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"Courage in the Lord"

GOD'S servants are not to be easily discouraged by difficulties or opposition. Those who proclaim the third angel's message must stand bravely at their post, in the face of detraction and falsehood, fighting the good fight of faith, and resisting the enemy with the

weapon that Christ used, "It is written." In the great crisis through which they are soon to pass, the servants of God will encounter the same hardness of heart, the same cruel determination, the same unyielding hatred, encountered by Christ and the apostles.

All who in that evil day would faithfully serve God according to the dictates of conscience, will need courage, firmness, and a knowledge of God and His Word; for those who are true to God will be persecuted, their motives will be impugned, their best efforts misinterpreted, and their names cast out as evil.

Satan will work with his deceptive power to influence the heart and becloud the understanding, to make evil appear good, and good evil. The stronger and purer the faith of God's people, and the firmer their determination to obey Him, the more

fiercely will Satan strive to stir up against them the rage of those who, while claiming to be righteous, trample upon the law of God. It will require the firmest trust, the most heroic purpose, to hold fast the faith once delivered to the saints.

The messengers of the cross must arm themselves with watchfulness and prayer, and move forward in faith and courage, working always in the name of Jesus.

They must have confidence in their Leader; for troublous times are before us. The judgments of God are abroad in the land. Calamities follow one another in rapid succession. Soon God is to rise out of His place to shake terribly the earth, and to punish the wicked

for their iniquity. Then He will stand up in behalf of His people, and will give them His protecting care. He will throw His everlasting arms about them, to shield them from all harm.

"Think It Not Strange"

Beloved, tempted child, Why think it strange,-As though thy Lord did not appoint For thee thy lot, Nor choose thy way? Why shouldst thou not be glad? Why shouldst thou not rejoice To know that in the trials sore, And in the bitter pangs, There's given thee the highest meed,-To suffer with thy Lord? And this, My choice for thee, O child of earth, Is given that His life in thee May shine, And in the one who bears His name His glory be revealed. For this be glad, my child; Exceeding joy be yours. And though reproached and shunned by men, Rejoice in this, to know
The dart that's hurled to do thee harm Doth wound thy Lord divine. If thou wilt meekly drink the cup, Reproaches bear, and ne'er repine He'll take the sting from every thrust, While on thy part, Thus living true, Thy Lord is glorified.

FRANCIS M. BURG.

A Message of Courage

After the passing of the time in 1844, a number of brethren and sisters were assembled in a meeting. All were very sad, for the disappointment had been sore. Presently a man came in, crying, "Courage in the Lord, brethren; courage in the Lord!" This he repeated again and again, till every face was aglow, and every voice lifted in praise to God.

To-day I say to every worker for the Master, "Courage in the Lord!" Ever since 1844 I have been proclaiming present truth, and to-day this truth is dearer to me than ever before.

Some look always at the objectionable and discouraging features, and therefore discouragement overtakes them. They forget that the heavenly universe is waiting to make them agencies of blessing to the world; and that the Lord Jesus is a never-failing storehouse from which human beings may draw strength and courage. There is no need for despondency and apprehension. The time will never come when the

shadow of Satan will not be cast athwart our pathway. Thus the enemy seeks to hide the light shining from the Sun of Righteousness. But our faith should pierce this shadow.

God calls for cheerful co-workers, who refuse to become discouraged and disheartened by opposing agencies. The Lord is leading us, and we may go forward courageously, assured that He will be with us, as He was in past years, when we laboured in feebleness, but under the power of the Holy Spirit.

Angels ministered to Christ, but their presence did not make His life one of ease and freedom from temptation. He "was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin." If ministers, while engaged in the work that the Master has appointed them, have trials and perplexities and temptations, should they be discouraged? Should they cast away their confidence because their labours do not always bring the results that they so greatly desire to see? True workers will not despond in view of the work before them, arduous though it may be. Shrinking from hardship, complaining under tribulation, makes the servants of God weak and inefficient.

As those who stand in the forefront of the battle see that the special warfare of Satan is directed against them, they will realise their need of strength from God, and they will labour in His strength. The victories that they gain will not exalt them, but will cause them to lean more securely upon the Mighty One. Deep and fervent gratitude to God will spring up in their hearts, and they will be joyful in the tribulation that comes to them while pressed by the enemy.

A Season of Trust and Privilege

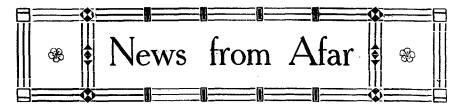
The present is a season of solemn privilege and sacred trust. If the servants of God keep faithfully the trust given to them, great will be their reward when the Master shall say, "Give an account of thy stewardship." The earnest toil, the unselfish work, the patient, persevering effort, will be abundantly rewarded. Jesus will say, Henceforth I call you not servants, but friends. The approval of the Master is not given because of the greatness of the work performed, but because of fidelity in all that has been done. It is not the results we attain, but the motives from which we act, that weigh with God. He prizes goodness and faithfulness above all else.

I entreat the heralds of the gospel of Christ never to become discouraged, never to regard the most hardened sinner as beyond the reach of the grace of God. The one apparently hopeless may accept the truth in the love of it. He who turns the hearts of men as the rivers of water are turned, can bring the most selfish, sinhardened soul to Christ. Is anything too hard for God to do? "My Word," He declares, "shall not return unto Me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."

Those who are endeavouring to build up the work in new territory will often find themselves in great need of better facilities. Their work will seem to be hindered for lack of these facilities; but let them not lose their faith and courage. Often they are obliged to go to the limit of their resources. At times it may seem as if they could advance no farther. But if they pray and work in faith, God will answertheir petitions, sending them means for the advancement of the work. Difficulties will arise; they will wonder how they are going to accomplish what must be done. At times the future will look very dark. But let the workers bring to God the promises He has made, and thank Him for what He has done. Then the way will open before them, and they will be strengthened for the duty of the hour.

Few realise the significance of the words of Luke, that when Paul saw his brethren, "he thanked God, and took courage." In the midst of the weeping, sympathising company of believers, who were not ashamed of his bonds, the apostle praised God aloud. The cloud of sadness that had rested upon his spirit was swept away. His Christian life had been a succession of trials, sufferings, and disappointments, but in that hour he felt abundantly repaid. With firmer step and joyful heart he continued on his way. He would not complain of the past, nor fear for the future. Bonds and afflictions awaited him, he knew; but he knew also that it had been his to deliver souls from a bondage infinitely more terrible, and he rejoiced in his sufferings for Christ's sake.

MRS. E. G. WHITE. In "Gospel Workers," pp. 264-268.



Called in a Dream

THE fact that God at times communicates directly with the honest-hearted from among the grossly heathen, is evidenced by such incidents as the following:

ing:
More than a year ago Bafumoya, a native witch doctor, passing through a native village in Africa where one of our teacher evangelists was preaching to the people, stopped to listen for a few moments and then went on to his own village. That night he had a dream. Two men approached him, one of them clothed in such dazzling white raiment that the native could not look at him. The one in white told Bafumoya that the words which he had heard from the lips of the teacher, on the previous afternoon, were true; that the charms and gods which Bafumoya carried about had no power; and that because of the spirits which he worshipped and the kind of work he did, he was ill.

The dream was so real that Bafumoya could neither put it from his mind nor sleep again; so he arose, called his wife, and related the dream to her. She suggested that if the dream came from God. then they ought to leave off their sor-After thinking deeply Bafumoya said, "I have indeed been ill since I took over the bwanga (charms and instruments of witchcraft) of my father who was also a doctor. We will see if God is true. We will put all our bwanga right here in the corner of the hut and try God for two If I am not ill during that time, weeks. it will be a sign that God has spoken truly to us."

Two weeks passed without a day's illness, and the husband and wife put all their bwanga into a basket, carried it to the village where the teacher lived, and gave it to him. They asked the teacher to tell them more about God and His Word, with the result that they began to keep the Sabbath and to be obedient to further instruction from the Bible.

After a few months they came to live on the mission so that they could prepare themselves to go out and tell other people about the wonderful gospel and the coming of the Lord. They have been

faithful members of the Bible class from the time they came here, and will soon be ready for baptism.

Batumoya had learned to read in a mission school previous to this time, so in intelligence he is considerably ahead of the average convert from the Baluba tribe. It is an interesting fact that he has not been sick since he put away the false gods and sorceries.

O. U. GIDDINGS, Director Songa Mission.

A Trunk Full of Tithe

YES, the trunk was full of tithe, and it was especially interesting because it came from Mount Roraima. Brother and Sister Cott brought it down with them when they came to attend the meeting in Trinidad.

"But why didn't the Indians send their tithe in money?" asked an interested listener as Brother Cott told the story of this first tithe from the "Davis" Indians on Mount Roraima.

"Because," explained Brother Cott, "the Indians have no money and feel no need for it;" but when the Indians learned the story of Jesus and grasped the plan of returning to Him a tithe, they became eager to obey, and what splendid examples they set us, as in an unbroken line these children of nature step forward into the rank of God's tithe-payers.

But you are wondering what was found in the trunk. There were a hammock and other articles from Isaac, the chief. Others sent sandals, bows and arrows, aprons made from beads, and still other things which I know not how to enter into the roll call. Everybody was represented in the tithe gift, from the two-weeksold baby to the grandmothers. None wanted to be left out.

The delegates in the Trinidad meeting were very happy to see these first contributions from the mission for which we have been praying so earnestly the last two years. Some one suggested that it had cost much to bring the tithe down the difficult trail to the borders of civilisation.

"Shall we not help pay the transportation on this first tithe from Mount Ro-

raima?" some one asked. The suggestion went over the audience like wild The clicking of coins in the baskets was pleasant music to our ears, and very quickly about \$16.00 was raised to help pay the transportation of the first tithe from our fellow believers at Mount Ro-

We are planning to send this trunkful

of tithe to headquarters at our first opportunity for others to enjoy. May these tokens of the faithfulness of the Mount Roraima Indians stimulate us all to give more and to pray more for the hastening of the great work of carrying farther and still farther the last message of salvation to the waiting peoples.—Inter-American Messenger.



Opening a New Mission Field in the Territory of New Guinea

AFTER a delightful voyage of about thirty hours' sail, over placid seas with a gentle breeze, from the Buka passage which separates the islands of Bougainville and Buka, our good ship Melanesia dropped anchor close to the Government wharf in the Rabaul Harbour, on the north-west side of the large island of New Britain, at I p.m., June 4. The object of this visit was to open up a new mission field/ in the large Mandated Territory or, as it is now known, the Territory of New Guinea, which is administered by the Commonwealth Government of Australia.

The opening of this new mission is an event to which many of our people throughout the Australasian Union Conference have long looked forward. It is an enterprise around which their prayerful thoughts have centred for some time past, and hence they will learn with deep interest of God's guidance in the initial

steps herein reported.

Our ship's company comprised our veteran pioneer missionary, Captain G. F. Jones, who has again been duly appointed by the Australasian Union Conference to pioneer the work in this part of our already widely spread island mission field; Pastor G. Peacock, the superintendent of the Soloman Islands Mission; Brother H. E. Barham, the ship's engineer; Sister Barham; Oti and Salau, two Solomon Island teachers recently appointed to assist Pastor Jones; Rangoso and his brother Jimuru, our Solomon Island translators; the boat's crew of nine boys; and the writer, making a complement of eighteen souls.

We naturally felt privileged in having the opportunity of thus extending the work and planting the banner of truth on another large island representing what will now be known as our largest island mission field. Needless to say, we sensed the responsibility resting upon us in taking these initial steps in such an important and far-reaching enterprise as we anticipate this, under the blessing of Heaven, will soon become. And on behalf of Pastor Jones and his native assistants, we do particularly request that all interested in this enterprise will earnestly pray that God's signal blessing may rest in a very rich measure upon His duly appointed servants in commencing this work.

Arrival in Rabaul

Though our vessel was a small one and had come from Kieta, a port within the

Territory, with a "clean bill of health," all the formalities of granting us pratique had to be observed and a complete list of all ship's stores and supplies duly submitted. However, we were very cordially treated by all officials and persons with whom we did any business. The yellow flag being lowered, Pastor Jones and I were soon ashore at the post office and Burns, Philps, and Company's store, earnestly inquiring for our Australian Our boat's stalwart crew were mail. soon the subjects of more than passing interest. Though darker in colour than the New Guinea native, their clean bodies, white teeth, and clear eyes called forth numerous favourable comments from both the European and native residents. In New Guinea practically 100 per cent of the adult natives are addicted to the betelnut chewing habit, which gives the mouth and teeth a very repulsive appearance. So the clean, ivory teeth of our boys made a striking contrast between them and the local natives, most of whom in Rabaul are associated with some mission body.

A short though courteous letter of introduction to the Administrator, announcing our arrival, was soon placed in the hands of the Government Secretary, while we prayerfully awaited an interview, which was granted us the following morning. We spent a very pleasant and profitable half hour or more with His Excellency, and learned from the latest statistics that out of a total enumerated population of 351,527 only 36,812 were The esunder religious instruction. timated population of the Territory is nearly 450,000, so there are practically 400,000 natives not receiving religious instruction from any society. These are spread over a land territory of 92,000 square miles, widely separated by many miles of sea.

To facilitate the administration of the Territory, the group has been divided into nine divisions, or districts, with populations ranging from 15,000 to 50,000. Each district is under a European District Officer, and in some places he has an assistant officer; and all divisions have a native constabulary numbering nearly 700

The port of Rabaul is a large and well protected harbour, and this is a busy little seaport town. Besides a number of overseas vessels calling here, there are several small interisland steamers and a number of auxiliary vessels coming and going.

Years ago, under German administration, a number of Chinese were brought to the Territory with the idea of providing cheap labour, especially for Rabaul,

and to-day there are nearly 1,000 of them and their children domiciled in Chinatown, forming quite a large part of the town of Rabaul, which has a population. of several hundred Europeans.

Finding a Location

After carefully looking over the Rabaul district for a distance of twenty miles from port, and inspecting a few suggested sites, two of which were kindly offered to us free, but which were small and had no good anchorages near them, nor a good native population, we were providentially led to what we believe to be the best location in the Territory as a place for the headquarters of our mission for the

whole of the Territory

The little island of Matupi [pronounced Matta-peel lies within two miles from the port of Rabaul, and has a delightful aspect, facing the trade winds and looking right across to the high mountain peaks of New Ireland and New Britain. It has a particularly good anchorage close by, and a native population of from 500 to 600 natives, with no other Europeans living on the island. Here we were offered a fine house large enough for two families, in a good state of repair, with good outhouses, on a block of ground comprising nearly an acre, freehold property with no encumbrances. The vendor of this fine property is a lady from Sydney who, when hearing of us and our needs, said, "Send them to me; if I belong to any people it is the Seventh-day Adventists. She told us that she had lived with our good Sisters Pearce, who had been a great help to her during a sad trial through which she passed during the war. She said that the Church of England Bishop wished to buy the place from her, but she had refused; but as she is now in need of money she is quite prepared to sell it to us. Alongside of this she has two or three other blocks without buildings, and she is prepared to sell us more land if we wish it. So we have secured the rental of the house for a period of three months with the option of purchase. We had the agreement properly drawn up by a lawyer, signed, and witnessed.

Knowing that the property had been the choice of the Bishop and had also been much admired by Government officials, we had a little doubt in our minds as to whether we could secure it. We prayed earnestly about it, and were surprised to find it had a quick passage through three departments of the Government office within a day or two, including His Excellency's signature.

The advantages of the Matupi site can hardly be estimated. The island is practically free from malaria. Dr. R. W. Celento, M.B, B.S., D.T.M. and H., Director of Public Health, in his report published at Canberra, page 38, in speaking of the Matupi people, says, "Their virtual absence from malaria is responsible for their increase and advance." The Matupi their increase and advance." The Matupi language is the most widely spoken dialect in the Territory, and the Matupi people are undoubtedly the most influential. When the other mission bodies want native prestige, they come to the Matupi people for it.

Then, too, Rabaul is differently situated from some other island centres. In and around Rabaul there is a native popula-These come from tion of over 4,000. every district in the Territory, and work

for a period of from one to three years. They frequently come to Matupi, and so we can get in touch with any part of the

Territory through them.

Pastors Jones and Peacock are profoundly impressed with the Matupi location as being the key of the whole situation. Rents in Rabaul are very high, and freehold property is difficult to procure. Personally, brethren, I must say I feel deeply constrained to believe that this is the place to which God has led His servants, and from which rays of light will penetrate to that wide field. One wonders that, after all these years, such a suitable place is found so conveniently situated. We believe it is all in the divine

We learned a good deal from various sources as to the places where the people were still without religious instruction. While there has been considerable missionary work done on the coast of the islands, the inland people are still unreached. On the mainland of New Guinea there are still considerable parts of the coast unworked, and the inland is practically still unknown. The long Sepik River, which is navigable for nearly 500 miles, drains a vast territory thickly populated with natives still in their ignorant and primitive condition. Cannibalism is still practised among these people.

In one section we were urged to commence work by a Government surveyor who recently spent five months inland and who reports the natives to be of a virile type and teachable disposition, but who are entirely without any religious influence. Surely this is a wonderful opportunity which should be grasped at once.

To commence work in that part of the Territory we would require a vessel to enable the worker to travel to ports where the steamer calls, to get his supplies, as in some places commerce has not yet been established.

In submitting this encouraging report, it is with a sense of profound gratitude to God for His guiding providences, and also a strong conviction that now is the time for us to "go up and possess the land." I would say that I believe that each of my fellow officers and committee members shares this conviction with me, and that we shall each do our best to place the possibilities of this field before our willing constituency, and that the men and means needed shall be forthcoming to drive the stakes well and firmly in this new field.

A. G. STEWART.

Our Closing Tour in Fiji

LEAVING Buresala, we sailed on to Natewa Bay. Our first call was at the home of Brother Albert Ward. We all enjoyed their kindly hospitality, and the following morning sailed on to one of the villages in the bay. Brother Ward went with us to serve as interpreter as Brother McLaren was sick.

Two days were spent here with the people. A number had gathered from other places, so there was a good congregation. A service was held on Tuesday evening and four others on Wednesday. Pastor C. H. Watson took the noon meeting, and the last at night. The choir from the Methodist church kindly came in and rendered some sweet songs. In return we sang a few new hymns. In this way midnight was reached before the meeting closed.

In the afternoon a meeting of the leading men was called. There were six chiefs present. Three of these were leaders in the district, and one was the high chief over all the districts on the island. Pastor Watson outlined plans for future work. The high chief spoke in a very appreciative way and offered land for the proposed school building. The other chiefs all expressed themselves in approval and gave warm assurance of hearty cooperation.

son closed the evening with a study on "The Help That God Gives to His People." The words spoken were cheering and timely. Good-byes were said and on Thursday morning we sailed for Somosomo. Brother McLaren recovered and was able to help in some of the meetings.

It would not be possible to picture all the associations connected with such meetings. All our wants had careful attention. A large house was provided for our resting place, and kindly hearts presented mementoes of goodwill and friend-The native foods provided were excellent and much enjoyed by our band of workers. Pastor E. B. Rudge and Brother T. W. Hammond were with us to counsel about the work, also Brother C. M. Lee, who was on his way to serve as superintendent of the Lau Group.

A short but pleasant stay was made at Somosomo. Here a former camp-meeting had been held, and the friends did all possible to render our stay profitable at this time. One meeting was held on Sun-day night. The leader of the Wesleyan choir brought his singers and gave us a number of beautiful part songs. The precision, time, and tone, we have never heard excelled. Great care must have been taken in their training. Some of the voices were very sweet.

Several other calls were made, and finally we reached the Lau Group and stopped off at Lakemba. Ratu Jiali, the brother who last visited the Australian camp-meetings, lives here, and we were glad to meet him again. His village is pleasantly situated in the midst of a great cocoanut grove. A nice church has been built, well seated and lighted, and here on this island Brother Lee is to live. The position is central for the group. Four good meetings were held, and on Wednesday morning we started on our homeward journey.

Suva was reached on Thursday afternoon. Over 600 miles had been sailed during the fourteen days of our tour, and now we found the quiet harbour once more. The navigation in many places was dangerous. Widespread reefs and hidden rocks have all to be reckoned with in the navigator's plan. Often rough seas made us realise the instability of the billows that cannot rest. But through it all the Pilot of Galilee cleared our way.

May the blessing of the Almighty rest over the kindly hearts and hospitable The Filians homes visited on our way. The Fijians are a lovable people. Their transformation from the forms of heathenism has been wonderful and amazing. Brother McLaren proved a capable navigator, and our little ship, the Veilomani, proved a seaworthy craft.

Now that our work in Fiji is done, we pause a moment to say good-bye to all kindly hearts met by the way. More than five months have been spent in this sunny land. Many journeys have been made up its rivers and over its hills. It is a pleasant land where fields are ever green, and flowers blossom on continually. there are mosquitoes, sandflies, and other horrible things that mar the picture, but we need not look at these, for there is beauty all around.

We are both very grateful for the many kindnesses enjoyed. Pastor Rudge and his helpers did all possible to make our work easy and our stay pleasant. May the Lord bless them all, and forward all the plans relative to the work in Fiji. We have both enjoyed good health. Now it is farewell, for our Guide points across the sea.

The training schools at Navuso and Buresala were both visited, and a few pleasant days were spent with Brother and Sister N. C. Burns at the Samabula Indian Mission. While there are things to discourage the workers, there is also much to encourage those who stand with God. God's side is ever the winning side, be the difficulties what they may.

R. HARE.

Reunion Day

What a gladsome day it will be When for every mission band, From across the distant ocean, And from every clime and land, Comes the day of glad reunion, Strikes the hour when work is done, And with loud "Hosannas" ringing, Workers shout, "The victory's won!"

From far India's ancient rivers, From the land of dark Cathay, From the land of morning sunrise At the gateway of the day, Come the feet of them that published, On the mountains, in the plain,-Published peace, goodwill, and surcease From all sorrows, tears, and pain.

From the frozen north of Greenland, From the torrid Afric sun, From the busy marts of nations, From the desert's lonely run, Come the missionaries homeward; From afar the reapers come, Bringing with them sheaves most precious. Which they gathered one by one.

When returning home to Zion, They shall be like them that dream; Hills and valleys be rejoicing, Trees to clap their hands shall seem; Everlasting peace shall cover, Never-ending joy shall claim, Them that are the ransomed treasure Of the Master's glorious reign.

Ye glad winds that love to linger Round the calms of ocean's deep, Speed ye, speed ye, bear the message! Rouse ye, rouse ye, from your sleep! Change to gales that stretch the canvas, Speed the good ship on its way; Let the lightning flash the message Of this grand reunion day.

On the eastern sky, now gleaming With a purple-crimson ray, Now you see the glowing promise Of this happy, joyous day Bursting into fullest glory To the zenith of its sway; Soon the faithful will bid welcome To this all-transcendent day.

HENRY C. SCHLEAF.



Department of Business Instruction

CLICK! Click! Ctck! Tap! Tap! Tap! mingling with the strains of music. Yes, certainly, open the door gently and peep in. Ten type writers are being operated in unison-left hand, right hand, both hands; short words, long words, alphabet, sentences. Eyes are riveted on the "linea-time" attachments; busy fingers move up and down on the keyboards to the even time of the gramophone rhythm drill.

The music ceases. A desk bell is pped. The "warming up" drill has tapped. Just look at the way the fingers begun. are now darting in and out at a great rate!

Again the bell rings: the copying test is now on,—new matter, 900 words in fifteen minutes, not more than five slips allowed. Notice the concentrated effort; see the light of firm resolve in the eye. Something is being attempted; something surely will be done. Good! here is still another one who is "out." Cheer up, others! Remember that "practice makes perfect," and steady, faithful effort brings its reward.

What in the world is this over here? It is the calculating machine, or comptometer, one of the smallest but most interesting machines in the room. wonder it attracts the student, who, after the first strangeness wears off, becomes fascinated with the time-saving possibilities in a business office of this wonderful little piece of modern mechanism.

Some one is turning a handle. now? Why, it is the rotary, or mimeo-The fibre stencil has been carefully "cut" by typewriter, and now it is being rapidly multiplied as the absorbent sheets come flying through into the receiving tray.

And here is the mimeoscope for illustrating circulars, with its glass plate, electric light, shading silk, and stylus

Last, but not least, we find the invoicing machine and the accounting machine are here to make the equipment complete.

We step through another doorway, and there with fountain pen and "Fono" notebook the advanced shorthand students are busily engaged in taking dictation,commercial correspondence, business letters adapted to our denominational requirements, articles, sermons, etc. Just now all are anxious to attain to a perfect transcription of I20-words-per-minute test of five minutes, and a little later the much coveted college certificate for 150

words per minute. It seems but yesterday that these young people were strug-gling over the beginners' section of the textbook, with the thought of speed but very dimly outlined on their horizon.

The time of your brief visit has gone all too quickly, and we have shown you scarcely one half of the business instruction rooms. Some other time you must come and see our bookkeeping students,three, classes of them: elementary (for those completing other courses); first year bookkeeping (ayear of special interest in thoroughly mastering all the fundamental principles of double entry); and the second year bookkeeping (covering the more advanced phases of bookkeeping and our own denominational accounting systems).

We are so glad you called. you will not forget your little visit to our business trainees. Really, they form a stalwart band, moving steadily towards their goal of absolute efficiency, with hearts aglow with the spirit of the movement, and with the happy thought of soon helping, in a most practical way, to speed the message on.

S. V. STRATFORD.

NORTH NEW ZEALAND

PRESIDENT: W. R. SCRAGG SECRETARY: P. GLOCKLER

A Soul-Seeking Home Missions Rally

"To save men and women we must lead them into service."—W. A. Spicer.

Early in May, as our Appeal campaign was drawing to a close, we were glad to welcome Pastor Westerman among us; not that we would not have appreciated his presence with us during the arduous days of the Ingathering, but as we were helped appreciably at that time by our former Missionary Volunteer Secretary, Pastor N. H. Faulkner, it was felt to be most fitting that the home mission forces should be rallied by a visit from the leader of this work just as a hard fought victory was being achieved.

Pastor Westerman spent a month with us in the field, during which time thirty-two meetings were held with nineteen churches and companies, besides a large number of Bible studies conducted in the homes of our people. In planning for these visits it was felt to be timely that an earnest effort be made to put into force the resolution calling on the membership for a month's intensive tract campaign. This resolution was enthusiastically supported at the recent camp-meeting.

At the first Sabbath meeting there was abundant evidence that the Lord was leading. After the meeting one of our brethren was approached for some financial help to purchase a supply of tracts, and he responded with a most liberal donation. He expressed with feeling his pleasure at being able to assist in the Lord's work; for he said, "Although I cannot spend all my time in God's service, I am running my business for the Lord." God will certainly honour such consecration of ability and means.

An isolated member, on hearing of the plan, gave a good donation with the remark that both he and his wife had been waiting for some such organised way of distributing literature. A loyal brother who for years has been a very faithful worker in the Appeal for Missions, said he had often wondered why it was there was not a campaign similar to the Appeal, which would scatter literature of the third angel's message just as widely among the homes in this land as were the foreign mission magazines circulated.

Everywhere the response was the same. A farmer thought he would like to make a special thank offering to this Literature Fund in return for answered prayer in the selling of his year's maize crop. A number of our good sisters also helped in a very appreciable wav.

Altogether amounts totalling £90 15s. were donated to be used in a month's intensive literature effort; £75 of this was received by private donations. The young people in some of the churches are meeting half the total sum contributed We believe that such service locally. rendered by our boys and girls is a most potent means for conserving to the church

its greatest heritage.

The final effort of the month was in the nature of a Sunday convention held at Palmerston North, where there were gathered representatives from churches. There was an encouraging response as the plans for a well organised effort were outlined. Insomuch that the results from tract distribution are so often lost sight of, a plan was suggested whereby through a second or third visit definite results would be realised by securing the names and addresses of interested people -these to be worked for by local workers where possible, and by follow-up work with the Signs of the Times in other churches. The importance of being able to conduct Bible readings in the homes of the people was strongly stressed, toward which end it was decided that at the midweek prayer and missionary meeting special attention be given to the preparation of suitable Bible studies.

Some time was profitably spent in discussion, as a number of questions bearing on missionary service were brought forward. As this good meeting closed, it was felt by all that life and service were inseparably linked in Christian experience. This was expressed by all rising to their feet in renewed consecration to be used of the Spirit for the finishing of the work.

At a meeting of workers held in Auckland, there were outlined certain plans which all felt would place the literature distribution efforts on a more encouraging basis, in that definite results would be more quickly realised. Among the suggestions discussed and adopted were the following:

> I. That the whole field engage in a month's intensive campaign to begin the middle of July; and that this effort be made intensely spiritual by an earnest seeking after God in such a spirit as characterised our pioneers in their early literature efforts.

2. That this effort be fostered by local workers and elders in just such an organised way as was the Appeal for Missions campaign.

3. That all tract bundles be carefully sorted for suitable material.

4. That every tract given out be stamped with an address (in most cases the local elder's) where more infomation might be obtained by the reader.

5. That all be encouraged to secure names and addresses of interested people as a definite objective in house-to-house visiting, and that particular care be taken to keep a record of all such for further work.

6. That the Signs of the Times be used in follow-up work by introducing this silent evangelist into all open homes.

All very much appreciated Pastor Westerman's earnest labours among us in calling our attention to more energetic service for those at our very door. We feel that the Lord greatly blessed in this effort to emphasise the place of service in the life of the church. For success in the carrying out of these plans, we feel fully assured that with the earnest co-operation of the people of the message, we may safely trust to the One whose word falls "not void to the ground."

C. S. PALMER.



Missionary Correspondence

The following letters received by a member of the Wahroonga missionary society will show that many are appreciative of the papers and other literature sent them. We trust that this will be the means of encouraging others to write missionary letters. There are many anxious, inquiring souls that may receive new hope by a little interest on our part.

"Dear Sir,

"Pardon my seeming rudeness in not answering yours of the 8th before. My only excuse is that we have all been down with the common complaint, influenza.

"Yes, the little book you have sent along has been most helpful and comforting to me. It is wondrously true. The blessed Lord said, A thousand years shall pass before I come again. Your book points out that it is near that time, and God's Word is ever truth. He will soon come again; it has been and will be. I cannot write as I could speak, being a Roman Catholic, sadly neglected with no church near for me to attend. I cannot take up your church. Nevertheless, the Word of God stands for all religion.

"Yours sincerely,"."

" Dear Sir,

"I received your very kind letter, also the copies of the Signs of the Times, which I enjoy very much. I would be very pleased if you would continue to send me more copies. When I am finished with them I give them to a poor old crippled lady. I am enclosing a postal note for 2s. 6d. I notice they are 2d. each. So when this has run out, I will forward another 2s. 6d. Wishing you every success in your work,

"I remain,
"Yours truly,——."

" Dear Sir,

"I wish to thank you for sending the copies of Signs of the Times, also for your letter.

"I did not write sooner as my married sister has been very ill in the Women's Hospital, and it upset me to the extent that I let everything slide; but I am very pleased to say she is recovering and we hope to have her with us in a few weeks.

"There is much food for thought in your literature (I mean that published by the S.D.A's). I have been interested in the Sabbath question for some time, and although I am a Roman Catholic, I believe my church has wandered far from God's Word.

"Some Seventh-day Adventists that I have met are bitterly prejudiced against the Roman Catholic Church; they even think that to gain her own ends she would commit murder. This means that she would be breaking the commandments. And I was taught at the Catholic school where I was educated that any man who died with mortal sin on his soul could never enter the kingdom of heaven. This includes the Pope whom a lot of S.D.A's are of the opinion that Roman Catholics regard as infallible.

"I firmly believe that any laws (how-

i' I firmly believe that any laws (however misguided) made by the R.C. Church are made in the belief that they are the best for the people.

"This letter may seem a bit jumbled, but it is a point that has worried me.

"Again thanking you,
"I remain,
"Yours sincerely,———.

Ships' Libraries Fund

WE are anxious to finish the task given us at the last Annual Council to put some of our good books in the libraries of the P. and O. Branch Line ships,

We feel that we must thank those who have responded to our call, and we think that there are perhaps others who would like to help. The money to the credit of the fund stands as the accompanying list shows. You will readily see that this amount will not go very far in supplying this need.

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It may be that there are some who would like to be responsible for some specific book. If this is so, if you will remit the price of the book to us we will see to the rest.

At the last Union Conference Committee meeting a committee was appointed to select and purchase books for the ships, and we are anxious to go to work, so if there are now others willing to help, let us hear from you.

R. E. HARE, Union Conf. Home Missions Dept.

The Seed Bears Fruit

FOR years Brother P. L. Hoen has been engaged in distributing the Danish-Norwegian weekly paper, the Evangeliets Sendebud. In his younger years he went from door to door; now, however, being past ninety years of age, he cannot do this: he has to make use of the postal system. Every week he receives a roll of fifty copies of the Sendebud. These he wraps and sends out regularly to people whose names he has found in Norwegian newspapers. At times, when people show an interest in the truth presented in the paper, he will send them tracts and pamphlets in the Danish-Norwegian languages. In connection with the sending out of this truth-filled literature, Brother Hoen carries on an extensive correspond-

All this persistent, well-planned work month after month, year after year, is doing a great deal in bringing light to souls and leading many to accept the advent message. Very recently an intelligent Norwegian woman in a western State began the keeping of the Sabbath wholly through the efforts of Brother Hoen. She had never seen at Adventist. This woman has now begun work and she has brought the truth to another in her neighbourhood. Just lately our brother received a letter from a woman in a neighbouring State saying that she has become a Sabbath-keeper, and that she has begun to work with the Sendebud and Danish-Norwegian tracts among her Norwegian acquaintances.

This is indeed inspiring news. Should not many in our churches throughout the land work more diligently with our literature? for this does win people for the truth of God for this time and for the soon-coming kingdom of our Lord.

MARTIN S. REPPE.
In Central Union Outlook, U.S.A.

Miracles

WHILE attending the recent North Argentine Conference session I heard Brother Rivero, one of our faithful colporteurs, relate an experience which illustrates the miracle-working power of the personal testimonies of our consecrated colporteurs in the homes and business places of the people. He says while canvassing he entered a business place where there were four people. He commenced his canvass for our large medical book, and among other things spoke of the terrible disease leprosy. Our colporteut said that this malady could be cured only by a miracle of God. One of the four men spoke up mockingly and asked, "Have you ever seen a miracle?" Before Brother Rivero had time to reply the others said, "No, and we should like to see one." To this our colporteur replied, "Twelve years ago I saw the greatest miracle that God is able to perform. And while saying this he pushed back his coat and took out his Bible from his pocket and held it before them saying further, "This Bible to-day is carried in the same pocket that thirteen years ago carried a revolver. He who is before you now was once a wicked criminal and useless to humanity. By the saving message of this Book God has converted me into a Christian and sent me to you this morning to bring you this same message of life

or death according to whether you receive it or not. Even this is one of God's great miracles."

Here is another miracle. The four men without saying another word each bought the book our colporteur was selling and recommended him to their friends.

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"Those who are humble in heart the
Lord will use to reach souls whom the
ordained ministers cannot approach.
They will be moved to speak words
which reveal the saving grace of Christ."—
"Testimonies" Vol. VI. p. 43

"Testimonies," Vol. VI, p. 43.
"His peace in the heart will shine forth in the countenance. It will give to the voice a persuasive power."—Id. p. 47.

WALTER PERGANDE, Field Missionary Sec., Austral Union.

An Appeal

A FEW months ago the editor of the Signs of the Times wrote to many of our workers in the Australasian Union, inviting them to write a short arcticle on the subject, "What Jesus Means to Me."

A few articles have been received, some of which have already appeared in the Signs; but the editors are disappointed they have not received a larger number.

They would greatly appreciate it if ALL our workers would send along a short article—from 500 to 800 words—on this important theme. Articles on this subject from our church members will also be very welcome.

Does Jesus mean anything to you? Of course He does! Then here is your opportunity of telling the wide circle of Signs readers something of that blessed fellowship. Your words will inspire and help others, and they may be instrumental in leading some soul to the Saviour who means so much to you.

Then write your article immediately and forward it to the editor of the Signs.

WEDDING BELLS

Moore-Richardson.—At the Bathurst church, N.S.W., on May 28, 1929, before a large company of friends, Sister Josephine Richardson was united in marriage with Brother Frederick Moore. Both have been very active members in the Lord's service. Sister Moore has taken care of our work for several years at Bathurst, and Brother Moore was for some time in the canvassing field, and later held the position of elder of the Lithgow church. We wish these devoted workers the blessing of Heaven that maketh rich and addeth no sorrow.

H. MITCHELL.

Savige-Hunt.—On the evening after Sabbath, June 15, a quiet wedding was solemnised at the home of Brother J. A. Moore, 214 Glenlyon Road, East Brunswick, Victoria, when Brother Charles H. Savige and Sister Bertha B. Hunt were united in marriage. Later in the evening, much to the surprise of the contracting parties, the young people of the North Fitzroy church, of which the bride is a member, came to the house in a body, and a very pleasant evening was spent, during which the happy couple were presented by the young people with a travelling rug. Brother and Sister Savige expect to enter

the colporteur work immediately, and carry with them the very best wishes of a large circle of friends.

E. H. GUILLIARD.

Duffy-James.—June 5, 1929, was the occasion of a quiet but pretty little wedding between Brother Mark Duffy, son of Brother and Sister Michael Duffy, of Kurrajong, N.S.W., and Sister Vesta Elvina James, daughter of Brother and Sister Herbert James of Kellyville, N.S.W. The marriage was solemnised in the historical country church of Kellyville, where Pastor Robert Hare laboured in the early days of his ministry, and organised the Kellyville church. Brother Herbert James was one of the charter members of that company and is still the honoured elder. The happy young couple were given a very hearty send-off by the church folk and friends in the district. We join in wishing them Heaven's peace and joy in their united lives.

Richards-Brown.—In the Seventh day Adventist church, Onehunga, on May 23, a very pretty wedding was celebrated, the contracting parties being Marjorie Elizabeth May, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. W. Brown of Auckland, and Henry Ivan, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Richards of the Hamilton church, N.Z. Both the families of these young people have a very large circle of relatives and friends, therefore the church was well filled to witness the service. Loving hands had tastefully decorated the building. Many kind wishes were expressed that these happy young people may have God's blessing as they enter upon a new phase of life's responsibility. M. B. C. SMITH.

OBITUARIES

Best.-Sister Laura Rosalind Best died at the Hawera (N.Z.) hospital on May 14, 1929, aged fifty-nine years. Sister Best accepted the message in 1919, when Pastor I. Pascoe held a mission at Hawera. She suffered much, and had been under medical care for the past four months; but not until Friday, May 10, did she consent to an operation, which revealed the serious nature of the disease, the doctor holding out no possible hope for life. Pastor Scragg and the writer visited her in the hospital. She was one of the leaders of the Hawera church and will be sadly missed. We extend our sympathy to the sorrowing husband, son, daughter, brothers, and sister who mourn the loss of this dear one who was loved by all, We laid her to rest with the sweet assurance of the blessed hope.

L. R. HARVEY.

Martin.—A very full representation from the churches in Brisbane met on December 6, 1928, to pay their last sad respects to Brother E. Martin, who for years has done noble service in the cause of God in this city. Since he returned from the war our late brother and his wife have worked untiringly for the upbuilding of the church of God, and their united missionary endeavours have gladdened the hearts of both workers and lay members. But of late Brother Martin had been suffering with an affliction of the heart, the result of years of war service. It was

during the blast of shot and shell while serving in the Ambulance Corps that our late brother surrendered to the Lord Jesus, who since then has been his Captain. (An interesting account of this appears in Pastor Spicer's book, "Providences of the Great War," page 206.) On returning to Australia the ex-soldier became a leader in the army of the Lord, rejoicing in the message he had heard preached thirty years before in New Zealand by Pastor A. G. Daniells. And now he is at rest. Before he fell asleep it was the writer's privilege, in company with others, to commit him to the keeping of his Saviour, and those last hours were peaceful and triumphant in the knowledge of sins forgiven and rejoicing in the blessed hope. Pastors W. G. Turner and J. S. Stewart also took part in the service at the grave. We extend our sympathies to Sister Martin in her bereavement, and together we are looking for the glorious appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ. R. ALLAN ANDERSON.

Hardman.-On May 19, after six years of painful but patient suffering, Sister Hardman, who for fifteen years had been a much respected member of the Quirindi church, passed to her rest in Tesus at the age of sixty-five years. Under the labours of Pastor C. A. Paap, Sister Hardman saw the light of present truth. It deepened her Christian experience, and established her faith in Christ as her personal Saviour. A written testimony from one of her children reads, "Throughout her long illness mother never complained, but put her whole trust in Christ, and exhorted us to do the same, and be ready to meet our Saviour when He comes." husband and five children remain to mourn the loss of a faithful wife and devoted mother, but they mourn not as those who have no hope. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord." H. A. HILL.

Bowhey .- Mrs. Elizabeth Bowhey, relict of the late John Bowhey, passed peacefully to sleep in Jesus, sitting in her chair at her home, Kangaroo Flat, near Gawler, S. A., on June 14, 1929, at the age of eighty-five years. Her husband predeceased her twenty-six years. She with her husband and family accepted the message about thirty years ago. Although very hard of hearing, our late sister attended church services regularly, for she loved the fellowship of the Lord's people. She did what she could to advance the message by distributing tracts and papers. She has left two sons, four daughters, eighteen grandchildren, and one greatgrandchild to mouin their loss. We laid her to rest in the Willaston cemetery in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends, feeling assured that when Jesus, whom she loved and served, comes and calls for His faithful, she will respond. To the mourners we extend our heartfelt sympathy.

A. H. ROGERS.

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LET the mind be educated to look to Jesus.—E. G. W.

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OUR next paper, dated July 15, will be a special number, containing the readings for the Young People's Week of Prayer, which will be held in this Union Conference from August 3 to 10.

MRS. G. F. JONES is planning to sail from Sydney July 2, by the Montoro, to join her husband at the new mission station near Rabaul. On another page of this paper Pastor A. G. Stewart gives a most interesting account of the opening of this new mission in the Territory of New Guinea.

BROTHER B. E. HADFIELD, of Tonga, sends the following interesting note which tells us that the eyes of the world are upon us, and that they note the "difference." "I was speaking the other day to the engineer of the local Government dispatch vessel, who has just returned from a short visit to New Zealand. During conversation he remarked that he could not remember my name as he sees so many people. I told him that I was a Seventh-day Adventist worker. 'Oh,' he said, 'you would have been complimented had you heard our conversation on the wharf only this morning. We all agreed that you were the finest body of religious people here. I am not a religious man, but I have noticed your people travelling, and I see a difference.'

In a letter to the editor written June 3, on the way to Rabaul, Pastor G. F. Jones stated: "I have enjoyed immensely this visit to the Solomon Islands, and am much encouraged to see the work growing continuously, and the young people so consecrated and loyal, and so manly and They are a splendid lot of Surely the Lord has blessed capable. workers. this field, and I go to start new fields in this Territory of New Guinea with renewed courage and faith after seeing what has already been accomplished in the Solomons. I now can see how wonderfully the Lord led us in the Solomons to the very places, apparently insignificant, where human gold was waiting to be dug out. The boys and girls then given by their heathen parents, have been the material used of God to carry on the work, such as we see it to-day in the To-morrow we expect to Solomons. reach Rabaul. This new field is now before us, and I pray that the Lord will work for us in it as He has in the Solomons."

THE President of the Southern European Division, Pastor A. V. Olson, wrote from Switzerland on May 2: "Next Sun-

day, I am leaving for Spain and Portugal, where I shall be busy for a month attending annual meetings. On my return from there I must go on to Rumania and Jugoslavia, where we shall have conference sessions, workers' meetings, and conventions for about two months, Rumania and Jugoslavia are about the most promising fields in our Division. When I was down there in February I was told by the conference presidents that they have a total of more than two thousand new converts in their baptismal and inquirers' classes."

Death of Mrs. M. B. C. Smith

IT is a very sad message that the cable flashed across to us yesterday from New Zealand. It reads, "Pastor Maurice Smith's wife passed away Auckland Hospital Monday [June 24] evening."

Both Pastor Smith and his wife are West Australians. They were educated and trained for the work at the West Australian Missionary School. Our late sister was the daughter of Sister T. Dickson of Beddillia, away in the karri forests of the south-west of Western Australia. The parents of both Brother Smith and his late wife were among the pioneers in the movement in the West. As Pastor Smith has laboured in his home conference, Queensland, Victoria, South New Zealand, and North New Zealand, his many friends in these fields will greatly mourn with him in his very sad bereavement.

We all join our hearts in loving sympathy to our fellow brother and minister in this sad blow that has come to him and the little children of his family. We think also of the sorrowing mother in the West. May the God of all comfort greatly comfort their hearts in this the hour of their great need.

A. H. PIPER.

Farewell

ON the evening of June 4, just prior to their departure for New Zealand, Brethren C. H. Watson, T. W. Hammond, R. Hare and Sister Hare were entertained at a farewell magiti by the members of the Suva Vou church, Fiji.

Pastor and Mrs. Hare had been with us for almost five months. During this time Brother Hare had visited extensively around the field and conducted a native workers' institute, preaching more than 100 sermons and travelling well over 1,000 miles. This visit of Pastor Hare has brought great blessing to our field and will long remain a cherished memory in the minds of all privileged to enjoy his ministry.

Brethren Watson and Hammond were passing on to Auckland, after a stay of five busy weeks in attending the annual business meeting of the Mission and visiting the various companies in the Vanua Levu, Taveuni, and Lau districts.

The usual speech of presentation having been made, and a prayer of thanksgiving offered, the usual order of the feast was broken to allow of a presentation being made to Pastor Hare. On behalf of the native ministry, Ratu Seteriki, elder of the Suva Vou church, presented Brother Hare with a morocco-bound copy of the Scrip-

tures, a facsimile of the well worn one he has used for the past fifteen years. The native brother explained that the Bible was a token of the love and goodwill of the native workers, and also a reminder of their earnest desire for the prayers of Brother and Sister Hare for God's work in Fiji.

At the close of the feast the booming of the lali called all to the near-by church for the regular week night prayer meeting, made somewhat unusual on this occasion by the presence of three Union Conference representatives. Words of exhortation and encouragement to endure, formed the keynote of the brief discourses of the brethren as they reminded their hearers of the nearness of the hour for the coming of Jesus Christ. A season of prayer closed a memorable and blessed gathering.

E. B. RUDGE.

A Generous Donor

THE habit of a gentleman in Queensland, who does not wish his name to be made public, has been to give each year a cheque for £20 to one of our sisters to buy material for winter clothing for needy people. This year he increased the amount of his gift to £30. This gentleman manifests great confidence in our sister, and this sister works very hard to comply with his wishes to see that the best use is made of the clothing.

There are still in this cold, hard world, some sympathetic hearts who feel their responsibility toward those not so well placed as themselves in respect to this world's goods. The Spirit of God still operates in behalf of these needy people.

What a great joy it must be to this gentleman to be privileged to give of his means to help the poor. What wonderful opportunities lie at the door of those who have heen given by the Lord ability to gather means to help the poor and needy of earth. What a different world it would be if all men used their surplus cash for this worthy purpose.

Our sister, too, receives a great blessing in being the channel along which this money flows to those in need. May the dear Lord bless the donor, our sister as she works, and the poor for whom they

labour and give, is our prayer.

I. S. STEWART.

Broadcasting from Brisbane

Special Service, July 14

A LETTERGRAM from Pastor W. G. Turner, President of the Queensland Conference, received just before this paper is sent to press, announces that the united celebrations of the Loyal Orange Institutions, Queensland, will be held in the Exhibition Hall, Brisbane, Sunday afternoon, July 14, at 2 30. Pastor R. A. Anderson will deliver the address, and our Brisbane City Mission choir will render choruses from the "Messiah." The service will be broadcast by Brisbane 4QG.

Important Dates

M.V. Week of Prayer; August 3-10. Annual Council: August 27—