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My Resolve

- I will start anew this morning with a higher, fairer creed ;
- I will cease to stand complaining of my ruthless neighbour's greed ;
- I will cease to sit repining while my duty's call is clear ;
- I will waste no moment whining, and my heart shall know no fear.
- I will look sometimes about me for the things that merit praise ;
- I will search for hidden beauties that elude the grumbler's gaze.
- I will try to find contentment in the paths that I must tread.
- I will cease to have resentment when another moves ahead.
- I will not be swayed by envy when my rival's strength is shown ;
- I will not deny his merit, but I'll strive to prove my own ;
- I will try to see the beauty spread before me, rain or shine ;
- I will cease to preach your duty, and be more concerned with mine.

—British Weekly.

The Lord's Work Calls for Quick Action

IN the present Sabbath school lessons we are meeting a number of circumstances which emphasise the importance of moving rapidly when the Lord gives us a message. Philip would never have met the Lord's appointment with the eunuch down in the borders of the desert near Gaza had he procrastinated. When the Lord said, "Go," Philip went at once. When the message Philip was giving brought the listener to the gospel story of baptism, they found themselves by the side of a stream, and at once advantage was taken of the situation and the eunuch was baptised.

The Lord gave Peter a vision of the work he should do for the Gentiles. At the same time, but in another city, He gave Cornelius, the centurion, a vision di-

recting him to send for Peter to interpret the Scriptures and enlighten his mind. In relating his experience to Peter, Cornelius rehearses the vision and then says, "Immediately therefore I sent to thee."

There was no delay on the part of Cornelius. He was a military man, having men under him to whom he was accustomed to give command, and when he spoke, his will was carried out. That was his training as a government employee. Had Cornelius parlied, results might have been altogether different. There was a time to act, and he acted. When his men reached the gate of Simon the tanner and asked for Peter, Peter had his vision fresh in mind and could not gainsay the call of the Lord. Cornelius acted immediately, as he told Peter. On the other hand, when the call came to Peter, he delayed not, but went immediately with the men from Cæsarea.

The Lord has a way of doing things quickly, for we read in the second chapter of the Book of Acts that when the disciples were all of one accord in the upper chamber with hearts in tune, "Suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind." That was a sudden manifestation. God has His work timed and He expects men to be ready to act when the time comes. Through the wise man we are told, "To every thing there is a season, and a time for every purpose under the heaven." It is an unfortunate thing to be unprepared when the Lord calls for a move.

God does not suffer delays in His great plan. Everything in the universe works together to fulfil His designs. The Scripture teaches that when a man is led by the Spirit of the Lord, he will do things on time. One sign of the last days is the tendency to postpone action. Men will talk about acting, but fail to act. Time is short and the Lord desires His people

to be wide awake, ready for any emergency.

Philip might easily have reasoned that the message he had for the Ethiopian needed further explanation, but he had sowed seeds of truth and the Lord accepted the burial of that man in baptism. Seeing water, the Ethiopian inquired, "What doth hinder me to be baptised?"

Cornelius listened to the gospel at the mouth of Peter. His heart was touched and there was no procrastination on his part. He took a definite stand in harmony with the new way of life that had been presented to him. It was the desire to do things quickly that brought to Cornelius and his household the outpouring of the Spirit. It is a willingness to do as the Lord directs, and to act quickly in these days, that will bring to members of the church the blessing of the Spirit and power to accomplish still greater things for the Master.

A part of the inefficiency of our workers is due to indecision. They have not definitely determined what is their place in the work of God. "Indecision soon becomes decision in the wrong direction." We are told that long delays tire the angels. The work of God in the earth calls for promptness and decision on the part of workers.

God might have given Cornelius the truth without sending him to Peter, but He wanted Cornelius to know His church on earth. He wanted Cornelius to come face to face with men through whom the Spirit of God was working. And the Lord knew that Peter of all men needed the experience of giving the truth to that centurion.

In all our work for the Master, and for people to whom the Master sends us, it is well to remember that the worker gets out of the experience as much as the one to whom he is sent, and sometimes he

gets more. For this reason, delay in doing the Lord's bidding means defeat to the worker.

E. A. SUTHERLAND, M.D.



Wedding Bells

A LITTLE change in the regular programme on a mission station is not only interesting but also helpful.

During the month of February we had no less than four couples unite their interests in the sacred bonds of matrimony. These were the first weddings celebrated in connection with our work in New Guinea, and it was a new experience for the people



Double wedding in New Guinea. Our first Christian ceremony of this kind in that field.

to witness this ceremony in the church. These young people have been on the mission during the past few years, and two of them were to accompany Brother and Sister Peacock to Vailala to open up the new station.

These girls have become well domesticated since coming to the mission, and they are making their homes very nice indeed—a wonderful contrast to the homes of the heathen. We hope and pray that as the neighbours from the surrounding villages pay them a visit, a desire will be kindled within their hearts to live better lives and lay hold of Christ Jesus. It is good to hear these natives holding worship in their own homes, and as they sing some of our grand old hymns their voices float across to the mission house.

In the heathen villages the wife is the beast of burden, but what a difference Christianity makes! We are reminded of this as we witness these boys being very attentive to one they have chosen to be a helpmate.

What a blessing the gospel has been to the gentler sex in many countries, and how thankful we should be that we are connected with a message that makes men and women new creatures in Christ Jesus.

We trust that these young people will be the means in God's hands of leading others into the straight and narrow way that leads to life eternal.

Will you remember these young people in your prayers? W. N. LOCK.

Word from Pitcairn

[The following paragraphs are taken from a letter recently received at the Mission Board office from M. E. McCoy, treasurer of the Pitcairn Island church.]

"WE realise the good we may do on board passing ships with our songs and reading matter. We distribute hundreds and hundreds of pages this way, and we pray God will bless it to the salvation of souls. I will here mention one special boat, the *Ionic*, running between London and New Zealand. Good Captain Jackson calls both outward and homeward, and he asks for a song service every trip.

sibly do. Last year, as there were fifty-two families on the island, we planned for each family to try to obtain a pound. I am very much pleased to say that on May 8, we totalled over £77, quite a little beyond the goal set for ourselves. I have never seen a more willing offering than this. If no ships come this way, then no money. So we prayed, and every one did his best, I believe, even to sacrifice, and God sent the ships and the money. And more, He gave to all the spirit of willingness and liberality, for which we thank and bless His holy name. All the honour goes to Him, and now our prayer is that He will use this money for the conversion of some souls who are still in darkness.

"Brethren, pray for us. Pray that our lives here may be a beacon light to passengers going to and fro, and also that when Jesus comes our little company may be saved in His glorious kingdom. Christian love and brotherly fellowship to all of like precious faith."



Loyal Indians, South America

EVERY visit to the Indian field of Lake Titicaca impresses one more definitely with the wonderful power of the gospel in changing the lives of men. As we come in contact with those thousands of souls, redeemed from the depths of sin and degradation, from vice and filth, and seeing those men and women transformed by the grace of Christ, loyally living the principles of the message, we cannot but exclaim, "What hath God wrought!"

In a recent visit to that field, we found that persecution was raging in the district of the Laro and Condorcuyo missions where, for a number of months, these churches of several hundred members and some fifteen out-schools, have been without a white director. The brethren were being persecuted, our schools closed down by our enemies, our teachers put in gaol, and, in fact, in every way possible the enemy was taking advantage of the fact that these sheep were without a shepherd.

In a district called Salinas, an Indian boy was teaching one of these out-schools, and our brethren were rejoicing in having a school for their children where they could learn, not only to read and write, but also the Word of God. The enemy began to work, and the school was threatened. Two loyal brethren, who were leaders in that community, went to the town of Azangaro to see the sub-prefect, who is the police officer for that section. They went simply to ask for guarantees for protection from these men who were placed there for that purpose, they were seized and put in gaol where they remained for six days without food. After a couple of days, they were taken out, stripped of their clothing and placed on the flat roof of an adjoining building to be a spectacle and laughing stock for the passers-by. After passing through

After the songs he collects an offering for missions. During last year and up to May this year, he has collected from the passengers of his boat over \$45 (£9) for missions. This is helping in God's work and I believe the Lord will bless him.

"It cheers our hearts to learn of the progress of the dear message in the darkened corners of the earth, India, Japan, Africa, South America, and the islands of the sea. It gives us joy to know that all trials and sorrows of this life will soon be over, and that God's children shall be gathered home.

"We are all well here at present, enjoying much of the blessing of our Heavenly Father, with no sickness of any kind among us. Our Sabbath school membership is 176, and our church membership is 125, three members having died since Brother Hare went away.

"I know you will be interested in what we are doing in our Harvest Ingathering for missions. We began this work in 1924 by setting apart a special ship, and all that we received went for missions. Well, that year we raised \$258 (£52). The next year we had two collections and reached over \$350 (£70). We thought that this was the very best we could pos-

this humiliating experience for some little time, their appeals seemed to touch the hearts of those in charge, and they were taken down and put back into prison, where they remained until their friends could get together a certain sum of money to pay an unjust fine and secure their release.

What were the charges against them? Absolutely none. They were Seventh-day Adventists, loyally living the truth, and therefore hated by the priests and their followers, and thus the object of abuse and persecution.

They told us their story with tears in their eyes. We asked them if they were discouraged and tempted to give up the gospel and go back to their old life and be free from persecution, and they replied emphatically, "No, we shall be faithful even unto death."

Brethren and sisters, do missions pay? Have you sacrificed in vain to give of your means so that these might know the gospel? Could you but be among these dear people, you would feel more than repaid for the sacrifices made, and it would be a mighty appeal to the souls of all our dear brethren in the homeland to give as never before that many more of these people who are coming to us with their appeals for teachers and missionaries might receive the gospel.

Our hearts truly ache as we go among those people, when delegation after delegation come with their petitions, and we are helpless to answer their calls. May God send more men and means to give the message to those who still sit in darkness, and may He make us who serve Him in such favourable conditions free from persecution, as true and loyal to the message as are these who have been "plucked as brands from the burning."

C. P. CRAGER.

Evangelistic Work in Japan

AFTER my language study and some months of canvassing, I started to do evangelistic work in Tokyo, Japan, with much fear and with small expectations. From every side I had been assured, even long before I entered the country, how difficult this work over here is. But the Lord has done great things, for which my good wife and I have only words of praise and thankfulness.

In the two literature campaigns the Lord has given us encouraging results. During Big Week an ambassador gave fifty yen for the cause of the Lord, and during Harvest Ingathering the same embassy made a donation of one hundred yen. Through our literature we came into touch with a good many people of the higher classes.

My efforts in soul-winning were by the grace of God not in vain. Under the leadership of the Holy Spirit I was privileged to guide three precious souls into the truth: a German lady, a man from Lettonia, and a young Japanese physician, the latter having been baptised just the day before yesterday. This is really a small result as compared with that which our men in other countries are having; but there is much to learn in the beginning, until one has found the right way to the hearts of an entirely strange people.

In many homes where the seeds of

truth have been sown and looked after, the harvest will, by the grace of God, come later. Therefore we look with good hope for greater things in the future. May we ask for the prayers of all those who would like to see progress in a country where the work has gone slowly during many years?

A. KOCH.

In the Far Eastern Division Outlook.

NORTH NEW SOUTH WALES

PRESIDENT: H. A. HILL

SECRETARY: R. E. G. BLAIR

The North New South Wales Camp-Meeting

THE North New South Wales camp-meeting was held in the park at Waratah, a suburb of Newcastle, March 1 to 13. One hundred and thirty tents were pitched and nicely arranged in good time for the meeting. The Union Conference representation consisted of Pastor A. G. Stewart, Brother G. A. Brandstater, Sister A. L. Hindson, Pastors L. H. Wood and H. K. Martin, and the writer. There were also in attendance from our island mission field Brother and Sister J. D. Anderson, Brother and Sister G. Peacock, and Sister A. G. Stewart.

The business meetings pertaining to the conference were finished by the first Friday, thus the remaining portion of the time was left entirely for spiritual interests. All committee reports presented were fully discussed and a sweet spirit of harmony and love prevailed. Pastor H. A. Hill, who has recently connected with the North New South Wales Conference, was unanimously elected as president, and received a very hearty welcome. His strong spiritual leadership is very much appreciated. He has the full confidence of his co-workers and the membership of the conference, and this should tend to the advancement of the work in this field.

The reports from the staff of colporteurs proved a very interesting feature of the conference business, as they told of souls accepting the message as the result of their labours. At one of the colporteurs' meetings, their leader informed me that six of the workers present were led to the message by the efforts of one of our colporteurs.

All the conference workers had souls to report as the result of their labours, and the voices of many new Sabbath-keepers were heard in the meetings. One new church was added to the conference.

The morning meetings were seasons of spiritual refreshing. The two Sabbath revival services brought victory to many, and on the first Sabbath one young man who was deeply prejudiced, who attended with the idea of persuading a friend to leave the camp, was himself convinced, and led to surrender his heart to the Lord.

The two Sunday night meetings were well attended, although the weather was not inviting, as heavy rains fell on both occasions and cleared up just at meeting time. There was a fair attendance from the neighbourhood during the meeting.

The first Sabbath afternoon of the camp an ordination service was conducted, when Brother C. J. Reynolds was

ordained to the gospel ministry. On the second Sabbath afternoon the needs of our mission fields were presented by Pastor A. G. Stewart, and the appeal met with a liberal response, £470 being given for the advancement of the work in the islands of the sea.

One day of the camp was devoted to the consideration of home missionary work. In the morning the campers visited the homes of the people in the vicinity, circulating a large amount of truth-laden literature. Joy was pictured on their countenances as they assembled in the afternoon to present their reports, and tell of the wonderful blessings received. Names of many interested persons were handed in. The new Sabbath-keepers enjoyed this missionary experience.

The first Saturday night of the camp Pastor Stewart gave a very interesting lantern lecture on our island mission field; and the second Saturday night a missionary meeting was held in which all of our brethren present who had laboured in the mission field were on the rostrum, and represented eleven different languages and dialects. At this meeting Brother Peacock gave a very interesting and encouraging report of the work and the openings for work in our New Guinea Mission.

All felt that it was one of the best camps they had attended, and they left for their homes filled with courage and hope, and with a determination to witness for the Lord more fully during the coming year.

On the last Sunday of the camp Pastor Hill conducted a baptismal service in the Hamilton church, when thirty candidates went forward in this ordinance. Among these were three husbands and their wives.

The members of the municipal council were most kind and considerate, doing all they could to contribute to the comfort of the campers, even offering a hall for the last Sunday night service, when it seemed that the weather conditions would prevent the large pavilion from being used. In recognition of their kindness each member of the council is to be presented with a copy of the presentation edition of "Steps to Christ."

May God bless and prosper the work in the North New South Wales Conference during the coming year.

W. J. WESTERMAN.

The Fault-Finders

A FABLE runs that the gods gave three fault-finders each a piece of glass. One of them, a fool, made his piece into a lens whereby he magnified every little error into something huge. The second was a just man; he used his as a window pane, so that he saw things more as they were. The third man, though a fault-finder, had wisdom; of this piece he made a mirror wherein he could see that many of the faults he deplored were in himself.

—*Omaha Bee.*

"DAY by day God instructs His children. By the circumstances of the daily life He is preparing them to act their part upon that wider stage to which His providence has appointed them. It is the issue of the daily test that determines their victory or defeat in life's great crises."

Canvassing

Monthly Summary of Australasian Canvassing Work

North New South Wales

FEBRUARY, 1927

Coming King—	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
S. Uttley	23	4	2 17 0
<i>Our Day—</i>			
D. Brennan	13	4	3 18 0
A. Sabine	21	1	1 4 0
J. Matthews	40	10	11 2 0
P. Delaney	115½	52	55 4 0
<i>Home Nursing—</i>			
W. Watson	22½	4	4 17 6
Helps Sold by Colporteurs			8 5 6
			235 75 £87 8 0

South New South Wales

FEBRUARY, 1927

Our Day—	Hrs.	Orders	Value
L. C. Byrne	133	29	£31 13 6
R. Peare	55½	17	17 12 0
F. Nicholson	89	73	84 4 6
H. N. Moore	83	82	82 2 0
S. Grieve	129	70	80 8 0
A. G. Augustinon	166	44	52 12 6
<i>Coming King—</i>			
Miss N. Murphy	£7½	41	31 14 6
H. D. Brown	15	13	9 13 6
<i>Ladies' Handbook—</i>			
G. Conduit	22	15	20 17 6
C. J. de la Mothe	108	70	95 15 0
B. Waldrom	55½	62	89 10 0
Mis. de la Mothe	34	32	47 9 6
<i>Home Nursing—</i>			
A. E. McCrow	11	3	3 13 0
Helps Sold by Colporteurs			22 9 0
			978½ 511 £669 12 6

North New Zealand

FEBRUARY, 1927

Our Day—	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
A. H. Kuhtz	79	7	8 3 6
W. Jebb	54	14	16 11 6
D. Agnew	120	40	44 14 0
J. S. Young	85	51	59 1 0
C. A. Hardymont	152	38	40 13 6
Miss Baensch	2½	1	1 4 0
<i>Ladies' Handbook—</i>			
H. E. Whitford	60½	16	26 10 0
G. Bailey	114½	86	123 12 6
<i>Helps—</i>			
B. Davies	31		7 4 0
Helps Sold by Colporteurs			29 9 0
			698½ 253 £357 3 0

South New Zealand

FEBRUARY, 1927

Ladies' Handbook—	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
J. Shin	70	41	£56 17 6
Miss Hossack		3	4 12 6
<i>Our Day—</i>			
T. Chick	122½	41	43 15 6
Miss McLennan	13½	1	19 6
W. Kilroy	36	6	6 9 6
<i>Home Nursing—</i>			
R. Barber	119	69	81 5 6
A. E. Woodley	63	28	33 12 0
Miss Hossack	32½	8	10 1 0
<i>Daniel and the Revelation—</i>			
W. Petrie	110½	22	29 13 0
<i>Christ's Object Lessons—</i>			
Miss Ward	34	16	6 16 0
Mrs. Engelbrecht	32	11	4 13 6
Helps Sold by Colporteurs			24 2 0
			658½ 246 £302 15 6

Victoria

FEBRUARY, 1927

Home Nursing—	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
S. H. Gander	106½	136	158 12 0
Miss M. Collins	56½	52	60 19 0
<i>Our Day—</i>			
E. Fitzclarenc	24	13	13 18 0
L. A. Dyason	50	12	13 19 0
J. A. Collins	19½	7	9 8 0
<i>Coming King—</i>			
Mys. E. Barron		92	4 5 6
Miss . Vogt	6½	18	13 19 0
<i>Bible Readings—</i>			
J. T. Young	35½	18	27 4 0
<i>Ladies' Handbook—</i>			
R. A. Caldwell		22	35 15 0
Mrs. S. E. Coulsell	6	1	1 7 6
Helps Sold by Colporteurs			12 5 0
			397½ 285 £352 2 6
<i>Periodicals—</i>			
Miss C. Cameron		22	14 0
Mrs. H. Devine	42½		24 6 0
			42½ £25 0 0

Queensland

FEBRUARY, 1927

Home Nursing—	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
C. L. Rowland	99	38	74 2 0
<i>Our Day—</i>			
N. H. Speck		1	19 6
G. Weslake	20	10	9 5 0
Miss M. Heuschele	47	18	18 9 0
A. Kram		19	2 3 6
W. O. Broad	128	59	63 15 6
Mrs. K. M. Newley	47	6	7 5 6
<i>Ladies' Handbook—</i>			
H. J. Cooper	28	16	22 7 6
Mr & Mrs Hodgkinson	72	43	68 2 6
<i>Practical Guide—</i>			
C. W. Phillips	87½	26	38 5 0
Helps Sold by Colporteurs			16 3 6
			547½ 219 £321 9 6

South Australia

FEBRUARY, 1927

Ladies' Handbook—	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
Mrs. M. Badeock	70½	58	£83 15 0
<i>Home Nursing—</i>			
Miss M. Luke	36½	25	£9 16 0
<i>Our Day—</i>			
L. P. Higginson	14½	3	2 15 6
Mr. V. Reye	96½	47	54 16 6
Mr. J. T. C. Jones	110	43	43 17 6
Mr. W. Ferris	110½	35	55 0 6
Helps Sold by Colporteurs			15 7 0
			498½ 211 £285 11 0

Book Totals for February, 1927

	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
North New Zealand	698½	253	357 3 0
South New South Wales	978½	511	669 12 6
Victoria	397½	285	352 2 6
North New South Wales	235	75	87 8 0
South New Zealand	658½	246	302 15 6
South Australia	498½	211	325 11 0
Queensland	547½	219	281 9 6
			3954 1800 £2376 2 0

Circulation of Subscription List "Signs of the Times"

March 1, 1927

Conference	Clubs	Singles	Total	Av. per member
South N. S. Wales	4141	701	4842	3.04
West Australia	1822	489	2311	2.99
North New Zealand	2368	372	2740	2.29
Victoria-Tasmania	2562	1328	3890	2.07
South Australia	745	577	1322	2.05
South New Zealand	655	160	815	1.95
Queensland	981	547	1528	1.94
North N. S. Wales	1258	457	1715	1.37
Foreign, Misc.	452	127	579	
			14,984	4,758
				19,742

Total average in all conferences 2.32 per member

Total Circulation for February

South New South Wales	19,017
(Back Numbers)	1,000
Victoria-Tasmania	16,491
North New Zealand	10,970
West Australia	9,323
North New South Wales	6,990
Queensland	6,124
South Australia	5,245
South New Zealand	3,235
Foreign, Miscellaneous	1,249
79,649	

Taking Steps Toward Christ

"In my work one day," writes a young lady colporteur, "I met a mother who at one time had had a deep Christian experience, but she became discouraged, and began to doubt the love of God because He was leading her through some rough places. I talked to her of the never-failing love of God and bade her take courage. She gave me an order for a set of books and purchased, 'Steps to Christ.' I called her attention to some helpful chapters in the latter book and asked her to be sure to read them. I asked to have prayer and she consented and took me to the room of her sick child. A week later I called to see how

the child was and found that he was well and at school. The mother said the child was impressed that the Lord answered prayer. One day, a few weeks later, I met this lady on a tram car. She told me that she was happy, as there had been a great transformation in her home. Her husband was reading the books and had become interested in the theme of the return of Jesus. She has again given her heart to God and both she and her husband are starting for the kingdom and they are training their children so that they will be with them."

OBITUARIES

ASHWORTH.—On Friday, March 25, a large company of relatives and friends gathered at Woronora cemetery to pay a last tribute of love and respect to Brother Ashworth, who was for some time past an adherent of Hurstville church. The deceased had been in bad health for some time. Services at the home and graveside were conducted by Pastor Mitchell. Many beautiful floral tributes testified to the esteem in which Brother Ashworth was held. We leave him sleeping in the sure and certain hope of a glorious resurrection. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to all the sorrowing relatives. "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes."

E. HART.

THORNDYKE.—Sister Elizabeth Thorndyke, aged sixty-five years, passed away on January 15 at her home in Dannevirke, New Zealand, after an illness of fifteen weeks. The Lord was very gracious to our sister, who was spared much pain, though suffering from a dread disease. Sister Thorndyke accepted the truth under the labours of Pastor Rampton about six years ago, and ever since has been firm and true to it. Her faith and fortitude were an inspiration to those who knew her, and her vacant seat in the Dannevirke church is to the members a reminder of her loving service. We laid her to rest fully assured that she sleeps in Jesus and that if faithful we shall see her again. Our sympathies go out to Brother Thorndyke and other relatives who mourn their loss.

V. N. N.

DODGE.—Ruby Elizabeth Dodge, the beloved wife of George E. Dodge, and eldest beloved daughter of Mrs. E. J. and the late Edward H. Murfett, of "Haney," Bishopsbourne, Tasmania, died on Sabbath, March 12, 1927, at the age of thirty-two years. The collapse of our beloved sister at Nurse Hodge's private hospital, Launceston, came as a great surprise to her sorrowing relatives and friends. In the death of Sister Dodge, the church has lost a useful and willing worker, an able organiser in the Appeal, and a church treasurer. A short service was conducted at the house, after which we laid her to rest, in the presence of a large gathering, in the Longford cemetery, there to await the call of the Lifegiver. Her favourite hymn, "I could not do without Thee," was sung.

E. G. WHITTAKER.

FINSCH.—On Friday, January 7, at the home of her daughter, Sister M. Olsen, Sister Augusta Finsch, aged seventy-five years, passed to her final rest. Sister

Finsch had been ailing for some years and finally succumbed to an attack of heart failure. She had long been connected with the message, having been converted through the efforts of Brother Anderson who was holding a tent effort at Norwood in 1891. She loved the truth to the last; and her family,—two sons and three daughters,—who remain to mourn their loss, confidently look forward to seeing her on the morning of the resurrection. We laid her to rest in the Pukekohe cemetery to await the soon return of her Lord.

V. N. N.

Mrs. J. J. Paap

ON the morning of March 7, 1927, in the home of Sister A. A. Anderson, Cambridge, Waikato, New Zealand, my mother, Mrs. J. J. Paap, peacefully fell asleep in Jesus in her eighty-seventh year.

During the past three weeks, our mother spent most of her time in bed and these have been days of sweet peace and rest. It was my great privilege to be with mother the last days of her earthly life, and to minister to her comfort by reading to her those precious portions of God's Word so fittingly adapted to a tired heart at the close of a long and strenuous life.

All the assurance and confidence inspired by such immortal hymns as "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," "Abide with Me," etc., she enjoyed, as we quietly read them into her ears, and she lost consciousness as we were committing her soul into the safe keeping of her God.

Our mother was born in Rothwell, Lincolnshire, England, in 1840, and in her girlhood days was converted to God in the Methodist Church. In 1864 mother came to New Zealand with a family of friends, for the good of her health, intending to stay for a period of two years, but she never saw the land of her birth again till 1910, all of her English family but one having died during her absence. In 1892 the Lord sent the truth to our home in New Zealand, using Pastor McCullough as His messenger. Our mother was the first to accept the message, and soon after, through her influence, all the family followed her example.

As the result of the decision of our parents to educate their children,—nine of us,—for the truth of God and His service, the farm was ultimately sold, and our parents moved to Avondale in 1899. My parents dedicated themselves, their children, and all they had to God, and one of the last things they told me was that they never once regretted the course they had taken. Till the day of her death, my mother never surrendered her hope that the Lord would come before she died, and it was a bitter disappointment to her to go to her rest without having her hope realised.

She died in faith not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and was persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that she was a stranger, and a pilgrim on the earth.

We laid her to rest in the Leamington cemetery, Pastor F. L. Sharp, a friend of the family for long years, conducting the service.

Mother leaves to mourn their loss, three sons and two daughters.

C. A. PAAP.

What Kept Him

BISHOP WHIPPLE once told of a young man whom he met who told him that he had read every book he could find against the religion of Christ, and had tried to fortify himself against the truth. He was a thoughtful man and a scholar, and confessed that he would have been a confirmed infidel but for three things:

"First, I am a man; I am going somewhere; tonight I am a day nearer the grave than I was last night. I have read all such books can tell me; they shed not one solitary ray upon the darkness; they take away the only guide, and leave one stone-blind.

"Secondly, I had a mother; I saw her go down into the dark valley where I am going, and she leaned upon an unseen arm as a child goes to sleep on the breast of its mother. I know that was not a dream.

"Thirdly, I have three motherless children. They have no protector but myself. I would rather put them in the grave than leave them in this sinful world, if you blot out from it all the teachings of the gospel."—*Eastern Canadian Messenger*.

Action

THE more people do, the more they can do. He that does nothing renders himself incapable of doing anything. While we are executing one work, we are preparing ourselves to do another.—*Haslitt*.

"When one gets to love work, his life is a happy one."

Do what must be done sometime, as soon as possible. Thus you avoid worry and save yourself needless trouble and waste.—*Charles Franklin Thwing*.

A Request

BROTHER HARRY STEED, of Fiji, writes: "I would be glad of anything in the way of coloured pictures that any of our people have lying about their homes. Illustrated magazines from which we could cut the pictures, or pictorial advertisements, would be very useful. We make a lot of charts here at the Navuso School, and find them very valuable in our teaching work." If any of the RECORD readers could help Brother Steed by complying with his request, we know he would greatly appreciate it. His address is, Mr. H. R. Steed, Navuso School, Wainibuka, via Viria, Fiji.

Wanted.—Urgent. Good S.D.A. home for lovely baby boy, four months old, to be cared for, or adopted. Apply EDITOR AUSTRALASIAN RECORD, "Mizpah," Wahroonga, N.S.W.

To Let.—At Warrawee, weatherboard cottage in good condition. Five rooms, kitchen, with fuel and gas stove, electric light, bathroom and heater. Large piece of land, about thirty-five fruit trees; within a few minutes of State school; six or seven minutes from Warrawee railway station; one mile from Sydney Sanitarium and church school. Rent 35s. a week. Would suit two married couples. Apply R. WATSON, "Mizpah," Wahroonga, N.S.W.



After Many Years

MRS. A. and Mrs. B. are sisters. Mr. A. was an infidel. Some twelve years prior to the present time Mrs. A. became a Roman Catholic convert; she was very much in earnest and staunch to the religion she had espoused. She wrote to her sister and informed her of the step she had taken. Mrs. B. was shocked when she read of it; she reasoned the matter out with herself; it was too late to attempt to dissuade her from taking the step; she could not say she was pleased; it would do no good to rate her for it, so when she answered the letter she did not refer to the subject at all. The result was that an almost imperceptible barrier was formed between the two, and slowly mounted higher and higher.

Some five years later the two sisters, who resided one in North New Zealand and the other in South New Zealand, went one to Sydney and the other to Melbourne, within about three months of each other, and accidentally drifted apart. Both thought the other had done it intentionally. More than six years passed away. During the last two years of that period of time Mrs. B. had become a convert to the third angel's message. She went back to South New Zealand, and decided to try to get into touch with her sister once more. She eventually located her in North New Zealand and wrote to her with many a doubt whether her sister would be pleased to hear from her. A reply was received that left no doubt, her sister was more than pleased to hear from her. How to pass on the third angel's message to her was a problem. Whenever an opportunity occurred she would drop a remark or put some Scripture in a letter; but on no account would she mention the church, for fear the name of Seventh-day Adventist would prevent her getting any further with the message. In the meanwhile Mrs. A. had noted a great change in her sister for which she could not account. One day Mrs. B. posted to her the chart with the 2,300 days thereon and requested her sister to study it. She wrote back and intimated it would be carefully preserved until such time as they should meet, then she would go into it with her. Mrs. B. felt there was nothing she could do, especially as she did not know just what her sister's attitude was to Rome after the separation, and she felt she dared not venture to inquire.

God's Call

Just about a week after this, Brother C., one of our workers, called on Mrs. A. as he was working her district and invited her to attend a meeting. He was going to speak on Daniel and Revelation. She said, "That is strange, my sister sent me a paper about Daniel last week," excused herself, went inside and brought it back and showed it to Brother C. He said, "The Lord sent me here this afternoon."

It led to a conversation between them. He gave her his name and called again the following week. When she wrote to her sister she informed her of all that had happened, and passed on the name of Mr. C. to her. The following week he called again and gave a study. While there he asked for the name and address of her sister, but before he had time to write, her sister wrote to him, in care of the North Island conference office, and asked him to take a special interest in her, after she had detailed the case to him. He worked energetically with her, but had no encouragement. Still he held on. She stated that she knew there was a great change in her sister. If religion had caused it, there must be something in it, but she would need to interview her to know the cause of the change. She failed to recognize the softening influence of the Holy Spirit. In truth she tolerated Mr. C. for fear of offending her sister by doing otherwise. She did not know if they were in communication with each other. Mr. C. felt he was making no headway with her, and was going to give her one more week, when something he showed her arrested her attention, and convinced her it was a message from God. Soon after she accepted it, left her burden with the Saviour, and today has the peace of God in her heart. Mrs. A. was telling her husband some of the truths. He was too full of unbelief to bother much about it. In the meanwhile Mr. C. had given Mrs. A. a book, "Aids to the Study of the Bible." This explained to her husband subjects to which he thought there was no explanation. A fortnight after, he commenced to keep Sabbath. Now all doubts are gone, and they are both rejoicing in a knowledge of sins forgiven, and their great regret in the wasted years that might have been spent in His service. Mr. A. had said that if God wanted him, He would give him a special call. The Bible opened to him as it is in this book, was in his belief God's special call to him, and he accepted it. Today he is rejoicing in sins forgiven and faith in God.

We can see by this, that even a scrap of paper with a message on it, can be used to do a great work. Fellow Christian, do not miss an opportunity if it comes to you, for one never knows what will be the outcome of a small thing. But for that chart being sent, and with small faith accompanying it, Mr. C. would have given the invitation, passed on, and been forgotten, and possibly two souls lost.

There is more joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth, than over ninety and nine just persons who need no repentance.

A MEMBER OF THE
BARBADOES STREET CHURCH.

Christchurch, N.Z.

"MY trip to Jugoslavia was an inspiration to me, especially along home missionary lines," writes Pastor P. Drinhaus, secretary for the European Division. "They have only five workers in that whole field but they are raising up new churches through church elders and lay members. The work in Montenegro, an exceptionally isolated country without any railways, was started by a good church elder who moved from Serbia to that country. The whole church in Prilep (Macedonia), near

the border of Greece, is the result of a tract given away by a Bulgarian soldier. . . . Our Harvest Ingathering work is going very well in nearly every country of Europe. The small Baltic Union is at the top, doubling their sum when compared with last year. In the whole Division we had over £400 more on November 1 than the previous year at the same time. That surprised us, because conditions are harder this year in every country."

"Are We Downhearted?"

"IS there any more room?"

"Yes, how many more to come?"

"About a dozen."

"Move those boxes up a little; mind the drum! Now pass the rest up."
"Steady!"

Sounds like moving day, doesn't it? Well, so it was. A Sanitarium Health Food Company's speed waggon stood on Prince's Bridge, Melbourne, at 10 o'clock last Sunday morning, and into its interior were being stowed a brass band and a bevy of Missionary Volunteers with spirits, if anything, keener than the wind that was blowing from the south. It seemed incredible that so many could find room, but the van, like the work in the interests of which it was being used, expanded to meet the demand of the occasion. As our driver slipped his engine into gear, from the depths of the interior a cheery voice called to the winds, "Are we downhearted?" And the vociferous "No!!!" that echoed back, left no doubt as to the result of the day's outing.

The first stop was made at Highett, and with a smile, the collectors "went over the top," and for half an hour the van was deserted. On again, through Cheltenham and Mentone, then on to Mordialloc—our objective for the day.

Here the band boys got in a "heavy barrage," and while the music lured the motor cars to halt awhile by the way, a collector's box was kept busy, reminding them that all things have a price.

As the shades of evening drew nigh the collectors began to return weary and tired, but happy, once again to disappear into the friendly depths of our Granose van.

A quick glance over the totals for the day showed about £20 for missions as a result.

This is becoming a habit with the young people of Melbourne. In three successive Sundays now, over £50 has been collected for the Ingathering Appeal, and the remaining Sundays of the campaign are all booked up.

The Ingathering campaign in Victoria is going with a swing. Pastor Turner and Brother Gilson took as the conference slogan, "Half the Aim the First Week," and while the totals did not quite reach the halfway mark, the figures showed £904 as the result of the first week's work. As I write, the reports for the second week are just coming in, and £200 is on the board already.

We are gratified at the response made to the Appeal and look beyond the present to the harvest time when the seed sown by our faithfulness now, will bear an abundant harvest of souls saved in the kingdom of God.

REUBEN E. HARE.

Reports from Conferences to March 26

Conferences	Wks.	Amt.	Per cent of Goal
South N.S.W.	5	£2,314	92
South N.Z.	3	730	81
Victoria	3	1,845	75
West Aust.	1	716	68
North N.Z.	3	1,402	53
Tasmania	3	282	51
Union Conference		£7,289	52

THE following cheering message from Pastor H. C. White, president of the West Australian Conference, has just been received by wire: "Appeal first week seven hundred and sixteen pounds. Wonderful spirit characterising effort." We welcome our able ally in the campaign, and congratulate West Australia for its fine achievement in reaching over two-thirds of its goal in the first week.

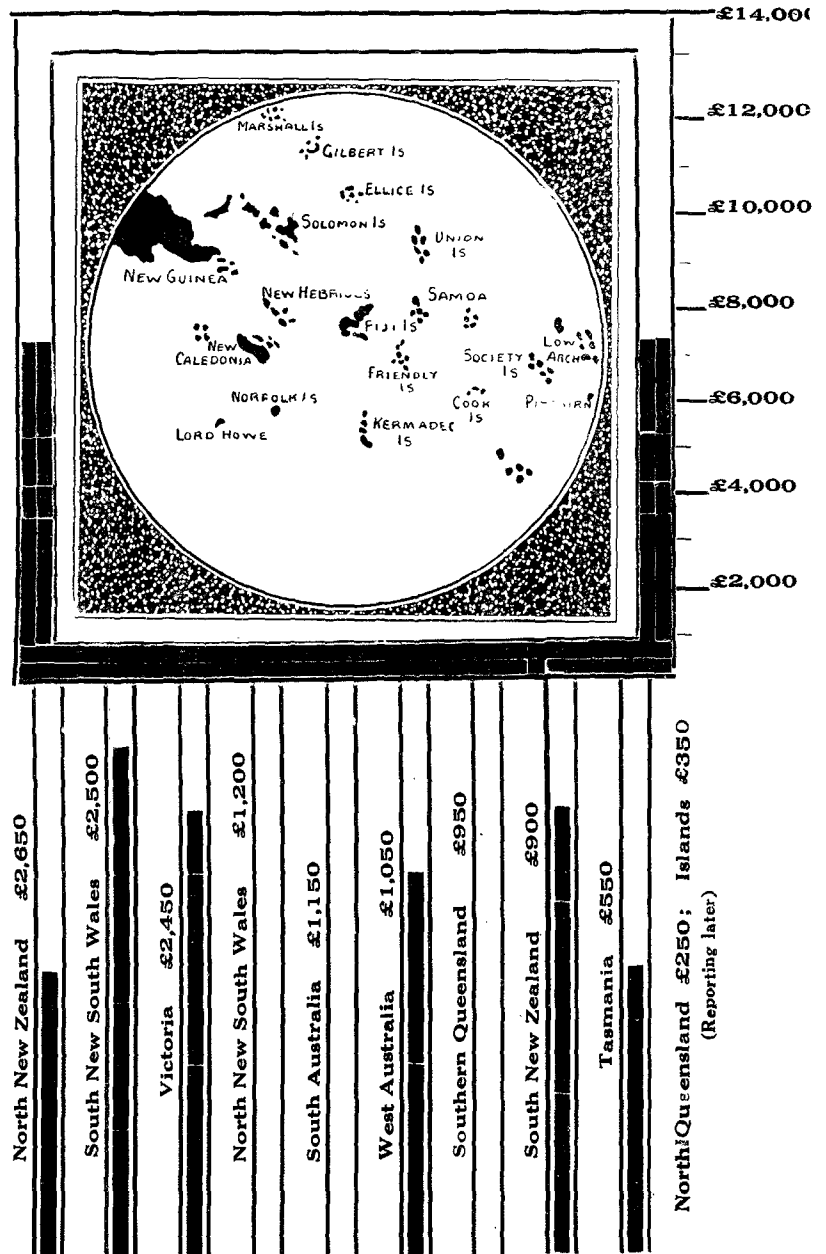
NOTICE the encouraging features in the report this week. All have passed the halfway mark, and even the Union with two conferences not yet started has over one-half of its goal. The South New South Wales Conference is nearly through, and had the Sanitarium been able to start with the rest of the conference, would doubtless have been out ere this, as what they lack is less than the Sanitarium has undertaken to collect. All the conferences are doing well, and we have reason to rejoice in the prosperity that is attending the Lord's work in this year's Appeal effort.

"YOU will be interested to know," writes Brother Head, the home missions secretary of the South N.S.W. Conference, "that Brother Egging and I spent a very enjoyable week ingathering in the country. We left Sydney on Sunday evening and for less than four and a half days' work received £57 12s. 6d. Tuesday's work yielded the best results as we received £17 16s. 7d. that day."

"THE Lord is blessing Brother A. Mountain in his work among the Chinese," writes the president of the West Australian Conference. "Yesterday he went out in company with one of our students from the school and collected over £12. The Chinese seem to be fairly willing givers."

Our readers will be glad to hear of our Appeal work on Pitcairn Island for this year. Brother McCoy writes as follows on March 8: "You will be interested to know how we are conducting our Appeal for Missions which started three days ago. We divided the £60, which the Union Conference set as our goal, at 10s. per church member. Today we have £12, which I think is a good start as we have had only one boat so far. Our success will depend on the way the boats visit us during the time set for the Appeal. I believe that with God's help we shall be able to do our part. We are all well at present, there is no serious sickness, and all are enjoying God's blessing, which He bestows so bountifully day by day, and for which we thank Him."

"The King's Business Demands Haste"
Our Tenth Appeal for Missions
Union Conference Goal, £14,000



"THE WEALTH OF THE NATIONS' SHALL COME UNTO THEE."

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THE graduation exercises of the Sydney Sanitarium will take place in the Wahroonga church, on Wednesday evening, April 6.

THE Union brethren who have been in attendance at the recent camp-meetings have now returned to Wahroonga, bringing excellent reports of these annual gatherings.

RESPONDING to a call from the South Australian Conference for his assistance in starting the Appeal for Missions effort in that State, Pastor W. J. Westerman left on Wednesday, March 30, for Adelaide. He expects to be away about three weeks.

PASTOR REUBEN HARE has been requested to proceed to Tasmania from Melbourne to help our people in that conference in their Appeal campaign, as they were feeling the need of some Union Conference help in their work.

PASTOR AND SISTER W. D. SMITH and their two children arrived in Sydney from Tasmania on March 31. They have been spending the latter part of their furlough in that bracing climate, and are all feeling much better for the change and rest, and ready to face the mission field once more. They expect to sail for Malua Bay, Malekula, New Hebrides, on the *Makambo*, April 20. Sister J. R. James with her infant son is expecting to sail on the same boat, joining her husband at Aore, South Santo, the site of our new training school for that field.

PASTOR C. K. MEYERS, the secretary of the General Conference, who has been in India since November 5 of last year, attending the Union Conferences in the Southern Asia Division, and who is now returning to America by way of Australia, was due to arrive at Fremantle, by the *Comorin*, on Tuesday, March 29. It is planned for him to conduct meetings in our leading centres along his route, including Perth, Adelaide, Melbourne, Warburton, Sydney, Wahroonga, Avondale, and Newcastle. Pastor Meyers is timed to sail for U.S.A. by the *Ulimaroa*, April 13, to Auckland, thence by the *Tofua* to Fiji, April 23, and from Fiji by the *Ventura* for San Francisco, on May 5. We know that all who will have the opportunity of meeting Pastor Meyers and attending his meetings will consider themselves greatly privileged. Our only regret is that his time is so limited in this field where he has lived and laboured in time past, it being necessary for him to return to Washington, D.C., at a specific time to meet important engagements in the work at headquarters.

Troubled China

A Call to Prayer

WE cannot but feel concerned for God's work in China. The cables the latter part of last week brought day by day most ominous reports of looting, outrages, and murder, and, as one authority put it, "the worst in the history of China."

Nanking, the old capital of Southern China, fell Wednesday, March 23, and was rapidly filled with Cantonese irregular troops. Cables of March 28 tell us that Europeans were surrounded by howling mobs which acted like wild beasts. Over one hundred British and Americans took refuge in the Nanking University. Others less fortunate lost their lives. All British and American nationalists in areas not controlled by Southern forces have been ordered by their respective authorities to evacuate and concentrate in Shanghai, where are stationed European military forces for their protection.

As the trouble continues to spread in China, and as it will centre for awhile on Shanghai, let us unite in earnest prayer that God will protect His missionaries. The headquarters of our work are at Shanghai, and we can enter somewhat into the feelings of our people and workers in their time of trial. We had at the end of 1925 a membership of 8,229 in China, and workers numbering 1,198, including Chinese workers. Two families at present in China are from Australasia, namely, Pastor Edgar James and family and Pastor Clarence Davis and family. We know that our dear people all over our Union Conference will not forget to pray for our workers and work in China.

A. H. PIPER.

A Wonderful Answer to Prayer

DURING the West Australian camp-meeting one of our sisters was advised by her physician to enter the hospital immediately for a very serious and dangerous operation. Upon applying to the hospital she found that there was no bed available. She returned to the camp and requested the prayers of the brethren on her behalf. She had been advised to revisit the hospital that morning in order to be examined by one of the hospital specialists. So after we had taken her case to the Lord in a very earnest season of prayer, she left the camp once more to be examined by the hospital specialist. Upon arriving she found there was still no bed available, and for some unaccountable reason the visiting specialist did not examine any outdoor patients that day.

Although our sister had been advised by her doctor that delay was dangerous, she was not at all perturbed, as she was feeling quite well, and hence thought it unnecessary to attend the hospital. But in order to satisfy herself upon the point and in order, as she says, that she might glorify God, she visited her own doctor again. Upon examining his patient he was amazed to find that she did not suffer any pain nor any soreness while being examined, although upon her previous examination she had felt the soreness due to the examination for days afterwards. She relates that when the doctor was examining her the second time he said, "When I touched you before with my finger you screamed. Now I cannot find

anything; there is nothing there." "Yet," she said, "he squeezed the previously affected part like sponge."

As this sister was suffering from cancer trouble, we feel sure that our brethren and sisters throughout the field will praise God that He still answers prayer, and still honours the faith of His believing people.

A. W. ANDERSON.

The Duke and Duchess of York

SYDNEY received its royal visitors last Sabbath morning, March 26. It was an ideal day, just one of those days that claim for this State the descriptive expression, "Sunny New South Wales."

The authorities kindly invited our denomination to be represented at the landing at Farm Cove, and at the official reception which was held the evening after the Sabbath in the Sydney Town Hall. Two invitation cards were issued to us for each function. The Sabbath hours precluded us from attending the landing ceremonies, but we were able to attend the State official reception in the evening.

It was a very happy, friendly assembly that met our gaze and engaged our attention at the Town Hall. At 9.45 p.m., on the arrival of the royal party, they were greeted by the strains of the National Anthem played by the band present, which band was accompanied by the great Town Hall organ. The concluding bars of the strain, played in a crescendo movement, reached a volume of sound that indeed mightily represented the glad some, joyous welcome everybody present wished to give to the Duke and his winsome Duchess. One could not but feel that we were indeed in one way most Biblical in our expression of the teaching of the New Testament, "Honour the king." We honoured his representative in the person of his son, the Duke of York.

The Seventh-day Adventist people are a peace-loving, happy, loyal people. We in this country are loyal to the throne of England, and indeed honour the king. We pray for those in authority that to them may be given the wisdom so essential in their high office.

The ultimate object of the present royal visit is to open the first Commonwealth Parliament to sit in the new Commonwealth capital, Canberra. The Duke and Duchess will visit all the States of Australia. New Zealand has already been visited. We trust that the representatives of our king will have travelling mercies vouchsafed to them, and that they will have much joy and happiness in all parts of our fair land that they shall visit. To this end we are sure that all Seventh-day Adventists will pray.

A. H. PIPER.

"A LADY by whom I was seated on the train gave me a five-shilling donation for our mission work," Brother W. R. Carswell states. "She said she has visited the Sanitarium and knows our missionaries are doing a good work."

"WE have worked with Harvest Ingathering for years," writes one brother, "and the same people always help us. They expect us at the regular time, and if we are late they often say, 'I thought you had forgotten me.'"