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## “The Dragon Was Wroth with the Woman”

“AND the dragon was wroth with the woman [church], and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus.” . . . “The testimony of Jesus is the Spirit of Prophecy.” Rev. 12:17; 19:10.

There is no occasion to dwell at length, and establish our position in relation to the foregoing scriptures, as we lay definite claim to this divine distinction; for we as a “peculiar” people observe the commandments of God as they were given in the beginning, afterwards written on tables of stone by the finger of God, and later inscribed in His Book. Also we have volume after volume of Testimonies written by the late servant of the Lord, giving counsel and reproof, rebuking sin, encouraging faithfulness, and illuminating the future. These characteristics, the keeping of the commandments and having the testimony of Jesus, identify the remnant church, the church which is the object of Satan’s malediction. And as the church consists of individuals, it therefore follows that Satan is “wroth,” “very angry,” enraged with *you*, dear brother and sister, as units of this church.

How much did it mean to you when you stepped out of the world, and cast in your lot with the remnant “which keep the commandments of God” of which the Sabbath is the seal? How much? But, on the other hand, how much joy and peace in pleasant association with those of like precious faith, how much sweet communion, friend with friend, and what a marvellous hope for the future have come into your life! What did it cost infinite love to reach down and lift you up to be a son or daughter of the Eternal? One’s eyes grow dim with tears as the mind traverses once more the “old, old, story.”

But tears are banished by thoughts of His soon coming as King of kings and Lord of lords, amid the transcendent glories and triumphal shouts of the angelic hosts of heaven, to gather His elect from the four corners of the earth.

“And the dragon was [is] wroth with

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### The Church of Christ

Awake! O church of Christ, awake!  
 Why will ye slumbering lie?  
 Behold! the signs of Christ’s advent  
 Light up the eastern sky!  
 Behold the glints of early morn!  
 Sin’s night is almost o’er.  
 Awake! O church of Christ, awake!  
 Your King is at the door.

Awake! O church of Christ, awake!  
 Oh, can ye not discern?  
 The signs that light the eastern sky  
 Foretell your Lord’s return?  
 Awake! there is so much to do  
 Ere ends this night of sin;  
 For many sheep without the fold  
 By you must be brought in.

Awake! O church of Christ, awake!  
 Gird on your armour bright!  
 Uplift the shining lamp of truth  
 To steer you through the night.  
 Before the world of sin and shame  
 This solemn truth unfold,  
 “The coming King is almost here!  
 His wondrous signs behold!”

RUBY SMITH.

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. . . the remnant.” Wroth—very angry—enraged—with *you*, with us all. If we could but sense the position as it really is, we would bestir ourselves and, pressing together, present one unbroken front to the enemy, and by the grace of God have power in the name of Jesus to overcome the enemy and lighten the earth with the glorious message of Christ’s soon return. Lord, haste the day!

Wroth—very angry—enraged. Anger and rage are manifested in different ways in different individuals. It depends upon the mentality of the individual, his power to control his emotions, or otherwise. Some give vent to their feelings in violent outbursts of frenzy; others suppress outward demonstrations, and await a favourable opportunity to wreak vengeance on the unsuspecting object of their hatred, having first lulled their victim into a false sense of security. And six thousand years of experience have taught Satan to adopt the latter course toward the remnant church.

On page 387 of Volume V of the “Testimonies,” we find these startling words: “The stupor of death is upon many who profess Christ.” “My brethren and sisters, do you desire to break the spell that holds you? Would you arouse from this sluggishness that resembles the torpor of death? Go to work, whether you feel like it or not.” On page 466 we read: “My brethren and sisters, awake, I beseech you, from the sleep of death. It is too late to devote the strength of brain, bone, and muscle to self-serving.”

Satan is working to keep us off our guard. Never should we, even for a moment, because we do not see many outward evidences of his malevolence, forget that Satan is wroth, very angry, enraged with us. He has learned that persecution from without only strengthens the church of God; he has learned to work quietly and from within; but his work is exposed and laid bare to those who read the Testimonies of the Spirit of Prophecy, so that none need be taken in the snare.

“We do not understand as we should the great conflict going on between invisible agencies, the controversy between

loyal and disloyal angels. Over every man, good and evil angels strive. This is no make-believe conflict. It is not mimic battles in which we are engaged. We have to meet most powerful adversaries and it rests with us to determine which shall win."—Volume VII, p. 213.

In every walk of life, speed, efficiency, pressure on this side, the struggle for existence on that, fascinating and alluring pleasures on the other, keep the people of the world so busy that there is little or no time for them to heed the Saviour's invitation, "Come ye apart, . . . and rest a while."

Surely and determinedly, the relentless enemy of mankind is fastening his will upon the inhabitants of the world in a final endeavour to sweep them all into the last great holocaust.

The dragon is wrath! Beware, Christian, beware!

Stealthily he insinuates into the hearts of men doubts and difficulties, warily watching to seize upon any response to his sophistry, no matter how faint such response may be, and to fan the spark of doubt until it bursts into a flame that destroys love, trust, faith, and finally the unwary one himself.

From "Testimonies to Ministers," page 56, the following statement is quoted: "I warn my brethren to guard against the working of Satan in every form. The great adversary of God and man is exulting to-day that he has succeeded in deceiving souls, and in diverting their means and ability into harmful channels."

But, thank God, there is "a sound of abundance of rain," "a sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees," and there is a promise that "Thy people shall be willing in the day of Thy power." To-day the call comes to us in trumpet tones, "Awake, awake; put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem. . . . Shake thyself from the dust; arise, and sit down, O Jerusalem: loose thyself from the bands of thy neck, O captive daughter of Zion." "Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they sing: for they shall see eye to eye, when the Lord shall bring again Zion."

Page 126 of Volume IX of the "Testimonies" brings to view a wonderful experience culminating in a glorious victory for the remnant: "In visions of the night representations passed before me of a great reformatory movement among God's people. Many were praising God. The sick were healed, and other miracles were wrought. A spirit of intercession was seen, even as was manifested before the great day of Pentecost. Hundreds and thousands were seen visiting families, and opening before them the Word of God. Hearts were convicted by the power of the Holy Spirit, and a spirit of genuine conversion was manifest. On every side doors were thrown open to the proclamation of the truth. The world seemed to be lightened with the heavenly influence. Great blessings were received by the true and humble people of God. I heard voices of thanksgiving and praise, and there seemed to be a reformation such as we witnessed in 1844."

"The dragon was wrath with the woman [church], and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus."

"And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony."

"The dragon was wrath!" but they overcame him! Praise the Lord!

"O may we all as sons of light

Be watching unto prayer,  
For surely our redemption draweth nigh;  
With holy zeal and patient faith,  
Let every soul prepare  
To join the Advent chorus in the sky."

A. J. DYASON.

## OUR MISSION FIELD

### Providential Leadings

WHILE engaged in mission work, there are always the discouraging features to be faced, but these are usually outweighed by the experiences which gladden the heart. Although many are placing obstacles in our way here, on the other hand the Lord has greatly blessed in impressing people to assist us in various ways. Most of these folk, strange to say, are those who usually have little or no time for religion and probably less for missions, but somehow the Lord is able to raise up men to assist His work.

Doubtless many of you have heard how the Lord opened up the way for us to procure this mission property. Even to-day some of the officials in Rabaul seem to marvel that, although so many considered it very valuable and were desirous of securing the place, they were unable to do so.

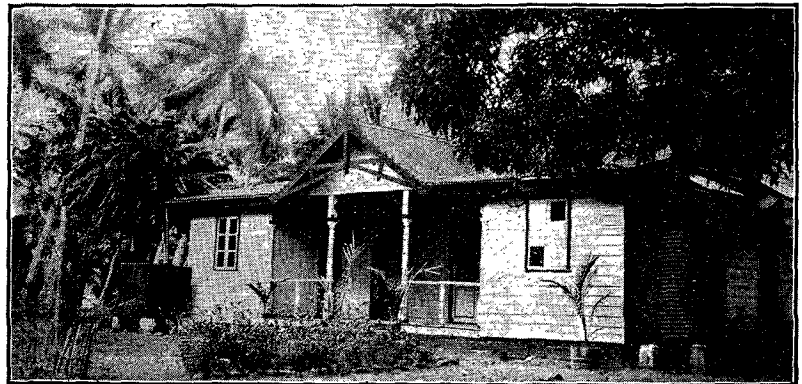
In all the Government offices in town, all the officials are eager to help us in every way. Although at times overburdened with work, they are prepared to put themselves to inconvenience if it will assist us. The same might also be said of those in the stores and even in private places.

The editor of the local paper, perhaps the busiest of all men here, has been eager to help with advice or in whatever way possible, and willing to give publicity to our work. He wants to see our work go forward and make good headway. He has published articles culled from our periodicals, and I keep him supplied with our papers each week, hoping that as he scans through them, the truth of God will become more clear. A friend of this editor has materially assisted us by supplying us with food for the school boys occasionally, absolutely refusing payment.

He, too, has given us much of his knowledge regarding local matters.

Another person whom the Lord has directed to us, and who has proved a genuine blessing, is a man connected with the Government medical service. He is ready any moment to pass information on to us. He has been into the interior of the island for quite a distance and his knowledge will be a great asset to us later. As to medical matters, we certainly feel indebted to him for the help he has given us. For some time at first, we seemed to have little and sometimes no results from our treatment of certain ulcers and sores. We could not discover medicine strong enough, and as a consequence, the ulcers grew larger, much to our disappointment. Some of our mission boys were going elsewhere for treatment, and we felt the folk were losing confidence in us. It was from this man that we gained the right prescriptions, and from the very day we started them we have had success beyond our expectations, and feel very grateful that the Lord has so wonderfully blessed in bringing us into contact with this particular man. We have not lost out with one case since, and it has given the people more confidence in our work.

At our Raluana Mission, too, our Solomon Island teacher has had good success in a similar way. He was recently asked to attend to a frightful ulcer on a man's leg, and so came to us for medicine and instructions. He advised the man to stay close by so he could attend to it often, and so he was placed in a house next door to the chief's place, where Oti stays. He was warned by his friends and told that if he went to the S.D.A. Mission they would make his sore larger. The good attention he has received, however, has decreased it remarkably. While lying in his house, he has heard the "pros" and "cons" regard-



Rear View of Mission House, Matupi, near Rabaul

ing the new mission, and to-day Oti informed me that the man now states that as soon as he can walk he is coming to the mission.

Here on Matupi, several boys were receiving treatment from a native "physician," but they were making no headway, except in enlarging the affected part. After seeing others recover in quick time on the mission, these boys decided to come to us. All the people endeavoured to prevent them by saying that if they did come, their sores would get larger, and that they would probably die. Nevertheless they came, and have improved beyond our hopes. The first day that we looked at the ulcer on one boy's foot, we did not think it advisable to apply medicine, as it seemed a case for the hospital. We decided to clean it up a little and take him over to the hospital after the week-end. However, it started to heal during this time, so we said we would keep on and give it a trial, and it has improved each day.

We thank the Lord for His guidance in all these things, sometimes apparently small to us perhaps, but to the native mind they mean much.

A. S. ATKINS.

## Bougainville, Territory of New Guinea

It is encouraging to know that natives at two of the outstations on Bougainville are requesting baptism. This means that they have given up all their wrong habits. We plan to baptise them a little later.

Thirty-three acres have been leased near the centre of Bougainville, and here we plan to start a training school for native teachers. When we bring some of these young people up to a higher standard of education, we shall be able to send them out as missionaries to their own people. This new property is only two hours' walk from three of our outstations, and two other mission stations are a day's journey over the mountains. The lease of this land was not obtained easily, as ordinary leases. The sellers were under the influence of another mission body. Five times the proceedings were held up before the purchase was finally made. We certainly showed our faith by starting to build a large leaf house before the lease was secured. This will serve as the Europeans' residence and the church for a time, and later it will be the school and church.

The Government helped us as much as it was able, even to paying the natives double the value of the land, and we made up the balance. The natives demanded seven times the value, but finally agreed to accept five times the value. It is in an important position, and will stabilise our work in that part of the island. By working this as a centre, we shall save in three years the initial outlay for survey fees and all other expenses; we shall be able to send some of our teachers farther afield, and work the near-by missions with local teachers who will be under the direct supervision of the European leader.

Three roads radiate from this centre, and the new-found gold field is ten miles inland from this spot.

## Progress in Lavilai

At Lavilai, the place where our work was first begun on Bougainville, the natives have made a new village and called it by a new name, Orova. There is not a pig there, whereas in the old village there were more pigs than natives. A fine new church has been built. The natives have made spiritual advancement; but Satan is very busy, and little sins creep in that keep them back from baptism.

On another station a native became enraged and smashed the wooden drum that called the natives to worship, and threatened to kill the teacher. My visit to this village further enraged this native, who advanced toward our teacher with an uplifted fighting axe. Evidently he did not notice me sitting in a doorway close by. I shouted to him, and this must have disconcerted him, for he lowered his axe and walked away, at the same time shouting that we had killed his gardens. A message was sent after him to call him back to reason the matter out in a friendly manner, but it was unheeded. That day, Sabbath, he sulked in a near-by men's council house. The chief gave us a new drum, and when the hostile native saw that we were determined to stay in the village, and he heard the new drum calling the natives to worship, he began to realise that he stood practically alone in his bellicose attitude.

As he still retained his fighting attitude after Sabbath, and refused all overtures, the only course to pursue was to summons him as a disturber of the peace. So a council was called. The natives were reluctant to take the matter to the Government. But when the angry native heard of our new plan, he sent a messenger to ask us not to hurry off in the morning, for he would meet us. Next morning he came in an entirely different native. He excused his attitude and work of destruction by saying that some friends of his, who belong to another mission, had told him that his garden had died because he belonged to us, whereas their gardens were flourishing. As a matter of fact, their gardens were all more or less affected by a disease. Their report had maddened him to drive our teacher out of the place. However, he promised to control himself in the future, peace was restored, and we shook hands. He has kept his word.

## Testimony of Other Europeans

A recruiter who recently recruited two boys from this village, declared: "I must say that the villages where your teachers are stationed are cleaner than the other villages, and the natives under their influence show a more respectful attitude toward Europeans than the other natives do."

A patrol officer recently said to us: "I have just visited a village where there are two missionaries settled, one each side of the town, and it was the filthiest village I have seen for some time; so much so, that I called the chiefs of that place together and explained to them that 'cleanliness is next to godliness.' I next went to one of your villages, where you have a native missionary stationed, and found a clean village. I much appreciated also the help your natives gave me in carrying my goods on the road."

By these unsolicited testimonials one can see that the S.D.A. mission work is being noticed by the Europeans; and, better still, it shows that the gospel does change men.

R. H. TUTTY.

## Prison Work in Nukualofa, Tonga

WE have recently been conducting some services in the local prison, with encouraging results.

One boy particularly is making good progress, and he is leading others to become interested in spiritual things. This boy has been a very heavy smoker, but he told me last Sabbath that he is gaining the victory over tobacco. I suggested the mouth wash (one per cent solution of silver nitrate) as a help to him, and he tried it with good results. Now I tell him he must take a firm stand so that he does not need to trust to a medicine. On this last occasion he told me that for several days he had not touched tobacco. I believe he will gain the victory over this curse.

One lady mentioned to my wife that it was a shame to take away the prisoners' tobacco, for they had not much to live for. But were this lady an Adventist, and could she have heard this boy's latest testimony, she might have agreed with him that he is the better for its loss.

He tells me that he formerly suffered from loss of energy, lack of appetite, trembling limbs, and sallow complexion. Now he has gained a good appetite, sound sleep, increased physical strength, a bright mental outlook, and a ruddy complexion.

Besides all this, he has gained a love for this truth, a happy countenance, and a missionary spirit for his fellow prisoners. He has brought us into touch with several others who desire spiritual help, and altogether an unlikely place seems as if it may yield several pearls for the kingdom.

The inmates of the second prison, out of town, want meetings also, which we hope to commence in a week or two. Some of these are guilty of gross crimes and are long-term prisoners, but some will soon be free and may come to us for further help. Remember these people in your prayers and us their helpers.

B. E. HADFIELD.

## How to Make Our Prayers More Acceptable

FILL the whole heart with the words of God. They are the living water, quenching your burning thirst. . . . Our bodies are built up from what we eat and drink; and as in the natural economy, so in the spiritual economy: it is what we meditate upon that will give tone and strength to our spiritual nature. . . . We should dwell upon the character of our dear Redeemer and Intercessor. We should meditate upon the mission of Him who came to save His people from their sins. As we thus contemplate heavenly themes, our faith and love will grow stronger, and our prayers will be more and more acceptable to God, because they will be more and more mixed with faith and love. They will be intelligent and fervent. There will be more constant confidence in Jesus, and a daily, living experience in His power to save to the uttermost all that come unto God by Him.—"Steps to Christ," pp. 93, 94.

Colporteurs' Monthly Summary

Victoria

MAY, 1930

Table for Victoria: Home Nursing, Bible Pictures and Stories, Bedtime Stories, Great Controversy, Ladies' Handbook, Helps.

North New Zealand

MAY, 1930

Table for North New Zealand: Home Nursing, Ladies' Handbook, Our Day, Bible Pictures and Stories, Great Controversy, Desire of Ages, Miscellaneous.

South New Zealand

MAY, 1930

Table for South New Zealand: Home Nursing, Ladies' Handbook, Practical Guide, Bible Pictures and Stories, Our Day, Daniel and the Revelation, Patriarchs and Prophets.

Tasmania

MAY, 1930

Table for Tasmania: Home Nursing, Our Day, Bible Pictures and Stories.

North New South Wales

MAY, 1930

Table for North New South Wales: Home Nursing, Bible Pictures and Stories, Bible Readings, Ladies' Handbook, Our Day, Desire of Ages.

South New South Wales

MAY, 1930

Table for South New South Wales: Ladies' Handbook, Our Day, Bible Pictures and Stories, Daniel and the Revelation, Desire of Ages.

Queensland

MAY, 1930

Table for Queensland: Bible Pictures and Stories, Great Controversy, Desire of Ages, Daniel and the Revelation, Bedtime Stories, Ladies' Handbook.

South Australia

MAY, 1930

Table for South Australia: Ladies' Handbook, Home Nursing, Bible Pictures and Stories, Helps.

## West Australia

MAY, 1930

	Hrs.	Ord.	Helps	Total
<i>Ladies' Handbook</i> —				
A. P. House (del.)	80	18	£2 6 6	£33 5 6
<i>Bible Readings</i> —				
Miss E. Forbes	1			1 0 0
<i>Bible Pictures and Stories</i> —				
G. Wilson	94½	10	1 14 6	14 4 6
Miss E. Forbes	50½	31	4 2 6	43 13 0
L. Howell	5½	15	1 1 0	21 6 0
H. G. Brooks (del.)	41½	10	11 0	13 18 6
	321½	85	£9 15 6	£127 7 6

## Totals for May, 1930

	Colptrs.	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
Victoria	24	1288½	547	£728 18 0
South New Zealand	10	826½	229	397 3 0
North New Zealand	11	788½	298	379 13 3
Queensland	15	857	364	377 8 4
South N.S.W.	12	945½	223	342 10 6
South Australia	10	916½	157	313 7 0
North N.S.W.	7	569½	133	253 15 8
Tasmania	4	424½	135	206 2 4
West Australia	5	321½	85	127 7 6
Union	98	6,935½	2,089	£3,156 5 7

The "Banner" Conference, May  
Tasmania

106 Hours per colporteur

The "Banner" Colporteurs, May  
W. Haddock, 244 hours  
Mrs. Badcock, 140½ hours

## A SPLENDID OPPORTUNITY

Commencing with the issue of July 7, a special series of articles will appear in the *Signs of the Times*. The editors have been successful in securing a series extending over ten issues from a writer who has made a special study of a topic of more than usual interest in the religious world, namely,

### "Evolution Theories and Biblical Facts."

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ordering a new one. If isolated, write direct to your Conference Tract Society, asking that your name be entered for a club to be posted to you weekly. The *Signs* retail is twopence per copy, but to our own people 1½d., thus allowing a small margin.

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## SABBATH SCHOOL

### Among the Schools in North New Zealand

(From a Letter)

I HAVE just returned from visiting the churches in the southern part of our widely scattered conference. I went first to Palmerston, one of our largest schools, and had a most enjoyable visit. There teachers' meetings were re-established, and it was decided to adopt the Sabbath School Workers' Training Course. Orders were received for that excellent little book, "Testimonies on Sabbath School Work," and for an increased number of our indispensable monthly journal, the *Sabbath School Worker*.

Next we went to Wellington. In the morning service attention was called to the claims of the Sabbath school as God's appointment for the systematic study of His Word, and it was requested that a special effort be made to find and bring in every missing member. Monday evening we had a special meeting of officers and teachers. Result: as at Palmerston, teachers' meeting re-established, Training Course adopted, three copies of "Testimonies" sold, five extra copies of the *Worker* ordered. From the expressions of thanks, we believe that the Lord enabled us to give some help where it was needed. A letter received yesterday from the superintendent spoke of impetus given to the school and more earnest work being done.

Next, Petone. A special meeting was called for Friday evening, and was well attended,—one of the best meetings of its kind ever held. The Spirit of the Lord was with us. The claims of the school in many aspects were presented, and obstacles vanished like snow under the sun's rays. The meeting, intended to last one hour, continued two and a half hours, and broke up with a determination to do a more effectual work for the Master. Thirteen enrolled for the Training Course that evening. Sabbath morning found fifteen officers and teachers present in teachers' meeting, and though at first it had seemed impossible, all were convinced that teachers' meetings can be held and with great spiritual blessing to all concerned. In the Sabbath school, the experiences of Wellington were repeated with a deeper, sweeter sense of God's presence and blessing.

On Sunday we had the Week of Prayer reading in the afternoon, because so many

from the Petone church are assisting in Pastor Battye's mission in Wellington, eight miles distant. The afternoon meeting was most impressive, and the re-consecration service which followed the reading was one of the most precious I have attended.

Thence to Masterton and district for the Week of Prayer. A sweet spirit of worship was very marked, and on Sabbath the church service and young people's meeting brought us all very close to God and to each other.

In Masterton the teachers' meeting had been instituted a few months before, and is much appreciated by all, officers and teachers realising and enjoying the larger help and deeper blessing that come from studying the lessons together. All the officers and teachers but one enrolled in the Training Course,—enrolled with the purpose to study and continue till the course is finished.

As I review the experience of these three weeks, I cannot help but sing,

"To God be the glory,  
Great things He hath done,"

and I do thank and praise Him for the privilege which is mine in this good work. To date, fifty teachers have enrolled in the Training Course.

J. HOOKINGS.

### Blind Young People in Brisbane

LAST quarter a sister in our City church Sabbath school, in whose home a blind young man is living, thought it would be good if our blind young people gave a little musical evening in aid of the "overflow" offering for the Sabbath school. Our blind young people, of whom there are five, took up the suggestion enthusiastically. A number of their non-Adventist blind friends and others of our young people joined them, and a happy evening was given in the Blind Institute Club room. They took up an offering which amounted to £2. They have since told me that this will not be the last one they will have.

These blind young people are very talented in the way of music and elocution, and are a big help in our social entertainments here in the city. One boy has been assistant leader of the Missionary Volunteer Society for six months, and has done good work. He also teaches the blind class in the Sabbath school. Living

with one of our members, he is able to study the lesson with the family throughout the week and then teach it on Sabbath.

I wish you could meet these young people! They are an inspiration, full of energy and enthusiasm, doing what they can to let their light shine, always ready to speak of the truth to others.

On a recent Sunday a party went out Ingathering, and the young man who is assistant leader came along and with the help of another Missionary Volunteer collected £1 in the morning. He was anxious to continue in the afternoon, but no one was able to go on, so it was with regret that he went home.

At Sandgate we have a little school of five sisters. Two of these are blind, but their faces glow with the light of the message, and it does one good to meet them.

HELENA K. LEWIN.

## AN EXTRAORDINARY OFFER

To All Sabbath School Scholars and Others

Now that the junior lessons in the Sabbath school deal with the life of Christ, no better help in the study of the lessons could be found than that wonderful book by Mrs. E. G. White, entitled,

### "The Desire of Ages."

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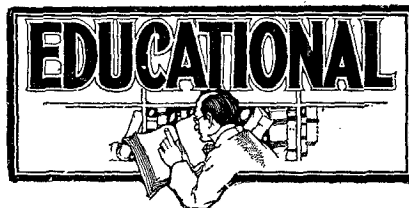
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OUR salvation depends on a knowledge of the truth contained in the Scriptures. It is God's will that we should possess this. Search, O search the precious Bible with hungry hearts.—"Christ's Object Lessons," p. 111.

MISS E. E. EDWARDS tells us how much she has enjoyed hearing from the lonely and scattered members in South New South Wales of late. A paragraph from the latest letter received she has given us the privilege of reading. It gives this experience: "My son has a few hives of bees, and unknown to me, he promised God the first tin of honey. He had to go away from home to work for six months, and the bees were neglected. But when he returned, he robbed them, and got two sixty-pound tins of honey, and thirty-odd pounds besides. I said to him, 'I suppose you will give God some.' 'Yes,' he said, 'I promised Him the first tin.' So he handed it to me. He got twenty-five shillings for it, so we added this to our Week of Prayer offering." Commenting on this, Sister Edwards adds: "As soon as I read it I thought, The Lord does not forget those who remember Him. How many have proved that His word is true, that it never fails. It does help us when we read such experiences. In themselves they are small, but how weighty are the results."



### A. M. College News Notes

DURING the Week of Prayer, studies took second place in our college, so that the students might have more time to seek the Lord and receive that help and instruction which should come first. Now, however, all have settled down to work again with renewed energy and a determination to walk closer with the Lord than ever before.

We were much interested in the talks given by Pastor A. F. J. Kranz in our chapel periods the week following our Week of Prayer. As he placed before us the tests, both moral and physical, by which we might know a true prophet, our faith was strengthened in Mrs. E. G. White as a "prophet of the Lord." These meetings were followed by interesting talks in which Pastor W. H. Pascoe related some personal experiences in connection with Mrs. E. G. White.

Pastor A. H. Piper, whom we were pleased to have with us for a few days, also spoke of the early days at Avondale, and the possibilities before our young people at present in training. He stressed the point that "we have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and His teaching in our past history."

To be in the midst of water, and yet without water, was the unusual experience of Avondale recently. After heavy rains on Sunday night and Monday there was every indication of a flood. The motor that pumps our water supply was therefore lifted out of danger, with the result that for a few days we were without any water except our drinking supply. On Thursday, as the flood had abated sufficiently for the motor to be restored to its usual place, we welcomed

the return of water to our halls, only to be disappointed on Friday morning when, owing to a break in the pipe line, our supply was again cut off. By noon on Sunday, however, as repairs had been effected, we were glad to be able to have both hot and cold water again.

The Sabbath school and young people's officers for the coming quarter have been elected as follows:

Sabbath School Superintendent, Mr. H. C. Tempest; Assistants, Mr. W. Wilson and Mr. H. G. Davis; Secretary, Miss Sybil Pratt; Assistant Secretary, Miss Enid Peacock; Pianist, Mr. E. Clapham; Assistant Pianist, Mr. G. Wilson.

Young People's Leader, Mrs. S. V. Stratford; Assistants, Mr. P. Sheppard and Mr. C. F. Hollingsworth; Secretary, Miss Alice Kemp; Assistant Secretary, Miss Marjorie Badcock; Pianiste, Miss Norma Woodgate; Assistant Pianiste, Miss Dorothy O'Hara.

Church Chorister, Mr. E. P. Jewson.

We know that as these new officers take up their work the Lord will bless them as He has blessed in the past.

EILEEN M. HAMPTON.

## WEDDING BELLS

Collister-Watt.—In the Shepparton church, Vic., which was nicely decorated for the occasion, and in the presence of a full congregation on May 28, Louisa A. Watt and Ronald C. Collister were united in marriage. These two young people, both residents of that district, were brought up in the message. Brother Collister was baptised and united with the church over three years ago, and Sister Watt participated in this ordinance just prior to the wedding. We are pleased to see them commence their united journey through life in the right way, and trust that the Lord will bless this union and keep them true and happy in His service, until that day when the great Bridegroom will return to take us all to the marriage supper of the Lamb.

G. G. STEWART.

### Just as Easy

NO harder to praise than to scorn, no harder to love than to hate; no harder to sing than to mourn, as easy to act as to wait. No harder to smile than to frown. It's not very hard to be glad, it's not very hard to rejoice, it's harder indeed to be sad. Let happiness then be our choice. No harder to trust than to doubt, and courage is easy as fear, and foes are quite easy to rout with weapons of good sense and cheer. No harder to sing than to cry, as easy to do as to plan; no harder to laugh than to sigh, and gulfs aren't to dread but to span. And giving is easier, too, than withholding your hand from a friend; no harder to aid than to rue—and sweeter the day at the end.

—Wilhelmina Stitch.

### Important Dates

Union Conference Session: September 3-14.

Camp Meetings:

Northern Rivers, N.S.W.: October 1-5.

Queensland: October 9-19.

North N.S.W.: October 23-November 1.

South N.S.W.: November 6-16.

## Appeal for Missions

### Norfolk Island

(From a Letter)

ABOUT the middle of May we received permission from the Administrator to collect, with the request that the Appeal be closed at the end of the month. As the last week of May was the Week of Prayer, we felt rather anxious about our Ingathering.

Our aim was set at £10, that being Norfolk's usual goal. At the end of the first week we had just £6, but the church members felt it would be impossible to get £4 the next week, as the Week of Prayer meant going out each night and they could do so little that week. However, as church missionary secretary I tried to encourage them, and said I was sure we could do it, that my territory was all but finished, and I could help some one else.

I had some most encouraging experiences, nearly every one giving something. At one home, after giving what they could, the people said I need not tell them of our work, that they knew Brother Ferris, Brother Adams, and another brother from the Sanitarium who had given free nursing lessons to all who would attend, and how they wished they could have more! They told me to come back when I wanted more funds, and they would always help me.

Another lady had spent a month at the Sydney Sanitarium, and could not speak highly enough of the treatment she received there. She said she had never been anywhere where the spirit of Christian peace dwelt so continuously as at the Sanitarium. We had a Bible study together, and she wants me to return.

Still another, a poor widow, brought out five shillings in small change, saying she wished it were more, that she could never forget all our people had done for her when her husband lay sick and died. Another poor soul who was not in my territory asked me to come to her that she might give something, but I told her some one else would call on her.

Only one asked to see my card, and this person was evidently so pleased with it that a donation of ten shillings was given. Everywhere, with the exception of two mainlanders, I was received with the greatest courtesy and hospitality, invariably being asked to go back and visit them. Indeed, it was always hard to get away from the dear kind-hearted people. Praise God for the openings into new homes that the Ingathering has created.

Instead of the Week of Prayer and the Appeal for Missions clashing, the prayers of the church opened hearts and homes and made the Appeal what it is. For we were given £20 10s., a sum that has never before been reached. How wonderfully God works, does He not? As soon as the final figures went up on the blackboard, the church rose and sang the Doxology.

BEATRICE A. PRATT.

## OBITUARIES

**Reid.**—At the age of sixty-seven years, Robert Jackson Reid, ex-sergeant of the N.S.W. police, late of Brand St., Croydon, Sydney, fell asleep in Jesus at the Western Suburbs Hospital on June 6, 1930. Four weeks previous, our deceased brother was apparently enjoying excellent health. His interest in God's gospel message for to-day was secured by faithful home missionary workers of the Ashfield church. With one of his daughters he fully accepted the truth presented at the mission conducted by Pastor J. W. Kent and associate workers, and was baptised on April 7, 1929. Two sons and four daughters mourn their great loss. To know that the dear one died with a firm trust in a sin-pardoning Saviour is the great consolation. Assisted by Brethren Boulting and Frost, elders of the Ashfield church, the writer conducted the funeral service in the afternoon of Sabbath, June 7, at the Rookwood cemetery.

A. H. WHITE.

**Sage.**—At the home of Sister Telfer Whangarei, N.Z., Sister Olive Sage, relict of Brother Richard Sage, fell asleep in Jesus, in her sixty-eighth year. Having accepted present truth in England in 1908, Sister Sage came to New Zealand in 1909 and joined the church at Christchurch. In 1917 she removed to Auckland and became a very active member of Ponsonby church, entering very heartily into the work of the Dorcas Society, Prohibition campaigns, and the annual Appeal for Missions. She delighted in presenting to all she visited the claims of the gospel of Jesus and the joy to be found in His service. Through her last long and painful illness she never failed to witness for her Saviour. Doctors, nurses, and visitors, all were invited to accept Him as Saviour and Friend. Now she rests from her labours and her works do follow her. After a service in the Whangarei church and again at the graveside in the presence of many sympathising friends, we laid her to rest. To her son and daughter and their families we extend our sincerest sympathies, and commend them to Him who comforts in the hour of trial and loss.

J. HOOKINGS.

**Craddock.**—Delphina S. Craddock, sister of Pastor T. H. Craddock, passed peacefully to rest at her brother's home in Auburn, Vic., on Friday, June 13, after a few weeks' illness, at the advanced age of seventy-six years. Sister Craddock accepted the truth, with her parents and two sisters, about thirty-seven years ago, while the family were living in Geelong. Her brother had embraced the message some time before, and he it was who was used by the Lord in leading his parents and sisters into present truth. At that time there was no regular meeting place in that town, and for a time the few believers met at the home of Brother Craddock, Senior. About that time Brethren E. Watson and J. A. Bown accepted the message, and the meetings were transferred to the Church of England hall, where our recently departed sister acted as the first Sabbath school secretary. Sister Craddock was rather of a retiring

disposition, but was always conscientious in regard to religion. While on her deathbed she repeatedly expressed her faith in her Saviour, and went to sleep with a bright hope of a part in the resurrection of the just. On Sabbath afternoon her remains were laid to rest in the Faulkner Cemetery, the services being conducted by Pastor L. J. Imrie and the writer.

G. G. STEWART.

**McTaggart.**—On May 24, 1930, at the age of seventy-two, our beloved Sister Sarah McTaggart of Capel, W.A., passed peacefully away in the Bunbury public hospital. She was loved by everybody, and was ready to go, for she had a living connection with the Lord Jesus Christ. Accepting the message about thirty years ago under the labours of Pastor T. H. Craddock, she remained faithful till death. Her husband and her sons and daughters mourn the loss of a devoted wife and affectionate mother. A short service was conducted at the Capel S.D.A. church by the writer, assisted by the church elder, Brother C. L. Reynolds. We laid her to rest in the Capel cemetery with full assurance of a joyful resurrection at Christ's second coming.

E. V. CLARK.

## A Tribute

SINCE accepting the truth about thirty years ago, Sister Sarah McTaggart spent her life in helping the cause of the Master she loved so well. She was truly a mother in Israel, always anxious to do the Lord's bidding. During the last Ingathering for Missions, though compelled to lie in the hospital, her one desire was to be up and helping. At times her mind wandered, but it was always on the Lord's work, wondering whether her tithes were being paid, etc. She always paid in more than a tenth as tithe, as it was her great desire not to make it any less than it should be.

Sister McTaggart distributed the *Signs of the Times* for a long while, until her poor old feet gave out. Right up to the last she gave away tracts, *Signs*, and papers to whomsoever she met, telling them of the soon-coming Saviour. She would come to me and say, "Have you any tracts?" I would ask her what kind she required. "Oh, some that will go in a letter, or any kind you have will do."

She was always at Sabbath school and church, though she lived twelve miles away. She would travel in any vehicle to get there, so as not to miss Sabbath school and the services. She never forgot the Thirteenth Sabbath offering. Big Week always found her doing her part, and any special calls she was ever anxious to help. The little church will miss her very much.

We held a service in the church at Capel, which proved too small to hold all who wished to pay their last respects. Brother E. V. Clark led the service at the graveside, and urged all to accept her God in whom she had full trust. At that moment my heart went out for her relatives. I have full faith she sleeps in Jesus and will come forth when He appears to call His sleeping saints.

Much more could be said of her good life among us. My prayer is that the Lord will keep us all faithful, so that we shall meet her at the resurrection of the just.

C. L. REYNOLDS.

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BROTHER AND SISTER NORMAN FERRIS and their two children were passengers by the *Marsina* which reached Sydney on June 21. Returning from the Solomon Islands via Rabaul when his furlough was due, Brother Ferris stopped off at Lord Howe Island to spend three months with his parents, and was there joined by his wife and children, who had returned to Sydney earlier. While in the homeland they are spending some time with Sister Ferris's parents, Brother and Sister A. E. Chatman, near Windsor, N.S.W.

WE are indebted to Pastor A. G. Stewart for copies of San Francisco newspapers which made special mention of the General Conference about to open in that city, and which also gave prominence to pictures and write-ups of the Fijian delegates. Our readers will be interested in reports from some of these papers, as found on this page.

DURING the week ending June 21, Southern Queensland collected £30 in the Appeal, bringing its total up to £1,100 (only £60 short of the goal). North New South Wales reported £57, leaving a balance of only £28. From the islands £4 was received at the Union office, making the total for that week £91.

### En Route to the General Conference

WE failed to send you a few lines from Suva, owing to the rush we had while there. As almost all the European workers were in Suva at the time of our calling there, we were pressed for time to have a few words with each and to attend to other business.

One very interesting feature during our visit was the gathering at Suva Vou, first the sitting down at table together, when our entire party and all the European workers then in Suva gathered around a long table on the verandah of Brother and Sister Litster's home and partook of a very enjoyable meal. We numbered just thirty-four, including some of the children, and it did remind us of Pastor Spicer's words that "it is a good family to belong to."

From there we went to the church and held a meeting with a number of the Fijian believers and some Indians. Pastors Watson and Jones and the writer each spoke, and it was good to hear the believers sing, and to worship with them once more. Ratu Meli was present, and naturally he had to rise and respond to our address in

his fluent Fijian. He seems to be very well.

We are now 1,800 odd miles from Suva and about 900 from Honolulu. We should reach the latter port early on Thursday of this week.

On Sunday evening, by invitation, we held a stereopticon service in the dining room, when we had a crowded house. We showed views of our work in Fiji and the New Hebrides, and were loudly applauded as we told of the wonderful transformations wrought. One slide was a hymn in Fijian which Ratu Jiali and Seteriki sang, and for the last chorus all joined in singing in Fijian. It was the hymn, "When the Roll Is Called up Yonder," and all seemed to greatly appreciate it. They have asked us to present the film, "Cannibals and Christians," in the second class a little later during the voyage.

Naturally, we are thinking a good deal about the General Conference, and trust it will be a great spiritual uplift to all. We are also thinking about all our friends and fellow workers left behind, and pray that God will richly bless you all.

A. G. STEWART.

### Good Citizens

#### The Adventists Are Coming

FROM Cape Town, Shanghai, Buenos Aires, all over Europe, and all parts of this country, the Seventh-day Adventists are on their way to participate in their convention, beginning Wednesday in Exposition Auditorium.

The Adventists make no desperate effort to keep in step with all the fashions, opinions, prejudices, and propoganda of the twentieth century. They do not believe that smoking, drinking, or evolution are necessary for human beings and they get along without them.

They are decent citizens of whatever country they may happen to live in and they always mind their own business.

Those large crowds of happy looking people in San Francisco this week will be Seventh-day Adventists.—*Editorial in the San Francisco Call, May 26, 1930.*

### Fiji Chiefs Wear Skirts to Church Session Here

FAR from the land of the cannibal sandwich, two Fiji Islands chieftains found solace yesterday in the San Francisco strawberry sundae. Heads of tribes which once ate their enemies, the dusky chieftains have adjured man-eating along with cigarettes and liquor.

They are here to attend the world gathering of Seventh-day Adventists, delegates to which are assembling from all parts of the globe, and have attracted much attention even in this city of strange costumes.

Civilisation seems to have affected them from the waist up. Beneath trim coats and waistcoats, the chiefs wear the skirts their ancestors wore, and their culture has not extended so far as shoes or socks. Hats are also unknown to their crinkly heads.

The visitors are Ratu Seteriki Cevaca, chief of the Nuku Nuku Lakemba tribe, and Ratu Jiali Tikowale, chief of the Suva

Vous. They are escorted by A. G. Stewart, Vice-President of the Australasian Union Congress, and are reputed to be devout Christians.

W. E. Phillips, from the Inca Union Mission in Lima, Peru; Rev. S. G. Maxwell of the Kenya Colony, East Africa; A. W. Anderson, Wahroonga, Australia; and A. W. Cormack of Poona, India, are among other visitors from far lands.

Evolution, communism, cigarette smoking, dancing, card parties, calendar revision, lawlessness, modernism, and other matters of interest to the church, will be discussed during the convention which opens to-morrow evening in the Civic Auditorium.—*San Francisco Examiner, May 27, 1930.*

### Religion Makes Fiji Cannibals Vegetarians

FROM cannibalism to vegetarianism in a generation. Two native Fiji Islanders, whose grandfathers trod the jungles hunting human prey for food, to-day are eating a strictly vegetable diet in the ornate modern dining room of the William Taylor Hotel.

Ratu (Chief) Jiali Tikowale and Seteriki Cevaca, as delegates to the Seventh-day Adventist convention which opens Wednesday, are walking about the city in bare feet, wearing the short skirts of their tribes. They wear coats, collars, and ties as a concession to civilisation.

Powerfully built, their dark skins and bushy hair look formidable, but their warm, childlike smile is disarming.

"They are as gentle and kind as any people in the world," says Rev. A. G. Stewart, missionary to the islands for twenty-two years who, with Mrs. Stewart, brought the two Fijians here. Rev. Stewart speaks their native language.

Ratu Jiali catches up a war club, such as his forefathers used to fell their prey, but he turns and laughingly points at his Bible, translated into the Fijian. And you know that you are safe, for you remember that he only eats vegetables, anyway.—*The San Francisco News, May 26, 1930.*

In this issue of the RECORD appears our colporteurs' report for the month of May. It is very pleasing to note that six out of the nine conferences have exceeded their aims to date. For the first five months of the year, nearly £17,000 worth of books were ordered, the exact figures being £16,980 1s. 11d. This splendid total is just £1,251 ahead of the aim. When we consider the financial depression through which Australia is passing, we can fully appreciate the assurance given years ago through the servant of the Lord: "The Lord Jesus standing by the side of the canvassers, walking with them, is the chief worker."

"STEPS to Christ" continues to be one of our "best sellers" in many lands. To date, 260,000 have been sold in Great Britain. We have no other book that has been published in so many different languages. Wherever it goes, it makes friends and prepares the way for others of our good books.