



Saved to Serve

EVERY Seventh-day Adventist is under obligation to serve in the cause of the Master. We have enlisted. If we are Christians we must be followers of Him. The record is, "He went about doing good." We cannot all go to foreign lands, nor can we all do great things in the home-lands, but we can all do something. The Scriptures emphasize this matter. In the last book of the Bible, the book of Revelation,—a book that Seventh-day Adventists hold to so strongly, works are specially stressed.

Now no man is saved by works, nor do they have any part in his actual salvation. Man owes all to an intelligent faith in the blood of Christ in order to receive assurance of salvation from sin. The Roman Catholic may trust in penance, the Hindu in building shrines, or making painful pilgrimages, or the Buddhist may try to gain merit by giving sums of money or building pagodas; but an intelligent Christian knows it is not by "works of righteousness," but by faith in Christ that salvation is made sure.

Why then speak of works? Where do they come into God's plan, if at all? Works do have a place, but let it be known that these are not performed in order to gain salvation. We do not *work* in order to be saved, but we are saved in order that we may work. Saved to serve, is the true order. When Paul says to the Romans and to the

Galatians that we are saved by faith, by grace, and by blood, and not by works, he is showing the way salvation is obtained, and that is the

readers as "brethren" or "beloved brethren."

An unsaved man does not work for salvation, *but a saved man will work*. The evangelist dealing with awakened sinners has no message of works, but the pastor with a church of redeemed people can properly talk of duty and privileges in connection with missionary work. But even among believers, works must never be set forward as a means of working ourselves toward or into heaven. Works should be the outgrowth of love, the fruit of the Spirit.

Ours is a great privilege. "We are workers together with God." Christ is our example. His life was full of good deeds. He went about doing things. We are to follow His footsteps.

"His life was one of unselfish service, and it is to be our lesson-book. His tender, pitying love rebukes our selfishness and heartlessness."

"A thousand doors of usefulness are open before us. We lament the scanty resources at present available, while various and urgent demands are pressing us for means and men. Were we thoroughly in earnest, even now we could multiply the resources a hundredfold. Selfishness and self-indulgence bar the way. Church members, let the light shine forth."

"Visit your neighbours, and show an interest in the salvation of their souls.

"Arouse every spiritual energy to action. Tell those whom you visit that the end of all things is at hand. The Lord Jesus Christ will open the door of their hearts, and will make upon their minds lasting impressions."

"Even while engaged in their daily employment, God's people can lead others to Christ. And while doing this, they will have the precious assurance that the

Finding My Mission

I WAS longing for a mission;
Fancy made it something grand—
Something that would win the praises
Of the world on every hand;
So I squandered time in waiting
For the chance that never came,
Quite forgot to think of others
In my longings after fame.

But one day I had a vision
Of the needy ones near by,
Of the hearts that starve with hunger
Till they faint and fall and die—
Starve for little deeds of kindness,
Or a word of hope and cheer,
And the smiles that cost so little,
But can make it heaven here.

Then it was I found my mission—
Knew what work God meant for me,
And I cried: "Forgive my blindness;
Now, at last, thank God, I see!"
And my heart that had been selfish
In its longings to be great,
Saw great fields of labour waiting
For me just outside my gate.

So I seek to scatter sunshine
In a dark and cheerless place.
Loving words have given courage;
Smiles have cheered the tearful face.
In the joy of helping others,
God's good time I waste no more
Since my life has found its mission
Waiting at the very door.

—Eden E. Rexford.

only way. When James tells us we are "justified by works," he is addressing a different class, and from a different viewpoint. Fifteen times James in his book refers to his

Saviour is close beside them. They need not think that they are left to depend on their own feeble efforts. Christ will give them words to speak that will refresh and encourage and strengthen poor, struggling souls who are in darkness. Their own faith will be strengthened, as they realise that the Redeemer's promise is being fulfilled. Not only are they a blessing to others, but the work they do for Christ brings blessing to themselves.

"There are many who can and should do the work of which I have spoken. My

brother, my sister, what are you doing for Christ? Are you seeking to be a blessing to others? Are your lips uttering words of kindness, sympathy, and love? Are you putting forth earnest efforts to win others to the Saviour?"—"*Testimonies for the Church*," Vol. IX, pages 38, 39.

May these appeals from God's servant, prompted by the Spirit of God, reach our hearts, and lead us to consecrate ourselves anew for service. J. E. FULTON.

The Big Nambus people seemed to have swung away from us. At times it seemed as if their door had been closed against us, since the old chief Nikambat had passed over the reins to his son. But now their attitude is changing, and a more friendly spirit has taken hold of them. Brother Smith and I have had splendid visits with them the three latest trips we have made there. We visit them every fortnight. Another Big Nambus tribe has sent word that they want us to come and make school for them. On our trip last week to these people we stopped at a village that I have long desired to visit. We had a good visit with the chief and a number of his people, and a service for them before we left. We have an open invitation to call on them whenever passing. Now the coast is clear from Atchin to the Big Nambus.

Atchin Island

Here on Atchin things are becoming more hopeful. Our first ten boys stopping on the mission station have increased to sixteen, besides one married woman and a girl. Our Sabbath services are continually increasing in attendance and in interest. We have outgrown our seating capacity, and now we shall have to put in ten more seats. Beyond this we shall have to extend our church building. We have that faith which believes that this will have to be done in the near future.

Our New Year celebration brought two hundred people together, who seemed to enter heartily into the spirit of our gathering. An encouraging feature was the number of women and girls who attended. It was cheering to see their faces wreathed with smiles and their lips ripple with laughter. What a change from our first two years here! These faces wore the badge of mourning, and their lips were foreigners to laughter.

Ten young men and a young married woman are in our baptismal class. One boy came to me tonight, and said, "Missionary, is it right for me to wear these earrings? I think not. Me and Daniel have been talking about it, and he says that you say that it is not like what God says in His Word. It is finished with me," and he proceeded to put his words into action.

Brother and Sister Smith are entering heartily into our mission life and spirit. We would ask your special prayers for Brother Smith that he may be strengthened against the heavy attacks of malaria that he has, and for all the workers that God shall triumph gloriously through us over all the work of the enemy here in this land. Gal. 6:9: "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

C. H. PARKER.

Medical Work among the Indians of Fiji

MANY and varied are the experiences of those who engage in medical missionary work in heathen lands. Our work for the Indian people of Fiji proves no exception. Many of these poor souls have a superstitious fear of the European doctor, but often they will seek advice from a lady missionary. Too often, however, they do this as a last resort when all heathen devices have failed, and the patient has sunk to an almost hopeless condition.

One morning I had attended to those

Our Mission Field

Cheering News from the New Hebrides

WE as workers from this mission send greetings to all our dear people and workers in the homeland and our other mission fields.

From this field we have no discouraging note to sound, for we hear "the sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees." We see the Lord's hand stretched out the second time to gather His people from this island group. That arm has the power, and we expect to see greater manifestations of its mighty working than we have yet seen. We are beginning to see the fruition of the labours put forth by our dear fellow-workers who have laboured here under such discouraging and faith-trying conditions for the past number of years.

On the Island of Ambrim

Two Ambrim boys (Ambrim is about sixty miles from Atchin) landed here on Atchin in the month of March, 1916. They saw the workings of the mission and they felt its spirit. They said they would like to come and attend school. This they, with a number of other Ambrim men, women, and boys, did. Later they returned to their island. One young man preceded them, built a leaf house for services, and when the others returned he had a number attending Sabbath services. This work called for the services of one of our white missionaries. Brother and Sister Nicholson took up work among them.

A fortnight ago I spent a few days with them in their leaf house. A church with a concrete floor had been erected. This we dedicated. A church was organised with nineteen members, the ordinances of the Lord's house were celebrated, and our first Christian marriage for this people was solemnised. The church, the paths leading up to it, and the surroundings were a great credit to the people and Brother and Sister Nicholson. Over one hundred were in attendance at the meeting, and they have a Sabbath school attendance of over eighty, which is constantly increasing.

Numbers of Bush people are attending. Under Brother Nicholson's direction, a number of the young men are holding services in five heathen villages each Sabbath. Two more towns are calling for similar services. An intense longing seems to have been awakened in the hearts of this people for this message. They say, "We do not

want any other mission but the Sabbath Mission."

The church on Ambrim is furnishing a native teacher for Ambrim, and one for our Tomniel work on Malekula. Shortly we will have to call for two more teachers from there, and these they have all ready to send. The devil has not let these souls go without contesting every inch of the way. There has been a hard fight, but God has conquered. The faith of Brother and Sister Nicholson has been richly rewarded with the mighty movings of the Spirit of God.

Island of Santo, New Hebrides

At Big Bay, Santo, Brother and Sister James are now being rewarded for their stick-to-itiveness. A good company has been gathered out at a place, Hapuna. While visiting there, Brother James and I were called up inland for a conference with the people of another district. When we reached there we found the people gathered together at a central village. They lost no time in getting down to business, and their questions were legion. We had a service with them at night and in the morning, which they very much appreciated. The result was that thirty-nine men signed their names to a paper, stating that they were adherents of the Sabbath Mission from this time forth. Their women and children were not included in this number, which will make upwards of sixty who have placed themselves under our instruction at that place. There are other interests which will soon call for development.

Malekula Island

The Tomniel company on Malekula is growing in grace, and all are remaining faithful. Other heathen townsmen are now uniting with them, and all the remaining number of their town who have not accepted Christ are attending Sabbath services. Another town not far from them has become very friendly, and the head of the town wants visits from the mission. At Espiegles Bay, which was one of the most-to-be-feared places on the Malekulan coast, Sabbath services are held each Sabbath. The chief and all his people are attending, and they are preparing to finish up their old heathen ceremonies, by paying off their pig and yam accounts. They hope that a few months will see these all cancelled. Then they intend to build a church and a teacher's house for the mission to be established in their midst.

who came regularly for treatment and was busy with my work, when an Indian man came to the door and tried to explain something to me. I could not understand all he said, but I recognised three words which have become familiar to me, "Aurat bimar hai," which mean, "A woman sick is," so I simply followed him to where the sick one lay. Here I found, wrapped in old rags on the bare floor of a dirty room, a poor old woman who, I saw at once, was just breathing her last. This is only one of many such sad cases.

A few weeks ago a man came to the school to tell Mr. Masters about his little son who was very sick and suffering extreme pain, and asked for help. We went over immediately and found that the poor little fellow had been suffering from rheumatic fever for five days, while his father, friends, and the priests tried one after another of their heathen "cures," and vainly appealed to their idols. We

because she was cured. She seemed at a loss to express her thankfulness to us.

The gratitude of some of these poor souls fully repays one for the small efforts on their behalf.

MAY MASTERS.

Our Aboriginal Mission at Monamona

RETURNING from New Guinea by boat to Cairns, I travelled to Oaklands by rail, passing on the way the Barron Falls. This is one of the most picturesque railway journeys in the whole of Australia. When the Barron River is in flood, the falls present a very beautiful picture indeed. Oaklands is situated a distance of twenty-eight miles from Cairns. The Monamona Mission is eight miles from the Oaklands railway station. The drive from the Oaklands railway station to the mission is typically Australian.

times in meetings, and pleased to note that the Lord by His Spirit has worked upon hearts. In conversation with many, I learned that they were indeed thankful that the mission had been established among them. I asked one young woman if she was glad that the mission had come among them. She said in reply that she was very glad indeed, for she had earned to know Jesus as her Saviour. Many others expressed themselves in a similar way. While the work is a hard and difficult one, we have very much to thank God for in the response that has come from many hearts.

One of the meetings greatly appreciated by the people there is the Sabbath school. Old and young seem to delight in being present and on time at the Sabbath school. The missionaries and their wives each have a class and as I visited some of these I was able to note a very keen interest manifested by all in the study of the lesson.

We have at Monamona a Missionary Volunteer society with a membership of

approximately sixty-five. For the year 1923, thirty-five received the yearly Bible study certificate. This is indeed an excellent record, considering that these young people must necessarily apply themselves in order to reach this result. In a meeting of the society, I was treated to a leaf quartette. Four of the young men placed a leaf each in their mouths and played by blowing on them. The effect is very similar to the playing on a violin. The strains of one of our good hymns was heard in a new way and was greatly appreciated.

While severe drought conditions have obtained for nearly two years, the Lord has in a remarkable way blessed the mission. With a large herd of cattle, very few have been lost. Brother Branford and his co-

workers at Monamona have worked hard and long for the salvation of these people. While at Monamona a baptism was held, when five young people went down into the watery grave to arise and walk in newness of life. God is blessing the work at Monamona and there is much that causes joy to the heart of a visitor to our mission situated in the far north of Queensland.

H.-C. WHITE.

Aboriginal Work in the Kempsey District

BEFORE we go any further into the new year, I feel I must send you something concerning the work among the aborigines in and around the Kempsey district. They are indeed a very needy people, but God has helped in many ways to bring some joy into their poor hearts. Truly one needs the language of heaven to talk to them and encourage them to stand firm.

As we studied the Sabbath school



Group of Children at Monamona. Each one shown above received a gift at Christmas time from the Epping Church, N.S.W. This photo was sent in return, accompanied by letters of appreciation from some of the children.

took off the green leaf and oil plaster, and did what we could for him, meanwhile inviting his father to unite with us in prayer to the true God for the healing of his only child. This he did, attending regularly our prayer meetings, and the great Father answered our supplications by giving the boy a speedy recovery. Thus evidence was given that Jehovah is the God who heals diseases.

Some are most appreciative of the work we do for them. Last week one poor old woman came to the house in an ecstasy of joy exclaiming: "Main abhi achchha dekh sacti hun," "I can see well now." About a week previous she had come to us with a white film grown over her eyes, rendering her almost blind. I had her come for treatment morning and evening, and gave her a solution with which to bathe her eyes at home. After five days she ceased to come, so I sent to enquire how she was. She had now come to explain that she had not come for more treatment,

The meaning of the word "Monamona" is "crooked" and is really the name of the stream upon the banks of which the mission buildings have been erected. As one approaches the mission, a panoramic view of the whole estate stretches out before him. The first impressions are that the work is indeed a large one, for there are a large number of native homes. On reaching the mission proper, scores of natives are to be seen. The aboriginals are naturally shy. It takes a little while to gain their confidence and be able to converse with them.

Our work among these people has covered a period of ten years. As in the commencement of this cause much self-sacrificing effort was needed, so it has been with our work at Monamona. It commenced in a very small way. It has grown through the years, until all the natives who desire a home are comfortably housed in small buildings built with timber sawn on the mission. The roofs are made of shingles, and the dwellings are cool and comfortable.

I was very glad to meet the people several

lesson on "Teachers" some of them said they could see clearly that some of the teaching today is not in accordance with the teachings of Jesus and his Word. One dear sister wished me to study with her on paying tithe. She was so pleased that she could see clearly that she must give God the tenth of the little she earns. I am sure God will reward her faithfulness.

One young man, who seems to be a good Christian, wanted some help on the Sabbath question. He said afterwards he saw it all very clearly. I think when I see him again he will be keeping that day holy. He has had some trouble since with the Latter-day Saints, but I feel sure he will come off victorious.

The one trouble is that one cannot spend very much time at each place. There are so many miles to travel between the different reserves; but with the precious promises in God's Word, and the prayers of His people we will march on to victory.

MRS. P. J. NELSON.

NORTH NEW ZEALAND

PRESIDENT: H. M. BLUNDEN
SECRETARY: P. G. FOSTER

Camp-Meeting

THE North New Zealand conference and camp-meeting was called for January 18. The locality chosen was at Hastings, a country town some twelve miles south of Napier.

The park, kindly granted for use, was all that could be wished. Bright skies, green fields, mirroring waters, and shading trees all contributed to the enjoyment of the occasion. The weather was ideal throughout. A few much needed showers fell, but all were refreshing.

Work in the Napier district was first begun by Pastor A. G. Daniells more than thirty years ago. Many changes have come in during that time. It was very gratifying to meet the old friends from that far away time. Several who had been halting started with renewed courage. Work recently done in the district had produced favourable results. Meeting in conference was much appreciated by all, and courage and loyalty to the message was heard in sermon, testimony, and song all through the camp-meeting.

The music was bright, inspiring, and in keeping with the sacred character of the message.

Sabbath school contributions totalled more than sixty pounds for the two Sabbaths. Two lantern lectures, by the president, lent realistic life to the story of mission work. One told the story of Chinese life, while the other pictured mission life in the Pacific Islands. Interest in the young people's work was well sustained.

The farewell service extended to nearly 11 p.m. on Sunday night. Expressions of deep gratitude and praise were heard in some two hundred testimonies. No one could have listened without realising that Adventists are the most loyal-hearted people in the world.

Pastors Anderson, Westerman, and the writer represented the Union Conference.

All the local ministers were present. Pastor Blunden was re-elected president.

May the Lord bless all the kindly hearts who attended, and bring them unto life eternal. It was one of the best meetings of our experience.

R. HARE.

NORTH NEW SOUTH WALES

PRESIDENT: A. H. PIPER
SECRETARY: R. E. G. BLAIR

Conference Session

THE third annual session of the North New South Wales Conference was held in conjunction with the camp-meeting at Broadmeadow, January 3 to 13, 1924. We had been kindly granted the use of a portion of the Newcastle District Park Reserve, a ground which lent itself admirably for an encampment.

At first it was thought that the date set for the camp-meeting would prevent a good attendance of our people, but we were happily surprised to find so many able to attend.

The Union Conference very kindly assisted by sending a good strong delegation including Pastors Fulton, Turner, L. H. Wood, Joseph Mills, Brethren Stratford, and Stacey, and Doctor Sherwin. The help rendered by these brethren was very much appreciated.

One of the first items of business was the receiving into the Conference of two churches, which had been organised during the past year, namely, at Boolaroo and Kurri Kurri. We were also glad to welcome back to New South Wales the churches at Corndale and Murwillumbah, which, during the past seven years, had been included in the Queensland Conference.

In all, six business meetings were held, and the delegates displayed a keen interest in all the proceedings, especially in the reports presented by the field workers. Each worker was able to report souls won for the Master, and this gave great encouragement to the delegation.

Owing to the camp-meeting following so closely on the close of the previous year, the treasurer was unable to present the regular balance sheet and financial statements. The reports from the various departments were received with particular interest, and it was noticeable that progress is being made in all departments. In our Sabbath schools there were, at September 30, 1,139 members. The offerings raised for the year closing September 30 had amounted to £1,006, or an increase of £112 over the previous like period. The Missionary Volunteers within the Conference now number 575, and of these thirty were baptised during 1923. Their offerings for missions amounted to £182, and in addition to this £260 had been collected from the public during the Appeal for Missions campaign. Increasing interest is being shown in the Doctrinal Studies, Reading Course, and Standard of Attainment Course.

The Home Missions Department Secretary, Pastor A. H. White, in referring to the excellent work done during the year by the lay members, gave several instances of persons having accepted the

message through their efforts in their churches and isolated districts. The Appeal for Missions campaign had resulted in the sum of £867 being collected.

The Field Missionary Secretary of the Conference, Brother W. Morris, in reporting concerning the work of our colporteurs, stated that 2,510 orders for books had been secured, valued at £2,747, of which seventy per cent had been delivered. In addition £161 worth of small books had been sold. The average number of colporteurs during the year was only four. It is thus seen how largely the Lord had blessed their efforts, notwithstanding droughts, strikes, and other hindering causes. One of the most interesting meetings of the session was the one in which the colporteurs related some of their experiences.

The Committee on Plans and Recommendations brought in an unusually important report. The resolutions adopted by the Conference briefly summarised included the following:—

The inauguration of a general movement to enlist our whole membership in definitely aiming to win at least one soul for the Master during this year; the introduction of the "Steps to Christ" campaign; planning for opportunity to be given for our members to relate their experiences, at least monthly on the Sabbath; setting an aim of £1,100 for our Appeal for Missions campaign, commencing March 16, and continuing for four weeks; re-affirming our confidence in the writings of the Spirit of Prophecy and the Testimonies; co-operating in the Big Week effort and accepting an aim of £250 to be raised for the Publishing Extension Fund; the encouragement of our people in supporting the Australasian Conference Association Deposit System; accepting an aim of 2s. 10d. per member per week for foreign mission offerings; the recommendation to our people to carry on their business with the Conference Book Department on a cash-with-order basis; setting of the date of the next camp-meeting to be held early in November of this year; the Constitution of the Conference was also revised, this revision being found necessary in view of conditions having altered since the Conference was first formed.

The officers appointed for the year 1924, are as follows:—

PRESIDENT: A. H. Piper.
SECRETARY-TREASURER: R. E. G. Blair.

HOME MISSIONS SECRETARY: A. H. White.

SABBATH SCHOOL AND MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER SECRETARY: A. H. White.
FIELD MISSIONARY SECRETARY: W. Morris.

EDUCATIONAL AND RELIGIOUS LIBERTY SECRETARY: A. H. Piper.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: A. H. Piper, R. A. Salton, A. H. White, J. T. Banks, J. J. Martin, F. W. Reekie, H. J. Evans.

The Committee on Credentials and Licenses also presented a report, which was unanimously adopted as follows:—

CREDENTIALS: A. H. Piper, A. H. White, M. H. Whittaker, R. A. Salton, L. E. Newbold, S. Watson.

MINISTERIAL LICENSES: H. E. Carr, T. M. Cole, F. W. Reekie, R. E. G. Blair.
MISSIONARY LICENSE: W. Morris.

COLPORTEURS' LICENSES: C. C. Ellis, A. J. Kelly, A. I. Mitchell, A. T. Ray, Mrs. A. T. Ray.

All other names were referred to the Executive Committee.

Mention should be made of the good work done on behalf of the children by Sister J. Everett, and those who assisted her. It was very interesting to watch the little ones do their part in giving on the Sabbath afternoon that Pastor Turner made the appeal for foreign missions. Two of the brethren held a map of the Union Conference mission field, and the little ones kept them busy for quite a number of minutes while they came forward, and threw their pennies (brown and white) right on to the mission fields, for the missionaries and black girls and boys. Their offering amounted to £4 5s. 10d.

On Monday morning, January 14, the brethren and sisters took their departure to their homes. Many were the expressions of regret that the camp-meeting had closed, for it had been a time of rich spiritual blessings to all who attended. All are determined that this year shall be one of special effort for the Lord.

A. H. PIPER, ROSS E. G. BLAIR,
President. Secretary.

SOUTH NEW SOUTH WALES

PRESIDENT: J. M. COLE
SECRETARY: W. H. HOPKIN

BROTHER A. Shannon's mission commenced at Strathfield on Sunday evening, February 10, with a full tent. About half of those present were not of our faith. The orchestra in attendance rendered some fine musical items. On the second Sunday, when the subject of "The Second Coming of Christ" was presented, there was a packed tent with about thirty standing outside. Already expressions of approval from many have reached our ears, while some have openly confessed their intention of closely following the series of discourses. Our brethren and sisters from the near-by churches of Concord, Ashfield, and Stanmore, are rendering valuable assistance, and we invite all to help by their prayers, that God may grant more than human power to the instruments whom He has chosen to herald the last message.

Pastor E. Behrens has been appointed to Leadville, as we have received word that there is a good interest at that place.

You will be glad to know that the tithe last quarter amounted to £3,000. This is the largest amount we have received in any quarter since the division of the Conference. Tithe-paying is an indication of the spiritual condition of the churches.

Brother E. G. Whittaker reports from Cootamundra: "Mission opened on February 10 with an attendance of about one hundred. Both the local papers have requested reports of sermons, and these have been handed to them. They are treating us well. Interest is growing, and the mission promises to be a successful one." Brother Norman Ferris has since connected with this mission as tentmaster.

Pastor G. G. Stewart states that eighty-eight were in attendance at the Albury mission on Sunday evening, and about fifty the previous Thursday. In the audience on Sunday night were a doctor, the wife of the leading dentist of the town, and others of this class. Last week

a young man took his stand for the truth although he had attended only two meetings in the tent and had only one study. A lady when called upon said that she had been keeping the Sabbath for some weeks, but had not been able to attend any of the meetings because of her young children. Brother Stewart states in his letter that there were twenty-three at the baptismal class the previous week, and since then he has found others who are sufficiently advanced for baptism.

Despite the hardness of the field, Pastor Harvey and his co-workers at Goulburn are meeting with reasonable success. The interest, though small, is solid and increasing. A large number of people who do not frequent the tent read the message in the local newspapers, which contain brief, pithy reports of the services held. A local printer who finds much pleasure in printing the best of advertising matter gratis for the mission, last Sabbath closed his business for the first time. The workers have commenced a systematic campaign which will result in every home in Goulburn being visited with the *Signs of the Times* or other literature. Such systematic work with our literature, while it entails a great deal of work, can be conducive of only the best results. God's Word will not return unto Him void.

W. H. HOPKIN.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

PRESIDENT: L. D. A. LEMKE
SECRETARY: J. TODD

Home Missionary Institute

A BRIGHT and successful home missionary institute was held with the members of the Adelaide city church, in the Advent Hall, during the first week-end of February.

Plans were discussed with the church officers during the week regarding division of members into bands, allocation of territory, etc. Sabbath morning the president of the conference and the home missions secretary of the Union Conference addressed the members. Pastor Lemke presented the theme of "The Relationship of Church Members to the Finishing of God's Work on the Earth." Brother S. V. Stratford then told of the wonderful success that our members in other conferences have experienced within the past few months in working for their neighbours. In a number of our churches the members have unitedly arisen to take the place that the Lord designed for them, in helping to finish the proclamation of the gospel of the kingdom, and God is blessing their efforts in a remarkable way.

While giving the closing talk of the morning, Pastor Imrie specially appealed to the young people to unite heartily with the adults in grasping the opportunity afforded the Adelaide church (the Jerusalem centre of this conference) of giving a lead to other believers throughout the South Australian Conference in this same good work which is being done in other fields.

At the afternoon service the subject was continued in a practical way. Following the definite outlining of the Layman's Movement programme for 1924, by the Union Conference home

missions secretary, and of local plans by the writer, the president made an earnest appeal to the members assembled to enter without delay upon this definite programme, working particularly with our soul-saving paper, the *Signs of the Times*, and the excellent little book "Steps to Christ," which is about to be published in the handy pocket size. He asked all who would agree to engage in such definite soul-winning endeavour, and by God's grace to continue systematically in such work, to arise to their feet. Almost the entire audience arose, and at the close of the meeting more than fifty persons came forward enthusiastically to obtain their supplies of back numbers of the *Signs* (donated by the conference), by means of which within three weeks it is expected that regular *Signs* selling rounds will be secured.

This movement, therefore, means that the truth will be carried into at least eleven hundred homes. Remember us in your prayers, that this good work so willingly begun may be richly blessed and prospered, and that our members may be encouraged by seeing many souls linking up with them in church fellowship, and in still further missionary activities.

The actual work in the homes commenced Sunday morning. In the afternoon the church officers and band leaders met for a round-table discussion of some important points in connection with this campaign.

The Spirit of the Lord has told us, "The judgments of God are in the land. The wars and rumours of wars, the destruction by fire and flood, say clearly that the time of trouble, which is to increase until the end comes, is very near at hand." *We have no time to lose.* We are further told that *while these calamities were witnessed among the nations of earth, another scene was presented,—"a great reformatory movement among God's people. . . . Hundreds and thousands were seen visiting families, and opening before them the Word of God."*

We see in this response by the members of the Adelaide city church, a partial fulfilment of this prophecy. Great blessings will be received by the true and humble people of God as they do this work.

RUBY V. STRATFORD,
H.M. and M.V. Sec.

Are You Tactful?

HAVE you tact? Suppose you are independent, self-reliant, and unafraid. Are you so in the right way? Or are you cranky, offensively opinionated? Are you adept in the art of getting along with folks? Can you maintain your individuality without offensiveness?

Can you get people to do as you wish, and yet leave them feeling pleasant over it? Or do you go at everybody the wrong way?
—Dr. Frank Crane.

Dates to Remember

Camp-Meetings:—

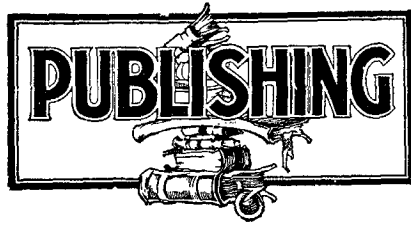
West Australia: March 4-16.

South Australia: March 18-30.

Queensland: May 6-18.

South N.S.W.: September 30 to
October 12.

Week of Prayer: June 7 to 14



A Warning

"EXCEPT the Lord build the house, they labour in vain." Applying this thought to our literature work, we would read, "Except the Lord build the colporteur work, they labour in vain." Thus those who take up this work should do so as a result of a firm conviction that God is calling. "They may not hear the voice of God speaking direct from the heavens, but He calls them by the teaching of His Word and the events of His providence." In this way God calls; in this way God builds up a strong colporteur force, and He builds it not in vain.

God builds, the enemy destroys. It is the studied purpose of Satan to tear down what God has built, and he applies all the art of his cunning to this end. God does not build up and then tear down, for "if a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand," so the spirit that whispers, "You cannot make a living in this work," is not the same spirit that says, "Go work today in My vineyard," and "Whatsoever is right I will give you." Yea, the spirit that says, "You cannot," denies the power of God to fulfil this promise. The spirit, no matter through what agency, that hinders, that dissuades, that discourages, that says, "It is hard work," that says, "You had better not sacrifice your present work," that says, "You must give your first thought to your wife and family," is not the same spirit that says, "Take up the cross and follow Me."

The arch-enemy is on our tracks, and to hide this fact he even endeavours to use some of God's chosen servants to accomplish his purpose, and thus when they sympathisingly tell us of the difficulties ahead, etc., they are unconsciously assisting the great deceiver in his work of tearing down what God is building up. Discouragers there are legion. They lived in Job's day, in the days of Paul, and right down through the ages. God sows seeds of courage, trust, confidence. The enemy sows seeds of fear, doubt, distrust. "By their fruits ye shall know them." Trust in God and do the right.

H. STACEY.

N. B.—Brother Stacey brought this article to me and asked me if it were too strongly stated. I said, "No it is all right; put it all in; the colporteur work is of God." Read what Sister White has

said. Think of what it has meant to the denomination. Let us be careful, brethren, that we do not discourage men who are doing good work, and turn them aside from what God would have them do. No church elder, nor minister, nor any Adventist, should take part in such work. Brother Stacey has evidence that some have done so. Let us recognise the truth of Brother Stacey's article.

J. E. FULTON.



Our Goal for 1924

FROM some of our members enquiries are reaching us relative to the Union Conference missions goal of 2s. 10d. per week for 1924. There seems to be confusion in the minds of some as to just how this amount is made up, so to help any who may have questions we are making this announcement.

The missions goal includes all our offerings to foreign missions. These are:—

1. Sabbath School Offerings
2. Annual Week of Prayer Offerings
3. Annual Camp Offerings
4. Second Sabbath Offerings
5. Young People's Offerings
6. Appeal for Missions Collections

Money given for local church expense, church buildings, church indebtedness, home missionary work, does not figure in the 2s. 10d.

Recognising the value of the Sabbath school in its relationship to giving to missions, we are inviting our people to set their weekly Sabbath school offering at 1s., at least, per week per member, thus leaving 1s. 10d. to be gathered from the remaining departments.

While the Appeal for Missions money collected enters into the 2s. 10d., we recognise the blessing that always attaches itself to one's giving from individual income, and would therefore heartily recommend that our people plan to reach just as close to the 2s. 10d., exclusive of the Appeal for Missions income, as they possibly can.

The way for the individual to reckon his standing is to each month or each quarter total up all he has given out of his own funds to foreign missions through the Sabbath school, Second Sabbath Foreign Mission Day, young people's meetings, special offerings for missions, or any other channel stated in our second paragraph. Reduce the total to pence, divide the amount by the number of weeks covering the period, and if the result is less than thirty-four (that is 2s. 10d. in pence), then it can be seen how much the individual has fallen short of the aim. If the division is more than thirty-four, then your extra giving will reveal itself.

The way for a church to see how it stands is for its treasurer each quarter to total the whole sum received in mission offerings, as stated above, dividing the total by the membership, then the result by the number of Sabbaths in the period.

As we hear the calls of the people of the Southern Seas, and frequently read the glad news of new openings in these island fields, our hearts should gladly respond to the privileges of giving as God has prospered us.

"Unmistakable evidences point to the nearness of the end. The way must be prepared for the coming of the Prince of Peace. Let not our church members complain because they are so often called upon to give. What is it that makes the frequent calls a necessity? Is it not the rapid increase of missionary enterprise? Shall we, by refusing to give, retard the growth of these enterprises? Shall we forget that we are labourers together with God? From every church, prayers should ascend to God for an increase of devotion and liberality."—*Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. IX, page 55.

W. G. TURNER.

A New Appointment

AT a recent meeting of the Union Conference Committee, very earnest study was given to the needs of the Australasian Missionary College. On account of changes necessitated by the removal to America of the teacher of the Business Department, the committee after very prayerful deliberation voted to recommend Brother S. V. Stratford to take charge of this department. It was very difficult for us to make up our minds to release Brother Stratford from his work at the Union Conference office as Home Missions Secretary. He was filling this office, we believe, to the satisfaction both of the field and of our head office at Wahroonga, and our pleasant association with Brother Stratford made us feel that we did not wish to give him up. But when we thought of the College and the large number of young people who would be there under the instruction and influence of the faculty, we felt that we should give to the College our very best. Brother Stratford's long connection with our office work in various departments eminently fits him to be an instructor in the Business Department at the College. His natural adaptation to the work of young people will fit him for the work in the school in its broadest sense, as he comes in contact with the students there; so we believe we are giving strong help to our College. We believe Brother Stratford will go with the prayers and best wishes of those who know him here at headquarters, and that our brethren in the field will also remember him.

In considering the Home Missions Department, it was decided to ask Pastor H. C. White to carry the Home Missions Department in conjunction with the Missionary Volunteer Department. Pastor White is well known to the field and having carried these burdens before, we feel sure that the work of his departments will be well looked after. The committee is planning to give Brother White assistance in his departments, recognising that no man could be expected to carry fully all the detail work incident to these two leading departments. We bespeak for both these brethren the prayers of all throughout the field.

J. E. FULTON.

"GOD'S hand is on the lever of circumstances."



Should a Seventh-day Adventist who has a store sell tobacco?

Emphatically no. Many years ago when Sister White lived at "Sunnyside," Cooranbong, a brother had a store in the settlement and sold tobacco. When the question came before the servant of the Lord, the instruction was that it was not the business of a Seventh-day Adventist to be selling poison to the customers, and that we should withdraw the right hand of fellowship from the brother who persisted in the course. Later this brother grew careless and gave up the message. Any well-instructed Adventist must know the evils of tobacco-using. How can he traffic in such a soul-destroying business?

Much is said in the Testimonies about the use of tobacco and alcoholic drinks, and it would seem that any Adventist keeping a store would throw his influence on the wrong side by selling tobacco. He would not be a strong temperance advocate, it would seem; so we think generally throughout the denomination such a course has been discouraged. We should feel very sorry if any of our brethren keeping shops felt called upon to sell an article that is so strongly prohibited in the Testimonies.

It is known by outside people, as well as by our own church members, that we make a test of fellowship over the use of tobacco and alcoholic liquor. It would be very inconsistent on our part to be selling to the public what we as Adventists refrain from, and make a test of fellowship in our churches. J.E.F.

Should Seventh-day Adventists engage in the raising of swine for sale?

No; they should not. When the prodical came to himself he went out of the swine business altogether. Speaking of allowing the demons to possess and destroy the swine in the land of Gadara, we read that Jesus "allowed the evil spirits to destroy the herd of swine as a rebuke to those Jews who were raising these unclean beasts for the sake of gain."—"Great Controversy," page 515.

If the Jews in Christ's time were condemned for raising such unclean animals as the swine, for the purpose of gain, it can very clearly be seen that Seventh-day Adventists making such strong professions along the line of health reform, would be very inconsistent in having anything to do with the raising of swine for sale. J.E.F.

When quotations from the writings of Sister White are printed in the "Record," could we not have the name of the book from which the articles are taken?

Whenever possible, credit is given to the volume where these writings may be found, but frequently Sister White's articles are taken from other papers where no credit is given except her name, and we do not know in what form they first appeared. Sister White used to write regularly for

our various periodicals, and oftentimes her articles appearing in the RECORD have been reproduced from other papers, and may not have appeared in any of her books. We realise it is very helpful to know where such selections can be found for reference and authority. We take this opportunity to invite all who contribute to the RECORD to give us the exact references of quotations from Sister White's writings as far as possible. A.L.H.

Wedding Bells

THE home of the bride's parents at Alhington, Melbourne, was very tastefully decorated on the evening of February 5, 1924, when Cecilia E. Ross was united in marriage with John B. Conley. The bride is a nurse from the Sydney Sanitarium, and the bridegroom formerly resided at Cooranbong, but is now employed by the Victoria-Tasmanian Conference as an evangelist. About sixty guests sat down to a well-provided breakfast. Many tokens of goodwill were shown and kindnesses expressed by those present for their future prosperity and happiness, as they engage together in the blessed work of soul-winning. J. H. WOODS.

ON Wednesday, February 6, in the Avondale church, was celebrated the marriage union of Miss Hazel E. Davies and Mr. Ernest Lewis. Pastor L. Wood officiated, and many friends and well-wishers gathered in the prettily-decorated church. A reception was held at the home of Mr. George T. Chapman, where the long grape-arbour was utilised to seat about sixty guests at the wedding breakfast. The bride has for some time given very acceptable service in the Avondale Industries office, while Mr. Lewis will continue his studies at the College. Many times was the wish expressed that in the work of God these young people may in the future be used to win souls for the kingdom. R. ALLBON.

OBITUARIES

BICKFORD.—Sarah Wilson Bickford died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Seal, Abuklea Street, Wilston, Queensland, on Friday, December 4, aged eighty-six years. Born in London, England, she afterwards lived for a time in the Scilly Isles, coming to Australia following upon her marriage in 1861. Eighteen years ago while living at Clayfield she received a knowledge of present truth through the work of Mrs. Mitchell, now of Beadesert, and continued through the years a faithful attendant at the house of God, until failing health compelled her to remain at home. Her last few years were brightened by the regular visit of the *Signs*, the reading of which was a continued pleasure to our aged sister. The end came quickly and peacefully, following upon a stroke of paralysis. Her loved ones mourn the loss of a dearly-loved mother, whose many kindly deeds through the years provide enumerable happy memories which will

be cherished while life continues. Services were conducted in the home and at Toowong cemetery by the writer. E. B. RUDGE.

BURDON.—Passed peacefully to rest at her home in Carnarvon, Tasmania, on January 18, 1924, Sister Emily A. Burdon in her seventy-first year. She with her husband accepted the message under the labours of Pastor Allen. Being an invalid for a great number of years, she was almost wholly confined to the house, and living out in the bush her life was a lonely one. She loved to hear of the conquests of the message in distant lands, and she gladly gave freely for missions. She was laid to rest in Nubeena cemetery in the presence of a large gathering. The service was conducted by a local preacher of the Church of Christ. A husband and son mourn their loss, but with the hope of meeting their loved one on the glad resurrection morn. * * *

MINSTER.—Died, January 16, 1924, Sister Mary Annie Minster, at her home in Elwood, Melbourne, after a lingering and painful illness, in her sixty-third year. Sister Minster was born at Newlyn, near Cheswick, Victoria, and accepted the message in Ballarat twenty years ago. She remained faithful to its teachings during the years, and in her outspoken but kindly way was ever ready in its defense. Her pencil was left in her Bible at the text marked: "Though I walk in the midst of trouble, Thou wilt revive me." Ps. 138:7. She died fully trusting in her Saviour. Her husband, one daughter, and two sons are left to mourn the loss of a kind and loving wife and mother. We laid her to rest on January 18 in the Melbourne general cemetery. "There the wicked cease from troubling; and there the weary be at rest." The writer officiated. J. H. WOODS.

MORLEY.—Hether Morley was born on May 5, 1920, and died January 18, 1924. Hether's parents, Brother and Sister A. Morley of Halfway Creek, N.S.W., accepted the message in the latter part of last year, and on the second Monday of this year their youngest child, Hether, was taken ill with gastric enteritis and passed away early on the following Friday morning. This little lamb of the flock leaves a father, mother, and a large family of brothers and sisters who mourn their loss, but look confidently to the time when "little children are borne by holy angels to their mothers' arms. Friends long separated by death are united, nevermore to part, and with songs of gladness ascend together to the city of God." ("Great Controversy," page 645.) T. M. COLE.

For Sale

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WE could not publish the Summary of Book Sales for January in this number as all the reports are not to hand.

PASTORS Fulton and Turner and Brother Ernest Watson left Wairoonga on February 20 to attend the Tasmanian camp-meeting in Hobart.

A BROTHER in Queensland has given us £100 to be used in the following manner: £10 to the needy brethren in Europe, £10 for a local church enterprise, £80 for missions. We are truly glad for the liberal hearts of our dear people. May God bless them richly in return.

SABBATH school superintendents, please tell the children in the Sabbath school the story of little Topsy, as found on this page, and make it plain to them that their offerings to be given on March 29 are to go to the mission station where Topsy lives, and will help to save such children as this little one.

AFTER returning from the camp-meeting to re-open his mission in Grafton, N. S. W., Brother Tevita M. Cole writes: "The work in and around Grafton has not stood still in our absence, but new people have become interested and one who was previously interested has begun to keep the Sabbath.

NEWS has come by wireless of the death at Pitcairn Island of Rosalind Young Nield. In company with her husband, Mr. David Nield of Wellington, New Zealand, she sailed on December 31 to visit her island home. Death was due to heart failure a few days after their arrival. She was known personally to many of our people, and was the author of the book, "Story of Pitcairn Island." Among the first on the island to accept the message, she was an active church worker, and taught school there for many years. Mrs. Nield was greatly beloved by her people and by all who knew her.

SOME weeks ago ten shillings was received at this office from a Sunday school in Queensland taught by Sister E. L. B. Williams. The children had seen in last year's Appeal for Missions magazine the picture of little Topsy, and wanted to send her a Christmas present. Topsy, it will be remembered, was a New Hebridean baby on Atchin dying of mal-nutrition (as two others in the family had done before her), when she was brought to Sister Nicholson for help. She responded to the good care given her at the mission, and her remarkable progress made a most favourable impression upon the natives. The gift from the Queensland Sunday school was invested by us in material for dresses for the little girl and

sent over to Pastor Parker. You will be interested in the reply that has just come from him. He writes: "What a nice little incident of that Sunday school sending the donation of ten shillings for little Topsy! She is well and happy, and you may be sure that Mrs. Parker will make the dresses for her. We know that it will be a pleasant surprise to her parents, and may still further influence their hearts. Just as soon as the material is made up and given to Topsy, I hope to take a picture of her, and will write a letter to the Sunday school that sent it."

OUR readers will be interested in the following extracts from a letter just received from Pitcairn, written on January 14: "This is our third day of camp-meeting. We are having some good meetings, and believe the Lord will greatly bless us before the close. We hoped that a Conference worker would be here in time for it; and although we were disappointed, yet we are satisfied to know that you are doing your best to send us one at the earliest opportunity. Our church treasurer's report for last year was indeed interesting. It is a wonder how much money came in, and how much was sent out, when one remembers that we get money only by exchanging fruit and souvenirs on passing ships. The Lord has truly blessed us, and with the Psalmist we exclaim, "Thou crownest the year with Thy goodness, and Thy paths drop fatness." Our Union Conference treasurer has received about £300 from Pitcairn Island during the past twelve months.

Foreword

Appeal Campaign for 1924

THE time is just before us when our Appeal for Missions campaign for 1924 is to begin. It is a battle and a march, a battle and a march, till the work finally is finished and we are at home, the work all done. "Oh, there'll be joy when the work is done." Soon all campaigns will be over. Before this is so, there is hard work, weary marches, dangers, and persecutions. But loyal soldiers are willing to face all and any difficulties because of the love they bear to the cause of their Master.

Now a task is before us which calls all our brethren and sisters throughout the field to enlist in gathering funds for foreign missions. This year our goal is £15,000, a thousand more than for 1923; but we can reach it if we all help. Many had helpful and interesting experiences last year, and many people had their attention called to our work. Some have been led into the truth as a result of the Appeal for Missions campaign. The help our people gave in collecting for foreign missions is greatly appreciated. It meant much to our island work last year. It sent cheer across the waters in a very practical way.

Now we are depending upon all of you who helped last year to help again in the 1924 effort, and some new Sabbath-keepers will join us. We are glad of this. We welcome them. Will not some join in the Appeal this year who did not last year? Please do. We need your help, and there is a blessing waiting for you. Do not allow timidity to keep you back. God has promised to help us as we go forward. Listen to this word from the pen of Sister White:—

"One of the new plans for reaching unbelievers is the Harvest Ingathering campaign for missions. In many places, during the past few years this has proved a success, bringing blessing to many, and increasing the flow of means into the mission treasury. As those not of our faith have been made acquainted with the progress of the third angel's message in heathen lands, their sympathies have been aroused, and some have sought to learn more of the truth that has such power to transform hearts and lives. Men and women of all classes have been reached, and the name of God has been glorified."

To all who are about to take up special missionary work with the paper prepared for use in the Harvest Ingathering campaign, I would say: Be diligent in your efforts, live under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Add daily to your Christian experience."

We need greatly to increase our mission funds to accomplish what we have before us. Old work must be maintained. New work is insistently calling for men and means. Pastor Jones starts the work in the Loyalty Islands this year. New stations must be entered in New Guinea. Advance work must be done in New Hebrides and in all the islands. Let us go forward.

"And still our General, who never makes a mistake, says to us, Advance. Enter new territory. Lift up the standard in every land. 'Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.'

"Our watchword is to be, onward, ever onward. The angels of God will go before us to prepare the way. Our burden for the 'regions beyond' can never be laid down until the whole earth shall be lightened with the glory of the Lord."—*"Testimonies," Vol. VI, pages 28, 29.*

Remember, dear brethren and sisters, that 1924 Appeal campaign is meant to include you all. Do not disappoint us, but especially do not disappoint the Master in any work He would have you do. What a joy to have some small part in winning souls from heathen darkness. What will be your response?

J. E. FULTON.

A LETTER from the Pacific Press Publishing Association dated January 15 states: "You will be encouraged to learn that our increase in sales during 1923 over 1922 will be practically \$200,000 (£40,000). Including periodical and book sales, the business of the Pacific Press for 1923 will amount to approximately one million dollars (£200,000). Surely the hand of God is in this movement.

FROM India Brother E. R. Streeter writes: "At present we are having 'Big Week' here in the Punjab. We have about thirty men out selling books for the week. As this is their first experience, I have been helping them as well as the regular canvassers. We have a splendid church building here in Lahore, which would seat easily one hundred and fifty people. I have had the privilege of installing the electric lights in it. Every Sunday night Brother Nelson Burns preaches on the prophecies and other Bible topics. Last Sunday night there were over one hundred in attendance. Some are deeply interested and are about ready to take hold of the message."