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Resisting Temptation

THE people of God have allowed many things to come in between their souls and God, and their thoughts of God have been far below what it is their privilege to have. They are not on the high vantage-ground where God would have them, and they should realise this keenly, that they may repent and turn to God with all the heart. It is sad to think that though they have professed the truth for these many years, many have failed to understand how to take God at His word, that they may be strengthened in the time of temptation.

Temptation will come upon all the children of God. James writes: "My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing." The Word does not say that we are to count it all joy when we fall under temptation, but when we fall into temptation. It is not necessary to fall under temptation, for temptation comes upon us for the trying of our faith. And the trying of our faith worketh patience, not fretfulness and murmuring. If we put our trust in Jesus, He will keep us at all times, and will be our strength and shield. We are to learn valuable lessons from our trials. Paul says: "We glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; and patience, experience; and experience, hope: and hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us."

Many seem to think that it is impossible not to fall under temptation, that they have no power to overcome; and they sin against God with their lips, talking discouragement and doubt, instead of faith and courage. Christ was tempted in all points like as we are, yet

without sin. He said, "The prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in Me." What does this mean?—It means that the prince of evil could find no vantage-ground in Christ for his temptation; and so it may be with us. "For we have not a high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need."

As a people we are looking for the coming of the Lord in the clouds of heaven, and how carefully should we examine our hearts, that we may know whether or not we are in the faith. There seems to be a mist before the eyes of many, for they fail to discern spiritual things, and do not recognise the workings of Satan to entrap their souls. Christians are not to be the slaves of passion; they are to be controlled by the Spirit of God. But many become the sport of the enemy, because when temptation comes they do not rest in Jesus, but worry themselves out of His arms, and in perplexity lose all their faith and courage. They do not remember that Jesus has helped them out of difficulties in the past, that His grace is sufficient for the daily trials, and that He can help in the present trouble. We make failures in our little, daily difficulties, and allow them to irritate and vex us; we fall under them, and so make stumbling-blocks for ourselves and others. But blessings of the greatest importance are to result from the patient endurance of these daily vexations, for we are to gain strength to bear greater difficulties. Satan will press upon us the most severe temptations, and we must learn to come to God in any and every emergency, as a child would come to its parents.

From Exile to the Throne

Earth gave but a stony pillow
To the wanderer lone and sad,
But my Father sends the vision,
And my waking heart is glad.
Though my sin has reaped its sorrow,
I may here a Bethel raise
To Jehovah, who preserved me,
And will keep me all my days.
'Tis unbounded love that reaches
From the exile to the throne;
Naught else ever could have drawn me,
Since I strove for self alone.
Now my being thrills to praise Him
Who redeems a wretch like me,
And I yearn for that glad morning
When His beauty I shall see.

WORTHIE HARRIS HOLDEN.

We profess to be Bible Christians, and we are not left in the dark to take step after step in uncertainty. We are to know where we are going. We cannot be in darkness if we are following Christ as our leader; for He says, "He that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." When the way seems beset with difficulty and clouded with darkness, we must believe that there is light ahead, and not turn to the right or left, but press forward, notwithstanding all our trials and temptations.

Take courage, tempted soul, for the Lord knoweth them that are His. "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it." Keep talking faith, and the victory is yours; for "this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." Jesus has said we should not walk in darkness, but should have the light of life, and we believe it. We are to keep talking of the light, to keep praying and believing, and the light will break upon us when our faith has been tried and patience has had its perfect work.

We are not to be like the man who said, "I have prayed and prayed, but I do not receive." A companion said to him, "Let us pray together, then, and claim the promise of God." So they bowed in prayer; but when they rose from their knees, the man said, "I don't feel any different, and I didn't expect I should." This is the way that many present themselves before God; they would be surprised if God should answer their prayers.

They do not expect the Lord to answer their prayers, nor think that the Lord will hear them, and their petitions are in vain; for they go away as they came.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

An Answer to Prayer

"HE giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might He increaseth strength." Isa. 40:29. In fulfilment of this promise, a good sister has written us of a very definite answer to prayer in so short a time that she regards it as nothing short of a miracle. We quote from her letter:

"The Lord says, 'Call upon Me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee.' I did call upon the Lord, and praise His holy name, not once but many times has He answered my prayer, according to His holy will.

"This particular day was the preparation day, and my daughter was ill, feverish and in pain after a sleepless night. I suffer with a weak heart and was not at all well either. There is always a certain amount of work and errands to do every day, and I wondered how we could manage to be ready for the Sabbath. So I told the Lord all about it, casting all my care upon Him. I told Him I hardly felt able to rise from my bed; it was then I p.m., and the sun would set at 4.45. I arose, and as I went I prayed for the strength to do the work I had to do. I felt very weak at first, but as I went on the Lord gave me the needed strength. My daughter also felt very much better, the fever left her, and she was able to help.

We were all finished and waiting to welcome the Sabbath about five minutes before sundown. 'Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits.' May the Lord keep me faithful, and while I live I desire to tell others of His love and goodness."



Notes of Travel—No. 6

Visiting Jericho

LEAVING the Jordan River we turned north-west to Jericho, several miles distant, traversing the salt bush desert. All this plain is very wild and lonely, and jackals and hyenas and other wild animals roam about here still. From this part we could see across Jordan the heights of Mts. Nebo and Pisgah. As we neared Jericho the plain became more fertile, and the new Jericho is a veritable oasis in the wilderness. The perfume of orange and lemon blossom was almost overpowering, and there were huge bunches of bananas hanging from the many trees which grow well in this part. Modern Jericho is twenty-one miles from Jerusalem. Being 850 feet below sea level, the vegetation is sub-tropical. The water supply for the village and its gardens is Elisha's Spring, or Sultan's Spring as it is also called, traditionally the one made sweet by Elisha. The temperature of the water is 80 degrees Fahrenheit, and it flows out of the mountain side at the rate of twenty thousand gallons per hour. It is a wonderful spring, and while we were there a number of shepherds brought their flocks to drink of its waters.

This Jericho is built on the site of the Jericho of the Crusaders' times. Ancient Jericho was nearer the mountains immediately on the west. The Jericho of Jesus' day was called the City of Palms, and must have been a wonderful city. It was there that Zaccheus lived, and at its gates blind Bartimæus sat begging. Only ruined aqueducts and mounds of stones remain today to show the situation of this once mighty city.

Walking a little distance from new Jericho we came to some excavations, and looking into these we could see the remains of some of the walls of the Jericho of Joshua's time.

Some little distance from there is a mountain with a monastery built half-way up its steep and rocky side. It is a wonderful high mountain and is supposed to be the mountain of the temptation of Jesus.

Our Saviour's Birthplace

Leaving these interesting spots behind, we returned to Jerusalem, took in more petrol, and continued our journey, travelling now south to Bethlehem, five and a half miles, passing Rachel's tomb, and also Ain Karim, said to be the birthplace of John the Baptist.

Bethlehem is 2,550 feet above sea level, with 10,000 inhabitants. It is a compara-

tively clean town with fairly modern buildings. On our left as we enter the town is the valley of the shepherds. In the distance we could see a stone-enclosed field said to be the spot where the angels told the shepherds of the birth of Jesus. High on the hill overlooking the spot is the traditional site of the manger, now covered by the Church of the Nativity—the joint property of Greeks, Latins, and Armenians.

We decided to stop at Solomon's Pools and eat our lunch. These famous pools are fifty yards apart, and each of the three is twenty feet above the one before. They are situated in a narrow valley, and are partly hewn out of the rock and partly stone masonry. They are fed by springs and rain water. In Solomon's time a conduit carried the water to Jerusalem. Now a pipe line carries the water and there is a special pumping station. The pools are often empty, but at present are nearly full.

We passed on through some of the most fertile country of Palestine. Around Bethlehem cultivation is seen everywhere. The mountain sides are terraced to their tops, with crops just in or coming up, with vineyards being pruned and ploughed, and fruit trees of all kinds bursting into bloom. It was a lovely drive, and this part gave one the impression that one was in a fruitful land. It was here that Ruth gleaned and David fed his father's flocks.

The Most Interesting Things about Hebron

Travelling along a good road we passed through cultivated hills and valleys until we reached Hebron, twenty-three miles from Jerusalem. The population is about sixteen thousand, mostly Moslems. Hebron is now called El Kalil, which means "the friend," because Abraham, God's friend, lived there. There are two places of special interest here: the cave of Machpelah, where Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Rebecca, Jacob, and Leah were buried, and the oak of Mamre, under which Abraham rested in the heat of the day. Over the cave is now built a mosque, into which no Jew is permitted to enter, and others only by special permission from the head Moslem priest in Jerusalem and then not on feast days. A feast time is now on so we could not enter. All the sepulchres of the patriarchs are covered with rich carpets of green silk and magnificently embroidered with gold, while those of the wives are red, similarly embroidered.

Passing out beyond the town through some of the most productive vineyards and olive groves of Palestine, we finally came to the remains of the old, old tree under which the patriarch used to sit. The tree is a very ancient one, half of it dead, and its spreading limbs are supported by steel forks. An iron fence surrounds it. An old woman and her son have charge of this tree, and she sells most beautiful handmade laces. The women of Palestine do wonderful work in lace.

Hebron is also closely associated with the name of David, as it was his capital city during the first seven and a half years of his reign over Judah. Here Absalom was born. It is not now a very large place, but it is famous all over the East for its wonderful glass manufactures, although the methods in glass blowing are primitive.

Back to Bethlehem

On our return journey we turned into Bethlehem, an extremely picturesque little town with some fine fortresslike buildings. We visited the Church of the Nativity and saw the supposed manger in which Jesus was born: the spot on the floor where He first touched is marked by a brass star. It is a Roman Catholic church and has such a small entry door that only one person at a time stooping can enter.

Meeting Our Resident Sabbath-keeper in Jerusalem

After visiting a memento shop and getting some postcard views we returned to Jerusalem, reaching home at 5 p.m., having travelled over one hundred miles. Immediately after lunch we visited the Church of the Holy Sepulchre (traditional and incorrect) in which also is a spot called the centre of the world. In the evening we called on our one lone resident Sabbath-keeper in Jerusalem, Miss Meyer. She is housekeeper in the American Archaeological Research School, a German by birth, but speaks a little English and has lived in Jerusalem for many years. She and her aunt (who is not an S.D.A.) gave our party of five a hearty welcome and we spent a very pleasant hour together. We had hymns and prayer in her little sitting room, and

some very narrow streets, six to nine feet wide, with their slippery cobblestone pavements, and the donkeys dodging along with their loads of all sorts, and soon we came to the bazaars. The shops open right on to these narrow streets and have no windows. The owner sits in front, ready to pounce on you if you even cast your eyes his way. Usually the whole family is there to assist him. Each shop may have a frontage of three to six feet. There isn't an inch of space lost in a street in these parts. The noise and chatter are deafening, and the smells are indescribable. Leaving the bazaars, we came to some still dirtier streets with their queer and unhygienic houses, and every here and there a beggar. We soon arrived at a spot called the Jews' wailing place. This is a part of the old temple wall in a narrow little street, and here at all hours of the day, but more especially at sunset on Friday and during Saturday, the Jews come to read and pray, wailing their bygone glory, men at one end of the wall and women at the other. We stood and watched them for a time, the men with their books, reading aloud in doleful voices all from different portions and swaying their bodies backward and forward and nodding their heads. Such a babel their voices made, and the women at the other end reading and kissing the temple wall stones as they passed along, wailing and sobbing aloud. It was most doleful and sad to see.

A Memorable Occasion

At 5 p.m. we met by appointment with Sister Meyer. There were six present,—Pastor Zerne, Brother and Sister Steffen, Sister Meyer and our two selves (Marian had caught a cold and was unable to meet with us). This was probably the largest meeting of Seventh-day Adventists ever held in this most interesting of all cities. We met in New Jerusalem, about five minutes' walk from the old city. Pastor Zerne gave a helpful talk on Rev. 14: 1-3, and then we separated for the ordinance of humility, the three sisters remaining in one room and the three men adjourning to another. Then followed the communion. It was a rare privilege for us all—one which we greatly enjoyed. We could not help thinking of that upper room, the site of which was so near to us, where nearly 1,900 years ago, the Saviour instituted these ordinances. It was said to be the first time the ordinance of humility had been celebrated by members of this denomination in Palestine and in Jerusalem, and we were glad to be present on such a memorable occasion. We closed our little meeting at 6 p.m. with hearts pledged to more faithful service to Him who lived and died for us in this city.

T. A. SHERWIN,
M. M. FREEMAN.

BE strong, and talk hope. Press your way through obstacles. You are in spiritual wedlock with Jesus Christ. The Word is your assurance. Approach your Saviour with the full confidence of living faith, joining your hands with His. Go where He leads the way. Whatsoever He says to you, do. He will teach you just as willingly as He will teach some one else.—“*Testimonies*,” Vol. VI, p. 462.



Missionary Volunteers in the Solomons

AT the council held here at Batuna, consideration was given to the young people's work of the Solomon Island Group. It was decided that steps be taken to effect a Missionary Volunteer organisation, and that the responsibility fall upon my shoulders for the time being.

Since then we have made a small beginning. The first work was to translate and print the doctrinal texts. As the study outlined for the third-quarter seemed a little hard for our native young people, and especially the beginners, we thought it would be wiser to commence with some easy topic, so chose “The Word of God.”

We have organised twelve Missionary Volunteer societies with a membership of 534, and before long hope to have twelve or fourteen more organised around the Marovo Lagoon.

A few weeks ago it was our happy privilege to go to the island of Choiseul, calling at several villages on the way, in the interests of the young people's work. At every village we were able to form a missionary society. Choiseul is a very beautiful island. Here we were able to meet with a people who only a few years ago were a wild heathen people. As we stood before them in their neat churches, as we heard them singing the songs of Zion, and saw their faces beaming with the message, and so willing to learn from the Word of God, our hearts were stirred, and we were impressed with the fact that mission work pays.

Especially was this impressed upon our minds as we heard the story of a native boy leaving his own home to go to a people whom his fathers sought to destroy. Although he knew that they were awaiting some favourable opportunity when they would mete out their revenge, he willingly went to tell them the story of love that had won his heart. He went up into the hills, and one by one brought them out to the coast, to the village that now stands as a monument to the power of God. The people had no clothes, so he bought a small sewing machine, and made clothes for all the women. Daily he teaches them and helps in the work of the gardens. We greatly enjoyed our visit to this village, and experiences of this kind stir our hearts to more active work for the Master.

Since arriving here we have had much to interest us. Every day brings something new, and we never seem to be able to do all that we have to do. Of late I have been busy building our house. We have cut out some timber with the pit saw, but it is very slow and hard work, as the engine has not the power to drive very much. However, we have been able to cut out some for the frame work.

Both my wife and self assist in the school work every afternoon. The na-

stories and who come here to worship. We were glad to get out in the open air again.

Street Scenes in Jerusalem

In the afternoon we visited other parts of the city. We first walked through

tives greatly enjoy the singing classes and join in with heart and soul to learn the new hymns. We very much enjoy our work with these people, and somehow we learn to love them better every day.

NORMAN A. FERRIS.

Monamona Mission

AUSTRALIA'S most northerly Seventh-day Adventist church is situated in the far north of Queensland's sunny clime. It was not built to accommodate worshippers drawn from some favoured town or city mission, as might at first be supposed. No, right up here on the northern brow of Australia, away from the main highways of travel, are a people who have been obliged to seek the precincts of the silent bush—a people who are much despised, and looked upon by many as

ing, and managing the Australian natives, and that our methods are ahead of others, either governmental or denominational. He said further, "I am not repeating this to gain bouquets for myself, but as a matter of Government observation."

We do not rejoice because of what men might say or think, but we do rejoice that the love of Jesus Christ is finding expression in the lives of these dear boys and girls, and that we can have a small part in this great and grand work for fallen humanity.

We were indeed pleased to have Pastor Hare with us during the Week of Prayer, and his practical help and talks were greatly appreciated by all. On the last Sabbath of the Week of Prayer eleven precious souls followed their Lord in baptism.

We would like to express our sincere thanks and gratitude to those who have

ing the right hand of fellowship to these dear children.

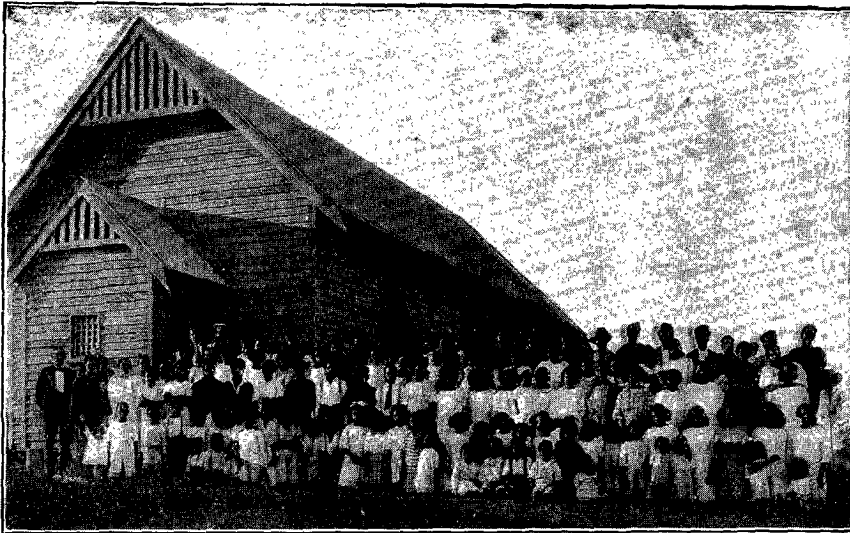
Our joy is made full from time to time as we see and note the progress made by the children, who are for the most part children of people who are not far from raw heathenism.

We have great hopes for the future of the work in these islands as we are privileged to work with the young people, for we know that the Lord is raising up a strong company of young men and women from among these people who will have a part in the grand closing scenes of this great truth.

We are very grateful to our people in the homeland for the good help which they have rendered us. Our school building is very much enhanced both as to the looks and utility of it. We were able to get three good rooms out of the appropriation. These things go toward making our hearts very happy. We are still looking to the home folk for further help as our work expands.

I will not write more just now except to tell you of our courage and faith in the promises of the Lord and the nearness of the end. We always look forward to the coming of the RECORD as a very welcome visitor and read with interest the columns containing the news of the advancement of God's work in the world.

HARRY R. AND V. A. STEED.



Monamona Church and Mission Family

having no important part to act in Australia's future; but who we know for a certainty are included among the peoples to whom the third angel's message is to be given.

Our hearts rejoice exceedingly when we see what God is doing for these people in changing their lives after the gospel is presented to them. Being of a nomadic nature, it would be a problem to hold many of them together until they could receive a knowledge of the truth; and so to get actual results a mission has been established where the natives are sent, fed, clothed, and taught. While the older ones find it hard to give up all their bad habits, there are some very repentant natures among the younger ones, which, when the truth of our loving Saviour is understood by them, makes them a very lovable and happy people.

We had a visit from a very distinguished gentleman recently in the person of Dr. Basedow, M.P., scientist, explorer, and Chief Protector of the Aboriginal Work in South Australia. In his remarks concerning the aboriginal work he said that it was generally recognised by the Government that the Monamona Mission is leading in the work of caring for, train-

sent parcels of second-hand clothing for the natives, and would gratefully solicit further donations of this kind from any who have enough and to spare.

We thank you for your prayers in behalf of the work here, and kindly invite you especially to remember the young people of Monamona that in time of trouble they may hold to their faith and integrity as they do now in times of peace.

L. A. BORGAS.

Wainibuka School, Fiji

WE in this little corner of the Lord's vineyard have been receiving many of God's blessings of late. We have just enjoyed the grand privilege of meeting with the brethren and sisters from the various parts of the field and also the Union brethren. It has been a great source of refreshment to us to meet with these people and to see the workings of the hand of the Lord on their behalf.

After a very strenuous half year of school work and of improvements, we were overjoyed to see eight of our school children follow their Lord through the watery grave. After a fitting service this day the writer had the pleasure of extend-

LEAD the youth to see that in dress, as in diet, plain living is indispensable to high thinking. . . . A refined taste, a cultivated mind, will be revealed in the choice of simple and appropriate attire.—*"Education," p. 248.*

Education Department

West Australian Missionary School

ON Wednesday, March 9 of this year, after a three months' vacation, the halls of the West Australian Missionary School once more awakened in response to the tread and voices of incoming students,—some new, some old,—all eager to commence work for the year.

During the afternoon the opening exercises were conducted in the chapel. We were privileged this year to have with us a representative from the Union Conference, Pastor A. H. Piper. In his excellent address, Pastor Piper referred to the happy time which he had spent here as principal of the school some years ago, and he urged upon all the necessity of applying themselves to the things of God and pressing diligently on until the day of final reward.

School commenced with an enrolment of thirty-four. Since then two others have joined us, bringing our total to thirty-six,—thirty boarding and six day students. Our number has not been so small as this for some years, and we are hoping that next year, because of efforts now being extended, will find fewer vacant seats in the chapel.

Classification of students and formation of classes occupied the whole of Thursday morning, but before long all were well in the swing of school life once again.

About three weeks after the commencement of school came the Appeal for Missions and with it the determination of the conference to reach its goal within a fortnight. The following Tuesday morning found a band of enthusiastic students, each with a roll of Appeal magazines in his hand and eager to commence work, standing on the Carmel station awaiting the city bound train.

It so happened that Pastor C. K. Meyers was in Perth that evening as he passed through on his way to the eastern States. Arrangements had been made by the members of the Perth church to accommodate the students for that night, so we were privileged to hear from him a little of the great world work and its progress.

With fresh enthusiasm we entered upon the Appeal the following day, the majority returning home that night. A few remained, however, to finish the territory that had been assigned. How brimful of experiences were all! and how our hearts beat with praise when we heard the joyful news that our aim had been realised within the fortnight!

About a fortnight before the term examinations a long-looked-for and most enjoyable picnic was held at our favourite site at the Victoria Reservoir. Traces of this occasion remained for several days. Evidence that much vital force had been expended was given in the manner in which the majority walked and ascended the stairs, while the chief topic of conver-

sation was "stiffness" and the exchanging of "sure" remedies for the same.

Time has quickly flown and now we find ourselves settling down to work for the new term. We brought our last quarter's work to a close one week earlier so that the term end would not coincide with the Week of Prayer. During this precious season the Lord came very near and we enjoyed a blessed time together.

Last week we were pleased to have Pastor Hall address us in chapel. As we hear of the open doors and of the many calls for workers, our hearts burn within us and we long for the time when we also can take our places in a wider field of usefulness. Truly God has blessed our efforts this year, and as we enter upon the new term it is with the assurance that He will still direct our way as we continue in our preparation for His work.

EDNA ABBOT.

Improvement at W.A.M.S.

THE work is progressing very nicely at the W.A.M.S. We have a small school this year and many of our students are new, but the spirit is very good and there is on the part of one and all a commendable desire to obtain the best out of the institution.

The work of developing and improving our facilities in the industrial line is still going forward steadily. We have had under construction for a long time a new dairy which seemed almost impossible to finish, because of other things constantly coming in the way. But at last we are able to milk our cows in a place of which we are not ashamed. At present we are busy constructing a fruit packing and curing house. We were informed by the Director of Orchards here that our plans were quite unique. But he believed they were excellent and would mean great improvement in the handling of our fruit. We hope also that the advantage of a cool storage cellar will mean the advantageous sale of our lemons which, up to the present time, have been somewhat of a disappointment.

The students who returned to school this year hardly knew our kitchen and dining room, the improvements having made them so different. Instead of our matron having to seek room on the stove to do her cooking, because of the many large pots containing water for heating, she now has all the stove for her cooking and can generally get all the water she needs by turning a tap. Instead of the young ladies washing the dishes in a wash tub on an old badly worn bench, we now have proper copper sinks, and other facilities which make a great difference in the work.

We are grateful for the assistance the Union Conference has given us in providing these much needed improvements, and we hope that they will be helpful in giv-

ing the right mould to the young people who are training here.

I am sorry to say that our orchard crop this year is somewhat light. This we believe is purely owing to the excessively wet season last year and a hot dry spell coming just when the fruit was setting. We are hopeful, however, that we shall receive fairly good prices for what we do have, as the fruit market is quite bare of other lines this year. West Australia was blessed with a wonderfully heavy apple crop, and there has been a big competition for her fruit because of pests and light crops elsewhere. This means a clear market for our oranges, which of course is a blessing to the institution.

While our student body is smaller in numbers this year, we are hopeful that next year will see a large increase. We know now of a number of young people who are working hard and saving so they may attend school next year. We are unable to take many full industrial students, especially young ladies, as we have very little remunerative work for them to do. But we are hopeful that this lack will also be met in the near future, and that we shall soon see the establishment of some industry which will provide work for our girls. There seems to be a forward movement in the work of the conference on the whole, and this too will mean new students full of earnestness and zeal filling our halls preparatory to going out into the whitened harvest fields.

We sincerely trust that this little, quiet beauty spot among the hills of West Australia will have a place in the prayers of God's people, that prosperity in spiritual and material lines may be attained and kept.

E. ROSENDAHL.

Week of Prayer at the New Zealand Missionary School

PASTOR H. E. PIPER, president of the South New Zealand Conference, who spent part of the Week of Prayer at the New Zealand Missionary School, writes thus of this special season:

"At the invitation of the faculty of the N.Z. Missionary School, it was my privilege to spend the last week-end of their Week of Prayer with teachers and students. It was clearly evident that a splendid commencement of the week had been made, and the atmosphere of the whole place was of earnest devotion and seeking after God. Prayer bands were very much in earnest, and were well attended. Students and teachers were gaining victory over sin, and when we reached the last Sabbath of the week, God came wonderfully near. It was an inspiration to see the yielding of all, both teachers and students, in humble surrender of heart to Jesus.

"It was a great pleasure to meet with the faculty, and observe their unity and co-operation in all features of the work. This united devotion on the part of the teaching staff played a vital part in the success of the Week of Prayer. Prayer bands made very definite requests of Heaven and some wonderful answers were given. I shall not soon forget the sight of eighty-one students and the teaching staff so happy in their work.

"To our people in New Zealand and elsewhere, I desire to express my grati-

tude to God for such a splendid institution. It must be very gratifying to parents to see the development of Christian character in the lives of their children who are in attendance. The school is doing an excellent work and we must continue to seek God for His continued blessing upon this institution."

The same mail that brought the foregoing report from Pastor Piper, brought this report from one of the students, Brother Wooller, which we believe will also be read with interest.

"The Week of Prayer at the New Zealand Missionary School was a great blessing and uplift to all. As the tree is pruned by the gardener so our lives need to be pruned of all that is unlike Christ, and we feel that this work was effectively carried out during the Week of Prayer. We have one and all come up on to higher ground,

and have enjoyed the rich blessings so bountifully bestowed upon us.

"Prayer bands met daily. Brother P. G. Foster was here for the commencement of the week and his heart-to-heart talks were greatly appreciated by all. Pastor H. E. Piper arrived on Thursday and conducted meetings till Sabbath. After pointing out the danger of resisting the Spirit of God, he made the appeal for any who had been doing so, to yield. Our hearts were filled with great joy as several students rose to their feet in response. The opportunity to arise was then given for all who in consecration wished to show their desire to still follow the Saviour. All instantly responded. The Week of Prayer has passed, leaving us a happy and united school family in Christ Jesus.

"We feel that we have passed through a time of rich blessing and desire to maintain this Week of Prayer experience."

Victoria

JUNE, 1927

Home Nursing—	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
R. A. Caldwell	30	28	35 14 0
S. H. Gander	109	118	153 8 0
H. Tattersall	6	1	1 2 6
Our Day—			
H. Tattersall	16	1	1 8 6
J. T. Young	39½	6	8 1 6
Coming King—			
Miss E. K. Harding	96½	12	6 19 6
Miss E. Hodgetts	36½	10	5 19 0
Miss A. Vogt	18	2	1 6 6
Bible Readings—			
E. M. Bernoth	96	46	61 15 0
N. C. Harker	57	25	30 18 6
Miss E. Hodgetts	5	3	3 13 0
E. A. Southgate	109	40	60 13 0
J. T. Young	19½	9	12 15 6
Ladies' Handbook—			
R. A. Caldwell	61	26	42 5 0
Mrs. S. E. Counsell	½	2	2 15 0
S. H. Gander	12	2	2 15 0
Helps Sold by Colporteurs			15 19 6
			711 331 £447 4 0
Periodicals—			
Miss C. Cameron		30	2 8 6
Mrs. H. Devine	25½		11 10 6
			25½ 30 £13 19 0

Publishing and Canvassing

Monthly Summary of Australasian Colporteur Work

West Australia

JUNE, 1927

Home Nursing -	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
E. B. Dadd	1	1	1 10 0
A. P. House (del.)	67½	17	20 19 0
E. M. Lethbridge (del.)	41½	17	26 11 0
Miss R. Bailey	53	25	30 13 6
J. R. Kent (del.)	66½	79	98 9 6
Field Miss. Sec.	1	6	7 5 6
Our Day—			
A. W. Cooper	96½	36	41 14 6
J. R. Kent		1	1 2 6
Coming King—			
J. Brown	58	16	13 7 6
Mrs. Dadd (del.)	24½	10	8 18 6
E. B. Dadd (del.)	13½	38	31 15 0
Great Controversy—			
J. R. Kent	13	9	12 5 0
Helps Sold by Colporteurs			23 0 3
			516 255 £311 11 9

North New South Wales

JUNE, 1927

Our Day—	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
A. Trunley	141½	54	57 12 0
P. Delaney	109	42	47 14 0
J. Matthews	163	44	45 16 6
R. R. MacLaren	141	38	42 4 6
S. Uttley	155½	40	40 11 6
D. Brennan	132	31	33 16 6
D. Mason	52	9	9 9 0
Home Nursing—			
O. G. Smith	132½	71	86 0 0
J. Penman	117	45	57 15 6
W. Watson	105½	41	51 10 0
P. For	170½	40	47 11 0
Miss E. Robinson	10½	31	39 5 6
Miss I. Brennan	76	27	31 16 6
Ladies' Handbook—			
J. Penman	1	1	1 17 6
Helps Sold by Colporteurs			36 7 0
			1636½ 517 £629 7 0

South Australia

JUNE, 1927

Ladies' Handbook -	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
Mrs. M. Badoock	98½	97	£143 17 6
Mrs. J. T. C. Jones	19½	9	12 7 6
J. T. C. Jones	46	28	39 15 0
Home Nursing			
Miss M. Luke	93½	28	32 15 0
Our Day—			
V. Reye	74	14	14 11 0
W. Ferris	31	10	9 19 6
W. E. Burzacott	97½	33	36 13 0
L. & Mrs. Bullas	121½	52	57 13 6
L. P. Higginson	135½	18	19 2 6
Miss E. Post	101½	81	36 3 6
Miss V. Hooper	109	51	38 17 0
Miss I. Henning	100½	26	31 9 0
Helps Sold by Colporteurs			53 7 4
			1077½ 477 £630 11 10

North New Zealand

JUNE, 1927

Our Day—	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
H. E. Whitford	90½	19	£20 2 0
W. Jebb	18	2	1 19 0
Miss N. L. King	47½	4	4 7 0
Ladies' Handbook -			
G. Bailey	83	17	24 12 6
C. J. Howell	77	41	63 17 6
A. V. Mitchell	90	37	59 7 6
Mrs. Matthews	2	2	2 15 0
Home Nursing -			
J. A. Macintosh	8	3	3 14 0
Mr. Matthews	18	4	5 0 6
A. H. Kultz	118	20	24 7 6
F. M. Secretary	6	8	9 17 6
Bible Readings—			
Miss A. E. Baensch	15	2	2 7 0
J. A. Macintosh	10	6	8 10 0
Helps Sold by Colporteurs			21 6 2
			565½ 165 £252 3 2

South New Zealand

JUNE, 1927

Home Nursing—	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
J. Shin (del.)	20	15	£18 3 6
R. Barber (del.)	22	11	12 18 0
Mrs. Barber	10	7	8 5 6
Mrs. Wells	15½	16	18 3 6
A. E. Woodley	119½	35	43 10 6
Our Day—			
T. Chick	120½	41	46 1 6
E. Barrar	40	11	10 19 0
F. Ibbotson	57½	23	23 11 0
Christ's Object Lessons—			
Mrs. Engelbrecht	8½	7	2 19 6
Daniel and the Revelation—			
M. Askia	24	7	8 7 0
Helps Sold by Colporteurs			22 7 0
			467½ 173 £215 15 6

South New South Wales

JUNE, 1927

Our Day—	Hrs.	Orders	Value
R. Peare	51½	11	13 6 0
S. Greive		2	2 3 6
A. Augustingon	241	40	47 2 0
Coming King—			
Miss N. Murphy	86½	64	49 11 6
Ladies' Handbook—			
B. Waldrom	67½	53	76 7 6
Mrs. de la Mothe	53	50	74 9 0
C. J. de la Mothe	53½	53	80 11 6
L. C. Bryne	95	19	25 7 6
Christ's Object Lessons—			
J. F. Hay	55		5 12 6
Helps Sold by Colporteurs			9 9 0
			703 292 £384 0 0

Tasmania

JUNE, 1927

Our Day—	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
Paul Claus	76½	6	£7 4 0
Gerald Darko	100½	8	8 1 6
A. J. Hastie	55	9	8 15 6
Helps Sold by Colporteurs			8 5 0
			232 23 £32 6 0

Queensland

JUNE, 1927

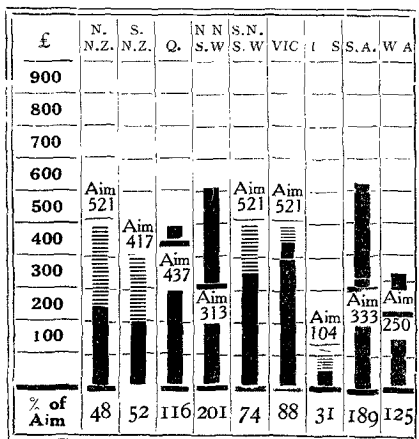
Home Nursing—	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
C. L. Rowland	34	2½	£27 8 0
H. Stacey	105	96	114 16 6
Our Day—	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
G. Wesley	78	26	27 8 0
Miss M. Heuschle	4½	3	2 18 6
Mrs. Newley	4½	4	4 7 0
Ladies' Handbook—	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
H. J. Cooper	115	120	201 15 0
C. F. Hodgkinson	110	68	119 7 6
Helps Sold by Colporteurs			5 16 6
			451 340 £505 17 0

Book Totals for June, 1927

	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
West Australia	516	255	311 11 9
North New South Wales	1836½	517	629 7 0
South Australia	1077½	477	630 11 10
South New Zealand	467½	173	215 15 6
Victoria	736½	361	451 3 0
Queensland	451	340	505 17 0
South New South Wales	703	292	384 0 0
North New Zealand	565½	165	252 3 2
Tasmania	232	23	32 6 0
			6385½ 2606 £3422 15 3

MONTHLY AIM AND PERCENTAGE OF ATTAINMENT

JUNE, 1927



The Colporteurs' Summary for June is the best for over two years. The month's total (£3,422) is the highest since April, 1925. It will be seen by the graph given above that four conferences have passed their goals, two having about doubled their aims. The corrugated columns show that some others have come short. Both North New South Wales and South Australia seem determined to seek first place in the graph.

The Vital Statistics

Position of Conference Summaries from January 1 to June 30, 1927

	Aim to Date	Att'n'm to Date	P'ct'ge Reached
1. West Australia	£1,500	£2,187	146%
2. South N.S.W.	3,125	3,107	99%
3. South Australia	2,000	1,897	94%
4. Queensland	2,625	2,176	83%
5. North N.S.W.	1,875	1,499	80%
6. Victoria	3,125	2,417	77%
7. South New Zealand	2,500	1,540	62%
8. North New Zealand	3,125	1,458	47%
9. Tasmania	312	131	42%
Union Conference:	£20,187	£16,507	81%

It will be noticed that West Australia still holds first place in the States for the percentage of aim attained to date, having 46 per cent over and above in reserve against some unforeseen circumstances. South Australia has slipped ahead of Queensland in securing third place. North New South Wales has slipped ahead of Victoria in securing fifth place, while Victoria has secured sixth place against South New Zealand last month. For the whole Union the total has gone up four per cent for the month. It is encouraging to see the progress represented by this angle of the work.

Time—the Colporteur's Greatest Asset

A BRIEF review of the first six months of this year, 1927, reveals the following facts relative to time (not including travelling) put in by the colporteurs:

Brother A. T. Augustinsen (South New South Wales) put in the best time for any month,—241 hours. Brother Steuhouse (West Australia) follows with 188 hours. Next is Brother Fitzclarence (Victoria) at 166 hours. Then follow Brother Matthews (North New South Wales) 163; Brother J. Young (Victoria) 162; Brother Uttley (North New South Wales) 161; and Brother Chick (South New Zealand) 160.

"The man who depends upon tomorrow's efforts is ever a pall-bearer at the bier of lost hopes and dead ambitions."—Moody.

The following figures show the conferences in order, by the best average time per colporteur for the six months:

1. South Australia ... 519
2. North New South Wales ... 500
3. South New Zealand ... 458
4. South New South Wales ... 433
5. West Australia ... 417
6. North New Zealand ... 407
7. Queensland ... 390
8. Victoria ... 325
9. Tasmania ... 256

"At birth every man is given a fortune. He may do with it as he chooses. This fortune is neither silver nor gold, but is more valuable than either of these. It is TIME,—the greatest asset in the world. Time pays returns only to the user. It cannot be bought, neither can it be sold." F. G. RAMPTON.

Converted in Gaol

FROM the latest issue of the *Field Tidings*, the official organ of the South-eastern Union Conference, published in Tennessee, U.S.A., we quote the following experience, related by Pastor J. C. Klose:

"A few weeks ago a young man in

Miami was arrested on the charge of holding up a tram conductor at the point of a gun. He was handcuffed and placed in gaol. Although innocent of the charge, for he was acquitted after spending nearly three weeks in gaol, he says that he believes the Lord permitted the arrest that he might be brought back to the truth. As a child he had been brought up as an Adventist, but had left the truth and was out in the world. While in gaol he earnestly studied the Bible and our good books and prayed that God might save him. After his conversion he immediately started working for some of the inmates. Since his release he has received a letter from a young Catholic for whom he had laboured while in gaol. This letter went on to say that the writer had received much comfort in prayer, he had studied the books given him, and after careful consideration, study, and prayer, he had decided to become a Seventh-day Adventist like Brother Chapman."

The same report also stated that Brother Chapman had engaged in the sale of our literature during the Big Week, with very good success.

Important Dates

- Field Missionary and Home Missions Convention: July 23-August 9.
- Union Conference Council: August 12-19.
- Queensland Camp-Meeting: September 6-18.
- Lismore Camp-Meeting: September 20-25.
- Missionary Volunteer Week: September 24-October 1.
- South N.S.W. Camp-Meeting: October 4-16.

WEDDING BELLS

SPERRING-LAMPLOUGH.—A very pretty wedding was celebrated in the Parramatta church on the evening of June 27, the contracting parties being Brother Edgar M. Sperring and Sister Elsie Lamplough. Both of these young people have been reared in the message by godly parents. The church was tastefully decorated by friends for the happy occasion. A large number of relatives and friends gathered to bid the happy couple God-speed as they set out in their new life. As Brother and Sister Sperring make their home in Parramatta, we pray that the Master may crown the home with His loving kindness and thus make of it a place that will bring peace and happiness not only to themselves, but also to all who come within the circle of their influence. J. W. KENT.

Addresses Wanted.—The clerk of the Avondale church is desirous of communicating with the following persons with reference to their transfers: Mrs. A. Hughes, Miss G. Clarke, Miss Dulcie Robertson. Would these persons, or any one knowing their whereabouts, please forward their addresses to THE CLERK, Avondale Industries, Cooranbong, N.S.W.

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NURSE CHRISTINE MANSON, formerly of Australia, who for some time has been connected with the medical work in California, has accepted an invitation to join the staff of the Melrose Sanitarium, Massachusetts, U.S.A., as superintendent of nurses.

BROTHER MARK PRINGLE is accepting an appointment to the Monamona Mission for industrial work. Brother Pringle was for a time connected with our mission in the Solomon Islands, and we are pleased to announce that he is again to take up mission work.

The members in the South N.S.W. Conference will be pleased to know that the Concord Park has been secured for the coming camp-meeting, October 4 to 16. This is a very desirable ground, and we are fortunate in being able to obtain it for another annual gathering.

An interesting letter has been received from Sister A. E. Geiss from her new home at Nottingham, where she is living with Brother and Sister Francis Buckle. Brother Buckle having been appointed secretary-treasurer of the North England Conference, Sister Geiss expresses the same deep interest in Australia as she has ever had. She writes: "We have had much pleasure and profit in meeting Nurse E. Chappell. Mrs. Buckle met her at church, and she spent the rest of the Sabbath with us. She later gave two talks in our little sitting room, and we felt we had gained valuable knowledge from what she presented. It seemed as if we had known her for a long time. Dr. Harrower and his wife called a few weeks ago. We had a delightful time talking of missions and the dear mutual friends and the different places we know. We feel that the next best thing to another visit to Australia has taken place."

BROTHER H. A. SKINNER, in company with Brethren R. A. Beckner and J. Phillips, spent a few days recently visiting in the Taungthu and Shan villages in Upper Burma, we learn from the *Eastern Tidings*. They gave a lantern lecture in the village of Hse Jseng, where Brother Skinner resided for some time prior to his furlough in Australia. After Brother Skinner's sermon was over, others came and asked that the pictures be shown again and a second sermon preached for late arrivals. From the ruler of that State down to the ordinary villager our workers were cordially greeted and invited back. Brother Skinner has a good interest in this village. During his absence on furlough the people have come to appreciate still more what our mission is doing.

Brisbane City Mission

"WELL, that is remarkable," is a common exclamation from sub-editors as we report the attendance of the mission from week to week.

The people's desire to hear the truth-filled messages has not abated, every Sunday evening witnessing an average attendance of between one thousand and eleven hundred people.

Not being content with one meeting a week, many requests came in that a mid-week meeting be held. To answer this, the Ann Street School of Arts was obtained, a hall accommodating at least two hundred and fifty. This meeting, like the others, is having good success, the hall being scarcely adequate to accommodate the eager listeners. The study of the Book of Revelation forms the basis of this meeting's addresses.

As we are led to contemplate the success of the mission so far, we see definitely the co-operation of divine agencies. We are made to realise this as we see Brisbane in the grip of much sickness, with opposing evangelistic operations, and the bleak cold weather which has not been equalled since 1911.

One of the many features which is successfully holding the people's interest, is Pastor Anderson's unique method of illustrating his addresses.

A concentrated effort is being made to extend the message through the leading papers. The Lord has blessed us in this respect. Four leading papers publish our reports from week to week. In this way it is estimated that we are reaching at least two hundred thousand people. Just recently one of these papers exhibited in its illustration page the photos as seen in the RECORD of July 18.

It is believed that this mission has been one of the greatest yet held in Brisbane. There comes a definite call for united prayer from all our people to the end that it may mean the saving of many souls.

F. MCFARLANE.

Notes of Progress

The Annual Week of Prayer was a blessed season to our membership in this field. Splendid reports have come in from the churches and companies telling of victories won and higher heights reached in Christian experience. An evidence of this was the excellent offering given for missions. The conference aim was £178. This was exceeded and a total of £200 was given.

The Appeal for Missions Campaign was entered into very heartily. The membership and workers toiled faithfully and systematically, and the aim was reached in four weeks. Some excellent experiences were reported and follow-up work is proceeding. Not only was the aim of £950 reached in good time, but the treasurer now reports a total of £1,201 gathered. May God bless this amount to the saving of many souls. We feel duty bound to commend the efforts of our veteran Appeal worker, Sister Gibson. Although in feeble health, this sister by God's help gathered £211 during the campaign.

The Christchurch Mission has been operating since our camp-meeting in Ad-dington. In addition to the conference work this has kept the writer exceedingly busy. A few souls have responded and

others are still hopeful. We rejoice in seeing new people take hold of the message and give themselves to God. Brother H. T. Howse and Sister E. Westerman are working in connection with this mission.

From the Invercargill Mission cheering news continues to come. Since the camp-meeting, Pastor J. Pascoe has had his hands more than full. The result has been a splendid response of some excellent people. God's Spirit has worked in a wonderful way in this city, and the membership of the new church seems a very happy family. It will be of interest to RECORD readers to learn that one good brother, a new Sabbath-keeper, so appreciates the message and the efforts of Pastor Pascoe, that he presented Brother Pascoe with a splendid new Sedan motor car. This will be of great assistance to the work in the Southland, where the weather is so wet and cold. We deeply appreciate this generous gift.

From Dunedin, where Pastor M. B. C. Smith is working, we learn of splendid work being accomplished for the church membership. A good spirit prevails in Dunedin. In addition to this, we are happy to report that some new souls have come in and others are hopeful. Please pray for these new Sabbath-keepers.

The Timaru Mission is being conducted by Brother Sibley. Here we have a growing church. It was my privilege to visit Timaru recently, and it was good to meet the brethren and sisters. The Lord has wonderfully blessed the church, and a fine corner block for a church building has been secured in a central and good locality of the city. The remarkable thing about this was, that while adjacent blocks were commanding prices of from £400 to £500, yet we have our block for £185. Brother Sibley fully expects to have a dozen new believers by the end of the year.

Encouraging word comes from Ashburton. Brother A. I. Mitchell and Brother J. Strange have laboured successfully in the face of persistent and organised opposition. After a series of good meetings, the mission tent was wrecked by a severe storm. Just before this, Brother Mitchell was praying and asking God where he should hold the meetings if the weather became too inclement for the tent. While the workers were packing up the tent equipment after the storm, a friend offered them a neat mission hall, free of charge, which has been a great blessing to the work. The workers report seven new converts, among whom some remarkable conversions have taken place. Brother Mitchell is pushing ahead and cheerfully reports that the work in Ashburton "is only in its infancy."

In the field generally, other than our missions, some new converts have come in. Brother Powrie, our Missionary Volunteer and Home Missions Department secretary, has been kept very busy. These departments are growing. In face of severe weather conditions, Brother Jackson's corps of faithful colporteurs are maintaining fair summaries, for which we are thankful. While there is much work to do and the labourers are few, yet we thank God for His prospering hand upon the work. Please pray for the South New Zealand Conference.

H. E. PIPER.