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## Studies on the Holy Spirit---No 3

### The Baptism of the Spirit

THERE are two distinct phases in the work of the Holy Spirit on our behalf. The first phase is well expressed by Miss Harriet Auber in her beautiful hymn, "Our Blest Redeemer."

"He comes sweet influence to impart,  
A gracious willing guest,  
While He can find one humble heart  
Wherein to rest.  
And His that gentle voice we hear,  
Soft as the breath of ev'n,  
That checks each fault, that calms each fear,  
And speaks of heav'n."

But for this silent, gentle wooing of the Holy Spirit we should never be saved.

From the fall the Spirit has been pleading with men, as an influence at first unrecognised. He whispers to men's hearts through nature, through providence, and through the Scriptures, of God's everlasting and boundless love and goodness; and He continues to do so as long as He is a *welcome* guest. He is a "willingest" in the humble heart, but He will not stay where He is not welcomed. The message to Noah was, "My Spirit shall not always strive with man." Driven from their hearts by the antediluvians, God's Spirit left them to their own desires, and they perished.

#### The Influence of the Spirit

We can find no better way of expressing this phase of the Holy Spirit's work than "the influence of the Spirit." Jesus spoke of this work of the Spirit thus, "He dwelleth with you." John 14:17. All through the ages, through prophet, priest, and psalmist, He has pleaded with men and pointed them to the cross, which is both the supreme evidence of God's eternal love and the way of escape from the condemnation of the law. It is He who opens our eyes to see Jesus as our personal Saviour. It is He who speaks peace to our smitten hearts when we realise that we have crucified Him who loved us and gave Himself for us. It is He who takes of the "fullness of God" and bestows upon us grace to help in time of need. In short, "it is the Spirit that makes effectual what has been wrought out by the

world's Redeemer."—*The Desire of Ages*, p. 671.

#### The Source of Victory

"It is by the Spirit that the heart is made pure. Through the Spirit the believer becomes a partaker of the divine nature. Christ has given His Spirit as a divine power to overcome *all* hereditary and cultivated tendencies to evil, and to impress His own character upon His church."—*Id.*

Take courage, dear reader! There is hope for us each and all. If we will but surrender, the Spirit will do for us all we need. Notice the word "impress." We must be yielding, as the wax to receive the seal, or as the clay to take the potter's design, or as the metal to embrace the coiner's stamp, and we shall receive "His own character."

"The very image of God is to be reproduced in humanity."—*Id.* Do we believe this? The Scripture says so, "We shall be like Him." We at present must say with Paul, "I count not myself to have apprehended; but this one thing I do, . . . I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Phil. 3:13. We must not let the devil discourage us with the thought that such an experience is *impossible*. We too often hear it said, but it is a lie of Satan, who well knows that upon the result of this first work of the Spirit depends His second greater work.

#### The Baptism of the Spirit

"For the baptism of the Spirit every worker should be pleading with God."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 8, p. 22. The answer to this prayer lies largely in our own hands, for God can never bestow this baptism until we have made full surrender and have received the impress of Christ's own character. "I saw that none could share the 'refreshing,' unless they obtain the victory over every besetment, over pride, selfishness, love of the world, and over every wrong word and action."—*Early Writings*, p. 71. God is waiting for His people today to become of "one accord" and to continue "in prayer and supplication," as did the first disciples. "Let Christians put

away all dissension, and give themselves to God for the saving of the lost. Let them ask in faith for the promised blessing, and it will come."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 8, p. 21.

At this point let us emphasise the difference between the two phases of the Spirit's work. The first is to *influence* us, to draw us to Christ, to cleanse our souls, to implant God's character. When this is accomplished, the baptism follows to *fit us for service*. It is the power to bear witness, without which all our efforts will be in vain. Education, ability, talents, zeal, are all good, but unavailing to win souls or to touch hearts without the "power from on high," the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Jesus told the apostles to "wait for the promise of the Father," the effect of which He explained thus: "Ye shall receive the power of the Holy Ghost coming upon you." Acts 1:8, margin. Then He said, "And ye shall be witnesses unto Me . . . unto the uttermost part of the earth."

The personal work of the Holy Spirit we shall always need. His daily *influence* is essential to our spiritual life and victory. The *baptism* is also to be a daily experience with us, for we need daily the supply of power to bear witness.

#### A Fatal Mistake

It is fatal to our success in service for God to think that *one* endowment of power is going to fit us up for the rest of our lives. The devil will be pleased to have us think so, for he will then be able to defeat us.

The twelve were sent out by Jesus with "power and authority over all devils." Luke 9:1. They found that even the devils were subject to them through Jesus' name. But a little later, while He was on the mount of transfiguration, they were sadly defeated in their attempt to cast out the evil spirit from the lunatic boy, whose father appealed to Christ for help. See Matt. 17:14-21. Their question "Why could not we cast him out?" brought the answer, "Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting." They were resting on past experience, and relying on the first bestowal of power, instead of seeking the daily power for daily need. A similar mistake was made at Ai, when the self-confidence of the people who had seen Jericho fall led them to underrate the strength of their foe, and they were defeated and discouraged.

Let us never forget that "we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities and powers, against wicked spirits in high places."

#### Our Saviour's Own Experience

Jesus at His baptism received the gift of the Holy Spirit in its fullness. John declares, "He whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit *by measure* unto Him." John 3:34.

The prophet had declared of Jesus, "The Lord God hath given Me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him that is weary." Isa. 50:4. Thus He spoke "the words of God." But note how He secured "the tongue of the learned," the thing we all so much need. "He wakeneth [Me]

*morning by morning*, He wakeneth Mine ear to hear as the learned." Isa. 50:4. The ear of the learned must be used by us before we can possess the *tongue* of the learned.

Now notice this beautiful comment on this passage which we find in "Christ's Object Lessons," page 139: "Christ was continually receiving from the Father that He might communicate to us. . . . From hours spent with God He came forth *morning by morning*, to bring the light of heaven to men. Daily He received a fresh *baptism* of the Holy Spirit. In the early hours of the new day the Lord awakened Him from His slumbers, and His soul and His lips were anointed with grace, that He might impart to others. His words were given Him fresh from the heavenly courts." Then follow the words from Isaiah 50, quoted above.

Here is the blessed secret of the victorious life. How my soul thrills every time I read this wonderful paragraph! "Hours spent with God," "morning by morning," "daily," "a fresh baptism," "in the early hours of the new day," "anointed with grace." Dear Lord, help us, help me, to follow this blessed programme.

#### Our Lack Today

Too long we have struggled along, lacking the power which God is anxious to bestow. Notice this striking statement: "Through the cunning devices of the enemy the minds of God's people *seem to be incapable* of comprehending and appropriating the promises of God. They seem to think that only the *scantiest showers* of grace are to fall upon the thirsty soul."—*Testimonies to Ministers*, p. 175. And yet "all power" is promised. "The divine power . . . is lacking, though offered in its infinite plenitude."—Vol. 8, p. 21.

The Holy Spirit is to "come with *no modified energy*, but in the fullness of divine power."—*The Desire of Ages*, p. 671.

If our Lord Jesus needed and secured the *daily* baptism of the Spirit, how much more do we need it! "For the daily baptism of the Spirit every worker should be pleading with God." Are we doing so? Some are, thank God! and they are receiving the blessing. "Every worker," whether minister or layman, "should be pleading with God. Companies should be gathered together to ask for special help."

"Let them ask in faith for the promised blessing, and it will come."

C. H. PRETYMAN.



## Two Adventist Young Men

### A Story from the Islands

TEVITA (David) is the name of the first. He was educated in our mission school, but was not by any means a bright student. He had been baptised, but we did not regard him as a very spiritual young man. True, he abstained from the use of *kava*, tobacco, and unclean foods. He might testify at the Sabbath night meeting, and again he might remain in his seat. To be candid, not a great deal was expected of him, and no one ever thought of his sacrificing anything for the truth's sake.

### Tevita Offered a Position

But years slipped by, as they do, and Tevita married one of our young women, and at their request they came to live on the mission. We noticed that he was honestly trying to live the truth, and that his wife was a help to him, as a Christian wife always is. When he was offered the position of storekeeper in the neighbouring village, he sought our advice. We warned him against certain temptations. He should not handle *kava* or tobacco, and he should be very careful about the beginning of the Sabbath.

Well, he launched out on the new undertaking, and soon felt the pull of the undertow. But he steadfastly refused to sell after sundown on the preparation day—that was Sabbath, and he would rather sacrifice his job than profane God's holy day. The people came to sell their copra, and they came to buy his goods; and when they saw that all their entreaties were in vain they took their business elsewhere, and also complained to his employer. Although Tevita had arranged this matter before taking the position, the weight of opposition told, and our loyal brother lost his work. Yes, he lost his position; but we know he won the victory of his life, and he has been stronger for it ever since.

He and his wife returned to the mission, and there they live, I might say, almost in poverty, for they have very little income. You will not be surprised to learn that what he does is done faithfully and well, nor will you wonder that the committee is looking his way.

### The Second Boy

But what of the second boy? Let him remain unnamed. He received part of his education in the same mission school with Tevita, and they were baptised together. But like some young men in the home field, who think our denominational schools are behind the times, he went off to the Government college, where he soon lost any Christian experience he ever had. He attended our services in the capital, but we noticed he generally slept throughout. At last the time came for him to leave college and seek work just as Tevita was losing his

WHEN the soul surrenders itself to Christ, a new power takes possession of the new heart. A change is wrought which man can never accomplish for himself. It is a supernatural work, bringing a supernatural element into human nature. The soul that is yielded to Christ, becomes His own fortress, which He holds in a revolted world, and He intends that no authority shall be known in it but His own. . . . Without a personal acquaintance with Christ, and a continual communion, we are at the mercy of the enemy, and shall do his bidding in the end.—*The Desire of Ages*, p. 324.

job in the store. And as he was a native of that very village, he was offered the position, which he gladly accepted. The thought of loyalty to God or of living out the truth, never occurred to him. He, too, was warned as was the first, but it was as seed sown by the wayside; it never took root. Soon we saw his shop door open on Sabbath eve, as we passed to a Bible study. He married a girl of the village. We never see them at church, though they live less than a mile from the mission.

Is his story not like that of many a young man of the homeland? How sad it is to see some of our young people so indifferent to eternal realities in this hour of crisis! In the mission field, as in the home field, the enemy has temptations for those who choose their own way, and spiritual failure is the sure result.

H. L. TOLHURST.

*Nukualofa, Tonga.*

## NORTH NEW ZEALAND

PRESIDENT: H. E. PIPER  
SECRETARY: P. GLOCKLER

### North New Zealand Annual Conference

THE eighteenth session of the North New Zealand Conference was held at the Palmerston North Show Grounds from January 7-17, 1932, under very favourable conditions. Good weather prevailed throughout, and a very fine spirit, with an earnest seeking for a deeper Christian experience, was revealed by those who attended.

The Union Conference was represented by Pastors W. G. Turner, A. G. Stewart, W. J. Gilson, and Brother J. J. Potter. The helpful talks given were much appreciated. Dr. T. A. Sherwin and Nurse L. Lewin were also in attendance, and a large number of our people availed themselves of the opportunity of obtaining medical advice. We were also pleased to have with us Pastor and Mrs. G. Branster and family from Fiji, and all greatly enjoyed listening to the experiences related by them, and the spiritual instruction imparted.

The attendance of our people was good, over 100 tents being occupied, and in addition, a large number were comfortably housed in the spacious buildings which were made available for us by the local Agricultural and Pastoral Association. The outside attendance was not large, but the influence exerted in the district must have been felt, and should be the means of strengthening the mission effort which is being conducted there by Pastor C. A. Wrigley.

The business of the conference was attended to expeditiously, seven meetings being held. A good interest was manifested by the delegates who were present.

#### Statistical

The membership of the 28 churches at December 31, 1931, was 1,353, showing an increase for the year of 90 Baptisms for the year numbered 120. One new church at Otakeho, which was organised by Pastor L. R. Harvey, was received into the sisterhood of churches. The two

church schools at Gisborne and Hamilton, conducted by Brother W. Whisker and Sister L. M. Potter respectively, had an enrolment of 28.

#### Financial

The tithe receipts for the year were £8,132, and the present worth of the conference was £4,510, showing a decrease of £1,022. The following amounts were received for foreign mission work:

Sabbath School, £1,841; M.V. Offerings, £262; Annual Offering, £298; Big Week, £183; Appeal for Missions, £1,905.

The Tract Society showed a profit on the year's running of £129. The following represented the year's trading: subscription book sales, £1,381; trade book sales, £522; periodicals, £751.

#### Officers Elected

PRESIDENT: H. E. Piper.  
SECRETARY: P. Glockler.  
TREASURER: Miss R. Dray.  
TRACT SOCIETY SECRETARY: P. Glockler.  
HOME MISSIONS, SABBATH SCHOOL, AND M.V. SECRETARY: A. J. Dyason.  
ASSISTANT HOME MISSIONS, SABBATH SCHOOL, AND M.V. SECRETARY: Miss G. Hadfield.  
EDUCATIONAL SECRETARY: H. E. Piper.  
RELIGIOUS LIBERTY SECRETARY: F. L. Sharp.  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: H. E. Piper, W. Richards, F. L. Sharp, J. F. Jones, J. Strange, E. Rosendahl, G. Graham.

#### Credentials and Licenses

MINISTERIAL CREDENTIALS: W. E. Battye, E. S. Butz, L. R. Harvey, C. A. Paap, Jas. Pascoe, H. E. Piper, F. L. Sharp, C. A. Wrigley.  
MINISTERIAL LICENSE: T. A. Anderson, A. J. Dyason, P. Glockler, L. Graham, J. Hookings, L. Naden, J. C. Sterling.  
MISSIONARY LICENSE: Miss R. Dray, Miss G. Hadfield, Miss J. Johnstone, Miss A. Stockwell, D. Bathgate, F. Hollingsworth, E. A. Turner.  
TEACHER'S LICENSE: Miss L. M. Beavis, Miss L. M. Potter.  
COLPORTEUR'S CREDENTIALS: J. E. Laybourn, R. H. Matthews, Mrs. R. H. Matthews, B. Waldrom, W. Waterhouse.  
COLPORTEUR'S LICENSE: D. M. Adam, Miss E. Hallamore, C. Kermode, A. W. Marsh, C. R. Matthews, K. Murray, P. J. Wright.  
PROBATIONARY LICENSE: J. B. Wilson.

#### Location of Workers

WELLINGTON: Pastor W. E. Battye, Brother L. Graham, Miss J. Johnstone.  
PALMERSTON NORTH: Pastor C. A. Wrigley, Sister A. Stockwell.  
HASTINGS AND NAPIER: Pastor E. S. Butz.  
WANGANUI: Pastor J. Pascoe.  
TARANAKI DISTRICT: Pastor L. R. Harvey.  
AUCKLAND DISTRICT: Pastor F. L. Sharp.  
DEVONPORT (a suburb of Auckland): Pastor C. A. Paap.  
WHANGAREI: Brother T. A. Anderson, Brother D. Bathgate.  
OHAKUNE AND RAETIHI DISTRICTS: Brother L. Naden, Brother F. Hollingsworth.

At the close of camp, an inspiring tes-

timony meeting was held. It was good to hear the ringing testimonies of God's people as they told of blessings received and expressed their determination to greater faithfulness in the future.

As we face another year with all its possibilities, we do so in full confidence and with a realisation that God's hand will be over His people and work for good. We are living in perplexing times, but we can trust God through all, and believe that He will lead us through to ultimate victory. As God gave ALL to mankind by giving His Son, may we be willing to lay ALL on the altar of service, and to be subservient to the will of God in all things, to the glory of His name.

P. GLOCKLER,  
Secretary.

## SOUTH NEW ZEALAND

PRESIDENT: S. L. PATCHING  
SECRETARY: A. S. HERBERT

### Notes from South New Zealand

JUDGING by the good attendance at almost all of Pastor A. G. Stewart's recent lectures held in this conference, an announcement of coloured and moving pictures of native life does not fail to attract large congregations. In Christchurch and Invercargill, where the Sunday evening lectures were held, very large congregations pressed into the big halls. In the latter city the firemen were compelled to close the doors to keep the overflow from overcrowding the hall. Over 1,000 people met to see the pictures and hear the lecture. In all the other centres good meetings are reported, and we feel that the visit will do much to educate the public along right lines so far as our mission work is concerned. The members of this conference are deeply grateful to Pastor Stewart for his willingness to visit us and to work and travel so continuously at a time when we were commencing our Appeal for Missions. In fact, we made Pastor Stewart's visit the signal for beginning the work, and as soon as his lecture was given in any place, if a start had not already been made, we plunged in the very next morning.

Every conference worker was at his post ready to give a strong lead to this effort. Although we have found the work more difficult this year than last, we thank God for the good start made, and believe that by the time this report is read, we shall be through with our Appeal for another year. We are convinced that the aim can be reached in four weeks' time, and we are working to this end.

Two weeks after the close of camp, Pastor D. Sibley commenced a tent effort in Woolston, Christchurch. The marquee is pitched on an excellent site, and from the outset we found the tent too small for the attendance. More seats were put in, but they were too few for the folk attending. Another splice and more seats were added, but still there were more people than seats. It is a long time since the writer has seen a better attendance at a tent effort, and we are praying that Pastor Sibley and his two helpers will be used of God to win a large number of souls from

this effort. We trust that the readers of this letter will remember in prayer these workers in South New Zealand. Pastor A. I. Mitchell and Brother W. J. Richards will be commencing their work shortly, and we sincerely pray that God will bless them also, that souls may be won in the districts where they are stationed.

The financial depression continues to widen and deepen in the Dominion, and we are facing one of the worst years in the history of New Zealand; but we are of good courage, and believe the Lord will carry us through these trying times to better days, if such are to be before Jesus comes to claim His own. Our determination is to remain faithful to the end, that we may have a home with the Master in the earth made new.

S. L. PATCHING.

**SOUTH  
NEW SOUTH WALES**

PRESIDENT: R. E. HARE  
SECRETARY: W. H. HOPKIN

**With Our Missions**

WE are very pleased to be able to report good progress in all our missions thus far for 1932. We will give you the latest reports that have come in from these workers.

**Lyndhurst and Mandurama.**—A letter from Pastor Scragg received this morning contains a good note of progress. The first Sabbath service at Gallymont was held last Sabbath (February 29), with an attendance of over forty. This means another new Sabbath school added to our list. Thursday evening meetings at Mandurama are being strongly carried on, and the attendance is very good. Miss D. Phillips is now stationed at Gallymont.

**Blayney.**—In conjunction with the mission at Lyndhurst, an effort is being held in Blayney, where Brother J. Eggins is putting in a good deal of his time, as well as swinging in with Pastor Scragg in the district work. Last Sunday night there were more than sixty present, and the interest there appears to be deepening.

**Cowra.**—Pastor E. Behrens is now stationed in Cowra. His letters are full of courage, and we know that the work there is onward.

**Grenfell.**—All the letters we receive from Grenfell speak of added interests and new faces. Here Brethren L. Jones and A. L. Pascoe are working. They have a class preparing for baptism at an early date. The Sabbath school membership is now thirty-nine, and is continuing to grow.

**Parkes.**—At a recent conference committee meeting it was decided to ask Brother T. J. Bradley to move to Sydney to lend a hand with the North Shore mission. He has just arrived here, and this leaves the Parkes' interest in the charge of Brother Draper, the church elder. We are sure that the good work there will continue. There is an excellent spirit at work in the company, and they have the distinction of being the first church "out" in this year's Appeal.

**Bathurst.**—Pastor H. C. Harker reports encouragingly of the interest in Bathurst. His Sunday night meetings are well attended; between twenty and thirty strangers come every Sunday night. In addition, Pastor Harker conducts open-air meetings on the common, and a good attendance is also manifested there. The Bathurst church members are standing by, giving their encouragement and help.

**Cootamundra.**—The work in Cootamundra seems to be particularly difficult just now. There does not appear to be much public interest. This has always been the case with this town. Still there are honest hearts there, and we may be sure that the message will find them. For some weeks Pastor J. Thompson has had the assistance of two of our good colporteurs, Brethren E. B. Ibbott and D. F. Black, and he has appreciated their help very much indeed. Just now Pastor Thompson is throwing his energies into the Appeal effort, and will take up his work in Cootamundra again a little later.

**Narrandera.**—Every letter that comes from this outpost is good. Brethren R. H. Powrie and J. L. Lawson have their hands full with interested folk. In a recent letter Brother Powrie states that they each have about twenty-two names to care for, and the list is growing every week. They have already reported some as having taken their stand for the Sabbath. A number of others are particularly interested, some of them being officials of good standing in the Railway Department. Brother Hardyment has been canvassing in that part, and reports that there is a good interest in the mission right through the district. When the week-night attendance keeps up to over sixty, it certainly shows good work being done.

**Albury.**—Pastor E. R. Whitehead keeps busy at Albury. He is also keeping in touch with the company at Wagga and visits them regularly. In one of his recent letters he told of an experience they had just had, proving that God still hears prayer. The little daughter of one of our church members was at the point of death. Two doctors were in consultation, and they gave the little one up to die, saying they could do nothing more. At half-past twelve at night Pastor Whitehead was called for, and earnest prayers were offered for the life of this child. The Lord heard, and the little one is now doing well, much to the surprise of doctors and nurses. Pastor Whitehead reports that the Sunday night meetings have a good attendance, and he is planning for a baptism in the very near future.

**Nowra.**—The work at Nowra, on the South Coast, is facing strong opposition, and yet in spite of all this Brother W. H. Stevens reports a good meeting last Sunday night.

**Chatswood.**—This mission, more than others, seems to have had a checkered career. Pastor A. W. Anderson so ably carried the work on that when he left we felt it quite an undertaking to pick it up. Right on top of that Brother Parsons was taken suddenly ill and had to go to hospital. We have been endeavouring to carry on without breaking the continuity

of this work. This has been quite a task, but we have managed it up to the present. Miss E. Moran has been doing double work, and is having success. Now that Brother Bradley has arrived to help, some of the rest of us will find the work lighter. Some very fine people are attending the North Sydney church as a result of the mission, and we plan a baptism here very shortly.

**Bondi Junction.**—Here again many difficulties have been encountered in keeping the mission going. Pastor J. W. Kent has suffered a nervous breakdown, with the result that he has had to leave his work for a time. Pastor Letts has been given control of the mission at the Bondi Junction, Brother R. C. Hill and Sister Evans being his co-workers. He reports the attendance is good, with the same ones coming along regularly.

**Earlwood.**—These meetings are continuing in the home of Sister Perrott, and Pastor J. Scott Stewart has been drawn in to take charge of them. The interest has spread, and instead of one meeting in that district per week he now has two, and special reports reach us almost weekly of the interest which people are showing in the studies.

**Bowral.**—Just now the Bowral church is hard at work on the Appeal campaign. They have decided to go right through and finish up almost immediately. Brother F. Masters is working with them, and he has just spent a week or two in the Tumut district, helping that church to get out with its Appeal. He is enjoying his work and reports interested folk all along the way.

**Dee Why and Manly.**—Pastor J. E. Steed continues his work in these seaside places, and is keeping busy. Recently a hall was secured at Balgowlah, and services are held there each Sabbath.

**Kurrajong and Richmond.**—Still another evidence of God's leading comes from this district. Brother S. R. Maunder, at one time an active worker in this conference, together with his wife, has for some time been conducting a Sunday school. The interest has grown, and a little while ago he was requested to meet a man in discussion. He eventually did, and created such a favourable impression on those who listened, that they requested him to open Sunday evening meetings. A home was offered, and it was our privilege to send Brother Maunder a blackboard and organ just recently as an aid in this work.

**Open Air.**—Our lay brethren, under the leadership of Brother T. A. Mitchell, are still hard at work in the open air in Sydney on Saturday nights. These good folks make quite a sacrifice in order to keep this good work going, and the interest manifested by those who come regularly and listen is indeed worth seeing.

**Pastoral.**—During the last few weeks Pastor H. Mitchell has been visiting some of our isolated people. He has visited Katoomba, Blackheath, Lithgow, Rylstone, Cobbora, Leadville, Oberon, across the Abercrombie Mountains to Curraweela, Goulburn, and Crookwell. Although some of these folk are finding times hard, yet their faith in the Lord has

not wavered, in fact, it seems that these conditions have only served as a means to deepen their interest. Brother R. Govett's regular pastoral work in the city area has kept him very busy.

**Appeal for Missions.**—It is really wonderful in spite of all the difficulties how well the Appeal is going. A number of churches have secured their aims and are

encouraging the rest. This speaks well for a very successful campaign. If you have not already done your bit, I am sure that you will help us, and see this right through just as soon as possible. We thank you one and all for your encouragement and co-operation, and wish you much of God's blessing.

REUBEN E. HARE.

membership rose last year from 117 to 1,000. We know that all hearts will rejoice over this fine increase in souls.

You will be interested to know how the offerings stand for the year, so we give them for the four quarters:

	13th Sabb. Ofgs.	Total Offerings
First Quarter	£1,106	£4,051
Second "	1,192	4,087
Third "	1,247	4,092
Fourth "	1,082	3,903
	£4,627	£16,133

It will be noticed that there was a slight but steady increase for the first three quarters, both in the totals and in the Thirteenth Sabbath offerings. The year's total was £633 less than the year before. This does not seem very much when we realise that it was less than 4 per cent decrease.

It is not the size of the gift that makes it precious in God's sight, but the spirit of love and self-denial in which it is given. In His hands the little basket of bread was made to feed a great multitude. We know that, back of the gifts that swell this yearly total, there are many stories of devotion, written only in the books of heaven. Perhaps a larger proportion of these offerings than ever before is given through self-denial. May that not be one reason that greater results than ever before are appearing in the mission lands that we are supporting? From all the mission fields, new and old, even where the work has gone the hardest in times past, come most cheering reports of what God is doing, who has set His hand to finish this work.

A. L. H.

SISTER A. E. DOUGLASS, the Sabbath School Secretary for North New South Wales, writes: "A sister in Hamilton tells us that they had a pear tree which would not bear fruit and were going to cut it down, but she pleaded with them to let her have it for the Investment. They agreed, and it has a crop of beautiful pears which are all going to be sold for the fund. Last quarter nine of our Sabbath schools reported Investment Fund offerings which made a grand total of over £27. This is sufficient to keep two native missionaries for a year. It is interesting to note that, with only one exception, every school that took part in the Investment plan reached its offering goal."

THE Victorian Conference Treasurer gratefully acknowledges £1 tithe received from an anonymous sender.

"By FAITH you become Christ's, and by FAITH you are to grow up in Him—by giving and taking. You are to *give* all,—your heart, your will, your service,—give yourself to Him to obey all His requirements; and you must *take* all,—Christ, the fullness of all blessing, to abide in your heart, to be your strength, your righteousness, your everlasting helper,—to give you power to obey."—*Steps to Christ*, p. 74.

## SABBATH SCHOOL

### Report for Quarter Ended December 31, 1931

SCHOOLS	MEMBER-SHIP	AV'GE ATT'ND.	PERFECT RECORD	THIRTEENTH SAB. OFF.	TOTAL OFFERINGS	W'KLY AV. PER CH'CH MEMBER	
N. Queensland	14	354*	303	33	£26 3 3*	9.97d*	
North N. S. W.	37	1875	1656*	522	177 13 4	6.24 0 9	
South N. S. W.	15	673*	635*	265	77 11 10	261 12 11	
South N. S. W.	48*	2703	2291	675	206 11 11*	769 8 4	
Victoria	57	2591*	2196	615	184 6 8	586 12 6	
North N. Z.	44	1618	1431*	460	123 15 1	444 17 6	
Tasmania	15	661*	592*	122	35 6 10	125 10 1*	
West Aust.	36	1405*	1223	252	72 12 11*	299 7 11*	
Queensland	17	1225	1098*	269	46 17 7	238 17 3	
South Aust.	29	1102	976	215	41 14 8	177 1 2	
Missions	218*	7837*	7228*	1960*	89 2 5*	289 2 0*	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>530*</b>	<b>22044*</b>	<b>19629*</b>	<b>5388</b>	<b>£1081 16 6</b>	<b>£3903 8 8</b>	<b>7.01</b>

\*Denotes an increase over the previous quarter.

†The total average does not include the mission field.

THE story told by the figures given above is the story of YOUR Sabbath school, combined with all the others in the Australasian Union. We trust that not only every Sabbath school, but also every reader of these lines had a definite part in making the figures in the various columns reach the fine total they represent.

Our gain in membership last quarter was 368, while the average attendance, including visitors, increased by 825 per week. On the Thirteenth Sabbath our schools gave £1,000 to the New Hebrides, and an overflow of £81 16s. 6d. for the support of native workers.

The total offering, £3,903 8s. 8d., was £189 0s. 7d. less than for the preceding quarter. For the first time in four years our offerings fell below £4,000. But we trust that this drop is only temporary, as during the fourth quarter—the holiday season—the offerings are often less than for the other three terms. It is encouraging to notice, however, that the report shows that five fields gave more last quarter than during the September quarter, namely, South New South Wales, West Australia, Tasmania, North Queensland, and the mission field.

For about two years the distinction of giving the largest average offering per church member has gone to North New South Wales or South New Zealand, but this time North Queensland heads the procession, with an average offering of nearly 10 pence (9.97) per week per church member.

#### A Record Year

This report is of special interest as it completes another year's report. During

1931 the Sabbath school membership increased by 2,767. This is a gain of 14 per cent. The homeland added 1,020 members, while the mission field added 1,747. This growth is unparalleled in our history in Australasia. Looking back over our Sabbath school record book, we see that for seven quarters in succession the membership was 18,000 odd. For the next six quarters it was 19,000 odd; but during last year the quick march forward passed milestones in rapid succession. The story of advancement is told by the following membership figures:

First Quarter,	19,714
Second "	20,726
Third "	21,676
Fourth "	22,044

The conference making the largest gain in membership for the year was South New South Wales, which added 320. Queensland came second, with 193; but in proportion to its size Tasmania made the best gain of all, adding 111 to a previous membership of 550, which is an increase of 20 per cent.

Let us visualise this company of new members, 2,767 strong! We see many in the homeland who were won to the message last year, and whom it was our privilege to welcome to the Sabbath school that they might become more fully established through the study of God's Word. We see also more than 1700 dark-skinned members who have recently learned to love the Sabbath school, the majority having just emerged from raw heathenism in some of the darkest parts of the Pacific. In the Territory of New Guinea alone the

## TASMANIA

PRESIDENT : F. G. RAMPTON

SECRETARY : H. W. ADRIAN

### Tasmanian Camp-meeting

THE Tasmanian camp-meeting was held at New Town, a suburb of Hobart, February 18 to 28. The site was an excellent one. Several times the brethren had attempted to secure these grounds for their annual camp, and this year, in the providence of God, they were successful in obtaining this very fine location for the annual gathering.

In addition to the usual large pavilions, fifty-five family tents were erected and occupied by our Tasmanian believers. The attendance was a record one, and we were blessed with excellent weather throughout the entire meeting. The rostrum was very nicely arranged, and tree ferns in the ground on each side and in front gave a very attractive appearance.

The following delegates were in attendance from the Union Conference: Pastor R. Hare, Dr. Mills, and the writer. Pastor A. W. Knight, who has been engaged in evangelical work in this field for several months, took the leadership of the young people's work during the camp-meeting.

Excellent reports were rendered by the field workers, Brethren R. Thrift, C. E. Bird, and A. W. Knight. Brother Bird reported a company of thirty-eight and a new church building in Irishtown during his last eighteen months' work. Brother Thrift, from conservative Launceston, reported a company of thirty-one for his year's work; while Pastors Knight and W. D. Smith were used of God to add thirteen new Sabbath-keepers to our ranks in Hobart for their three months' work. The year 1931 proved to be Tasmania's banner year for soul-winning, seventy-eight members having been gained since the previous camp-meeting. This was a cause of great encouragement and rejoicing to the Tasmanian believers.

At one of the home missionary meetings during the camp the brethren and sisters reported twenty-five souls won through the efforts of the lay members. One lad took the Sabbath truth home to his father, mother, and sister, and they are now members of our church. Pastor Knight related a visit he made to a home. Finding the man sick, he gave him fomentations. The physical relief obtained led to Bible studies, and the husband and wife are now rejoicing in the truths of this last message.

The Sabbath school membership was increased by 111, and though times are hard, the offerings showed an increase of £14 for the year.

Our faithful band of colporteurs placed £1,050 worth of our good books in the homes of the people, and the Tract Society showed a profit of a few pounds for the year's running.

The first Monday morning of the camp was Field Day. Many of the brethren and sisters had a happy time visiting and selling books to the people living in the vicinity.

The evening meetings were well attended by the public, and already the

workers have a good list of names of interested people to visit.

The Sabbath morning meetings were well attended, and in both services the Lord moved upon the hearts of the brethren and sisters present in a very marked way. Many very definite decisions were made for God.

In the second Sabbath afternoon's appeal for funds almost £200 was pledged; and in addition £26 was given to missions in the two Sabbath school services of the camp.

The brethren and sisters evidently came to the camp to seek the help of God in a very definite way, and in harmony with the Lord's promise, "Seek and ye shall find," they received much spiritual help, many of them expressing their very sincere appreciation of the practical help received from the Word as presented by the ministering brethren. In the closing meeting the keynote of their testimony was a desire to live nearer to God and witness to their neighbours and friends.

They returned to their homes with happy hearts and of good courage in the Lord. May God continue to richly bless our work in Tasmania.

W. J. WESTERMAN.

## WEDDING BELLS

**Lang-Corker.**—On February 17, in the Mayanup Hall, W.A., Miss Marjorie Grace Corker, daughter of Brother and Sister E. Corker of Boyup Brook, W.A., was united in marriage with Brother Victor Lang of Coomberdale, W.A. As both families are well known and highly esteemed, a large company of friends attended the wedding. The good wishes of all follow Brother and Sister Lang, for God's richest blessings in their united service for Him through all their future life. L. D. A. LEMKE.

**Garbutt-Younghusband.**—At the bride's home, Mosman, N.S.W., Brother Edgar Garbutt and Sister Lorna Younghusband were united in marriage on the evening of January 30, 1932. Brother Garbutt is a well-known member of the Stanmore church. Mrs. Garbutt is among the faithful canvassers of this conference. We wish them God's blessing as they labour on in His service. R. E. HARE.

**Wanted.**—Immediately. Strong, willing helper for general farm work. Must be good milker. Suitable person treated as member of family. PASTOR F. A. ALLUM, "Longview," King Creek, Wauchope, N.S.W.

**Wanted.**—By S.D.A. nurse in country town of N.S.W., refined person to do light housework for small wage. Apply "NURSE," care of "Mizpah," Wahrenoona, N.S.W.

**To Let.**—At Wahrenoona, a very desirable residence of six rooms, brick, tiled roof; half acre set out in orchard, lawns, and flowers. Within 15 minutes' walk of station, Sanitarium, and church. Good garage. Or would let furnished for a term. Very reasonable rental to approved tenant. Apply "STANBOROUGH," Lucinda Ave., Wahrenoona, N.S.W.

## OBITUARIES

**Grant.**—John Robertson Grant, aged forty-eight years, passed away in the local hospital on February 29. He heard the message of present truth from Pastor H. K. Martin, Principal of the A. M. College, and the wonderful prospect of the life beyond, and the knowledge that Christ had died to make it his, comforted our brother in his afflictions. He accepted the message, and was baptised with his wife by Pastor J. E. Steed in Kurri about twelve months ago. He died trusting in the Lord and looking forward to His coming. A wife and two children are left to mourn their loss. Words of comfort and hope were spoken at the home and graveside by the writer, as we laid him to rest in the Kurri Cemetery. R. BULLAS.

**Blackmore.**—Sister Susan Blackmore, aged eighty years, fell asleep in Jesus on February 11 at the home of her son, Brother Blackmore, in Victoria Park, W.A. Sister Blackmore came from Bristol, England, twenty years ago. She accepted the message as a result of the Victoria Park mission and cottage meetings conducted in the home of Brother Blackmore last year. Her life and testimony gave clear evidence that the Saviour was her all in all. On Sabbath afternoon many relatives and friends assembled at the graveside, as we laid her to rest in the Karrakatta Cemetery until the resurrection morning. Brother Moulds assisted the writer at the service. L. D. A. LEMKE.

### A Correction

IN a newspaper report of the dedication of the new church at Napier, N.Z., forwarded to us for the RECORD and given in the February 15 issue, Dr. Eric Caro was incorrectly reported as stating that "the first Seventh-day Adventist church in Australasia was established at Napier." The doctor has written calling our attention to this. What he really did say was that "the first camp-meeting in Australasia was held at Napier." From the early records of our work we find that this first camp-meeting was held in Napier, in March, 1893. The first camp in Australia was held at Brighton, Melbourne, in the closing days of December, 1893, and extending into January, 1894. The first S.D.A. church in Australasia was the Melbourne church, organised January 10, 1886, as reported in the *Bible Echo* dated February, 1886. The first church in New Zealand was organised at Kaeo, in March, 1886. It was in 1889 that the Napier church was organised,—"forty-three years ago," as stated by Dr. Caro.

*When churches are revived, it is because some individual seeks earnestly for the blessing of God. He hungers and thirsts after God, and asks in faith, and receives accordingly. He goes to work in earnest, feeling his great dependence upon the Lord, and souls are aroused to seek for a like blessing, and a season of refreshing falls on the hearts of men.—Mrs. E. G. White in "Christian Service," p. 121.*

# FIFTEENTH APPEAL FOR MISSIONS-1932

## Reports from Conferences

To March 5

	Weeks	Latest Report	Total	Per Cent of Goal
Sth. N.Z.	3	£171	£843	84
Sth. N.S.W.	2	313	1127	46
Victoria	2	398	1006	46
Nth. N.Z.	3	159	750	37
Nth. N.S.W.	1	309	309	31
Union		£1,350	£4,025	32

NORTH NEW SOUTH WALES has made an excellent beginning, attaining nearly one-third of its aim for the first week's report. Brother J. L. Smith writes: "We thank God for what He has enabled our brethren to do despite the adverse circumstances. Our first report is £129 better than the first week of last year, and £144 better than the year before that." Three churches in the North N.S.W. Conference have reached their goals, and six others are more than half way there.

South New Zealand, as you will see by the report, is fast approaching its objective, being only £157 short of the £1,000. We trust that this conference will be able to rejoice in a completed task at the close of the fourth week.

South New South Wales reports five churches "over the top." An urgent wireless message has been dispatched in search for the "missing Seventh-day Adventists who cannot be found in the 1932 Appeal, and a reward is offered to these missing ones who find their way into the Appeal, as follows:

1. The knowledge that they have lightened the load of those who are now working hard.
2. Earnest service.
3. Happy associations.
4. Souls saved in the kingdom.
5. Realisation of the financial objective.

The following questions are asked in the *Home Missions Advocate* of Victoria:

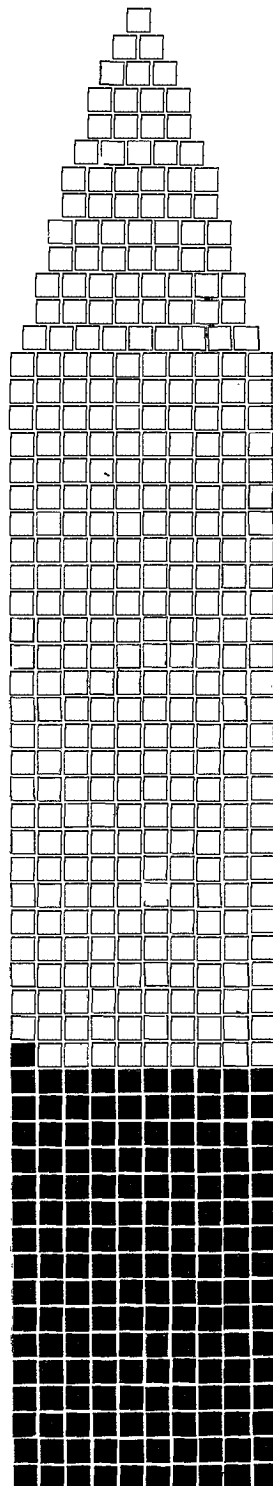
"Shall we allow outward circumstances to hinder our completing the great task committed to us? God forbid! Can we disappoint our army of missionaries depending on us in this time of crisis? And what about millions of heathen holding out beckoning hands for the bread of life? Can we look on those whitening fields ready for harvest and have no compassion on the hungry multitudes? Our precious Saviour is longing for that hour when the work shall be finished and He can take us home! Shall we disappoint Him?"

"Now is the time to rely on the promises of God; they have not changed. This depression has not weakened Him. ALL THINGS still belong to our God, and He is still able to supply all our needs. What the people of God need today, is FAITH.

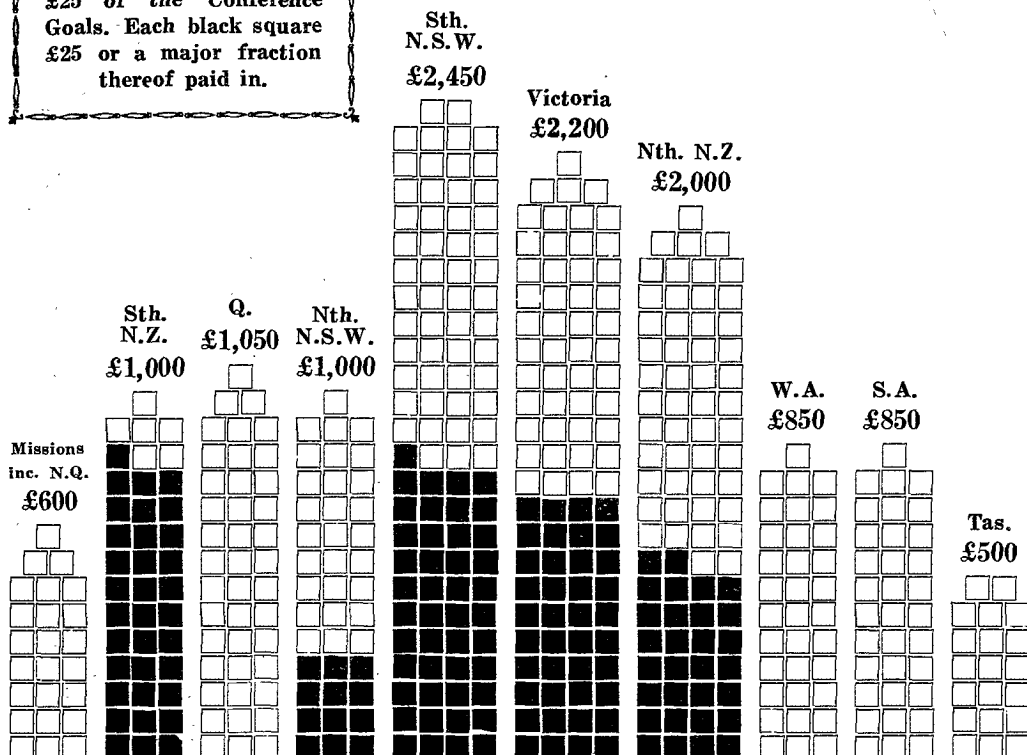
"Now, let us take a candid look at this depression. Honestly, did this present situation take God by surprise? Did He have to reshape His plans or has He made ample provision to meet it? Then why this hesitation? 'When we are brought into strait places we are to depend on God.' 'In every emergency we are to seek help from Him who has infinite resources at His command.'"

"Indifference, indecision, intolerance, and inactivity,—these are the four most dangerous foes of the church."

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BROTHER AND SISTER D. H. GRAY and their two little children sail from Sydney March 16 for Bougainville, in the Solomon Island Mission field. They go by the *Montoro* as far as Rabaul, and will spend three weeks with Brother McLaren's mission before continuing their journey by the *Macdhui* to their own port, Kieta.

### Sad Burning Fatality

ON Thursday, March 10, we received the following sad news by cable from Auckland, N.Z.: "Brother Dempsey passed away last evening due to severe burning caused by fuel oil explosion from boiler. (Signed) Sprengel."

Also in the *Sydney Morning Herald* of the same date there appeared the following:

"AUCKLAND, Wednesday.

"Enveloped in burning oil as the result of an explosion in a furnace, William Albert Dempsey, 44, factory foreman, was fatally burnt. The furnace was used in heating a steam boiler in a city basement, and Dempsey apparently was regulating it when it exploded. He was enveloped from head to foot in blazing oil. Workmen rushed to his assistance, and threw sacks over him. He was taken to hospital, where he died seven hours later."

Brother Dempsey was well known to many of our people in Australasia, being at one time a student in the Australasian Missionary College, and also a former employee of the Sydney Sanitarium. At the time of the accident he was employed in the Weet-Bix factory, Auckland. He leaves a wife and child, to whom we extend our deepest sympathy.

A. G. STEWART.

### "Blessed Are They That Hunger"

STORIES are often told of the intense desire of natives in mission fields to learn of the truth as it is in Jesus. Seldom, however, is mention made of a similar intensity among those of our own land and colour. Hence the following experience may prove interesting.

Out in the south-west of New South Wales, at the town of Narrandera, we have our mission tent located in the main street. This has caused a good deal of interest and has been a constant reminder and witness to the people of this town.

One evening recently a gentleman walked into the tent, sat through the evening meeting, and then hurried off. We missed him from the next few meetings, and then he returned, and as he lingered after the meeting, I was able to engage him in conversation, gleaned from his talk that he had a desire for truth backed up by positive proof. There came a knock a few nights later at my front door, which on being opened revealed our gentleman friend of the tent, with another

friend who had been a constant attendant at the mission, and who is now assisting in the musical part of the work.

I had no need to be told that they were agitated, and for a moment I was at a loss for the reason, but they soon explained the situation. They had been studying their Bible from ten o'clock that morning, and had studied themselves up to what they thought was a "dead end," and so it was for them, for they were almost despairing upon a slight point which to their minds seemed an insurmountable barrier. A few brief explanations, and all was right.

However, they returned to my home next morning at ten o'clock, and a further three hours' close study was engaged in. As a result both were, under the Spirit's power, impressed with the exactitude of Biblical detail and the necessity of Sabbath-keeping. Friend number one with his wife was in attendance at the Sabbath school.

Now the interesting feature to me is this fact, that friend number one, not possessing a Bible, but wanting something that would enlighten him, seeing a second-hand commentary in an auction mart, purchased it, and with a Bible which I had previously lent to friend number two, they have been studying till two o'clock morning by morning, in an endeavour to arrive at truth unassisted.

I was impressed with a statement I read some time ago that the "Holy Spirit will assist in the preaching of the Word, but His assistance will be just as marked and powerful in the studious preparation of the ministerial work." Truly God's Spirit is working on the minds of these men in their intense desire to study. Pray for them and others who also are manifesting a growing interest here in this distant outpost. J. L. LAWSON.

### An Answer to Prayer

[It was at the close of one of Pastor R. A. Anderson's meetings in a London suburb that Miss Moore stepped forward and asked the privilege of saying a few words. The experience was so interesting that the speaker was requested to write it up for a wider circle. Hence the following letter, which was published in the *London Advent Messenger*.]

ABOUT two years before the Great War some of the late Dr. Bullinger's library works were given me. Discovering from his writings that, even then, he believed that the second coming of our Lord was not far off (indeed that we were very near, if not in, the time of the consummation of this dispensation), I read over again the works of the Rev. M. Baxter and Dr. Grattan Guinness on the subject of the time of the end. Remembering also that Daniel was told to "shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end" (Dan. 12:4), I just wondered whether God had revealed to these good messengers of His the fact that He was about to begin His operations in the world, which would bring about the return of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I expressed my thoughts on the subject to two friends, whom I asked to join with me in prayer that God would open the eyes of some of the religious leaders in our district to move in the matter. We waited, watched, and listened; but there was no stir. I was then asked to give an address on the Lord's second coming. This I did, in my humble way; but we felt that unless some Elijah or John the

Baptist arose, our district would lack the warning necessary for the arousing of the inhabitants to realise the solemn times in which we were living. The war was launched, ran its course, and came to a sudden end, on what is now called Armistice Day. Still no strong, warning voice was heard!

Our next step was to pray that if no one in North London could (or would) be used in this way, some one might be sent us from any part of the world. A little over a year ago we heard that an evangelist, one Pastor Anderson, from Australia, was preaching on the second coming of the Lord at the Finsbury Park Cinema on Sunday evenings, and subsequently at the New Holloway Hall, near the Nag's Head. After receiving good reports concerning his addresses, one Sunday evening we bent our steps thitherward. We were not disappointed, for his preaching was sound, Biblical, and with a plain and stern warning that the Lord is at hand. We have, therefore, continued to attend his preaching services which have now been held for several months at the Wood Green Empire, which is always crowded with attentive listeners. What is still more important, hundreds have testified as to their finding Jesus as their personal Saviour! Praise the Lord!

We now hark back to the question: "Is Pastor Anderson's coming to North London an answer to prayer?" Many of us feel compelled to reply in the affirmative, that we believe this to be so.

The next question follows on and is this: "What then should be our attitude towards his ministry?" We feel that all lovers of truth, and especially that relating to our blessed Lord's return, should give him the support of their prayers, their presence (where possible), and their pence (or shall we say pounds?).

C. MOORE.

### Brother and Sister G. F. Jones in Africa

PASTOR G. F. JONES wrote from Pieter Maritzburg, Natal, on February 3: "You will see by our address that we have reached South Africa. We arrived about five weeks ago, and have been living at Durban, but will be settling at Pieter Maritzburg, the capital of Natal, which is about sixty miles inland. It looks very evident that we are in the final, rapid movements of this world's history. We feel impressed as never before that this is no time for any of us to be idle when there are so many unwarmed. I bought language books yesterday to learn Zulu. The Zulus are the finest race of natives in South Africa, yet they have no white worker resident among them. Indians are also very numerous, with very little done for them, so we feel there is much to do. We are both in fairly good health, and enjoying the delightful climate, which is semi-tropical. We are glad to hear of the prosperity of the work in Australasia, as we read the news in the RECORD which follows us as we travel around the world. We pray daily for the island mission fields, and trust the work will continue to grow. Brother and Sister A. W. Staples and family have been at Pieter Maritzburg. He has had a successful effort here, and today is leaving for Kimberley to start another."