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## How Can We Promote a Revival?

WE can start some things with a resolution, and some things with a little agitation, and some can be promoted by the use of literature. Resolutions, sermons, and literature may also be used helpfully in connection with a revival, but prayer is what is needed to bring the vital spark. We may create all the organization necessary,—have workers ready for the effort, preachers, singers, ushers; but all our machinery, be it ever so well regulated, must be vitalized by the “breath of life,” or all is vain.

Revivals can usually be traced to some earnest praying ones,—perhaps as in some of Mr. Moody's notable revivals,—to some humble, out-of-sight, praying woman. The great revival of Pentecost began after the earnest prayers in the upper chamber. Some of those engaged in those earnest seasons of intercession were humble members of the church. Much depends today on the attitude of our rank and file, our devoted church members. Our ministers can do much. They should be greatly burdened over the conditions calling for a revival. They should pray, yea they should “weep between the porch and the altar” in their cry to God for His people. But God calls a solemn assembly of His united church.

“Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts: let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet.” Joel 2:16.

Here the congregation,—children, bridegroom and bride, minister and people—are seeking God together. Here is the spirit of a true revival.

Surely a realizing sense of present truth will tend to promote a revival. Living as we are in the last days, facing eternal realities, constitutes a call for a full consecration.

“Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in My holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the Lord cometh, for it is nigh at hand; a day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness, as the morning spread upon the mountains: a great people and a strong; there hath not been ever the like, neither shall be any more after it, even to the years of many generations.” Joel 2:1, 2.

And when the church is given up to prayer, what then is the glad response of God to the devotions of His people?

“Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord your God: for He hath given you the former rain moderately, and He will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and

the latter rain in the first month. And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the fats shall overflow with wine and oil.” Joel 2:23, 24.

## A Rush for Seats

ON my journey to New Zealand, the steamer was very crowded, due perhaps to the late seamen's strike. All the cabins were full, and there was not sufficient seating capacity in the dining room, so there was a second sitting for the overflow. Before the first dinner was served on board, a notice was posted that at a certain hour seats would be allotted in the dining room. At the appointed time an officer sat at a table with a plan of the tables so as to arrange seats for those who applied for the same. As though their lives depended on it, the people rushed about the officers till the crowd was four-deep around the table. It seemed like a crowd at some highly important and interesting meeting. I thought if people were only as anxious to secure seats at the table of the Lord, how excellent that would be. But when a spiritual feast is spread, there is no crowding for seats. On the other hand, the messengers must be sent out to “compel them to come in,” for there are many excuses to remain away from the Lord's supper. A strange madness possesses mankind, rushing for the things that are of little value, and neglecting “so great a salvation.” We becomed rugged by Satan; our spiritual senses are benumbed, our eyes are closed, our ears are dull. Even the most trusted of us, like Peter, James, and John, fall asleep in the hour of crisis when our Saviour is depending on us, and is longing for our human sympathy. “What, could ye not watch with Me one hour?” How shameful is our service, how lukewarm our love, how discourteously we treat His invitation!

In Matthew, chapter twenty-two, we have the interesting parable of the dinner. The preparations were made, the invitations were sent out, but in a shameful and discourteous manner the invited guests remained away, one at his farm, the other at his merchandise. Then the king said to his servants, “The wedding is ready, but they which were bidden were not worthy. Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage. So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good; and the wedding was furnished with guests.” And, brethren, does it mean that now after many of us in favoured lands have been

so heedless and lukewarm, that God is turning away to the highways, such as the Solomon Islands, among the ignorant and savage peoples? They are coming to the feast,—literally rushing the table of the Lord, while many of us are apathetic. How can we account for such indifference? A few days ago a wedding took place, and most everybody attended, but the following prayer-meeting-night feast had seats to spare. Where is our religion? From Korea, reports come of four hundred to a thousand attending prayer-meeting. Is God passing us by and giving His attentions to those in the "highways and hedges,"—hiding His secrets from the "wise and prudent" and "revealing them unto babes"?

Surely, brethren, we are living on too low a plane; we are lukewarm, many asleep. "Awake, awake," is the call from God, "put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem." "Shake thyself from the dust." "Loose thyself from the bands of thy neck, O captive daughter of Zion."

J. E. FULTON.

### The Bible Classified as a Sectarian Book

THE Bible has been officially classified in California as a "sectarian" book, and inasmuch as the State Constitution provides that "no public money shall ever be appropriated for the support of any sectarian schools, . . . nor shall any sectarian doctrine be taught or instruction therein permitted, directly or indirectly, in any common schools of this State," the Bible has been vetoed.

Strong exception has been taken to this action by the *Philadelphia Public Leader*, which evidently believes that the greatest English classic should find a place in the State educational system. Says this journal:—

"It is a great monument of literature, an embodiment of human struggle, aspiration, and experience, a narrative of the travail of civilisation through the ages, quite apart from all question as to its origin or its claims to divine authority.

"The Book of books can not be jettisoned from the school curriculum without a serious loss to the teachers and the pupils. The teachers are deprived of a text that illustrates the wisdom of living under law, and the disastrous results of lawlessness. If the books can not be used in the schools, presumably even the English teachers who employ it as a model in the classroom are doing wrong. Limitless testimony might be adduced from authors who have owed much of their art of self-expression to the study of the Book."

### "The Sea and the Waves Roaring"

THE tidal wave which followed the recent terrible earthquake in Chili practically engulfed the entire coast of the republic. Never since Balboa first saw its waters has there been known as great a tidal wave on the Pacific Ocean. It is recorded that its influence was felt at Honolulu, six thousand miles away. "The movement of the ocean is described as phenomenal. It gave evidence of a terrible disturbance in the bed of the Pacific itself. There must have been such a tearing at the bottom of the sea that immense quantities of water were sucked through, causing a tremendous recession of the waters along the Chilean coast. . . . The waters were first sucked away from the coast and then hurled back. The phenomenon was repeated five times at Antofagasta before the equilibrium of the sea was restored."

### The Way They Do It In Turkey

CHRISTIANS are not desired in Turkey, hence they are ordered to leave Turkish soil. Hundreds of thousands of Greeks are being banished from Asia Minor, where their ancestors have lived for centuries, and the homes they have been compelled to vacate are to be occupied by Turks from Western Thrace. "For naked savagery," says the *New York Globe*, "this wholesale expulsion is almost without parallel in modern history."

We wonder what kind of protest will be made against this last piece of Turkish iniquity by the Great Powers. Are the nations so intent on settling their own internal troubles that they care but little about a million or so of their fellow creatures being driven from their homes by an anti-Christian government? How long will such iniquitous things continue to be carried on? As long as Mohammedanism follows its persecuting habits so long will the Christian races who live on Turkish soil be subjected to tyranny and injustice. Evidently there is only one thing that has been found efficacious in restraining the Turk from such inhuman deeds, and that is the fear of international force being brought against him. Just now, unfortunately for the Greek and the Armenian, that is a rather uncertain quantity. But there is a God in heaven that rules, and a day of retribution is hastening on apace.

### Turkish Usurpation of the Caliphate

To possess the Mohammedan title of Caliph seems to be a somewhat precarious ordeal, for the holders of the title have always had to face practically a tragic end, judging by past experiences. "Of the ninety men who have held the title," says one authority, "thirty-six have been deprived of it; some have been merely deposed, others deposed and blinded, others deposed and murdered, and fourteen were just murdered." It appears that the Turk has no legitimate right to the title, for it was not until 1517, when the Sultan of Turkey conquered Egypt, that the title came into possession of the Turk. At that time the legitimate heir to the Eastern Caliphate was a descendent of the Caliph of Bagdad, "a purely spiritual prince without temporal power." This unfortunate prince dwelt in Egypt when that country became Turkish by the power of Turkish swords. He was thereupon robbed of his title, and authority, and of his relics of the founder of Islam, and the Turkish Sultan proclaimed himself the spiritual successor to Mahomet.

However, after four centuries of tyrannous rule this usurper is surely coming to his end, and evidently the time is ripe for the fulfilment of the prophecy of Dan. 12:45.

### Faith Beyond the Power of Science to Analyze

DURING the delivery of an address in New York on "The Place of Religion in Modern Scientific Civilization," Doctor Charles P. Steinmitz, consulting engineer of the General Electric Company said:—

"Faith is the foundation of religion, and faith is beyond the power of science to analyse." He declared that "there is no scientific foundation for religion, for the idea of God, or for the idea of immortality. All these conceptions must rest on faith, on a faith which

transcends the limits of science and research and goes beyond perceptive experience. . . ."

The great electrician went on to say :—

"There can be no scientific foundation of religion, but belief must always remain the foundation of religion, while that of science is logical reasoning from facts, that is, sense perceptions, and all we can say is that the two, science and religion, are not necessarily incompatible, but are different and unrelated activities of the human mind."

### Congregational Hospitality

EVIDENTLY all the larger church bodies do not regard Seventh-day Adventists as reprobates, for two of our churches in Sydney now meet in Congregational chapels. For some years the church at Manly has been very comfortably provided with a beautiful and commodious house of worship each Sabbath by our friends the Congregationalists, and now the Woollahra church has been accorded the same privilege by the Ocean Street Congregational church. Each of these churches possesses a fine pipe organ which we are free to use; in addition there are ample conveniences for Sabbath school classes and divisions.

Until Sabbath, January 27, the church at Woollahra had been meeting in the local Methodist school hall, but the building they now have is much better adapted to their needs. Sunday evening meetings are being conducted by Pastor A. Smart and other preachers in the Masonic Hall near by.

In England the Congregationalists have gone one better, for Pastor O. M. Dorland has been invited by a Congregational church to conduct its Wednesday evening services, and has printed, at its own expense, cards to advertise the meetings. Two of the subjects announced on the card are "Signs of Christ's Return," and "The Beast and His Number, 666." Possibly there may be more openings for our ministers in churches in their neighbourhoods if we sought for opportunities. In "Testimonies," Vol. VI, page 78 we read: "Our ministers should seek to come near to the ministers of other denominations. Pray for and with these men for whom Christ is interceding. A solemn responsibility is theirs. As Christ's messengers we should manifest a deep, earnest interest in these shepherds of the flock."

### Appeal for Missions, 1923

THE time appointed for our annual Appeal for Missions campaign is drawing very near. Four of our conferences are planning to commence work on March 4; Victoria, South New South Wales, North and South New Zealand; the other conferences will follow about a month later.

The Lord has given us very definite counsel through His servant concerning this good work. "Letters of enquiry have come to me regarding the advisability of carrying out the plans outlined (for the Harvest Ingathering campaign). In answer I would refer all to the example of Nehemiah. When about to journey to Jerusalem with the hope of restoring the walls about the stricken city of his fathers, he frankly told King Artaxerxes of the work he contemplated doing, and requested help to ensure the success of the enterprise. He obtained a letter to the keeper of the king's forest in the mountains of Lebanon, directing him to furnish such timber as would be needed for the wall of Jerusalem and

the buildings that were to be erected. And the means which he lacked he solicited from those who were able to bestow."

Accepting this counsel our people have been wonderfully blessed as they have thrown their energies into the campaign. Timid souls who had never engaged in any personal work for others have experienced the joy and blessing of the Lord, and have met with wonderful success. The entering into the joy of the Lord is not an experience left entirely for the hereafter; but here in this world of sin, as we endeavour to do our part in making known the message of salvation, the joy and blessing of the Lord comes into our hearts. Some of our people have expressed themselves to me as longing to begin this good work again. The opportunity is now here.

The aim set for our Union Conference this year is £14,000, and in order to reach this amount it will require a strong faith in God, and the united efforts of all our people. In the past, as we have made this appeal to the public, the Lord has blessed us with success, and we have exceeded our aim each year. Success has been due to the earnestness and enthusiasm put forth by our members throughout the field, and it will require the same earnest endeavour to reach our aim this year also.

We take this opportunity of expressing our appreciation of the faithful work done by our brethren and sisters; and in view of the great need of our mission treasury to finance the work in the foreign field, and the many calls that come to us from unentered groups of islands, we extend to all the invitation to give us the same hearty co-operation as you have given in the past. This message knows no retreat. In Revelation 14 the prophet of God saw it moving onward until every nation and kindred and tongue and people had heard God's last gospel call. The fifteenth chapter brings to view a company around the throne of God on the sea of glass shouting the song of victory. O, brethren and sisters, we long for the work to be finished, let us do all we can to hasten the coming of our King! God's work in the earth calls for earnest, self-sacrificing efforts to be made, but when in the eternal kingdom the Lord introduces us to souls who have been saved eternally through our efforts, what joy will be ours!

Many souls have been won as a result of these campaigns in the past, so let us plan to make this annual appeal, more than ever, a soul winning campaign. The promise, "Lo, I am with you always," is ours as we go forth to the work; and as we approach our neighbours, extending to them the privilege of giving to the work of God some of the means which the Lord has entrusted to them, the Lord, as our co-labourer, will work with our efforts, and they will be impressed to give of their means to the cause of God. In response to our earnest pleadings (for prayer is the source of our strength, and the Lord has counselled us through His servant that "only the work accomplished with much prayer, and sanctified by the merit of Christ, will in the end prove to have been efficient for good") the Lord will give us success; and the means brought to the treasury will be used to bring the knowledge of salvation to many in the islands of the Pacific. Plan to begin work the very first day of the campaign, and then continue until the aim is reached. Let William Carey's motto be ours:

"Expect great things from God,  
Attempt great things for God."

W. J. WESTERMAN.

# SOWING THE SEED

## A Life of Service

BELOW appears a picture of Brother Walter Harper, one of our oldest colporteurs, who has given forty-two years of faithful service in colporteur work, and who is still actively engaged placing our truth-laden literature in the homes of the people. Brother Harper began work with our literature May 8, 1881. He does not have an accurate account of the number of books he has sold or their value, but his records are very nearly complete. Among the books sold are 6,000 "Great Controversy," 8,000 "Marvel of Nations," thousands of "Heralds of the Morning," thousands of "Daniel and Revelation," thousands of "Patriarchs and Prophets," and a large number of "Christ's Object Lessons," "Ministry of Healing," "Practical Guide," and "Home Handbook." In addition to his regular book work, he has secured hundreds of subscriptions for our various periodicals. The total value of his sales as far as can be ascertained is well over £15,000. Brother Harper has had exceptional success all these years, and evidently intends ending his days at his post of duty. He sends the following word of greeting to colporteurs throughout the world-wide field:

"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

"I wish to give another word of cheer, hope, and courage to the great army of colporteurs in this message of truth throughout the vast harvest field; to reaffirm my faith in it and its speedy triumph; to tell you anew that I love this branch of the Lord's work, and hope to have some humble part in it till it closes.

"Though crippled twice by the influenza, I hope still to work as my strength permits, but I am about worn out, being in my sixty-ninth year. I wish I had another life to devote to this work.

"From the first day, I was blessed with success. I feel it has all been from the Lord. How gracious He has been to me, and what marvellous answers to prayer He has granted me! The comfort of the divine presence outweighs all else in this world.

"Dear brother or sister, if you wish to prove the Lord, buckle on the armour and enter the Master's work. Special blessings will rest upon those who engage in the work now, and who depend wholly on the dear Saviour for success. The wonderful blessings I have experienced in answer to my petitions to the Giver of all good would fill a volume.

"Many are the different books I have been permitted to place in the hands of the people, and I expect to see a host saved among the blood-washed throng in that great day as a result."

Truly a life consecrated without reserve, spent and being spent in unselfish service! An example and encouragement to those who hesitate! "I wish I

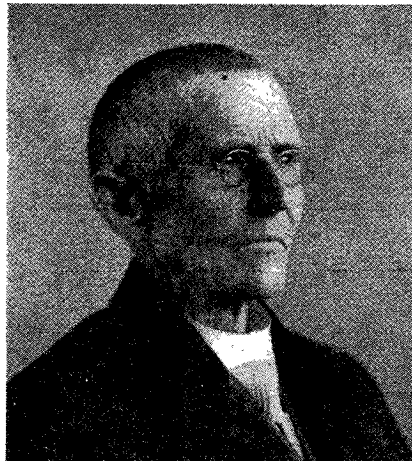
had another life to devote to this work," he says. No regrets! Rejoicing in a privilege extended to others! Will not others follow this noble example?

H. STACEY.

## Sparks from the Colporteurs' Anvil

### A Fine Book

THE following is from one of our colporteurs: "I met one lady who said that she could not afford to buy the book. After persuading her for some time I turned to go; she then asked what church published the book. I said the Seventh-day Adventist Church. 'Oh,' she replied,



Our Oldest Colporteur

"I shall have one then. I have 'Coming King,' and it is a fine book.'"

### The Deaf Buy

A colporteur writes: "A lady came to the door. She was deaf, and after trying to get her to hear she brought me a slate and pencil. So I wrote on the slate and showed her the illustrations in the book, and with a little perseverance I obtained an order for the best binding.

"A similar occurrence happened later on, only the lady had one of these pocket electric ear trumpets. I held the book open for her to see, and then under difficulty I spoke into the phone and tried to canvass her; but I found it difficult, so told her the prices and when I would be delivering, and she ordered one in the best binding. The Lord has a way of giving people the truth even though they cannot hear."

### An Up-to-Date Book

A copy of "Ladies' Handbook" was sold to a lady by one of our agents, and

later one of the children contracted diphtheria. The disease made rapid progress and it was some time before the doctor of the town could come to the mother's assistance. However, she lost no time, but looked up "Ladies' Handbook" and treated her child accordingly. When the doctor finally arrived he discovered that the case had been a very serious one. He asked the mother where she learned to treat such a disease, for her timely efforts and proper up-to-date treatments and care of the patient had saved the child's life. When told it was gained from the "Ladies' Handbook," recently purchased, the doctor asked to see the book, and finally asked the lady to secure him a copy, as it was an excellent up-to-date medical work.

## In Troubled Ireland

Even during the stormy times in Ireland, the colporteur pressed forward with the printed page. One sent this word to the publishing house in England:

"I thank God that I have done the great stretch of country in east Donegal County, where the Protestants live and are now subjected to such persecutions. I have placed "Great Controversy" in almost every farmhouse in that whole farming district of fully thirty-five miles, and the farms are very thick in this territory.

"Two shopkeepers who subscribed for the book, had their shops blown up a fortnight ago. I have been told that the people in this district who bought "Great Controversy" from me, have hidden the book for fear the raiders will get it. It shows that they are reading the books, and to such a persecuted people it will be a great strength and consolation. One old man to whom I sold a book was spending all his time reading it."

## An Interesting Visit

Brother Masters, one of the Field Mission Secretaries for South New South Wales Conference, after returning from a visit with some of his colporteurs in the country, sends along the following interesting information:

"Several times we met folk who had the book we were showing, and each one remarked that it was a good one. Just before leaving the office on my trip inland we received a good letter from a farmer at Hollsbrook stating that he and his family had accepted our faith through reading "Daniel and Revelation" sold to him by a canvasser, and expressed a wish to join our church. While at Adelong Brother Kelly brought me the news from Tumut that a gentleman and his family had just recently accepted present truth through reading "Daniel and Revelation" sold to him by Brother Bassett. This gentleman was an infidel and Brother Bassett had great difficulty in procuring his order about two years ago. Just before I left Albury I was visited by a middle-aged man who had learned that we were canvassing in the town for Seventh-day Adventist books. He has accepted the truth through reading "Great Controversy" and "Daniel and Revelation." He comes from a Roman Catholic family. It did my soul good to talk and study God's Word further with him on the Sabbath question and health reform." PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT.

# News from Near and Far

## A Message that Transforms

"THE Lord designs that the presentation of this message shall be the highest, greatest work carried on in the world at this time."—*Testimonies, Vol. 6, p. 11.*

As one travels from place to place, particularly among a dark-skinned people, sunk for many years in heathenism and devil worship, the truthfulness of this statement taken from the Spirit of Prophecy is demonstrated in no uncertain manner.

The transformation wrought by the Spirit of God, when linked with the third angel's message, is witnessed today in the Solomon Islands.

At the time of writing, our steamer *S. S. Melusia*, is lying at anchor in Hawthorn Sound, off the island of New Georgia.

For nearly two weeks we have been steaming among many islands of the Solomon group—all of those called at being thus far untouched by our own mission activities. As we have had opportunity of seeing the natives of these islands and have witnessed their present needs, then realize that we possess a message that can change their whole objective, and the entire conduct of their lives, we have heard a definite call to lengthen our cords and strengthen our stakes within this field.

Looking upon these people,—some mere children, with eyes heavy, expressions dull, and lips and teeth coloured and blackened as the result of their betel-nut chewing, and tobacco smoking,—then contrasting them with the young people on our mission, who standing with brightness of eye, happiness of expression, and teeth of ivory whiteness, entering as they do in the singing of the hymns of Zion, and praying and testifying with an earnestness born of the Spirit of God, we have been cheered by the transformation and compelled to praise God for the privilege which is ours in having some part in the proclamation of such a message.

It is gratifying to know that so marked is the change that even among those who are generally unsympathetic toward missions, there are some who speak in no uncertain way concerning the result of our work within the Solomons.

Frequently one hears such expressions as, "Your missions are certainly improving the natives," "You are doing the best work of any mission body in the group." "Your natives are clean and honest."

The response is coming, not only because of the power of the message, but also because of that measure of love revealed, enabling the workers to meet the demand of a needy people. This love both at home and afar breaks down the otherwise impregnable barriers, and draws the darkened mind to the light of Christ.

As one writer has stated, "The only power that will lead the South Sea islanders in scores, in hundreds, in thousands, to devote their lives to the unselfish service of God, that will enable them to stand firm and strong in every temptation, that will lift them from darkness to the fullness of God's light, is that which makes clear to them the knowledge that they as a people are objects of God's love, that their races are of special concern to Him; that every effort made to help and educate them is well pleasing in His sight; that Christ died to save them, and that it is the purpose and plan of God to lift them to heavenly places. This will draw them and give to us also courage, strength, and patience in the accomplishment of our task in the winning of the souls of men."

Recognizing the privilege that is ours in these closing days, in possessing a message that is changing many lives, and has power to do likewise for the 100,000 benighted souls in these islands, shall we not resolve in this New Year to work earnestly, seeking the Lord for that measure of communion with Him that will enable His love to more fully charge us with the spirit of sacrifice for others? Then the many opening doors may be entered, and this truth will change men from children of nature to sons of the living God.

*S.S. Melusia,*  
Solomon Islands,  
January, 1923.

W. G. TURNER.

## Aleipata, Samoa

AFTER spending fourteen hours on the sea, instead of about five hours, we arrived here. The engine broke down and left us rolling in the sea for hours, and we finished up by stranding on a reef.

Since coming here we have been very busy, people calling on us all the day. We have started a Bible class, and thus far the room has been full, and the people have given very good attention.

I know that you all will not forget this

field and its workers in your prayers, so that Samoa may become a fruitful field for the Master.

T. HOWSE.

## Baptismal Service, Lithgow

SUNDAY, January 14, was a red letter day in the experience of our church at Lithgow. At a water hole in the bed of a clear trickling stream in one of the valleys among the mountains, there assembled about thirty church members and friends.

It was a quiet spot, removed from the bustle of the city, but shut in with Nature and Nature's God. Almost on every side around us rose the great, rugged rocks towering high up into the blue sky.

The sun smiled upon the little gathering as the little mission organ gave forth its music, and all joined in singing, "I Will Follow Thee My Saviour." In a short address the seriousness of being dead to the world and alive unto God was set before the candidates. A reconsecration of life was urged upon those already baptised. To the friends assembled to witness, words of encouragement were given to consider their lives and to join hearts and hands with Jesus in preparation for the better country. Six candidates (four sisters and two brethren) were then baptised by the writer into the name of Jesus. May God richly bless these dear ones.

The following Sabbath these six candidates were admitted into church fellowship. Before long we hope to report another class ready for baptism. We praise God for this addition to the kingdom of God on earth.

ELLIS BEHRENS,  
Church Elder.

## Ambrim, New Hebrides

WE are living now at Baiap in a twelve by eighteen feet native house, with a detached kitchen. The natives erected this for us and we are quite comfortable. The people have been very interested to notice how we arrange everything, and we have had many visitors. It is now the ambition of some to attempt a house on similar lines for themselves. A Church of England minister of long experience, told us some time ago that after many years in Melanesia he had come to the conclusion that a missionary did the greatest service to the people for whom he commenced to labour by erecting a home of native material for himself in the pioneer days, for almost invariably it gave the native an inspiration to follow the example. And it certainly does seem to go that way.

A school house had already been commenced, and was far enough advanced to open school immediately after our arrival.

We are located near a heathen village, and there are two small ones not far in the rear, and another of about one hundred people still in primitive conditions on our right. They are all friendly, and some young people attend school and services, and are doing well. They fall in with everything in a natural way. A piece of bush ground has been cleared, and is now being fenced, and houses are being erected. Not a penny has yet been spent on the station. D. NICHOLSON.

### "The Hand of God"

"AND these deliverances were as object lessons: they illustrated to the people the spiritual blessings offered them through connection with the God whom Joseph and Daniel worshipped."

As with God's people of old so it is with us today. We are glad to be able to relate the same evidences of God's dealings with the nations today through us.

We have just concluded a very successful camp-meeting and conference for which I carried out the duty of caterer. And truly all the way God lead. After search and enquiry we were able to make provision for the hire of crockery and cutlery which was right on the ground we occupied. Then our bread supply was just over the road. Next our milk supply came direct twice daily from a farm near by, from pastures green. We did not lose one pint of milk throughout the time. Our vegetables were delivered fresh every morning, early, by one of the Chinese market gardeners from the fertile district of Mangere, only two and a half miles away. This same supplier also arranged with one of his compatriots proprietor of a large fruit and vegetable retail business in the city of Auckland (our camp was situated in a suburb about four miles out) which supplied and delivered free, all that we required, at wholesale prices.

Each of these good suppliers expressed himself as being impressed with the wonderful order and spirituality of our meeting. Our milk supplier was a Roman Catholic, who with his wife and children accepted an invitation to lunch in our dining room on the last Sunday of the meeting. He said, "You people go to a lot of trouble to have good order and splendid organization, to meet together for spiritual help." He was very much impressed with the spiritual aspect of the encampment. For this we praise God. As he left us he declared that he would surely attend that night's meeting, but heavy rain prevented him from so doing.

Our bread supplier was also impressed

deeply. Particularly in this latter case was God's hand revealed. One day during camp was very hot and sultry. This gentleman told me since, that several bakers applied to him for bread, as the weather had caused their dough to sour, and so they had lost their batches of bread. But the bread he had prepared for us on that day (and we were using up 150 loaves a day) did not sour, and he was able to supply us as usual. How glad I was to point him to the experiences of the people of Egypt and Babylon, blessed through contact with God's ambassadors, Joseph and Daniel.

"God made Joseph a fountain of life to the Egyptian nation. Through Joseph the life of that whole people was preserved. Through Daniel God saved the life of all the wise men of Babylon. And these deliverances were as object lessons; they illustrated to the people the spiritual blessings offered them through connection with the God whom Joseph and Daniel worshipped. So through His people today God desires to bring blessings to the world. Every worker in whose heart Christ abides, every one who will shew forth His love to the world, is a worker together with God for the blessing of humanity."—*Testimonies, Vol VI, page 227.*

R. J. MARTIN.

### Health and Religion

THE blessing that comes through obedience can never be sufficiently emphasised or made too prominent in all our teaching, and it will only be emphasised and made prominent in our personal work as we individually have the experience that "the laws of God both in nature and revelation are life to those that find them and health to all their flesh." But this is a message and an experience the world needs today.

"Wherever we look in the world, we see that pride and fashion hold men and women in the veriest slavery to customs which are fatal to health, and even to life itself. The appetites and passions clamouring for indulgence trample reason and conscience under foot. This is the cruel work of Satan and he is constantly putting forth the most determined efforts to strengthen the chains by which he has bound his victims." Nevertheless, workers who call upon business men in their offices, and upon mothers in their homes find many who recognise the harmful effect of the indulgence of appetite and careless living, who earnestly desire to know a better way, and who, therefore, are anxious for counsel that will help them to guard their own health and the health of their families, and who will thus place themselves where the truth o.

God will have a ready access to the hearts.

This is a need, calling for ways and means, whereby we can in a simple and effective way place into the hands of such inquirers, and as far as possible give to the public in general, information that will help them to lay hold of the principles of healthful living.

With this in view, it is interesting to note that the general experiences of workers with our magazine "The World Outlook," both in the city and suburbs, indicate very definitely that they can attract and hold the attention of prospective purchasers and secure sales most readily by presenting the health features of the magazine. This is an evidence that we have in our magazine, the very best agency for doing the special work so much needed at the present time. It only remains for us to make the most of our opportunity by making the world outlook healthwise a prominent feature in our magazine articles, so that while we retain "The World Outlook" plan for the magazine, we recognise that "there is no better preparation for the coming of the Lord and for the reception of other truths essential to prepare a people for His coming, than to arouse people to see the evils of this age, and to stir them to reform from self-indulgent and unhealthful habits."

In recognition of this, our magazine will in future be known as "THE WORLD OUTLOOK AND GOOD HEALTH REVIEW," and as no effort will be spared to make each issue of this periodical true to its title, we feel sure that with the continued co-operation of our conferences and church members, it will become more than ever a soul-winning agency and a strength to the work.

To further assist the field to a large circulation, and to allow ample time for the disposal of all the magazines printed each issue, the Union Conference Publishing Department has now arrangements in hand that we feel sure will ensure a circulation of not less than 20,000 copies each quarter.

We are glad to find, after an experience with the magazine covering a period of two years, that it has made a place of usefulness for itself in carrying the Message to thousands of people who would not otherwise be so readily reached with other literature, and it gives us pleasure to thank all, who, through their untiring efforts, have so materially contributed to success in this work, and also to give the assurance that no effort will be spared on the part of the publishers to meet the needs of the field with the best possible service we can render. J. M. JOHANSON.





# HOME and HEALTH

## Love Me Today

"MAMMA, will you love me tomorrow?"  
Whispered a wee little girl,  
While mother, with face darkly shaded,  
Combed out a tangled curl!  
"I've folded the napkins all ready,  
And helped little brother at play,"  
And the big tears fell while she murmured—  
"Why don't you love me today?"

Sweet mothers, I leave you the question  
Once lisped in that pleading refrain—  
"Why do you not love me today?"  
I whisper it over again!  
It may be the burden is heavy,  
It may be the pathway is straight;  
You rise in the morning early,  
And toil till the hour is late!

Then sometimes, perhaps in the gloaming  
You sigh o'er the changeless lot,  
That keeps your heart in the struggle,  
Your life in the humble cot!  
But say, have you thought of the sorrow,  
If life were silent as well?  
If no little lips, with their prattle,  
Cast over it love's sweet spell?

If no little head touched the pillow,  
That lies in the snowy bed,  
And you had to murmur in sadness,  
"The blossom I loved is dead!"  
Would you fret o'er the childish questions,  
Or jerk at the tangled hair?  
Would the clatter of little footsteps  
Then add to your load of care?

And would the tattered dollies  
Then lie in your hurried way?—  
O, mothers, read the picture  
And love your girlie today!  
Love as you would if tomorrow  
You meet no perverse will:  
Just as you would in the silence,  
If all were hushed and still!

R. HARE.

## Just Try It

WHERE there is a family of children, story-telling is the magic oil which, if liberally used by the mother, will yield better and quicker results than scolding and nagging.

To a mother who was having difficulty in getting her children to help her with the work, I suggested telling them stories. But that was one thing the mother could not do. Story-telling was "out of her line;" therefore, because this mother is mentally lazy, she continues to scold and nag the children, while the children slam dishes and doors, and cry and pout about everything they are told to do, until in sheer desperation the mother cries, "Get out of my sight. Go to school, outdoors, anywhere, just so I can have a little peace!"

Children are not slow to obey such a

command. And so, instead of learning valuable lessons *with mother*, which would be a help to them all through their lives, they rush off to learn lessons *away from mother*, which God and God only can blot out.

A child will almost forget he is working while listening to an interesting story. It may be the mother's work will take her away from the kitchen just at the time Helen should be washing the dishes. But if she will say, "Now, Helen, mother has work upstairs to do this morning, but if you are through with the dishes by the time she comes down, she will take a ten-minute recess. And while she is resting she will tell you the nicest story ever was, about a—Dearie me! If I don't look out I will be letting the cat out of the bag," why, Helen will attack those dishes with a merry laugh; and mother may rest assured that there will be no loitering, or pouting, or slamming that morning.

Helping mother becomes something to look forward to with delight, when mother does her part. And oh, it is so much easier to tell stories than it is to scold and nag. Just try it, mothers, and see.

"She openeth her mouth with wisdom,  
And the teaching of kindness is on her tongue."

MARTHA WARNER.

## How to Live So That We May Be a Blessing to the World

GOD wants every one of us to be a blessing in this world. The deepest desire of my heart for myself is that I may be a blessing to many people. I want to live so that when I am gone the world will be a little sweeter, and a little more beautiful because I have lived in it. I want to make my own life a benediction to all whom I touch with my love or with my influence. It is my wish and my prayer that I may never give a hurt to any life, nor start any influence which I shall ever wish I could withdraw. I want to make every day a little garden plot in which my hand shall drop seeds that will grow into beauty, fragrance, and fruitfulness. I want so to live that people will thank God for me, and think of me as having helped them with all gentle cheer and inspiration. I want to be ever an encourager, never a discourager, of others, for many persons have heavy burdens, and life is made harder for them by even one hopeless word. I want to be in my little measure just the kind of blessing my Master was.—*Rev. J. R. Miller.*

THE greatness of man consists in his charity for all and his malice toward none.

ARNCLIFFE CHURCH, N.S.W., was the scene of a very pretty wedding on January 24, loving hearts and willing hands had prepared the church for the occasion. The bride was Miss Jean Little, fourth daughter of Brother and Sister D. M. Little, of Arncliffe; the happy bridegroom being Brother John Lowe (late of Queensland), who was for a considerable time connected with our health food work in Sydney. Pastor H. Mitchell was the officiating minister. After the service about fifty friends met at the home of Brother Little, where refreshments were served, and congratulations to the young couple were freely engaged in. We extend to the happy pair heaven's richest blessings in their united lives.

## Editor's Letter Bag

THE EDITOR,  
Sir,

I have been much interested for some time in reading in the RECORD of the wonderful manner God is opening the way in the islands for the gospel to be preached to "the people which sat in darkness and the shadow of death." From many places in the islands, the call "to come over and help us" is sounding, so I am sending £5 to help pay for a native worker to be sent to open up a new mission in the islands in the most needy place. I am sure many of the brethren and sisters would like to help with large or small amounts of money. We have so many blessings ourselves I am sure we would like to pass some on to these poor people who are pleading so hard for teachers to be sent to them.

Yours in service,  
A Sister in South Australia.  
Adelaide, January 23, 1923.

£5 recived with thanks.—(Ed.)

THE EDITOR,  
Sir,

RE your correspondent lamenting the lack of support of fellow believers in the matter of business patronage, and in employment (Received 8/1/23). The reason, to my mind, is lack of advertising. If the RECORD were patronised more by employers with something to sell, and the artisan in search of work, more money would be kept within the cause.

Also if Adventists would register their business or occupation with their local Conference Office, it would facilitate getting in touch with the right party.

Not long ago our local office could not give me the name of one carpenter in the whole of Melbourne.

Yours etc.,  
S. D. A. Farmer.  
Gippsland, Victoria.

THE kingdom of God will never come through the gateway of politics.

## Australasian Record.

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A GREEK temple has been brought to light by excavation at Taxila in India.

A VASE with the head of Alexander the Great embossed upon its surface has been unearthed in India.

GERMANY is fast restoring her merchant marine; she has now 2,000,000 tons, and is rapidly building new vessels.

THE world's largest gun, recently completed, throws a projectile weighing over a ton, a distance of thirty miles; and it belongs to Uncle Sam, the peace mover.

A BABYLONIAN account of the fall of man has been discovered by archeologists working with an expedition sent out by the University of Pennsylvania, to explore the ruins of that ancient city.

By a decision of the Appellate Court of the District of Osaka, Japan Geisha girls have been set free from the obligations contracted for them by their parents or guardians. Such contracts, the Court held, savoured of slavery, and should not be enforceable.

It is officially stated that in Russia 5,000,000 people are facing starvation, and will have to continue thus till next October. The Soviet Government is showing a great deal of indifference in the matter, and appears to be delaying its assistance on every possible occasion.

ADOLPH Joffe, one of the principal negotiators of the Brest-Litovsk treaty, has arrived in Peking as ambassador of the Russian Soviet Government to China. It is stated that his object is to restore commercial relations between China and Russia, and to settle the Mongolian question.

A CHURCH trial was opened by the Moscow Revolutionary Tribunal on October 16, with 116 accused persons at the bar; these included the Dean of the Cathedral of our Saviour in Moscow, Arseniev, and many well known professors and scientists. All were charged with having circulated the appeal issued by ex-Patriarch Tikhon protesting against the requisition of church treasure.

OVER 2,000,000 gallons of intoxicating liquor have been illegally imported into the United States of America from the Bahamas since prohibition. The revenue derived by the government of the little colony during the year 1922 alone amounted to \$1,200,000, while that of 1918 from all sources only totalled \$400,000. The transport ships sail to the Atlantic coast but lie some distance off where they quickly clear themselves of their evil cargoes into small, speedy coastal boats.

MR. HUGHES, Secretary of State for the United States, in a rotatable address in Boston recently, declared that the keynote of the Administration in foreign affairs was "friendship for all nations, alliances with none."

COCOANUTS weighing forty pounds and requiring seven years to ripen, are found on the islands of the Seychelles Archipelago in the Indian Ocean. This fruit grows on trees a hundred feet high. The great, fern-like leaves of the tree, do not appear until it is thirty-five years old.

"Mysterious Easter Island" is a phrase which piques the curiosity of the Archeologist. It lies in the South Pacific, and is yielding rich finds in ancient sculptures carved from solid rock; also architectural remains of a bygone civilization, whose perfection of workmanship rivals the masonry work of the Ancient Egyptian Pyramids.

WIDE-SPREAD public criticism of the practice of hypnotism has developed a demand for prohibitory laws in the Province of Ontario, Canada. The injurious and unwholesome effect upon the mind and will of the subject proves it is a menace to the moral and social welfare of any community. He who thrusts his hand into the fires of mysticism and the occult will be burnt by the experience.

THE Ghandi movement for Home Rule in India does not seem to be making much progress: in fact some of the strongest leaders in the movement are breaking away from it, realizing that the effort is doomed to failure. On the other hand the Montague-Chelmsford scheme of giving to the people gradually a democratic system of government is finding favour, and will evidently win the success it deserves. One American missionary describes this scheme as "the greatest experiment in democracy the world has ever seen."

### Standing of Subscription List "Signs of the Times"

February 1, 1923

State	Clubs	Singles	Total	Av. per member
South New Zealand	562	95	657	2.62
North New Zealand	1945	258	2203	2.40
West Australia	1407	279	1686	2.23
Queensland	1288	282	1570	2.17
Victoria-Tasmania	2542	1160	3702	2.10
South N. S. Wales	2124	548	2672	1.96
South Australia	522	689	1211	1.94
North N. S. Wales	392	326	718	.73

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Total average in all States 1.95 per member

#### Total Circulation for January

Victoria-Tasmania	...	28,789
South New South Wales	...	14,201
North New Zealand	...	11,049
West Australia	...	8,550
Queensland	...	8,235
South Australia	...	7,390
North New South Wales	...	3,960
South New Zealand	...	3,335
<b>Total</b>		<b>85,509</b>

THE new Grand National Assembly, which is really the Turkish Government, has prohibited the liquor traffic, and it is said that should this prohibition be relaxed the State will run the liquor business as a State monopoly.

SINCE the armistice the reconstruction of roads, railways, and canals has been practically completed; and it is reported that the reconstruction of factory and industrial plants is well along toward completion. House property is not faring so well, for "out of 564,000 houses wholly or partly destroyed by the German invasion, only 3,348 have been completely rebuilt; 180,417 have been provisionally repaired; and 214,422 definitely repaired."

### Obituary

MUNDY.—On December 20 at the Adelaide Hospital, Sister Ellen Hermia Mundy fell asleep in Jesus, aged sixty-two years, after a long illness. Sister Mundy accepted the truth about eleven years ago through studying in the home with one of her daughters. She loved the message, and for many years, until her sight began to fail, she used her pony and trap in taking three or four aged sisters to and from the church every Sabbath; but through failing health had not been able to attend Sabbath services for the last year or so. We laid her to rest in the West Terrace cemetery, there to await the call of the Life-giver. We extend our sympathy to the members of the family who mourn their loss. The service at the grave was conducted by the writer.

"Asleep in Jesus, blessed sleep!  
From which none ever wakes to weep,  
A calm and undisturbed repose,  
Unbroken by the last of foes."

G. HUBBARD.

### Rates for Advertisements

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### Wanted

ADVENTIST boy to learn the garden and florist business. Please state what wages wanted with board. JOHN ALLWOOD, Gunnedah Nursery, Gunnedah, N.S.W.

### For Sale

AT Cooranbong—New cottage, four rooms, every convenience. Land 12 $\frac{3}{4}$  acres. Price for quick sale £750. Terms arranged. Stock at valuation, or will sell without. H. F. COLLINS, Cooranbong.

### Camp Meeting Appointments

North New South Wales February 15-25  
West Australia March 6-18  
South Australia March 20-April 1