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The Church and Her Mission

EXTENSION of the interests and influence of the church in fields afar is inseparably linked with, and almost wholly dependent upon, the spiritual triumphs and power of the church at the home base. For any strengthening of the stakes at our home base, that will effectually lengthen the cords to farther fields, a closer walk with God is demanded, a more earnest and effectual reaching upward to the spiritual standards of a life that fully acknowledges Christ.

The calls that are reaching us from unentered fields and urging us continually forward, are the mightiest appeals that can come to us for higher devotion, and for deeper consecration to the cause of God at home and in fields abroad. To seize for God the opportunities that meet us throughout the world, we individually need a new baptism of the Holy Spirit. The objectives of our work are all spiritual, and the men and women who push that work on into all the world must be led and energised and empowered by the Holy Spirit. We have rejoiced in all places because the presence and power of the Holy Spirit have been so evidently with us thus far; but to push on the work into the unentered regions and to finish the work, more, much more, of the Holy Spirit of power is needed.

Our outward reach to new fields will be effectual in preparing the world for the second advent of our Lord, only as our upward reach effectually attaches us to God and His purposes, and makes real an experience of preparation of our own lives for the second advent. We are in great need of the material things that must be

employed for a larger work. Of course we need money and the facilities that money will procure, but far greater is our need of spiritual vision and objective and wisdom, without which any abundance of material means will fail of making us more effective in finishing God's work. We are going into all the world, not merely to preach a message or to teach a doctrine, but

to make men Christians and prepare them to meet God. There is a translation day before them. They must be prepared for it. The end of all things is rapidly approaching. Men must be prepared to meet it. There is to be an outpouring of God's wrath upon the unrepentant and unprepared. They must be warned to flee from it.

Our business is to go into all the world with the message that has in view these very things, and with the power of that message thrilling our hearts, turn men and women from the doom of the world to God. The lateness of the hour, the vastness of the unfinished task, the clamorous demands of opportunity, all require us to mark well the

Advance !

Advance, O living church of God! Advance!
Your Leader, Christ, stands far within the ranks;
Of sin-stained heathen lands, and beckons you
To follow where He leads. Must He still wait
Alone among the whitened fields, but see
No garnered sheaves that you have toiled to reap?
O church of Christ, awake! Arise and shine!
Thy light shall reach hearts lost to hope through
sin,
And guide them out of darkness into day.
Your Master calls to you to serve Him now
In other lands than these. And will you say
Him nay?
He calls for sacrifice of life and means,
Nor will He be content with less than these;
And should we be content to follow Him with less?
Advance, O church of Christ! Advance where'er
Your Master calls, and do Him service brave
Until His work is finished in the earth,
And those who've shared His toils and sufferings
here
Shall share His holy joy for evermore.

I. H. EVANS.

bulwarks of Zion, and gather to the task the spiritual forces of a spiritual, deeply devoted, and fully consecrated home-base church, and by the help of the Lord push on the boundaries of our work till every nation, kindred, and tongue have heard the message, and the way of the Lord in all lands is fully prepared.

A consideration of the places where the church is strongly established must assure us that God is with us. Except the Lord had been with us we had not prospered. To Him is due all praise for what has been wrought.

In Him is all our hope and assurance for the future. There may be a good deal that is not right in the way we have done in the past. We can have no assurance that we can do better in the future, save as we shall strive to be more fully used of God, but we go right on in the assurance that God, who has given us all growth and blessing in the past, He who has established His work by us throughout the world, "is our God for ever and ever" and that "He will be our guide even unto death."

As we face the problems of a great world work, O that we may perform all our labour in the fullness of this assurance that God, who has done wonders through us in all parts of the world, is with us, and that He will guide us.

"For this God is our God for ever and ever: He will be our guide even unto death." May we permit it to be so by an unselfish surrender of our hearts, for His name's sake.

C. H. WATSON.

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Undergoing Trials in Accepting the Truth

THE following letter will be of interest to our readers, as it was written to Pastor G. F. Jones by the first convert in the field in which he has recently been labouring.

Dearly Beloved Brethren, whom I love in the Truth,

I rejoiced greatly when I received your cheering letter to comfort me and strengthen me in my persecution. This is just what I am wishing for,—rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the pleasures of this life.

I would have written before, but thought you had left for Sydney and that Mrs. Jones had gone to the north of the island. I heard the news that Mrs. K—— had carried to the French pastor about me, saying that I had been staying with you and had turned away and was going to bring another religion to our island. So the pastor got stirred up, and ran over to all the churches to tell them to look out for Mr. Jones. My arrival in the island was just like a flag hoisted all over the island. On the third of August all the Protestants on the island were having a feast here in my place. [The writer is the eldest member of the grand chief family.] They were collecting money for the mission. They preached about me, ran me down, heaped curses upon me, and made up songs about me, for changing the religion of my father and grandfather. They prayed that God would curse me and everything belonging to me. This they did before me, but I did not care; I know they understand nothing and are fanatical.

The next day, one big chief and two others came to my house to ask questions, which I answered and told the truth from the Bible. I explained everything that I had been taught by Mr. and Mrs. Jones while I was staying with them, about things that I had never known before. It was like being in heaven to stay with you. They said, "You are true to your convictions, and we say nothing against you in our district like the others."

The French minister and one teacher came and asked, "Why are you not content with the church of your grandfather's and father's religion?" I replied, "Who

told you I was not? And I have heard that you have gone all over to all the churches to tell them to keep a look-out. You have agitated the people on this island and you do not understand them. [The minister is a newcomer among natives.] I tell you the truth that if Mr. Jones comes here the whole of the island will turn to him." I said to him, "I am



The Writer of the Accompanying Letter

not contented with your teachings and doings, and I am sorry." He said, "So am I sorry." After this we started our conversation about keeping the Sabbath. I gave him the little tract to read, then he questioned me, "How do you keep the Sabbath?" I said, "On Friday eve after the sun goes down, until next evening after sundown." He said, "You can't keep Sabbath like that, this is not Eden, or Palestine." I asked him, "Who changed the fourth commandment?" He said, "Jesus." I said, "Never; read Matthew 5:17-19." He asked me every kind of question and I answered him everything from the Bible.

Other questions he asked me. "Who is your Master?" I answered, "Jesus Christ." "Who has the truth, I or Mr. Jones?" I answered, "The truth is in the Bible." Three times more he asked me, and the last time I replied, "I cannot answer that, it is in my head and I will

let you know another time from the Bible." He said, "Mr. Jones is taking you back to the law and not under grace. He is the blind leading the blind and you will fall together." But I did not care what he said, for he is all wrong. He was quite put out after every answer I gave him. He asked, "Why does Mr. Jones come behind us and sow other seed? He had better go to darker places." I told him that Mr. Jones had been to the Solomons and New Guinea, and places in the East Indies. Then he said, "Shall I pray with you?" I answered, "Yes, if you like."

After prayer he said, "You see, if the Adventists come here, this is a small island, and they had better be in Europe or other bigger places, but here, it will bring war among the natives." He then went away and sent back the teacher to invite me to come over and stay awhile with them. I thanked him, but I would not be able to come, am very busy at home, have been away three months.

Please pray for me. I won't be ashamed to tell the truth and stand firmly on His promises. I am very happy and comfortable through His grace.

If you have some of the French *Signs* please send some to Mr. ——— (a white trader). He said he would give his warehouse for a church if Mr. Jones came to the island, and he is sure that the natives will join us.

I have broken quite away from them now and am alone. I am closing my letter with best love to you both and to Miss Guiot, and with many thanks for your very great kindness. May God's blessing be upon us.

Your sister in Christ,

Bougainville

What I Found at Our Farthest Inland Station

A FEW weeks ago I set out on a visit to Pagamanu. This village lies in the interior of Bougainville, and is some fifty miles from our mission at Lavilai. These people had previously sent a representative all the way to Lavilai to request two teachers for the seven villages in their locality. I was the more anxious to visit the above-mentioned village because I had heard that another sect had made several efforts to turn the people against our teacher.

After a tramp over very rugged country, I finally arrived at my destination. I found a church built, and a good day school and Sabbath school established. I also found that our teacher had won the confidence of the people in spite of the determined efforts put forth to turn him out.

At first the people were somewhat shy, but soon they became very friendly. It so happened that I was the first white man that had set foot in their village, so of course some were afraid and some were curious. The village being well up on the side of a six-thousand-foot mountain, the inhabitants find it necessary to burn fires all night in order to keep warm. In my own experience I realised that it was by no means a tropical climate during the nighttime, at least, up there. This village now forms our farthest inland station.

On the two occasions that I conducted worship in the new church, the sides had to be pulled down in order to accommodate all the people of the village and those visiting from other villages. I wondered as I saw the way those heathen people entered into the spirit of the meetings.

On my return journey I stayed a night in the "devil-house" of another village. Here we conducted worship with the people. After worship the chief came to me and through interpreters reaffirmed his former request for a teacher. He is chief of four of the seven villages previously mentioned. The village in which I slept is a boundary line village between two language areas. A teacher has since been placed in there.

Three More New Calls for Teachers

A short time ago the *Melanesia* came to the Mandated Territory. We were glad to have Pastor Peacock and others aboard the *Melanesia* with us for a time. How pleased we were to see Pastor Tutty return to this field, and also for the four new teachers, who will help to answer a great need! Sialo and his wife I have since taken in to the village of Kutikira, which lies in the mountains north of Kieta. I wish the readers of the RECORD could have seen the expression on the faces of those people as they received their teacher and his wife. They were certainly very happy about it all.

The following morning as I was about to leave them, a man came from a neighbouring village with the message that his people had decided to join in with the Kutikira mission. Since this call was answered, three more calls have come in. We are indeed happy to receive such requests, and yet perplexed to know how to answer them. They invite as never before, our earnest prayers to the Lord of the harvest, in these closing days of His work.

A. J. CAMPBELL.

Dovele and Ranonga, Solomon Islands

WE had a good Week of Prayer at Dovele, all seemingly entering into the spirit of the meetings. We are impressed that the people are striving to press together in unity. Again we are glad to report two more adherents to the message at Sosolokamu, near Dovele. A father and son have taken hold in the last few weeks, and the Government chief there, an active, energetic Christian, is working for another individual who he believes will commence attending worship in a day or two. This man that is about to take a stand is a fine fellow, a brother of Gorapava, who, you remember, stood so firmly at Patubelo when another mission pulled down his house. Another heathen has promised to come soon and live on the Dovele mission.

We left Dovele on December 4 to visit Ranonga. Landing there the same evening, we found the usual large gathering of bappy, smiling faces, characteristic of Ranonga folk especially. After the usual greetings the natives carried our goods to the rest house built of leaf. We were very pleased with the appearance of the house, which with its surroundings was swept clean.

They were all overjoyed to tell us they had been working for some not of our faith, and had held Bible studies with one man and family in particular who they now believe will soon come along to Buri, the new mission on Ranonga. This work was done chiefly by a youth preparing for Batuna. In fact, he is on the launch now on his way to the Batuna Training School. A fine boy he is too, one that will become a real soul-winner in the future. His name is Sosopu.

We had many good studies with these folk during the week and felt that God's blessing was manifest in all the meetings, especially on the last Sabbath when we celebrated the ordinances of the Lord's house. As we said good-bye at 5.30 this morning we felt sorry to leave such a hospitable family.

We left there with twenty-five souls on board our cutter for Gizo, a run of thirty-

five miles, many coming to see the doctor; but although a heavy wind and rough sea sprang up the Lord took us safely through, and none but He deserves the praise. After we receive our goods in port here tomorrow, we leave to visit the Duke Coast. We expect to hear a good report of advance work there as I understand that Itulu, the native in charge of that coast, is now away visiting some folk not of our faith, attempting to help them.

Today we met the man who had been opposing us at Sabira, on the Duke Coast, but he was unusually pleasant and civil; so we believe that even if he is not interested, the Lord is controlling his wrath for the truth's sake. I believe that the practical help given by our people in the recent Malaita trouble has given us a better standing in the eyes of many white residents here, perhaps this individual included.

C. M. LEE.

HOME and HEALTH

A Letter from a Mother

LET me share with you part of a letter that came in the last mail, from a mother. We who are in public work do not always appreciate the trials and perplexities that are met in the home. "The mother's work . . . is a work that is rarely appreciated. Others know little of her many cares and burdens. Her days are occupied with a round of little duties, all calling for patient effort, for self-control, for tact, wisdom, self-sacrificing love; yet she cannot boast of what she has done as any great achievement. . . . She feels that she has accomplished nothing. But it is not so. Heavenly angels watch the careworn mother, noting the burdens she carries day by day. Her name may not have been heard in the world, but it is written in the Lamb's book of life."—"Ministry of Healing," pages 376, 377.

The Day's Contribution

"We were having financial difficulties, for which neither John nor I was to blame. The more I thought of it, the more I pitied myself because of all the things I wanted and could not have. Well, it kept up till John could see it, and so could our little Betty. The very air was thick for a few days, and of course the more I thought of it the worse plight I seemed to be in.

"Just in the midst of this, it came time to study my *Parents' Lessons* for the next meeting. I began, because I was the leader and had to. I was not very interested, because I was thinking of my own troubles. But I read on, underlined a few things and jotted down others.

"Suddenly I came upon a paragraph that made me stop short, reread, and then read again. Somehow I could not get past those few lines. They said, 'Cheerful words, smiles, and songs are to be our contribution to the family's life, day by day, whether the sun is shining or the clouds are thick, whether our plans are carrying or we are disappointed, whether we are praised or blamed, whether we abound in good things or are straitened

by poverty.' I went on and studied the rest of the lesson, then came back to that blessed paragraph, and determined then and there that my troubles were not what they seemed to be.

"Well, I got up, put the *Lessons* away, and tidied up the room, arranging the chairs more cozily, fluffing up the pillows, and lifting the shade enough so that a golden shaft of sunlight touched a rosebud on the table. Things somehow seemed different indeed, and I began to sing.

"Betty was playing quietly near the door (I guess it was too gloomy inside), and hearing my song, she flew in to me, threw her arms about my neck, and cried, 'Oh, mother dear, what is the matter? You feel better now, don't you?' I felt very much ashamed, and told her I was sorry, for really I had so much to be glad about. I kissed her, and then together we did up the work, and prepared an especially nice dinner for daddy.

"When daddy came home, he was as delighted as Betty had been, and wanted to know what had happened.

"Why, I just read the *Parents' Lessons* this morning,' I said, 'and something I read about being content and making the best of things, changed my mind, and I have been happy ever since.'

"Well, my dear, I hope you will always read those *Parents' Lessons*; and I hope they'll never stop publishing them, and that you will never stop reading them.'

"Sunshine had prevailed above the storm, peace had taken the place of worry, and courage had at last been able to overcome the trouble and to look brightly into the future,—all because of the faithful *Lessons* coming month by month."

Worth passing on to others, isn't it?

A. W. SPALDING.

MEN and women will arise professing to have some new light or some new revelation whose tendency is to unsettle faith in the old landmarks. Their doctrines will not bear the test of God's Word, yet souls will be deceived.—"Testimonies," Vol. V, p. 295.

Canvassing

Monthly Summary of Australasian Colporteur Work

North New South Wales

NOVEMBER, 1927

Our Day—	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
F. L. Taylor	99½	42	49 7 0
J. H. Matthews (del.)	82	15	18 19 6
P. Delaney (del.)	68	13	15 0 0
H. E. James	20	11	12 0 0
<i>Home Nursing—</i>			
Miss E. Robinson	14	4	6 0 0
W. C. J. Watson (del.)	88	23	34 17 6
B. E. Koch	53	19	27 15 0
Mrs. B. Koch	22½	11	15 10 0
O. G. Smith (del.)	56	14	20 17 6
<i>Coming King—</i>			
H. Millist	19	6	4 16 0
Helps Sold by Colporteurs			15 12 0
	522	158	£220 14 6

South New South Wales

NOVEMBER, 1927

Our Day—	Hrs.	Orders	Value
F. Maxwell	65½	44	£49 5 0
Miss N. Murphy (del.)	61	15	14 2 0
F. W. Reekie	15½	2	2 6 6
<i>Coming King—</i>			
A. R. Fraser	108	35	30 12 0
A. H. Carton	33½	11	7 7 0
<i>Home Nursing—</i>			
Miss V. Clarke	37	32	46 17 6
J. Keitt	22	12	19 0 0
<i>Daniel and Revelation—</i>			
P. McFarlane	13½	2	2 15 0
L. W. Gray	17½	1	1 7 6
<i>Ladies' Handbook—</i>			
B. Waldron (del.)	72½	53	81 5 0
C. J. de la Mothe	99	86	135 15 0
A. Augustinson	71½	21	33 0 0
Helps Sold by Colporteurs			10 15 3
	616½	314	£433 17 9

South New Zealand

NOVEMBER, 1927

Home Nursing—	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
R. Barber	30	11	15 1 0
Miss Hossack	30	11	15 17 6
A. E. Woodley	122½	35	52 15 0
Mrs. Wells	9½	2	2 10 0
J. Shinn	162	112	163 15 0
Mrs. T. Chick	50½	14	20 5 0
<i>Our Day—</i>			
Mrs. Engelbrecht	28	4	4 8 6
T. Chick	182½	58	65 11 6
Miss E. Ibbetson	72	8	9 10 6
T. Fraser	15½	5	5 5 0
Helps Sold by Colporteurs			17 0 6
	702½	269	£372 9 6

Victoria

NOVEMBER, 1927

Home Nursing—	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
J. R. Brown	80½	3	4 2 6
S. H. Gander	30	20	30 0 0
Miss M. Holgetts	48½	11	15 12 6
H. Tattersall	20	7	9 12 6
<i>Home Nursing and Bible Readings—</i>			
Miss E. Hodgetts	54½	21	28 10 0
<i>Practical Guide and Bible Readings—</i>			
E. M. Berzot	44	4	6 10 0
<i>Bible Readings—</i>			
N. C. Harker	34	13	16 14 6
E. A. Southgate	20	6	7 5 0
<i>Ladies' Handbook—</i>			
R. A. Caldwell	7	16	26 0 0
<i>Coming King—</i>			
Miss E. K. Harding (del.)	20½		
H. Tattersall	52	10	6 12 0
Helps Sold by Colporteurs			12 15 6
<i>Magazines and Helps—</i>			
Mrs. B. Devine	29		16 7 0
Miss C. Cameron			18 6
	440	111	£181 0 0

Queensland

NOVEMBER, 1927

Home Nursing—	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
H. Stacey (del.)	6	59	82 15 0
Miss D. Phillips	20½	5	7 0 0
<i>Our Day—</i>			
G. Weake	125½	60	69 4 6
C. W. Phillips (del.)	81½	23	27 18 6
Mrs. K. M. Newley	25	7	8 4 6
<i>Ladies' Handbook</i>			
C. W. Phillips	23	6	7 17 6
C. L. Rowland	131	143	250 10 0
H. J. Cooper	87	31	55 10 0
Nurse E. Thompson	13	12	20 5 0
<i>Daniel and Revelation—</i>			
H. W. Adrian	138½	43	52 5 0
Helps Sold by Colporteurs			23 5 0
	719½	389	£604 15 0

West Australia

NOVEMBER, 1927

Home Nursing—	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
A. P. House (del.)	80½	37	54 15 0
J. R. Kent	73	70	103 10 0
E. R. Dadd	135½	36	53 18 0
M. Dadd	25½	12	17 0 0
<i>Our Day—</i>			
J. Brown (del.)	90	13	14 1 0
A. W. Cooper (del.)	91½	15	18 6 0
Helps Sold by Colporteurs			16 2 0
	496½	183	£277 12 0

Tasmania

NOVEMBER, 1927

Our Day—	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
A. J. Hastie	108½	19	£22 1 6
Paul Claus	134½	39	43 8 6
C. R. Scott	97	52	62 0 6
<i>Home Nursing—</i>			
Mrs. F. J. Butler	2	1	1 10 0
Helps Sold by Colporteurs			21 9 6
	342	111	£150 10 0

South Australia

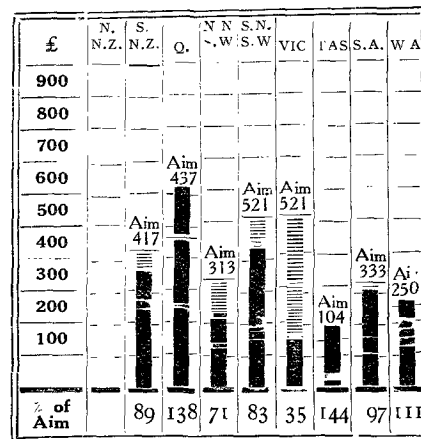
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Ladies' Handbook—	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
Mrs. M. Badcock	47½	25	£43 0 0
Mrs. A. Bullas		1	1 7 6
Miss I. Hennig		1	1 10 0
<i>Home Nursing—</i>			
Miss M. Luke	39½	15	22 2 6
A. Bullas	85½	25	37 10 0
Mrs. A. Bullas	55½	35	49 0 0
<i>Our Day—</i>			
J. S. Sweet	10½	13	15 18 0
W. Ferris	140	42	50 15 6
W. E. Burzacott	76	8	9 10 6
L. P. Higginson	96	6	6 6 0
Miss V. Hooper	51½	20	22 16 0
<i>Daniel and the Revelation—</i>			
L. Graham	112	24	30 12 6
<i>Great Controversy—</i>			
C. E. Roenfel	32	1	1 12 6
<i>Coming King—</i>			
A. Hooper	22½	2	1 10 0
<i>Helps—</i>			
Mrs. M. Eager	42½		2 9 0
Helps Sold by Colporteurs			26 1 3
	810½	218	£322 1 3

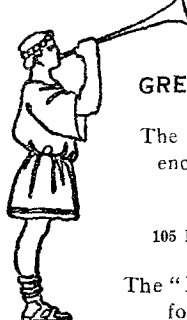
Totals for November, 1927

	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
Tasmania	342	111	150 10 0
Queensland	719½	389	604 15 0
West Australia	496½	183	277 12 0
South Australia	810½	218	322 1 3
South New Zealand	702½	260	372 9 6
South New South Wales	616½	314	433 17 9
North New South Wales	522	158	220 14 6
Victoria	440	111	181 0 0
	4649½	1744	£2563 0 0

MONTHLY AIM AND PERCENTAGE OF ATTAINMENT NOVEMBER, 1927



North New Zealand's summary for November has not yet been received. It is good to notice that three fields,—Queensland, Tasmania, and West Australia,—have exceeded their aims for the month. Tasmania has done splendidly, also Queensland. West Australia, as stated last month, has more than reached its yearly aim.



TIME
OUR
GREATEST ASSET

The "Banner" Conference
for November:

Tasmania

105 Hours per colporteur

The "Banner" Colporteur
for November:

T. Chick

183 Hours

The Vital Statistics

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

	Aim to Date	Att'n'm'n to Date	Prc't'ge Reached
1. West Australia	£2,750	£3,131	120%
2. Queensland	4,812	4,046	97%
3. South Australia	3,666	3,292	90%
4. South N.S.W.	5,730	4,636	81%
5. Victoria	5,730	4,375	76%
6. North N.S.W.	3,438	2,574	75%
7. South New Zealand	4,584	3,194	70%
8. Tasmania	833	544	65%

The figures for this month are somewhat better than they were last month. Tasmania has jumped from 54 per cent to 65 per cent. Well done, Tasmania! Queensland has also gained 5 per cent, and South Australia one per cent, while South New Zealand has gained two per cent. It is encouraging to note that progress is being made in some conferences, and we trust that before long all fields will show improvement.

Pioneering in Western Queensland

DURING the past few years we have seen and heard of wonderful happenings in this old world, and especially are we interested in the accomplishment of great things by the faithful servants of God in their endeavours to fulfil the gospel commission, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." I was deeply interested some two weeks ago as I talked with Brother C. L. Rowland, who has spent the greater part of the last seven years as a canvasser in northern and western Queensland, to hear from him of some of his experiences in colporteur work.

His first trip, which covered a period of six months, was made during the year 1916, when "Daniel and the Revelation" was circulated along and in close proximity to the railway lines, which stretch forth as feelers into the heart of the country. In 1919 the second trip was undertaken into the interior and western districts of the State. This time two books were taken,—"The Great Controversy" and "Practical Guide to Health," and for ten weeks of this trip our brother travelled from station to station, the average distance between them being seventy miles.

Risking Death in the Never-Never

Now, dear readers, just think for a moment what it means to travel such distances on a push bicycle under a tropical sun. A water bag was carried, as there was no water between the stations, in many cases. Often the water bag would run dry because of the heat and the continual drinking, and there are many cases on record of men having been found dead along the same route traversed by Brother Rowland, who have perished while travelling from one station to another. These men are generally found by boundary riders, who after reporting the matter to the station owner, bury them without any further ceremony. Yet our good brother pushed on in this class of territory circulating the printed page, and God blessed his efforts. On this trip alone he covered 2,085 miles on his push bicycle and sold £350 worth of literature.

After this strenuous trip he had a rest from the field for a while, and went to Avondale, where he took studies and worked in the Industries. Then, after a few months, he decided to return to the book work, and once more he turned his face towards Queensland. This time he took "Ladies' Handbook" and "Our Day in the Light of Prophecy." He travelled over three thousand miles of country by motor cycle, almost two thousand miles by train, and delivered two hundred large subscription books.

Eight Tons of Literature Sold, and Whole Families Won

During his seven years' canvassing experience he has delivered 3,900 subscription books, has sold as helps 8,113 small books at prices ranging from one shilling to 5s. 6d.; or, in other words, he has placed in the homes of the people no less than seven tons of subscription books and one ton of small books, making a grand total of eight tons of literature. Many souls were won to the truth of God for this time, and in some instances whole families took their stand for God as a result of the studies given by this untiring colporteur; but eternity alone can reveal the full extent of the work done.

Owing to the difficulties of transport, benzine was an expensive item. After leaving the railway at Cloncurry it cost five shillings a gallon, in the central west nine shillings a gallon, while in the far west thirteen shillings a gallon was charged. This meant that our colporteur had to give the whole of his profits on an order for a gallon of benzine, and while stations were seventy miles apart, if he got an order at every one he would just pay for petrol. Another difficulty was the distance from the tract society. At times he was 1,800 miles from the office, and often books sent direct to him from the publishing house were a month on their journey before he received them.

Has Never Returned a Book

Yet he has this to his credit, he has never returned a book to the office. The only books that have ever been returned to be credited to him were those sent out from the office at "value payable postage," but these were few in number. We must remember that it would be impossible to travel seventy-mile stretches of country to deliver books, so the value

payable postage system had to be used in many cases. On one occasion after delivering in a fairly large centre he had fifteen books on hand, but rather than return them to the office he set out determined to sell them for cash. One by one he sold thirteen of them, and then the time came for him to board a train for new territory. On the train he sold the two remaining books to passengers on the train. For the last order he canvassed a man the greater part of the day. Towards evening this man decided to take the book, and our brother had thus accomplished that which he had set himself to do,—he had sold the fifteen copies and had received cash for every one of them.

Average per Hour

While handling the books, the medical and the religious, in the western districts, he always made a point of presenting the religious book first, and by so doing sold equal proportions of religious and medical right throughout the trip. During the last two and a half years' canvassing, for every hour worked—that is, actual canvassing or delivering—he averaged 7s. 11d. per hour. God rewarded earnest work.

We are glad to say that Brother Rowland is still able to canvass in this tropical climate, and is meeting with continued success. Brethren and sisters, we ask an interest in your prayers on behalf of the untiring, God-fearing colporteurs, that their work may be strengthened so that the literature may do its part in the finishing of this work and the hastening of the coming of our Lord and Master.

T. A. MITCHELL.

An Unusual Offer

AT the publishing house the writer met the other day Brother J. Wallace, father of Sister S. V. Stratford and Brother Roy Wallace, and who thirty years ago was engaged in the colporteur work in the back country of Victoria and New South Wales. After about four years of pioneer work with the printed page he connected with the Echo Publishing Company in North Fitzroy, and when the plant was removed to Warburton, he was transferred with it and for many years had charge of the engineering department. Advancing years now prevent his active participation in the work of the Signs Publishing Company, but his interest in colporteurs and their labours, and the work of the publishing house increases rather than decreases with the years. Chatting with him about his experiences when in the field, he mentioned that it was his privilege to sell a large number of small books, "helps," entitled "Christ and His Righteousness" (100 pages), and "Truth Found, or the Nature of the Sabbath" (92 pages). In those days these two books sold for one shilling each.

They are excellent little publications for use in missionary work among neighbours and friends. Notice some of the subheadings of the first book: How shall we consider Christ? Important practical lessons; Christ the Law-giver; the Lord our Righteousness; Acceptance with God; the Victory of Faith.

The other book, "Truth Found," is an excellent one on the Sabbath question. Here are some subheadings: The Sab-

bath; What is the Law? Origin of the Sabbath; Origin of Sunday; Our Saviour did not change the Sabbath; Apostles and Waldenses kept it; and numerous extracts from Protestant and Catholic writers. It closes with a very fine "Short Argument for the Sabbath."

The publishing house still has a number of these splendid books on its shelves and now makes a *SPECIAL OFFER* to our people. As stated above, these books sold for one shilling each years ago.

You may now secure the two books at a combined price of sixpence, plus 3d. for postage. In other words, that which formerly sold for 2s. you can now have for 6d. plus postage. This is an opportunity for our members to secure dozens of copies at a very low cost for extensive circulation. Send in your orders for same through your church missionary secretary or the conference tract society. Do not fail to take advantage of this offer while the supply lasts. R. E. G. BLAIR.

OUR £2,500 FUND

The World's Greatest Problem, and How to Solve It

THE world's greatest problem is the problem of sin. To solve this problem successfully is the desire of this people led by the Spirit of God. To solve this problem God is largely using trained men and trained women. It is not necessary to discuss the question of "Why a training?" the need of the hour is sufficient answer to that question. "Where to train?" is the question that presents itself. Train in an institution established definitely to assist in the promulgation of the third angel's message. We have such an institution in the West Australian Conference, known as the West Australian Missionary School. As its name implies, it exists for one purpose only,—the preparation of missionaries for either home or foreign missionary service. To show that God has blessed in the training offered, we gladly call your attention to the following figures which speak for themselves.

The school was established in the year 1906. Because some of the brethren and sisters connected with this movement had caught a vision of the significance of the Scriptural statements, "Look on the fields," and "The harvest truly is plenteous," a beginning was made to build up this school just twenty-one years ago. While we are not able to state the number of students enrolled between the years 1906 and 1913, we do know that from 1913 to 1927, 285 students passed through the institution.

That this has meant much for the Master and has helped in a small way in the dissemination of truth we all love, is evidenced by the following statement of the number of certificates obtained by students of the school:

Preparatory 93
Intermediate 21
Missionary 7
Business 4
Ministerial 5
Certificates of Proficiency 18

The number who have found a place in active service for God is as follows:

Ordained Ministers 4
Licensed Ministers 7
Missionary Licentiates 14
Teachers 14
Institutional Workers 34
Missionaries 10

Auditor I

To this must be added the large number who have returned to their home churches better fitted to do aggressive church and home missionary work for the Master. Each year a number of students have taken up work in the colporteur field, with the result that many hundreds of books have been placed in the homes of the people and a number have been led to see the light of truth as it is in Jesus. Never this side of eternity shall we be able to measure the results attained for God by those who have passed through the West Australian Missionary School, but we do know that through the efforts put forth by those who have passed through this institution many souls will be found in the kingdom.

With the development of the work down through the years there has been an increasing need for better facilities. Only those who have lived in a large school hall know the nerve strain caused by the almost continual practice on the pianos within the hall. One of our most urgent needs is a music room detached from the other buildings. Could a music room be provided it would mean untold blessing to both teachers and students living in the school halls.

Good light is very necessary where much study is being done. An electric lighting system is needed in place of the present lighting provided by kerosene lamps. Such a system would largely eliminate the risks from fire. The school has other needs, and we know that as the money is raised for our schools during the coming weeks, it will greatly help the students in their work of preparation, thus helping to solve the great problem of sin as these students in turn give their lives in service to the Master.

H. C. WHITE.

The £2,500 Fund

A subscription list has been opened for this very necessary fund to provide the additions and equipment needed at our New Zealand and West Australian Missionary Schools, and our people are invited to send in their offerings to their conference office. The need is urgent; please send without delay so that the work may be proceeded with during the summer vacation at these training centres.

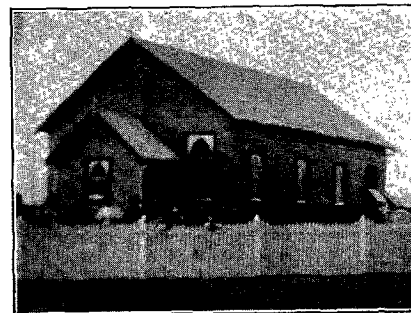
NORTH NEW SOUTH WALES

PRESIDENT: H. A. HILL
SECRETARY: P. G. FOSTER

Dedication of the Inverell Church

As a sequel to hard physical labour, and firm faith in God, the church building at Inverell now stands as a practical demonstration of the well known adage, "Where there is a will there is a way."

Faced with tremendous difficulties in the way of successive droughts—even while the stock were dying, and the fis-



New Church, Inverell

ures in the hard-baked soil seemed like so many open mouths calling to the heavens for moisture—the faithful company of believers at Inverell set themselves to the task of erecting to the honour of God a house of worship, where they could fittingly meet together from Sabbath to Sabbath, and which building would also become a last-day witness to those who pass by saying, "Here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus."

Fortunate indeed was that little company to have the association in labour and services of Pastor and Mrs. C. J. Reynolds, whose indomitable courage in the face of hardship served as a wholesome inspiration in toil when the muscles were tired through overwork, and when the nerve tension might easily have produced a snappiness unbecoming to a follower of the Master.

Having secured a steam engine and a circular saw, a temporary position was taken about five miles from town on the property of Brother Fraser, who freely donated all necessary pine trees growing in his bush country. This timber was felled by the brethren, and hauled by horse teams over the rocky hillside to where it was sawn and hand-finished in preparation for the edifice that now stands as a wonder in Inverell.

As may be seen by the illustration, the church is a comely building, and is erected upon a conveniently situated corner allotment where two main thoroughfares meet, the ground being sufficiently large to accommodate the present church building, and a future residence, and a church school which may yet likewise miraculously appear. The worth of the building and allotment, according to expert valuation, is £600. The debt remaining is £60.

The dedication service took place on

Sabbath, October 8, and on the following day seventeen additional members were baptised by Pastor Reynolds and accepted into church fellowship. Immediately following the baptism an ordination service was held on the bank of the creek, and on this occasion two elders and two deacons were set apart to serve as local shepherds of the precious flock.

To join the remnant church of God, and to share with her in all the conflicts and the sacrifices necessitated for the finishing of God's gospel work, is a privilege and an honour conferred by the Master, which we believe is understood and accepted by the loyal company of commandment keepers at Inverell. May we all triumph with them in the glad day of final victory so near at hand.

H. A. HILL.



Young People's Week in Tasmania

YOUNG People's Week in Tasmania was delayed till the arrival of Pastor Faulkner, who spent a fortnight in the interests of the educational and Missionary Volunteer work in this State. An itinerary covering all the societies had been prepared, and it was refreshing to see the rally of the young folk at all meetings. We have some loyal, responsive hearts among the young people here, and many yearn to follow in the steps of Tasmanians now scattered far and near in service.

A rally in the Hobart church saw almost seventy young folk and others gathered. Convention work lasted three hours. The interest in the discussions was well sustained, and questions of a very practical nature were asked. What can we do to make the Christian life interesting to the young people? Does Christianity cramp life? These questions elicited a great amount of interest, and were answered in a very practical way a few days later in a most pleasant social gathering, which was heartily enjoyed by all. Brimful of suggestions was the paper read by Pastor Faulkner on "Practical Suggestions for Making a Success of Our Missionary Volunteer Meetings." Personal experience of the benefit of the Morning Watch and Bible Year was given in two four-minute talks on these subjects.

Two days were spent in Glen Huon where a company of young people is awaiting baptism. The meetings took a very spiritual and helpful form, and definite testimonies were freely given. One young man, a Methodist, took his stand for Christ. The meetings were thrown open and free discussion and questions helped to make profitable the time of this trip. Collinsvale rallied its young people both in its own church and at the Hobart convention. Their special music was greatly appreciated.

Leaving the South, a visit was made to Launceston, Bishopsbourne, Devonport, Ulverstone, and Burnie. Some of these

little companies seldom have a worker to visit them, and they turned out in full force. We were glad to listen to the message that Pastor Faulkner brought. As the simplicity of the plan of salvation was brought before us, and we felt again our need of getting down to fundamental things in the gospel plan, the Spirit opened our understanding. "That was just the message I needed," was the oft-repeated statement as we passed from church to church. The new church building at Burnie was filled, some of the isolated members—strong young men and women—had come down twenty or thirty miles to be in attendance. As we heard one after another say how they wanted to get to College, and as prayers ascended for deeper spiritual life, and testimonies of determination to live for God were given, our hearts rejoiced. We have seen with our eyes some splendid young people scattered about who, if rightly trained, could be a great assistance in the work of God. We ask your prayers for our young people in Tasmania.

F. J. BUTLER.

SOUTH NEW ZEALAND

PRESIDENT: H. E. PIPER
SECRETARY: A. S. HERBERT

Baptism in Christchurch

[From a letter written to the Union Home Missions Department.]

WE had a very impressive baptismal service in the Sydenham church, Christchurch, last Sunday, December 18, when twenty-five candidates were baptised. Thirteen of this number were young people. It has been pleasing to see the spiritual growth of many of our young people during the past year.

One of the most pleasing features about this baptismal service was that nine of the adult candidates were first impressed through the efforts of our lay members. We were interested in hearing of how some of these people were first attracted to the truth. One was a staunch Roman Catholic when she started to work in a business in which one of our sisters is engaged. Miss G—— noticed that our sister did not come down to morning tea, and through this little incident the way was opened to tell her a little more concerning the truth. Our sister followed up the interest by giving her papers and also by inviting her to her home and studying with her the little book, "Bible Studies." Now she is rejoicing in the message.

Another sister told me how she first became acquainted with one of the candidates. One day she noticed that this lady's child was crying. She treated him kindly and took him into her own home and gave him a meal. When his mother came home she was impressed with the kindness of our sister, who then took the opportunity of lending her papers and working with her until she began to keep the Sabbath. We are sure that still another good sister's heart rejoiced when she saw a married couple and another woman step into the water on Sunday. As she witnessed this scene she would be

glad that she had lent them our good tracts. We recognise that much faithful work has been done by Brother Howse and Sister Westernman with these interested persons, but they would not have been able to get in touch with them if it had not been for our lay members.

R. H. POWRIE.

WEDDING BELLS

Bishop-Burton.—On December 20 at the Onehunga church, N.Z., which was neatly decorated for the occasion, Brother Frederick C. Bishop and Sister Isabella H. Burton were united in marriage. Both are highly esteemed workers in the Health Food Department. Brother Bishop, having spent several years in the Health Food work in Sydney, has since then been travelling in Australia and New Zealand, specialising in display and demonstration work. Miss Burton has been matron for a number of years in several cafés in New Zealand. We pray that God's richest blessing will rest upon their united labours for Him, and we wish them much happiness and joy.

L. R. HARVEY.

Robinson-Hardes.—At the Wallsend church on December 7, a wedding ceremony was celebrated, uniting in marriage Sister Elma Madelene Hardes, the only surviving daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Hardes of Wallsend, to Brother Osley Robinson of Martin's Creek. The church, which was very prettily decorated for the occasion, was crowded with the many well-wishers of the bride and bridegroom. Just as Jesus was in attendance at the marriage in Cana of Galilee, even so we believe the divine presence sanctified the gathering, and witnessed to the vows of loyalty that assure the extension of the Eden home with God. Following the ceremony at the church a very fitting reception was given at the home of the bride's parents. We wish for Brother and Sister Robinson real joy and happiness as they unitedly walk through life.

H. A. HILL.

OBITUARY

Vandenbergh.—On December 17 at the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Nellie, the elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Vandenbergh of Maroubra, fell peacefully asleep after an illness of nearly three months. This little maiden of thirteen years had contracted pneumonia and rheumatic fever. The parents are brother-in-law and sister of Sister H. Macfarlane and Brother W. Dines. The deceased loved to read our good papers and when, just before her death, she was reminded that Jesus loved her, she replied, "I love Jesus, I am so happy. I've been in a race and won." The bereaved parents and sister are comforted with the knowledge that Nellie died with her trust in a loving Saviour. At the parlour of the undertaker and also at the graveside, Woronora cemetery, the writer presented the healing balm which comes from God through His blessed Word.

A. H. WHITE.

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BROTHER LESLIE J. STACE, one of the recent graduates of the Australasian Missionary College, has connected with the Treasury Department of the Union Conference office.

BEGINNING with 1927, the State of New South Wales requires that all who wish to practise as nurses must pass a State examination and be registered. The first class of nurses to take four years' training at the Sydney Sanitarium sat for this examination in November, and have recently learned that they all passed successfully. They are, Nurses Hilda Judge, Nita Dray, and Mabel Foster.

SISTER MARY MOUNTAIN, now in California, recently made a visit to the sister of her late husband, in London, Canada. On this trip she had the pleasure of visiting Pastor S. M. Cobb and family in Wisconsin, where Brother Cobb is chaplain of the Madison Sanitarium. She writes that she also called upon Sister G. C. Tenney at Chicago, who is living in the home of her daughter Ruth. We feel sure that those who knew these former workers in Australia will be glad to hear of them again.

THE Union Conference delegates returning from the camp-meeting held in Ballarat, Victoria, report an excellent meeting. For the first time in many years the camp was held outside the metropolitan area, yet the attendance was larger than had been expected. The largest camp in Victoria had 190 tents; this time there were 184 tents occupied. Those present seemed very happy that the meeting was held during the Christmas holidays. A report of this meeting will appear in our next issue.

The Morning Watch Calendar Appreciated

THAT the Morning Watch Calendar is valued by others not of our faith is demonstrated again by the following letter written by a lady who was found during the Appeal for Missions, to whom a calendar was posted:

"Dear Miss S—,

"How very kind of you to send me such a dear little booklet. Thank you so much for your kind thought of me. It is so beautifully got up, something for every month, something for every day; I shall often think of you when reading it and keeping the 'morning watch.'

"Life is so full of little troubles and disappointments that my faith, I am ashamed to say, often wanes and I feel

depressed; but when I read that beautiful little poem, 'My Prayer' at the beginning of the booklet, I resolved that that prayer should be mine each day, especially the last verse:

"For one thing only, Lord, dear Lord, I
plead,

Lead me aright—
Though strength should falter, and
though heart should bleed—
Through all to Light."

"And now, dear Miss S—, I send you very kind wishes for Christmas and for the new year. May our good Heavenly Father be with you always, and may your kindness bear fruit a hundredfold. With kind regards and best wishes to you and yours."

Notes from the North N.S.W. Conference

The Maitland Gaol

SOME splendid meetings have been held in the East Maitland gaol. Two of the prisoners have written to us; both have been interviewed. An inspiration came to us to give each prisoner a Morning Watch Calendar for 1928. The kindly-disposed brethren at Wallsend donated some money to help these poor men, so we used a portion of this to buy eighty calendars, which were given to the men. Pray that a heavenly influence may radiate from their pages. We asked at the gaol who would like one. Up went a forest of hands.

Starting from January 14, and continuing thereafter fortnightly for that month and the next one, we have offered to take charge of a programme at this East Maitland gaol, and we believe our offer will be accepted.

Sometimes when these men leave the gaol the question of their employment arises. We have one such request now. "Actions speak louder than words," wrote the secretary of the Prisoners' Aid Society. "What can you do?" We had nothing to offer, but the call was a challenge to us, and we felt keenly our inability to respond.

Helping the Hospital

When Pastor Reuben Hare was at West Maitland the question arose, "Can we help the local hospital?" "What will you do?" we asked. "We will sew and we will collect." "How many will help?" Up went about ten hands.

The offer was made to the secretary of the Maitland hospital. He gladly accepted. Our sisters and brethren responded well, and several days were spent in this way. Over £90 was collected, and we believe that over £100 came in directly and indirectly. All donations so received will be doubled by the Government. The committee of the hospital conveyed its cordial appreciation of this help, and the secretary was astonished and delighted at the good success achieved.

The Big Week

In supplying the needs of far away lands, the requirements of those in the home fields are cared for. At one country centre one of our sisters enjoyed several rich experiences in the Big Week. Two children from an outside home came to Sabbath school on the next Sabbath, and they are planning to attend regularly. One lady who used to attend church

every Sabbath has promised to come back again in the new year. A man who was once with us feels condemned and has asked for prayers on his behalf and for his wife. Morning Watch Calendars have proved splendid sellers, and some very fine missionary experiences have resulted.

One prominent business man asked earnestly about the Spirit of Prophecy, and was anxious to read about Mrs. White. After selling him four Morning Watch Calendars, and a copy each of "The World War" and *Life and Health*, it was arranged to lend him "Early Writings." Upon calling back, so much did he approve of *Life and Health* that he at once gave a twelve-months' subscription for this excellent magazine.

The little folk enjoyed a good experience, and were happy in the knowledge of good work done for the Master.

"Signs of the Times"

One sister in Hamilton found it impossible to continue going round with the *Signs* each week, so she sought for subscriptions. During one morning this sister took twelve orders for the *Signs* for three months. The *Signs* is valued by its readers.

J. L. SMITH.

Bibles for the African Gold Coast

SOME of our workers in the Australasian field have received letters from the West Coast of Africa, asking for new and secondhand copies of the Bible. We understand that a Year Book of this denomination strayed into the hands of some of the natives, and they are making the most of writing to the addresses given therein. We quote this paragraph of warning from the *Review and Herald* dated Nov. 17, 1927:

"We are credibly informed that these letters represent a money-making propaganda, and that the Bibles are sold in speculation. In our judgment our readers should not respond to letters of this character unless they are sent through our recognised representatives and missionaries in that field."

A REMARKABLE experience for a country like Japan has been passed on to us by Pastor N. Z. Town, secretary of the General Conference Publishing Department. He writes: "Brother Kraft, with a Japanese native brother, called recently on the superintendent of prisons, and sold him ninety-five copies of 'Patriarchs and Prophets' in the Japanese language for the prison libraries throughout Japan."

Important Dates

Camp-Meetings:

South New Zealand: January 10-21.
West Australia: February 21-March 4.
Tasmania: February 23-March 4.
North N.S.W.: February 29-March 11.
South Australia: March 6-18.

A. M. College Opens: February 22.
N.Z. Missionary School Opens: March 7.
W.A. Missionary School Opens: March 7.
Appeal for Missions: March 3-7, 1928.
Week of Prayer: May 26-June 2, 1928.
Annual Council: August 28 - 1928.