through literature. A number of children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren mourn the loss of a loved one, though do not sorrow as those without hope. A large number of relatives and friends met at the grave where the writer conducted the burial service, and spoke words of comfort and admonition to those present, urging all to be overcomers and meet our sister on the resurrection morn. T. W. PHILPS.

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THE South New South Wales Conference desires us to acknowledge receipt of £1 10s. which recently reached their office in an anonymous letter. They extend their thanks to this friend.

AFTER seven years of successful service in India, Brother Roy Thrift, with his wife and two little children, has returned to Australia on furlough. Prior to the opening of the Union Conference, they are spending a little time with Sister Thrift's parents in Melbourne.

ON Sabbath, August 26, Pastor F. L. Sharp conducted a baptismal service at Hatton, North Queensland, when eight went forward in this ordinance. The little company of believers in that town will be greatly strengthened as a result of this addition to their membership.

BROTHER R. J. Martin of New Zealand tells of a good sister who has trained three of her sons for active work in the canvassing field, and who, although her tale of years is growing longer, in addition to other church activities is selling the *World Outlook* and meeting with good success.

BROTHER J. L. Smith, the secretary of the Victorian Conference, recently received a letter from Bendigo telling of a Church of England clergyman of that district, who preached about the Second Coming of Christ, after having received several copies of the *Signs*. He has now given a yearly subscription for the paper.

PASTOR C. H. Parker has been spending a little time in Melbourne where he is delivering lectures on the subject of island mission work. One was held in the Conference Hall on Sunday, September 10, and another one in the Windsor church on the 16th. We are expecting Brother and Sister Parker to be in attendance at the coming Conference.

PASTOR Eric B. Hare with his wife and two children arrived in Sydney on Sunday, September 17. Brother and Sister Hare have been labouring for a number of years in Burma, and are now home on a needed furlough. We know Pastor Hare will have some encouraging reports of his work to present at the coming Conference.

AS the result of the special effort to secure subscriptions for the *Review and Herald* during the month of August, the North New South Wales Conference succeeded in obtaining about 120 orders, of which between 70 and 80 were new subscriptions. We trust that many in the other conferences availed themselves of this special offer. The regular price of the *Review* for one year is now 11s. Send orders to your conference office.

A CABLE message received from Washington, D.C., informs us that it is impossible for Pastor Quinn to visit this field at the present time. While this is a keen disappointment to us, we are glad to have Pastor Kern with us for a few months, he having arrived in Sydney on the *Makura*, the 12th of this month. Pastor L. H. Wood and wife, who are coming to connect with our educational work, will be arriving a little later, but in time for the greater part of our Union Conference session.

NOAL Cooper, one of the most radical and fanatical blue-law reformers in U. S. A., has entered the race for United States Senator on the Sunday law platform. Thus the issue is being brought squarely before the political forces of the country. This should remind us of the fact that the Lord has stated that one day "legislators will yield," and we can see that it would not be a difficult matter for men to do this, with the exception of those who recognize great principles and stand for principle rather than politics.

"WE have some very small Sabbath schools where the meetings are held in the homes," writes Sister Wegner from South New Zealand. "The superintendent of one of these invited me to their school on the last Thirteenth Sabbath, as they were having a special programme. There were seven adults and eleven children. After rendering their programme in a very creditable way, they showed their practical love for missions by their offering, which amounted to £5 5s. I was astonished when they told me the amount, because they are not overburdened with this world's riches. Such a large offering means sacrifice, and theirs is a willing sacrifice. 'The Lord loveth a cheerful giver.'"

WHILE Pastor Fletcher was in Victoria recently he told some interesting things regarding the tithe-payers of India. Here is one instance. A one-time Hindu turned from heathenism to Roman Catholicism, as being better than his own religion. He heard the truth and became a Seventh-day Adventist. He faithfully accepted the tithe principle, and conscientiously marks every tenth cocoanut tree on his plantation as belonging to the Lord. He found out, however, that in one row he had marked off for the Lord a barren and worthless tree. He counted them over again, but no matter how he counted the result was the same. Then he told the Lord all about it, and asked Him to bless that tree. That year it yielded ninety cocoanuts, which is an exceptionally good crop, and it has never ceased to bear since. The Lord blesses His faithful people when they pay tithe.

WHEN Brother and Sister Tutty departed from their mission station at Dovele, in the Solomon Islands, to return to Australia on furlough, their work was taken up by Pana, our native missionary from the island of Ranonga. Thus considerable responsibility has been placed upon the shoulders of this native labourer, indicating that our Solomon Island workers are coming to the place where they are developing real strength in service. Pana's work on the island of Ranonga has been made known to our people through the columns of the *RECORD*. The Lord has wonderfully blessed him, and we

rejoice that the brethren felt free to place this added responsibility upon him. With the establishment of a training school in the group there is no reason why an army of such labourers should not be quickly developed for all the Melanesian field. This surely is the way to finish the work in that section of God's vineyard.

FOLLOWING is an extract taken from a letter received from Brother F. W. Reekie: "While waiting upon the Hamilton platform on Sabbath morning for a Maitland train, I was reading, 'The Gospel and the Printing Press.' A young man sitting next to me asked me the nature of the book. I was pleased to have the opportunity of telling him, and as he was going Maitland way, we rode together in the same carriage. During our conversation I mentioned that I was a Seventh-day Adventist, and he then told me he had been converted through reading a copy of the *Signs of the Times*, which he bought from one of our sisters at Lithgow. He said that prior to his conversion he was a prize-fighter, but that the paper, through the blessing of the Lord, had completely changed his life. I spoke to him particularly about the Sabbath truth, and he said he would certainly investigate this. I gave him some more literature and my address, as I left the train. This surely is another evidence of the good work our missionary paper, the *Signs*, is doing."

Sydney Sanitarium Training Course for Nurses

APPLICATIONS for admission to the next class should be sent to the manager not later than October 16. Any of our young people who are thinking of taking a nurses' course, should not fail to make their application immediately. Address Manager, Sydney Sanitarium, Wahroonga, N.S.W.

Special Issues of the "Record"

THE next issue of the *RECORD* will be Special No. 1, containing the proceedings of the first part of the Union Conference. Specials Nos. 2 and 3 will probably follow before another regular number is published. We cannot just now give the date of the next ordinary issue of the paper.

"It is not the capabilities you now possess, or ever will have, that will give you success. It is that which the Lord can do for you. We need to have far less confidence in what man can do, and far more confidence in what God can do for every believing soul. He longs to have you reach after Him by faith. He longs to have you expect great things from Him. He longs to give you understanding in temporal as well as in spiritual matters. He can sharpen the intellect. He can give tact and skill. Put your talents into the work, ask God for wisdom and it will be given you."—*Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 146.