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A Message to the Young People of the Advent Movement

From the General Conference Missionary Volunteer Secretary

LET us turn for the inspiration of this message to an experience of our Saviour found in Luke 9:51: "And it came to pass, when the time was come that He should be received up, He stedfastly set His face to go to Jerusalem."

Jesus recognised the trial which was before Him. He knew that He was to be called upon for the supreme sacrifice. He knew that for the sake of humanity He must suffer the crucifixion, and that meant to accept the burden of sin for the world and to suffer separation from God. Yet He did not waver in His purpose to fulfil the will of God, and even though He knew the dangers and difficulties which would confront Him, when He recognised that the time had arrived He set His face to go to the place where God wanted Him to go.

Young people of the Advent faith know that the Lord's coming is near. The signs indicate, and we know that the time of His appearing is come. How earnestly, therefore, we should set our faces to enter into the spirit of sacrifice and unqualified consecration that shall be required of those who bear the banner of the cross and the last warning of our Lord to a world in sin.

Analogies are for the purpose of drawing lessons for the future. Their purpose is not to qualify the past. Twenty-five years ago there were about 7,000 Missionary Volunteers. In 1931 we had an average membership for the year of 79,483. In the fourth quarter of 1930 the membership was reported as high as 84,202. There is much in the story of these years of progress. There is much of inspiration. That which concerns me at the present time is that we shall, in the days to come, have as clear a vision of our place as young people in the Advent movement as had those who organised the work. The vision of the founders was clear. They set out to lay plans for the youth "to save from sin and guide in service." They developed their work along all the natural interests of youth: devotional, educational, social, and religious. The influence of the Young Peo-

ple's Society has been a positive and inspiring factor in the lives of thousands of young people.

The purpose of the founders of the movement today stands before us intensified by the years of achievement and by the fact that we are near the coming of our Lord. The early pioneers of the movement were men and women who cared little for their reputation or their standing in this world, but they were mightily concerned that the truth, the message, and the saving power of Jesus should be made known to the world.

Elder James White was a school teacher in the State of Maine. He might have had for his life's ambition to become the outstanding school man of his State. Such an ambition would have been worthy. It would have brought him at the end of his days respect and honour from many communities and from hundreds of youth grown to manhood. But, realising a purpose higher and holier than any worthwhile worldly achievement, he turned aside from that to advance the cause of the message in the days before there was a church to support him. There was no tithing system. There was no conference. There was no job, or salary. Earning his way as he went, by dint of hard labour, undaunted by difficulties, he set out upon the untried track, and the years have justified his faith.

Elder Joseph Bates was a man in whose heart the Advent and Sabbath messages were supreme interests. When he returned from the meeting where he first studied the Sabbath truth, walking along the street to his home, a neighbour asked him, "Mr. Bates, what's the news?" Straight as an arrow came the answer, "The news is that the seventh day is the Sabbath." The burden of his soul could not be concealed. It is told of him that on his first visit to Battle Creek he stepped off the train, suitcases in hand, and walked down to the post office where he asked for the name and address of the most honest man in town. The postmaster smiled and replied, "I suppose there would be

a number who would claim that honour, but I think if you go up Van Buren Street to number — you will find a man that answers your description." Without hesitation he picked up his suitcase, walked to the address given him, knocked on the door, and when the man responded he said, "Pardon me, but I have been told that you are the most honest man in town. If you are, I have a message for you." The man, a minister of another faith, smiled and said, "Some one has done me a great honour, but come in." That man kept the next Sabbath.

Crude, you say? Yes, perhaps, but the thing which stirs my soul is the fact that these early pioneers had something in their hearts which burned its way into the consciousness of the world about them. And, young people, we shall need some of that same spirit today,—not merely a feeling of brotherhood, but an intense and burning belief. Our present emphasis in the Young People's department is for a movement among our youth to win other youth who do not know the message. We must give an earnest and evangelical mould to our lives and to the work of our societies. What a stirring challenge is placed before the young men of the Advent faith in this message from the Spirit of the Lord:

"The church is languishing for the help of young men who will bear a courageous testimony, who will with their ardent zeal stir up the sluggish energies of God's people, and so increase the power of the church in the world. Young men are wanted who will resist the tide of worldliness, and lift a voice of warning against taking the first steps in immorality and vice."—*Messages to Young People*, p. 25.

Young people, what a glorious privilege is ours in the work of the church! It is set before us that we are to be that stirring, resistless energy that shall renew the consecration of the entire church and shall bring it forward to a place of power and influence. Surely, all this is embodied in the spirit of our pledge: "Loving the Lord Jesus, I promise to take an active part in the work of the Young People's Missionary Volunteer Society, doing what I can to help others and to finish the work of the gospel in all the world."

Some day, we say, we expect to give unreserved and entire consecration. Let me ask when shall that day be? Will it be next week, or next year? Shall we gather strength and faith by irresolution and hesitation? Our time has come—the time for the Advent youth to reach forth in a more earnest and courageous and effective service for God in the proclamation of the message. Let us remember our Saviour by quoting our text once more: "And it came to pass, when the time was come that He should be received up, He stedfastly set His face to go to Jerusalem."

H. T. ELLIOTT.

IF God has given a commandment to one of His children, that child has nothing to do but to go ahead and obey the commandment. All questions about the ability to do, or the difficulties in the way of doing, the child of God can leave to God. When you know what your duty is, you know just what you must do. The commandment to do brings with it an assurance of power in doing.—*H. Clay Trumbull*.



"Streams of Light 500 Miles Long"

DOUBTLESS, if every Seventh-day Adventist were doing his full duty in the matter of circulating our message-filled literature, the end would be greatly hastened. Many are the wayside opportunities that come to us in our daily contacts with men, to place in their hands a speaking tract or paper or hook. The following story just comes to us from far away Angola land, Portuguese West Africa, from our pioneer South African worker, Pastor W. H. Anderson:

"Last month I had to go to Loanda, a distance of 500 miles by car, to see the Governor General about some new mission concessions that we have been trying to get for a long time. Mrs. Anderson went with me and we took some books to sell along the way. We took two days extra in order to have time for Mrs. Anderson to sell the books, for she speaks Portuguese better than I do.

"She sold—

- 22 'Hope of the World'
- 16 'Steps to Christ'
- 106 'Marked Bible'
- 46 'Epidemics' (all we had)
- 10 'Bible Made Plain'
- 8 'Baptismal Manuals'
- 3 Bibles.

"We took just two days' extra time to sell this lot of books above what we would have taken had we just gone there and back and not stopped at all to sell the books. All this will be credited on our Big Week sales in Angola.

"Now the suggestion. Why could not all of our brethren when they are taking a journey, long or short, take a few books with them and take the time to stop at the farmhouses and shops by the way and sell the hooks? They could carry lines of hooks that the regular canvasser does not carry and so not interfere with his work. In that way many a lonely farm could be reached with no extra expense. Here we take hooks with us on the train and into the bush, and canvass every man we see and sell him a hook if we can do so.

"Just now Brother Fields is out inspecting the native schools, but he has hooks with him to sell to every native and white man that he sees on the road. Brother Buckley is out holding an effort among the natives, but he will pass three Portuguese shops and he has hooks with him to sell to these Portuguese. Pastor Baker also took copies of 'The Marked Bible' with him to sell on the way home to his mission.

"Why cannot the workers and lay members all over the Division take a supply of hooks with them whenever and wherever they have to travel and sell them all along the way? I believe that God is pleased to see this stream of light 500 miles long across Angola. What do you think?"

Here Brother Anderson is speaking to his fellow labourers in the Southern African Division, but does he not offer suggestions which could with profit be accepted by our workers and people everywhere throughout our twelve world Divisions?

And people do appreciate our literature. Some three or four years ago, when in a hotel in Warsaw, I engaged in conversation with a young Polish business man, who travels much by land and sea. Soon our conversation was upon religious themes and the work of Seventh-day Adventists. Before we separated I placed in his hands some of our missionary papers, on the margin of one of which I placed my name and address. Many months after this experience, when I was in another part of the world, I received a letter from this young man, in which he referred to our meeting in Warsaw. He stated that he had travelled far since that date, but that he had kept the paper which I gave him, and he returned to me the margin of the paper, containing my name as evidence that he had not forgotten me. His letter revealed a real interest and he asked for more information regarding our work and beliefs.

One never knows how far the streams of light set in operation by the release of our literature will penetrate, but we can thank God that it is our privilege to unite in the glorious work of shedding light into the darkness of this old world.

C. E. WEAKS.

Publishing Dept., General Conference.

When They Called He Answered

"UTTERLY forsaken by the Lord." Thus it seemed to a very conscientious young man from north-eastern Japan, now a student in the school of the Master's planting. With hammer in hand and a tear in his eye this student-carpenter-missionary told of his deep soul-conflicts and triumphs.

"Because of something I had done. But I confessed and asked God, if He had not forsaken me, to show me the Saviour. That night my prayer was answered. In my dream I looked up and saw the Son of God in glory. Then how happy I was in the assurance that I am not forsaken."

I know this young man to be absolutely sincere and of sound judgment. A very tender conscience had caused the heart-searching. There was not one iota of presumption or fanaticism in his experience.

Then I talked to another youthful worker, who had donned, like the young Galilee Carpenter, the workman's apron. He, too, had received a definite answer to prayer, a concrete token in his dream. Both of these strong, promising young Japanese are earnest and reliable and active in soul-winning. There are many more like them. God is calling such youthful witnesses for the finishing of His work in every tongue and territory. It is even a part of the final and fuller fulfilment of the Joel prophecy. "And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of My Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams." Acts 2:17.

ALFONSO N. ANDERSON.



Dedication of Boat for Malaita Mission

THERE was great excitement in the Solomon Islands over the arrival of a nice new boat from Sydney for the work of God on Malaita. The appearance of the boat brought satisfaction to all.

A few days later the Solomon Islands Mission Committee met, and one item on the agenda was the naming of the new boat. The name "Portal" soon had the unanimous vote. Our late superintendent suggested the name, explaining that it meant an entrance more than a mere gate, and we could give this name to the boat with the prayer that it would be the entrance to better and bigger things on Malaita.

Eighteen months ago, when one of our teachers began work on a small island just off the mainland of Malaita, on which are about 600 natives, we had only six missions on Malaita, after over six years' work. The opening up of this one-and-a-half-acre island, with its 600 people, stirred others, and since then our missions have increased from six to thirteen, and calls are coming from near and far,—from the tops of the mountains and from as far as the opposite shore.

Indentured labourers on distant islands are sending word home to their people to call for our mission, and at the same time sending me word through others of our workers to go to their people with the gospel.

This shows that the work on dark Malaita is growing, and we trust and pray that in the near future the message will go with even greater and mightier power, and that the *Portal* will really prove to be the entrance of the gospel to the thousands on Malaita.

The boat was dedicated on Sept. 25, 1932. The congregation gathered on the Batuna wharf for the service. Pastor Borgas spoke to us from Psalm 97:1. He pointed out that all things belong to God, and that we are only giving back to God for His work that which belongs to Him. He related that when the boat, all decked with flags, was seen coming to the wharf his little girl asked why boats should be given to God, thus causing his mind to go back to the time when the first boat was built and how it saved life for the obedient, also that many thousands are saved today from the deluge of sin by the use of boats which carry the good news of salvation. He closed his remarks by reading Psalm 117.

The dedicatory prayer was offered by Brother Barrett, who prayed that God would be with the boat and its occupants as it sailed the high seas of Malaita, especially as we are in the last days when the seas and the waves are roaring.

We ask an interest in the prayers of all in the home field for the blessing of God upon this boat, as it carries us about in the endeavour to give the gospel to all the people at our end of the field.

A. F. PARKER.

SOUTH NEW SOUTH WALES

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

South New South Wales Camp-Meeting

HAPPY and hallowed memories of the twelve days spent in our canvas tabernacles under the shady, stately trees that stud the Concord Park, still fill the minds of the large number of believers who were privileged to attend the recent South New South Wales conference and camp-meeting.

A sweet, spiritual feast is the generally expressed opinion of this meeting in the largest conference of the Union. Nature itself seemed very kindly disposed, and tempered its weather conditions to make camping a delight. When the dust began to blow and become a little unpleasant, it was soon laid by a short, heavy shower on two occasions, which also freshened the park and cooled the air. Even the house fly, which sometimes causes discomfort, was conspicuous by its absence.

The health of the entire camp family was remarkably good. In fact, no untoward circumstances of any consequence can be recorded.

The devotional exercises of any camp-meeting are very important and contribute much to its success, and on this occasion these meetings were well attended and greatly appreciated. All who were privileged to be present at these early morning meetings felt greatly blessed as they responded freely to the Spirit's promptings in praise and prayer.

The Bible studies were also well attended, and those conducting these meetings seemed to be led to emphasise the fundamentals of the message that makes Seventh-day Adventists a distinct people.

During the evening preaching services, special emphasis was placed upon the second coming of Christ, the signs of the times, and the seventh day Sabbath. Two illustrated lectures brought the mission fields very vividly before large and appreciative audiences. On the last Saturday night the Missionary Volunteer Department instructed and entertained a packed pavilion by instrumental and vocal music, recitations, addresses, and mottoes. The entire programme was very ably and effectively presented.

Each Sabbath was a high day in the camp. The attendance was considerably increased by a large influx of metropolitan members and friends who, with the campers, greatly enjoyed the special Sabbath services which constitute such an important part of the camp-meeting programme.

It was a most inspiring sight to see amidst the trees that large canopy of canvas suspended from its four tall masts, with the rostrum shaded by green coverings and almost hidden in a living bower of palms, ferns, and flowers, and with the large bell-shaped trumpets of the loud-speaker overhead, and to see its seating capacity of 1,850 chairs taxed almost to

its full capacity for Sabbath school and crowded for church service; and then to pass across to the young people's tent, which was large enough for the large pavilion for an ordinary camp-meeting, and find its seating capacity of nearly 1,000 chairs almost full; and then to remember that the children were meeting in their respective tents for Sabbath school as well. The young people had a preaching service in their tent, as there was not sufficient space for all in the main pavilion. How wonderfully the work is growing!

On the first Sabbath afternoon of the camp an impressive ordination service was conducted in the large pavilion, when twenty-two ordained ministers from the Union Conference, South N.S.W., and North N.S.W. Conferences participated in setting apart to the gospel ministry Brethren J. J. Potter, S. V. Stratford, and T. J. Bradley. The first two were recommended by the Union Conference Council, and the third by the South N.S.W. Conference.

On the last Sabbath afternoon a thanksgiving service was conducted in both the main pavilion and the young people's pavilion, when the needs of the mission field were presented. This resulted in a total offering of over £770 in cash and pledges, as well as a quantity of jewellery. In addition to this, more than £107 was received in Sabbath school offerings. And a further sum of over £40 was realised by the sale of goods in the mission tent, the proceeds of which all go to foreign missions.

During the entire period of the camp, a qualified nurse was in regular attendance for the service of the campers, and periodical visits were made by the Sanitarium doctors and by Dr. Hardwicke. Their willing services were, very much appreciated.

Each local conference worker had interesting items to relate showing how God is richly blessing the work. The colporteurs also related many wonderful experiences of providential leadings. The departmental secretaries' reports illustrated by graphs the missionary activities of the people under their special care. The isolated members expressed their appreciation of the kindly visits made to them by conference workers, and the departmental secretaries' helpful correspondence and counsel.

The Dorcas Societies working throughout the year had supplied a very definite need among those who are suffering want in these hard times. During the period of the camp-meeting these activities did much to make the camp-meeting a blessing to some of the needy ones.

In addition to the local conference and Union Conference workers, there were in attendance for all or part of the time, Brother and Sister A. S. Atkins from the Territory of New Guinea, Brother and Sister B. E. Hadfield and family from Tonga, and Pastor J. B. Conley and family on furlough from India.

On the last Sunday morning of the camp-meeting, just before the business session closed, fitting remarks were made concerning the long and faithful service rendered to this denomination by our veteran worker, Pastor Robert Hare, and his faithful companion. As a small token

of love and respect they were presented with a suitably inscribed autograph album and two easy chairs. Fitting references were also made to the services being rendered the cause by their family.

Pastor R. E. Hare was again elected as president of the conference, and on his behalf and also the office staff and executive committee, we earnestly solicit the prayers of God's people. May the coming year be even more fruitful than the one that is past in souls won and in a deeper experience for all of God's faithful children throughout this conference.

A. G. STEWART.

Welfare Work in Sydney

WHILE the results may seem small in this time of distress, I have been glad indeed to spend one day a week in passing on to others the help in food, cash, and clothing which has been entrusted to me for this purpose. Kind-hearted brethren and sisters in country districts have sent cash and clothing, and again from Lord Howe Island and from the Clarence River clothing has been received during the past quarter.

Our food supplies have been almost entirely donated by the manager of the wholesale depot of the Sanitarium Health Food Company, and these have been sufficient to give to our own unemployed some tangible assistance, as well as to a few worthy friends outside the faith.

Looking over my records for the last twelve months, I find that on September 30 of this year, a little over £56 had been given in cash assistance. The number of garments given totalled 280, valued at £19. Many pounds' worth of food has been given out, and in several homes the little children look eagerly for the crisp whole wheat foods. In fact, these foods have doubtless been largely instrumental in saving the lives of some of these poor children. Surely the donors have reason to rejoice in the privilege of giving to even "the least of these" in Jesus' name. One of our good sisters who is caring for other people's children has much appreciated the help of a weekly supply of these good foods.

Even in Manly there are some of those whom we meet who are in a very trying position, and we hope to give some assistance to them in future. As we endeavour to help others, the good Lord draws near and gives fresh courage for the battles of life. In this time of depression when "men's hearts [are] failing for fear" we must do all we can to encourage them to place themselves on the side of God, who alone can give strength and courage to meet the evils which are coming on the earth. We hope to see a company raised up in Manly to light the way of others to the heavenly city.

Again we would thank those who have kindly given to assist the needy, either in cash, clothing, or food. Their bounties we have endeavoured to use to the best advantage, and know that many have been truly grateful for help received. As the last-day conditions become more trying, the need of welfare work will be greater, and more sacrifice will be involved in giving to others. But remember, those whom the Lord calls "saints"

will be the people who have made a covenant with Him "by sacrifice." Ps. 50:3-5.

'Tis sweet to do for others
As Jesus did for thee,
To cheer our weary brothers,
To set the pris'n'ner free
From Satan's pow'r forever.
May this be our endeavour.

W. R. CARSWELL.

NORTH NEW SOUTH WALES

PRESIDENT: A. H. WHITE
SECRETARY: E. L. PENGILLEY

Lismore Camp-Meeting

ON Tuesday evening, September 27, the 1932 Lismore camp-meeting opened. The camp was pitched on the hockey ground adjoining the Lismore church. Believers gathered from Lismore, Corndale, Bangalow, Kyogle, and Murwillumbah churches. The camp proper lasted five days, but it was preceded by a series of meetings in the church. Pastor C. J. Reynolds efficiently superintended the pitching of the camp, assisted by Brother C. J. Griffin from Murwillumbah and brethren of the laity. Early morning meetings were held for a whole week, to the blessing of those who attended.

On Sabbath, September 24, a combined meeting of Lismore, Corndale, and Kyogle churches was held in the church alongside the camp. This was a consecration service. On Saturday night the subject of the "Two Advents in the Fullness of Time" was presented; on Sunday night, after the annual outing of believers at Boat Harbour, Brother Griffin gave an interesting study on Galatians. On Monday night the subject of the address was "The First and the Last Adam." In the mornings and afternoons of Monday and Tuesday, Bible studies on the Epistle to the Hebrews were given, in which we went through eight chapters of that blessed book so rich in spiritual thought.

Then the time came to open the camp on Tuesday evening. There were visitors from the outside as well as our own people assembled in the tent. After some opening remarks by Brother H. S. Streeter, Secretary of the North N.S.W. Conference, the speaker of the evening preached on Matthew 24, showing that we are living in the last generation. The next night's subject was taken by Brother Streeter, and was entitled "What It Means to Be a Christian," a heart-searching discourse, and very practical. The soul-stirring subject of "Armageddon" was chosen for Thursday night, when there was another large attendance. On Friday night Brother Griffin presented in plain, clear terms the subject of the "Second Coming of Christ," concluding in a manner that prepared the way for an appeal which followed, to which a number responded.

The Sabbath was a day of blessing. The early morning devotional meeting and breakfast were followed by Sabbath school, and then came the consecration service. To the call that was made some decided for Christ for the first time, and

others entered into victory; practically the whole congregation renewed their consecration to God.

The appeal for foreign missions was made on Sabbath afternoon by Pastor E. H. Guilliard, who with Pastor H. K. Martin, Principal of the Australasian Missionary College, arrived from Brisbane camp-meeting on Friday, September 30. The sum of £108 was given and pledged for missions.

On Saturday night Brother A. S. Atkins, missionary from the Mandated Territory of New Guinea, gave an interesting address which held the attention of young and old. On Sunday Pastor Martin addressed parents and young people on the educational work. The closing night meeting, Sunday, was taken by Pastor A. G. Stewart, in which our island mission work was illustrated by moving pictures. This meeting was very well attended.

Throughout the day meetings of the camp, timely, practical, pointed messages were given by Brethren C. J. Reynolds, H. S. Streeter, C. J. Griffin, and the writer, "Love," "Repentance and Confession," "God's Unfailing Purpose," "The Way into the Holiest," "The Testimony of Jesus and the Spirit of Prophecy," "The Visions of Mrs. E. G. White," "The Ten Virgins," "The Things Upon Which the Young Become Shipwrecked," and "Back to Pentecost." All the subjects were so guided by the Holy Spirit as to fit into the spiritual upbuilding of the believers for that revival of true godliness which is our greatest need.

The young people and children were ably ministered to by Brother and Sister Atkins, assisted by others. The physical needs of the campers were well looked after by Sister Kuskey of Bangalow, assisted by Sister Eagles of Lismore and others.

The work of God has grown up in these northern parts of this conference. It was refreshing to meet old friends once more, and it is encouraging to know that so many new ones have come in through the labours of our conference workers and laymen. Seven or eight were baptised by Pastor Reynolds on the last day of camp.

The camp has broken up, but its influence lives on, never to end. To a goodly number, as well as to the writer, it has been a refreshing, reviving, heavenly experience. Let us go on to perfection in Christ Jesus.

R. A. SALTON.

"PRAYER is not overcoming God's reluctance; it is laying hold of His willingness."

Important Dates

Camp-Meetings:

North N.S.W.: Oct. 25-Nov. 6.
North New Zealand: Jan. 10-22.
Victoria: Jan. 10-22.
South New Zealand: Jan. 24-Feb. 5.
Tasmania: Feb. 14-26.
South Australia: Feb. 14-26.
West Australia: March 7-19.

Big Week: Nov. 5-12, 1932.

Appeal for Missions: Feb. 18, 1933.

Week of Prayer: May 27-June 3, 1933.

Union Conference Council: Aug. 29-Sept. 7, 1933.

VICTORIA

PRESIDENT: G. G. STEWART
SECRETARY: L. J. IMRIE

Activities of Warburton M.V. Society

WARBURTON is situated about fifty miles from Melbourne and surrounded for about twenty miles by small country townships and farming centres. These scattered districts have been the object of missionary endeavour by our young people of Warburton.

Toward the end of the year 1931, a mission effort was commenced in the small district of Woori Yallock, about twelve miles from our community, on the main road to Melbourne, and containing between thirty and forty homes. Each fortnight, on Sunday evenings, a large number of young people travelled these twelve miles to assist in the service with singing and by their presence, being transported in private cars and the truck of the Sanitarium Health Food Co., which was kindly made available for the purpose.

Right through the period of this mission, which closed at the beginning of the winter this year, there was a keen interest shown in the studies and singing, but it did not seem a definite interest—that is, one where the hearers desired to accept and follow the doctrines taught. At the second last meeting, however, a young man came along for the first time and displayed a keen, definite interest. He is a fine Christian young man, and has since accepted each point of our doctrines.

On the Sabbath afternoon before the last meeting, a car-load of young people went down to Woori Yallock to issue a final invitation to attend the last meeting. Although most of the residents were away watching the local football match, two of the young ladies met a mother and her daughter on the street and invited them to the final meeting. Two of the other young ladies came along while they were talking together, and an interesting discussion took place. This mother and her daughter came to the meeting on the Sunday, and studies have since been held regularly in the home. The daughter has returned to her home in Melbourne, but the mother has definitely signified her intention to throw in her lot with us.

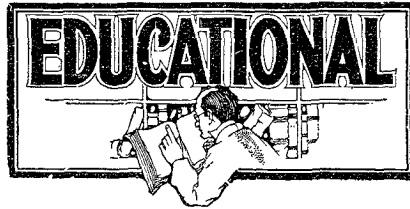
The present position is that four are definitely keeping Sabbath as a result of the mission, and a Sabbath school has been commenced at Woori Yallock, under the supervision of our Warburton Sabbath school. This may seem a small result, but to those who have taken an active part in the effort, it is a remarkable answer to prayer, that right at the close of the mission they should get in touch with three who were looking for light. This lady has since told us that it was the happy, open expression of the young ladies who spoke to her and her daughter, that made them realise there must be something in the message which we are giving.

Several years ago a small Sunday school was commenced at a little country settlement about twelve miles in another direction from Warburton. Each Sunday afternoon, weather permitting, a few

young people would drive out to McMahon's Creek and conduct a short study for the adults and a lesson for the children. This has now developed into a Sabbath school, and four adults and four children are coming along each week. We are glad of this change in the attitude of the folk, so that they are willing to meet on Sabbath instead of Sunday.

The efforts of the young people are now centred on a larger district than any yet attempted, that of Yarra Junction. At present some hundred-odd copies of the *Signs* are being posted there each week, preparatory to a mission being held. We trust that the Lord will reward our efforts in this place by saving souls for His kingdom.

E. M. ROBSON.



A.M.C. News Notes

PASTOR H. K. MARTIN has recently returned from visiting the Queensland and Northern Rivers camp-meetings, and we were glad to hear from his report in chapel that a large number of young people have applied for college next year. We always welcome new students to Avondale.

The new Missionary Volunteer and Sabbath School officers for the last quarter of this year are as follows:

Sabbath School: Superintendent, Mrs. A. W. Martin; Assistant Superintendents, J. Howse, Eva Lane; Secretaries, R. Earles, T. Collett; Pianists, S. Wood, Alice Welburn.

Missionary Volunteer Society: Leader, K. E. Carrick; Assistant Leaders, R. Price, Dorothy Shelton; Secretaries, R. Heggie, Muriel Howe; Pianists, R. Harvey, W. de la Mothe.

Brother G. S. Fisher gave us a very interesting chapel talk on Monday, October 10, on the beginnings of our work in Australia. As he traced the difficulties and obstacles that the pioneers had to surmount in establishing the various departments and institutions of our work, and then compared them with their present standards, we were definitely convinced that the power of God worked through those workers. In concluding his remarks he appealed to all to manifest that same spirit of earnestness and love for the message that was seen at the beginning.

During the summer vacation, a few of the teachers will be visiting some of the conferences in the interests of the college. Pastor Kranz goes to South New South Wales, Brother C. H. Schowe to Victoria, Brother G. H. Greenaway to South Australia and Tasmania, and Brother R. B. Watts to the Newcastle district of North New South Wales. We cordially invite all young people to get in touch with these teachers as they visit your churches and homes, and give them an opportunity to explain the advantages of gaining a Christian education.

Pastor Kranz has been attending the South New South Wales camp during the week-ends, and says that a number of young people are inquiring about the college.

Brother H. Streeter paid us a farewell visit over the week-end, prior to his leaving for Queensland. His messages at the Friday evening and Sabbath services contained helpful and practical counsel.

The recent rains have been very beneficial. The campus is taking on a colourful appearance as the many varieties of flowers are bursting into bloom. This and the scent of the blossoming fruit trees in the orchard are harbingers of summer.

Mr. Eric Clapham and Miss Marie Brabant last week sat for their Grade II and Grade I examinations, respectively, as given by the Australian Music Examinations Board. We hope they were successful in qualifying for these standards.

Mr. B. F. Daley, an optician of Newcastle, spoke in chapel on Monday, October 17. He briefly outlined the various troubles that attack the human eye, and stressed methods of caring for the sight. We greatly appreciate the instruction he gave.

Healed at Avondale

"At even, when the sun was set,
The sick, O Lord, around Thee lay;
Oh, in what divers pains they met!
Oh, with what joy they went away!"

"Once more 'tis eventide, and we,
Oppressed with various ills, draw near;
What if Thy form we cannot see?
We know and feel that Thou art here.

"Thy touch has still its ancient power;
No word from Thee can fruitless fall;
Hear, in this solemn evening hour,
And in Thy mercy heal us all."

In response to the dictation of God's Holy Spirit, thus wrote one of a past generation, and thus sang a grateful, happy, unburdened young woman of the present generation, when in response to earnest prayer God's healing hand was laid upon her.

Only one who has experienced the joy of deliverance from distressing pain can understand such an experience. For the benefit of those who may be suffering as I was, I write these words, with a prayer that some one at least may be led to a personal knowledge of God's healing power.

A few years ago I was stricken with a severe nervous breakdown, the result of overwork and worry. This illness affected my head in such a way that I was for four years with an almost continual dull, stunned feeling, with frequent burning pains in my head. This never left me day or night, and at times it seemed as if I was surrounded by the hosts of the evil one who were endeavouring to obtain possession of my brain.

At night when it would be impossible to sleep for hours at a time, I would repeat the name of Jesus again and again, and the promises of God would flood into my mind until they became my strength and stay. During the day I would find relief by singing the songs of His care and love, and was thus able to forget the pain to a certain extent.

I continued my work and study at college as best I could, but there came a time when it was a mechanical service and the weakened body almost refused to go on. I had reached a crisis, and did not know where to turn or what to do; and, oh, the disappointment of it all, for I did long to be used in some small way for the Master.

There came to my mind some of the stories I had heard of God's wonderful healing power. I had never thought of asking God to heal me before, but had settled down to the thought that sickness was to be my cross, and that God would give me rest in His own good time. It was not until I reached the place where I felt I could not endure the pain and distress any longer that I decided to ask the Lord to heal me.

Following my decision to do this, I found myself asking Him to reveal to me if there was anything in my life that would hinder my prayer being answered. I then felt that I had an idea just how Jesus had suffered for me, but it was very vague compared with a fuller revelation that came to me afterwards.

The same morning I went to chapel, and there heard a story, an old, old story, which came from the lips of our Bible teacher, Pastor Kranz, who spoke of the sufferings of Christ. My eyes were opened, and I saw my Jesus in a way I had never seen Him before, and I realised just how He had suffered for me.

With that vision of Christ there came a view of my own heart in its true condition—unholy in every sense of the word. I was broken-hearted and felt that I was at the point of despair when I left the chapel. However, that feeling was not to continue long, for as I realised afterwards Jesus was only waiting for me to yield to Him.

Within an hour as I stood at my work, I resolved that whether I was healed or not, my life would be more Christlike. With that thought there came a thrill through my body, the top of my head seemed to open, and the awful burden and pain was gone.

Two years have passed since then, and although I have had other sickness, and like Jacob of old, I carry the scars of the conflict to a certain extent, never once have I had a recurrence of the same head trouble. Since then a new power seems to have taken possession of my life, and Jesus has become dearer to me every day.

I have had a living experience of the words given to us by John in Revelation 3:10, "Because thou hast kept the word of My patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth."

I go forward, rejoicing in the power of a crucified and risen Saviour, to be used of Him just when and how He sees best.

DAPHNE WARBURTON.

A. M. College,
Cooranbong, N.S.W.

Wanted.—A home is sought for one or more of six young children left almost to the mercy of the world through the death of the mother. If you know of any one who might be interested, please ask them to write to the PRESIDENT, 27 Prospect Terrace, Prospect, S.A.

General

The Blessings of Tithes and Offerings

RICH blessings attend upon all of God's commands. His requirements have their foundations in love. They are always given for man's good. Rightly understood, each of the ten commandments is but a precious promise. God finds happiness in man's happiness. He takes no delight in suffering, death, or sorrow. He leads His children beside quiet waters and into green pastures, and even though they pass through the valley of the shadow of death, His comfort sustains them. He crowns their years with goodness.

These principles of God's loving ways apply in full measure to His requirements concerning the payment of tithe, and the making of freewill offerings. He does not need our tithe nor is He benefited by our offerings. The gold and the silver of all the earth are His. He could make them flow out as He did the waters from the rock if that were for man's good. But instead of manifesting His mighty power in such a manner, He gives to man the real privilege of giving to Him. We love to give to our friends, in return for their gifts to us. We enjoy receiving from our loved ones, and we enjoy giving to them. We are pleased when they will receive our gifts with gratitude. It is all an expression of love. How good it is of God to receive our gifts! How little we can return to Him for all He does for us! Love is the source of happiness, and giving which is an expression of love, increases it. We do not pay a tenth of all our increase to man; we pay it to God. We do not make our freewill offerings for missions to men; we make them to God. In His love He accepts them. How unspeakably good it is of Him to do this! The greatest blessing of faithful tithing and of generous freewill offerings to God is that our love for Him is deepened. The deeper our love the greater our happiness. And when we have given as did the poor widow at the temple, of whom Christ spoke so approvingly, then our happiness is in full measure, and our peace flows like a river.

God is love. His love caused Him to create this world, and to place man upon it. His love caused Him to make man a freewill being, and then when man, through the power of choice given him in this freewill, chose to disobey God in taking of that which He had reserved for Himself, His love sent His Son into the earth to redeem man. In this work of redemption God employs our tithes and our freewill offerings. He uses the tithe which is His and His only, and as we faithfully return it to God, recognising that it is His, our love for Him who has given us so much, is naturally increased. This increased love finds joyful expression in the giving of freewill offerings, and thus our love and happiness are increased.

The blessing of tithes and offerings may be summed up in these words: an increased love for God and man, a greater

joy and happiness here on earth, and a more certain confidence that we shall live eternally with the Giver of all good things.

FREDERICK GRIGGS,
President Far Eastern Division.



Echoes from the Sydney Sanitarium

THE writer of this letter was enjoying the association of those of like faith in their home in Broken Hill, when presently a knock was heard at the door. The good wife of the brother of the home responded and was soon in conversation with the caller, who was a travelling salesman.

On being informed that no business was forthcoming, the salesman with a smile remarked that buyers were scarce, and that he would encourage himself with a cigarette. The good sister replied, "Do you not think that might discourage you?" He replied, "I think you are right, madam. I have tried to give up smoking, but to no avail. However," he said, "I did cease smoking for a period of four months when I stayed at a Sanitarium near Sydney where they do not smoke."

Our interest was aroused. "Was it a Seventh-day Adventist Sanitarium?" I remarked. He replied in the affirmative. As he was unaware of our faith, further questions were asked. "Do you think these people are right in their teachings?" "Yes," he exclaimed, "they are right." "What do you think of the principles controlling the Sanitarium?" "Wonderful," was the reply. "And if I had the money I would spend the rest of my days there." On our remarking that we were Seventh-day Adventists and testifying to the saving power of the third angel's message, his face lighted up and he exclaimed, "Good luck to you! You are right." After further conversation, in which he spoke in a very complimentary way about the doctors in charge and also the staff employed, he left us.

So the seed has been sown in this traveller's heart, and though his wanderings brought him to this far western town, the influence of some faithful servants of Christ remains with him. May he have a part in the earth made new as a result of his temporary stay at the Sanitarium.

F. BAILEY.

The Sydney Sanitarium and Hospital

APPLICATIONS for a position as Sister on the Sydney Sanitarium staff are hereby invited from qualified nurses who have graduated from the course at this institution. The successful applicant must be prepared to begin her duties on Nov. 27, 1932.

Applications must be lodged at the Sanitarium not later than November 19.

A. G. MINCHIN, Manager.

A Blessing in Store for You

I SHALL never forget my visit to Glasgow, Scotland, in 1928, because of an experience which came to me there. As I was walking down one of the busy streets early one morning, I passed a church, and noticed an announcement that Dr. Grenfell, the missionary to Labrador, would speak there at ten o'clock. Having read sketches of Dr. Grenfell's life and labours, I was much interested, and decided to attend the service.

When I arrived at the church I found it filled to capacity, and could only secure a seat far back in the balcony. With more than usual interest I awaited the speaker's appearance. There stepped onto the platform a man of medium size, with iron-gray hair and a kindly face. When the applause which greeted his appearance had died away, he began in a simple, straightforward manner to tell of his life and work in the cold regions of the North. Dr. Grenfell is not an orator, but for over an hour he held his audience spellbound as he related incident after incident connected with his missionary work among the people of Labrador.

I cannot remember all he said,—in fact, I cannot at present remember a single incident he related,—but one statement made near the close of the address is perpetuated in my memory. It was this: "The man who gives of his means for foreign missions, but fails to give his neighbours the gospel, does not believe in the gospel commission."

As I jotted down these words in my notebook, I pondered their significance, and I have often thought of them since. What a volume of truth can be wrapped up in a single sentence!

It was not Grenfell's purpose to discourage people from giving money to foreign missions; his object was to make his audience see that the gospel commission could not be fulfilled by merely giving an offering to missions, and that it involved personal responsibility to carry the gospel to neighbours and friends.

There is a lesson in this for Seventh-day Adventists. During the last few years it has been apparent that an increasing number of our people respond to the Harvest Ingathering and Big Week campaigns by simply going down in their pockets and bringing forth the sum of money specified as the individual goal. We recognise that this response involves sacrifice; and while we appreciate this faithful and loyal co-operation, and plead for continued support of our world-wide work in this way, yet we know that all who do not share in the actual field work are missing a blessing which they cannot afford to lose. To this class of Big Week helpers the words of the Master are applicable, "These ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone." Luke 11:42.

The annual mission campaigns are not only divinely appointed agencies for building up the work in distant lands and increasing the harvest of precious souls, but, if rightly conducted, they are the bearers of spiritual blessing to the church as a whole, and to the members individually. We should see in these efforts a

means that the Lord is using to perfect our characters, and to bring us into contact with precious souls who are hungering for the bread of life. A personal blessing awaits every one who will yield himself to God for service, and do his part in every advance movement to establish the kingdom of God in the hearts of men.

That a real blessing comes to each one who goes forth with the Big Week literature, cannot be denied. One cannot go to the homes of the people and talk to them about the coming of Jesus without experiencing a great inspiration in anticipation of the event. We know that on every street, and possibly in every block, there are people longing and praying for light, and the search for such persons from door to door, in the Big Week effort, is both interesting and fascinating. The jewels for the kingdom are hidden away among the rubbish of earth's cares and ambitions. We are to *seek* and to *search*; and the more extended our search, the greater the joy and rejoicing when we find the object of our search.

"If you will go to work as Christ designs that His disciples shall, and win souls for Him, you will feel the need of a deeper experience and a greater knowledge of divine things, and will hunger and thirst after righteousness." "The only way to grow in grace is to be disinterestedly doing the very work which Christ has enjoined upon us."—*Steps to Christ*, pp. 84, 85.

As we face this year's Big Week effort, let us look upon it as an opportunity to bring the truth to our neighbours. If every church member will take these Big Week books, which contain truths that alone will bring hope to men's hearts in this time of peril, and present them to the people living in their neighbourhood or community, with due explanation as to their purpose and message, all will receive a new experience in the Christian life.

Reader, God has a blessing in store for you in the Big Week. Whether you receive it or not depends on your personal attitude. Our personal need of this blessing is greater than the need of the Mission Board for the funds called for by the budget. We have been told that "God could have reached His object in saving sinners without our aid; but in order for us to develop a character like Christ's, we must share in His work."—*The Desire of Ages*, p. 142. May God help each one to believe this statement, and share in the Big Week blessing by distributing our literature.

"Christ commits to His followers an individual work,—a work that cannot be done by proxy. . . Individual responsibility, individual effort, personal sacrifice, is the requirement of the gospel."—*Ministry of Healing*, p. 147.

E. F. HACKMAN.

OBITUARIES

Thring.—On September 22, after a short illness, Brother H. T. Thring passed quietly to his rest in his sixty-seventh year, at the Tumbay Bay hospital, S.A. It was under the labours of Pastor E. E. Roenfelt that Brother Thring accepted the message

of present truth, and through the years his life was a faithful testimony to its power and inspiration. He was loved by all who knew him intimately, and held in very high esteem by everybody in the community. Hence a large number gathered at the graveside to pay their last tribute of love and respect to our departed brother, who leaves a wife, three sons, and five daughters (one of whom is in training at the Sydney Sanitarium) to cherish his memory. We believe that Brother Thring will be among those who will come forth in the first resurrection to life and immortality. He now sleeps in the Tumbay Bay cemetery, until the gleams of the golden morning shall burst the portals of the tomb. The service at the graveside was conducted by the writer. V. REYE.

Holdforth.—

"Sweet be thy rest, and peaceful thy sleeping;
God's way is best, thou art in His keeping.
O blessed sleep, where ills ne'er molest thee!
Why should we weep? for heaven hath blessed thee;
Sweet be thy rest."

In the quiet, restful cemetery at Auburn, S.A., we sang these words as Sister Elizabeth Holdforth, forty-eight years of age, was laid to rest. After several months of intense suffering, patiently borne, she committed herself for the last time to God's keeping, and fell asleep on the evening of September 15, leaving two dearly loved sons and one daughter and other sorrowing relatives. For them our prayers ascend to the God of all comfort. Sister Holdforth had known and believed our message for some years, but when Pastor G. Robinson, with the writer as Bible worker, conducted a tent mission at Maylands recently, she with her only daughter, Honor, took a firm stand and linked up with our Kensington church. Through her efforts her neighbour and two daughters became interested, and after attending the tent mission they also were baptised. Pastor P. G. Foster led the service at the graveside, assisted by Pastor W. Gillis, who also conducted a service at the home. The resurrection hope was the theme of both services.

RUBY V. STRATFORD.

Gahagan.—Sister Elizabeth Gahagan died suddenly on September 5 at her home in Christchurch, aged sixty-six years. Sister Gahagan had been a servant of God many years, and under the labours of Brother R. Greive accepted the present truth about twelve months ago. Although suffering from heart trouble, our sister was always faithful at her post in the church, often under great difficulty to herself. A few minutes before the end came, she was heard singing the songs of the message. We believe that the One who put that song in her mouth will yet raise her to join in the everlasting song that begins when the saints are gathered home. In the presence of many sorrowing relatives and friends we laid her to rest in the Sydenham cemetery.

D. SIBLEY.

IN response to a request from church members that he should open an optical business within easy access, E. R. Caro has secured and well equipped a modern suite in the Denver Buildings, Railway Square, Strathfield, Sydney.

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BROTHER J. C. WARREN, who has been canvassing in South New South Wales since leaving the A. M. College, left Sydney on October 9 to take up evangelistic work in the Tasmanian Conference under the Trainee Plan.

PASTOR C. H. PARKER wrote from Atchin, New Hebrides, on September 9: "We expect to have a baptismal service here at Atchin the last Sabbath of this month, when five will be baptised. Others in the class will wait till the quarterly meeting in December."

THE opening date of the North New South Wales camp at Lambton Park, Newcastle, is Tuesday, October 25. Union Conference workers in attendance are Pastors A. H. Piper, A. G. Stewart, S. V. Stratford, and Brother J. R. Kent, also Brother and Sister Atkins on furlough from New Guinea.

PASTOR A. H. WHITE and family passed through Wahroonga on October 18 on their way to Newcastle, where Pastor White takes up his appointment as President of the North N.S.W. Conference. En route from Melbourne, Brother and Sister White spent a fortnight at Yenda with their daughter and son-in-law, Dr. Dilger. We are pleased to welcome them back to New South Wales, their old field of labour.

MISS F. CHERRETT, of the South Australian office, has been appointed Sabbath school secretary for that conference. Writing of this appointment, Pastor Foster, who formerly held the position, says: "On account of so much time that I am obliged to be away from Adelaide, thus preventing my giving the detailed attention that our Sabbath school work demands, I asked my Executive Committee to accept my resignation as Sabbath school secretary, and to elect Miss F. Cherrett to that office."

A MOST interesting report has been received from Sister A. H. Weil regarding their first experiences on reaching Tanna. Watch for this next week. In an accompanying letter Sister Weil writes: "We landed safely on Tanna on August 3, after three and a half weeks on the old *Makambo*. We like the place and the people, and although we shall have to be domiciled for a few months in a calico house with a galvanised iron kitchen, I personally would not have missed the experience for all the conveniences civilisation can offer. The news of our arrival has gone through the island like wild fire, and nearly every day we have to stop our manual work and have a Bible study with those who come to inquire about the truths we teach."

FROM Big Bay, Santo, Sister Hamley Perry writes of progress. "We are quite at home in our new surroundings and are enjoying our associations with the people of Big Bay. We are glad to be able to give you some encouraging news concerning the Sakau people. They are about an hour and a half's run across the bay from here. We have visited them a good many times, and at last they have consented to have a teacher. On Monday when Mr. Perry and the boys were there clearing the ground, one of the men called Mr. Perry aside and told him that as soon as the school was ready he and his family (two of whom are adult sons) would come and live on the mission. The Sakau tribe live right up in the hills, but the school will be down near the sea. We think this is advisable, as there is very little water on the hills and it is almost impossible to teach cleanliness without more water than they have. The Sakau women are very much in favour of the school. They are tired of their men shooting all the time."

A Baptist Minister's Tribute to Seventh-day Adventists

THE following excerpts are taken from a sermon preached Sunday evening, March 10, by the pastor of the Tenth Avenue Baptist Church, Oakland, California, and was broadcast over KTAB. Later it appeared in print in the Baptist "KTAB Transmitter."

"The Seventh-day Adventists have become accepted members of the community. Their little churches are nestled about among the hills and valleys. . . . Their hospitals bring welcome ministrations to the sick; they are good neighbours, good comrades, good citizens. . . .

"They have given to the world the ministry of healing. . . . They have gone forth, not as fanatics, or theorists, or empirics, but adopting the purest findings of medical and surgical science, reinforcing all this with the sweet spirit of Jesus of Nazareth. These are the men who unweariedly follow the footsteps of Him who went about doing good. . . . In every case they have striven to blend the healing of the body with the healing of the soul. God bless them. . . .

"To be a Seventh-day Adventist is to know anew the meaning of the cross. They possess adequate funds to carry on the Master's work. Why? Because each member obeys the law of the tithe. Their churches are filled with worshippers, because they insist upon loyalty to the Lord. To the Seventh-day Adventist, the peace of Christ, and not the madness of sinful pleasures, is the great quest of the soul. You don't find them in the passion-polluted showhouses, their women are not to be seen amid the shameless nudities of the modern ballroom. . . . These men and women are to be found in places where prayer is wont to be made. These people expect the coming of Jesus; they are waiting for Him, and when the Master comes He will find them where Christians ought to be.

"And among their administrative forces, the same wonderful spirit of Jesus maintains. Their physicians and nurses, men and women worthy of the finest traditions of their professions, think more of the

cause they represent than of the emoluments they obtain. Brilliant though some of their physicians and surgeons be, you seldom hear of them as individuals; you hear rather of the great work of the institution with which they are connected. It is the *CAUSE* and not the *MAN* which is supreme."—*The Canadian Watchman*, July, 1930.

Retirement of C. F. Hodgkinson

AFTER more than twenty years of faithful service, because of ill-health our veteran colporteur and field missionary secretary, Brother C. F. Hodgkinson is retiring from active service. Queensland, South New South Wales, and North New South Wales have all been served by the labours of our brother. We are sure that the many friends of Brother and Sister Hodgkinson in the conferences mentioned will not forget them and their family as they return to Queensland and make their home in that state.

A. H. PIPER.

Letter from Aroma, Papua

DEAR RECORD READERS,

We are members of the same family, and it is a good family to belong to. The RECORD pays us a three-weekly visit, and I can assure you it is very welcome. Our hearts rejoice as we read of the progress of our Father's work in the world-wide field. It certainly is a privilege to be a gleaner in this great harvest of souls.

We thank our dear brethren and sisters for responding to our appeal for used Bibles and hymn books to be used in our schools. The natives treasure them indeed. Some of the advanced students come with their spades and other tools on their shoulders, and Bible, etc., under their arms. After school they go to their gardens. They are very much stirred by what they read in the "real Bible," as they call the English version.

We also take this opportunity to thank our kind sisters for sending parcels of scraps. They will be put to the best possible use. Many of the girls have improved in their sewing. They will get a fresh impetus now. We would ask that secondhand pieces or garments be not included in the parcels sent through the post, as these are prohibited. The officials never question new materials.

MABEL JAMES.

Sept. 19, 1932.

Valuable Quotations

THE editors of the *Signs of the Times* wish to draw the attention of our workers and our people generally to some valuable quotations that are given in the *Signs* for October 31 in an article appearing on pages 7 and 8 and entitled "Christians and the Ten Commandments." These striking statements concerning the ten commandments and the relation of law and grace are taken from recent issues of some leading Protestant periodicals published in America, and should prove of great value to Seventh-day Adventists in presenting the claims of God's great moral law.