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The Holy Spirit Our Great Need---No. 2

OUR need of the Holy Spirit does not cease when we experience the new birth through His agency; and the gift of the Spirit in the blessings of the former rain alone is not sufficient for the followers of Jesus. The latter rain is to be poured out upon the people of God. The experience of Pentecost is to be repeated.

"These scenes are to be repeated, and with greater power. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost was the former rain, but the latter rain will be more abundant."—*"Christ's Object Lessons," p. 121.*

The Lord has definitely promised the latter rain to His people to ripen the harvest, and for this we must plead. But if we are to share in this experience, the blessings of the former rain must remain with the people of God, for the Holy Spirit must continue His work as a revealer of sin, as a divine power to overcome human weaknesses, and to transform the old life of sin to a life in harmony with the character of the Master. In looking forward to the future for the showers of the latter rain, we must not neglect the work the Spirit is to do for us in revealing our sins and sanctifying our lives. If we fail to seek the continued presence of the Spirit of the Lord, we shall be unprepared to meet the Master, and shall experience a bitter disappointment. Like the five foolish virgins, we shall not be ready to meet the Bridegroom when He appears.

"Unless we are daily advancing in the exemplification of active Christian virtues we shall not recognise the manifestation of the Holy Spirit in the latter rain. It may be falling on hearts all around us, but we shall not discern or receive it. The loud cry will come and pass, and the latter rain will fall, and many of our people know nothing about it."—*Mrs. E. G. White, in Signs of the Times, Aug. 11, 1892.*

"At no point in our experience can we dispense with the assistance of that which enables us to make the first start. The blessings received under the former rain are needful to us to the end. Yet these alone will not suffice. While we cherish the blessing of the early rain, we must not, on the other hand, lose sight of the fact that without the latter rain, to fill out the ears and ripen the grain, the harvest will not be ready for the sickle, and the labour of the sower will have been in vain. Divine grace is needed at the beginning, divine grace at every step of advance, and divine grace alone can complete the work."—*"Testimonies to Ministers," pp. 507, 508.*

The Work of the Spirit to Continue in Revealing Sin

The human heart is deceitful and desperately wicked, and who can know it? It is impossible for us, unaided, to understand the deceitfulness of our own hearts, and to recognise the weaknesses in our own lives. We must have help from above. We need to seek the aid of the Holy Spirit, the great revealer of sin. We must cooperate with God in the work to be accomplished in our hearts. "Examine yourselves, . . . prove your own selves." 2 Cor. 13:5. "Examine me, O Lord, and prove me." Ps. 26:2. "Search me, O God, and know my heart." Ps. 139:23.

We greatly need the Holy Spirit to continue His work as a revealer and reprover of sin. We should meditate upon our doings, we should search our own hearts, and as we do this, with the help of God, our experience will be like David's. "And it came to pass afterward, that *David's heart smote him*, because he cut off Saul's skirt. And he said unto his men, The Lord forbid that I should do this thing unto my master, the Lord's anointed, to stretch forth mine hand against him, seeing he is the anointed of the Lord." 1 Sam. 24:5, 6.

"The nearer we come to Jesus, and the more clearly we discern the purity of His character, the more clearly shall we see the exceeding sinfulness of sin, and the less shall we feel like exalting ourselves. There will be a continual reaching out of the soul after God, a continual, earnest, heart-breaking confession of sin, and humbling of the heart before Him. At every advance step in our Christian experience, our repentance will deepen. We shall know that our sufficiency is in Christ alone."—*"The Acts of the Apostles," p. 561.*

"Those who will put on the whole armour of God, and devote some time every day to meditation and prayer, and to the study of the Scriptures, will be connected with Heaven, and will have a saving, transforming influence upon those around them. . . . They will be yearning for purity, for light, for love, for all the graces of heavenly birth."—*"Testimonies," Vol. 5, pp. 112, 113.*

The Holy Spirit to Dwell in Us

God designs that the Holy Spirit shall dwell in us, and order our lives in harmony with His will. We are to be "led by the Spirit of God." In times of stress and difficulty He has promised: "And thine ears shall hear

a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left." Isa. 30:21. "I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with Mine eye." Ps. 32:8. But this cannot be accomplished unless we daily and hourly yield ourselves to His control.

"Christ promised the gift of the Holy Spirit to His church, and the promise belongs as much to us as to the first disciples. But like every other promise, it is given on conditions. There are many who profess to believe and claim the Lord's promises; they talk about Christ and the Holy Spirit; yet they receive no benefit, because they do not *surrender their souls to the guidance and control of divine agencies.*"—*Gospel Workers*, pp. 284, 285.

How much we need to walk humbly and prayerfully before God, and seek for this divine Leader in all the affairs of life!

Holy Spirit Gives Victory Over Sin, and Transforms Our Lives

If we are to be victorious in life's battles, we must have help outside of ourselves. Left to himself, man is helpless in the struggle against the world, the flesh, and the devil; but Jesus has promised, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." "Call upon Me in the day of trouble, and I will deliver thee." No one shall pluck us out of His hand. Strength to overcome will be given to every one of God's humble children.

"The gift of the Holy Spirit, rich, full, and abundant, is to His church as an encompassing wall of fire, which the powers of hell shall not prevail against. . . . The hand of the Infinite is stretched over the battlements of heaven to grasp your hand in its embrace. The mighty Helper is nigh to help the most erring, the most sinful, and despairing. Look up by faith and the light of the glory of God will shine on you."—*Mrs. E. G. White*.

God has promised us power over all the power of the enemy. He will subdue our iniquities. Micah 7:19. To every believing child of God grace will be supplied, and where sin abounds grace does much more abound. Through the power of the Holy Spirit the deeds of the body are to be mortified, Rom. 8:13. We are to be strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man. Eph. 3:16. When in our conflicts with self and sin, the enemy comes in "like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord will put him to flight." Isa. 59:19, margin.

"It is the Spirit that makes effectual what has been wrought out by the world's Redeemer. 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."—*The Desire of Ages*, p. 671.

"We must be aided by the abiding influence of the Holy Spirit, which will attract the mind upward, and habituate it to dwell on pure and holy things."—*Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 460.

"There is not an impulse of our nature or an inclination of the heart, but needs to be, moment by moment, under the control of the Spirit of God."—*Id.*, p. 421.

"The Holy Spirit ever abides with him who is seeking for perfection of Christian character. The Holy Spirit furnishes the pure motive, the living, active principle, that sustains striving, wrestling, believing souls in every emergency and under every temptation. The Holy Spirit sustains the believer amid the world's hatred, amid the unfriendliness of relatives, amid disappointment, amid the realisation of imperfection, and amid the mistakes of life. Depending upon the matchless purity and perfection of Christ, the victory is sure to him who looks unto the Author and Finisher of our faith. We shall be more than conquerors through Him who has loved us and given Himself for us. He has borne our sins in order that, through Him, we might have moral excellence, and attain unto the perfection of Christian character. 'Our Righteousness' is our Substitute and Surety."—*Mrs. E. G. White in Review and Herald*, Nov. 30, 1897.

"In all who submit to His power, the Spirit of God will consume sin."—*The Desire of Ages*, p. 107.

As men and women who are waiting for the return of the Master, we need more of this heavenly gift. The solemn warning given in the experience of the five foolish virgins, should cause us to shun a theoretical, formal religion. We should seek God so earnestly, and surrender our hearts to Him in such a way that we know by experience that we have been born again, and have received the heavenly gift. With humility of heart and earnestness of purpose we should be daily crying to God to create in us a clean heart. As we watch and pray and search our own hearts, and through the operation of God's Spirit we see more and more of the sinfulness of sin, we shall be receiving an added supply of the oil of God's grace.

Battling against self and sin, our hearts will cry out to God, claiming the power He has promised to His children to give victory over sin. If we are doing this we shall be experiencing in our own hearts the comforting and sustaining presence of His Spirit, and as we through faith claim His promises, we shall experience the greater blessing in the abundant showers of the latter rain. "Christians are to send their petitions to the Lord of the harvest 'in the time of the latter rain.' In response, 'the Lord shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain.' 'He will cause to come down . . . the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain.'"

"But unless the members of God's church today have a living connection with the Source of all spiritual growth, they will not be ready for the time of reaping. Unless they keep their lamps trimmed and burning, they will fail of receiving added grace in times of special need.

"Those only who are constantly receiving fresh supplies of grace, will have power proportionate to their daily need and their ability to use that power. Instead of looking forward to some future time when, through a special endowment of spiritual power, they will receive a miraculous fitting up for soul-winning, they are yielding themselves daily to God, that He may make them vessels meet for His use. Daily they are improving the opportunities for service that lie within their reach. Daily they are witnessing for the Master wherever they may be,

whether in some humble sphere of labour, in the home, or in a public field of usefulness."—*The Acts of the Apostles*, p. 55.

"My brethren and sisters, plead for the Holy Spirit. God stands back of every promise He has made. With your Bibles in your hands, say: I have done as Thou hast said. I present Thy promise, 'Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.'"—*Testimonies*, Vol. 8, p. 23.

Oh, how much we need the help of God; His re-creating power must be experienced. Every day and every hour we need to plead for His Spirit to reveal our sins, and to give us the necessary help to overcome our human deficiencies. This experience is positively essential for our spiritual growth. We must permit the Spirit of the Lord to do His appointed work continually. His influence is to abide with us and prepare our hearts for the final refreshing and the return of our Saviour. If we permit God to have His way with us, what a saving influence we will exercise in our homes, in our church, and with those with whom we associate. God is willing to give His people abundant supplies of His heavenly grace.

Christ declared that the divine influence of the Spirit was to be with His followers unto the end. Our heavenly Father is more willing to give us the Holy Spirit than we are to give good gifts to our children, for He has said, "My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest." If we ask, we shall receive; if we seek, we shall find.

W. J. WESTERMAN.

Letter from Brother Hookings

Written on Board Ship

I WONDER will you be surprised to receive a letter from me, written on a beautiful day, steaming over the great South Pacific Ocean, fifteen days out from Wellington.

"When all Thy mercies, O my God,
My rising soul surveys,
Transported with the view,
I'm lost in wonder, love, and praise."

These words came to mind as I saw the glories of this summer morning in mid-ocean.

We left Wellington on May 4 at 6 p.m. Dinner followed in close order. Thursday morning I arose, feeling as brave as an old young man could be expected to feel, and read a portion of the Word. Suddenly, without any warning, my bravery vanished and I went back to bed, a very much beaten man. However, you know the proverb, "He that fights and runs away, lives to fight another day."

Strange to be just one to keep God's holy day alone; and yet not alone, for as I held Sabbath school as superintendent, teacher, and scholar, I felt that there was One mighty to save and bless with me. The teachings of Jesus were never more real and personal than they were that Sabbath day.

During the first few days the dining room had no attractions for me. Sunday was an absolute fast day, neither food nor water. Monday courage revived, so did appetite, and I have done justice to the table since then. The food is excellent, stewards most attentive, plenty of everything, and everything good. I am

afraid that our steward thinks that I am a bit of a crank, no fish, meat, tea, nor coffee; but he is very nice all the same. No opportunity yet to tell him why.

We have on board three clergymen of different churches. One holds services on Sundays; he is an Anglican. I do not know what the other two are. There are three R.C. priests, and mass is said on Sunday mornings at seven o'clock, and other days as per notice. Religion is not very fashionable, not many attend the church services. The popular matters are cards, quoits, golf, tennis, etc., etc.

A sports committee has been formed; 2/6 fee. Again I am out of it, and glad to be. Smoking everywhere; I have never seen so many women smoking, but liberty is license on board ship. It is all around me as I write. There is a well-stocked library full of up-to-date novels. Twice daily quite a crowd surround the steward for fresh books, and some of the ministers are always there for a fresh supply, and with their pipes in their mouths. To their credit, the Roman Catholic priests are not among the eager readers.

The weather daily was fairly good; some days heavy seas and the wind against us. The *Ionic* is a splendid sea boat, 12,300 tons: no rocking, no pitching,

As we approached Pitcairn the seas were very heavy, and on the 13th it looked as if the island would be cut out of our programme. I wanted to see our friends there, so prayed that the weather would clear, feeling assured that prayer would be offered for this on Pitcairn also. Sabbath morning, still heavy weather. But about 10 a.m. the wind died away, the waves subsided about noon, and the sun shone.

Watching the island through my field glasses I was delighted to see three boats well filled with men, women, and children coming toward us. All the passengers, nearly 300 of them, were soon on deck.

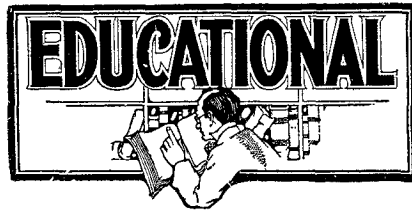
I shall not soon forget the sight of those men and women climbing up the sides of the ship, both ship and boats rising and falling on the waves. Miss Dray had written to Pitcairn telling them I would be on the *Ionic*, and very quickly I was greeted on all sides, my M.V. badge telling the story that we belonged to one another. How pleased they were to see me, how eager their questions regarding the work in New Zealand, and how disappointed they were because I could not stay with them during the Week of Prayer. Somehow they had got the notion that I was to stay with them until the next steamer, and I was truly sorry that I could not go ashore with them. They loaded me with fruit and other tokens of love and brotherhood, and their eager happy talk with me has resulted in many of the passengers coming to me and asking for information concerning them and their history, thus giving me a splendid opportunity of telling the story of our faith, why the islanders did not sell on the Sabbath, etc. One of the Anglican clergymen in particular has been with me three times for information that he may pass it on to others. Brother Christian, the Pitcairn church elder, and I had a good long talk together. He is a fine fellow and has the interest and burden of the church on his heart. I would dearly love to spend six months on the island

with them, for they surely are a very lovable people.

Their singing as the ship swung away from them was delightful to hear, and was enjoyed by many of the passengers. Within an hour of their visit to the steamer the clouds returned, and the mists came and blotted the island from our view.

On my return I hope to visit Wahroonga for a few days at least. Kindest remembrance to all the dear folks of our Sabbath School Department. God's richest blessing over all is the prayer of your brother in this blessed hope,

J. HOOKINGS.



True Happiness as Found in a College Home

AWAY in the western sky the warm rosy glow of a New Zealand sunset had faded and gone, and with it another Sabbath day had passed away forever, leaving behind in the hearts of youth blessing and peace. Darkness began to creep over the fields, bringing with it the moaning of the winter wind and the pattering, patter of raindrops on the window panes. Cheerfully contrasting with the cold blackness without, was the brightly lighted dining room of the college.

Students of the N. Z. Missionary College are always happy, but that night their faces seemed brighter than usual. No member of the faculty had made any announcement about a social gathering in the girls' parlour, but somehow every one was talking about it. Every one knew for a positive fact there was going to be one. Students are the most capable people in the world for putting two and two together.

A slight tap of the bell on the preceptor's table hushed the happy sounds of voices and caused every eye to turn in his direction. He arose slowly,—

"There will be a social gathering to-night in the girls' parlour at a quarter past seven."

And then he sat down. Of course we had been expecting that; it wasn't news to us; still there was a sense of satisfaction in knowing at last our talk had been authenticated.

Ten minutes past seven saw groups of smiling young people trooping up the stairs toward the girls' parlour. A number of visitors were present, and especially did we welcome Brother and Sister Leeder, who are soon to go to labour in Samoa.

Brother Leeder invited God to be present with us. We know the main reason for our true happiness is the fact that we take God into our pleasure as well as into our work and devotion.

Several new and interesting games were introduced, as well as the good old game of "family coach." Lovers of music and poetry will remember the evening by the delightful items that were rendered. En-

joyed by many were the two pianoforte duets given by Misses Violet Parker and Jean Wilkinson, and Mrs. Judge and Miss Dorothy Rosendahl. Sweet and beautiful harmony came in the form of two vocal duets sung by Brother and Sister Clark, while Sister M. V. White recited a lengthy piece of prose, bringing very vivid and real scenes before our eyes of the wild coast of old Fiji, the life of her people, and the white man's God who has become the prayer-hearing and prayer-answering God of the dusky Fijian.

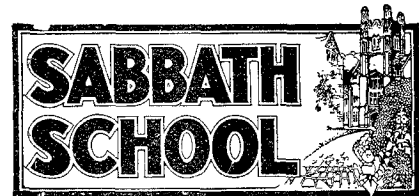
Young and old alike enjoyed a real hearty laugh when Brother Vetter read a humorous reading concerning a French tourist's difficulty with the English language.

All good things come to an end, sometimes too quickly. At the close of this enjoyable evening Brother Judge pronounced the benediction.

That happy time together was just one example of the many happy times spent at N.Z. Missionary College. The faculty provide us with such gatherings once a month, besides the many pleasant Saturday evenings we spend in the chapel listening to the big electric gramophone. Once last term our principal favoured us with a very interesting travelogue on the crossing of the Great Australian Desert, and we have the promise of another such talk dealing with life in Queensland to look forward to.

If any of my readers chance to visit the land of "mountains and bush, ferns and bellbirds," always remember you are very welcome at the "Home of Opportunity," and I assure you of finding a large happy family enjoying the blessings that come with living in the best place on earth,—the New Zealand Missionary College.

GWEN HARTLEY.



The Wahroonga Sabbath School

SOME interesting facts came to light when we looked over the Wahroonga Sabbath school record at June 30. For the first time in the history of the school the membership totalled 401. This includes 65 Home Division members, 15 in the Travelling Workers' Department, and 6 on the Cradle Roll, besides the 315 who attend the school regularly.

Would you like to know which are the twelve largest Sabbath schools in Australasia? The list is as follows, according to the latest figures:

1. Wahroonga	-	401
2. Talate (New Guinea)	-	340
3. Avondale Village	-	282
4. A. M. College	-	252
5. Emirau (New Guinea)	-	250
6. Wanegale (Papua)	-	233
7. Tasitel (New Guinea)	-	220
8. Tomakanaru (New Guinea)	-	200
9. Pitcairn Island	-	180
10. Stanmore (Sydney)	-	177
11. Warburton (Vic.)	-	171
12. Brisbane City (Q.)	-	167

Other schools in the homeland and the Solomon Islands are above the century mark, but we give only the first dozen. We wonder how long the headquarters school will continue to lead the way.

The average attendance at Wairoonga last quarter was the highest in the history of the school; so was also the number maintaining a perfect record. One factor that helped in this was the faithfulness of the Sanitarium nurses in having their own study of the Sabbath school lesson when their hours of duty prevented them from attending the school itself. Every week an average of seventeen of the absentees reported daily study, and nineteen of those on duty found time on Sabbath to go right through their lesson. The reports were gathered promptly each week by five nurses, one in each year's class. This meant an encouraging increase in our chart figures, compared with the previous quarters, when some nurses were away so much that they were not included in the membership count.

Looking over the list of nearly 100 who maintained a perfect record last quarter, we notice the names of three busy doctors, two travelling workers, and a number of nurses who, though they have other Bible classes and heavy studies, feel they cannot afford to miss the daily study of these excellent Sabbath school lessons. On the list also we find the names of sick folk who, though prevented from attending in person, are among the most faithful stand-bys of the school. The Home Department envelopes that come in each quarter end are a great help to our school. Offerings from this division alone amounted to over £12 last quarter. What an asset to any school its Home Division members can be! Happy is the school that keeps in regular touch with them. If this is read by any who cannot attend a Sabbath school, will you not procure a lesson pamphlet and join in the study?

On an average there were nineteen visitors at the Wairoonga school every week.

The school aimed to give £140 in offerings last quarter,—£7 10s. per week, and £50 on the Thirteenth Sabbath. This was exceeded by £6 0s. 2d. We were fortunate in having a member of our school return from New Guinea during the last week of the quarter bringing us a first-hand report. We wish you all could have heard Brother Hammond tell of meeting many hundreds of genuinely converted men and women who first heard of Christ ten months ago. A vast territory equally promising is waiting for us to enter. The offering that day, £56 17s. 2d, was our highest in two years. Especially interesting to us, too, was the object to be helped by the overflow offering,—the building of a new mission house on North Ambrym, New Hebrides, for two ex-Sanitarium nurses, Brother and Sister David Ferris.

To the large number throughout the field who have at some time been members of the Wairoonga Sabbath school, we send greetings, and to all others who are seeking to promote the ideals for which the Sabbath school stands.

VIOLA M. ROGERS,
Secretary.

What Is Our Place in History? —No. 8

WE live not in the days of Noah. His 120 years and the deluge cataclysm have both gone by. We dwell not with the postdiluvian people; their ambitions and their Babel tower live but in the dream of time and in the ruins on Shinar. The days of Abraham are past, the 430 years allotted to Israel have long since ended, and the deliverance of her 3,000,000 slaves lives on the divine page of the long ago. The 480 years measuring to the foundation of Solomon's great temple, have also fled, and that most costly pile has disappeared. The 369 years reaching to Judah's captivity lie over yonder, all behind the hills of time.

When God could no longer take measurement by His people, the kingdoms of a world were brought in, and their glory was taken for the measuring line. But the kingdoms are gone. The great historic road has been swept clean, and the gold, the silver, the brass, and the iron kingdoms mentioned in the prophecy have all fallen into decay. One after another they went down, measuring their lengthon the sands of time, but the fall was great, and all the world heard it. Now the divided world has appeared, and the "ten" kingdoms of Europe have become the enigma of human thought.

Why could not those divisions combine, or be combined? Why must they remain separate entities? Why could not some great genius arise who could sway a sceptre over them all, and give another universal empire to the world? No! It must not be. The Word declares, "They shall not cleave one to another."

Often through the years the hope of a united world has gripped and inspired the

sons of men. It has been planned for, dreamed of, fought for, and died for, but it has never materialised, and now, after all human scheming, it is farther away than ever.

Man's Vain Endeavour

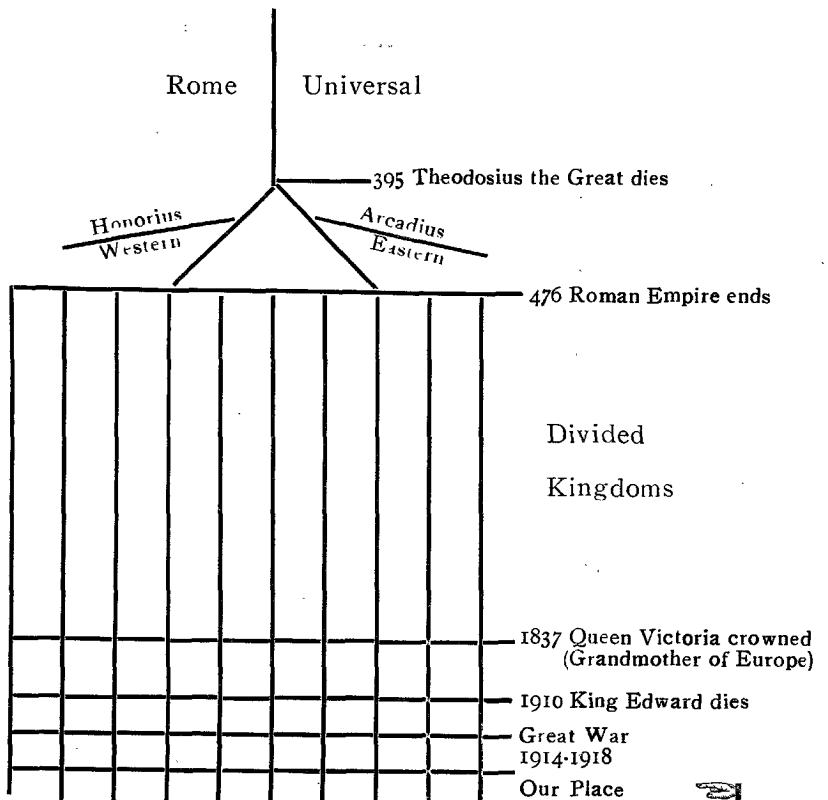
In the year 800 A.D., on Christmas Day, Charlemagne was crowned by Pope Leo III as king of the Western world. He fought for his dream empire for more than thirty years, then died without its realisation. Otto the Great was crowned in 936 A.D. He conquered with the thought of a world kingdom in view, but he died in 973, and the dream was not.

Napoleon coveted the sceptre and power of a kingdom that would reach from sea to sea. He trampled the armies of Europe in seas of blood in hope of accomplishing his design; divorced his wife, Josephine, and married a princess of Austria in hope of a son to whom a universal sceptre might be given, the sceptre that he would win. But Napoleon died a prisoner on the island of St. Helena, and the boy lies in an unknown grave.

After all these endeavours comes the hold boast of the Kaiser. "From childhood I have been under the influence of five men, Alexander, Julius Cæsar, Theodor the Second, Frederick the Great, and Napoleon. Each of these men dreamed of world empire. They failed. I am dreaming a dream of a German world empire, and my mailed fist shall succeed." But that "mailed fist" has been lost among the common people, and the dream is no more.

God's Last Historic Picture

A divided Europe lies before us today. The days of "mingling" are past. We



stand this side of the attempted cohesion of these fragments of empire. The "world's peacemaker" is dead, and the Great War has severed every tie that bound them together.

Kind reader, the scroll of earth's history lies before you. Where are we in that history today? All these evident landmarks are in the past. We see them living only in the pages of history, and in the divided world of today. From the silent lips of the Unseen there comes the proclamation of the next staging in the great drama, "In the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom."

The New Kingdom

That kingdom is to stand forever. It will not take in any of the tinsel or human glory of earthly empires. Like the dust of the threshing floor, earth's greatness is to pass into eternal ruin. Sin is to be burned out of God's possession, and a renewed creation, with the city from heaven as its capital, will smile an eternal welcome to "Him whose right it is."

Will you be there? Will you help others to be there? This is the crisis hour of all the ages. Human history is in the past, divine history just before us. Jehovah has borne long with earth's rebellious kingdoms. Soon He must take into His own hand the government dishonoured by men. The everlasting gospel, that gospel that must be preached in all the world for a witness, must tell the story and the kingdoms must come.

Yes! the crisis hour is upon us. We are standing between the kingdoms of a divided world and the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Let this thought control and overrule all your actions. Let it modify all your earthly ambitions. Write it upon your very soul, and make your life a partnership with God in pushing His great work of salvation. Amen.

R. HARE.

Progress at Monamona

FROM Monamona Mission, North Queensland, Sister Herbert Mills wrote when sending in her Sabbath school report for the quarter closing June 30: "You will notice an increase in our membership, which is now 148, and the average attendance, 140, is the best we have had for some time. Fourteen are now to receive bookmarks for a perfect record ranging from the first to the seventh year.

"The old people [aborigines] are difficult to impress spiritually, but they seem stirred of late. During the Week of Prayer, even though it rained very heavily practically all the week, yet the old people turned out to the meetings every night, and the old women go to the children's meetings in the afternoon. There seems to be a much better attendance at all the meetings, and a deeper interest in spiritual things. Brother Broad conducts a prayer band every Sunday morning at 5.30 with the workers to pray for these people. We would love to see some of these old people step out and obey God's Word.

"The Lord is indeed good to us. He has provided for the needs of the mission when everything about us seemed dark and gloomy. The timber getters all around marvel that there is always work

for the mission when they cannot get any orders. Everything seems to be moving along nicely in the general mission work.

"I am very sorry to say that Sister Branford is very ill, suffering from neuritis and sciatica. Brother and Sister Branford are in charge of the dormitory girls, with forty-four different characters to deal with every day, and their ages range from three years to about thirty-two."

SOUTH NEW SOUTH WALES

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

With Our Missions

SINCE our report in May, some advance moves have been made in the mission work of this conference. Without an exception, the work is being held very strongly in every centre. In spite of the cold and bleak weather that we have been experiencing of late, the interest in our public meetings continues good. Our brief résumé of the full activities, will, I am sure, show that God is still blessing abundantly in this work.

Bathurst.—In my last report we forecast a large baptism at the Bathurst church. This took place in June, and we were happy to baptise thirty-six people on that occasion. Seven of these are members of the Bathurst church, and still others there will be ready for baptism a little later. The work of Pastor H. C. Harker is very much appreciated indeed. The newspapers continue to give much space week by week to Pastor Harker, thus enabling him to preach to a very large unseen audience. We know that where seed is sown, harvest sometime will come.

Blayney.—Here the weather has been bitterly cold of late, but the interest is still warm. Brother J. Eggin has already some to report who have decided for the truth, and tithing is beginning to find its way to the conference treasury from this centre.

Lyndhurst, Gallymont, Mandurama.—Since my last letter Pastor W. M. R. Scragg has found it advisable to move his residence from Carcoar to Mandurama, where he is more in the centre of his work. Miss D. Phillips is still at Gallymont. There were eight good folk from this centre baptised at Bathurst. The interest continues good throughout this district, and Pastor Scragg is finding his time more than occupied in keeping in touch with folk who are anxious to know more of the truth.

Cowra.—The Cowra church is beginning to take on the likeness of an old established church. It was my privilege to visit this centre again recently, accompanied by Pastor Robert Hare. While Pastor R. Hare took the service in Cowra, I went with Pastor Behrens to the district of Woodstock, where a bright, interesting Sabbath school is conducted. The Sunday evening meetings are still being continued by Pastor Behrens, and he reports a good interest in the Cowra district.

Grenfell.—Leaving Cowra immediately after lunch on Sabbath, July 2, we went to Grenfell, where it was our privilege to organise a new church with twenty-three charter members. A few weeks before, nineteen of these had journeyed down to Bathurst for the baptismal service. Another class of candidates will be ready for baptism within the next few weeks. The members just now are discussing ways and means to build a church.

Narrandera.—The work in Narrandera, under the care of Brethren R. H. Powrie and J. A. Lawson, is moving on steadily. We are planning for Brother Lawson to go to Leeton to open work there before camp. Brother Powrie will remain to build up and consolidate the work at Narrandera. We shall have to wait for warmer weather before anything definite can be planned in this centre for a baptism.

Wagga.—Since my last report Pastor J. Thompson has moved to Wagga. While he has not been able to commence a public effort yet, principally because it is impossible to find any available public hall, he has been working among the church members, and also visiting Tumut and the interests at Oberne Creek. Pastor Thompson reports that he finds two splendid families of inquirers down there. He has interests around Adelong also. The good folk at Tumut are doing their best without a resident worker. They are finding their new church building a good acquisition.

Albury.—Pastor E. R. Whitehead finds his time fully occupied in the work at Albury. He is also visiting a family some sixty miles up the Murray who have accepted the message. The intense cold weather has interfered somewhat with the attendance at the meetings, but this will soon be over, and then we hope for larger congregations.

Nowra.—Brethren W. H. Stevens and E. H. Parsons are facing difficulties; nevertheless the seed is being sown. Since the testing truths have been presented a number of people are still attending the meetings regularly. As surely as we sow the seed the harvest will come.

North Sydney.—Brother T. J. Bradley is holding a good interest in his meetings at Crow's Nest, and is finding his time fully occupied. He is now working with a baptismal class. We recently were privileged to baptise fifteen in the North Sydney church, and what pleased us a good deal was the fact that twelve of these were young people who have grown up in the church. It was a very happy occasion indeed. North Sydney anticipates another such service very shortly.

Bondi Junction.—The interest in Bondi Junction still continues, and Pastor H. Letts has found the work single-handed there quite a strain. We are very glad, however, that Pastor J. W. Kent's health is sufficiently on the mend for him to begin to help out again. Last Sunday night, July 10, he paid Bondi Junction a visit, and I know his message was appreciated by those who had listened to him six months before. We had a very fine meeting at the Woollahra church on June 25, when the new Sabbath-keepers from this mission and the Woollahra church members combined their service, and the ordin-

ances of the Lord's house were celebrated. This was the first time that many of these people had heard of such a service, and they were deeply impressed by it.

Earlwood.—The meetings conducted by Pastor J. S. Stewart have been appreciated so much that it has been found necessary to extend this work to Sabbath afternoons. It has not been possible to secure a hall, so Sister Perrott has very kindly opened her home for the time being at least. It was very encouraging to know that more than twenty were present at the meeting last week.

Kurrajong, Richmond.—Brother S. R. Maunder reports that heavy opposition is being met, and at the time of writing he was arranging to meet one of the leading men in discussion. The Sunday school is going ahead in good style, and they have had to add another teacher this quarter. We learn that at a recent meeting on Sabbath there were eighteen adults present.

Stanmore, Parramatta.—Since my last report missions have been opened in both of these centres, which are being manned almost entirely by church members. We have been very pleased to give them a lead and a little help with some of the preaching, but the bulk of the work in connection with these two missions is being done by the church members. They have been running Sunday night meetings now for almost a month, and a good interest is being manifested. At Stanmore the services are being held in the church, while at Parramatta they are using the Progress Hall at Northmead. We appreciate very much, as a conference, the whole-hearted way in which the church members are entering into this work.

Lithgow, Thirroul, Enfield.—In these three centres strong work is being carried forward. A number are awaiting baptism at Lithgow, and at the request of Brother Penman, the elder of the Lithgow church, we are arranging for a baptismal service to be held there on August 14. At Thirroul Brother Broadfoot, the elder of the Wollongong church, is still maintaining the mission that he has been running for some time. He goes from his home twice a week, rain or shine, and frequently has to walk ten miles home after doing a hard day's work in the mines. In a letter received from him today he says he is very happy in the work, and can begin to see results coming from it now. He is looking to the time when a little church company will be gathered out at Thirroul. The work in Enfield is in the care of Pastor J. S. Stewart, who has the co-operation of the church members of the district. Though this interest is not very large, we believe that results will come from it.

Open Air.—Brother T. A. Mitchell and his men are still holding the fort at the corner of Pitt and Goulburn Streets, Sydney, each Saturday night. Experiences are many and varied. We pass one on to you to show you that the seed is being sown. Two months ago a Roman Catholic listened for a while, and decided the mission folk had something he did not have. He procured a Bible, but it was burnt at his home. The priest was called in to labour with him, and gave him a month to recant or be excommunicated. The month rolled by, another Bible was

purchased, only to disappear from where it was hidden. Excommunication day came and the announcement was made, but still he joined in the mission circle. The third Bible is a pocket one, and is carried around and treasured, too. The rosary beads were handed over to a worker of the city mission. Studies were held with this earnest seeker for truth, with the result that he has been tithe-paying now for the last month and is awaiting baptism.

Pastoral.—Sabbath, June 18, will be a red letter day in the history of the Stanmore church, when the seating capacity was taxed as it surely has never been before. The occasion was the ordination of Brother R. Govett, senior, and the large attendance gave ample testimony of the very high esteem in which he is held by the members of this conference. The meeting was a very solemn one. As an introduction to it, a child was brought forward by its mother and was dedicated to the service of God. This seemed to lay a fitting foundation for the exercises that followed. Pastor Robert Hare, the veteran worker in this field, with forty-seven years of ministerial work behind him, preached the address, while Pastor W. J. Westerman, the Vice-President of the Union Conference, delivered the charge. In addition to these, five of the local ordained ministers were present. Pastor Govett pronounced the benediction, and it was felt by all that God's Spirit had been present. Pastor Govett's work will continue around the city and suburbs, where he is kept exceptionally busy visiting our folk.

Pastor H. Mitchell is in from the country just now, as the weather there is too cold for him to travel as he usually does. He is attending to some of the interests on the outskirts of the city, and also strengthening our work within the city radius.

Brother F. Masters is still stationed at Bowral. He writes very encouragingly of the interests he has found there while working with our truth-filled literature.

Missionary Volunteer.—Brother E. L. Minchin has just returned to the office after a five weeks' country tour in the interests of the young people. Commencing at Albury, he visited companies at Wagga, Tumut, Cootamundra, Coomban- ing, Harden, Young, Cowra, Woodstock, Carcoar, Parkes, Lithgow, and Bathurst and he reports a very blessed and profitable time spent with our good people. We have an army of noble boys and girls in these places. May God bless and strengthen them to witness faithfully just where they are.

Camp-Meeting.—We were hoping to hold a camp on the other side of the city this year, but in view of the finances and the apparent impossibility of finding a suitable ground elsewhere, we have again decided on Concord Park. October 4 is our opening date. We are planning to start on Tuesday instead of Thursday, thus making the camp of twelve days' duration instead of ten.

Our baptismal register shows a steadily mounting total of 148 baptised since last camp. The field staff are all working as hard as they can, and I believe we have a very happy staff connected with the South N.S.W. Conference. Our church elders are nobly giving of their best, and we know that God's blessing will rest upon

our united effort. The difficulties are greater than ever before and the opposition is more subtle. We are looking forward to the camp-meeting as an opportunity of drawing nearer to God, and of retracing our steps over some of the main fundamentals of the message that are so dear to our hearts.

REUBEN E. HARE.

NORTH NEW SOUTH WALES

PRESIDENT: E. H. GUILLIARD
SECRETARY: H. S. STREETER

With the Church at Gosford

ON Sabbath, July 16, the Gosford church held its tenth anniversary services. Nature put on her spring garments, and the weather was perfect for the occasion. A number of brethren and sisters came from Ourimbah, Lisarow, and other places in the surrounding district. Motors and horse vehicles were both employed, and some of these had travelled far from among the hills. The church was crowded during all the services of the day.

In the morning at ten the Sabbath school was called, Brother A. W. Martin from Avondale taking the review. The lesson on sin, its nature and consequences, proved interesting. Several items were also given by the young people from the college that added pleasure and variety to the exercises.

This was followed by the morning service, the subject of the world's last hope being the theme for study. God always sent a message to His people prior to the different crises in world history. In each of these warnings lay the hope of salvation. In these last days the hope of salvation lies in the message that separates from the world, and tells of Christ's return.

Commencing early in the afternoon, there followed the young people's meeting. A varied programme of readings, recitations, and songs dealing with the question of "youth" was given in a well-thought-out plan. All were interested, and those who shared in the programme did excellent work. These meetings are surely a great opportunity for educating our young people for the service of the King.

Later another study followed, dealing with the fact that God has no place in His plan for a "second probation." In some way His light has lighted "every man that cometh into the world." Enough light has been given for salvation if men will follow that light.

All through it was a good day for all who had assembled. At the time of closing, Brother Cowan called for an assurance of dedication to God and His work. The whole congregation responded by rising. Yes, it was a good day!

For ten years the church in Gosford has been working. Brother Cowan can now see some of the fruits of his earnest endeavours in the district. The light is spreading and others are coming. Brother Parsons, who gave the land for the church building, has fallen asleep, but the work goes on. Brother Murray, who helped largely with the building work, has moved to another district. With the help of a

number of earnest workers the church was opened free of debt. Brother Edsall served well as elder till he moved to a distant locality.

Brother Cowan and his family rejoice greatly in the evidence of progress now seen in the Gosford work. Of late a number of Avondale college members have been holding Sunday night meetings in one of the picture theatres, and a lively interest has been awakened.

May the kindly blessing of the Lord rest over all the dear hearts and earnest workers in this district. It was a great privilege to be with them, though only for a few short hours. Such meetings must prove a help in binding the hearts of God's people together. Association must prove a blessing to the people of God while on their way to the great family reunion of the hereafter.

Forget not that the reaping time will come, and the message will prove a hope of salvation to many. Our part is the sowing, God must do the reaping!

R. HARE.

SOUTH NEW ZEALAND

PRESIDENT: S. L. PATCHING

SECRETARY: A. S. HERBERT

Notes from South New Zealand

SIX months of another year have gone by, and as we look back over the months which have slipped into history we feel grateful to God for His loving kindness and tender watchcare.

In the three centres where mission work has been operating, the missionaries engaged in the work report success. Far south in Invercargill Pastor A. I. Mitchell reports at least twelve converts preparing for baptism, while others are interested and will doubtless be baptised before the end of the year. At least one very fine young man has taken hold in Dunedin, where Brother W. J. Richards is labouring. Others are interested, and we look for further fruit before the end of the year.

In the city of Christchurch, Pastor Sibley and his two assistants have baptised thirty-one thus far this year, and look forward to another good harvest of souls before the end of the season.

Judging by the reports reaching the office, the members throughout the conference enjoyed many blessings and gained definite victories during the Week of Prayer this year. The offering amounted to £149 4s. 5d., which is only £7 9s. 1d. less than last year.

Carefully-thought-out plans were laid this year for the *Interpreter of the Times* campaign, and we are looking forward to very definite results from the effort. As I visit among the churches, I find the members are enthusiastically working among the people. May God send us a harvest of souls from this personal work.

The treasurer reports £2,203 11s. 2d. tithe for the half year ending June 30, which is £70 less than the corresponding period of last year. The Sabbath school and young people's offerings are down also; but when we remember that many of our brethren are on relief work, and

that all have a much lower income than formerly, we feel the returns are very satisfactory.

Most people feel elated when they establish records, but nobody in New Zealand feels overjoyed over the most recent success of this Dominion. In a recent issue of a Dominion daily paper it was stated that the increase in unemployment in New Zealand for the last eighteen months amounts to 887 per cent [nearly nine times what it was], which is said to be the world's record. In order to relieve some of the distress which we see on every hand, the three churches in Christchurch have organised themselves into the United Seventy-day Adventist Churches Home Welfare Society.

In a combined service held recently, an appeal was made for old gold, which was to be sold and the money used to purchase coal and other fuel. As a result of this appeal over £20 worth of old gold has been received and sold and the proceeds credited to the Coal Fund. Clean garments all the way from baby's firsts to men's suits have been received and passed on to the needy. Not only do we plan to assist our own church members, but as far as it lies in our power we hope to relieve some of the distress of those not of our faith. We believe that in doing this we are fulfilling the Lord's plan.

Many of our colporteurs are finding the way very hard this year; but notwithstanding the difficulties, they are facing the work bravely and are going forward with their work, believing that God will bless them and make it possible for them to continue in the literature ministry. When we know that prices of all primary produce have absolutely collapsed, then we can understand that there is a great shortage of money in circulation at this particular time, and consequently the reading public do not have the same amount of money to spend on literature as they have had in days gone by. Serious illness has also affected some of the men in the field, and we are praying to the Lord that He will strengthen these brethren that they may be able to continue in the good work to which He has called them.

The hand of death has taken captive some of God's children, but, speaking generally, the church members are enjoying good health.

As a band of workers we are enjoying our labours for the Lord, and daily pray that He will make us more efficient in our service.

S. L. PATCHING.

WEDDING BELLS

Todd-Piercy.—On June 22, Miss Margaret E. Piercy of Tully, N.Q., was united in marriage with Cedric Todd, son of Brother W. S. Todd, elder of the Ayr church. Many are the congratulations and wishes that God will bless this union. The young couple will reside in Ayr.

A. C. CHESSON.

THE A. U. C. Treasurer has received an anonymous remittance of £2 tithe, and thanks the sender.

OBITUARIES

Wyatt.—At the Fawcner Cemetery, Melbourne, on July 5, to his last resting place we committed Richard William, the beloved husband of Mrs. A. Wyatt, a loyal member of the North Fitzroy church. Born in Melbourne seventy-five years ago, the deceased had walked life's way with his dear wife for forty-five years. At the last two camp-meetings held in Melbourne he was in attendance and great was his joy at the privilege. One son and two daughters, one of whom is Sister A. Dickins of Euroa, also mourn their loss. At the home in Collingwood and at the graveside, services were conducted by the writer. To the time when there shall be no more pain these dear ones look forward with joyful anticipation. Hasten on, glad day!

A. H. WHITE.

Richards.—Sister Mary Anne Richards died on Sabbath, June 18, at Wallsend, N.S.W., at the age of seventy-one years. Funeral services were conducted in the Wallsend church and at the graveside by the writer, assisted by Brother J. T. Banks, and other members of the Hamilton church. Sister Richards has left three sons and a number of other relatives to mourn their loss. Our late sister was baptised seven years ago as a result of the work done by Brethren A. Mitchell and Mann. Sister Richards loved the church, its members, and its message, and now quietly rests from her suffering and labours, awaiting the call to a blessed immortality, promised to all the ransomed of God. "Sweet be thy rest."

R. A. SALTON.

Arthur.—While travelling in the train from his home at Bexhill to Lismore on June 23, Brother William Moles Arthur expired suddenly of heart failure, at the age of seventy-five. In 1882 Brother Arthur selected land at Corndale, in the Lismore district, where he resided for fifty years. In 1901, following an interest created by a colporteur, the Corndale church was raised up by Pastor F. W. Paap, and Brother Arthur was its first elder. He leaves a faithful and loving wife, four sons, and five daughters, all of whom are in the message. One son Brother Edward Arthur, is an elder of the Lismore church; and another, Bert, is the elder of the Corndale church; while one of the daughters is Sister Robert Cooke, of Wahroonga, whose husband is connected with the Sydney Sanitarium engineering department. A short service was held at the home, and the last rites at the graveside were conducted by the writer in the presence of a very large gathering of relatives and friends.

C. J. REYNOLDS.

Return Thanks

ON behalf of my two daughters and self, I desire to thank our dear people for their many letters, telegrams, cards, and floral wreaths, expressing sympathy in our recent sad bereavement in the death of our loved one. It is impossible to write personal letters to all. To the fellow students of the Avondale of pioneer days I send my loving message of hope and courage. Let us press on, for we sorrow not as those who have no hope.

FRANCES N. WAUGH.

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SINCE receiving the letter from our Division President, appearing on this page, Pastor Turner has returned home from Fiji, arriving in Sydney July 21 by the *Mariposa*. He reports a wonderfully good general meeting in Fiji, with about 700 in attendance. He has brought some interesting reports with him which will appear in subsequent issues.

RETURNING to Fiji from furlough, Pastor and Mrs. Gordon Branster and their three children sailed from Sydney by the *Niagara* on July 21. They were accompanied by Nurse Eileen Felsch, Mrs. Branster's sister, who plans to remain in Fiji for a few months.

"WE shall have six city missions operating in Melbourne shortly," writes Brother W. S. Renn, the Home Missions Secretary for Victoria. "We departmental leaders are planning to commence a mission in Ringwood on July 31, and are hoping that our evangelistic effort will be blessed of God. Pastor A. H. White is also commencing an effort in Windsor the first week in August, which will bring the total up to six in the metropolitan area."

BROTHER T. W. HAMMOND, our Division Treasurer, says: "We were interested in one of our missionaries' reports that came to hand this week. It showed that during the month he had preached 9 sermons, had taken 60 other meetings, had made 88 missionary visits, had given 567 treatments, had given away 30 periodicals, and had written 34 missionary letters. This certainly reveals the fact that our missionaries, like the Master whom they seek to emulate, go about doing good."

SISTER J. R. JAMES writes from Papua: "We have started a sewing class. The attendance increases each week. Last week there were over thirty. Some young boys came along; they were just as interested as the girls. Our supply of pieces is very limited. We just hate to say we cannot take any more into the class, they are so eager to learn. After the first lesson they asked if they could come back at daylight to continue the lesson. We explained it was a class to be held once a week. The next week they came a day earlier than the set time. I was wondering if there were any of our folk who have scraps lying idly around who would care to send us a parcel. Even small pieces, 2 x 3 inches are useable, so long as it is a piece, regardless of size and shape. Some of our pupils have not even one article of clothing; we are teaching them to sew small skirts and loincloths. They sew each patch twice, so as to get as

much practice as possible out of the one piece." Sister James' address is S.D.A. Mission, Aroma, via Port Moresby, Papua. Parcels may be sent direct or to the A.U.C. Buying Agency, 220 Sussex St., Sydney.

Letter from Pastor Turner

AFTER nearly four weeks' visitation to many of our stations, and to each of the districts within the Fiji Group, I am back in Suva, preparatory to attending the *bose* which commences tonight at Nukulau, a delightful island situated within the reef, about eight miles from Suva.

My contact with the people, sharing their homes, and partaking of their food, has been of interest and pleasure. I have been deeply impressed with the measure of courtesy and the spirit of kindness that have been everywhere extended, and have found here as elsewhere some real gems, won from conditions far removed from God, but now rejoicing in the glad experience of a living Saviour. Some of the experiences of these folk will make interesting matter for our members in the homeland, inspiring them with greater confidence in God's power to save and to keep, and revealing a spirit of self-sacrifice equal to anything I have ever met.

The *bose* promises to be easily a record one so far as attendance is concerned. From all quarters the people are pouring in, and Pastor Rudge estimates an attendance of upwards of 400 people.

From the Wainibuka River territory alone, thirty bamboo rafts, canoes, and flat-bottomed boats are on the way, carrying upwards of 150 people, whose arrival will be quite a picture, while from every point other companies are reported. We anticipate a very helpful time together. The meeting commences tonight, and finishes on Tuesday. I catch the *Mariposa* on Friday, July 15, and shall be home in six days.

Our workers are all well, and all excepting Brother H. R. Steed will be at the meeting. He is in the midst of erecting the school at Buca Bay. It is necessary for this to be completed without delay, so that certain Government financial aid can be given us for 1933.

A mail is due tomorrow from Australia. I am hoping to receive some word from the office and from home.

W. G. TURNER.

Had Been Keeping the Sabbath for Three Years

ONE of our colporteurs in Tasmania recently came across a person who was keeping the Sabbath, but who was not in touch with us. What a good plan is this hunting and fishing colporteur plan! I wrote to this lady, and here is her reply:

"Dear Mr. Rampton,—

"I received your letter, and was pleased to hear from you. I have been keeping the Sabbath for about three years. I learned about it in London, England, many years ago, and attempted to keep it for a short time, but gave it up when it threatened to wreck my otherwise happy married life. I did not go back to Sunday-keeping, and for years I did not keep any day at all, but the Lord was very patient with me. I could not forget the Sabbath, and always tried to arrange my

work so as to do as little as possible on that day. After I had been in Tasmania some years He put the *Signs of the Times* in my way, and I learned from reading it that it was not merely a matter of keeping the wrong day, as I had thought, but a principle that lay at the very root of Christianity. I enjoy reading all the articles in the paper, and the broadcast sermons are very inspiring.

"I was very pleased to meet Mr. ——. He is the second Seventh-day Adventist I have met since living at ——. I am glad to hear the work is progressing so wonderfully, and I shall be pleased to receive any papers from time to time you may care to send. Now with Christian good wishes, I am, yours sincerely, ——"

F. G. RAMPTON.

Results from "Interpreter" Work

FOR several weeks I have been visiting *Signs* subscribers and others whose interest was created by the *Interpreter*. On his first visit with the *Interpreter* Brother J. R. Kent found an interested couple, and as his work with the colporteurs has called him away, I am now giving Bible studies in that home. The wife is already attending the Sabbath services at the Hornsby church.

Another very fine couple with whom I have held two Bible studies has made a definite decision for the Sabbath. These people received last year's *Interpreter*, and the papers created a little interest, but no definite follow-up work was done. The sister of the first church member that called, visited them while Ingathering this year, and received an order to deliver the *Signs* weekly. They have also received this year's *Interpreter* during my visits, and at the second Bible study made their decision to keep the Sabbath and follow all the light they had received.

I am also holding studies with another deeply interested person, as a result of the work of a church member with this year's *Interpreter*. This sister, who is a new member, felt very nervous at the thought of visiting homes with the paper, but she prayed earnestly for the Lord to help her. During the afternoon she was invited into the home of this woman, and the Lord used our sister to give a very comforting and helpful message. This person said that the Lord had surely sent our sister along to help her. I have given one Bible study in this home, and have an appointment again this week. Another home near by is also open for visits as the result of this sister's missionary work with the *Interpreter*.

Other persons I am visiting and supplying with literature receive me very kindly, but a little time is needed to work up a definite interest.

No doubt our members have received the copies of the special *Signs*, and we would urge all to do their very best to follow up the *Interpreter* with the *Signs* and make definite attempts to secure subscribers and weekly deliveries of this good paper. It may interest you to learn that every one of these subscribers I have visited recently is sending the paper on to others, and one very definite interest is reported from the far west, of a woman being led to seek very earnestly to live the Christian life. We hope to obtain the name and do follow-up work with this person also.

W. J. WESTERMAN.