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The Faith That Will Stand the Test

IF we look to self, and trust in self, we shall surely fall from our steadfastness. The terrible tempest that is gathering will sweep away our sandy foundation, and leave our house a wreck on the shores of time; but the house that is built upon the rocks will stand for ever. We must be "kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation." The apostle spoke some plain words to his Hebrew brethren, that meet the condition of many of those who profess the truth for this time.

"We have many things to say, and hard to be uttered, seeing ye are dull of hearing. [They were not quick to discern the things of the Spirit of God.] For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil." It is positively necessary for those who believe the truth to be making continual advancement, growing up into the full stature of men and women in Christ Jesus. There is no time for backsliding and indifference. Each one must have a living experience in the things of God. Have root in yourselves. Become grounded in the faith, so that, having done all, you may stand with unwavering confidence in God through the time that will try every man's work and character. Exercise your powers in spiritual things, till you can appreciate the deep things of God's Word, and go on from strength to strength.

There are thousands who claim to have the light of truth who take no steps in advance. They have no living experiences, notwithstanding they have had every advantage. They do not know what consecration means. Their devotions are formal and hollow, and there is no depth to their piety. The Word of God offers spiritual liberty and enlightenment to those who study it earnestly. Those who accept the promises of

God, and act on them with living faith, will have the light of heaven in their lives. They will drink of the fountain of life, and lead others to the waters that have refreshed their own souls. We must have that faith in God that takes Him at His word. We can have no victory without cloudless confidence; for "without faith it is impossible to please Him." It is faith that connects us with the power of heaven, and that brings us the strength for coping with the powers of darkness. "This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." In order to exercise

The Bulwarks of God's Truth

For ever stand the bulwarks of God's truth
While ages roll and kingdoms rise and fall;
Within its towers the church of God uprears,
And angel watchmen ever guard its wall.

Unswerved, undaunted, and unmoved, for e'er
God's church withstands the ravages of time,
And all assaults of earthly power and might
Are vanquished by its glorious truth sublime.

Those who within His church confess His name,
Stand firm and brave as loyal soldiers true,
Unmoved by fear and unallured by sin,
Courageously to serve as Christ would do.

For ever stand the bulwarks of God's truth,
Unchanged by time, unscarred by scheme of sin.
Since God is God, the enemy defy,
And through salvation's portal enter in.

WORTHIE HARRIS HOLDEN.

intelligent faith, we should study the Word of God. The Bible, and the Bible alone, communicates a correct knowledge of the character of God, and of His will concerning us. The duty and the destiny of man are confined in its pages. The conditions on which we may hope for eternal life are explicitly stated, and the doom of those who neglect so great salvation is foretold in the most forcible language.

Had the Bible been received as the voice of God to man, as the Book of books, as the one infallible rule of faith and practice, we should not have seen the law of heaven made void, and the swelling tide of iniquity

devouring our land.

As men wander away from the truth into scepticism, everything becomes uncertain and unreal. No thorough conviction takes hold of the soul. No faith is exercised in the Scripture as the revelation of God to man. There is nothing authoritative in its commands, nothing terrifying in its warnings, nothing inspiring in its promises. To the sceptic it is meaningless and contradictory.

There are many among us who are not cultivating faith. They have a vacillating experience. They are like "a wave of the sea driven by the wind and tossed." Sometimes they seem strong in faith; then a blast of unbelief sweeps over them, and they are filled with gloom and doubt. They make no decided effort to recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, but are taken captive by him at his will. There are others, who, when assailed by temptations of unbelief, flee to the Word of God and to earnest prayer, and they are not left to the power of the enemy.

If men could realise the blighting influence of doubt upon their minds, if they could but see into the future, they would realise the imperative need of cultivating firm trust in God and implicit confidence in His promises. They would not sow one grain of unbelief; for every single grain blossoms and bears fruit. Satan is a living, active agent. It is his business to encourage scepticism. Every word of doubt is carefully nourished by the adversary of souls. While men sleep in indifference, suggestions that weaken faith are insinuated into the heart. Influences that confuse the perception of truth are brought to bear upon the life. In every way possible, Satan strives to turn souls from the narrow path that leads to heaven; and because men love darkness, they follow the voice of strangers, and reject the call of the Good Shepherd, who gave His life for the sheep. The plain, authoritative "Thus saith the Lord," is refused for some winding sophistry of errors. Infidelity has increased in proportion as men have questioned the Word and requirements of their Maker. They have taken up the work of cheapening character, and lessening faith in the inspiration of the Bible. Men claiming great wisdom have presumed to criticise and cut and cull the words of the living God, and have started questions to make shipwreck of the happiness of their fellow men and to ruin their hopes of heaven. This is a work that is pleasing to the enemy of all righteousness. The arguments that men bring against the Bible are the result of the counsels of the evil one. The door of their minds was opened to his suggestions; and the more they drifted into error, the greater grew their desire to draw other souls into the same channel of darkness.

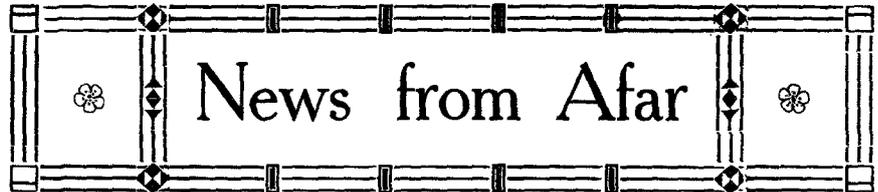
Many claim to believe the Bible, and their names are enrolled on the church records, who are among the most influential agents of Satan. The work they are doing they will not consider an honour to them in the day of judgment. It will then be seen that every effort that weakened faith was made at a terrible loss. The tremendous price that must be paid will sink them into everlasting shame and ruin. The only safety is in rejecting instantly every suggestion of unbelief. Do not open your mind to entertain doubts, even for an instant; bid them a decided

refusal as they come to you for admission. Fasten the mind upon the promises of God. Talk of them, rejoice in them; and the peace of God will rule in your hearts.

The fruits of doubt are not desirable. Look around you, and see what havoc has been wrought by the machinations of the evil one. Error and falsehood and heresy have held high carnival in the deceived hearts of men. From century to century the adversary has repeated his experiments with growing success; for in spite of the sad records of lives that have gone out in darkness, as moths flee to the fire, so men rush on into the ruinous deceptions that he has prepared to entrap them.

If you desire salvation, I entreat you to shun his insinuations concerning the truth of God's Word. Come to the "sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place." If that is not authoritative, what is it? If the Word of the Lord of heaven and earth is not solid rock upon which to build, then it is in vain to look for sure foundations. "Heaven and earth shall pass away," but "the word of the Lord endureth for ever." Unwavering faith in His Word is the only faith that will endure through the perils of the last days.

ELLEN G. WHITE.



A Miracle of God

THE day of miracles is not past, though the enemy of souls would gladly destroy the faith of God's people today in the supernatural. Now and then God gives us some special evidence that He is, in very fact, a miracle-working God.

Such evidence has recently come to us in the recovery of Sister W. H. Anderson, of Angola, West Africa, from internal cancer in its advanced stages.

When the writer visited Angola some months ago, Sister Anderson was told by Dr. A. Tonge that unless the Lord especially worked for her, her life would soon end. So large had the growth become that its shape could be traced on the chest and abdomen. She was suffering great pain, and later experienced much difficulty in breathing.

A special season of prayer was held for Sister Anderson by some of the ministers present at the Union constituency meeting in September, but although Sister Anderson expressed a conviction that her work in Africa was not yet finished, no change for the better was witnessed at the time. In fact, she continued to grow worse rapidly until Pastor Anderson was finally advised to take her to Cape Town to secure further medical counsel. It was also hoped that the change to a lower altitude might somewhat retard the growth.

Sister Anderson's faith was severely tested and proved. To all appearances there was no hope. She laid all her plans to die. She requested her husband to take what little money she had—her life's savings—and instead of erecting a tombstone at her grave, to build a ward for Dr. Tonge's hospital at the Lepi Mission. This was to be her memorial.

Many prayers were offered on her behalf after they arrived at Cape Town. The Division was gathering for its annual council, and the brethren prayed for her recovery that she and Pastor Anderson might go on with their work in Angola and French Equatorial Africa.

One morning she arose from bed, and said to her husband that she felt strangely well and strong. She looked and found the external traces of the malignant

growth gone. She found no soreness as was usual.

Pastor and Mrs. Anderson went at once to an X-ray expert, but after a preliminary examination he advised that an X-ray examination was unnecessary. He said that there was nothing wrong.

Later, Dr. H. A. Erickson, of our Kanye Hospital, arrived in the city, and he was called in and asked to make a careful examination, but found nothing unusual. One of Cape Town's prominent surgeons was consulted, and he said there was no trace of malignancy. It was evident, therefore, that God had healed, and that He had done thorough work. Instead of a funeral service we were able to hold a praise service.

In a few days Pastor and Mrs. Anderson were happily on their way back to Angola to take up again the work of their choice—that of establishing new lighthouses in places hitherto unentered by our representatives. At the time this is being written, Pastor Anderson is far away in the Cameroons, opening our first station there, while Sister Anderson is at Huambo, the Union headquarters, caring for the interest in that place.

Pastor Anderson did not need to build the hospital ward as a memorial to his faithful wife who had died from cancer, but now the two of them together are having it built as a memorial to God and His miracle-working power.

W. H. BRANSON,
President African Division.

SHALL we abandon the fields we have already opened in foreign countries? Shall we drop part of the work in our home missions? Shall we falter and become laggards now, in the very last scenes of this earth's history? My heart says, "No, no." Let none indulge the thought that we have attempted too much. We have attempted too little. The work which we are now doing ought to have been done years ago. Our plans must enlarge, our operations must be extended. What is needed now is a church whose individual members shall be awake and active to do all that it is possible for them to accomplish. MRS. E. G. WHITE.

Our Mission Field

Bougainville

BROTHER CAMPBELL and I have just returned from a trip to our outstations in the centre of the island of Bougainville. The harvest is truly great. Four new centres of interest were reported to us as requesting teachers, but we have none to give them. One seemed to be of such importance that we asked a Bougainville native, who had been in school only two years, to hold this place as best he could until we could get a teacher over from the Solomon Islands.

Come with Us on a Journey Through Bougainville

If you could accompany us on an imaginary trip around this large island it would be instructive. We would start from Kieta. This is the port of entry to Bougainville, and is in the centre of the eastern coast. An eight hours' trip (forty-five miles) in the mission launch would take us to Lavilai, the first station we opened in this Territory. Lavilai is situated on the extreme south-east end of the island and, so far, is our main station. Brother and Sister Campbell are located there. This is the nearest point to the British Solomons.

Next morning we would walk ten miles up the coast, wading rivers, etc., until we came to a bush track which we would follow for another eight miles and finally arrive at a native village, where we would camp for the night, and early the third day we would be on the road again, reaching the village of Leolo about eleven o'clock. Here Nano is stationed, and we have a church and mission house.

The fourth day we would still travel up hill, and after a four hours' climb would reach the village of Oghu. There Billy, another native teacher from the Solomons, is labouring. On the fifth day we would follow a river bed, still travelling up hill until we reached Paghui. This is a large village and is one of our latest openings. Loloki, another native worker, is stationed here.

On the sixth day we would retrace our steps to Oghu and branch off at right angles farther into the hills, up and down some dangerous gorges, pulling ourselves up by creepers when it is too steep to climb. We would have to camp on the road, and on the seventh day we would reach Pagamana. This mission is above the coconut belt, so high in altitude that no coconuts will grow there. Seijama is the native worker at this place. From there we would retrace our steps to Lavilai, by way of Oghu and Leolo. This would take us three days' hard travelling.

We would not stop at Lavilai but would board the little launch again. On the eleventh day we would push on up the coast towards Kieta, and when half way there would call at Taki, the village where Rario is stationed. After a short stay we would visit another of our interests five miles farther up the coast. If we had time, we would go up into the hills, 1,000

feet, to visit still another interest. Rario looks after these last three interests.

On the twelfth day we would travel up the coast to a bay on this side of Kieta. This trip would take four hours in the launch. Here we would walk across a mountain range, a six hours' trip, to the village of Rautui. There Oti is teaching the people. Several places are earnestly pleading for teachers near here. We would sleep one night here and early next morning, the thirteenth day, we would re-cross the mountain range and board the launch again and go to a bay the other side of Kieta.

On the fourteenth day we would go up into the hills to Karikera. This is a four hours' trip across several rivers. We would be able to reach the coast again that day, and the following morning would take another track, fording rivers again to our newest interest where we have placed a local native for a time. This would take us all of the fifteenth day.

On the sixteenth day we would board the launch again and put well out to sea, for a trip of fifty miles to the top end of the island, to our most newly opened mission at Inus. Here we have just begun work. Harry is stationed at Inus. It is our intention to build up a strong mission station here, if possible. If we stayed only one night at Inus we would return to Kieta, our starting point, on the seventeenth day. Mount Balbi, 10,000 feet high, is at the back of Inus.

In this trip we have made no stops for Sabbaths, and have not allowed for any hindrances such as flooded rivers, rains, etc. We are truly hunting them out in the mountains, as is prophesied in Jeremiah 16:16. Even at the back of Inus the natives run away when a white man is seen approaching. In some of these places we are the first white persons that have ever visited the natives.

Brother and Sister Campbell and I are now one hundred miles apart. The prospects are bright, and with the Lord's blessing a great work will develop.

R. H. TUTTY.

Bisiatabu Mission, Papua

THINGS are going along very well with us here. No one gives us any trouble, and all seem to be very happy and contented. We have a very interesting school every day, and many of the students are making good progress.

David, our Fijian worker, is a great help to me. He and Meanou and Orira, two Papuan boys, carry much of the burden of the mission, and constantly and conscientiously attend to their work. David has the oversight of the work with the rubber trees. Then in the afternoons he teaches school along with myself, and is efficient. When he speaks he gives the message and feeds the flock. If there are any more in Fiji like David, I, for one,

would be happy to see them set foot in Papua.

We are thankful for the way the hearts of the people in the homeland are being turned to this mission field. We long for the day when a big work will be done for these darkened people. We are doing all we can to encourage the young people here to educate themselves for workers in the Lord's vineyard. We are commencing a class in the evenings for those who definitely wish to become workers. In this class we hope to study just what the Lord requires His workers to be, and how to prepare to be successful labourers for Him. We have lengthened the hours for school a little; now it is held from 2 p.m. till 5 p.m. All seem to be enjoying school.

Any spare time I have, I use in translating hymns. Meanou is helping me. Being without a hymn book is a great lack, and we long to see the day when we shall have a nice little hymnal for this field. For some time we have had to sing the same five or six hymns over and over again. I have very carefully gone about this work in order to secure the very best thought and grammar, hoping that ere long they will be printed in permanent form. There is such a message in our good old hymns on the special points of our faith that will carry weight wherever they are sung, that we greatly desire to have a selection of them.

Two boys came up with me yesterday from Port Moresby to school. They have come all the way from Vailala, down the coast, in a native sailing ship that was over their way buying sago. The people at Vailala would like us to establish a mission school in their district.

G. H. ENGELBRECHT.

Monamona Mission

THERE are many bright little incidents expressed in the lives of some of our boys and girls on the mission which are a pleasure and a joy to us. It is without doubt God's Holy Spirit that is working upon the lives of some of these dear boys and girls, as we see with what earnestness they stand up for the truth in resisting temptations and using the opportunities to speak for Jesus.

One boy, Dick, when down at the railway siding met an Englishman, and being anxious for a chance to tell him something, asked him, "Why are you working today since it is Sunday?" "Oh," he replied, "I have to do this; but how about yourself?" Dick saw the chance, and told him he rested yesterday and knew from God's Word that it was not wrong for him to work on Sunday.

The conversation led on, and Dick quoted the text in Daniel 7:25, where a power would try to make all the world worship contrary to God's Word. This aroused the curiosity of the Englishman and he said, "We'll see," and turned to go up to the house to get a Bible that he knew his employer had; but as the employer was out he was unsuccessful in procuring a Bible. However, Dick assured him it was so, and that was why the Sunday was kept by many people instead of God's true Sabbath—Saturday. The Englishman said, "I'll bet you in three years you will all have to keep Sunday." Dick said, "I know the pope

will try to make all the people worship according to his dictates; he tried to do that years ago, and didn't succeed. Millions of people lost their lives rather than disobey God, and the true people of God will die for Him now, if need be, rather than worship in the way for which there is no proof in the Bible." By this time some neighbours had come across, and their talk was interrupted.

The wet season has just started here, being about two months later than usual. The creeks and country generally are in a flooded condition. We are thankful that no severe winds have attended the rains this year.

We are all of good courage, and praise the dear Lord for His many blessings to our mission family and fellow missionaries.
L. A. BORGAS.

keep in this receptive, consecrated attitude throughout the untried future.

GWEN M. JUDGE.



A Year of Progress

TRULY this young people's work is going around the world carrying blessings in its train. We have just made up our totals for the Missionary Volunteer Department for 1927, and most encouraging are the results.

The 6,516 Missionary Volunteers in this Union are banded together in 231 societies for study and service. Last year they wrote 12,291 missionary letters, and received 7,096 in reply. They distributed 12,515 books and nearly 75,000 tracts. They gave away 237,000 periodicals, and sold 107,420. They gave 6,356 Bible readings, and paid 40,725 missionary visits. The time given to Christian help work by the young people is the equivalent of keeping one person working eight hours a day, six days a week, for twenty-eight years. And yet the total is only eleven hours for each Missionary Volunteer during the year. The bouquets given numbered 7,777, and 3,426 treatments were given to the sick.

"Oh, I just live for Sunday afternoon to come. I do so enjoy visiting those dear people!" It was a young Missionary Volunteer who spoke. She devotes a portion of each Sunday afternoon to Christian help work and missionary calls. Her face beamed as she told of the blessing she receives from it. Let us stir our M.V.'s to do more of this work.

Record Number Baptised

Our hearts are always made glad when we hear of baptismal services at which some of our young people have gone forward, following their Master through the watery grave. Last year's total—238—constitutes a record for a twelve-month period.

Devotional Features

Bible Year certificates have been issued to fifty-eight Missionary Volunteers who read the Bible through last year. We hope that a larger number will persevere in this splendid undertaking this year.

"A text a day
Keeps doubt away."

Too much emphasis cannot be placed on the value of the Morning Watch. The average number of young people who faithfully observed the Morning Watch last year was 1,043—or 25 per cent of our membership. Let every society aim to have 100 per cent of its members observing the Morning Watch. It is interesting to know that 15,289 copies of this year's Calendar have been sold. This is over five thousand copies more than any previous year. Hundreds were sold during the last Big Week, and many warm expressions of appreciation have been passed on to us from people not of our faith.

Education Department

Another Beginning at New Zealand Missionary School

"BUT how can we get them all in the chapel?" Yes, it was a problem. Even with the new wings, the dormitory accommodation for the young ladies would be taxed to its limit, and that for the young men would be well filled. But the chapel—that room which is well filled with only sixty students—how could its area be made to seat the prospective enrolment of over eighty? Its sides could not be stretched, that was certain; at least, not till the Extension Fund permitted. Something had to be done. And on the opening day we saw what was done, for we found that Brother Hookings, who was visiting for a few days prior to opening exercises, had made a new entrance to the chapel nearer to the rostrum than the original doorway, thus permitting the introduction of six more desks, which were placed in front of the other desks, leaving only comfortable walking space between them and the rostrum.

In spite of these extra seats, the chapel was crowded as, on March 7 at 3 p.m., faculty, students, and visiting parents and friends assembled for the ushering in of another school year. As an introduction to the afternoon's programme, Brother L. Minchin played a pianoforte solo. After a pause at its conclusion, a chord was struck which we recognised as the signal for all to rise and voice our praise to God "from whom all blessings flow."

Pastor Rosendahl, who is back as principal again after six years with the West Australian school, welcomed all and spoke briefly of his expectations for a happy and profitable year. He then read a cable of greeting from our former principal, Pastor Cossentine.

With the gentlemen members of the faculty on the rostrum were seated Pastor Butz and Brother C. S. Palmer. We were sorry that the previous evening Brother Hookings had been called away by a death in his family, and so could not join these brethren in speaking words of exhortation and encouragement for the days ahead.

Pastor Butz, in his address, stressed the importance and value of each student having an aim in life. God has a purpose for each soul: we should seek to know that purpose and follow it with concentrated effort, for "not more surely is the place prepared for us in the heavenly

mansions than is the special place designated on earth where we are to work for God." In fitting us to occupy the place He designates as ours, God has graciously placed within our denomination such schools as this. In demonstrating the advantages of our God-given system of Christian education over the secular education given in the schools of the world, Pastor Butz described the curriculum of the university he attended prior to his reception of the truth. There were many "ologies," but little or no time was given to the spiritual and practical sides of life. How we should prize that "true education" which is "the harmonious development of the physical, the mental, and the spiritual powers."

Brother Palmer, who was one of the first students enrolled at the Pukekura School, and who took part in the removal from Cambridge to Longburn at the close of 1912, was well able to give us an outlined history of the foundation and growth of the intermediate school work in New Zealand. The students of that former school at Pukekura (1908-1912) certainly lacked the conveniences and facilities that are afforded at N.Z.M.S. today, but they were surely none the less happy, and many have gone out to battle with greater difficulties, and labour under much more trying conditions in the fields beyond. Brother Palmer mentioned the names of many of his classmates of twenty years ago who are now to be found in responsible work in the home fields, in the islands, and in the Far East.

In order that our large family might become acquainted, all met in the girls' parlour after evening worship, and there we had a little "informal at home," as our principal styled it. Faculty members and former students mingled freely with the newcomers, and from the smiles and pleasant chatter, it seemed that soon all felt quite "at home."

So passed the first day of the 1928 school year. That night there were present 72 students, but several more are expected within a few days, bringing the enrolment to 82, of these 50 being former students, and 32 freshmen; 45 are young ladies, and 37 young men.

We know not what 1928 holds for us. Trials and difficulties there will be, we are sure. Certain, too, are we that the Lord by His Spirit will be with us, for have we not already given ourselves to His service in renewed consecration, claiming the proffered power? May we

Mission Offerings

The young people undertook to raise £1,860 for certain work in the New Hebrides last year. When all the year's reports were in, how glad we were to find that they had reached their aim and exceeded it by almost £58. The total offerings for the year amounted to £1,917 18s. 7d. The New Hebrides still call for willing workers to support the work there. We know our Missionary Volunteers will rally again this year in response to the call for help that comes from that field.

We are encouraged by the way the M.V. work has gone ahead during the twelve months, and now we are looking ahead to even bigger results from the present year's work.

M.V. DEPARTMENT.

TASMANIA

PRESIDENT : E. G. WHITTAKER

SECRETARY : F. J. BUTLER

The Tasmanian Annual Conference and Camp-Meeting

THE second annual session of the Tasmanian Conference was held from February 16 to 26, 1928, at Elwick Show Grounds, Glenorchy. This ground has seen quite a number of encampments year after year. Immediately after the announcement was sent out, orders began to come into the office, and it was not long before we realised that we were going to have a well-attended camp. About fifty rooms and tents were occupied. From the first a very encouraging attendance of young people was seen at each meeting. Pastors A. W. Anderson, N. H. Faulkner, and W. G. Turner were the representatives from the mainland, and very soon after the meeting commenced we realised that something good was to be our portion. The studies conducted by the different ones were very much appreciated. Our meeting from first to last was permeated with the thought of the soon return of Jesus. Every night meeting in some way stressed this point. Pastor Anderson's studies also brought it vividly to our minds, and doubtless it was this thought that brought a wonderful spirit of peace and unity into the meeting.

All Previous Records Broken

All previous Tasmanian records were broken. Our Sabbath school attendance on the last day was 301, being 41 better than the largest Sabbath of 1927. The Sabbath school offerings were £31, compared with £26 the previous year. Pastor Turner had arranged to take charge of the foreign missions pledge meeting on the last Sabbath, but was called away to his own conference, and the burden fell upon Pastor Anderson, who already had conducted the morning preaching service. After showing us that giving was a law of life for the whole universe, he left the matter with us to do what we felt our duty, with the result that £228 was pledged, which, compared with 1927 (£162), shows a very fine accomplishment.

Attendance of the Public

We had decided in our own minds that

we could not expect the public to attend our night services, as the ground was situated some distance from the tram line and there was no lighted road. However, we spent several pounds in advertising, the most successful means being show cards in the local shop windows. And we were not only pleased, but astonished, to see night after night strange faces coming along. Many of the visitors manifested much interest, and inquiry was made about our special truths, with the result that one young lady is now attending services regularly at one of the local churches, while another who has just gone to Melbourne has expressed herself as very much changed in her opinion of Seventh-day Adventists, and has ordered from one of our canvassers a copy of "Our Day." Five or six homes are open for Bible studies in the immediate vicinity of the camp.

Another Evidence of God's Leading

I must not forget to mention the tract society. We are thankful to report sales of literature totalling practically £65 during camp. This included £20 10s. worth of books sold by 65 of the members who went out on Field Day. We believe that this is definite evidence that the Lord is moving upon the hearts of the people to buy our literature. In 1927 the same style of books were taken around in the same district, £11 worth being sold at that time.

Reports that Encouraged

The regular business sessions were held each morning, and the reports of the president, the treasurer, and the secretary, as well as the departmental reports, gave very much courage to the members. Our tithe for the year amounted to £2,283; Sabbath school offerings, £526; Annual Offering, £109; Appeal for Missions, £632; and Young People's offerings, £77. Every department of finances showed an increase over any previous year.

That which most heartened the members, we believe, was the fact that twenty-nine had been baptised during the year. Just before the camp-meeting, another nine were baptised in Burnie, and eleven young people went forward in this sacred ordinance immediately after camp-meeting, which means that twenty have been baptised already this year.

Camp-Meeting in North Tasmania

The plans committee dealt with various matters of interest to the conference. It was finally voted that we endeavour to hold a five-day camp-meeting in one of the towns in the north-eastern part of the State as soon as practicable. We believe this will mean a forward movement in the work in the northern part of the island. Another plan that was adopted is contained in the following resolution: That all our churches work on the "cash-with-order-system" for all literature purchased.

Officers for 1928

The following officers were appointed for 1928:

PRESIDENT: E. G. Whittaker.

TRACT SOCIETY AND CONFERENCE SECRETARY AND TREASURER: F. J. Butler.

EDUCATIONAL SECRETARY: E. G. Whittaker.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY SECRETARY: R. A. Thrift.

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

SABBATH SCHOOL AND M.V. DEPARTMENT SECRETARY: F. J. Butler.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: E. G. Whittaker, E. P. Fehlberg, A. W. Roberts, H. J. Halliday, R. A. Thrift, A. A. Craigie, A. A. Appeldoorn.

Credentials and Licenses

The following credentials and licenses were granted:

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

MINISTERIAL LICENSE: R. A. Thrift, F. J. Butler, C. E. Bird.

MISSIONARY LICENSE: E. F. Hopgood, C. E. Hodgetts, I. Robertson.

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The young people thoroughly enjoyed themselves and we are grateful for the help of Pastor Faulkner in this department. Some very definite help was received, and there are young people in this State who can date the beginning of new things in their Christian experience from these meetings. We go forward with great courage to the work of 1928.

F. J. BUTLER,

Secretary.

OBITUARY

Brown.—Patricia May, infant daughter of Brother and Sister J. H. Brown, of 83 Waverley Road, Caulfield, Vic., died at Alfred Hospital, Melbourne, on March 12, aged fourteen months. Little Patricia had been ill but a few weeks, but the nature of her affliction necessitated her removal to the hospital for expert attention. This little one was the first-born of this young married couple, and she had entwined her affections closely around their hearts. Naturally they mourn for their child. We join in sympathy with them in their sorrow, and point them to the time of the glad reunion in the restored kingdom, where death shall no more enter. On March 14, we laid this dear babe to rest in the Kew cemetery until the Archangel's trump shall sound. To these weeping parents we say:

"Go tell it to Jesus;

He knoweth thy grief;

Go tell it to Jesus;

He'll send thee relief;

Go gather the sunshine

He sheds on the way;

He'll lighten thy burden;

Go, weary one, pray."

THOS. H. CRADDOCK.

A New Cable Address

We take this opportunity of notifying correspondents with our office that, for their convenience, we have now registered a telegraphic code address reading, "Adventist," Christchurch. Either inland or oversea telegrams addressed this way should reach us safely.

A. S. HERBERT,

Secretary South N.Z. Conference.

Home Missions Department

Befriending a Drunken Man And the Result

THE following incident has recently been sent in to our Home Missions Department:

"Situations apparently hopeless are not necessarily so. In December of last year a company of our people were having their Sabbath service in the usual meeting hall. Half way through the sermon, a young man, much the worse for liquor, staggered into the vestibule of the hall, and as he was disturbing the meeting, two brethren escorted him into a small room and allowed him to sit down on a chair.

"He experienced a very severe fall, and afterward lapsed into a drunken stupor. While the congregation was singing the last hymn, the speaker for the afternoon went straight to the young man to reason with him, and implored him to give his heart to the Lord and to renounce the body-and-soul-destroying habit. After some trouble the speaker ascertained his name and address. Knowing full well that in his condition he stood in great danger of being arrested, and as he appeared to be otherwise a fairly decent man, the speaker took him home, two or three miles away, in his motor car. An explanation to the young man's married sister, resulted in introducing her to one of our evangelists connected with the tent mission in the district, who had accompanied them. These people are now attending the tent meetings, and the evangelist is holding Bible studies regularly in their home. This surely proves that God can bring success in the face of the most discouraging circumstances."

Souls Being Won by the "Signs"

THE home missionary work is onward in South Australia. Souls are being won to the truth by the literature circulated by the church members.

A sister finds that the interest of one of her *Signs* customers has been awakened. The *Special Signs* deepened the interest, causing the weekly reader to make inquiries regarding our beliefs on Bible topics. Other literature has been supplied, and the lady is now reading the big book, "Bible Readings for the Home Circle."

A little girl took out a few copies of the *Special Signs* and sold them all. A few days later she was met by one of the children of a home where she had sold the *Special Signs* and was told that the parents wished to have for certain a copy of the *Special Signs* every month. The gentleman is the secretary of the Baptist Sunday school in that suburb. We must see that he is supplied in future.

Several who have purchased the first two *Special Signs* have asked for more of them to send to their friends, and have ordered the books advertised in those numbers.

They say the subject matter is most convincing.

As a brother was selling the *Special Signs* in a business place he was interrupted by the manager, a member of the Church of Christ and a Sunday school teacher, who said, "That's Seventh-day Adventist literature," in a tone that discouraged the other person from buying. However, the brother stood his ground and at once directed his attention to the manager. He got him to try to answer a few questions on the meaning of some of the symbols of the Book of Daniel,—the ram with the two horns, the he goat and the great horn that was broken off, and four other horns springing up in its place. This took the man beyond his depth in Bible knowledge, and when our brother showed him that Seventh-day Adventists published the prophetic Chart Book giving a lucid and brief explanation of most of the symbols in the Bible, the manager at once purchased a copy, and two of the *Special Signs* as well, while the other person purchased a packet of thirty tracts, and the brother was invited to call again with some more literature, when he came around that way.

One of our sisters has learned that a *Signs* customer of hers has now become convinced on the main points of our faith. Both the husband and wife have asked the privilege of having studies with one of our ministers.

Another family, relatives of this couple, have recently taken their stand for the truth and wish to be baptised. They have come into the truth solely through the reading of the *Signs* and other literature.

One of our members, while having her dinner on the seashore, noticed a gentleman sitting near by, interestedly reading the *Signs of the Times*. When he got up to go, he suddenly began feeling in his pockets in search of the *Signs* he had been reading, and there was a delighted expression on his countenance when he discovered he had put the paper safely in his inner pocket. So some one is deeply interested in the *Signs of the Times* that had been handed out by some good church member.

F. MASTERS,
S. A. Home Missions Sec.

Christian Help Work

ONE of our Queensland isolated sisters, a very energetic and earnest home missionary worker, receives every year a gift of £20 from a Queensland gentleman for the purpose of supplying needful clothing for those whose circumstances keep them poorly clad.

This year this gentleman forwarded a cheque for £25.

Upon making known the object of the gift to a leading firm of drapers in Brisbane, a very liberal discount was allowed on the purchase price of the material, as well as free freight on the parcel.

This material is made up into suitable articles of clothing for adults and children in Queensland, by our sister, who is assisted by another of our loyal home missionary workers. Sometimes material is given to needy individuals. Many are the letters of thanks received for this timely help. A goodly parcel is made up and forwarded every year to Mr. Carter, Secretary of Government Charity. One can only imagine the joy these articles of clothing must bring to these needy people.

We trust God's richest blessing may rest upon the gentleman who so kindly donates this money, and upon our sisters who give their time and strength to the task of making up the material and placing these articles of clothing in the homes of the poor and needy.

J. S. STEWART.

Some Who Have Been Won

DO we really reach the unbelievers through the Harvest Ingathering campaign? It seems that we can hear thousands of voices saying, "We know from actual experience that this is a great soul-saving campaign."

At one of our camp-meetings a sister told her experience in the Harvest Ingathering work last year. As she went from house to house telling the story of our mission work in foreign fields and soliciting funds for this work, she came to the house of an Indian lady, who was a Christian, but who seemed dissatisfied with her experience and was hungering for more light. Bible studies were held with this lady, and today she is in this message.

At another camp-meeting a sister told us she had accepted this truth a little over a year ago. She took part in the Harvest Ingathering campaign last year, and in this work found three persons that were interested. Today these three persons have accepted this message and are members of the church. Another sister told us how she had been asked by the conference committee to go to a certain town in the interests of the Harvest Ingathering campaign, and as she started her work in this town she found people that were searching for truth. As a result of her Ingathering work in this place twenty persons embraced the message and she collected about £70. One of those who accepted the truth there was a Catholic nun, another was a Spiritualist and really had been a medium.

A whole book could be written of instances similar to this, but it is not necessary. Brethren and sisters, shall we not decide right now, every one of us, to have part in this soul-saving effort this year? May God help us to do our full duty in this matter.

Will you promise God at least a few hours' service in soliciting funds for His work? We know many of our faithful members will put in much more time, but what a wonderful thing it would be if every member would decide to give at least a few hours to this work. We would be surprised at the results. Will you do it?

DAVID VOTH.

Wanted.—Strong, willing boy for farm work. Preferably one who can milk. For further particulars apply W. NEWBOLD, Rossmore, N.S.W.

Reports from Conferences to March 24

	Wks.	Amt.	Per Cent of Goal
North N.Z.	7	£2,147	87
South N.S.W.	3	2,023	80
West Au-t.	1	853	77
South N.Z.	3	717	75
North N.S.W.	1	772	64
Victoria	3	1,581	63
Tasmania	2	250	50
Islands		20	5
Union Conference		£8,363	60

ASKING — TO GIVE

(See Luke 11:5-13.)

Our Eleventh Appeal for Missions
Union Conference Goal, £14,000

ANOTHER week's record is before us, and shows how wonderfully God is leading His people on to victory.

The South N.S.W. Conference reports over £2,000 for three weeks, as against £1,733 for the same time last year.

Tasmania has passed the half-way mark in two weeks—£63 better than its 1927 figures.

As we forecasted last week, West Australia has created a new record—£853 the first week, leaving a balance of only £247 to collect. The telegram that announced this total also stated, "Lay members enthusiastic and faithful." We are expecting a wire now any time telling us they finished in ten days.

Victoria has caught up the leeway from last week, and reports £1,581.

South New Zealand is only £233 short of its goal.

North New Zealand lacks £303. From Brother Glocker, the secretary, we learn that the N.Z. Missionary School was commencing its Appeal on March 25. As the school's goal is £250, the conference is looking to them to help bring up the total.

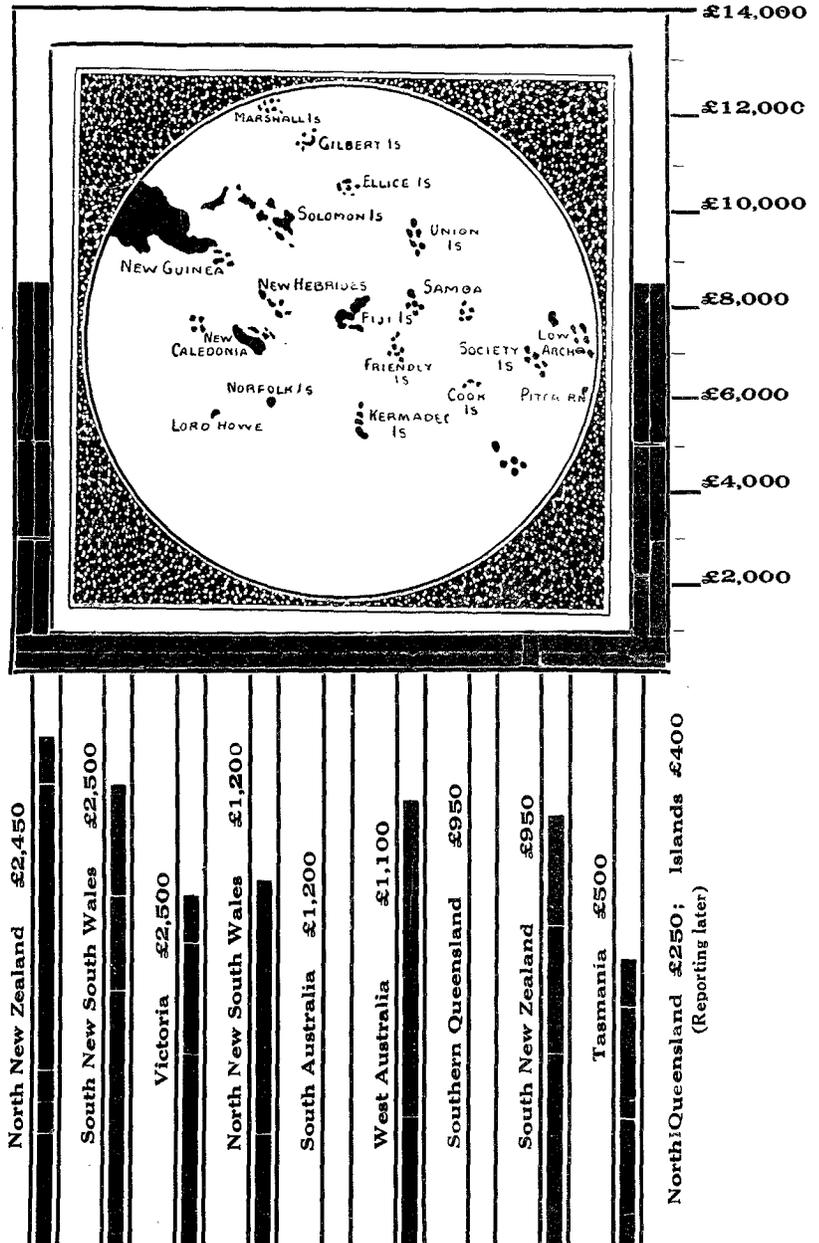
The A.M. College had a wonderful week. A letter just to hand from Brother Stratford, the campaign director, gives the result of their work. Classes could be suspended for only one week, but such was the spirit of enthusiasm that at its close £430 was shown on the chart.

A further £6 has been reported from Pitcairn Island, making their total £10 already. Brother J. D. Anderson reports £3 6s. collected from the Chinese in Tulagi, Solomon Islands, with more promised.

Welcoming into Church Association Those Met in the Appeal

A LADY in Christchurch, N.Z., who was met by one of our collectors in this year's Appeal, decided to keep the very next Sabbath, as a result of the collector's visit, followed by a Bible study given by Pastor H. E. Piper. On the Sabbath she was present at the service in the Sydenham church.

"At the Papanui church [Christchurch] last Sabbath we greeted for the first time a lady whose interest was awakened during the Appeal last year," writes Brother R. H. Powrie. "We have also heard of another lady deciding to keep the Sabbath who was interested during the same effort. This is certainly a soul-winning work."



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

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BROTHER JOHN R. KENT, who has been doing successful work in the canvassing field for a number of years in West Australia, has been invited to fill the position of field missionary secretary in Victoria.

WE are pleased to welcome back to Australia, Brother Henry Scarfe, who went to India in 1922 in response to a call for evangelistic colporteurs for that field. Brother Scarfe has engaged in the sale of our English subscription books in India and Burma. We believe the Lord has blessed his self-sacrificing labours in the mission field, and trust that he will be much benefited by the change to the climate and conditions of the homeland.

PASTOR F. E. LYNDON wrote from the Society Islands on March 2: "We held a baptism service here in Tahiti last Sabbath, when two candidates were baptised, and we expect to baptise three more next week. We have a number of prospective ones for baptism. An effort is being made in the island of Bora Bora, and there are now four or five new Sabbath-keepers. Pastor Sterling is helping our native worker there for a short time, and reports favourably of those who have stepped out for the truth."

RATU JAILI TIKOWALE, the Fijian chief who came to Australia last December to attend some of the camp-meetings and speak in our churches, is returning to Fiji by the *Suva* which sails from Sydney on April 4. Besides attending the camps in three States—Victoria, West Australia, and South Australia, Ratu Jaili has spoken in some of the churches in three other conferences—Tasmania and North and South New South Wales. Our people have greatly enjoyed meeting this native brother and listening to his earnest talks, and as he returns to his home in the Lau Group he will take with him happy memories of Australia.

Recent Actions of the Union Conference Committee

AT a recent meeting of the Union Conference Committee, the chairman, Pastor C. H. Watson, stated that on account of ill-health, Pastor L. D. A. Lemke had felt it necessary to retire from the work for a time, and had thus been unable to accept re-election to the presidency of the South Australian Conference. The following action was then taken by the committee:

"Voted, That we hereby express our

deep appreciation of the faithful and efficient service rendered by Pastor Lemke during the many years of his labours in various departments of the cause, our regret that it is necessary for him to withdraw for the time being from the organised work, and our sincere desire to see him speedily restored to health."

The committee later took action recommending Pastor Sydney Watson, of the South N.S.W. Conference, for the presidency of the South Australian Conference. Brother Watson, who had been engaged in active evangelistic work since 1914, and who laboured for a number of years in North New South Wales, has more recently been leading out in our work in the Riverina district, near the Victorian border. We wish Pastor Watson every blessing as he takes up his new responsibilities in South Australia.

Brother R. W. Lane, who has for some time been director of our work in the Viti Levu East district, in Fiji, has been transferred to the Suva District, where he will be superintendent of the mission press, in addition to his duties as district director.

Brother and Sister N. C. Burns, now labouring in South Australia, have accepted a call to connect with the work for the Indians in Fiji. Brother Burns spent seven years in our mission work in Northern India, and Sister Burns almost the same period. Their knowledge of the Urdu language will be a great help to them in the work among the Indians in Fiji. We rejoice to know that these workers are able to join our missionaries there.

Miss Thelma Palmateer has accepted an invitation to connect with the South Australian Conference, for office work.

Brother C. W. Tinworth has been appointed manager of the Sydney Café, Brother Sorensen having resigned from that position.

Nurse Hilda E. Markey has been appointed matron of the Auckland Café.

Brother A. R. Watson, who for some years has led out in the Union Conference audit work, has asked to be relieved of his responsibilities. Brother Watson's efficient labours have been greatly appreciated by the brethren. We regret very much to have to release him. Brother A. G. Minchin has been appointed Union Conference auditor.

Some other actions were taken by the committee, but these will not be reported until we have heard from those concerned.

W. W. FLETCHER.

A Business Man's Impression of Our Missions

A MEMBER of the Union Conference office staff received a visit one Sunday recently from one of Sydney's well-known civil engineers, who bore a letter of introduction from Pastor Tutty, of Bougainville. The visitor is a professional man who has been for a trip to the islands. He became acquainted with our missionaries out there, and expressed himself as frankly admiring the work of our mission stations.

Just after the news of the massacre in Malaita reached Sydney, this man left for a holiday trip through the Solomon Islands. Being an anthropologist in his leisure time, he was commissioned by the

Sydney Museum authorities to procure island curios for the museum in his travels through the group. He met Brother Tutty, who is in charge of our work on Bougainville, and felt drawn to him at once. He received from our brother, he said, valuable advice as to the best means of seeing the group. Afterwards he met Pastor Tutty again in Gizo, in the northern part of the group. He also met Pastor Peacock, Brother Barham, and the members of the crew of the *Melanesia*, and spent a few pleasant hours on board this missionary ship. On his return journey he met Brother J. D. Anderson and his wife and children in Tulagi. Our friend, for such we consider him, formed a warm attachment for the members of the Solomon Island Mission staff that he met.

Brother Tutty wrote to us asking that a canoe god that had once been attached to the prow of a large Solomon Island war canoe, and which was now in storage at the Union Conference office, be given to this gentleman.

It was gathered in conversation with Mr. ——— that he had asked Brother Tutty if there was anything he could do to help him in his mission work. Brother Tutty said that if they could get a typewriter it would help them greatly.

He at once promised to send Brother Tutty a typewriter, as he had a spare one in his office in Sydney. He also told our missionary that he would send him a secondhand sewing machine, in addition to the typewriter.

This visitor made the statement to our Union Conference secretary that he had seen nothing, during his tour through the group, that approached our mission work in results accomplished and the high standard maintained. He said, "I do not know how your missionaries have the courage to present so high a standard to the natives. I think that some other mission bodies out there, including my own denomination, are afraid to make any mention of such a standard."

As we had some back numbers of the Appeal for Missions magazine, his son was presented with a complete set from the beginning. Later when the idol was delivered to his office, a current copy of the magazine was delivered to him to make his son's set complete. Our friend was leaving in an hour's time for New Zealand, but glancing through the magazine he said, "I will take this with me for myself, you can send my son another copy," and he carefully placed it in his little case with his important personal belongings. Although he was busy in his office with telephone calls and people wishing to see him, he insisted on giving the representative from this office a quarter of an hour, said good-bye to him three times, and all this within just about an hour of the time his boat was to sail for New Zealand. This gentleman has delivered both the typewriter and a brand new sewing machine to the Union Conference to ship out to Brother Tutty.

WE are glad to report a baptismal service at Bristol, England. Although a similar service was held but a few months ago, yet twenty-one more were thus united with the church. And the workers at Bristol are planning for still another baptism before long.