



A Warning Regarding the Rejection of Light

Beware of Prejudice and Unbelief

IN the past some have followed a course of action that has been displeasing to God. They have viewed matters in a distorted light. That which might be to them joy and peace in the Holy Ghost appears inconsistent, and they put on the armour of Satan to war against the work of God. The testimony of the Spirit of God is no more to them than the word of man, because in their blindness they cannot distinguish between truth and error.

The messengers God has seen fit to send have not been infallible. They have been weak, erring human beings; but the Lord wrought through them as they gave themselves up to His service. The word spoken was adapted to the necessities of God's people; the evidence of truth was clearly and distinctly presented. The reason the word did not have the desired effect on the hearers was not that there was a lack of evidence; for link after link was produced until the chain was complete; but the minds of the hearers were filled with prejudice. They were not willing to accept evidence, and tried to make the Bible sustain their ideas, instead of changing their ideas to meet the Bible.

The Jews watched Christ, hoping

to catch from His lips some word at which they might take offence. Is not this done today? Men refuse to give up their own ideas. They are

heart. He hears their prayers, and sends them divine light. The Holy Spirit sends the truth home with power to the hearts of all who are not hardened by unbelief. Christ rejoiced when the evidence rejected by the men who thought themselves wise, was accepted by those who in comparison might be called babes in knowledge. He who feels secure in his own wisdom must become as a little child, else he will never wear the crown of eternal life. He must be willing to learn the lessons Christ has for him to learn, willing to say with John the Baptist, "He must increase, but I must decrease."

What words can I trace to arouse my ministering brethren to a sense of the responsibility resting on them? How fearful their position if, while professing to be watchmen on the walls of Zion, they lay stumbling-blocks in the way of their less experienced brethren, leading them to question the precious messages God sends! Christ promised success to His disciples if they would place themselves under the bright beams of the Sun of Righteousness. They were not authorized to preach a single discourse except under the influence of the Holy Spirit. They had strict

orders to tarry in Jerusalem until they were endued with power from on high. Do the workers today regard the possession of the

not humble enough to acknowledge the divine origin of that which is not in harmony with their opinions.

The Lord knows the honest in

In His Hand

(John 10 : 28)

TELL me why, O Christian soldier,
Thou art lying in the dust,
With thy garments and thine armour
Rolled in mildew and in rust;
Why this cold and clammy death dew
Of despair upon thy brow,
And thy heart congealed with terror;
Tell, oh, tell, what ails thee now!

Have Gehenna's Stygian shadows
Settled round thee like a pall?
Do the tempter's fiery serpents
Hiss, and round and round thee crawl?
Is the fallen angel waiting
Near at hand to crush and rend,
Like a beast of prey whose victim
Has no strength to flee or fend?

Fear thou not! No harm can touch thee;
By thy side is One in white,
Mightier than ten thousand demons:
He can put the foe to flight.
Leave thy hand in His, O Christian,
None can pluck from out His hand;
All the hosts of hell are powerless
At His look and His command.

Then arise! arise! O soldier,
Shout for joy! Shake off thy dust!
Change thy galling coat of sackcloth
For the garb of praise and trust.
Gird thine armour on, and hasten,
Join thy comrades in the fray;
Not a foe can stand before thee,
Only watch, and fight, and pray.

MRS. JESSIE F. MOSER.

Holy Spirit essential to the success of their work? We have had sermonising and theorising until the churches are ready to die. The Holy Spirit must come upon God's people. Then the truth will go forth with mighty power.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

Review and Herald, June 3, 1902.



Fiji

WE have just returned from a two weeks' trip to Vanua, Levu, and Lau districts, Fiji. We had a fine trip, experiencing beautiful weather and good seas almost all the time. We travelled by launch to Buresala and spent a day with the workers and students. From there we went to Levuka, where we were met by Brother McLaren in the cutter, *Talai* ("Messenger"). A day's sail brought us to their station on Vanua Levu, where we have a few half-caste believers. Mrs. Stewart remained with Sister McLaren and the children while Brother McLaren and I visited the churches and companies, and also conducted some meetings for those not of our faith. Needless to say, we enjoyed our visit very much, and the native brethren seemed very pleased to see us. At each place they wished us to stay longer.

On the island of Lakemba we baptised three more believers and organised a small church of eight members. It was very encouraging to me to see this commencement on this island where two of our faithful native workers have given their lives in past years in establishing the work in this strategic centre.

We spent a very happy Sabbath with the believers at Mualevu, which is another important centre in Lau. The work has been established here a long time and many of the charter members are still living and faithfully represent the message. Clean living for years not only preserves their lives but marks them as a separate people, easily recognised.

Near to Mualevu we found a very sad case in the person of a young lady of almost European parentage who has been living practically among the natives and had become very ill from rheumatic fever and filaria. She had been in this condition for four months with the natives attending her. When I stepped into her room she wept for several minutes, and it was with difficulty that she related the deplorable condition into which she had been brought. She spoke of her happy association with some of our former workers, especially Sister Morrison, and how she had longed for her in her sickness. It was with some difficulty that we persuaded her to allow us to take her to the Levuka Hospital some one hundred and fifty miles away. However, we got her aboard early Sunday morning, and late the next evening she was being comfortably cared for by the sister in

charge. It was only then that she appreciated what comfort and cleanliness she had lacked in her former circumstances, and tears of joy rolled down her cheeks as she thanked us for bringing her there. Her late mother was a real mother in Israel to all classes in that vicinity, and was always very kind to our workers.

On our return trip we had delightful weather and were able to call and pick up Mrs. Stewart, who had had a very pleasant time with Sister McLaren and the children. As theirs is one of the lonely stations in the group, we were glad that Mrs. Stewart could spend a little time with them.

We travelled about six hundred miles on the trip without any discomfort, covering some of the longest stretches at night in the beautiful tropical moonlight. Next week I expect to leave again on an inland tour to the Colo district where I will spend the Week of Prayer.

We have just heard that there are now over thirty students in the Navuso School on the Wainibuka, with the prospect of many more coming. Their housing accommodation will soon be too limited.

A. G. STEWART.

Sabbath Eve at Suva Vou

ON a picturesque elevation pointing south into the lagoon which surrounds Fiji, east of which, almost at your feet, are the placid waters of Suva Bay, and in the west, island-studded waters extending toward the setting sun; with the little white church with its red roof in a setting of mango trees, open and ready for its dark-skinned congregation, and the leaf-made homes of the natives nestling under breadfruit trees and among cocoanut palms a little beyond, God's holy Sabbath was ushered in. The early warning bell from the missionary's belfry was still ringing in our ears, with the responding dab dub, dab dub, dab dub of the native wooden drum, as the radiant hues of the sunset touched with added beauty the still sunlit peaks of the mountains in the background and the ambient waters of the near Pacific, while the almost sombre shades of night lingered in the deep valleys. Through the still air, soft and yet heavy with the odour of the pangipangi, with the last glint of the setting sun came a final appeal from the belfry, and one short, soft dab dub, dab dub from the faithful deacon's drum.

In the little church our beloved Fijian brethren of Suva Vou,—the men in white shirts and black sulus, the women in multi-coloured mother-hubbards, the young people and children dressed accordingly, with bootless feet and uncovered heads,—silently and reverently took their seats.

Without any formal announcement, but quietly and in keeping with the object of the meeting, a native brother started to sing in the native tongue the well-known hymn, "Anywhere with Jesus I can safely go." To the writer's mind on this his first visit to one-time cannibal Fiji with its awful history of weeping, sorrow, death, and the oven, this hymn seemed so appropriate. What hath God wrought through His blessed gospel of peace! "Anywhere... I can safely go." But it was not so in old Fiji.

After a few words of greeting from you all in Australasia to those of our faith here, spoken by your representative, our loved brother, Atu Sailosi, lead the meeting. Earnestly did he plead for love among the brethren. "As I have loved you," was his text. A few earnest prayers, the benediction, a moment of silent devotion, a hearty handshake all round, and the opening Sabbath service was over, and in the tropical moonlight we wended homeward and to rest.

A. H. PIPER.

Dovele Mission, Solomon Islands

AT Dovele we have been very busy house-building, leaving off work on the new church to build the new mission house. The framework is made of sawn timber, and the walls and roof of palm leaf. This leaf comes from the palm which supplies sago and ivory nuts.

The new house is a decided improvement on the old one. Seven of our natives have gone to the training school at Batuna. Three of these deferred marriage so as to be able to attend. As they will now be taught in a language foreign to them, it shows their desire to become missionaries. Four of our natives are already out as missionaries. The old people felt very much parting with their young people, and many a tear was shed as the *Melanesia* took the boys away. The Dovele natives withstood the Methodists for fourteen years, because they believed that they would take the young people away from them. Now we have a demonstration of the confidence that they have in our message in their willingness to part with their loved ones.

Last Sabbath afternoon the Lord especially protected the mission property here. Banks of black clouds were seen to be approaching from Choiseul, and from our mission house on the hill we noticed the leaves of the cocoanut trees near the launch house standing straight up in the air and a whirlpool in the water. This whirlwind just caught the end of the house. The end fell in, but fortunately did no damage to the launch, but only broke the handle of the grindstone.

This whirlwind followed up the coast of the harbour and frightened the natives in the two villages in its course. Most of them immediately took to prayer to God for protection. No one was hurt. Had I launched the boat the previous day, as was my original intention, it would have been anchored in the pathway of this whirlwind and nothing could have saved it from being swamped. Pana and some of the Ranonga natives on returning from their last trip to Dovele in a canoe were caught in rough weather just as they neared home. One large wave caught the canoe and smashed it, throwing the natives into the sea. Most of them lost their belongings, and after a big struggle they managed to reach the shore.

We have just returned from a trip to Ranonga. We held the ordinances there. Ten natives from Ranonga have gone to the school. The natives at Ranonga have experienced a hard blow in the death of Ada, their chief. He is the one who has stood by us all along and has taken the responsibility of the work there. His wife, who is one of the deaconesses, said, "We are not sad as the heathen are,

because we know that if we are faithful we will meet him when Jesus comes."

We were pleased to see that the natives who had been taught sewing were busy teaching the other girls, and some quite neat work had been done. The Ranonga natives have bought two new sewing machines for mission use. The missionary's new house there is finished, and is a fine building.

Our native brethren's hearts beat loyally to the message, and they are doing what they are able to help forward in the good work. R. H. TUTTY.



Monthly Summary of Australasian Canvassing Work

North New South Wales

APRIL, 1924

<i>Ministry of Healing—</i>			
F. McFarlane (Del)	58½	17	£10 12 6
<i>Our Day—</i>			
E. J. Bourke	120	31	33 16 0
C. C. Ellis	6	10	11 6 0
J. Rice	85	5	5 0 6
State Agent	13½	5	5 17 0
<i>Prophetic Waymarks—</i>			
C. C. Ellis	13	6	6 15 0
K. Ellis	83	47	55 2 6
Helps Sold by Agents			16 11 6
	379½	121	£145 1 0

South New South Wales

APRIL, 1924

<i>Bible Readings—</i>			
H. G. Moulds	114	68	£79 15 0
C. Davies	7½	3	4 7 6
R. Peare	23	7	7 17 6
A. F. Watts	86	25	29 12 6
E. Sherwin	81	32	42 2 6
J. W. Tompson	44½	17	19 10 0
A. G. Carton	11	3	3 0 0
T. P. Grunsell	23½	15	19 12 0
A. L. Pascoe	7	6	6 10 0
<i>Ministry of Healing—</i>			
R. Fayers	26	10	6 5 0
Miss V. Cole	15	11	6 17 6
Mrs. Hastie	2	2	1 5 6
<i>Home Nursing—</i>			
Mrs. R. Fayers	16	6	7 2 0
R. Fayers	32	33	37 17 6
Miss Barber	18½	14	16 9 6
Mrs. Ball	3	3	3 14 6
Mrs. R. Buchanan	9½	4	4 17 6
<i>Ladies' Handbook—</i>			
A. C. Timothy	14½	8	11 15 0
Mrs. K. Renn	8	5	7 7 6
Miss Groat	25½	10	14 15 0
Mrs. Hammond	25½	22	31 5 0
Mrs. Bucknell	21	6	9 5 0
W. S. Renn	27½	11	16 13 0
<i>Our Day—</i>			
A. W. Kent, Jun.	47	43	53 11 0
E. A. Butler	202	20	21 1 6
Helps Sold by Agents			23 0 6
	776	373	£478 7 6

Victoria-Tasmania

APRIL, 1924

<i>Bible Readings—</i>			
N. Appleton	92	103	£125 19 0
V. G. Bedford	28	22	£27 10 0
R. Collett	59	16	7 10 0
J. A. Collins	27	19	23 5 0
J. A. Moore	59	16	20 15 0
A. Motton	96	10	11 15 0
R. C. Mack	61	40	44 10 0
L. J. Koker	23	6	8 7 6
Miss M. Neely	56	10	10 10 0
Miss P. Neely	39	11	14 15 0
Miss O. Furlonger	27	5	5 10 0
H. Swain	49	15	17 15 0
A. E. Thorpe	60	54	67 5 0
G. Wilson	56	24	22 15 0
R. Wilson	21	10	14 10 0
<i>Ladies' Handbook—</i>			
J. A. Bown	28	2	2 15 0
W. G. Brittain	40	23	32 6 7
M. Wilson	52	27	38 2 6
H. Swain	11	7	9 7 6
T. Stevenson		1	1 7 8
<i>Home Nursing—</i>			
R. J. Ball	105	20	24 5 0
H. E. W. Crooke	111	40	49 9 6
Miss M. Collins	35	19	23 4 0
Miss E. Beveridge	35	11	12 18 6
Mrs. E. H. Cole	75	52	65 14 0
Miss F. Smeaton	5	5	6 6 0
Miss F. Triggs	6	6	6 15 0
Miscellaneous		27	32 11 0
<i>Our Day—</i>			
J. A. Moore	9	8	12 0 0
T. Stevenson	44	18	19 8 6
Helps Sold by Agents			45 11 0
	1274	619	£802 14 0
<i>World Outlook—</i>			
Mrs. F. Bennie	31	31	1 11 0
Mrs. H. Devine	57	672	£33 12 0
J. W. Jacobs	26	75	3 15 0
Mrs. E. Weeding	27	46	2 6 0
Helps Sold by Agents			1 13 1
	141	824	£42 17 1
<i>Practical Guide—</i>			
J. A. Moore	9	8	12 0 0
T. Stevenson	44	18	19 8 6
Helps Sold by Agents			45 11 0

West Australia

APRIL, 1924

<i>Ladies' Handbook—</i>			
C. Beattie	61	60	£84 0 0
Mrs. I. Hardie	63½	60	83 8 0
A. P. House	114½	27	41 7 6
<i>Bible Readings—</i>			
C. Chapman	90½	43	10 17 6
Miss E. Forbes (Del)	30	17	20 17 6
A. V. Stenhouse	50½	15	19 12 6
E. A. Turner	1½	3	3 10 0
<i>Home Nursing—</i>			
Miss F. Eastwood	52½	44	53 7 0
Miss D. Gray	52½	46	54 2 0
E. A. Turner		2	2 5 0
<i>Great Controversy—</i>			
C. J. Veitch	117	15	17 15 0
Helps Sold by Agents			16 4 9
	633½	332	£454 6 9

South New Zealand

APRIL, 1924

<i>Bible Readings—</i>			
Miss D. Brown	12	7	£9 15 0
D. F. Black	191	60	84 2 6
T. A. Fraser	31	13	16 17 6
Miss M. Hossack	61	21	30 10 0
P. Hardyment	174½	109	149 12 6
C. Hardyment	225	69	92 13 6
A. E. Woodley	136½	30	38 2 6
<i>Ladies' Handbook—</i>			
Miss Brown	23	12	18 7 6
J. Shin	58	43	61 0 0
Helps Sold by Agents			41 1 6
	912	364	£542 1 6

North New Zealand

APRIL, 1924

<i>Bible Readings—</i>			
R. J. Martin	60½	33	£42 12 6
Mrs. Boniface	8½	3	3 10 0
Mrs. Conrad	56	16	19 17 6
Mr. Dray	24	10	11 17 6
W. C. Boniface	77	27	37 12 6
<i>House We Live In—</i>			
Mrs. Binnie	23	10	2 5 0
<i>Ladies' Handbook—</i>			
Mrs. Mitchell	9	1	1 7 6
J. Shin	105½	135	200 2 6
B. Waldrom	12½	70	115 10 0
<i>Daniel and Revelation—</i>			
S. Hutchison	67½	29	32 16 0
<i>Our Day—</i>			
Mrs. Barron		16	16 13 0
A. Barron		9	11 0 0
Mrs. Layboun	9½	8	8 5 0
J. Layboun	2½	3	4 12 6
<i>Practical Guide—</i>			
A. Jackson	44½	26	40 17 6
<i>Christ's Object Lessons—</i>			
Miss B. Gwynn	2	1	12 6
Mrs. Gosnell	18	6	3 15 0
Helps Sold by Agents			24 1 2
	519½	384	£542 19 2

South Australia

APRIL, 1924

<i>Bible Readings—</i>			
Miss E. Sorrell	35	9	£11 2 6
P. Sibley	64	17	19 10 6
J. Sibley	62	14	16 17 6
Mrs. M. Badcock	46	32	40 2 6
C. Sinclair	55½	27	30 5 0
<i>Ladies' Handbook—</i>			
J. S. Sweet	54	29	43 17 6
<i>Christ's Object Lessons—</i>			
Miss M. Luke	15½	13	8 2 6
Helps Sold by Agents			1 8 6
	332	140	£170 16 0

Book Totals for March, 1924

	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
South New South Wales	776	373	£478 7 6
South New Zealand	912	364	542 1 6
West Australia	633½	332	454 6 9
South Australia	332	140	170 16 0
North New Zealand	519½	384	542 19 2
North New South Wales	379½	121	145 1 0
Victoria-Tasmania	1274	619	802 14 0
	4826½	2333	£3136 5 11

WE are glad to be able to give the book Summary in this week's issue. It was held up two weeks by belated conference reports.

A TENT effort was held in Peking, the capital of China, last September and October. The tent was pitched "in that romantic spot just under the shadow of the Forbidden City gate. There beside the marble bridge crossing the city moat, and the famous victory pillars, the message in all its phases was proclaimed to thousands of the people of Peking." The interest continued good throughout the series, and many names were secured and a number of the interested ones organised into Bible classes for further study of the truth.

Education Department

In the Month of May

A BUSY month, for examinations loomed up in its midst, making students and books inseparable. Hard work had its reward in a three-day recess, during which some students visited their near-by homes, while many activities gave a change of thought to those remaining.

ALL seemed to have enjoyed themselves, but in the chapel exercises on the first day of the new term, a claim to the greatest happiness was made by those who had been out on the Harvest In-gathering campaign, and had helped the College to overreach its second aim of £400. RECORD readers will remember our telling of the raising of the aim to this amount in order to reach the 2s. 10d. per week per church member. Many good experiences in giving the truth made the gleaners rejoice.

AN enjoyable day spent at the Point was reported on the evening of May 25, the Industries barge having been requisitioned to carry on this occasion a live and lively freight.

ON Monday a musical evening in the dining room gave opportunity for some to use their talent in song, recitation, and instrumental items. The assistance of friends from the village added much to the general enjoyment.

MAY 17 was a red-letter day, when we enjoyed visits from Pastor G. F. Jones and Sister Jones, Brother and Sister J. D. Anderson, and Brother and Sister R. Allan Anderson. Pastor Jones's account of New Guinea made very real the difficulties confronting our workers in lands where Satan's power is manifest in a very direct way. The model canoe exhibited by Brother J. D. Anderson suggested perils of the sea and God's care over His missionaries in the Solomon Islands, while some of Brother R. A. Anderson's experiences showed God's power over the Prince of Darkness in the homeland.

ON the following Sabbath Pastor A. H. White spoke to the students on "Follow Me" and "Fishers of Men." He also addressed the Avondale church on Sabbath morning.

A MUCH appreciated innovation is the weekly free distribution in the students' rooms of the RECORD and the Signs. They are thus kept in touch with the church at work, and a closer acquaintance with our missionary paper has stimulated interest in its circulation, resulting in a weekly club of one hundred and fifty ordered by the College church, in addition to the one hundred and eighty used by the Avondale church.

"UNITED Missionary Volunteer meeting in the College chapel" was the announcement for Sabbath afternoon, May 31, and a very much crowded chapel

showed the interest taken in the children's programme. It was essentially a missionary meeting, and the well-chosen items were such as should foster missionary interest in the young minds. On the rostrum was an Indian hut, and outside sat four little Hindu children, presently visited by a worker who tended the sick and told the story of Jesus to curious ears. The iron rule of the priest was evident in the children's answer to the invitation to attend the mission service. Sweet child voices gave several songs, and "We Are Building for Eternity" followed the erection of a structure of which love, hope, and faith were the foundations; clean, pure, helpful, and useful lives were the pillars; conversion, consecration, and communion were the rafters; and peace was the crowning glory. A promise by three children to recite a doctrinal text in Hindu, New Guinea, and Fijian respectively if five in the audience would repeat it in English, resulted in a review of the texts for the month. We trust the missionary zeal may grow with the growth of the children, so that they may one day see many "coming from afar" as their losing song foretold.

RHAE ALLBON.

Navuso School, Fiji

WE thought that the readers of the RECORD would be interested to know a little about our school here at Navuso.

The clock had just struck the hour of eight on the morning of April 14 when the cry, "Sail O, the *Ravama*," was heard, and for the next few hours enthusiasm ran high. Brother Branster had been away up the river for a little over a week with the object of bringing students to the school, and his return was the cause of all this excitement. About fifteen minutes passed after we heard the first *davinu*, or conch shell, before we saw our mission boat come gliding down the calm waters of the Wainibuka River, bringing with it about thirty happy boys and girls, who were singing the beautiful songs of Zion as they came.

It cannot be said of Navuso now that it is a quiet, lonely place. I wish you could be here to listen to the merry voices of fourteen girls up in their *bure*. The parents of four of the girls have come to spend the week-end with them and of course there is much to talk about. They have been separated just one week. And then there are students here from the same towns from which these parents come, and naturally they too have much to say, and so by and by every one is talking. But it is good to hear them, and I rejoice that the Lord has entrusted me with this part of His work. My only desire is to be a help and a blessing to each one of them.

Every one is busy here. There are

very few idle minutes. We have worship at 6.30 a.m. every day, and until night the time is taken up with school and garden work.

In the school we teach Bible, arithmetic, reading, writing, history, geography, English, nature study, and twice a week I teach the girls sewing. We have five hours' school each day.

After our camp-meeting in June we have reason to believe that we shall have to turn students away. There is a steady increase all the time.

We are all comfortable here, for which we thank our dear brethren and sisters, yes, and the boys and girls in the homeland. We know it is your prayers and offerings that have made this possible.

At present we are all well and full of courage. Continue to pray for us that God will water the seed that is being sown each day, and that many boys and girls will go forth from this school to help in the finishing of the work.

W. E. HABERMAN.

Letter from a Fijian Student at Buresala Training School

TO the young people of the Sabbath School.

My Friends,

My name is Sisari Lewa, and my age is nineteen. I entered school on January 28, 1919, and I have been now training for five years. I enjoy school very much, and give thanks for what my teachers are trying to do for me. I know God helps me in my studies. He has also helped me in many temptations.

Many boys have been here at school in my time; but, alas, some of them have gone astray, and have grown fond of the world. I do not think I am strong because I have not gone astray. It is only the power of God that keeps me. I know God protects me at all times.

Some of my companions have not returned to school at different times because of the many temptations in our village life. Satan makes things appear very good before the eyes of the young men. These are some of the things Satan makes strong trials with: worldly joy, worldly play, evil dances, football, spear-throwing, horse-racing, cards, and moving pictures. These things my country is now full of. It is true at this time what Paul said to Timothy (read 2 Tim. 3: 4, 5). And John also speaks of this (read 1 John 2: 15-17).

Yes, only God can save us from the world. I pray for my friends who have left school for these things, that He will bring them back to school to be at last useful in His work.

For some time now I have helped to print our papers in Fiji, and this work I have done joyfully. I do not know my work for the future, but I give myself and my whole life to the service of God.

My love to you all.

Your friend in the truth,
SISARI LEWA.

NOTE.—Sisari, who is our brightest student, will by the time you have read his letter, be in the island of Kandavu, helping Semiti in evangelical work.

C. S. PALMER.

Statistical Report of the MISSION FIELD of the Australasian Union Conference for the Quarter Ending September 30, 1923

	Relation to Corresponding Quarter of Previous Year in Mission Fields											SUMMARY FOR WHOLE FIELD Relation to Corresponding Quarter of Previous Year							
	Eastern Polynesia	Fiji	Lord Howe	New Guinea	New Hebrides	Nine	Norfolk Island	Samoa	Solomon Islands	Tonga	Monamona Mission	Totals, Sept. 30, 1923	Totals, Sept. 30, 1922	Increase	Home Field Sept. 30, 1923	Mission Field Sept. 30, 1923	GRAND TOTAL : sept. 30, 1923	GRAND TOTAL Sept. 30, 1922	Increase
CHURCHES																			
No. of Churches	9	40	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	2	1	63	62	1	166	63	229	222	7
Membership	196	798	20	8	31	5	14	29	182	40	24	1347	1142	205	7719	1347	9066	3645	421
Baptized during Quarter		4							36	1		41	3	38	63	41	104	72	32
LABOURERS																			
Ordained Ministers	3	4		1	1			1	1			10	10		62	10	72	67	5
Licensed Ministers	2	6	1		3	1	1	1	3	3	1	22	23		66	22	88	90	
Licensed Missionaries	10	43		3	4			1	12	2	10	85	71	16	125	85	210	243	
Book and Periodical Canvassers	3											3	3		99	3	102	138	
Total Labourers	18	53	1	4	8	1	1	2	16	5	11	120	107	13	352	120	472	538	
TITHES																			
Total Receipts	£95	£130	£15	£15	£31	£4	£23	£28	£111	£35	£39	£526	£518		£13,067	£526	£13,593	£13,250	£343
Per Capita															1 13 10		1 13 10	1 13 10	
OFFERINGS																			
For Foreign Missions (Except S.S. or Y.P. Off.)	£77	£71	£6	£23	£2		£6	£28	£25	£4	£84	£326	£319	£7	£5,175	£326	£5,501	£4,031	£1,470
For Home Mission Work															£789		£789	£385	£404
For Local Church Work								£4				£4	£12		£1090	£4	£1094	£1699	
SABBATH SCHOOLS																			
Number	14	51	1	1	4	3	1	1	38	3	1	118	104	14	287	118	405	390	£15
Membership	416	1100	34	30	157	85	24	34	1666	43	125	3714	3434	280	19064	3714	13,778	12,973	£805
Offerings to Foreign Missions	£16	£46	£7	£5	£2	£3	£5	£13	£108	£15	£19	£239	£130	109	£2,167	£239	£2,406	£2,302	£104
BOOK AND PERIODICAL SALES																			
(Retail Value)													£8		£6,356		£6,356	£11,342	
TITHES APPROPRIATIONS (To Fields Outside Conference)																			
CHURCH BUILDINGS																			
Number	9	3	1	1	3	2	1	1	24	3		48	44	4	104	4	152	136	16
Estimated Value	£570	£595	£150	£3	£180	£130	£150	£250		£145		£2173	£1745	£428	£46,758	£2,173	£48,931	£40,680	£8251
Approximate Seating Capacity	940	460	120	100	350	120	200	200	2300	250		5040	4440	600	11,964	5040	17,004	15,18	1822
CHURCH SCHOOLS																			
Number	1	6		1		1			26	2	1	38	28	10	30	38	68	57	11
Number of Teachers	3	7		1		1			24	3	2	41	30	11	39	41	60	70	10
Total Enrolment	40	175		19		16			524	49	33	856	828	28	797	856	1653	1616	37
Value of Buildings and Equipm't	£60	£619				£3			£40	£65		£787	£784	£3	£3,335	£787	£4,022	£3,374	£648
Expense of Maintenance for Period	£8	£102							£46			£156	£172		£1,401	£156	£1,557	£1544	£13
MISSIONARY VOLUNTEERS																			
No. of Societies	2	4	1		2		1		1	1	1	13	8	5	152	13	165	151	14
Membership	35	80	25		60		24		40	30	56	350	225	125	3940	350	4290	4232	58
Offerings to Foreign Missions					£1							1		£1	£428	£1	£428	£430	
Offerings to Home Missions															£6		£6	£10	
Offerings to Local Church W'k															£11		£11	£40	
TOTAL M.V. OFFERINGS					£1							£1		£1	£445	£1	£446	£540	

Statistical Report of the HOME FIELD of the Australasian Union Conference for the Quarter Ending September 30, 1923

	CONFERENCES (Home Field)										Relation to Corresponding Quarter of Previous Year in Home Field		
	Australasian Union	North N.S. Wales	South N.S. Wales	North New Zealand	South New Zealand	Queensland	South Australia	Victoria- Tasmania	West Australia	Miscellaneous	Totals Sept. 30, 1923	Totals Sept. 30, 1922	Increase
CHURCHES													
Number of Churches		20	29	20	8	14	16	40	19		166	160	6
Membership		988	1442	1016	266	787	633	1832	755		7719	7503	216
Baptised during Quarter			14	21	1	19	4	4			63	69	
LABOURERS													
Ordained Ministers	15	7	9	8	4	4	3	9	3		62	57	5
Licensed Ministers	21	4	10	6	2	4	4	10	5		66	67	
Licensed Missionaries	40	3	23	13	2	8	7	19	10		125	174	
Book and Periodical Cauvassers		3	21	16	9	14	7	25	4		99	135	
Total Labourers	76	17	63	43	17	30	21	63	22		352	431	
TITHE													
Total Receipts ..		£1,558	£2,466	£2,049	£649	£1202	£1225	£2828	£1090		£13,067	£12,702	£365
Per Capita		1 11 6	1 14 2	2 0 4	2 8 9	1 10 7	1 18 8	1 10 10	1 8 11		1 13 10	1 13 10	
OFFERINGS													
To Foreign Missions (Except S.S. or Y. P. Offerings)		£751	£651	£532	£197	£1640	£230	£786	£368	£20	£5175	£3,712	£1463
For Home Mission Work		£31	£156	£166	£234	£17	£57	35	£93		£789	£385	£404
For Local Church Work		£121	£208	£432	£40	£105	£79		£105		£1090	£1687	
SABBATH SCHOOLS													
Number		24	38	58	14	34	25	58	36		287	286	1
Membership		1139	1942	1282	358	1009	869	2325	1140		10064	9539	525
Offerings to Foreign Missions		£286	£423	£3 3	£123	£213	£155	£420	£214		£2167	£2172	
BOOK & PERIODICAL SALES													
(Retail Value)		£633	£1170	£1206	£377	£479	£795	£1045	£651		£6,356	£11,334	
TITHE APPROPRIATIONS													
(To Fields Outside Local Conf.)													
CHURCH BUILDINGS													
Number		11	19	14	1	11	9	24	15		104	92	12
Estimated Value		£3,015	£8,963	£9,600	£400	£2,830	£5,250	£10,700	£5,980		£46,758	£38,535	£7823
Approximate Seating Capacity		1210	2610	1770	240	1190	1020	2504	1420		11,964	10,742	1,222
CHURCH SCHOOLS													
Number		2	5	4		2	4	6	7		30	29	1
Number of Teachers		4	10	5		2	4	8	6		39	40	
Enrolment		94	219	90		31	108	162	93		797	783	9
Value of Buildings & Equipment		£638	£2031	£250		£23	£120	£49	£124		£3235	£2590	£645
Expense for Mainten'ce for Period		£163	£367	£172		£68	£142	£282	£207		£1401	£1372	29
MISSIONARY VOLUNTEERS													
Number of Societies		17	26	23	6	12	11	37	20		152	142	9
Membership		575	668	£309	123	421	340	960	544		3940	4007	
Offerings to Foreign Missions		£52	£115	£58	£13	£19	£37	£110	£24		£428	£490	
Offerings to Home Missions					£5	1					£6	£10	
Offerings to Local Church Work			£ 7	£4							£11	40	
Total M.V. Offerings		£52	£122	£62	£18	£20	£37	£110	£24		£445	£540	

Another Student Writes

To all my beloved friends in Christ Jesus.

Dear Friends,

Will you bear with me for a little while, as I wish to tell you a little about ourselves in Fiji. My name is Isimeli Seresere, and at one time I was very fond of worldly pleasure. Sometimes daily, sometimes every week, I was called to some feast to lead out in worldly dances. I was chief leader of various kinds of dances in my district, including the spear dance and the club dance.

Yes, friends, I now see that when I loved these things God was far from me. I thought I lived, but I was really dead till the message of Christ made me alive.

In the year 1918 many in my district became members of the "Ai ka Vitu" (Seventh Day) Church. I also requested baptism of the minister, and then I wished to be a teacher in the Lord's work. When I was married, my wife and I at once volunteered to go to Buresala for training. But alas! I had been only seven months at school when on returning to my town I was tempted to lead in worldly dances. Of that time, friends, I am too pained to tell. At the beginning of 1923 I confessed myself, and asked to be taken back to school. Here I am training to be a worker for God. I am happy. I love the Word of God, and give myself wholly to Him, if I can be of some use in His service.

I have one thing to ask of you. Will you promise to remember us students in Fiji? Will you pray that God will strengthen us, and prepare us quickly for His finishing work?

I am,
ISIMELI SERESERE.
[Ishmael the Singer.]

NOTE.—This student gives evidence of now enjoying a much stronger Christian experience, and if he continues faithful will make a strong worker.

C. S. PALMER.

A Father Who Helped

OUR Lord said through one of His servants in Eccl. 9:10, "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest." Are we really doing this? Is every spare moment occupied with building for eternity?

I think I hear a tired father say, "What more can I do, with my family of boys and girls to support? I teach at Sabbath school, attend all the meetings and give all the money I can." Yes, dear hard-worked father, our Heavenly Father knows all about your struggles and sacrifices; but let me draw your attention to a man who was blessed with seventeen children. No doubt he was a hard working man, yet he did a work that God so appreciated that He made mention of it in His Book to be remembered as long as the Bible remains.

We read in I Chron. 25:5, 6, "And God gave to Heman fourteen sons and three daughters. All these were under the hand of their father for song in the house of the Lord, with cymbals, psaltries, and harps for the service of the house of God." And then in the seventh verse we read, "So the number of them, with their brethren that were instructed in the

songs of the Lord, even all that were cunning [or well trained], was two hundred fourscore and eight."

Have we nearly three hundred trained singers, who have been trained at home, before they meet the choir leader in our cities, who can be called upon at any time to give service in the house of God, and help our evangelists in tent missions, etc? This home training is not only a work for either or both parents, but also for the older brother or sister, the unmarried church member, who could help where the parents themselves are not trained, and would be glad of such help. We learn that Heman was not the only father who trained his children, but many other fathers were engaged in the same work. We read again of Heman, I Chron. 15:17; 6:33, and we read of "the second degree," and there may have been "the third degree," so if we are only second class musicians, or even third class, let us try to do our bit.

Two questions we ought to ask ourselves. Were these men behind the times they lived in? Are we behind the times in this matter?

If each church member who has the ability will take hold of this work in earnest, God will no doubt appreciate their efforts as he did Heman's, and will send His angels to help them, for the angels delight to praise Him.

God has His book of remembrance for all things done for His glory. * * *

Common Duties Made Beautiful

A WOMAN whose life has been long and checkered with many reverses, said, "Nothing has given me more courage to face every day's duties and troubles than a few words spoken to me by my father when I was a child. He was the village doctor. I came into his office where he was compounding medicine one day, looking cross and ready to cry.

"What is the matter, Mary?"

"I'm tired. I've been making beds and washing dishes all day, and every day, and what good does it do? Tomorrow the beds will have to be made and the dishes washed all over again."

"Look, my child," he said; "do you see these little empty vials? They are all insignificant, cheap things, of no value in themselves; but in one I put a deadly poison, in another a sweet perfume, in a third a healing medicine. Nobody cares for the vials; it is that which they contain that gives them value. Your daily work, the dishes washed or the floor swept, are homely things, and count for little in themselves; but it is the sweet patience or zeal or high thoughts or love for God that you put into your work that shall last. These make your life."—*Youth's Companion*.

AS we near the close of time, Satan's temptation to indulge appetite will be more powerful and more difficult to overcome.—*Testimonies*, Vol. 3, page 491.

GOD never leads His children otherwise than they would choose to be led, if they could see the end from the beginning, and discern the glory of the purpose which they are fulfilling as co-workers with Him.—*Desire of Ages*, page 225.

WEST AUSTRALIA

PRESIDENT: H. E. PIPER
SECRETARY: R. R. GOODING

That Other Angel

"GREAT and marvellous are Thy works, Lord God, Almighty, just and true are Thy ways, Thou King of Saints."

On Patmos John saw the mighty works of God that were to be carried forward down in these last days, when he said, "I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power, and the earth was lightened with his glory." John saw it, but it is only those who are actively engaged in the work of God who can enjoy that blessed experience which comes from love's service for souls that are in darkness.

We are told through the servant of the Lord that largely through the medium of the printing press is to be accomplished the work of that other angel; and truly today do we see its mighty workings.

The writer recently had the privilege of spending a few days with two of our colporteurs in the southern portion of West Australia. We started out on Wednesday morning and after travelling three hours, over sandy roads, much of which we had to walk, we arrived at our first home. Lifting our hearts to heaven we presented our good book, "Bible Readings," to the two young men who answered the door, and the Spirit of the Lord found responsive hearts, for two names were added to our list of subscribers. Going on our way we met a young man clearing timber. He also responded to the invitation to learn more of the Master, and so another order butt was filled. As the sun was setting we arrived at a farm house occupied by three men; here the Lord also blessed our efforts. We were invited to have tea with them, after which the opportunity for a Bible reading presented itself, in which the men showed much interest.

Some bags filled with hay on the floor were our bed for the night, and we lay down to rest, thanking our Father for His presence with us, for during the day we had given six canvasses and received five orders, besides selling small books.

Next morning we were up bright and early and after an enjoyable breakfast started on our way. It would take too long to tell all the blessed experiences we enjoyed this day. We called at eight homes, receiving ten orders, valued at £16. In every home we received an order, and on two occasions two orders. We were again invited into the home of bachelors for the night, but as sleeping accommodation was scarce we were obliged to camp in the chaff house. On several occasions through the night, we were awakened by the farmyard rooster, who strove with his fellows to reach the highest note.

Next morning before breakfast we canvassed a young man who was working on the farm, and received his order. It being preparation day, we had to return to town twenty miles distant. The first few miles were done on foot, as the country is all sand in these parts. On the way we gave three canvasses and received two more orders. We arrived home in time to pre-

pare for Sabbath. Sabbath morning was spent amid the scenes of nature studying the Sabbath school lesson, singing songs of Zion, and praising the Lord for a part in His work.

On Monday we were out early fighting battles for the Lord. Our first experience was with a farmer who was sowing. He was standing away from his machine, and as we moved on the horses took fright at our bicycles and tore around the field. We insisted in bringing them to a standstill. Fortunately there was no damage done to the machine. We believe the hand of the Lord was in this, for before leaving we received an order from the man. Continuing on our way we received three orders in one home and after this we received an order in every home that we called on up to the time I was called to leave this district the next day. In nine hours we received orders to the value of £18 7s. 6d.

We spent another night in a chaff house, but this time our sleep was not disturbed. We also received another order before breakfast.

The Lord is wonderfully blessing the work in this field. The workers are all of good courage. One worker has twice been offered good positions, but each time has refused. He says, "The Lord has called me to this work, and I'm here to stay." We thank the Lord for the strength He gives our workers to turn such propositions aside, especially when they come from those who believe the truth for this time.

Last month was a record for this conference and we are well on the way to create another this month.

"Great things hath the Lord done for us, whereof we are glad." We thank Him for a part in His work.

E. A. TURNER.
Field Mission Secretary.

Geraldton

THINKING those whose hearts are linked with the message of God and its triumph, would be encouraged to know what God has done in the northern port of West Australia, we send you a word of progress regarding the work in Geraldton.

About four months after the Mt. Lawley camp (1922), we were asked to open up work in Geraldton. Hardly were we settled at that port when word came through from the office asking if we would canvass, and, for a time at least, earn our wages, as the financial state of the treasury was not strong. We were glad to do this, knowing that God can win souls through the medium of our books. About a third of the town had been canvassed, and about forty-five orders taken for "Great Controversy," when one of the ministers came out in warfare.

Hearing his address on "Seventh-day Adventism," I replied the following Sunday, and told the people who Seventh-day Adventists are and what they believe. This created an interest, and owing to the work of visiting and holding meetings necessitated by the interest awakened, it was seen fit to drop the canvassing work for the time being.

We devoted our time to seeking out the honest-in-heart, and as a result of hard labour and earnest prayer, we have had the pleasure of seeing a company of about

ten adults and a number of children gathered out and built up in the truth.

Just recently in company with Pastor Piper it was my privilege to stand by the seashore and for the third time witness souls go forward in the sacred rite of baptism. On this last visit, we were glad to hear others who are still in the balance, expressing themselves as desiring to get a deeper hold of the message and to step out into open confession of their faith.

The churches from which these people have come out are the Anglican, the Roman Catholic, Methodist and Church of Christ.

As a result of the canvassing experience, the first order booked was taken in the home where two souls now rejoice in the message. We have two young people in the school this year training for service.

Now that we have taken up the work of the Missionary Volunteer and Home Missions Departments, we still continue to hold these souls up before God, and look forward to the crowning day when we shall stand around the throne of God. Till then we pray that those for whom it has been our privilege to labour will be faithful unto the end.

H. J. MEYERS.

Recent Actions of the Union Conference Committee

DURING the past few weeks, the Executive Committee of the Australasian Union Conference has met, and certain actions have been taken relative to the Lord's work throughout the field. Recognising the interest of our church members in such matters, we gladly pass on to them through the pages of the RECORD the following actions:—

As Pastor R. W. Smith's health is sufficiently recovered to enable him once again to take up his work in the islands, it was voted that he be asked to return to Tonga as superintendent of that field. We are glad to learn of Pastor Smith's restoration to health, and shall welcome him back to our field after his furlough in America.

It was voted that Pastor J. E. Fulton visit the Solomon Islands. Brother Fulton is now in that group, and we know his counsel to the workers and his meeting with the natives will prove to be most helpful, both to the work in the Solomons and to our people in the homeland who will later be privileged to hear Brother Fulton tell of his experiences in the group.

It was voted that Brother R. Scarfe be invited to connect with the Monamona Mission as farm manager. Brother Scarfe and his wife have now reached Monamona, and word comes to us that they are very happy in their new environment. We know that Brother Scarfe's work will be of strength to the mission there as he links himself with our other workers on this station.

It was voted that plans be made to hold, as soon as possible at Warburton, a Home Missions and Young People's Secretaries' Convention. The date for the holding of this convention has not yet been decided, but action will later be taken in connection therewith.

In response to the call of the General Conference that we once again co-operate with our other fields in seeking to assist our

publishing work in foreign lands, by conducting a Big Week effort and endeavouring to raise the sum of £2,000 toward equipping our printing house at Melun, France, it was voted that a Big Week effort be conducted throughout this Australasian field from November 2 to 8, 1924; that the Signs Publishing Company be requested to publish 50,000 copies of a special symposium number of the *Outlook*; that 25,000 copies of a special children's paper be issued for circulation by the children, to be sold at 3d. per copy; that we invite our local conferences to urge our people to sell an average of ten copies per member of the special *Outlook*; that an effort also be made to dispose of any other suitable literature; and that a special programme be prepared by the Home Missions Department as a supplement to the *Missionary Leader* for use in churches on October 25, 1924.

Inasmuch as through the efforts of our people in connection with our Big Week conducted nearly two years ago, we were able to raise enough money to purchase an excellent property near Paris for our publishing work, we feel sure that our people will gladly respond this year, in order that we may thoroughly equip this property for the proclamation of the truth among the many millions of France. Further details in connection with this plan will be given in the RECORD later.

As the sixteen-page *Signs of the Times* is proving a heavy financial burden to the Publishing House, it was recommended that our conferences make a special effort during the next three months to double the present circulation of our missionary paper. Recognising the tremendous value that this paper is in soul-winning work, we are confident that our people will gladly do their utmost to fall into line with this recommendation, and increase very materially the circulation of this excellent weekly paper.

It was voted to invite the North N.S.W. Conference to release Pastor A. H. Piper for a few weeks in order that he might attend the annual council to be held in Fiji in June. When this invitation was placed before the North N.S.W. Conference they released Pastor Piper. He is at the present time in Fiji, and will be returning within the next few weeks to report, we believe, very encouragingly concerning our work in that field.

It was voted that the West Australian Conference be invited to release Nurse E. Heise, and that she be asked to connect with our New Guinea mission, accompanying Brother and Sister Lock when they sail in July. The West Australian Conference has released Nurse Heise, and she has herself accepted the call and is now with her home folk in Queensland, preparing to sail for her new field on July 3. We feel sure that Sister Heise's work in New Guinea will be very helpful to our missionary efforts among the people of that needy field.

Action was taken in regard to the following nurses recently graduated from the Sydney Sanitarium. It was voted that Miss E. M. Brown, Miss D. Cardell, and Brother V. Halsey be invited to connect with the Health Food Department; that Miss H. Judge, Miss E. Philips and Brother H. Gibson be invited to connect with the Sydney Sanitarium; and that Miss F. Grolmund be invited to connect with the South N.S.W. Confer-

ence for Bible work. We trust that as these young people take up their responsibilities, the Lord will bless them as they labour to help humanity, both physically and spiritually.

It was voted that the Week of Prayer offering aim throughout the field be set at £5,000 for 1924. This is about £100 higher than we have at any time received in our Week of Prayer offerings, but as our constituency has increased considerably we believe that the aim is not too high for our church members, if all will respond. In view of the tremendous needs of our mission fields, and the wonderful openings that are now taking place for greater work in the islands of the South Pacific, we confidently make this recommendation to our people.

It was voted that the Thirteenth Sabbath offering for the fourth quarter of 1924 be devoted to the Santo and Ambrym Missions, New Hebrides.

That Pastor A. G. Stewart, of Fiji, and Pastor H. B. P. Wicks, of the Solomon Islands, and Brother E. E. Cossentine, principal of our New Zealand Missionary School, plan to be present at our annual council. Brother Cossentine has recently arrived from the United States to take charge of our educational work in New Zealand. Correspondence from him speaks of the pleasure they have experienced in taking up their work among our young people in the Dominion, while appreciative letters have come from our people themselves as they have been privileged to meet with the new principal and his wife. We shall be very happy to welcome Brother Cossentine to our meeting.

We very much regret that Brother R. J. Patterson who was under appointment to connect with the Southern Asia Division, is at present lying ill in Queensland, and we sincerely trust that his health will quickly be restored. We are sorry to know, however, that according to medical advice his illness will preclude his working at any time in a climate similar to that of India. We have therefore been compelled to cancel his appointment.

W. G. TURNER.

Appeal for Missions Campaign

Union Conference Aim £15,000

Conference	Total to Date
South New Zealand	£1,100
North N. S. W.	1,254
West Australia	1,117
South Australia	1,277
Victoria-Tasmania	3,435
North New Zealand	3,140
South N. S. W.	2,349
Queensland (First Week)	450

Union Conference Total £14,122

Appeal Notes

TO conserve our space, we are not showing the thermometer designs this week. These will probably be given once more at the close of this year's effort.

WE welcome Queensland, the last of our local conferences to link up with the Appeal this year. One week after the close of the camp, the members in

Queensland commenced their Appeal work in real earnest. They set out to collect £1050 in the conference, south of and including Rockhampton. The sum of £250 of the total conference aim of £1,300 will be collected in the northern part of the State during the month of September. The spirit of willingness and determination on the part of the people has been blessed. A telegram giving the first week's total reads as follows: "First week's total Appeal £450. Gatton first thermometer burst." We heartily congratulate Queensland on this very fine achievement. This year in one week they have gathered £450, which is more than was received in three weeks last year. This will bring joy, we know, to the heart of each believer in the Queensland Conference. We know that as they continue to press forward in the good work, success will follow. With the reaching of the goal in Queensland, the Union Conference goal is assured.

"PASTOR G. S. Joseph, home missionary secretary for the African Division, writes that at the close of their Harvest Ingathering campaign they found they had collected approximately £800 over the amount collected in 1922, the total sum being £2,647 16s. 4d., which is the largest amount ever collected in that Division."

"THE total Harvest Ingathering funds for the European Division in the 1923 campaign amount to £15,347. This is a marvellous record. Some of our faithful brethren and sisters have nearly lost their lives while engaged in the Harvest Ingathering effort, due to the brutal treatment of ignorant officials carrying out the bidding of the priests. Pastor Kotz states: 'The Harvest Ingathering work is becoming more and more a prominent factor in home missionary activities. Thanks be to the Lord for His help. We absolutely need the difficulties in order to know the more definitely that the Lord "will do great things;" and we can truly say, "The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad."'"

THROUGH the faithful efforts of our people in the Appeal this year results are already being attained, as is evidenced by the following letter received by one of our sisters in North New Zealand:—

"How very kind and thoughtful it was of you to write to me and also send me those papers. I was indeed puzzled about your letter at first. I knew the writing was a strange hand, so turned to the signature. Strange to say, I have an old-time friend, whose name is Mrs. ———. My thoughts naturally turned to her, but on reading the letter I soon recollected your calling on us, and was so pleased to think that I had made a new friend. I say friend because I know we shall be friends. I often think what a grand thing true friendship is.

"You will be pleased to know that I carefully read through the papers which you sent, and I feel within my heart that your argument regarding the Sabbath question is based on a very sound foundation and quite in keeping with our Saviour's teachings. Long before our discussing this matter, I had thought it out in my mind that the Saturday was the Sabbath which God Himself created and

the day which the Bible instructs us to keep holy. I only wish that I had the opportunity of knowing more about your people.

"If at any time you have any papers, etc., which you think may be helpful to me you are at liberty to send the same to me, and I shall be very grateful. I have not, so far, had the opportunity of attending a service of your church, but I hope some day soon to be able to become more closely associated with your people.

"One thing I do admire is the great advancement your people are making in the mission fields. We cannot expect the return of our Saviour until the gospel has been preached in every land, God's Word tells us.

"A few months ago a cousin of mine was staying with us. One night we were discussing different church denominations. I said to her: 'Well, although I am a Presbyterian, I often feel that I haven't yet found my church.' This has been my true feeling for some time. Perhaps it is the voice of God calling me. I am going to ask you to earnestly pray that I may be guided into the way of light and truth."

H. C. WHITE.

Wedding

THE Barbadoes Street Church, Christchurch, New Zealand, was the scene of a very pretty and interesting wedding on May 21. The contracting parties were Miss Rose Westerman, eldest daughter of Pastor and Mrs. W. J. Westerman, and Mr. Herbert Arthur Kent, second son of Brother and Sister Herbert Kent of Eugowra, N.S.W. By special request of the bride, the ceremony was performed by her father, Pastor Westerman, who was assisted by Pastor J. W. Kent, uncle of the bridegroom. Brother A. J. Dyason presided at the organ. The appropriate music rendered, and the artistic appearance of the church, which was tastefully decorated by kind friends for the occasion, made the service a very pleasing one for the large concourse of people who assembled to witness the union of two of God's servants in the bonds of holy matrimony. In the near future the young couple will go to South Australia, where Brother Kent will resume his ministerial labours. It is the sincere desire of the many friends of Brother and Sister Kent that the Lord's richest blessing will attend them as they unitedly labour for the salvation of souls.

A. G. MINCHIN.

Return Thanks

SISTER Loone and daughter wish to thank the brethren and sisters for kind letters of sympathy sent to them in their recent sad bereavement in the loss of their dear husband and father.

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AT the age of nearly one hundred and one, Sister Falconer of the Stanmore church fell asleep in Jesus on June 4.

BROTHER Roy Allan Anderson, with his wife and little son, has spent a short holiday in Wahroonga, visiting his parents. Brother Anderson took several helpful meetings in the Wahroonga church during his stay with us, and left again on June 6 for New Zealand.

OUR first-page articles this week and last week, also another yet to follow, were sent to us in manuscript form by Pastor W. C. White of California for publication in the RECORD. We very much appreciate Brother White's thought for us, and trust these articles may prove helpful to us all.

IN acknowledgement of our first remittance to the European Relief Fund, Pastor W. K. Ising, the secretary of the European Division, writes from Berne, Switzerland, to Pastor Fulton: "We certainly wish to thank you most sincerely for your contribution, which our people over here greatly appreciate."

BROTHER Tutty tells in this issue of the sacrifice our people in the Solomon Islands are making in order to give their sons and daughters a Christian education at our training school, also that the young people themselves in several instances have deferred marriage in order to attend school and receive a training for service. Let us not forget them in our prayers and in our Thirteenth Sabbath offering on June 28.

OUR hearts were rejoiced to receive the good news from Pastor H. A. Hill of Rarotonga, that our native brother, Tonga, who contracted leprosy a few months ago, is improving splendidly under the treatment of the leper remedy, and that there are hopes of a complete cure in his case. The doctors themselves are much interested, and they have offered the government allowance to purchase sanitarium health foods for him.

DO not fail to read the two letters from Fijian students appearing in this issue. From these letters we can see how much the school at Buresala means to our young people in Fiji, and the opportunity it affords them to receive a training to give the message to their own countrymen. Having been told that our next Thirteenth Sabbath offering throughout the Australasian Union is to be given to the support of this school and the one in the Solomons, they have written to us of their appreciation.

BROTHER J. L. Branford, the superintendent of Monamona Mission, met with a painful accident on April 23, as the result of being thrown from his horse. The injury to his thigh has necessitated his being confined to his bed practically ever since. It was feared by his medical adviser that an operation would be needed, but word just to hand from Brother Branford expresses strong hope that this would not be necessary. We know that our readers will be sorry to learn of this misfortune that has befallen Brother Branford, and will pray for his complete recovery.

BROTHER R. W. Smith, formerly of Tonga, who is recuperating his health in California, writes: "We have just returned from Fresno, where the Pacific Union Conference was held. Surely God was present at this meeting in a remarkable way. All felt the deep moving of the Holy Spirit working mightily upon our hearts. Personally I got a view of my Saviour such as I had never had before. Pastors Daniells and McGuire pointed out the critical condition of the church today, and I believe this meeting will make a decided forward move on the part of many who were privileged to attend."

MANY requests have been received for copies of the Week of Prayer RECORD, and we have been glad to supply hundreds of these extra copies to each conference so that non-subscribers might not be deprived of the paper. Even then we fear some may have been disappointed. This experience brings forcibly to mind the large number of our people who are not receiving our church paper regularly. We would give an earnest invitation and make a special appeal to all who read these words to resolve that they will not only renew their subscriptions as soon as they fall due, but will put forth definite effort to influence others to take the RECORD. If any article or report impresses you, speak of it to others, and recommend that they secure the paper. Make sure none in your church are out of touch with the progress of the message through being outside of the circle of RECORD readers. Remember our slogan: Every member a RECORD reader.

The Sydney Sanitarium

THINKING those interested in the Sanitarium might like to know what patients and others think of the institution, we give the following quotations from a few of the many letters recently received by the doctors, which have been passed on to us at our request:—

"I want to thank you very much for all the benefits I have received while at the Sanitarium, not only physically but also spiritually. I had gone through a great deal before I went there, and was at a very low ebb; but the atmosphere of the Sanitarium with all the kindness I received while there, has set me upon my feet again, and I am very grateful."

"This little parcel is just a small token of love and esteem to you for your skill

and your care of me while I was at the Sanitarium. I cannot tell you how thankful I am for what you have done for me, and also for the knowledge that I have a place to go to at any time in health or sickness, where I shall be faithfully treated. . . . We see such a change in my husband since he has been to the Sanitarium. I had great trouble to get him to leave home, but he will go there next time of his own accord."

"My gratitude to you will not allow me to go any farther until I have penned my thoughts on paper. I shall never forget the kindness you bestowed on our family during our sad experience of the last few days. The confidence you inspired in every one of us has softened our sorrow as we have been made to feel content that the best was done, and better help could not have been given by any one. Your particular kindness to mother awakened a feeling in me that you were not only a doctor, but a guide and comforter, and that you had been sent to relieve us of much anxiety and anguish. I cannot speak too highly of your staff. They are unique, and seemed imbued with a spirit that is certainly not met in our every-day walk of life. Please accept my warmest appreciation and my humble thanks."

"I wish to thank you for the many kindnesses shown to my wife during her stay at the Sanitarium. I cannot say in writing how much I appreciate all that has been done, and it has been a source of comfort to me during my absence from Sydney to know that she was in such good hands. Will you please express my sincere thanks to the nursing staff? With the doctor's skill and their devotion to duty my wife has come through a very trying ordeal safely. She seems very comfortable at home just now."

"Just a few lines to let you know we arrived home safely and none the worse for wear. The home folk were waiting for us at this end and were glad to see the one back again who had caused them so much anxiety. They have all celebrated it by getting sick. Wouldn't I just love to pack them all down to the Sanitarium, to let them see for themselves all that I have been trying to tell them. I can assure you, doctor, I shall never forget my term at the Sanitarium. I love you all. The atmosphere in that home is just charged with love and kindness. I shall never forget your kindness to me, and I feel to express my thanks, but I just don't know how. My folk all think I look wonderfully well, and you will be pleased to know I keep gathering strength. My husband and all the home folk do appreciate the way you helped us to prepare for the journey. I have often thought of you since I left. What a wonderfully full life yours is, and what a wonderful mission you have. All day long you have people pouring their tales of woe into your ears and you live to lift them, and with it all are so wonderfully bright. I have often thought of it. I don't think you realise what a big influence you exert. The folk that leave the Sanitarium carry it with them, and even if we were never to meet again I couldn't possibly forget you. Now I must close, with very much love, again thanking you for all you have done for me."