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## A Wonderful Corroboration of Truth on the Sanctuary Question

IN a "Commentary, Critical and Explanatory" by Jamieson, Fausset, and Brown, a Church of England authority, will be found in the comments on the Book of Daniel, striking confirmation of the position held these many years by Seventh-day Adventists.

remember, is arrived at in reckoning that the decree of Ezra 7 did not commence till past midyear, thus running each succeeding epocal date of the series over into the following year. Thus 26 A.D. extends to 27 A.D., 33 A.D. to 34 A.D., 1843 to 1844.

### The Seventy Weeks

From the above-named commentary on Daniel 9 we quote the following on the seventy weeks: "Seventy weeks—viz., of years, literally seventy sevens . . . 490 years." This is good Seventh-day Adventist teaching. See Uriah Smith's "Thoughts on Daniel and Revelation."

### The Date of the Seventy Weeks

The same author in commenting on Dan. 9:24, says: "The seventy weeks date thirteen years before the rebuilding of Jerusalem; for then the re-establishment of the theocracy began, viz., at the return of Ezra to Jerusalem, 457 B.C." Here again we have the date of Bible chronology, upon which Seventh-day Adventists so confidently stand, vouched for by an Anglican authority. This is no small evidence in the way of corroboration of a position so vital to the doctrine held by us as a people. Certainly no one would say the learned Anglican divine was in any way influenced by our teachings.

### The Termination of the Seventy Weeks

Again, the learned commentator, endeavouring to explain Dan. 9:27, says, "In the midst of the week. The seventy weeks extend to 33 A.D." Here again we find our position confirmed. The usual date given for the termination of the seventy weeks is A.D. 34; but this,

### Emphasis on Ezra, Chapter 7

Seventh-day Adventists point the reader of Daniel 9 to the books of Ezra and Nehemiah, especially emphasising the decree referred to in Ezra 6:14 and the time in Ezra 7, viz., 457 B.C. The decree or commandment to restore and rebuild Jerusalem is the decree Daniel refers to.

In the above mentioned commentary, the following striking statement is made:—

"Ezra's placing of Daniel in the Canon immediately before his own book and Nehemiah's was perhaps owing to his own feeling that he himself brought about the beginning of the fulfilment of the prophecy, Daniel 9."

### Seventy Weeks Are Determined

Perhaps there is no more vital fact of agreement between the learned commentator and Seventh-day Ad-

ventist teaching than the following comment on Dan. 9:24:—

"Determined. Literally, *cut out*, namely, from the whole course of time, for God to deal in a particular manner with Jerusalem."

Two important points in this short comment should be noticed. First, this authority says "determined" means *cut out*. For three-quarters of a century, Seventh-day Adventists have never swerved from this interpretation: in fact, this was the view held by William

### Our Great High Priest

Where high the heavenly temple stands,  
The house of God not made with hands,  
A great high Priest our nature wears,  
The guardian of mankind appears.  
He who for men their surety stood,  
And poured on earth his precious blood,  
Pursues in heaven his mighty plan,  
The Saviour and the friend of man.  
In every pang that rends the heart  
The Man of Sorrows had a part;  
He sympathises with our grief,  
And to the sufferer sends relief.  
With boldness, therefore, at the throne  
Let us make all our sorrows known,  
And ask the aid of heavenly power  
To help us in the evil hour.

—Michael Bruce.

Miller and his associates. Secondly, the commentator says that the seventy weeks were cut out of the whole course of time. He knew the original indicated that the seventy weeks were cut out of a longer period. He did not, of course, see the relationship of the seventy weeks and the 2300 days as Seventh-day Adventists do; but it is a striking confirmation of our position that the commentator sees that the seventy weeks were cut out of a longer period.

Albert Barnes (Presbyterian), another noted authority, in his "Notes on the Book Daniel," says on this same text:—"Are determined. The meaning would seem to be that this portion of time—the seventy weeks—was *cut off* from the whole of duration, or *cut out* of it, as it were, and set by itself for a definite purpose."

How remarkable the correspondence of prophetic interpretation between these learned authorities and our early pioneers in this message! Remember, our position was established during the 1844 movement and these men wrote later. I do not say this to indicate that they obtained their views from our writings: they would not, of course, do that; but it is plain we did not obtain our ideas from their comments, nor do we quote them as proof! Our proof is in God's Holy Word, but the corroboration of our position is significant.

To sum up the evidence, and to add one point, we would remind our readers:—

1. That both Seventh-day Adventists and the learned commentators teach that the seventy weeks are weeks of years; namely, 490 years.
2. Both teach that the 490 years began 457 B.C., when the decree went forth mentioned by Ezra.
3. Both teach that the seventy weeks terminated when the gospel was sent to the Gentiles, A.D. 34.
4. And both teach that the seventy weeks are cut out of a longer period. Thus the correspondence of teaching is remarkable.
5. The one point we would add is this: The longer period from which the 490 years are cut out is the 2300 years of Daniel 8:14, which terminate in 1844.

J. E. FULTON.



## Our Mission Field

### Ministerial Institute, Fiji

ANOTHER very profitable institute was conducted for our Fijian workers at the headquarters of the Fiji Mission, Suva Vou, from January 7 to 13, when almost the entire staff of European and native workers was present to share in this season of instruction and intercession.

A number of these workers are separated from their fellow-labourers during the year, and therefore greatly appreciate these annual gatherings. In addition to the spiritual uplift that such occasions afford, we find that they bind the workers together in sympathetic union and establish them more fully in the good old doctrines of the Adventist faith.

A regular programme was followed each day, giving a certain time to devotional meetings, Bible study, instruction in methods of labour, and answers to questions. Lectures were also given on the world-wide progress of the message. These reports always prove to be inspiring to our Fijian brethren.

Our workers and people generally throughout Fiji show an active interest in our local educational work, and in response to an appeal made at the time of our recent council the workers were able to report a total of nearly forty pounds subscribed to assist in building operations at the Wainibuka Intermediate School. Pastor Carr also reported a further sum of over one hundred pounds subscribed to the Naqia church building fund within the past few months.

With the recent departure of Ratu Tevita and wife to New Guinea and Sisari Lewa to Avondale, the interest in foreign mission work has been increased. These workers are continually remembered before the throne of grace by their fellow-workers and friends in Fiji. We have no reason to doubt that another call from the regions beyond would be responded to in just such a spirit as already manifested.

The workers have returned to their various stations with renewed courage and, we trust, with a more profound reverence for their sacred calling and a greater determination to finish His work.

A. G. STEWART.

*Suva Vou, Fiji.*

### A Peculiar Situation

THE work in all its phases is developing strongly and we find much to encourage us in the steady growth even under strong organised opposition. Yesterday I counted ninety-five in Sabbath school at Baiap and there are over twenty attending every Sabbath at Malevet. We are surprised to see some manifest such a steadfast courage to attend regularly, knowing what they are facing in the way of intrigue and persecution for religious conviction. The day school has an attendance of fifty and a few younger ones are coming in from week to week from the adjoining village.

The girl, Lenger, mentioned in our last letter, who had to return to her pagan village, comes regularly every Sabbath. Attempts were made to frighten her and then plans were laid to have her sent up to North Ambrim to heathen environments, in order to drive her to heathenism, but taking advantage of the authority given me by the Government in this case I told them she had to remain where she was and where I could watch developments.

This case has developed into a most peculiar position. Tabak being a strong heathen man, having taken a vow in the heathen fashion, cannot now live with her until she is a heathen. The girl refuses to become a heathen although threats have been made to poison her, and the husband refuses to listen to Christianity so far. Under ordinary conditions, all he would have to do would be to beat her and break her will, but the Government has forbidden this under penalty of imprisonment and the release of the girl. But Lenger has been doing active missionary work and has some of the young people interested. One young man came down for several days and others are praying and learning to read. This has brought consternation to her opposers, for they see the leaven of Christianity working and they are perplexed how to act.

This was the village in which Tospel obtained an interest six months ago, but the chief was influenced to force the people to pull the house down and drive Tospel away. Lenger told us on Sabbath that a little boy wanted to come with her to the mission for the Sabbath meetings, but he was not awake when she left. He had prepared his food the day before. This little boy asked Lenger whether it would be all right for him to come. He said he remembered the time when he used to run into the bush when the "Ta Jews" came to have worship. Lenger is prepared to be a true Christian and the Lord is blessing her in her steadfastness. It seems hard to see a girl go to live under such fearful conditions, but we have to place the responsibility on converts at times, and it is faithfulness under such conditions that breaks down barriers and gives others not so courageous an incentive to accept the gospel. Lenger is a girl given to prayer, and most devoted, and God is working with her. We cannot see the results but have confidence to believe that there will come, as in other experiences through which the Ambrimese have passed, a real forward step, lifting souls nearer to God.

It is now the beginning of the close, warm season and already there is a marked difference in the atmosphere, and the usual sickness among the native community. Most of the mothers in the vicinity have brought their children along already for treatment for malaria.

We are of good courage and rejoice to see such a strong Christian body of natives developing here. Within the next few

months there will be about thirty tested natives going forward in baptism. This will bring our church membership up to fifty and give us strength for future labour.

D. NICHOLSON.

*Ambrim, New Hebrides.*

## SOUTH NEW ZEALAND

PRESIDENT: W. J. WESTERMAN  
SECRETARY: A. G. MINCHIN

### South New Zealand Camp-Meeting

THE camp-meeting which terminated on January 18 was the largest ever held in South New Zealand. The site chosen was a nice four-acre paddock situated in Spreydon, a suburb of Christchurch. Eighty-eight dwelling tents were erected and there were two hundred and ninety persons camped on the ground.

Pastor Fulton and Pastor H. C. White were with us as delegates from the Union Conference. During the latter portion of the meeting Pastor and Sister H. B. P. Wicks from the Solomon Islands; Brother and Sister Cossentine and Brother and Sister Bohringer, representatives of the New Zealand Missionary School; and three Fijians were among the visitors to the encampment. The presence of these brethren and sisters was much appreciated and the spiritual help which they gave will no doubt long be remembered.

In giving his report for the year, the president quoted the words of the psalmist, "O praise the Lord: praise Him all ye people. For His merciful kindness is great toward us; and the truth of the Lord endureth forever." The report stated that, during the year, ninety-one new members had been received by baptism and by profession of faith and previous baptism. At the end of 1924 the membership stood at three hundred and fifty-two. The staff of workers consists of four ordained ministers, three licensed ministers, five licensed missionaries, and two office workers. During the year evangelical efforts have been conducted at Christchurch City, Papanui, Sydenham, Greymouth, Dunedin, Invercargill, and Blenheim.

The conference has recently acquired two additional church buildings, so that in larger Christchurch there are now three fine church buildings which serve to continually remind those who behold them of the great message for this time. At Papanui a school building has been erected and it is confidently expected that a church school will be in operation in the very near future.

In the treasurer's report attention was directed to the fact that the conference has been organised ten years and the comparative amounts of tithes and offerings paid during the various financial periods of that term were illustrated by a graph. The tithe for the first year was £904 while that for the tenth was only a few shillings short of £3,310. During seven of the ten years Appeal for Missions work had been engaged in, with the result that £6,144 had been gathered in for foreign mission work. Funds raised for

local church work during the year 1924 amounted to £1,130,—an increase of £938 over those of the previous year. The good results in this direction are due to the special efforts to raise money for the Papanui and Sydenham church buildings.

The increase in the tithe was £601, the total for the year under review being £3,309, or a per capita average of £11 18s. 1d. taking the membership at two hundred and seventy-eight according to the General Conference policy. Contributions to other funds for conference use amounted to £471.

Foreign mission offerings for the year, including the Appeal for Missions, totalled £2,674, and when we add together the tithes and offerings received from all sources, a total of £7,584 is reached, which is equal to a per capita average of £27 5s. 8d. This is undoubtedly a world record as far as giving to church funds is concerned. It is interesting to note that the increase in these figures of 1924 over those of 1923 is £1798, and the increase in the foreign mission offerings received is £321, while during a certain quarter of one year in our history, the tithe received was £666. These are dates and numbers with which our Bible students are more or less familiar.

The retail value of books and periodicals sold was £3,694,—an increase of £682. Unfortunately the net loss on the running of the Book Department went as high as £173.

Deposits with the A. C. A. Ltd. amounted to £3,290. The balance sheet showed the present worth of the conference to be £2,139, which is an increase of £550 for the year.

The report of the Sabbath School Department showed that the membership had increased from 379 to 461, while the offerings rose from £510 to £629.

In the Missionary Volunteer Department there was an increase of 45 in membership, the total now being 165, while the offerings amounted to £87, an increase of £34.

The field missionary secretary's report showed the total value of orders taken and helps sold to be £4,304,—an increase over the previous year of £1,089. The average number of colporteurs was 8.

The following officers were elected:—

PRESIDENT: W. J. Westerman.

SECRETARY-TREASURER: A. S. Herbert.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: W. J. Westerman, J. A. Farrar, S. H. Amyes, F. Grubb, E. G. Saunders, F. Byford, G. E. Adair.

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER SECRETARY AND SABBATH SCHOOL SECRETARY: Appointment left to executive committee, pending recommendation from the Union Conference.

FIELD MISSIONARY SECRETARY: J. A. Farrar.

HOME MISSIONS SECRETARY: J. A. Farrar.

EDUCATION SECRETARY: W. J. Westerman.

MEMBER OROUA SCHOOL BOARD: G. E. Adair.

Credentials and licenses were granted as follows:—

CREDENTIALS: W. J. Westerman, James Pascoe, J. W. Kent, W. Gillis.

ORDINATION AND CREDENTIALS: Louis F. Were.

MINISTERIAL LICENSE: A. L. Were, R. H. Powrie.

MISSIONARY LICENSE: Miss E. Westerman, Miss A. V. Jones, Miss Evelyn Stewart, A. G. Minchin, J. A. Farrar, G. H. Engelbrecht, E. L. Minchin.

COLPORTEUR'S LICENSE: A. E. Woodley, J. Shin, R. Barber, P. J. Hardyment, C. A. Hardyment, D. F. Black, R. Black, J. Newman, J. Carroll, G. Bailey, T. A. Fraser, A. Ward, Miss M. Hossack, Mrs. G. H. Gibson, Mrs. A. E. Woodley, Miss M. McLennan, Mrs. Chick.

All other names were referred to the executive committee.

Among the recommendations brought in by the committee on plans and adopted by the conference we mention the following: The determination to do all in our power to bring about a successful issue in the Prohibition poll to be taken in New Zealand in December, 1925; an aggressive campaign with a special Prohibition number of the *Signs of the Times* to take place just prior to the poll; a declaration of our belief in the Bible to be published in the leading papers in this conference; that we endeavour to reach our aim of £850 in the 1925 Appeal in a short crisp effort commencing March 1; and that we plan to enter enthusiastically into the "Big Week" effort for 1925.

The afternoon of the last Sunday of the camp will live in the memory of nine precious souls as the time when they followed their Lord in the sacred ordinance of baptism.

Splendid meetings were held during the camp and we believe many victories were gained, and when the time came to hold the farewell meeting, many testified concerning the blessings received and expressed determination to continue to walk in the pathway along which the Saviour is leading.

W. J. WESTERMAN, *President.*  
A. G. O. MINCHIN, *Secretary.*

## Missionaries and Mothers

OVER in China a missionary mother sat down and wrote us: "After I received your letter and the first three Lessons of the Mothers' Course, I was convinced that these Lessons are just what I needed. I am so glad that we who have small children have this splendid opportunity of learning from those who have been successful in child-training."

The Mothers' Lessons are being used in a number of our foreign mission fields, among the English-speaking workers. And they are being translated, with adaptations, into several foreign languages,—Swedish, Portuguese, Spanish. Over in Singapore they have a class of mothers of several different nationalities, and in South America plans are maturing for simplification and adaptation of the Lessons for the Indian believers.

Ought not every English-speaking mother to be using this God-given opportunity to train her children for the great worldwide service of God?

Write the Home Commission, General Conference, Takoma Park, Washington, D.C.

## VICTORIA-TASMANIA

PRESIDENT: F. A. ALLUM

SECRETARY: J. L. SMITH

### Victorian Camp-Meeting

A very excellent camping ground was chosen for the Melbourne camp-meeting at Normanby Park, East Kew, this year, the site being well grassed and bounded by fine specimens of *pinus insignis*, with several *eucalyptus* here and there offering the protection of their shade to the campers. The elevated position of the park gave an uninterrupted view of a charming landscape to the northwest and northeast, embracing portions of the densely populated areas of the northern suburbs of the metropolis, flanked by the blue peaks of the Dividing Range; the Yarra valley, and the orchard districts beyond with their multitudinous rows of trees giving the gently sloping hills the appearance of huge chess boards. The generous season which we are enjoying has caused the land to smile with abundant crops, and an extensive view of hill and dale such as greeted the eye from the campground, brings to mind the thought of the psalmist:—

"Thou visitest the earth, and waterest it,  
Thou greatly enrichest it; . . .  
Thou crownest the year wite Thy goodness;  
And Thy paths drop fatness.  
They drop upon the pastures of the wilderness;  
And the hills are girded with joy.  
The pastures are clothed with flocks:  
The valleys also are covered over with corn;  
They shout for joy, they also sing."

Psalms 65: 9-13, R. V.

Amid such surroundings the camp was set, and the peaceful and prosperous outlook reflected itself in the hearts of the campers. Truly God is good to Israel, and we certainly had nothing but praise to offer to Him for His wonderful goodness to the children of men.

From all parts of Victoria the members of our churches assembled to partake of the benefits of the camp-meeting, and their early morning testimonies indicated in no uncertain tone that they were really enjoying the feast of good things which the Lord provided them day by day. Nothing seemed to mar the good feeling which was a prominent feature of the meeting. There was a hearty unanimity apparent both in the devotional and business meetings, which was most cheering and uplifting to all who had an opportunity of enjoying the sweet fellowship of the brethren.

Prior to the camp-meeting Pastor Marriott and a company of workers had been conducting a mission in the vicinity, so there was an interest already awakened in the hearts of some of the people of the neighbourhood. We have reason to believe that this interest was deepened as a result of the camp-meeting, and we trust that as the mission is continued many of those in whose hearts the good seed of the kingdom has been sown may accept the message in all its fulness.

An interesting feature of the camp was

the prominence given to the question of healthful living. Pastor Marriott imparted some valuable instruction to the people along the lines of dietetics. Dr. W. Howard James, medical superintendent of the Warburton Sanitarium, was able to pay but a brief visit to the camp, during which time he also presented some much-needed information on health matters.

It would be strange indeed if amid all this sweet fellowship of the brethren no minor chord of sadness should intrude itself in these days of perplexity. So we cannot conclude our report of the Victorian camp-meeting without some brief allusion to the death of Pastor J. H. Woods, who was one of the earliest converts to this message in Australia, having accepted the truth in the year 1885, the year which saw the first pioneers of the message set foot upon Australian shores. Pastor Woods had endeared himself to the people of Victoria by innumerable acts of unselfish devotion to his pastoral duties, and his lamented death struck a very tender spot in the hearts of our Victorian people. His practical Bible studies and his forceful pulpit exhortations and his constant household ministrations will be greatly missed. It seemed strange, indeed, to be deprived of his kindly interest in everybody at the Melbourne camp. Many earnest prayers ascended to God that he might be spared, but God willed otherwise, and now we must close up the ranks and press together and carry on the good work, with one loyal leader less to bear the load.

Pastors W. G. Turner, W. W. Fletcher, G. F. Jones, and Brother E. Watson and the writer represented the Union Conference. The conference proceedings of the Victoria-Tasmanian Conference were carried through expeditiously under the chairmanship of the president, Pastor F. A. Allum. The various features of the work indicated excellent progress, that being especially true of the colporteur work, the figures for which disclosed that the past year was a record, not only for that conference, but also for any conference in the Australasian Union.

The Sabbath school offerings for the two Sabbaths of the camp amounted to £105, and the mission offerings to almost £800. A detailed report of the conference proceedings will be furnished by the conference officers later.

A. W. ANDERSON.

### Notes

TASMANIA'S camp-meeting will be from Thursday, February 19, to Sunday, March 1. It will be held on the Elwick Show Ground, Glenorchy. We request an interest in your prayers on behalf of this gathering.

The Union Conference delegation to Tasmania will be Pastors A. W. Anderson and W. G. Turner, Pastor and Sister G. F. Jones, and Brother and Sister David Gray. Those going from Victoria to Tasmania will be (D.V.) Pastor F. A. Allum, Sister D. L. Horley, and Brethren F. Masters and J. L. Smith.

Brother Masters will reside in Tasmania as soon as he is able to complete his arrangements for departure from Victoria. Probably prior to the close of the

camp Pastor S. L. Patching will also arrive in Tasmania, where he will permanently locate for evangelical field work.

It is planned for Pastor W. H. Pascoe to leave Tasmania and to settle in Victoria. Other plans for carrying on the work throughout the Victoria-Tasmanian field are as follows:—

#### Missions in Victoria

East Kew: Pastor G. E. Marriott, Pastor A. W. Knight (as far as health will permit), Brethren E. R. Whitehead and M. Connell, and Nurse R. C. Mack.

Castlemaine: Pastor H. C. Harker, Brother R. J. Burns, and Sister E. Hopgood.

Ballarat and District: Pastor C. P. Michaels.

Hamilton: Brother W. E. Battye.

Warrnambool: Brother W. A. Beatty.

Shepparton: Brother J. W. Roberts.

Benalla: Brother C. E. Ashcroft.

Geelong: Colporteur-evangelist Brother J. Bown.

Rest of Victoria and Tasmania: Colporteurs and churches.

Bairnsdale was admitted into the sisterhood of churches at the Victorian camp-meeting. Pastor S. L. Patching, who has been working on the plan of the Testimonies, always endeavours to finalise an effort by the erection of a church. He did this at Moe, also at Bairnsdale, and in other States. We trust that the Lord will similarly seal his labours with success in Tasmania, his new field.

#### Our Church Schools

Miss D. Lockwood, who has been teaching the Warburton church school, takes charge of the new Mont Albert school which was dedicated on Sunday, February 8. Miss Cleary leaves the State school at Geelong and goes to the North Fitzroy school, with Miss E. Smith as junior teacher. Mr. B. McMahon goes to Warburton with Miss A. Russell as assistant, and Miss A. Hardy returns to Bendigo.

J. L. SMITH,  
Secretary.

### Field Day at the Victorian Camp

THIS proved to be one of the brightest and happiest days at the best camp ever held. Some outside Victoria may question this, but we must each speak that which our eyes have seen and our ears have heard.

Some twenty bands participated in this good work, and over £18 was returned in cash. This was good, as we worked with only small-priced material; namely, *World Outlook*, *Sunshine at Home*, and *Signs of the Times*.

The morning broke cloudy, and rain seemed to be very near. However, we got ready, and by that time the sun shone through. One band decided not to go, but true to their agreement they went out next morning. In all, 125 individuals took part, selling some 1,500 units.

We read concerning the building of the wall, that the "nobles" also engaged in the good work, so in this day's work

our president and Union brethren all took an active part, though their work through camp had been very laborious.

May this good missionary spirit be carried into our home churches, thus bringing such an access of zeal that the whole of the churches may be fired with an enthusiasm that will sweep through all our ranks. If this is accomplished, soon we shall have the joy of seeing our Saviour appear, and our eternal home will be gained.

In the afternoon there was much freedom as the good (though tired) workers gave their reports.

The results of working were joy, happiness, contentment, and peace. The seed has been sown; we look to God for the increase.

G. F. HANSFORD,  
*Assoc. Home Missions Secretary.*

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

February 1, 1925

Conference	Clubs	Singles	Total	Av. per member
West Australia	1812	524	2336	3.09
South New Zealand	656	180	836	3.01
South N. S. Wales	3572	705	4277	2.89
Victoria-Tasmania	3272	1518	4790	2.61
South Australia	922	556	1458	2.28
North N. S. Wales	1882	458	2340	2.11
Queensland	1057	497	1554	2.2
North New Zealand	1784	301	2085	1.92

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Total average in all Conferences 2.41 per member.

#### Total Circulation for January

Victoria-Tasmania	...	20,161
South New South Wales	...	17,077
West Australia	...	9,759
North New South Wales	...	8,967
North New Zealand	...	8,417
Queensland	...	6,304
South Australia	...	5,757
South New Zealand	...	3,459

79,901

#### Notice

THE twenty-fifth session of the South Australian Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in connection with the camp-meeting, near Glenelg in the Novar-Camden Park, on the Bay Road, March 17-31.

The first meeting of the session will be held in the big pavilion at 10 a.m., March 18, 1925, and we extend a hearty invitation to all delegates to be present at all the business meetings of the conference.

We are looking forward to a large attendance of our people at this camp-meeting. Pastors J. E. Fulton, R. Hare, H. C. White, and Brother E. Watson will be present. Will you not pray with us that our kind Heavenly Father will send His Holy Spirit to bless us as we meet together? L. D. A. LEMKE, *President.*

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### SOUTH NEW SOUTH WALES

PRESIDENT: A. H. PIPER  
SECRETARY: W. H. HOPKIN

#### Baptismal Service at Albury

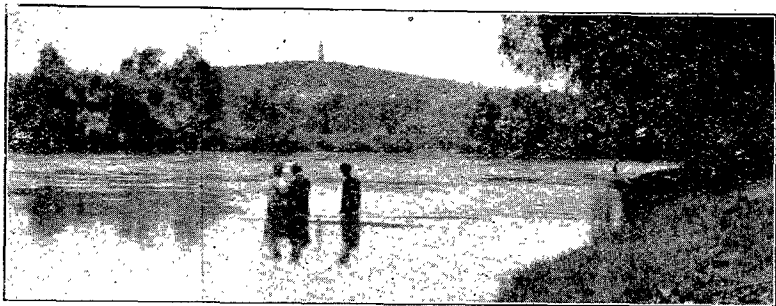
WE are pleased to say that the work here is still progressing steadily. Last Sabbath morning we held another baptismal service, the fourth of its kind since our coming to this town. While most of our churches are provided with facilities for such services, when erecting our building in Albury we were saved this additional expense and labour because of its proximity to the Murray River. In one of the public parks the river is not only

The building is now comfortably seated and other necessities are being obtained as fast as our funds will allow. We much appreciate the good help and association of two of our colporteurs who are labouring successfully in this district at the present time. We still seek an interest in the prayers of God's people.

G. G. STEWART.

#### Keep on Praying!

IN a letter to Pastor Fulton, Pastor F. C. Gilbert, one of the field secretaries of the General Conference and who is in charge of the Jewish Department, writes of an experience that will be an encouragement to others who are praying and hoping for the conversion of loved ones. We quote: "Mrs. Gilbert's father was among the early



Baptismal Scene at Albury, N.S.W.

very suitable for such a purpose, but everything in the way of dressing-sheds, etc., is also provided us free of cost.

On this recent occasion the weather also was ideal, and at the appointed hour a goodly number gathered on the river bank and listened attentively to a short study on the significance, the mode, and the meaning of this solemn ordinance. All seemed to feel that the Spirit of God was with us in more than the ordinary way, and it appeared as if the Lord was especially favouring us with help and pleasant circumstances because of the need of at least two who were to participate in this service. Eight candidates whose ages ranged from sixteen to sixty years of age were buried in the watery grave, one of these being a lady who, because of paralysis of the limbs has had to use a wheel chair for about twenty-eight years; while another because of advanced age is somewhat feeble. It was especially noticeable that as these were brought up out of the river there was that smile of sweet contentment and submission plainly indicative of the peace which reigned within.

On the afternoon of the same day these eight, with two others who had previously been baptised were admitted into church membership, thus increasing the number of the Albury church members to forty. Including the Home Department members, our Sabbath school contains about seventy. There are still some others who are very regular attendants at our Sunday evening services who we hope will yet take their stand on the side of truth. At present our church is taking seven dozen Signs each week and such a good spirit of service is manifested that we expect soon to increase the number.

believers in this truth. He was baptised in this message seventy-three years ago and was a Sabbath-keeper for twenty years. His doors were open to Pastor Joseph Bates, Brother and Sister White, and others of the pioneers, and in the early days of the work he knew almost every Sabbath-keeper in the world.

"For some reason he lost his way, and for fifty-three years was outside the fold. He celebrated his ninety-third birthday on November 28. I have prayed for him many, many years, and could not seem to feel reconciled to his going away without coming back and identifying himself with God's people. I am glad to tell you that three weeks ago last Sabbath, at his own request, I had the privilege of burying him with Christ in baptism, and the following Sabbath he was taken into membership with the South Lancaster church. He is having a precious experience, and I believe what God has done for him is one of the wonders of the day. His heart longs to do something for the Saviour. His mind grasps the promises of God, and although in his ninety-fourth year, he longs more and more for the salvation of God. I do believe that we are in the time of the latter rain, and that God is finishing up His work."

#### Poem of Life

THE poem of life is the power of love and the beautiful spirit of truth, The wonderful knowledge of things as they are—and life as eternal as youth. The poem of life is the song of the soul triumphant, joyous, and free, For all of God's children shall praise His work in eternal harmony.

—Anon.



## Life Sketch of the Late Pastor J. H. Woods

AS intimated in a previous issue of the RECORD, Pastor J. H. Woods passed away on January 21 last, after a week of unconsciousness into which he lapsed suddenly in his home as a result of hemorrhage of the brain while on his way to partake of his evening meal.

Pastor Woods was born on September 8, 1863, at Clythe, Scotland. He was brought up in Victoria at the old gold digging centre of Maryborough. Subsequently he came to Melbourne, where he engaged in the printing business.

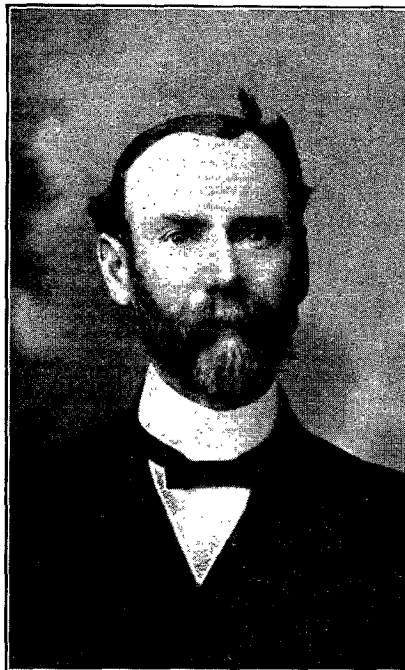
He was one of the earliest converts to the message of the Second Advent in this field, and has been associated with the work almost from its beginning in Australia. It is now nearly forty years since his mother severed her connection with the Church of Christ in South Melbourne and united with the first Seventh-day Adventist church in Australia. Just six months after the arrival of the first pioneers of this message in this field Pastor Woods joined his mother in her newly found faith. At that time Brother Woods was carrying on a printing business in partnership with Brother W. H. B. Miller. It is an interesting fact that these two partners were led into the acceptance of this message through a discussion which took place in a Mutual Improvement Society on the question of "Which Day is the Sabbath?" Brother Miller was to lead in the affirmation in favour of the seventh day and Brother Woods to lead in the negative. Brother Miller became acquainted with the late Pastor J. O. Corliss and invited him to the meeting to lead out in the discussion. So ably did he affirm that the seventh day is the Sabbath that Brother Woods was stripped bare of his arguments, and the result of that one meeting was that about a score of people began the observance of the Sabbath. Brethren Miller and Woods were invited to connect with our little printing house, but until they could dispose of their business they set the type for the *Bible Echo and Signs of the Times*, our pioneer paper in Australasia, in their own shop, and the pages were taken by cab to be printed at our little printing office in North Fitzroy.

This was the humble beginning of our great publishing work in this part of the world.

After some years of faithful service in our publishing house, Pastor Woods was called to the ministry and was ordained in 1898 at North Fitzroy. He was invited by the conference to take up work in South Australia. As an evangelist, Pastor Woods proved most successful. His earnestness, and the faithful manner in which he taught the truths of the Bible won for him the love and respect of the people for whom he laboured.

From South Australia Pastor Woods was called to take the vice-presidency of the Victorian Conference and later was called to the presidency of the New South Wales Conference, which position he held for three years. In 1911 he returned to Victoria, his home State, where he continued to labour until his career was closed with such drastic suddenness. During the last thirteen years of his life his time was largely occupied with city

missions and general pastoral work in the churches in the Victorian metropolis. His faithful efforts to lead the people into closer fellowship with the Master, his untiring labours on behalf of the young people and the children, and his fireside visitations with those who were seeking for light upon spiritual things, will never be forgotten by those who had the privilege of associating with him. What sympathy he always manifested to the bereaved and sorrowing amongst us! How affectionately he laboured for the wandering sheep! Undoubtedly his kindness, and his solicitude for the wayward and tempted have been a strong anchor-hold to some who, without his kindly influence, might have drifted out of the reach of the church, but who, because of the kindly words, the sympathetic handshake, the expressions of hope and confidence and love which he has spoken,



Pastor J. H. Woods

have decided to try again. Now that his voice is silent and his friendly handshake can no more be felt, we trust that the memory of his life of self-sacrifice and his faithful service to God may stimulate us all to emulate his noble and manly example. In view of his life of steadfastness to principle, and faithfulness to duty, we are prompted to repeat the words of Balaam, "Let me die the death of the righteous and let my last end be like his."

The last Sabbath of consciousness which Pastor Woods spent on earth was a day which will long be remembered by the members of the North Fitzroy church. It seems fitting that his last Sabbath's service should have been conducted in North Fitzroy which was the first church he joined when he united with this message nearly forty years ago. The ordinance of the Lord's supper was administered by Pastor Woods that morning, and the service has been described by those who were privileged to attend it as particularly touching. Doubtless the sad experience of the previous day had an effect upon

the mind of our late brother, for a very dear friend in the person of Brother J. D. K. Aitken had died very suddenly and the funeral service was to be conducted in the afternoon by Pastor Woods. Little did he think as he stood beside that open grave, paying the last tribute of respect to a beloved brother in the faith, that he himself would be sleeping in the adjoining grave in a few days. Such, however, is the uncertainty of life.

At a workers' meeting held at the camp-meeting on the following Wednesday Pastor Woods spoke very feelingly of his earnest desire to know Christ and the power of His resurrection. That was his last meeting. In the afternoon his call came to lay off the armour he had so faithfully borne and to rest awhile, "till He come" to call His sleeping saints from their last resting places.

As intimated in an earlier issue, the funeral services, which were conducted by the writer, assisted by Pastors F. A. Allum, W. W. Fletcher, W. G. Turner, C. P. Michaels, and H. C. Harker, were attended by a very large assemblage. Our dear brother sleeps in the Brighton cemetery, awaiting the call of the Life-giver when He shall come to bestow His rewards upon those who have endured to the end. We extend our most sincere sympathy to Sister Woods who has stood so faithfully by the side of her husband for the last thirty-five years, and to Brother Norman Woods, their only son, and we pray that the God of all comfort may bind up the wound which death has made in their home circle, and that this sad separation may draw them nearer to Him in whose keeping their honoured husband and father sleeps.

A. W. ANDERSON.

## The Blessing of Giving

GOD'S best gifts to men are given freely. He "gave His only begotten Son," and with Him freely gave us all things. "No good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly." Heaven itself has been expressed in the "Gift" that all men everywhere "might know Him and the power of His resurrection." Wonderful indeed is the love of God as portrayed in His gifts to men.

Man, on the other hand, demonstrates his love for God in giving. While it is true that that which we return to Him is only a sin-polluted heart, yet He accepts it as our best gift to Him. Somehow the law of giving is closely allied with the Christian life. No Christian life is complete that does not accept all and give all. Our lives, our hearts, and our service are not too much to give in return for His gift to us. Men cannot proclaim successfully the story of God's gift to men without having the spirit of sacrifice in their own lives. God has abundantly helped His people to experience some of the true joys of giving.



The cause of truth has become very near and dear to many; and that others may share the joy that has come into their own lives, they in turn endeavour to give, giving sometimes until it hurts and continuing to give until it does not hurt. Every sacrifice is noted and in God's way brings its return. Many marvel, as the following article from the "Brisbane Courier" indicates, at that which the members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church with the blessing of God are able to do.

#### Church of England and Foreign Missions

"It is a shame that we have to continue to speak of the claim of Foreign Missions upon us," says the *Church News* (Ithaca cum Bardom Parish). "While there is a failure on the part of any number of communicants to respond to the appeal which has been put forth we should feel disgraced, and there are too many who as yet have not responded. At the moment there is a deficit in the contributions which the Diocese of Brisbane should give for missionary work. The Diocese has been asked for £4,140 for the current year, and it looks as if by the end of our year, March 31 next, there will be a considerable deficit. Now, if every communicant gave the minimum of 5s. asked for, the £4,140 would be reached. The Church of England asks £70,000 a year from our members in Australia for the missions to the heathen carried out by the Australian Board of Missions and the Church Missionary Society. If every Church of England member in Australia gave a little over one half-penny a month, or 8d. a year, this sum would be reached, and yet we do not attain it; if every communicant gave 2d. a week each this sum would be reached, and yet we do not attain it.

The Methodists ask their people in Australia for £95,000 a year, and they are less than half the number of the Church of England. The Methodists of Queensland last year gave £4,118 for missions to the heathen, and they are less than half the number of the Church of England in the Diocese of Brisbane. The Methodists ask each member to give £1 a year for Foreign Missions, and they pretty well get it. We ask for 5s. a year from communicants, or 8d. a year from all members of the Church of England, and we do not get it. The Seventh-day Adventists give £9 each a year for foreign missions, and put us to shame.

The Roman Catholic Church has converted 50 per cent of the native Christians in the world. Protestant Churches have converted 37 per cent, while English Churches have converted only 13 per cent.

In Papua, territory assigned exclusively to the Church of England many years ago under Sir William MacGregor's administration still remains in parts unoccupied. The Roman Catholics and the Seventh-day Adventists are pressing the Government to be allowed to do the work which the Church of England has failed to do in her territory. That failure is because communicants, in this parish and elsewhere, will not trouble to give such a

small sum as 5s. for the spread of the gospel to the heathen."—*Brisbane Courier*, December 13, 1924.

As we continue to give, He will be honoured. God's children will continue to give gifts to Him until the work is finished.

H. C. WHITE.

#### A Word of Explanation

SINCE our return to the homeland from Samoa, I have been confronted many times with the statement that I am an invalid. A further statement to this effect is made in the report of the work in Samoa by Pastor E. B. Rudge, in the RECORD of January 12, 1925, as follows: "Pastor Steed left the field two years ago because of permanently impaired health." This is not the case, and has made a wrong impression in regard to my condition.

When we returned three years ago (not two) I brought along quite a lot of American Signs that I had on my hands when leaving. These I sold from house to house in and around the district of Manly and along the coast eight miles north, until the time of the Ingathering. After that I went to Tumut, thence I was moved to this place, Auckland, where I have been doing pastoral work for the last twenty months, in a modern Athens so far as hills are concerned, for four churches. During these three years I have had no sickness of any kind except a few days of influenza since coming here. Then I took advantage of the opportunity of having medical advice and was told by the doctor that I had no ailments beyond the influenza and was good for years to come, for which we give God the praise.

JOSEPH E. STEED.

#### WEDDING BELLS

DOLAND-MAXWELL.—The first wedding in the Albury Adventist church was celebrated on February 9, 1925, the contracting parties being Brother C. R. Doland and Sister Myrtle Maxwell, both of Albury, N. S. W. The bride's attire was as befits an Adventist, simple yet becoming, and the building was prettily decorated for the occasion with greens and choice flowers. After the ceremony the happy couple left by train for Melbourne, where the honeymoon is to be spent.

G. G. STEWART.

#### Missionary Volunteers!

The first book of your 1925 Reading Course is now obtainable. Order immediately, and enjoy a few minutes each day with nature by reading Pastor R. Hare's latest book, "Footprints of the Invisible." Price 1s. 8d., plus 2d. postage, to M.V. members. The other two books of the Course will be announced later.

## OBITUARIES

AITKEN.—John Daniel Kerr Aitken was born on January 4, 1867, at Durham Lead, Ballarat. He accepted the gospel message in 1906, through the labours of Pastors J. H. Woods and C. P. Michaels. He was later baptised by Pastor Woods. On March 3, 1909, he accepted the managership of the Avondale Press, and was very faithful in his service, and continued in that capacity for thirteen years. During most of the time he was also elder of the Avondale church, where his earnest but kindly disposition was much appreciated by all who knew him. Owing to health reasons he finally resigned from this position, and located in Melbourne, where he commenced a private printing business at Elsternwick. Just prior to his death, he was elected as elder of our Elsternwick church. Almost the last work that he did at his printing office was the printing of the pamphlet, "A Call to Fasting and Prayer," which was circulated throughout our conference just prior to our camp-meeting. Brother Aitken died as he had lived, in harness, on January 9, 1925. He had just set up the following line of type: "A Father's Sacrifice," when he was seized with heart failure, and died in his office. Truly we can say that a father in Israel has been laid to rest. On January 10, he was buried in the beautiful Brighton cemetery by our late Pastor J. H. Woods, assisted by the writer. Our beloved Pastor Woods now rests beside him. Both sleep in Jesus, and both will come forth at the first resurrection. "A little longer, and we shall see the King in His beauty. A little longer and He will wipe all tears from our eyes. A little longer and He will present us 'faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy.' Jude 24."

F. A. ALLUM.

HENDERSON. — Brother Roy Henderson, after a long illness, fell asleep on Sunday morning, February 1, at the home of his aunt at Caulfield, Melbourne, aged twenty-five years. Several years ago Brother Henderson connected with the publishing house at Warburton as an apprentice. After completing his term of apprenticeship he contracted consumption and was obliged to relinquish his chosen vocation entirely. In search of renewed health he resided for a time in New South Wales, where he regained some of his vitality, and then returned to his home State. However, the dread disease eventually claimed him as a victim, and he now sleeps the sleep of the just in the Williamstown cemetery, the same city of the dead in which his mother, who went to her rest six years ago, awaits the call of the Life-giver. What a comfort it is to be assured that both mother and son will have the joy of meeting once more on the glad resurrection morning. The funeral service was conducted by the writer.

A. W. ANDERSON.

#### Wanted

AN old age pensioner to assist in light jobs about the home and garden in return for good home. Apply MRS. R. WATSON, "Acadie," Fox Valley Road, Wahroonga, N.S.W.

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MISS Enid Hare, youngest daughter of  
Pastor and Mrs. Robert Hare, has been  
appointed teacher of the church school at  
Quirindi, in the North N.S.W. Conference.

BROTHER E. J. Giblett and family  
recently passed through on their way to  
Avondale, where Brother Giblett will  
connect with the work of the Avondale  
Industries.

MRS. Mary Mountain has been invited  
to take the position of preceptress and  
matron at the New Zealand Missionary  
School. Sister Mountain is expecting to  
leave Sydney on the twentieth of this  
month to enter upon her new work.

THE subject matter of our first-page  
article this week and of the one to appear  
in our next issue was presented by Pastor  
Fulton at the New Zealand camp-meet-  
ings, and is given in the RECORD by  
request of those in attendance. We  
believe these articles will be of special  
interest to all our readers.

IN response to our invitation, Pastor A.  
G. Daniells hopes to come to Australia,  
arriving about August, and spend some  
months in this field. Brother Daniells  
will conduct general meetings and carry  
on revival work such as he has been  
doing in America for some time past.  
We know that the many friends of Pastor  
Daniells, and our people generally in this  
field, will look forward with pleasure to  
his coming.

Pastor C. H. Watson, vice-president of  
the General Conference, is now touring  
in the Far East. Arriving in Shanghai,  
China, from the United States, December  
7, the following day he went to Manila in  
company with Pastor and Mrs. I. H.  
Evans to attend the fifth biennial session  
of the Philippine Union Mission. It is  
expected that Pastor Watson will attend  
all the biennial union sessions up to the  
middle of July, when he plans to return  
to America.

PASTOR A. H. White, the Sabbath  
school secretary for the North N.S.W.  
Conference, reports: "I have just totalled  
up the Sabbath school offerings for the  
four years since this conference was  
organised, and find that the following  
remarkable advancement is shown: 1921,  
£895; 1922, £872; 1923, £1,086; 1924,  
£1,921. It is encouraging to note that  
last year's offerings alone are almost equal  
to the two previous years' put together,  
and are considerably higher than the com-  
bined total for 1921 and 1922. Our  
people have responded nobly, and no  
doubt 1925 will show a still further  
increase."

BROTHER Hookings, Sabbath school  
secretary for the North New Zealand Con-  
ference, writes that the infantile paralysis  
is taking a large toll of child life in that  
field, and the Government has prohibited  
all public meetings as far as children  
under sixteen years of age are concerned.  
This is seriously affecting the Sabbath  
school attendance and prevents the open-  
ing of the church schools. Arrangements  
are being made for an extension of the  
Home Department plan of the Sabbath  
school to take in all who are affected by  
this restriction, and earnest appeals are  
being made to all to do their best to keep  
the Sabbath school fires burning brightly  
in every home and heart. Brother Hook-  
ings urges all to unite in earnest prayer  
that the plague may be stayed, health  
restored, and the privileges of God's  
house again enjoyed by all. These  
Government restrictions apply in the  
south island of New Zealand as well.  
Let us remember in prayer our people in  
the Dominion at this time of difficulty.

## APPEAL FOR MISSIONS

—♦♦♦ 1925 ♦♦♦—

MARCH 29 is the date set in most of the  
conferences for the 1925 Appeal for Mis-  
sions campaign. The Union Conference  
aim is £14,000. It is hoped to raise this  
sum in a short, quick campaign in each  
conference. The membership in the  
homeland is approximately 8,000. With  
each member entering enthusiastically  
into the campaign, and the children doing  
their part, the amount could be quickly  
raised. As far as possible let each mem-  
ber plan to commence promptly on the  
opening date and make the first week the  
banner week of the campaign. Take a  
live active interest in helping your church  
to reach its goal. Do not let anyone else  
do your part, plan to do it yourself and it  
will surprise you what can be done.  
Should you fail to accept the privilege  
and responsibility of the effort you will  
rob yourself of the blessing which God in-  
tends should be yours. Keep pace with  
the movement by engaging in each en-  
deavour offered you that has in it the  
alleviation of sin. Past efforts have  
proved the plan is a successful one. Why  
not join the ranks of those who succeed  
by having a part in the 1925 Appeal for  
Missions effort?

In 1914 the following message was  
given to this people through the servant  
of the Lord. Results since have proved  
that the message was indited by God:—

"One of the new plans for reaching un-  
believers is the Harvest Ingathering cam-  
paign 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 mis-  
sion treasury. As those not of our faith  
have been made acquainted with the pro-  
gress 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."  
—Manuscript, "Consecrated Efforts to Reach  
Unbelievers," June 5, 1914.

How true it has been that as those not  
of our faith have been made acquainted  
with the progress of the third angels

message in heathen lands, their sym-  
pathies have been aroused and some have  
sought to learn more of the truth. The  
following excerpts taken from a letter  
written by the home missions secretary  
of the North N.S.W. Conference are to  
the point:—

"In connection with the 1924 Appeal  
for Missions campaign, North New South  
Wales is very happy to report the win-  
ning of precious souls. One, a young  
married woman, was led to the accept-  
ance of the message through the faithful  
Appeal work of a brother belonging to  
the Cessnock church, who asked his em-  
ployer to release him from work for  
three or four weeks, which time he de-  
voted to the Appeal. The Lord richly  
repaid him and that with reward better  
than gold. This soul is now a regular  
attendant at our Hamilton church.

"At Maitland an elderly gentleman  
was found, through the Appeal work, who  
was very pleased to read the *Signs of  
the Times*, books, and tracts that were  
placed in his hands. He is happy today  
in the truth and a regular attendant at  
Sabbath school and church."

Seek the leading of God in all your  
efforts in the 1925 Appeal. Keep March  
29 open, and plan to commence in earnest  
on that day. You will as you live under  
the guidance of His Spirit be successful in  
winning souls and gathering in means  
during this special effort.

H. C. WHITE,  
*Union Conference Home Missions Secretary.*

## Sanitarium X-Ray Fund

Previously acknowledged	£758 17 5
Mrs. E. Meyers	2 2 0
C. M. Lee	1 0 0
Mrs. Jensen	1 10 0
W. Martin	1 15 0
	£765 4 5

## IMPORTANT DATES

### Camp-Meetings:—

Tasmania: February 19 to March 1.  
West Australia: March 3—15.  
South Australia: March 17—29.  
Queensland: April 9—19.

A.M. College opens February 25.  
Appeal for Missions: March 29—  
Week of Prayer: May 30 to June 6.  
Fiji General Meeting: July 1—6.

Home Missions  
Publishing  
Missionary Volunteer } Convention:  
August 6—13.

Union Conference Council: August  
19—31.

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