



How to Meet a Controverted Point of Doctrine

NOTHING frightens me more than to see the spirit of variance manifested by our brethren. We are on dangerous ground when we cannot meet together like Christians, and courteously examine controverted points. I feel like fleeing from the place, lest I receive the mould of those who cannot candidly investigate the doctrines of the Bible. Those who cannot impartially examine the evidences of a position that differs from theirs, are not fit to teach in any department of God's cause. What we need is the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Without this, we are no more fitted to go forth to the world than were the disciples after the crucifixion of their Lord. Jesus knew their destitution, and told them to tarry in Jerusalem until they should be endowed with power from on high. Every teacher must be a learner, that his eyes may be anointed to see the evidences of the advancing truth of God. The beams of the Sun of Righteousness must shine into his own heart if he would impart light to others.

No one is able to explain the Scriptures without the aid of the Holy Spirit. But when you take up the Word of God with a humble, teachable heart, the angels of God will be by your side to impress you with evidences of the truth. When the Spirit of God rests upon you, there will be no feeling of envy or jealousy in examining another's position; there will be no spirit of accusation and criticism, such as Satan inspired in the hearts of the Jewish leaders against Christ. As Christ said to Nicodemus, so I say to you, "Ye must be born again." "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." You must have the divine mould before

you can discern the sacred claims of the truth. Unless the teacher is a learner in the school of Christ, he is not fitted to teach others.

We should come into a position where every difference will be melted away. If I think I have light, I shall do my duty in presenting it. Suppose I consulted others concerning the message the Lord would have me give to the people, the door might be closed so that the light could not reach the ones to whom God had sent it. When Jesus rode into Jerusalem, "the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen; saying, Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord: peace in heaven, and glory in the highest. And some of the Pharisees from among the multitude said unto Him, Master, rebuke Thy disciples. And He answered and said unto them, I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out."

The Jews tried to stop the proclamation of the message that had been predicted in the Word of God, but prophecy must be fulfilled. The Lord says, "Behold, I send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord." Somebody is to come in the spirit and power of Elijah, and when he appears, men may say, "You are too earnest; you do not interpret the Scriptures in the proper way. Let me tell you how to teach your message."

There are many who cannot distinguish between the work of God and that of man. . . . If you continue to find fault, to have a spirit of variance, you will never

Give Light, O Lord

Give light, O Lord, that we may learn
The way that leads to Thee,
That where our hearts true joys discern,
Our life may be.

Give light, O Lord, that we may know
Thy one unchanging truth,
And follow, all our days below,
Our Guide in youth.

Give light, O Lord, that we may see
Where wisdom bids beware,
And turn our doubting minds to Thee
In faithful prayer.

Give light, O Lord, that we may look
Beneath, around, above,
And learn from nature's living book
Thy power and love.

Give light, O Lord, that we may read
All signs that Thou art near,
And, while we live, in word and deed
Thy name revere.

L. TUTTRETT.

know the truth. Jesus said to His disciples, "I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now." They were not in a condition to appreciate sacred and eternal things. But Jesus promised to send the Comforter, who would teach them all things, and bring all things to their remembrance, whatsoever He had said unto them. Brethren, we must not put our dependence in man. "Cease ye from man, whose breath is in his nostrils: for wherein is he to be accounted of?" You must hang your helpless souls upon Jesus. . . .

If there is a point of truth that you do not understand, upon which you do not agree, investigate, compare scripture with scripture, sink the shaft of truth down deep into the mine of God's Word. You must lay yourselves and your opinions on the altar of God, put away your preconceived ideas, and let the Spirit of heaven guide you into all truth. . . .

There are many among us who are prejudiced against the doctrines that are now being discussed. They will not come to hear, they will not calmly investigate, but they put forth their objections in the dark. They are perfectly satisfied with their position. "Thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: I counsel thee to buy of Me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent." This scripture applies to those who live under the sound of the message, but who will not come to hear it. How do you know but that the Lord is giving fresh evidences of His truth, placing it in a new setting, that the way of the Lord may be prepared? What plans have you been laying that new light may be infused through the ranks of God's people? What evidence have you that God has not sent light to His children?

All self-sufficiency, egotism, and pride of opinion must be put away. We must come to the feet of Jesus, and learn of Him who is meek and lowly of heart. Jesus did not teach His disciples as the rabbis taught theirs. Many of the Jews came and listened as Christ revealed the mysteries of salvation, but they came not to learn; they came to criticise, to catch Him in some inconsistency, that they might have something with which to prejudice the people. They were content with their knowledge, but the children of God must know the voice of the true Shepherd. Is not this a time when it would be highly proper to fast and pray before God? We are in danger of variance, in danger of taking sides on a controverted point; and should we not seek God in earnestness, with humiliation of soul, that we may know what is truth? . . .

We should wrestle with every difficulty, but when some controverted point is presented, are you to go to man to find out his opinion, and then shape your conclusions from his? No, go to God. Tell Him what you want; take your Bible and search as for hidden treasures.

We do not go deep enough in our search for truth. Every soul who believes present truth will be brought where he

will be required to give a reason of the hope that is in him. The people of God will be called upon to stand before kings, princes, rulers, and great men of the earth, and *they must know that they do know what is truth*. They must be converted men and women. God can teach you more in one moment by His Holy Spirit than you could learn from the great men of the earth.

The universe is looking upon the controversy that is going on upon the earth. At an infinite cost, God has provided for every man an opportunity to know that which will make him wise unto salvation. How eagerly do angels look to see who will avail himself of this opportunity!

When a message is presented to God's people, they should not rise up in opposition to it; they should go to the Bible, comparing it with the law and the testimony, and if it does not bear this test, it

is not true. God wants our minds to expand. He desires to put His grace upon us. We may have a feast of good things every day; for God can open the whole treasure of heaven to us. We are to be one with Christ as He is one with the Father, and the Father will love us as He loves His Son. We may have the same help that Christ had, we may have strength for every emergency, for God will be our front guard and our rearward. He will shut us in on every side, and when we are brought before rulers, before the authorities of the earth, we need not meditate beforehand of what we shall say. God will teach us in the day of our need. Now may God help us to come to the feet of Jesus and learn of Him, before we seek to become teachers of others.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

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NEWS FROM AFAR

Grave Situation in Peru

IN giving at the General Conference a survey of the work going forward in South America, Pastor C. B. Haynes, the president of the division, mentioned especially the serious situation which has recently arisen in Peru, threatening the existence of the mission schools among the Indians, and our entire educational work in that republic. It is about this menace to our work that Seventh-day Adventists throughout the world have been praying, and special interest was manifested in the most recent developments connected with it. We quote from his report:

"Just one year ago, a government decree was issued in Peru, declaring that no school in that republic, whether public or private, would be permitted to teach anything contrary to the religion of the State. Any school teaching things contrary to the religion of the State was to be closed, and its property confiscated.

"We have ninety schools in Peru, in which there are 5,000 pupils. This has been our method of evangelism among the Indians. The religion of the State is the Catholic religion. It was apparent immediately, on the promulgation of this decree, that our Indian school system, as well as all our work in Peru, was in jeopardy, facing the gravest crisis of our work there. If the provisions of this decree were to be carried out, our great work there would be destroyed. In this crisis, we sent an earnest appeal to our people throughout the world, to unite in prayer for the saving of our work in Peru.

"These prayers have been heard and answered. There are some things in connection with this situation which we cannot talk about publicly. It is because of the delicacy of the entire situation that nothing more has been said about it. We can say, however, that we have been passing through a very perplexing experience. We believe that, in answer to the prayers

of God's people, God has given wisdom to the faithful Indian teachers in our schools and to the leaders of the work in Peru. God has safeguarded His work from disaster.

"While our workers there are still under a real tension and suspense, while this unfavourable decree is still in existence, hanging over our heads, it is a real satisfaction to be able to say that up until now, not one of our schools has been closed. Other developments in connection with this situation lead us to believe that we are facing a period which will witness the greatest advance of our entire experience in the preaching of this message in Peru.

"We believe that our prayers should continue to go up to God for the preservation of this work."

An Adventist Church Built on a Catholic Foundation

AWAY back in colonial times the Jesuits built up a missionary empire in Misiones, Argentina, and Paraguay. There are great ruins to-day that stand as witness of the greatness of the work done. The Indians were "reduced" (to slavery) and the missions were called "reducciones."

But the king of Spain felt uneasy about the influence of the Jesuits and insisted that the pope abolish them. This was done, and they were expelled from the Spanish territory. Though they did not leave at once, they were finally forced to leave and immediately their great artificial kingdom, with its great buildings, plantations, and civilisation, relapsed into barbarism. The ruins to-day stand in the midst of forest and jungles.

But in the little town of Santa Ana, Misiones, there are some of these ancient ruins. They are fenced off and no one is allowed to use the stones. But when our brethren began to build a church there, the authorities permitted them to use these

stones that stand as a historical monument, for the foundation of the Adventist church.

In the recent general meeting of the Alto Paraná Mission it was decided to rush this church to completion, and soon there the little memorial will stand—an Adventist church built on a Catholic foundation.

HENRY F. BROWN.

An Appreciative Reader in Africa

A GENTLEMAN employed in Government service in an up-country town, became a subscriber for the *Signs of the Times*. A little later we received an order from him for books, including "Our Lord's Return" and "From Sabbath to

Sunday." This gentleman became much interested in the literature, and writes that he is anxious to pay for and distribute free thousands of copies throughout Africa "to hasten," he says, "as far as I possibly can, the great day of the Lord, for I believe that the louder the heralds, the nearer the day."

Encouraging experiences of this kind are a fulfilment of that which has been promised to those who are faithful in the distribution of our literature. "We must carry the publications to the people, and urge them to accept." "If there is one work that is more important than another, it is that of getting our publications before the public, leading them to search the Scriptures."

W. B. COMMUN.

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OUR MISSION FIELD

All Astir at Buresala, Fiji

THE good news had been announced, "The overflow of the Thirteenth Sabbath offering on June 28 is to come to Buresala to build the new houses for the married students!" Every one was astir so that each might be able to earn something, somehow, to help, that the brethren in the homelands would realise that we do appreciate what they are doing for Buresala.

The manager of the pineapple company next door was willing to give work to twenty-five boys for two days. Thirty-nine boys wanted work, so twenty-five went for one day, and some of these went the second day with the remaining fourteen. All had to be up early in order to start work about three quarters of a mile away by 6.30 a.m. What about breakfast? you may ask. Well, anything that might have been left over from tea was eaten as they hurried along the bush track over the hill to the pineapple plantation. Dinner was cooked at Buresala by some of those not working, and carried to the workers by noon.

From Buresala one could hear the falling trees, and when at five o'clock the lads came singing merrily over the hill, and we inspected their hands, the blisters showed that they had been working well. The next day was the same story, and on the following Friday their earnings were handed to them. The writer was called away to Suva Vou for the Sabbath, but on returning found that the offering amounted to £7 14s. Pledges made earlier in the quarter were paid and added to this, and a boy who was away with me in Suva gave his three shillings, until the total amounted to £8 12s., which is a record, we understand, for Buresala. As £8 8s. had been given for the twelve Sabbaths, the total for the quarter was £17. All were happy in being able to give for the Master's work.

The plantation manager spoke highly of the students' work, and also asked Nafitalai, the preceptor, many questions re-

garding the Sabbath, why the boys did not smoke, etc. Both students and teachers rejoiced in being able to witness for the Lord in this way.

S. W. CARR.

A Message from Vavau, Tonga

WE will call him Tom.

He was a black sheep, one of the blackest, according to his own evidence, for as he himself says he was as bad as bad could be.

We have this story from his own lips, and it is a testimony to the power of God to save to the uttermost even those who have wandered farthest from Him, and a convincing proof that there is hope for all, even the blackest.

The eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the earth, seeking out His own, and one day Brother Tom felt in his heart the gentle pleading of the Holy Spirit, and with the pleading came the conviction that "now is the accepted time." He felt that if he did not change his way of living at once there would be no hope at all for him.

He paused in his way to listen and to consider the Spirit's call. Coming into contact with Brother Thorpe, who was just opening up the work in Vavau at that time, he soon became familiar with and interested in the message for these last days. After several conversations and reading some of our books, this brother decided to search diligently for the truth, and get right to the root of religion.

He is a man who likes to prove everything before he accepts it as his own, so we are not surprised to hear that he began digging for the truth. He studied the Mormon doctrines, and he read all the "Testimonies" and other books, with the result that he finally decided to be baptised and link up with the little company of Adventists in Vavau.

That was in 1918, and he still stands firmly with us, a living witness to the saving and keeping power of God.

When Brother Thorpe was obliged to leave this field, this brother was in Nukualofa, but on his return to Vavau he immediately turned his attention to the little company of young people who had scattered, being left without a leader. He succeeded in persuading some of them to come along to church again, and until another worker was appointed he kept them together and held regular services.

When other workers have come to the field, Brother Tom has always been willing to help in any way he could, and when the workers have left the field he has stepped in and filled the gap.

It is now almost six years since we have had a European conference worker in Vavau, but this brother has faithfully laboured to keep the little flock together, and to win others for the Saviour, although he has, at the same time, been obliged to carry on his own business as well.

He and our native conference worker are now working together, holding meetings in three villages, as well as at the mission, and caring for the little group of believers in this island.

Surely the word of God does not return unto Him void, but it accomplishes that whereunto He sends it, and we know that the work in Tonga has not been in vain.

MAGGIE FERGUSON.

A Day's Happenings at Buresala

AS we glided into a beautiful little harbour I came up on the deck to have a look around, and to my surprise I was told that the Buresala Training School was right in front of us. What, is that Buresala on our starboard? Yes. Can you see those houses beautifully situated on the hill? On the left is Brother Lang's place; in the centre is Pastor Carr's home; and on the right is the church and school building. Situated in the valley below are the boys' dormitory and the married students' houses. Those two red-roofed buildings in the centre down from Pastor Carr's are the wood-work shop and the sawmill. We shall be delighted to have a look around.

Why, there are four boats anchored there. Oh, yes, those are the *Veilomani, Ai Talai, Cina, Tovata*, and a big red punt. It looks as if the *Veilomani* and *Talai* have just anchored.

There is to be an ordination service here to-night. Two of our native workers are to be ordained to the gospel ministry. There is our good superintendent, Pastor Rudge, and Pastor Branster with Captain McLaren on the *Veilomani*. And look, there is Brother Lee too from Lakemba, our furthest station from headquarters. He has come on the *Talai*.

As we near the little jetty, which, by the way, is a credit to our mission and school, we see different boys working in the gardens and others carrying various things. Here comes our good principal, Pastor Carr. He is as cheerful and optimistic as ever, and every energy is bent to uplift fallen humanity. That is Brother Lang, who never spares himself in helping the boys. You can see the school mother farther back, the lady with a heart big enough to accommodate Fiji.

After greetings had been exchanged and we had looked around, preparations were made for the ordination service

The bell rang and all assembled to witness the much-looked-forward-to service. On the platform were seated Pastors Rudge, Carr, Branster, and Brother Lee. Seated in front of them were the two candidates, Feresi Rokosalu and Josai Sauliga. The expressions on their earnest faces revealed a devotion to duty and a determination to follow their Lord and Master.

Pastor Carr preached the sermon, Pastor Branster offered the prayer, Pastor Rudge read the charge, and Pastor Carr welcomed them to the ministry. To close the good meeting the two newly ordained ministers supplicated the throne of grace for the power of the Holy Spirit to take hold and have charge of all present.

As we witnessed this solemn service our hearts longed for a deeper consecration and for a closer walk with our God.

After the service the brethren discussed problems concerning our school work; and as pressing duties at headquarters awaited our superintendent, it was decided that he go back first thing next morning. At 4 a.m. the engine of the Buresala launch started, and Pastors Rudge, Branster, and the two newly ordained ministers were gliding over the waves on their return to headquarters.

The *Veilomani* left at daybreak for Vanua Levu and outlying districts, and the *Talai* with Brother Lee left later for his distant district.

As we parted, our hearts went out in gratitude to our Heavenly Father for His love, and a note of faithfulness and devotion to duty rang true from every worker and student alike.

A WITNESS.

Bougainville

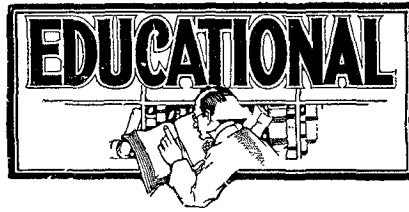
THE work is progressing slowly but surely in this large island. Brother Gray and ourselves are now working from three centres—one at each end of the island and one in the middle. The villages are small and the largest are inland. Of the thirteen missions that we are operating, only three are on the coast.

More could be reported baptised, but owing to the vices they have just forsaken, but are still surrounded with, it is better to test them further before the important step of baptising them is undertaken. Tounai, who was baptised two years ago, has stood firm, though he has received many a thrashing from his wife without retaliating, which he did do before his baptism.

The Roman Catholics have increased their European staff of workers by eight priests during the past year.

A mission lease of thirty-three acres has been secured recently by us in the centre of the island, near the port of entry. On this lease it is hoped to start a training school for future workers. Brother Gray is now living in a native house on the property. One lad from this locality is now running an outstation and is doing good work, but we shall have to recall him soon to give him more schooling. He will be baptised soon. Our hopes are that many more such lads may go out after receiving further training.

R. H. TUTTY.



A. M. College News Notes

"AND I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts." Reminding us that in the days when probation is almost closed, God's people should live prayer-lives, Brother G. F. Bohringer, in our chapel exercise on Monday, July 21, took up the subject of prayer. His address consisted of relating personal experiences of answered prayer. The foregoing text formed the basis of one of them. Some years ago, when a plague of flying foxes was attacking the orchards of the surrounding districts, the promise of God through Malachi was claimed and proved faithful and sure. The destroyer was miraculously kept from the college orchard.

Our usual mid-term picnic was delayed for a fortnight until the Industries barge became available. But on Thursday, July 24, a large body of students and faculty members, accompanied by the A.M.C. Band, sailed on the waters of Dora Creek to a favourite picnic spot, Silverwater. The outstanding occurrence of the day was the rain, which fell almost continually. Young people's spirits are not easily subdued, however, and a happy, if muddy, time was passed by almost every one.

We were glad to have Brother George Masters from Fiji with us for the weekend, July 25-28. He spoke to us in church service on Sabbath, and told of some interesting experiences in the mission field as illustrations of the light and progress which follow the Bible wherever it is taken.

The young people's meeting was entitled "The Power of Song." We were told of its power in everyday life, as a soul-winner, and as a deliverer; and an appeal was made to us who have been called out of Babylon to leave Babylon's music, and to sing the songs of Zion.

The homiletics class began its mission at Morisset on July 27, and a good attendance is expected throughout the effort. Several are already interested as a result of faithful work, last year and this year, in giving out *Signs*, and in conducting studies in the homes.

The homiletics class is also conducting meetings in the college chapel on Sabbath afternoons, and the good old doctrines of our message attract a good audience.

Our first gospel salesmanship classes were held on Thursday, July 31, by Pastor F. G. Rampton, assisted by Brother J. J. Potter. A large number attended, and it is hoped that all who find it possible will avail themselves of the opportunity to give

the message to those in need, through the canvassing work next vacation.

Sabbath service, August 2, was conducted by Pastor A. F. J. Kranz on a very familiar theme, "The Second Coming of Christ," that "blessed hope" which has been the prize struggled for by God's heroes in all time. Pastor Kranz expressed the fear that often those themes with which we are most familiar are also those of which we are most neglectful. He showed us how this promise of the Lord's coming is "the golden thread which holds together the whole Bible." This "hope" was also shown to have been the sustainer of the stalwarts of our movement in the pioneer days, and we were exhorted to make it our stay. Let us all be "looking," "waiting," "hasting," and "praying" for His appearing. "Even so, come, Lord Jesus."

A. JOHN MUSTARD.



Mother's Day at Albury

Motto, "Home and Mother"

THE church was beautifully decorated by the leaders, secretaries, and a number of the boys and girls of the M.V. Society. Three palm miniature arches, with green trailers and flowers twined through the palms, gave a true arch effect, while a large wire arch closely twined with greenery and blossoms, reached to either side of the church. In the centre of two large hearts suspended from an invisible wire and decorated with white chrysanthemums, were the words, "Home" and "Mother."

The church was packed with mothers, fathers, boys, girls, and a number of visitors. This indeed brought joy to the hearts of the leaders and Missionary Volunteers.

Unannounced, three junior boys entered the church, and just as if they were taken by surprise the first boy began:

"What means this eager, happy throng,
These colours bright and gay?
The flowers and leaves of varied hue,
This happy month of May?
Why doth the flower, so pure and white,
Its modesty display
Upon the garments of the race?
Why, this is MOTHER'S DAY!"

Second Boy:

"What means this smiling, wishful band
Of bright, impulsive youth,
All striving after Wisdom's ways,
And eager for the truth,
Ready to hear Instruction's call,
To join with those who pray,
And give the honour where 'tis due?
Why?—This is MOTHER'S DAY!"

Third Boy:

"What means the many parents here,
So proud of what they see
Of bright-eyed girls and happy boys,
Who one and all agree

To sing aloud with heart and voice,
And reverent homage pay
To one of all beloved the best?
Yes, this is MOTHER'S DAY!"

A small boy then recited a poem declaring that, if he had all the wealth that filled the ships that sailed the seas, he'd trade the whole glad fleet away for half the grace that belonged to his dear mother.

A talk by the elder, "His Mother's Monument," told how a young man, instead of erecting a costly monument over his mother's grave, used the money to go to college to train as a missionary, thus becoming a living monument to his mother.

A girl's chorus, "My Mother's Prayers Follow Me," and a recitation by five junior girls, "Nobody Knows but Mother," were followed by a recitation on "Ruth and Naomi" by Miss Moran.

As we listened to a dialogue by seven of our M.V. boys, the mothers' hearts were made glad. Picture a scene on a battlefield. A number of officers and soldiers are having a friendly chat before retiring for the night. One young man is unusually quiet, and the boys naturally think he is thinking of his best girl, and so he is—the best girl of all—his mother.

Pastor E. R. Whitehead, in a few well-chosen remarks, spoke to us about our duty to our mothers, and he also praised God for his dear Christian mother. All the mothers present were then asked to stand, and three of our girls with baskets nicely arranged for the occasion, handed to each a white chrysanthemum to which was attached a tiny white heart bearing the words, "Mother, the Lord thy God be with thee."

To close this enjoyable programme we were fortunate to have with us Brother Ivan Comley, of Sydney, who with his deep impressive voice sang to us, "My Mother's Bible."

ELIZABETH E. THOMPSON.

The Master Knows

The Master knows the path our weary feet

Must travel here below;
For He Himself has walked, thro' cold and heat,

The road o'er which we go.

The Master knows temptation's evil power,

Which comes in times of stress;
By faith He conquered, in that crucial hour,

Far in the wilderness.

The Master knows the bitterness of heart

We feel when friends forsake.
In every woe of life He had a part,
That we may courage take.

—Francis Watson Martin.

THE life of Christ's disciples is to be like His, a series of uninterrupted victories, not seen to be such here, but recognised as such in the great hereafter.—"Testimonies for the Church," Vol. VI, p. 307.

From the Union Conference Publishing Department's Mail Bag

Experiences

From West Australia

ONE of our colporteurs canvassing in the south-west part of the State, called on a man and his wife, and sold them a copy of "Our Day." He also had the opportunity of staying at their home while canvassing a portion of his territory. Several Bible studies were given, and an interest was established. When the book was delivered, weeks later, this couple was found to be seeking for additional light. One or two more studies were given, and after reading their book, they accepted the message. Last camp this couple went forward in baptism, and they are to-day excellent Seventh-day Adventists.

From Victoria

Brother and Sister Lewis report a very good delivery at Hamilton, and we are glad to hear this. While in that territory they have not only been placing the truth in the homes through the printed page, but have also been searching for seekers after truth, and the Lord has rewarded their efforts. One lady has actually begun to keep the Sabbath, and they also have great hopes of her husband.

From South New Zealand

Brother Chick tells of the following interesting experience he had while making his delivery in the far south:

"It simply teemed with rain and blew a hurricane the whole week, making the going very hard through muddy roads; but in spite of all this, the presence of the Lord went before me, preparing the hearts of the people for my visit. I received a wonderful reception, almost every home being thrown open to me, and the people receiving their books gladly. While the motor tank was being filled at a petrol station, a gentleman drove up in a fine big car, and held out his hand to shake hands with me, saying, 'You have a book to deliver to me, haven't you?' Just for the moment I could not recollect where I had seen the man. But when he explained who he was and where he lived, I recognised him as one of my subscribers. He then asked whether I had any more books to deliver down his road. I told him I had. With that he drew from his pocket a big roll of notes and paid for the books, and said he would deliver them for me. This saved me a trip over a very muddy road. I thanked the man and praised the Lord that I was able to make the delivery in good time. In spite of weather conditions and hard times, I was able to place ninety books out of one hundred."

From North New South Wales

The secretary-treasurer of this conference sent us the following, composed by himself:

"God bless you faithful workers,
Ye men who sell the book,
Who labour on in rain and shine,
And ever upward look.

"Ye noble band of bookmen,
May Heaven your labours bless,
And cause your lives to daily grow
In Christian usefulness.

"May courage bold for aye be yours
To meet your wily foe,
And triumph when the battle's long
And hope seems burning low.

"Let purity your covering be,
And stand as Joseph strong,
A conqueror over subtle sin,—
The hidden thought of wrong.

"And let your motto always wave
'My best shall better be,'
Until the dawn when we shall stand
Upon the crystal sea."

J. J. POTTER.

"That Is Just Exactly What I Want"

THIS experience was related recently by Colporteur E. Werner, of Northern California:

"As I knocked at one home a middle-aged man opened the door. He had a kindly eye and as soon as I told him I was a Christian worker he took me by the hand and fairly pulled me inside. He said, 'You are just the man I want to see and I am very glad you came. I have just started to be a Christian and I want to know how. Can you help me?'

"I talked and prayed with this gentleman, and when I had shown him my book he said, 'That is just exactly what I want. How much is it? Can I get it to-night?' Because of this request I made a special delivery that evening and again studied and prayed with him."

This experience is just one of many which come from our colporteurs, indicating that the Lord is still striving with men, leading them to search after the way of life.

We are reminded of the statement in "The Acts of the Apostles," page 109:

"All over the world men and women are looking wistfully to Heaven. Prayers and tears and inquiries go up from souls longing for light, for grace, for the Holy Spirit. Many are on the verge of the kingdom waiting only to be gathered in."

Colporteurs Organise Twenty-Four Churches

OUR literature work began eighty-five years ago, before there was any organisation. It has been a spiritual work from the beginning, and our colporteurs are doing more and more evangelical work. Pastor N. Z. Town reported at the General Conference that in one conference in Brazil, South America, for instance, during the past year thirteen churches and companies have been raised up by colporteurs, and in another conference eleven churches have been raised up by colporteurs. In still another conference 50 per cent of the conference membership represents the work of colporteurs.

SOUTH NEW ZEALAND

PRESIDENT: H. E. PIPER
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Progress Report from Invercargill

"WE have had a good day!" The occurrence which called forth this and kindred remarks was a baptismal service conducted at the Municipal Baths, Invercargill, on Sabbath, June 28, when six earnest souls symbolised their death to sin by burial in the watery grave.

That this outward expression of death to worldly habits constituted a real inward experience, the following little incident serves to illustrate. A young man who went forward in baptism on the above occasion, was asked, "Say, Jack, what about a smoke?" "Wait a minute, Fred," and the first named disappeared into his room and returned with the familiar cigarette tin and its accompanying booklet of papers, passing all over to Fred. Fred opened the tobacco tin and the cigarettes were—acid drops. A hearty laugh followed. The smoking habit, although it had suffered a hard death, had eventually succumbed and was buried, with kindred foes to the new life.

At the conclusion of the baptismal service, the whole congregation repaired to the church, where the four brethren and two sisters were received into church fellowship, thus enlarging our family circle, bringing joy to the heart of each believer. The service was brought to a close by the celebration of the ordinance of humility and the Lord's supper.

One of the young men had previously belonged to the Roman Catholic persuasion. It was a pleasing feature that his partner in life, who had been a Methodist, was baptised at the same time, thus breaking down the barrier that previously existed. Two others who had planned to go forward on this occasion, for various reasons found it necessary to postpone doing so, but we are confidently expecting both to take this step when the next opportunity offers.

Since coming to this city almost four and a half years ago, we have had the privilege of conducting five such services, making a total of fifty-two additions to church fellowship,—forty-nine by baptism and three by previous baptism and confession of faith.

We have also been privileged to take part in the erection of a monument to the progress of the message, in the shape of a neat little church building. Our hearts have been cheered by the loyal-hearted devotion of the members, new and old, to the cause, as evidenced by a willingness to give of their means and of their time to advance each worthy enterprise for the finishing of the work. One young man is devoting the greater part of his time, with this object in view, to the sale of small books and periodicals, also free distribution. He is doing this without any monetary consideration. This is all the more creditable when we are aware that he was one of the most timid young men. Love for souls has outweighed timidity.

Through the medium of the press, the Sabbath question in all its phases has been

discussed. This was made possible by the challenge of a former Baptist minister. The correspondence continued for two full years, the longest discussion ever conducted in any New Zealand paper (according to the editor's statement in his reference to it during the summing up). Thus the Sabbath truth has been brought prominently before the people of Southland. We have seen some definite results from the paper controversy.

That the Lord's prospering hand may continue to cause the work to advance is our prayer.

J. PASCOE.

SOUTH NEW SOUTH WALES

PRESIDENT: W. J. WESTERMAN
SECRETARY: W. H. HOPKIN

Choral Society

THE Sydney Missionary Volunteer Choral Society, under the able conductorship of Brother G. Currow, recently rendered the cantata, "David the Shepherd Boy," in the Sydney Café and the Sanitarium gymnasium hall. Many expressions of appreciation have been received concerning the excellent performance on both occasions, and personally, I feel very gratified with the progress the society has made.

On Saturday evening, June 28, the café dining room was well filled with interested listeners, while the following week the attendance at the Sanitarium gymnasium hall was not so good, because of the inclement weather. The tickets sold yielded £16 19s. Of that amount £7 7s. has been devoted to unemployment relief for our own people, £2 2s. to assist the Sanitarium nurses in the purchase of an organ, and the remaining £7 10s. has been used to meet the expense of operating the Choral Society.

Brother Currow's work has been very difficult during the past six months because of the industrial crisis. Many of our members live long distances from the café where our practices are conducted fortnightly, and their faithfulness under such circumstances is worthy of commendation.

On account of additional study and preparation for University examinations, Brother Currow has found it necessary to relinquish his position as conductor, and so our vice-conductor, Brother Ivan Comley, who has rendered excellent service in the past, has accepted the responsibility of conductorship. At present he is preparing the choir to render the oratorio, "Captives of Babylon."

We are pleased indeed that at least fifty of our young people are able to take advantage of the privileges and benefits of the Choral Society, because it is the best medium we have in this conference of helping to develop their musical talents for service in God's cause. There are two small choirs associated with our churches, but even these could be developed if they were appreciated and encouraged as they should be.

Generally speaking, we do not use the service of music in our churches as much as we might, and not nearly as much as

God desires we should, judging from the invitations that He has extended to His people on many occasions of the past. For instance, the 150th Psalm invites every one to praise God in the sanctuary, not only with the voice, but also with various kinds of musical instruments, and it would appear that every instrument that was manufactured in the psalmist's day is mentioned in this particular psalm.

Other denominations give prominence to the musical programme of their services, and it is appreciated not only by the congregation, but its value to attract is fully realised by the leadership of the various churches.

As a denomination, our services could be brightened and made more helpful by the inclusion of special vocal and instrumental selections. Our young people, too, may be better interested and more surely held within the fold if our leaders would make it possible for them to sing the gospel story with the objective of helping others as well as themselves.

Our society has also included a certain amount of recreation in its programme. To meet this need, a picnic and at least one social evening is conducted annually. On such occasions the vice-president, Brother A. Goldspink, directs with exceptional ability.

The financial department is well served by Miss C. Petterson as treasurer, and Miss A. Petterson has proved to be an excellent secretary. Mrs. Harold Mitchell has manipulated the keys of our piano for nearly three years, with a skill that one would expect to characterise a person who possesses the number of degrees that she has so successfully earned.

Recently eight new members have been enrolled. We would be very happy indeed to welcome many others, besides renewing associations with all members who, for various reasons, have been disconnected with the work of the society.

CHARLES HEAD,
President M. V. Choral Society.

WEDDING BELLS

Jenkins-Wise.—At the home of the writer, Hobart, Tasmania, on July 22, William Robert Jenkins and Mercy Wise were united in the holy bonds of wedlock. Both bride and bridegroom are church members attending the Glen Huon church. The many friends and relatives of the young couple sincerely pray that God will bless the union, and that as they take up the responsibilities awaiting them their life will be a blessing to those with whom they associate.

S. L. PATCHING.

Andresen-Hall.—At the Seventh-day Adventist church, Hawera, New Zealand, on July 16, Brother Cecil Andresen and Sister Jeannie Alice Hall were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. Many friends of the bride and bridegroom with the parents and relatives were present on the happy occasion, manifesting by their presence their deep interest in the union of these young people. Some of the members of the Hawera church tastefully decorated the building for the occasion. After the service a very pleasant social

hour was spent in wishing the young couple every joy and happiness in their new sphere of life. Our best wishes go with them, and also the prayer that their lives may be useful in God's service.

L. R. HARVEY.

Hill-Hooper.—A very pretty wedding was celebrated by the writer before a large gathering of relatives, friends, and well-wishers in the Methodist church, Willochra, S.A., on June 25, between Arthur James Hill and Susan Christina Violet Hooper. After a pleasant hour at the home of the bride's parents, the happy couple left for their far away home in Kyogle, N.S.W., with the best wishes of all for a very happy and prosperous future.

SYDNEY WATSON.



Only a Wind-Blown Leaf from a Forbidden Book

ABOUT three years ago one of our faithful colporteurs was canvassing for the Portuguese "Our Day" in Muzambinho, in the State of Minas Geraes. Among those whom he canvassed was a certain man about thirty-five years of age, named Amado de Nascimento e Silva. He was a devout Catholic and did not fail to go to confession at stated times. He is a good musician and was the leader of a band and orchestra. He is also the author of some music books. When the colporteur presented "Our Day" he seemed to be disinterested, and would not subscribe for the book.

Our colporteur continued his work, taking orders, and finally delivered his books. But opposition arose from the Catholic priests of that city and they ordered the people to burn all these books, for they contained "terrible heresy," said they. Obedient to their spiritual leaders, many of the books were evidently burned by the people, thinking that they could thus destroy the "heresy" which had entered to poison their city. But while man disposes, God overrules, and His word, though burned in the fire, may still bear fruit.

One day Amado de Nascimento e Silva was walking down the street when he noticed a wind-blown leaf from a book, which through curiosity he happened to pick up. No, he did not happen to pick it up, for an unseen hand greater than man's was directing his steps. As he read the leaf, not knowing from where nor what it was, he became deeply impressed with the message it contained and became anxious to read more of the book.

Some time later he was visiting one of his colleagues, when his friend said to him, "I have here a beautiful book; but it is heresy and the priests have ordered us to burn it." And he told him he was going to do so. "Let me see it," said the music director. When he saw it, he noticed that it was the same book to which the wind-blown leaf belonged. At

once he became deeply interested and said, "Let me have that book." "No, it is heresy," was the reply; but finally it was given to him.

Amado took the book home and read it with interest. His heart was stirred and he began to search for the right church. Some time later he began to attend the Presbyterian church, and finally became leader of their music and orchestra. One day he asked the pastor in regard to the Sabbath. The pastor tried to explain it away, telling him that the Sabbath question was not important and that he should not be troubled about it.

But he was not satisfied. One day one of their "great men" came and gave a "peace and safety" discourse. Amado said to himself, "This is not right. A church that preaches peace and safety is not the right church." So he left the church and began to study the book again.

Our people had no church in that place, and Amado did not know anything about the Adventists; but there was an Adventist sister in the town, whose husband was much opposed to the truth. They had a daughter to whom it was now arranged for him to give music lessons. Here, too, we can see God's leading. The mother, whose heart was aglow with the message, began in a quiet way to give the music director our tracts and literature, which he accepted and read, and last December he began to keep the Sabbath. This emphasises the importance of using every opportunity that comes to us to give our literature to others.

Amado continued to study the truth, and our sister gave him the office address of the Sao Paulo Conference. One day, some months ago, he came to the office, where he met Pastor Ennis V. Moore, the president of the conference, and said to him very emphatically, "I must be baptised." "But who are you, and what do you know about the truth?" asked Brother Moore. Upon examination he found that Brother Amado had given up all his vices, and that he was thoroughly indoctrinated in the truth and was ready to be baptised, and not long afterward he was buried with his Lord.

In giving his testimony in the church one day Brother Amado said, "Tell the colporteurs never to become discouraged. Tell them that I owe the truth and the blessed hope of salvation to the colporteurs."

And thus it is. Brother Amado is happy and rejoicing in the truth, because he was impressed to pick up a wind-blown leaf from a book that had been burned. The colporteur may have thought that his work was in vain when the books were burned; but God has a thousand ways of bringing this truth to the honest in heart. He can bring victory out of defeat, and truth out of ashes, even if He has to use the "wings of the wind" (Ps. 18: 10) to do it.

N. P. NEILSEN,
Colporteur Director, South Brazil Union.

Hath thy heart sunshine? shed it wide;
The wearied world hath need of thee.
Dost bitterness within abide?

Shut fast thy door, and hold the key.
—Priscilla Leonard.

OBITUARIES

Hallam.—In the demise of Sister H. Hallam, the cause of present truth in Melbourne has lost one of its oldest and highly respected members. Truly she was a mother in Israel. She, with her son Charles (who for years prior to his death was a labourer in the cause), first heard the message at a tent effort at Hawthorn thirty-six years ago, conducted by Pastors J. O. Corliss and Robert Hare. She was personally known to the writer from the beginning of her experience in the message as a consistent, faithful, unassuming Christian woman. She was dearly loved by all who knew her. She cherished the hope of living to witness the stupendous event of Christ's return. In this her hope did not materialise, for the Lord laid her peacefully to sleep, full of years at the advanced age of ninety-one. However, God's Book assures us that, "Whether we wake or sleep, we shall live together with Him." She fell asleep in Jesus, at her daughter's home, Edlington St., Auburn, Vic., July 4, 1930, and was interred in the Melbourne General Cemetery, Sabbath afternoon, July 5, there resting until the Life-giver calls her forth. Words in the home and at the graveside were spoken by the writer.

THOS. H. CRADDOCK.

PASTOR AND MRS. CRADDOCK, through the medium of the RECORD, desire to convey their sincere thanks for letters, telegrams, and floral tributes, expressing sympathy with them in the death of their sister Delphina. Will all kind friends please accept this as personal.

IF we love Jesus, we shall love to live for Him, to present our thank-offerings to Him, to labour for Him. The very labour will be light. For His sake we shall covet pain and toil and sacrifice. We shall sympathise with His longing for the salvation of men. We shall feel the same tender craving for souls that He has felt. This is the religion of Christ. Anything short of it is a deception.—"Christ's Object Lessons," pp. 49, 50.

Board or Rooms to Let.—Good vegetarian board; or furnished rooms, single and double, to let with every convenience. Terms moderate. Three minutes from Hornsby station. Would board children either temporarily or permanently. MRS. E. A. SOUTHON, 8 Ashley St., Hornsby, N.S.W.

Fruit for Sale.—Buy your fruit direct from the grower. Choice mandarins sent freight paid to any railway station for 8s. a case. Send postal note to E. PERRY, Arcadia, via Hornsby, N.S.W.

Wanted.—To place a boy of 14, just leaving school, on a farm with kind S.D.A. people. Particulars to "YOUTH," 8 Yarra St., Hawthorn, E. 2, Victoria.

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SAILING the little mission ship *Loloma* across the ocean from the New Hebrides Group to Fiji with a native crew, Brother J. C. Radley arrived in Suva on August 2, after a good trip. The welcome word of their safe arrival reached us by cable on August 4.

SISTER ALMA WILES is now in New Zealand with her parents, Pastor and Mrs. Butz. Returning from U.S.A. by the same boat as Pastor and Mrs. C. H. Watson, Sister Wiles stopped off at Wellington, N.Z., and will be coming over in time to attend the Union Conference session in Melbourne next month.

LAST week's issue of the RECORD, through an oversight in printing, bore the same date on the first page as the week before,—August 4 instead of August 11. Pages 2 to 8, however, were correctly dated 11/8/30. We mention this error lest some of our readers may think they have missed one number.

ON August 7, Brother Ronald Wise of Victoria sailed from Sydney for America by the *Tahiti* to continue his education at the Emmanuel Missionary College, Michigan. Brother Wise has spent three years at the Australasian Missionary College, and since then has been engaged in colporteur work. It is interesting to note that Brother Wise will again be under the instruction of his former principal, Pastor L. H. Wood.

IN a letter from Brother C. M. Lee, Fiji, he speaks of an encouraging experience in their local native Sabbath school. He says: "We made a chart with thirteen islands for last quarter, with a steamer to call at each if we gave nine shillings a week. We reached our aim, and the quarter's offering was about £7 2s., compared with about £1 in the past. We are trying to bring up the daily study record, and some are faithful in this respect."

FROM New Caledonia Miss Guiot writes: "I had a good trip around the Loyalty Islands, though it was wet for the most part. I saw Madame Pentecost, and she wishes to be very kindly remembered to all her Wahroonga friends. I have been busy with the health magazines since my return. I have sold over 200 since June 29, and have another 200 on hand. As soon as the present hurricane weather is past I shall be out with them again. Two English-speaking people are interested in *Life and Health* and have ordered the magazine."

SPEAKING for the Sydney churches, Pastor C. Head states: "We have had many encouraging experiences in con-

nection with the Free Literature effort. At our workers' meeting this week the enthusiasm and interest manifested by all was cheering. Brother Llewellyn Jones, who is uniting his efforts with those of the Ryde church members, reports fifty strangers at the Sunday night meeting. Brother George Masters, who is doing a similar work with the Epping church, reports twenty, and Brother R. Govett ten at the Ashfield church last Sunday evening. Some are attending each mission as a direct result of the work of the church members with the *Interpreter of the Times*. Four churches report families who are receiving studies. Two churches report new people attending Sabbath services. Every church reports interested people. Three churches report members doing excellent follow-up work with the *Signs*, and have secured a number of regular subscribers. Most are following up with the cheaper tracts. That the public do appreciate the information the papers contain, is evidenced by various testimonies."

Quadrennial Session Australasian Union Conference

THE official notice calling this important meeting has already been published in the columns of the RECORD. It will begin September 3 and continue until September 14. The meeting is to be held in the Central Hall, Little Collins Street, Melbourne. The first meeting will be at 7.45 p.m., September 3.

We have had several inquiries from those thinking of attending as to accommodation and other matters. We are planning lodging accommodation for the delegation at the Victoria Palace, Little Collins Street, and the Melbourne Sanitarium Health Food Café is planning to care for the boarding needs of those attending the meeting.

Visitors other than delegates can secure accommodation in any section of Melbourne, and even at the Victoria Palace.

We shall be happy to help any who may need counsel, or, as will probably be done, visitors can make their own arrangements. All will be heartily welcomed to this meeting.

May God's richest blessing attend this important gathering. To this end we should all pray.

A. H. PIPER,
Secretary.

A Letter from India

BROTHER E. R. STREETER, who is in charge of our school at Chuhar Kana, Punjab, India, wrote thus to his sister in Wahroonga on July 1, regarding his work:

"Time has passed very quickly since we left Australia. I have been busy building ever since I arrived. Our school building is just twice the size it was, and it has been so altered that one would not recognise the old one. Our new chapel is beautiful and holds 200 people. We had the dedication service about three weeks ago.

"We are now in Kashmir on our hill leave. All the Punjab workers planned to leave the plains July 1, but since the

Government officers were afraid that trouble would arise out of the publication of the Simon Report No. 2 we left a week earlier. There have been some exciting things happening here in India of late. Chuhar Kana was so noisy that one could hardly sleep at night. It has been quite a strain on our nerves. On one occasion the military made a reconnoitre through the villages and towns which were taking an active part in the Congress campaign. We have been expecting to receive a call to the headquarters at any time for safety, but so far we have stuck to our post.

"One day in Lahore Pastor Smith and I just got out of being attacked by a mob. The police made many arrests in our district. In one village they arrested sixteen men. Armed police surrounded the entire village and after firing a few shots captured the men. Kashmir is very quiet, and so far there are no signs of the Congress movement. At present we are enjoying our stay here after the strenuous time down on the plains. We are sharing a house with Brother Jack Conley and wife and children. Our two families are now about the only Australasians in the North-west Union. Pastor Smith and Brother O. O. Mattison are also here."

ONE of the delegates from the Far East, speaking at the General Conference of the growth of the periodical work in China, even under its present distressing conditions, said that in 1907 no literature was being sold in the Far East. In 1929, twenty-two years later, a quarter of a million dollars' worth was sold. Their Chinese *Signs of the Times* now has a paid-up subscription list of 80,000. "It is estimated that from one-third to one-half of all the native believers in the Far East came into the truth through the influence of literature," says Pastor I. H. Evans.

Australasian Conference Association, Limited

THE Annual General Meeting of the Australasian Conference Association, Limited, will be held at Central Hall, Little Collins St., Melbourne, Victoria, on the 11th day of September, 1930, at 11 a.m.

Business

To receive and act upon the Annual Balance Sheet and Annual Report of the Board of Management; to elect a Board of Management for the ensuing year; and to consider and transact such other business as may properly be brought before the meeting.

By order of the Board of Management.
T. W. HAMMOND,
Secretary.

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.