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Answering Our Own Prayers

NO prayer is honest or real that does not answer itself to the utmost of its power.

God cannot answer prayer that does not do its utmost to answer itself, because it is not prayer, does not express sincere desire.

A prayer that is not the real wish of the heart is not prayer, but only a form of words. It mocks God by pretending a wish that does not exist.

If I pray honestly to be "saved" from sin and its doom, I will answer that prayer by seeking to avoid all known sin in heart and life.

If I do not answer that prayer myself, God cannot answer it, for it is not a real desire; I do not really wish it answered. "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me."

If I pray for my children that they may walk with God, and if I do not seek to lead them in that way, by teaching them God's will as in His Word, that prayer is not prayer. It is not supreme desire. God cannot answer it if I do not myself seek to answer it. God will answer it through my effort to answer it.

When I pray for myself, am I doing all in my power by learning God's will and doing it to answer my own prayer?

When I pray for my children, am I doing all in my power by example and teaching to answer my own prayer?

When I pray for my church, am I doing all I can by attendance and support to answer my own prayer?

When I pray for missions, am I doing all in my power to promote and support missions?

When I pray, "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven," am I answering that prayer by seeking to do God's will in my own heart and life as it is done in heaven?

When I pray, "Thy kingdom come," am I answering that prayer by allowing that kingdom full sway in my own heart and doing what I can to extend it in the world?

—Selected.

The Opening of Australia's New Capital

TWENTY-SIX years ago the first Federal Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia was opened at Melbourne by his Royal Highness the Duke of Cornwall and York, who is now his Majesty King George V. During the intervening period the Federal Parliament has continued to meet at Melbourne in accordance with the arrangement made at the Federal Convention in 1899; namely, that "the Parliament shall sit at Melbourne until it meet at the seat of Government." It was further determined that the permanent seat of Government should be "within territory which shall have been granted to or acquired by the Commonwealth." After much searching for a suitable site for the future Capital of Australia, Canberra was finally selected in 1908. An international competition amongst the world's city planners was launched, for the purpose of securing the best design possible for the new capital. Mr. Walter Burley Griffin of Chicago was the successful competitor, and he was awarded a prize of £1,750 for his design.

A City of Foundation Stones

In 1913 Lord Denman, the Governor-General, laid the foundation stone of the new city, but the Great War, which occurred the following year, brought the building of the city to a standstill. Seven years later his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales laid another foundation stone on the site which was reserved for Parliament House, remarking at the time that the city consisted "largely of foundation stones," which was at that time a good description of Canberra. However, during the past seven years millions of pounds have been expended in building roads, erecting public buildings, providing water supply and sewerage, electric power, and other necessary facilities. A "temporary" Parliament House has been completed, it being the intention to erect a handsome building in the future which shall be more fitting for the law-makers of the Commonwealth to carry on public business. However, as the "temporary" Parliament House has cost, with furnishings, approximately £750,000, it is not probable that the erection of the proposed permanent building will be proceeded with for some considerable time.

Exactly twenty-six years to the day after the first Federal Parliament was opened in Melbourne, the temporary capital, by H.R.H. the Duke of York, the first Federal Parliament was opened at Canberra, by another Duke of York, H.R.H. Prince Albert, who with his young wife, the Duchess of York, made a special trip from England to Australia in H.M.S. *Renown*, for that purpose. Outside the British Empire it evidently appears to some folk that there should surely be some one in Australia quite capable of performing the ceremony of opening Parliament. One newspaper writer in America made the following rather sarcastic comment:

"The Duke of York, second son of England's ruler, has been sent to Australia to open Parliament. That Parliament must be hard to open to have to send so far for a specialist."

The fact is, Australia esteems itself

highly honoured in that the King should send the Duke and Duchess to represent him at the opening of the first Parliament at the new capital. It is something which the people of Australia appreciate; something which appeals to their British patriotism, and stimulates their attachment to the throne.

The Throne the Centre of Civil Power

Notwithstanding the differences which arise between political parties, all British people recognise the throne as the gravitating centre of civil power. Hence the fact that the King sent his own son to represent the throne at the historic function which took place at the new capital, was a move which can only tend to the consolidation of the empire; and in these days when unceasing efforts are being made to sow seeds of revolution and disorganisation in the minds of the people, all friends of law and order should welcome any effort which tends to restrain lawlessness and disorder, and to establish stable government.

The new capital is rather remote from the great metropolitan centres of Australia, as the following distances will indicate. From Sydney, Canberra is situated 204 miles by railway; from Melbourne, 429 miles; from Adelaide, 912 miles; from Brisbane, 929 miles; and from Perth, 2,607 miles. Hence there were not the crowds in attendance at the opening of Parliament which would have been the case had the capital been situated amidst a well populated region. However, notwithstanding its inaccessibility, many thousands of interested spectators travelled long distances to view the ceremonies.

After the arrival of the Duke and Duchess at Parliament House, the National Anthem was sung by Dame Nellie Melba, with band accompaniment; then the whole assemblage took up the strain, singing the first verse only. The Prime Minister, Mr. Bruce, then delivered an address, and invited the Duke of York to open the door of Parliament House, handing him a key for that purpose. After a short speech the Duke opened the door while the multitude cheered. He then handed back the key to the Prime Minister, who thereupon presented him with a gold key and a casket as a memento of the occasion.

The Devotional Service

A short religious service was then conducted by the heads of the Anglican, Presbyterian, and Methodist Churches. Dr. Isaac Watts' grand hymn, "O God Our Help in Ages Past," was sung by all the people, this being followed by the reading of the 145th Psalm by the Rev. J. G. Wheen, President-General of the Methodist Church. Then Dr. R. Scott West, the Moderator-General of the Presbyterian Church, offered the prayer, in which he invoked God to bless the King and Queen, and the members of the royal family, especially commending the Duke and Duchess of York to His fatherly care. The impartation of the spirit of wisdom was sought on behalf of the Governor-General, the State Governors, and the Prime Minister. Proceeding, Dr. West said:

"God of our fathers, who hast given us this fair land as an inheritance, and who hast brought us to this day, we offer unto

Thee our sacrifice of praise for all Thy many mercies vouchsafed unto us. Be with us now, we pray Thee, as we, in Thy name, dedicate this house to Thy glory and to the service of the people, that, like a city set on an hill, it may radiate light and guidance throughout the years. Grant unto our law-makers the vision and courage needed for just legislation, that righteousness and good government may be established and maintained in our midst. Bless our Commonwealth with honourable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Bestow upon all the spirit of service, love, and mutual forbearance. In prosperity may we not forget Thee, and in the day of adversity help us to put our trust in Thee. So that, loving Thee as our God and our eternal Redeemer, we may be counted worthy to fulfil Thy gracious purpose in this land; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

Then followed the repetition of the Lord's Prayer by the whole assembly, after which the benediction was pronounced by Dr. C. O. L. Riley, Chaplain-General of the Church of England.

A short ceremony inside Parliament House, followed by an official luncheon, terminated this historic function. While the ceremony of establishing the Commonwealth Parliament at Canberra was proceeding inside the building, the multitudes outside, which of course could not be accommodated within the building, were delightfully entertained by an exhibition of wonderful horsemanship by a company of forty mounted police. These horses must have undergone the most painstaking training, for they were put through a series of exercises which were truly astonishing and almost unbelievable. At the sound of a whistle they would form into two single lines, and begin to side step in perfect line to the accompaniment of the band and in perfect rhythm with the music. They would perform chain marches, marches in single file, two deep, four deep, or twenty deep according to the pre-arranged programme. Such a display of equine intelligence under the direction of their riders was the subject of spontaneous applause by the thousands of people who had the privilege of witnessing the performance.

A military review in the afternoon, in which troops from all Australian States took part, and every arm of the naval and defence forces was represented, terminated the historic function of dedicating the Capital of Australia.

What May We Expect from the New Capital?

Much has been said concerning the benefits which the Commonwealth will derive from the establishing of the capital within Federal Territory, after having over a quarter of a century of legislation enacted at a State capital, where local influences tended to intrude themselves into national affairs. The future alone will determine whether the change will be one which will be wholly beneficial. Much will depend upon the character of the law-makers themselves. Environment may exert a strong influence, but while the environment at Canberra is very desirable, yet evil influences of another kind may find a delightful atmosphere for their activities amid the healthful surroundings of the new city.

Already there are tendencies manifesting themselves at Canberra which will operate to the detriment of this democratic country. An excess of militarism is a danger which should be curbed; the tendency to regard certain sections of the city as the exclusive home for civil servants who receive certain salaries is another thing which should not be countenanced by the people of Australia. Doubtless, as the city grows and other than politicians and civil servants seek homes therein, some of these things will rectify themselves. But it is to be deplored that the commerce and industry of Australia, and upon which the Commonwealth depends for its livelihood, should have found no place "officially" at the dedication of the Federal Capital. A stranger visiting Australia who did not know of its agricultural, pastoral, mining, and manufacturing interests, and who attended the Canberra opening function, would doubtless conclude from the magnificent display, that Australia was a nation of soldiers and politicians. But this is significant of the times. We talk peace and prepare for war, and the Canberra function was in harmony with the spirit of the times.

A. W. ANDERSON.



Bougainville

[Brother Tutty, who has recently returned from Bougainville for a brief furlough, has written the following report for RECORD readers.—ED.]

EARLY in February the *Melanesia*, after a two years' absence, with Pastor Wicks, Brother Barham, and Brother and Sister Campbell on board, again visited Bougainville. As the weather was rough and stormy it was impossible for them to anchor at Lavilai, so they went to Tonelei, a harbour twelve miles away. It was a pleasure that we seldom had,—that of meeting with our fellow workers.

It was a busy time as we visited the outstations back in the hills. We found the new church at Oghu completed. This place is one thousand feet above sea level, and is two days' journey from Lavilai. We now have in Bougainville four native-built churches, another is nearly completed, and there are interests in various other places.

Changing from one missionary to another in such a new mission is always a critical time for the natives, but Brother and Sister Campbell made themselves at home right away, and won their way into the hearts of the natives. The Spirit of the Lord is working among these people. Three boys from places far away from Lavilai have been at Lavilai for several months, and it is pleasing to see that these boys have given up their vices. No doubt the Lord has some purpose in impressing them to come in from widely separated villages.

Recently the medical patrol officer for Bougainville was travelling on our launch, and he remarked that the natives were

improving in appearance and there was evidence that they were giving up their vices of chewing betel-nut, etc. He asked me whether we compelled the natives to do so, and was surprised when he learned that the natives gave up these things from love and not from compulsion. The boys forming our boat's crew were severely tested when we caught a fish that was unclean. Although they had no other fish to take its place, they would not partake of this one, which a few months before they would readily have eaten.

Saying good-bye, even though it may be for a short time, is a trying ordeal. The natives who treated us so coldly and indifferently when we landed there two years ago, broke down in tears when we left. We all knelt down on the sand and prayed, after which we shook hands with them and came away.

We would ask that you especially pray for Brother and Sister Campbell as they take up this work. They will be isolated, and they have difficulties to face in which only the Lord can help them.

R. H. TUTTY.

TASMANIA

PRESIDENT : E. G. WHITTAKER

SECRETARY : F. J. BUTLER

Tasmanian Conference and Camp-Meeting

A GOOD deal of interest attached to the camp-meeting and conference session this year, as it marked a beginning in conference life. Much satisfaction was expressed when the Union Conference action was read by Pastor Fletcher to the assembled delegates, stating that it was planned to re-organise this field as a conference. Immediate steps were taken to draw up a constitution.

There was a large attendance at the meeting, which was held at the Elwick Show Grounds, Glenorchy, February 17 to 28. Twenty-three tents were pitched, and thirty-three rooms in the pavilions on the show ground were occupied by delegates. And from beginning to end a good attendance was noticed at all meetings, especially at the week-ends.

We were very happy to welcome amongst us Pastors Fletcher and Rampton, as delegates from the Union Conference to our meeting. Pastor and Mrs. R. Hare had been with us for over a month visiting among the churches and they, too, stayed with us through the meeting. Pastor W. D. Smith, from the New Hebrides, spent the last few weeks of his furlough in Tasmania, and his presence at the gathering was also an inspiration to us. The consistent attendance at every meeting throughout the encampment gave the visiting brethren great assurance of the appreciation felt by our members here in Tasmania in having them with us.

During the past seven years this field could show a gain of only three members in actual growth. But with fifteen baptisms in the first quarter of 1927, and as many others awaiting baptism, we are encouraged to believe that God will give us souls in this field.

Our Sabbath school work is most encouraging, showing 572 members in

our schools, compared with a total church membership of only 302. This represents the best percentage of Sabbath school members in relation to church membership throughout the Australian field.

The Union Conference was prepared to assist us in our financial operations, and their liberality was very heartening to us as we began the new year; but we trust that with growth of membership and with careful financing we shall soon reach that place where we shall be on a self-supporting basis.

Our young people's work is represented by ten societies with 190 members, including the conference society. Of these members 137 were in the junior and preparatory divisions. For the quarter ended December 31, their offering was £17.

On the Wednesday a Field Day was organised, and almost the whole encampment went out in bands throughout the district, selling our splendid literature. As a result £10 worth of books sold was recorded for the day. A most inspiring meeting was held that afternoon, when reports of the day's experiences were given. In this connection we are glad to report that a total of £50 worth of literature was sold during the encampment, which gave us an idea of the possibilities of our book work in this field.

The daily prayer bands introduced by Pastor Fletcher were well attended and were seasons of great refreshing. And we believe that the splendid spirit prevailing throughout the meeting can be traced in no small degree to these seasons of heart-searching.

Financially the meeting was much less costly than we had anticipated it would be. Our kitchen and store workers did their very best to meet the needs of the campers and at the same time eliminate all waste, so that there was no expense to the conference in this connection.

Among the matters discussed were the *Signs* work, the increasing of the circulation of *Life and Health* and the little gift edition of "Steps to Christ," and a call to our members for more diligent study of the Word of God and the Spirit of Prophecy.

Election of Officers

The following were elected for the ensuing twelve months:

PRESIDENT : E. G. Whittaker.
SECRETARY-TREASURER : F. J. Butler.
SABBATH SCHOOL AND MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER SECRETARY : F. J. Butler.

FIELD MISSIONARY AND HOME MISSIONS SECRETARY : E. G. Whittaker.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY SECRETARY : L. E. NEWBOLD.

EDUCATIONAL SECRETARY : E. G. Whittaker.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE : E. G. Whittaker, L. E. Newbold, H. J. Halliday, A. E. Craigie, A. W. Roberts, E. P. Fehlberg, W. H. Shipp.

Credentials and Licenses

The following credentials and licenses were granted:

MINISTERIAL CREDENTIALS : E. G. Whittaker, L. E. Newbold.

MINISTERIAL LICENSE : R. A. Thrift, F. J. Butler.

MISSIONARY LICENSE : Miss I. Robertson, Miss E. F. Hopgood, Miss C. E. Hodgetts, and Brother H. J. Halliday.

CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHER'S LICENSE : Miss B. Voss, Miss Elsie Brittain, Miss M. Currow.

MEDICAL MISSIONARY LICENSE: Nurse Kringle.

COLPORTEUR'S LICENSE: C. Sinclair, A. J. Hastie.

All other names to be referred to the executive committee.

On the last Sunday of the meeting, four young people were baptised by Pastor Smith. This was a fitting conclusion to the splendid meetings of the week in our young people's pavilion. As many as eighty young people gathered in this pavilion to hear the addresses arranged for them; and that definite help was received by many, was the assurance that came to us as the meeting broke up. An expression of sincere gratitude to God for His wonderful love to us, and a heartfelt consecration of all our powers to Him for loyal, diligent service for another year, was the hearty vote taken by the delegates assembled.

E. G. WHITTAKER, *President*,
F. J. BUTLER, *Secretary*.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

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

South Australian Camp-Meeting and Conference

OUR twenty-seventh annual session was held at Yatala East, near Port Adelaide, March 8-20, under ideal conditions as regards weather. The attendance also was good; over 100 living tents were required to accommodate the delegates, and on the Sabbaths and Sundays considerable numbers of members of the city and suburban churches attended.

The Union Conference delegates present were Pastors W. W. Fletcher, A. H. Piper, A. W. Anderson, F. G. Rampton, and N. H. Faulkner; and the Signs Publishing Company also sent us help in the person of Brother A. H. E. Miller. These, together with the local ministers, gave very timely counsel and we are sure the delegates and workers of this conference are facing the duties and privileges of the ensuing year with renewed courage. An evidence of this revival was seen on the first Sabbath, when numbers of both young people and those of more mature years went forward to renew their consecration; and again on the last Sabbath, when Pastor W. G. Turner of Victoria presented the needs of the foreign mission fields and pledges were made to the extent of £715. This is the largest foreign mission offering made in one day in South Australia. Already over £300 of this has been paid in.

The president's report revealed the blessing and presence of a kind Heavenly Father in His loving watchcare over His people, and in His prospering hand over the finances. The balance sheet showed the present worth of the conference to be £11,857,—an increase in twelve months of £8,116.

There are seventeen churches in the conference, with a total membership of 683. Forty-four were baptised during the year; ten were lost by death. The offer-

ings to the Union Conference for the year for foreign mission work were as follows:

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| Sabbath School | ... | £909 | 5 | 3 |
| Foreign Mission Day | ... | 135 | 4 | 11 |
| Missionary Volunteer | ... | 106 | 1 | 3 |
| Camp Pledges | ... | 484 | 19 | 2 |
| Week of Prayer | ... | 115 | 7 | 8 |
| Big Week | ... | 107 | 3 | 2 |
| Appeal for Missions | ... | 1,210 | 12 | 6 |
| Special Foreign Mission | ... | 62 | 11 | 1 |
| Work in New Guinea | ... | 300 | 0 | 0 |
| Tithe | ... | 727 | 4 | 7 |
| Total | ... | £4,158 | 9 | 7 |
| Tithe Received | ... | 5,386 | 4 | 4 |
| Other Funds | ... | 125 | 6 | 3 |
| Local Church Funds | ... | 827 | 2 | 11 |
| Total | ... | £10,497 | 3 | 1 |

The field staff of the conference has been nearly doubled during the year. Though we were called upon to bid farewell to some of our workers appointed to other fields of labour, we have been able to welcome a number of others, and these are now working steadily in search of the honest in heart. There are three missions operating, and we are hoping to start another this year.

In all departments there has been steady increase. While there is a slight decrease in Sabbath school membership, there was an increase of £20 10s. in the offering. In the Home Missions Department there has been activity in the sale of small books and periodicals, £107 being raised in the Big Week campaign. The circulation of the *Signs* has increased, and many more are taking an active part in the Ingathering campaign.

The book work shows signs of a revival, and we expect this coming year to see an increase in the sales of the good truth-filled literature.

Most of the business of the session was disposed of during the early days of the meeting, leaving the delegates free to devote their time to the study of the Word. The final reports of the standing committees were as follows:

Officers

PRESIDENT : L. D. A. Lemke.
SECRETARY-TREASURER : J. Todd.
RELIGIOUS LIBERTY SECRETARY : T. A. Brown.
EDUCATIONAL SECRETARY : L. D. A. Lemke.
FIELD MISSIONARY SECRETARY : J. S. Sweet.
HOME MISSIONS SECRETARY : F. Masters.
MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER SECRETARY : Miss W. E. Haberman.
SABBATH SCHOOL SECRETARY : Miss W. E. Haberman.
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE : L. D. A. Lemke, G. Robinson, J. S. Sweet, T. A. Brown, B. J. Smith, A. Zuenert, L. Johnson, E. R. Lock, W. Burgess.

Credentials and Licenses

CREDENTIALS : L. D. A. Lemke, S. L. Patching, G. Robinson, L. F. Were, W. E. Gillis, J. E. Steed, A. H. Rogers.
MINISTERIAL LICENSE : J. J. Potter, N. C. Burns, W. J. Richards, C. Roenfelt, C. R. Farrell, F. Masters, J. Todd, J. S. Sweet, T. A. Brown.
MISSIONARY LICENSE : Misses R. V.

Stratford, W. E. Haberman, E. M. Todd, E. Stewart.

COLPORTEUR'S LICENSE : A. Bullas, V. Reye, W. Ferris, J. T. C. Jones, L. P. Higginson, Mrs. M. Badcock, Miss M. Luke.

TEACHER'S LICENSE : F. Lang, Mrs. E. Vear.

MEDICAL MISSIONARY LICENSE : Mrs. Clapp.

All other names referred to the conference executive committee.

The spirit of unity and peace came into the meetings from the first. As the workers met together from their different places of labour to undertake the laborious and trying work of erecting camp, they brought with them this good spirit. The camp was in readiness for the delegates, and as they arrived they too were influenced by the spirit of unity, the result being that the blessing of God came into the camp and souls were uplifted.

We face the duties and perplexities of the coming year fortified in spirit and with grateful hearts for the privilege of having a part and a place in the last warning message.

L. D. A. LEMKE, *President*,
J. TODD, *Secretary*.



Our Health Journal

The Latest Issue

THOSE of our people who have seen the May-June issue of *Life and Health*, recently printed, will, we think, be pleased with the new cover. It is in two colours—black and a beautiful shade of green—on art paper, and looks very attractive.

Among the articles in the May-June number may be mentioned:

Headache: Its Cause and Cure.—A short "health talk" given by Dr. Eulalia S. Richards in the drawing room of the Sydney Sanitarium. An article that will be found of great value to sufferers from this distressing complaint.

How to Sleep.—By Dr. W. Howard James, of Warburton, Victoria. Gives some valuable advice on the conquest of insomnia.

How Much Protein Do We Need?—A useful article for all health reformers. While meat is far from being a healthful article of diet, yet many people, in giving it up, do not put in its place complete proteins, while some go to the opposite extreme and use protein in excess. Either mistake will make for ill health.

Do These Simple Exercises, and Keep Your Health and Vigour.—These four simple exercises are not only health promoting, but are of proved rejuvenating power. They help to retard the inroads of age, and even put the clock back.

Ill Health Unnatural.—Shows that health should be the normal thing, and gives some of the chief reasons for the present widespread prevalence of disease.

What Shall We Eat?—Shows how to secure a well-balanced dietary.

A Well-Known Author on Prevalent Diseases.—A writer of leading books on inter-

national and health topics, and with a world-wide reputation, this author is (though once a confirmed invalid) today a vegetarian and perfectly well—able to “walk thirty miles a day without getting tired.” It is very interesting to note that the injurious articles of diet condemned in Sister White’s writings are also strongly condemned by this author. Thus outside writers are confirming the health teachings of the “Testimonies.”

Poisonous Drugs Cause Chronic Disease.—Some remarkable statements by the famous doctor, Sir William Osler.

Notes by the Food Education Society, N.S.W.

The Health of the Expectant Mother.—A splendid article by Dr. Eulalia S. Richards, and of great value to wives.

Chats with the Doctor.—In this department a number of interesting questions on the subject of health and disease are dealt with.

Crying Need for Health Knowledge

Health reform is a vital part of the third angel’s message. *Life and Health* will keep our people well informed on the great subject of health; and will not only assist them to have better health, but also to help and enlighten many people who are suffering from the violation of physical laws, which are woefully transgressed nowadays with the results that the flood-gates of disease and suffering are thrown wide open.

As an aid in missionary effort, *Life and Health* will prove an entering wedge in many homes, making it possible for fuller light on the message to enter later.

A. L. KING,
Editor.

Baptismal Service

ON Sabbath, April 30, at Hurstville church, New South Wales, seven believers in the merits of Christ showed their faith in His death on their behalf by baptism. Quite a number of friends were present at the service, which was very impressive. These souls are the results of the efforts of Brother James Eggins, in and around that district. Brother Eggins is still hopeful of others stepping over the line.

H. MITCHELL.

Broadcasting from Brisbane

THE following are the dates upon which Brisbane 4QG will broadcast our Sabbath services from the South Brisbane church. This will be of interest to our people who have receiving sets, both in Queensland and in the neighbouring conferences:

May 28, June 25, July 23, August 20, September 17, October 15, November 12, December 10,—all at the same time, namely, on Sabbath afternoon, at 3-30.

We have received scores of favourable remarks from strangers concerning our services. Let us pray that this will be a means of sowing seed which will result in many souls being saved.

A. C. CHESSON.

WEDDING BELLS

DUFFY-WRIGHTSON.—On the evening of April 16 in the Arncliffe church, N.S.W., Brother Louis Duffy, a son of Brother and Sister Duffy of Kurrajong, N.S.W., was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary Wrightson of Arncliffe. We wish this young couple the blessing of our Lord Jesus.

H. MITCHELL.

RABE-BANNISTER.—On May 3, at the Hobart church, Sister Ella May Bannister was joined in marriage to Brother Reuben Rabe of Collinsvale. The church, which was nicely decorated for the occasion, was filled by many friends of both bride and bridegroom. Their future home will be at Collinsvale, where we wish them happiness and much of God’s blessing as they face the future together. The bridegroom’s father helped to build the Hobart church in the early days of the message in Tasmania about thirty years ago.

E. G. WHITTAKER.

SALISBURY-COLE.—On April 21 the first marriage was celebrated in the Lithgow church, N.S.W., when Miss Vera Maud Cole was united in marriage with Mr. Gordon Edward Salisbury. The bride is a former student of the Australasian Missionary College, and has engaged successfully in the canvassing work. Brother Salisbury, who has been in the Health Food work in Melbourne, is under appointment to the Perth branch. Pastor A. H. Piper conducted the service. We wish these young people much of the Lord’s blessing in their journey through life.

PERRY-HURST.—On the afternoon of April 19, a number of friends gathered in the Pymble church to witness the marriage of one of the members, Miss Ida Amelia Hurst, to Mr. Ernest Perry, elder of the Arcadia church. Pastor A. H. Piper officiated at the service. As Brother and Sister Perry unitedly seek to tread the Christian pathway we pray that Heaven’s blessing may attend them.

OBITUARIES

DOWLING.—On May 4, at 4 p.m., at her home in Artarmon, N.S.W., Sister Lillian May Dowling fell asleep in Jesus at the age of fifty-seven years, after a long illness, which she bore with great Christian fortitude. The writer many times visited her home, but never once did he hear her speak of her own afflictions, but rather, with cheerfulness and hope, she spoke of her interest in the message we all love. Sister Dowling first learned the message from Brother and Sister Carswell at Hamilton, N.S.W., through the medium of the *Bible Echo*, twenty-seven years ago, and she in turn has been used of the Lord in leading a number of others to the knowledge of the truth, some of whom are actively engaged in responsible positions in the cause. She leaves a sorrowing husband, Brother P. J. Dowling, two sons, and two daughters to

mourn their loss. One son, Thomas, is well known in our health food work. One daughter, Ilma, who is a trained nurse, laboured in our work in India, but had to return recently to care for her afflicted mother. We do not sorrow as those who have no hope; but feel that our dear sister will be missed by many who have known her and have been helped heavenward by her loving ministry. After a short service at her home, she was laid to rest in the Northern Suburbs cemetery, Pastors A. H. White and the writer officiating at the graveside.

H. MITCHELL.

JACKSON.—Died at her home, Avondale Road, Avondale, Auckland, April 11, 1927, Jennie Jackson, beloved wife of William Jackson, in her sixty-seventh year. Sister Jackson accepted the truth about twenty-four years ago at Wallsend, N.S.W., and for several years was a member of the Wallsend church, and an active worker and winner of souls. After several months’ illness she fell asleep on the evening of the above mentioned date, leaving her husband, six sons and one daughter (Sister Kilmore) to mourn their loss. We laid her to rest in the Hillsborough Road cemetery to await the call of the Lifegiver when He comes to make up His jewels.

F. L. SHARP.

WATTS.—On May 27, Brother Charles Watts, of Corndale, near Lismore, fell asleep in Jesus at the age of fifty-two years. For some years our good brother successfully carried the office of elder of the Corndale church. The Sabbath previous to his decease, in apparent good health he officiated as usual. On the Sunday evening he was stricken with acute appendicitis, and peritonitis supervening, he collapsed on Wednesday. His death came as a sudden shock to all. He leaves a sorrowing but devoted wife and three sons. His faithful service will be sadly missed and hard to replace. His last moments were certainly moments of sublime peace and trust. Assisted by Brother Stirling, the writer laid him to rest in full assurance of meeting again in the better resurrection.

M. H. WHITTAKER.

Return Thanks

MR. G. E. DODGE, Mrs. E. H. Murfet, and family wish to convey their sincere thanks to their many kind friends for the messages of sympathy and comfort received by telegram and letters during their recent sad bereavement. It being impossible to reply personally, will all please accept this as a personal acknowledgment of their deepest gratitude and appreciation.

Wanted.—Intelligent S.D.A. boy to learn printing trade. Must be sixteen. Apply G. R. GRAY, 1A Percival Road, Petersham, N.S.W.

Wanted.—Position as companion help in good S.D.A. home. Competent. Town preferred. Address EDITOR AUSTRALASIAN RECORD, “Mizpah,” Wahroonga, N.S.W.

How Our Conference Goal Was Reached in Two Weeks

WHEN we took the vote at our recent camp-meeting to reach the Appeal for Missions goal within two weeks from the opening of the campaign, it really seemed a big undertaking, and yet we believed it was a possibility.

One thousand and fifty pounds of money in two weeks called for prayer, faith, and energy. But it was obtained, and seventy pounds over. To reach a conference goal in two weeks appears to be a record. How was it done? Did some one person receive a dozen donations of £50 each, or some one leave a legacy? A few impressions as to how it was accomplished have been made upon the mind of the writer.

A Spiritual Campaign

In the first place, the campaign was made a spiritual one. We prayed much about it, and set before God's people the great claims He has upon all their powers and affections. The people responded by giving themselves to God in renewed consecration. That work commenced on the camp ground and has since continued in many a heart. Men and women went from home to home with hearts full of love for Jesus and their fellow men, and the Spirit of God impressed the people to give. Members sacrificed their feelings, and many though aged and suffering claimed God's promise, "As thy day, thy strength shall be." The timid were made strong, and became as brave as lions. Some who doubted their God-given powers exercised them, and were surprised at the wonder of the dormant faculties. Many testified to wonderful victories, and knew it was not by might, nor by power, but by the Spirit of the Lord. And so we must give thanks to the God of wisdom and power for having visited His people with His salvation.

Lay Members Gathered the Largest Amounts

Secondly, it was not a "workers" campaign in the sense that the major portion of the funds were collected by the paid workers of the conference. The lay members—the home mission workers—played a wonderful part. In scanning the list of ingatherers, one notes with joy the number from each church who went out to work; in some churches every member who was not bedridden seemed to go forth. And God honoured the lay people by giving them the privilege of securing the largest donations. One good brother, who last year obtained £5 from one man, received £10 this year. Some of our brethren gathered in £30 each, some £20, and many others £10. Our sisters—and not a few—gathered in £4, £5, £6, and £7, apiece. The children ventured forth with money boxes, and in company with seniors, performed their share of the work. The students from our training school put in two happy days at the work. The spirit of enthusiasm and co-operation showed that God's people were willing in the day of His power.

Every Conference Worker Helped

In the third place, the conference workers worked. Without exception every man stood by the work, and toiled hard. From the time offices were open in the

morning until they closed at night, the workers visited business men. They went forth with the people and encouraged them, and kept on at the good work, until our president, who had toiled all through the campaign, said, "Brethren, our goal is reached, you may now take up your other lines of labour." The workers feel that by having completed the campaign in two weeks, instead of dragging it on for seven or eight weeks, they have placed an extra worker in the field for at least six months. The workers, too, have found interested people as they have gone from home to home.

Division of Responsibility

A fourth factor, which materially aided to secure a speedy finish, was the burden shared by each worker labouring with a distinct church. It was good for the worker, and good for the church. The association together for several Sabbaths was greatly appreciated by all.

The goal has been reached, but the campaign is not over. The money continues to flow in from many of the isolated Sabbath-keepers, and from the churches. Behind the work is the power of God, and willingness to link up with that power has brought success. We have but done that which was our duty to do, and are unprofitable servants; but we do thank God that He has been so willing to use us, and to Him be all the praise and the glory.

H. S. STREETER.

Pass None By

In a personal letter, Sister A. E. Douglass, the Sabbath school secretary for the North N.S.W. Conference, writes:

In the Appeal work I visited Glen Innes, Armidale, and Tenterfield, and we had some very interesting experiences. In Armidale we were not allowed to collect without a permit from the mayor, and he gave us permission to collect for only a few days, so we had to work very hard to get over the territory in the time. At first he did not intend to permit us to collect at all. He said he had stopped all collections for anything outside Armidale. However, the Lord softened his heart a little, and he gave us the permit for the remainder of the week I was there. The few members of the little company worked very hard to get the work done, although not one of them was enjoying good health. Our aim was £25, and in three days we had more than £28. Most of the business people were very friendly to us, and quite a number remembered me although it was two years since I had collected there before.

I was tempted to pass one large business house, as the last time I was there they would neither listen to my appeal nor permit me to collect from the employees. However, I felt that I should not pass them by, so went in. Seated in an office upstairs I found the man who had complete control of all the employees. He was out when I called previously. He asked me a number of questions regarding our beliefs, and seemed to think that they were quite reasonable, then handed me a few shillings for the work. As he seemed so

interested I promised to send him some literature, for which he thanked me.

After leaving him I went to the large office where I had such a poor reception last time. Another gentleman was in charge, a ' when I had told him my mission he said he had just given a large donation to foreign missions through his own church, but I could solicit donations from the employees if I wished. This I lost no time in doing, and each one gave me one shilling. When I left the building I had almost £1 more on my card. As you may imagine, I was pleased that I did not pass the place.

I again found the Chinese in Glen Innes very liberal. In a large store run by the Chinese there, I found that one of the employees who had always donated 10s. 6d. himself, had been appointed manager, so I thought I would miss his donation. However, in addition to the two guineas which he gave for the firm, he added his 10s. 6d. as a personal donation, telling me to visit all the employees, and get as much as I could from them. I again received about £4 from that shop.

I had a good talk with the mayor of Glen Innes, and received an order for the *Signs* as well as a donation from him. He is personally acquainted with Brother Robert Salton, and spoke very highly of him.

Ingathering in Queensland

ALTHOUGH last on the list to make a start, Queensland is now hard at it, and all are working enthusiastically, not only to reach the aim set, but also to help the Union Conference to pass soon the £14,000 mark.

Many interesting experiences are being reported by those who are out collecting, and we are hoping that this year's effort will result not only in money gathered in, but souls also. The writer recently spent a few days in the country assisting the Gatton church, and in one week, in conjunction with a few of the church members, was able to collect over £23, which is more than half the aim set for the church.

All classes of persons were visited—doctors, dentists, postmasters, solicitors, bank and factory managers, editors, store and hotel keepers, etc., among whom we found many interested listeners and helpers. We were able in visiting to console those who had lost loved ones, one a Roman Catholic who recently lost his wife. Although refusing to help at first, after conversing and finding out who we were, this man gave a donation and on our return had another one waiting for us, which had been gathered from a near-by farmer.

We found several subscribers for the *Signs*, one of whom refused to give at the first canvass, but on learning that we were connected with the paper, gave a donation and renewed the *Signs* subscription.

Another family that has been taking the *Signs* regularly for some time gave a liberal donation. We were able to hold a short Bible study in the home, and afterwards to meet the whole family, consisting of a widowed mother, daughter, and two grown-up sons who work on the farm. Most of the points of our faith have already been accepted by the mother

and an opportunity was afforded us of presenting the Sabbath truth. We are hoping by keeping in touch with this family eventually to win them to the truth.

In visiting one of the hospitals, after receiving a donation from the matron, we were able to converse with the patients, among whom we found an aboriginal girl who had been at Monamona and was well acquainted with our work there. She was leaving the hospital the same day, and took with her a magazine to show her employer.

Many new Sabbath-keepers have been initiated in the Appeal work this year, and have been very successful, also thoroughly enjoying their experiences.

We believe the Appeal work is one of the best means of keeping the missionary lamp burning in the churches, and that many souls will be found in the kingdom as a result of this annual effort.

P. GLOCKLER.

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

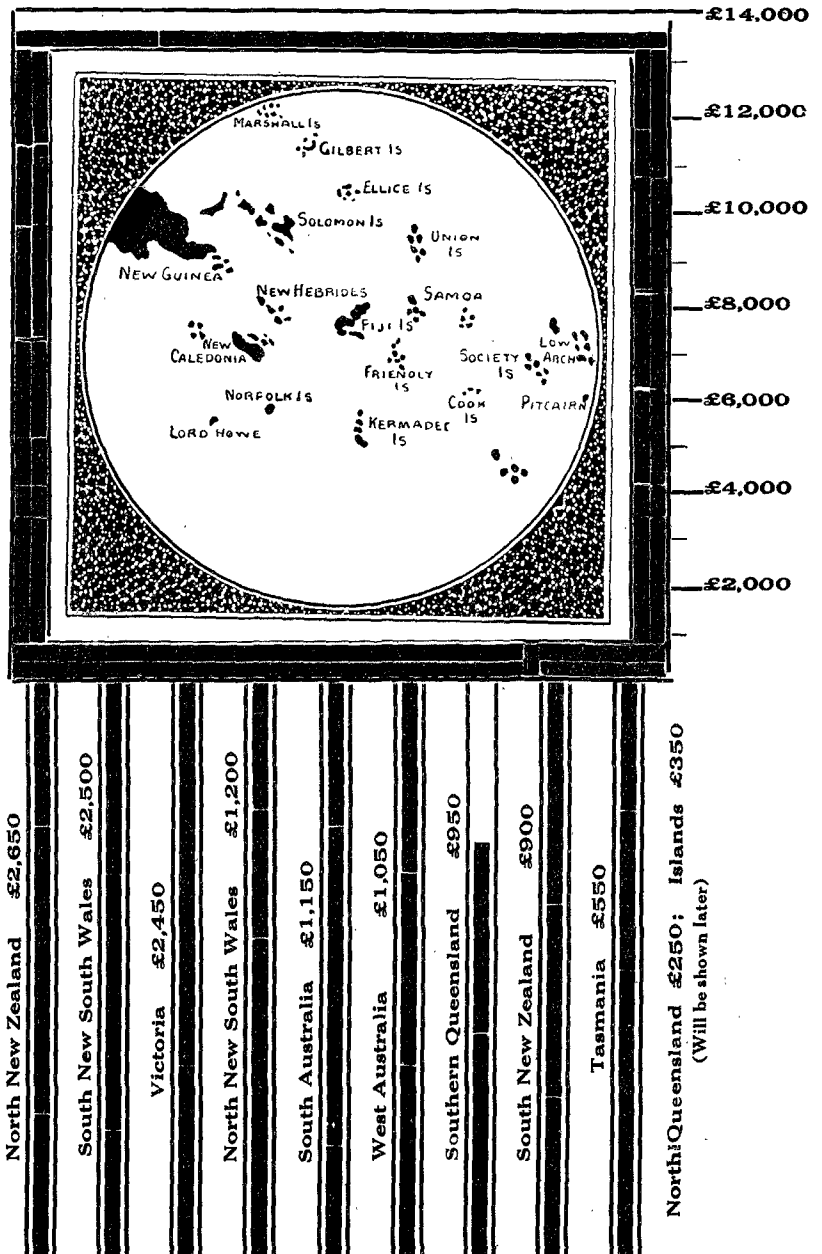
| Reports from Conferences to May 14 | | |
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| Conferences | Amount | Per cent of Goal |
| South N.Z. | £1,100 | 122 |
| West Aust. | 1,120 | 106 |
| North N.S.W. | 1,261 | 105 |
| South Aust. | 1,200 | 104 |
| Victoria | 2,538 | 103 |
| South N.S.W. | 2,530 | 101 |
| North N.Z. | 2,665 | 100 |
| Tasmania | 550 | 100 |
| Queensland | 702 | 73 |
| Island Missions | 73 | 20 |
| Union Conference | £13,739 | 98 |

SOUTH Australia has not only reached its goal since our last report, but has exceeded it by £50. Southern Queensland, in the first three weeks' effort, has collected nearly three-fourths of its aim. We hope that they may be through in four weeks.

A MESSAGE from South New Zealand that reached our office on May 20, states that this little conference has received another £70 since its previous report, which brings the total up £200 above its goal, or nearly one-fourth as much again.

WE are now within £261 of our Union Conference goal. Will one more week see us there?

THE first island field to reach its goal was Lord Howe; the second, Samoa. From Apia Brother Raymond Reye writes: "I am glad to be able to pass on with this mail the news that Samoa has exceeded its Ingathering aim by £2, our total being £27. The Appeal work has been hard this year as business in Samoa is at a very low ebb. However, our people worked willingly in spite of the odds and did not rest until the goal was won." The believers in these islands are to be commended for their earnest effort, and we rejoice with them in the success that has attended their work.



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PASTOR ROBERT HARE left for Brisbane on May 11, to spend several months in pastoral work in the Queensland Conference.

BROTHER H. J. GIBSON, who returned from the Solomon Islands for health reasons, has joined the nursing staff of the city treatment rooms, Sydney.

AFTER about three and a half years' service in Fiji, Miss E. M. Cooper returned to Sydney on May 12. Sister Cooper is spending a little time at Wahroonga before taking up work in the homeland.

MISS ALICE R. PHILPS and Miss Gladys Brittain are now members of the Union Conference office staff. Miss Philps comes to us from the North N.S.W. Conference office, and Miss Brittain from the South Australian Conference office.

PASTOR C. J. REYNOLDS reports from Inverell, North N.S.W. Conference, five new Sabbath-keepers since his return from camp, while several others are in the balances. Pastor M. H. Whittaker also reports progress from the Lismore district, and additions to the faith.

MISS FRANCES CORMACK, of Sydney, sister of Pastor A. W. Cormack, has gone to India to make her home with her brother's family indefinitely. We are glad to learn of her safe arrival in Poona on April 2, and that the Salisbury Park workers gave her a hearty welcome to their mission family.

PASTOR W. N. LOCK writes from New Guinea: "Very encouraging news comes from Efogi. Things are moving along very nicely there. Two other districts, Manari and Wamai, are calling for a missionary of their own. Several boys from these places are at school. We are very pleased to have Brother and Sister Engelbrecht with us here at Bisiatabu."

THE opening of the Federal Parliament at Canberra has introduced a new epoch into Australian history. A brief description of the opening of the new capital will be found in this issue. As the Government invited the heads of all the various denominations to attend the function, Pastor C. H. Watson, the president of the Union Conference, delegated Pastor Anderson to attend as our representative.

BY vote of the Union Conference Committee, Pastor W. W. Fletcher, vice-president of the Union, is spending several months this year holding general meetings

with some of the leading churches in North and South New South Wales, Victoria, and Queensland,—one in each city,—and the institutional centres at Avondale and Warburton. Already from the churches and institutions visited our brethren state that Pastor Fletcher's strong spiritual work is much appreciated.

Notes from Warburton The Sanitarium

IN order to provide larger and more up-to-date treatment rooms both for ladies and gentlemen, it has been found necessary to erect a new building as an annex to the Sanitarium. This new structure, which is now in course of erection, is on the left-hand side of the institution (as one faces it from the front), or, in other words, on the west side. It is expected that the annex will be ready for service in about six weeks from the time of writing (May 6). The new structure is being provided with a flat roof, which will enable patients to indulge in that pleasant and splendid form of treatment, the wonderful benefit of which is being proved the world over—heliotherapy, or sunbathing. Brother Hector Franks, the superintendent of the Sanitarium, states that when the new treatment rooms are finished, a write-up concerning them will be furnished to the RECORD.

Brother Franks reports that the patronage at the institution this year has been very encouraging. He is not prepared as yet to say with confidence that it is the best since the year 1922, but it is certainly an improvement over last year's figures.

Various little improvements are being made to the grounds of the institution—new flower beds, for instance, have been made, and later will gladden the hearts of workers and patients and visitors with both perfume and lovely flowers; further, a number of beautiful ferns have been planted near the hospital building (a new building that was erected about fifteen months ago).

It is pleasing to note the many words of warm appreciation spoken by many patients concerning the Sanitarium and what it has done for them. A short time ago a gentleman who holds a high position in a large Melbourne firm (he has since gone for a trip around the world) took a course of treatment at the institution, and was so pleased with the results that he told Brother Franks that he was prepared to give the institution a testimonial of the highest order and that we could use it in our advertising literature if we so desired.

Recently a Collins Street, Melbourne, doctor and his wife stayed at the Sanitarium. They were very pleased with their visit, and invited Brother and Sister Franks to visit them in Melbourne.

A young man who with his mother was a patient at the institution, stated when he left that he felt better both physically and spiritually because of his visit. He said he would be coming back again.

One patient, in forwarding a cheque in payment of her bill, asked that the small balance in excess of the account be devoted to "missions, or whatever purpose you care to use it for."

One appreciative patient writes as follows:

"I feel impelled to write and thank you and your staff for the kindness and attention shown to me during my stay at the Sanitarium. I am delighted to be able to report that I am now quite well and feel very fit (*Deo gratias*)."

The following extract is taken from the letter of a gentleman who greatly enjoyed his stay at the institution:

"I am a bit better. . . . I went into the Vegetarian Café one day, and enjoyed my visit very much. I bought a pound's worth of goods, but must say I have not followed out the rule as it should be; I miss the whole business and really should be at the San: however, we shall see how things go. I am starting business tomorrow. . . . If you would send me some of your price lists that will go in envelopes, I may be able to do you some good. I met a friend yesterday, and posted him one tonight, but that's the last copy I had. Kind regards to Mr. Ryland and Mr. Michelson—hope you have him on the mend. Kind regards to Mrs. Franks and your sister and all the good ladies [workers] at your establishment. I have a very happy recollection of my visit to the San."

The Sanitarium management is distributing over Melbourne and Victoria 25,000 attractive advertising leaflets concerning the institution; these should serve to make it better known and to increase its patronage.

Notes concerning the Publishing House, church, etc., will appear next week.

A. L. KING.

En Route to Papua

SUNDAY, April 17, finds us sailing a very calm sea, aboard the S. S. *Morinda*, inside the sheltering Barrier Reef, about two hundred miles from Cairns. The bright sunshine of this beautiful morning, together with the calm waters of the ocean, invites us to acknowledge the goodness of God in caring for us during our voyage thus far. We left Sydney at noon, Tuesday, April 12, and sailed under favourable conditions till we reached Brisbane at 2.30 on the Thursday. Here we were to remain five or six hours. On going ashore a most pleasant surprise awaited us in finding Pastor and Sister A. C. Chesson on the wharf to greet us. During the afternoon a visit was made with them to the offices of the Queensland Conference, and to the Brisbane Café. Later tea was provided at the home of Brother and Sister Chesson. We much appreciated these kindnesses, especially as they were so unexpected.

Sailing again at 9.30 p.m., travelling, for the most part, has been good. On Friday the sea was fairly rough and we did not move far from our berths; but today, being so ideal, has caused us to forget the little inconvenience of the past. Our hearts are filled with thankfulness for the travelling mercies which have been granted us. All being well, in three days we shall reach our destination.

Faith and courage in the Lord possess us as we face our future work for Him among the dark-skinned people of Papua.

G. H. AND C. J. ENGELBRECHT.