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True Religion Exemplified by Abraham

OF Abraham it is written that "he was called the Friend of God," "the father of all them that believe." The testimony of God concerning this faithful patriarch is, "Abraham obeyed My voice, and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes, and My laws." James 2: 23; Rom. 4: 11; Gen. 26: 5. . . .

Abraham's household comprised more than a thousand souls. Those who were led by his teachings to worship the one God found a home in his encampment, and here received such instruction as would prepare them to be representatives of the true faith. He was training heads of families, and thus his methods of government would be carried out in many households. . . .

Abraham's affection for his children and his household led him to guard their religious faith, to impart to them a knowledge of the divine statutes, as the most precious legacy he could transmit to them, and through them to the world. All were taught that they were under the rule of the God of heaven. There was to be no oppression on the part of parents, and no disobedience on the part of children. God's law had appointed to each his duties, and only in obedience to it could any secure happiness or prosperity.

His own example, the silent influence of his daily life, was a constant lesson. The unswerving integrity, the benevolence and unselfish courtesy, which had won the admiration of kings, were displayed in the home. There was a fragrance about the life, a nobility and loveliness of character, which revealed to all that he was connected with heaven. He did not neglect the soul of the humblest servant. In his household there was not one law for the master, and another for the servant; a royal way for the rich, and another for the poor. All were treated with justice and compassion, as inheritors with him of the grace of life.

He "will command his household." There would be no sinful neglect to restrain the evil propensities of his children, no weak, unwise, indulgent favoritism; no yielding of his conviction of duty to the claims of mistaken affection. Abraham would not only give right instruction, but he would maintain the authority of just and righteous laws.

How few there are in our day who follow this example! On the part of too many parents there is a blind and selfish sentimentalism, miscalled love, which is manifested in leaving children, with their unformed judgment and undisciplined passions, to the control of their own will. This is the veriest cruelty to the youth, and a great wrong to the world. Parental indulgence causes disorder in families and in society. It confirms in the young the desire to follow inclination, instead of submitting to the divine requirements. Thus they grow up with a heart averse to doing God's will, and they transmit their irreligious, insubordinate spirit to their children, and children's children. Like Abraham, parents should command their households after them. Let obedience to parental authority be taught and enforced as the first step in obedience to the authority of God.

The light esteem in which the law of God is held, even by religious leaders, has been productive of great evil. The teaching which has become so widespread, that the divine statutes are no longer binding upon men, is the same as idolatry in its effect upon the morals of the people. Those who seek to lessen the claims of God's holy law are striking directly at the foundation of the government of families and nations. Religious parents, failing to walk in His statutes, do not command their household to keep the way of the Lord. The law of God is not made the rule of life. The children, as they make homes of their own, feel under no obligation to teach their children what they themselves have never been taught. And this is why there are so many godless families; this is why depravity is so deep and widespread.

Not until parents themselves walk in the law of the Lord with perfect hearts, will they be prepared to command their children after them. A reformation in this respect is needed,—a reformation which shall be deep and broad. Parents need to reform; ministers need to reform; they need God in their households. If they would see a different state of things, they must bring His Word into their families, and must make it their counsellor. They must teach their children that it is the voice of God addressed to them, and is to be implicitly

obeyed. They should patiently instruct their children, kindly and untiringly teach them how to live in order to please God. The children of such a household are prepared to meet the sophistries of infidelity. They have accepted the Bible as the basis of their faith, and they have a foundation that cannot be swept away by the incoming tide of scepticism.

Family Worship

In too many households, prayer is neglected. Parents feel that they have no time for morning and evening worship. They cannot spare a few moments to be spent in thanksgiving to God for His abundant mercies,—for the blessed sunshine and showers of rain, which cause vegetation to flourish, and for the guardianship of holy angels. They have no time to offer prayer for divine help and guidance, and for the abiding presence of Jesus in the household. They go forth to labour as the ox or the horse goes, without one thought of God or heaven. They have souls so precious that rather than permit them to be hopelessly lost, the Son of God gave His life to ransom them; but they have little more appreciation of His great goodness than have the beasts that perish.

Like the patriarchs of old, those who profess to love God should erect an altar to the Lord wherever they pitch their tent. *If ever there was a time when every house should be a house of prayer, it is now.* Fathers and mothers should often lift up their hearts to God in humble supplication for themselves and their children. Let the father, as priest of the household, lay upon the altar of God the morning and evening sacrifice, while the wife and children unite in prayer and praise. In such a household, Jesus will love to tarry.

From every Christian home a holy light should shine forth. Love should be revealed in action. It should flow out in all home intercourse, showing itself in thoughtful kindness, in gentle, unselfish courtesy. There are homes where this principle is carried out,—homes where God is worshipped, and truest love reigns. From these homes, morning and evening prayer ascends to God as sweet incense, and His mercies and blessings descend upon the suppliants like the morning dew.

Most Powerful Argument

A well-ordered Christian household is a powerful argument in favour of the reality of the Christian religion,—an argument that the infidel cannot gainsay. All can see that there is an influence at work in the family that affects the children, and that the God of Abraham is with them. If the homes of professed Christians had a right religious mould, they would exert a mighty influence for good. They would indeed be the "light of the world." The God of heaven speaks to every faithful parent in the words addressed to Abraham: "I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment; that the Lord may bring upon Abraham that which He hath spoken of him." Gen. 18: 19.

ELLEN G. WHITE.

In "Patriarchs and Prophets," pp. 128-130.

"CARVE your name on hearts and not on marble."



OUR MISSION FIELD

Itinerating in the Solomons —Part 2

June 7.—At 2 p.m., the hour long-looked-for by the native brethren of the Marovo had arrived. It was the hour of the dedication of the headquarters church. Set out on a knoll overlooking land and sea, this church can be seen for miles. It is built of timber all cut and planed on the mission.

Twelve hundred natives were in attendance. There was not sufficient room for half of them in the building, crowded as it was to the limits, but those outside came up close to the open doors and windows. Speaker and interpreter extended themselves, and all heard the message of the hour. Then followed the inevitable native feast, and nobody missed that, natives or whites. How happy we all were! What a miracle of grace that feast, compared with the old-time feasts, revealed!

June 8.—The council began in real earnest at 9 a.m. During the afternoon the committee inspected all the mission buildings at Batuna. At sunset the peace and joy of another Sabbath day were ushered in. No attempt was made to hold the Sabbath services in the church. We improvised the large unfinished shop building just below the church in which to conduct the meetings. We had 800 natives inside and 200 and more outside at all the day services. "In the name of Jesus of Nazareth rise up and walk" was the call of the hour. The response was thrilling as over a thousand men and women, as one man, rose to their feet. Then the white workers' little prayer meeting closed another very full day.

June 9.—Sabbath, and what a day of blessing and happiness it was! And it was all so simple; the power of God was in the early morning meeting. Again at 9 a.m. the whole assembly was refreshed by the continued showers of blessing. At 11 a.m. we spoke to the native teachers and their wives. At 3 p.m. Sabbath school was conducted, our native brethren leading out. At 5 p.m. a missionary symposium in which the Solomon Island district leaders told the story of advance in their respective fields, closing with the close of Sabbath. At 7:30 p.m. in lighter vein, we told them stories with their attendant morals. And how the child loves a story! even so these children of the islands of the sea. As an evidence of the impressions made by stories told a year ago, at which time we told them about Maeva, a Fijian girl, and her struggles for the truth, we might mention that no less than three babies born since have been called Maeva.

June 10.—Services at 6 and 9 a.m. concluded the meetings for the native gathering. We spoke at the nine o'clock meeting on the story of the ten lepers, all of whom were helped and healed, but only one returned to give thanks. Would we

also go away with no word of thanks to God for His blessings? Again the congregation, 1,000 strong, stood to their feet, and in the twelve sections into which we divided the audience, each gave his testimony of consecration to God for His goodness to the children of men. Immediately following this meeting we went into committee for the rest of the day.

June 11 and 12.—Council meetings continued each day.

June 13.—Left Batuna and visited the sites of our early missionary work in the lagoon. On our return after tea we concluded our council. That night, with improvised instruments, Dr. C. W. Harrison operated upon a native in physical need.

A. H. PIPER.

Letter from Malaita, Solomon Islands

TO THE RECORD FAMILY.

DEAR FRIENDS,

We have been planning to write to you for several months, but have not been able to get it in. It was our intention to write and say good-bye, but having so much to do by way of preparation for our hospital as well as our own things, we did not get it done, so now after a few months out here we pass on a few lines.

I am indeed glad to be back in the mission field once again, even though I enjoyed my few months with you in the home field, and Dr. Parker is already well at home in the mission field. This reminds me that as yet we have no home out here. We have a place called a house, where we keep our furniture, etc., and in which we have stayed on two occasions since coming out. Once we stayed two nights; and next time, two weeks. This is all the real home life we have had, but still we are happy and contented in the work of the Lord. We hope to build a house soon, as we know that if we do not do so the other place will soon fall down over our heads; but there are so many things that need to be done. Our little boat has been our home for the most part, and seemingly will be for a little while longer.

A few days ago I received a call for a teacher away down at the lower end of Malaita, and think perhaps you will all be interested to hear a little about it. It came about in this way. One of the boys from a mission that we commenced about eighteen months before, went for a trip round the island in a boat. He remained at the lower end of the island a few days. While he was there, he began to tell the people about his mission. Many of the listeners were heathen, and some were of other mission bodies. He began to explain about the Bible teaching regarding the Sabbath. He explained that Saturday was the Sabbath of the Bible, but Sunday was the day of man's making, also many other truths. Soon many more came along, and all were amazed at what they

heard. Some asked if he had been at school for five or more years, and when told he had not, they could hardly believe it. "Why," they said, "he is only a village boy like us, but yet he talks like the priests. That must be a good mission! You come and be our teacher!" "No," he said, "I do not know enough to be a teacher. I must stay at school myself." "Well, why does not your mission come down to our place and teach us?" "It would, if you go up and ask our missionary," was the reply. So the man came and begged for a teacher. He waited days for me to come, and now is waiting and preparing for a teacher who will go as soon as I can go that way.

Pray that the Lord will open up the way for us to send more teachers in response to these calls. We have the men who will go as soon as the money for their support comes along.

A. F. PARKER.

*S.D.A. Mission,
Malaita, British Solomon Is.*

Visiting the New Hebrides—No. 1

THIS group is one of tragedy and triumph. Tragedy is seen when one steps ashore on the once populous island of Erromanga, where less than one hundred years ago six thousand natives dwelt in their leaf homes. Today less than two hundred of the people of Erromanga remain. Recruiting for the Queensland sugar plantations, the terrible depredations made by the sandal-wood gatherers and recruiters of olden days, the vices introduced by some of the bad men of such times, tribal warfare, and epidemics have all contributed their share in decimating this once populous and fertile island.

Tragedy is seen on the island of Santo also, where less than half a century ago thousands of natives lived, but where today only a handful remain, compared with the past. Around Big Bay's north-western shores five hundred natives dwelt but little more than twenty years ago. Today it would be difficult to find more than fifty. And so the story goes in so many portions of the group.

Tragedy, too, is seen in the many lonely graves of brave men and noble women who, in their efforts to bring salvation to these degraded folk, have fallen at their post either under the cannibal's club or by the hand of sickness, to be buried with many tears by their own loved ones, with none to mourn but the husband or the wife remaining.

Triumph is seen in some lives reclaimed and still shining for the Lord who lifted them, transforming them from the lowest depths of heathenism to sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus, revealing once more the fact that the gospel of Jesus Christ is still the power of God unto salvation.

Travelling upwards of one thousand miles on our excellent and well formed ketch *Le Phare*, Pastor H. E. Piper of North New Zealand, Mr. Hopkins of Queensland (who accompanied us at his own expense), and the writer were able to pay a most comprehensive visit to the group, making contact with islands heretofore untouched by a Union Conference delegation, and discovering possibilities of developmental work that we believe will bring inspiration to our people, joy to our

workers, and salvation to many needy souls.

Our first call after reaching the field and being met by Pastor Peacock, the superintendent, was at the new field of Tanna. Three years ago this island was visited by a Union Conference delegation. At that time we had nothing on it, but inspected some land available, and subsequently invited Brother and Sister Weil to locate here. Today we find erected at Port Resolution a fine mission home and school building, a new native village near by, and in seven outstations under the care of native teachers almost three hundred men and women attending our Sabbath schools, while village after village presents its call for the Sabbath mission.

From this new field upwards of twenty bright young people have been taken to our training school at Aore, and during our island committee meeting held in June, two of these Tannese men were appointed to stations in other islands as teachers. We were greatly encouraged by what we saw on Tanna, finding there, as elsewhere, hearts longing for the Light of the world.

Proceeding next to Ambrym, we found the mission at Baiap, which was entirely destroyed four years ago by the eruption of the volcano, now rebuilt, presenting a very beautiful picture and having on its Sabbath school roll over one hundred souls. Masing Nalo, one of our most experienced teachers, assisted by Abednego of Malekula, here leads out in the work, and these workers are much blessed in their activity.

Sailing still farther along the Ambrym coast, we reached Limbul, our district headquarters, where a new mission house is almost completed for the occupancy of Brother and Sister David Ferris, who direct the work on Ambrym, but who at present are on furlough in Australia. The Limbul station is located on ground recently secured by us, and is in a delightful situation, the house being almost one hundred feet above sea level and yet convenient to the water.

It was our privilege to dedicate the new church at Limbul, built by our own members with the willing assistance of a number of heathen men and women. At the dedication a number of these folk attended the meeting, showing a lively interest in all that was done. Regular contacts are made with these heathen and gradually their customs are being dropped and a number are definitely joining the mission.

Proceeding farther inland, after passing through some of our outstations, we came to a large heathen village wherein a fine church building had been erected entirely by the heathen themselves. We have no teacher here, but were happy to appoint a

strong man from Aore who will at once live with these folk and lead them wholly into the truth.

The Spirit of God is unquestionably impressing hearts everywhere today, and men from unexpected centres and most forbidding conditions are seeking and turning toward Him, the Source of life and light.

Leaving Ambrym, we next reached Aore, the headquarters for our work in the New Hebrides. At Aore are found the residence of Pastor Peacock, the New Hebrides Mission superintendent; the home of Brother Englebrecht, who has charge of our training school; and the home of Brother Cherry, director of the Aore Industries. A fine church and school building, together with workshop, dispensary, and boat slip,



Pastor and Mrs. A. H. Weil and Native Teachers on Tanna

as well as houses for the students, are all erected here and present a beautiful scene. This location is almost ideal. Facing the south-east trade winds, possessing a safe anchorage for our vessels, and having an abundance of good garden soil, as well as being central for the main population of the group, it is looked upon by our workers as well as Government officers and planters as being the best site in the group for our purposes.

Upwards of sixty fine young men and women are in training at Aore at the present time. These have been drawn from many islands, and though once enemies all now fraternise as brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus. The programme of study and work is heavy, and every student is efficiently instructed in those things likely to make him intelligent in mind, industrious in activity, spiritual in heart, and clean in body. Within a few short months young people won from the looseness and carelessness of heathen village life, find themselves diligently working to a carefully-thought-out programme, that makes them better recognise the value of time and the responsibility of service. After three years' training they are prepared to go out themselves to teach others those things imparted to them at Aore, and they do good work when they go out to so labour. Brother Engelbrecht is unsparing in his activity for these students and finds joy in watching their splendid development.

W. G. TURNER.

Colporteurs' Summary

MAY, 1934

Victoria

Hrs. Ord. Helps Total

Table listing colporteurs in Victoria and their contributions, categorized by activity like Bible Pictures and Stories, Home Physician, Bedtime Stories, etc.

North New Zealand

Hrs. Ord. Helps Total

Table listing colporteurs in North New Zealand and their contributions, categorized by activity like Home Physician, Bedtime Stories, etc.

South New South Wales

Hrs. Ord. Helps Total

Table listing colporteurs in South New South Wales and their contributions, categorized by activity like Through Turmoil to Peace, Daniel and the Revelation, etc.

South Australia

Hrs. Ord. Helps Total

Table listing colporteurs in South Australia and their contributions, categorized by activity like Bible Pictures and Stories, Home Physician, etc.

North New South Wales

Hrs. Ord. Helps Total

Table listing colporteurs in North New South Wales and their contributions, categorized by activity like Home Physician, Bible Pictures and Stories, etc.

Tasmania

Hrs. Ord. Helps Total

Table listing colporteurs in Tasmania and their contributions, categorized by activity like Our Day, Home Physician, Bible Pictures and Stories, etc.

Queensland

Hrs. Ord. Helps Total

Table listing colporteurs in Queensland and their contributions, categorized by activity like Home Physician, Home Nursing, Bedtime Stories, etc.

South New Zealand

Hrs. Ord. Helps Total

Table listing colporteurs in South New Zealand and their contributions, categorized by activity like Home Physician, Bible Pictures and Stories, etc.

West Australia

Hrs. Ord. Helps Total

Table listing colporteurs in West Australia and their contributions, categorized by activity like Home Physician, Bible Pictures and Stories, etc.

Totals for May, 1934

Colptrs. Hrs. Ord. Value

Summary table showing totals for May 1934 by region: Victoria, Queensland, South N.S.W., North N.S.W., West Australia, Tasmania, South Australia, North New Zealand.

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Highlighted text box containing announcements for 'Banner' Conference, West Australia, 124 Hours per colporteur, and 'Banner' Colporteur, May: Longest hours: E. B. Murray, 220; Most sales: E. B. Murray, £175 19s. 0d.

Experience in a Convent

ONE day while Ingathering, one of our lady collectors was kindly invited by the Mother Superior of a convent to come inside, and a most edifying and interesting conversation followed. Part of it might interest RECORD readers, as it shows how true simplicity appeals to people of good sense everywhere.

Said the mother, "I often wonder why our church needs to build such mammoth buildings, cathedrals, churches, etc., which are so grand and costly that they burden us with debts which we spend all our lifetime trying to reduce. Nothing of the kind seems to have been required by the Lord Jesus Christ or His apostles. On the contrary, everything connected with them was so extremely plain and simple. While in South Australia I passed a Seventh-day Adventist church which was neat, but exceedingly plain. Are most of your churches so plain?"

"Yes," replied the worker, "we prefer to build very plain buildings so that the hulk of our money can go directly to sending missionaries into all the world. We long for Christ's return to gather all His people home, and that cannot be until the gospel of the kingdom has gone into all the world for a witness."

That seemed to meet with her approval. She then asked, "Are not Seventh-day Adventists vegetarians?" and said, "I think that should be a very decided aid to holy living."

Our maxim that "the health should be as sacredly guarded as the character" pleased her well.

When giving her offering she asked to be remembered in the worker's prayers,

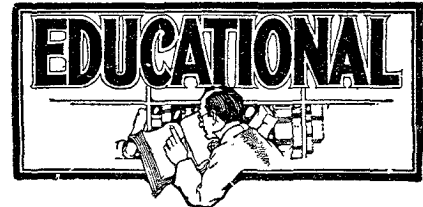
and they parted, feeling they were both children of the one great Father. She has since expressed by letter her interest in *Life and Health*, which she has been receiving over a year now.

F. H.

Error Never a Trifle

"THE mixture of one error with much truth adulterates the whole, as the chalice of pure liquid is rendered dangerous by the infusion of a drop of poison. We should, therefore, beware of all error, however slight and inconsiderable it may appear. One error may soon lead to a hundred—aye, to a thousand."

SERVICE for God pays both in this life and in the life to come. We read: "No one can give place in his own heart and life for the stream of God's blessing to flow to others, without receiving in himself a rich reward. The hillsides and plains that furnish a channel for the mountain streams to reach the sea, suffer no loss thereby. That which they give is repaid a hundredfold. For the stream that goes singing on its way, leaves behind its gift of verdure and fruitfulness. The grass on its banks is fresher green, the trees have a richer verdure, the flowers are more abundant. When the earth lies bare and brown under the summer's parching heat, a line of verdure marks the river's course; and the plain that opened her bosom to bear the mountain's treasure to the sea, is clothed with freshness and beauty,—a witness to the recompense that God's grace imparts to all who give themselves as a channel for its outflow to the world."—*"Mount of Blessing," p. 122.*



W.A. Missionary College

Week of Prayer

WEEK OF PRAYER at W.A.M.C. has been a week of great spiritual blessing to teachers and students alike. To some it came as the torrential rains upon a drought-stricken land, waking into life and joy hearts that had long lain dormant. To others it was a sweet refreshing shower, reviving hearts to firmer resolves for willing service.

Throughout the entire week a very earnest spirit was manifest on the part of the students. In the college prayer bands, early morning meetings, and chapel exercises, almost all gave a ready response to the call for reconsecration.

Excellent opportunity was given to the young men in conducting early morning cottage meetings in the Bickley village. It was in these little gatherings, before the cares of the day had pressed in, that the presence of God was made especially manifest. In the quiet hush of the early morn, before the singing birds had begun to carol their glad songs, God's children were found in prayer, pouring forth their praises, sorrows, and supplications at the feet of our all-loving and ever-hearing God.

We were much cheered and encouraged as we listened to the helpful addresses given us by the visiting brethren, Pastors Lyndon and Roenfelt and Brother Davis. The last Friday evening vesper service was, no doubt, the best of the week. We were given a very timely talk on the necessity of making God, not only Lord, but also Master of our lives. At the call for reconsecration the entire student body willingly gave their lives into the hands of the great Master Potter. What joy it must have brought Him to see such a body of strong, earnest young men and women bowed in quiet submission to His will.

Sabbath morning dawned, the last day of this great spiritual feast. At the appointed hour the students, with their teachers, made their customary way through the woods to the church. Here we heard once more of the marvellous way in which this message is being carried to the ends of the earth.

In the Week of Prayer thank offering, opportunity was given for making a practical expression of our appreciation. During the week the students had been busy canvassing among themselves, and as a result, they were able to make a special offering of £12 for the support of native workers in New Guinea.

God has blessed us abundantly with both spiritual and temporal blessings, and now we are resolved to show our gratitude by living lives wholly dedicated to Him.

JESSIE LAIRD.

Ten Reasons

For the Establishment of the Family Altar

1. It will send you forth to the daily task with cheerful heart, stronger for the work, truer to duty, and determined in whatever is done therein to glorify God.
2. It will give you strength to meet the discouragements, the disappointments, the unexpected adversities, and sometimes the blighted hopes that fall to your lot.
3. It will make you conscious throughout the day of the attending presence of an unseen, divine One, who will bring you through more than conqueror over every unholy thought or thing that rises up against you.
4. It will sweeten home life and enrich home relationship as nothing else can do.
5. It will solve all the misunderstandings and relieve all the friction that sometimes come into the sacred precincts of family life.
6. It will hold, as nothing else, the boys and girls when they have gone from underneath the parental roof, and will very largely determine the eternal salvation of the children.
7. It will exert a helpful, hallowed influence over those who may be guests within the home.
8. It will enforce, as nothing else can do, the work of your pastor, both in pulpit and pew, and will stimulate the life of your church in its every activity.
9. It will furnish an example and a stimulus to other homes for a life and service devoted to God.
10. The Word of God requires it, and in thus obeying God, we honour Him who is the giver of all good and the source of all blessing.

—Selected.

"LOOK on your worst enemies with the thought that they may one day become your best friends."

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Visit of Pastor R. Hare and Brother J. L. Smith

A "PLEASANT surprise" was the epithet used by our conference president in informing us of the proposed visit of Pastor Hare and Brother Smith, and now the pleasant surprise has changed into a pleasant memory, a memory which will long be cherished. None but isolated folk can know with what joy a visit from some of the brethren is received. In this care of the isolated folk the North N.S.W. Conference is to be commended, for in six months we have had two visits, one being from the president himself.

We met these brethren one evening at the home of Sister Fisher in Armidale, where an address was given by Pastor Hare. In a wonderful way he showed that God acts in a way that appears foolish to man, but eventually proves that God's purpose is all wise. When this pleasant little gathering was over, we drove the brethren to our home, nestled away up in the mountains twenty-seven miles from Armidale.

Next morning, despite a white frost, found our veteran pastor first astir, and after a walk among the eucalyptus, could not be deterred from having "a little exercise" at the wood heap.

At 9.35, much to the delight of the children, he visited the school, and had the children intensely interested telling them of Fiji.

After school hours we took our visitors to see the waterfalls two miles distant, and so impressed was Pastor Hare as he stood on the edge of that 1,500 feet cliff that his poetical talent was called into commission to pen a poem which appeared two days later in the Armidale newspaper.

In the evening some of the children and also some adults from the village assembled in our home to hear him speak of Pitcairn.

All too speedily the time passed, and it was with great regret that we returned these brethren to Armidale early next morning to resume their way northward.
A. E. WATTS.

Armidale's Attractions

Impress Visiting Preacher The Beauty of the Falls

ARMIDALE as a city quite fascinated Pastor R. Hare, who is seventy-four years of age and visited here for the first time this week. Mr. Hare is an evangelist for the Seventh-day Adventists and during the course of his ministry has been in Melbourne, Adelaide, Brisbane, Hobart, Launceston, Wellington, Auckland, and Dunedin, as well as in many of the cities of America.

Armidale he considers compares favourably with most places he has seen. He was charmed with its well kept streets, its beautiful churches, training colleges, private dwellings and public parks. On Wednesday, Mr. Hare visited the

Wollomombi Falls as the guest of the schoolmaster, Mr. Albert Watts. So impressed was the visitor with their beauty that he was inspired to pen the following lines:

The Wollomombi Falls

"Falling, falling, gently falling,
In the noonday sun;
Smiling through the moon-lit shadings,
When the day is done,
Robed in fleecy whiteness, falling,
Kissed by every sun!
Dashing wildly when the tempest
Sways the weeping skies,
Thundering down, in tones of madness,
When the storm winds rise,
Down the rocky steps descending,
'Neath the darkened skies.
Murmuring waters, soft and tender,
Let your music fall,
While my wearied heart and spirit,
Answering your call,
Bow in rapture as the shadows
Softly round me fall!
In your voice of many waters,
Whisper soft and sweet,
Whether storm-tossed or in sunshine,
With a song complete,
Tell of One who rules above us,
True, and strangely sweet!"
—Armidale Express.



The Doctor Thinks Aloud—No. 9

REGULARITY in the performance of our normal physiological functions constitutes one of the important factors in good health. Many people have answered my direct question regarding the activity of their bowel by saying, "Oh, yes, I am quite regular, but of course I take a little opening medicine each day. I wouldn't think of letting myself go." When I have inquired into the medicine they are taking I find that many are using tablets containing harmful medicines in addition to the ingredient used to work the bowel. About the most common poison contained in these cathartics is strychnine. The usual dose of this stimulant used in treatment is approximately one sixty-fifth of a grain. It has been common to find that some are taking more than twice this dose each day in order to be "regular."

I wonder if we are not doing more harm than good in eating poison each day in order to bolster a normal function of our body. Would it not be better to pay more attention to our diet and exercise instead of depending upon artificial stimulants? If necessary, there are laxatives that may be used which do not contain such harmful ingredients as strychnine. Examine the analysis of the remedy you are using, and be sure it does not contain any violent poison.

"AS fruit needs not only sunshine but cold nights and chilling showers to ripen it, so character needs not only joy, but trial and difficulty to mellow it."

Health Food Department

Plans for Progress in South Australia

WITH a view to further developing all departments of the Health Food work in South Australia by making possible more detailed supervision, it has been decided to place the retail and café departments under one manager and the wholesale department under another. This plan has been followed for some years in connection with our Health Food work in New South Wales, Victoria, and throughout New Zealand.

Brother G. E. Salisbury, who has been leading out in the Health Food work in South Australia for several years, has accepted the management of our retail and café business in Rundle Street, Adelaide, where his special training and long experience in retail selling and management are needed to further build up the work both from the business and from the educational standpoints.

Brother R. W. Westerman, who for some years was connected with the Sanitarium Health Food Company's office in Christchurch, New Zealand, and later at Cooranbong, N.S.W., and who has for several years past been a salesman connected with our wholesale Distributing Depot in Sydney, was recently asked by the Union Conference Committee to undertake the management of our wholesale distributing business in South Australia. Brother Westerman with his family left Sydney for Adelaide on July 1.

We pray that these workers may be greatly blessed as in South Australia they strive to make the Health Food work all that God intends it to be.

G. T. CHAPMAN,
Health Food Dept. Sec

Wanted.—Position on dairy or sheep station by capable youth, aged sixteen. Has had two years' experience on a dairy farm, cultivation, etc. Good reference given. Apply to the EDITOR, "Mizpah," Wahroonga, N.S.W.

For Sale.—Well established massage and Sanitarium treatment business as going concern. For further particulars apply "MESSAGE," Care of the EDITOR, "Mizpah," Wahroonga, N.S.W.

Home Offered.—Use of half of furnished cottage and half-acre garden is offered to mother and son or couple in return for service of young man. Good S.D.A. References exchanged. Apply "ALPHA," Care South N.S.W. Conference Office, 72 The Boulevard, Strathfield.

PASTOR C. HEAD, the Home Missions Secretary for South New South Wales, writes: "Through an oversight the name of Sister Osgood was omitted from the report of our work on behalf of the N.S.W. Benevolent Society. She with six Hurstville church workers rendered splendid service in gathering funds for the Mother's Day Appeal."



A Beautiful Picture

"The Sabbath school should be one of the greatest instrumentalities, and the most effectual, in bringing souls to Christ." "The Sabbath school is not the place of entertainment, to amuse and divert the children, although rightly conducted it can be all this; but it is a place where children and youth are educated, where the Bible is opened to their understanding, line upon line, precept upon precept, here a little, and there a little. It is the place where the light of truth is to be imparted."

This statement from "Testimonies on Sabbath School Work," page 47, was recently impressed upon my mind when it was my privilege to attend the South Melbourne Sabbath school and church.

The occasion was Rally Day. Rallies always are special days, but this particular rally had a deeper meaning in a new setting for us. We were greeted with a large sign displayed over the platform, "WELCOME TO SABBATH SCHOOL," also a banner with the words, "OUR AIM, SOUL WINNING." The facts gathered at this Sabbath school that morning proved how effectually this aim is being realised.

Twenty-five little tots stood on the platform with beaming faces. A glance at their teachers and leaders showed love bestowed upon these little ones of the Sabbath school. The programme was enjoyable, impressive, and effectively rendered by those taking part from the various divisions of the school, but that which impressed the writer most was the presence of these twenty-five small children, and the part taken by them.

"We are but little candles, yet we can brightly shine," sung by these tiny tots, the candles held in their little hands and directed according to the words in each verse, impressed our minds and hearts as the message was given of how Sabbath school members can be lights in the world and in the church.

Then the item, "How Do You Spend Your Time?" How those questions and facts went home to our hearts! As this item was being rendered, a sister seated beside me whispered, "All those children except five are non-Adventists, and aren't they lovely?" Ah, there was the Sabbath school being a missionary agency! "I am an hour," recited a little tot, as he swung the hour-hand of the clock emphatically around, saying, "Not sufficient to make a trip around the world, but time to learn a great deal in Sabbath school."

There was the result of love bestowed by teachers of the Sabbath school! The leaders of this particular school, with their kindergarten leader and teacher, spend their Sunday mornings (and they are busy Health Food Café workers) in visiting the homes of the people in the neighbourhood of this church. They encourage the parents, and have many opportunities of speaking a comforting word, helping the needy, taking a personal interest in them and their children, and the result?—

Twenty non-Adventist children regularly attending our Sabbath school. God bless the work Sister McCashney and Miss Ada Warhurst and their helpers are doing for these children of South Melbourne. Truly they are grasping the opportunity of gathering the lambs, and who can estimate the value of this work? "A little child shall lead them," we read in the Scripture, and some of the mothers are attending the Sabbath school. One little girl has been named "Missionary Margaret" because of the love she has in bringing others to the school. She has brought along five others.

Can we not all do a like work for our Sabbath schools? "OUR AIM, SOUL WINNING."

MABEL C. BARLOW,
Vic. Conf. Sabbath School Sec.

Notes from South Australia

THE Prospect and City Sabbath schools held their Rally Day on June 16. These are our two largest churches in the conference. At Prospect the officers changed the order, and had the church service first, followed by the Sabbath school. As a result, the church building was full, and we had a fine time together. In the City school when an appeal was made at the conclusion of the service for every one to join the Sabbath school, almost every one present stood. Kensington will hold its rally next Sabbath, and will follow the lead given by Prospect, reversing the order of the two meetings for the day. We are sure there will be a smaller number of missing church members to report this quarter than last.

Perhaps in no previous quarter have we heard so many expressions of appreciation concerning the Sabbath school lessons. I think it must be the unanimous opinion of our Sabbath school members that the studies on the Holy Spirit were the most helpful and the "best ever."

Our schools are doing valiantly in the investment. The Bordertown school, with a membership of only fifteen, sent in the largest investment offering for the March quarter. Accompanying their report were slips of paper telling how thirteen members raised their investment money.

Their success in this good work enabled this school to lead the conference by having the largest total offering in proportion to the membership, the average being 11s. 5d. per week from eight adults and seven children.

In the Port Pirie school by the sale of books one sister was able to raise twelve shillings, and in Murray Bridge another sister engaged in this good home missionary work for the investment fund.

The Teal Flat Sabbath school retains the place of honour for perfect records,—100 per cent every week for two quarters. Is not this a splendid example of faithfulness? This is what the superintendent of the Teal Flat school writes: "Our members always attend regularly, except in case of sickness, and then we always arrange to have our meeting at that home."

FLORENCE CHERRET,
S.A. Sabbath School Sec.

I HAVE endeavoured to follow with unswerving fidelity the line of duty.—*Dr. Livingstone.*

The Wife of General Booth on "Dress"

LOOKING over our new Sabbath school lessons, I notice that Lesson 2 touches on the subject of modest attire. In this connection I have some fine extracts from the pen of Mrs. Catherine Booth, wife of William Booth, founder of the Salvation Army, who was unquestionably a very godly woman. This is what she has to say on simplicity of dress:

"Associated with my very earliest ideas of religion was the necessity for plainness of dress. It seemed to me clear from the teachings of the Bible that Christ's people should be separate from the world in everything which denoted character, and that they should not only be separate, but appear so. Otherwise, what benefit would their separation confer on the others?"

"As I advanced in religious experience, I became more and more convinced that my appearance ought to be such as to show to everybody with whom I came in contact that I had renounced the pomps and vanities of the world and that I belonged to Christ.

"People have asked me sometimes whether we cannot be separate from the world in our hearts without being different in our dress. My reply has been, 'What is the use to the world of a testimony for Christ up in your bedroom?' The very essence of witnessing for God before the world is that we should not be like it! The people quite recognise this whether Christians do or not. Hence their contempt for those who talk to them about religion while dressed as fashionably as themselves."

This quotation is from the book "Catherine Booth" by F. de L. Booth Tucker, page 99. R. REYE.

OBITUARY

Butcher.—On the morning of June 26, Sister Lillian M. Butcher, aged forty-two years, fell asleep in Jesus, after a brief illness. The following day she was laid to rest in the S.D.A. portion of the Murwillumbah cemetery in the presence of a large circle of friends and relatives. Sister Butcher's interest in this message was first aroused by Brother and Sister W. North, and she was baptised by the writer about eight and a half years ago. This dear sister was a consecrated follower of the Lord until her death. Her greatest burden was for the conversion of her husband. We believe she will be among those who will hear the call of the Life-giver on the resurrection morning, when all tears shall be forever wiped away. To mourn the sad loss of a devoted wife and mother are her husband and three sons. To these sorrowing ones our deepest sympathies are extended in their bereavement. J. S. JACKSON.

Return Thanks.—Mr. G. French and family wish to express their sincere thanks for the messages of sympathy and comfort received by letters, telegrams, cards, floral tributes, and all personal expressions during their recent sad bereavement of their beloved wife and dear mother. Will all accept this as a personal acknowledgment of deepest gratitude.

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PASTOR S. V. STRATFORD left Wahroonga for Melbourne on July 5, to spend about a month visiting among the churches in Victoria with Pastor H. J. Meyers, in the interests of our young people's work.

TRAVELLING to Lord Howe Island by the *Morinda* on July 7, Miss Muriel Ferris returned home, having recovered from the illness that brought her to Sydney.

It is interesting to note the number of business course students from the Australasian Missionary College who are now employed by the Sanitarium Health Food Department, either as office workers or travellers. To mention some of the more recent appointments: No less than three from last year's class are co-workers in the office of the Wholesale Distributing Depot in Sydney,—Miss Enid Bennie, Mr. Ronald H. Brown, and Mr. James Wilson. Mr. T. G. Brinsmead, who graduated the previous year, was also called into the same office a few months ago. Miss Eunice Thomson joined the staff of the Avondale Industries shortly after her graduation. Some weeks ago Miss Norris Faulkhead was called from the College to the office of the Wholesale Distributing Depot in Melbourne.

SISTER H. B. P. WICKS wrote from Rarotonga, Cook Islands, by the latest mail: "We have just finished a good Week of Prayer. The attendance was better than last year. The children did very well, hardly missing a meeting. Quite a number came back to the evening meetings with their parents. On the last Sabbath the children stood up and repeated all seven memory verses and sang their hymn with much spirit. Our shipping is somewhat upset these months, owing to repairs and strikes. We had no mail for eight weeks from New Zealand or Australia, and have not had any communication with Tahiti for that period. This made it difficult for us as our monthly paper is printed in Tahiti." Sister Wicks then referred to disquieting rumours that had reached them regarding the continuation of the strike, which meant the cancellation of their mail boats, but we are glad to note that the service has since been resumed.

FROM the New Hebrides, Sister Hamley Perry writes: "After eight months on Tanna we are now at Aore again, and enjoying the privilege of associating with the workers here. Aore seems to be keeping free from sickness just now, for which we are all thankful, especially Sister Cherry, who carries the responsibility of the hospital work. Our school family seems to be continually growing. Nearly every time the ship goes out it brings back

one or two more students. Mr. Perry and I visited Big Bay, Santo, some months ago, and were glad to find all well and happy under the care of David, the teacher from Ambrym. During the latest hurricane Big Bay fared badly, and at our little outstation of Seretea the whole village and church were washed away by a tidal wave. A trader near by lost practically everything. A large tree came in on the wave and brushed his store right off its foundations, and that was the last he saw of it. One could never realise the extent of the damage unless he saw the place before and after the hurricane. Fortunately our main station is built in an elevated position, so did not suffer so badly. The two years we have spent out here have passed very quickly."

NURSE TOTENHOFER wrote from Batuna, Solomon Islands, under date of June 12: "I have just had a record week in the hospital. There were five cases of pneumonia besides other bed patients, and hundreds of outpatients. One day we gave more than 250 treatments, and the total for the week was 960. We had a most wonderful gathering here, over a thousand people. Some camp meeting! We had a very happy time while the visiting brethren were here."

Pitcairn's Week of Prayer

WE had another blessed spiritual Week of Prayer this year. The Holy Spirit's influence was felt even before the first meetings were held.

On a cold, disagreeable, rainy Friday evening, Pastor Smith met with the two elders to go over a few plans for the coming week. Thoughts from the Spirit of Prophecy were read, and we knelt twice in prayer asking for God's guidance in our plans and for the full presence of the latter rain power to be felt in the meetings. Prayer was also made concerning the weather, which showed every indication of being wet for some time.

The combined prayers of the leaders and the islanders were answered. Sabbath morning dawned bright and clear, with just a slight squall of rain to freshen up nature and make the Sabbath one of those real tropical days.

It was a day of fasting and prayer. Before the church service began, a goodly company gathered in the upper story of the church, where prayer and supplication were offered for the Spirit's presence to rest upon the parents and children. The petitions of fathers and mothers brought tears to the eyes of many as they prayed most earnestly for their children. God heard, and it was a real refreshing time. Even though there was some rain during the week, all on the island received spiritual blessing.

We changed from our usual custom of having the Week of Prayer readings in the church; and each evening from the prayer hands held in private homes were heard the songs of Zion and the voices of the prayer hand leaders reading from the RECORD. These prayer bands are the same that were organised after our camp meeting last year. This plan worked splendidly, and all were satisfied. The testimonies at a general gathering on the last Friday evening showed that all enjoyed the readings and profited by them. At

this meeting a number told how certain portions of the different articles impressed and helped them.

But the crowning day of all was the church service Sabbath noon. The church officers, prayer band leaders, and all who felt so inclined were invited to meet in the church before the noon service, there to pray and plead for God's Holy Spirit to be especially near in the coming meeting. Our prayers were again heard, and what a spiritual refreshing was felt! God worked mightily on the hearts of the people, and when a call was made for a new consecration of heart, soul, and spirit, nearly the whole church rose to their feet as one man. Some lingered; the others remained standing. Soon others were seen to rise, and then still others, as Pastor Smith moved up and down the aisle pleading.

There was hardly a dry eye in the meeting, and because of the deep moving of the Spirit many freely gave way to unrestrained weeping. I wish you could have been here with us. It would have done your heart good to see such heartfelt surrender to the Lord. This noonday service lasted nearly two hours, and I can truly say I have very seldom witnessed such an outpouring of the Spirit as we had on the last day of the Week of Prayer.

R. P. CLARK.

Better than the Best

LAST month we told you that April was the best month this year in the colporteur work. Now we tell you that May is much better than April, as will be seen by the summary given on another page. During April, 107 colporteurs sold £3,018 worth of books. For May we are happy to state that 115 colporteurs sold books to the value of £4,044.

Our aim for the month was £2,834, but our sales exceeded this by £1,210; and the best of it is that this good fortune has been shared by all the fields. Only one field failed to reach its aim for the month, and that one beat its April figures.

Last month we mentioned that we were just a few pounds short of our aim to April 30 for the whole field. This month we are happy to tell you that we have not only reached our total aim to date, but are now £1,137 above that aim. Compared with the first five months of last year, the sales are better by £2,091.

To the Lord of the great harvest field, by whose help and blessing alone these good results are possible, we offer humble praise.

J. J. POTTER,
Union Field Missionary Sec.

A SISTER in Brisbane did not know what to do for the Investment Fund until some one gave her a bundle of back numbers of the *Signs* to sell. Now she sells forty every week, and has been the means of bringing fourteen people into the truth,—seven last year and seven this year.

AT the Union Conference office an envelope was received on July 4 containing ten shillings "From a friend for the mission appeal." We are grateful to the unknown sender.