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Camp Meeting---Why You Should Attend

THE camp meeting is one of the most important agencies in our work."—*Testimonies for the Church,* Vol. 6, p. 31.

These words sent to us years ago through the Spirit of Prophecy mean just as much to the church now as then. Our annual camp meetings have served this cause as outstanding factors in promoting spiritual life among our own people.

No agency among us has so unified our efforts and united our hearts, thus preparing us for the accomplishment of our common task,—the proclamation of the truth in all places,—as the annual camp meeting. Scores of believers plan in advance for their attendance at these yearly convocations; others failing to do so lose much. The Lord has spoken directly concerning this particular matter.

"It is important that the members of our churches should attend our camp meetings. . . . Individually you need the benefits of the meeting, and God calls upon you to number one in the ranks of truth.

"Some will say, 'It is expensive to travel, and it would be better for us to save the money, and give it for the advancement of the work where it is so much needed.' Do not reason in this way; God calls upon you to take your place among the rank and file of His people. Strengthen the meeting all you possibly can by being present with your families. Put forth extra exertion to attend the gathering of God's people.

"Brethren and sisters, it would be far better for you to let your business suffer than to neglect the opportunity of hearing the message God has for you. Make no excuse that will keep you from gaining every spiritual advantage possible. You need every ray of light. You need to become qualified to give a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear. You cannot afford to lose one such privilege.

"Anciently the Lord instructed His people to assemble three times a year for His worship. . . .

"With those who lived at a distance from the tabernacle, more than a month of every year must have been occupied in attendance upon these holy convocations. The Lord saw that these gatherings were necessary for the spiritual life of His people. They needed to turn away from their worldly cares, to commune with God, and to contemplate unseen realities.

"If the children of Israel needed the benefit of these holy convocations in their time, how much more do we need them in these last days of peril and conflict! . . .

"Go to the camp meeting, even though you have to make a sacrifice to do so. Go with a will to work. And make every effort to induce your friends to go, not in your place, but to go with you, to stand on the Lord's side, and obey His commandments. Help those who are interested to attend, if necessary providing them with food and lodging. Angels who are commissioned to minister to those who are heirs of salvation will accompany you."—*Testimonies,* Vol. 6, pp. 38-40.



Vailoa, Samoa

"VAILOA truly is changed, and presents an attractive appearance both from a distance and near by. And best of all, it is so good to see a school and church there, with so many who really love the message." This extract from a letter by Sister H. T. Howse is a brief statement of what Vailoa is today.

Yes, Vailoa indeed has changed. What today is an imposing little school village, seen and admired by the travelling public on the main road below and on the passing coastal vessels, was a few short years ago a hillside covered with dense tropical bush. An attempt had been made years before to commence school work there, and a house was built, but the effort failed; the time had not yet come.

My first visit to Vailoa remains a vivid memory. I left my horse on the beach and commenced to climb up the hillside, using a bush knife to cut my way through the dense undergrowth. After some searching I found the house, almost covered with creepers of every description. There I stood, all alone. The place in its solitude almost haunted me, some huge trees having grown all around, casting their gloomy shadows. The vision of a school with chapel, dormitories, road, and well-kept gardens almost went from me that day.

But we simply had to have a school. Preaching and healing were valuable helps, and had produced a little fruitage, but Samoa did not seem to respond to them as entering wedges. We must try the remaining phase of the gospel work, teaching. We felt that a mission school in which we could evangelise suitable young men, and make our influence powerfully felt in the surrounding districts, would bring results. It would give us *mamalu* (dignity or standing) in the eyes of the natives, and the native bases his idea of *mamalu* on that which can be seen.

And so, with this object in view, we set to work to transform the wilderness of Vailoa into a mission settlement. First of all a small area of bush was felled, and planted with taro and bananas. The next step was the building of a road ten feet wide, making the property accessible by car. This difficult and strenuous task was greatly facilitated by the able assistance of Brother J. F. Strange, who superintended the necessary blasting operations. Then part of the school building was erected, more bush felled, and gardens planted. The huge trees came crashing down, letting in light and sunshine, and little by little Vailoa as it is today came into being.

In the midst of all this manual labour we did not forget to speak the word in season to the many who visited the scene of our activities. From time to time we dropped the axe, spade, and hammer, and went out among the villages, far and near, selling our new book on prophecy and

distributing papers. This literature, printed in the vernacular, created an unprecedented interest, and the interested ones questioned, "Where are the people who publish this book and these papers?" And the ever-increasing number of those who knew replied, "Oh, down there at Vailoa, in the Saluafata district they are building a base."

And so at last the Seventh-day Mission in Samoa had obtained *mamalu*, and the natives began to realise that we had established ourselves among them. They were reminded of our presence every time they travelled down the coast by road or water, for Vailoa is literally a "city set on an hill which cannot be hid."

Within the last two years there have been gathered out from the surrounding villages a number of believers who are true to this message. Some of Vailoa's student firstfruits are about to take their places in the field. A series of public meetings is at present being conducted at Vailoa, which, as Brother S. T. Leeder, the principal, writes, is filling the Vailoa church to the very doors, leaving many outside unable to enter.

May the *mamalu* of the church in Samoa continue to be a holy dignity, to the end that a rich harvest may be reaped from among a people who, under the leadership of other missions, have shown rare missionary courage, and have reddened the soil of the New Hebrides and New Guinea with their martyr blood.

R. REYE.

A Samoan Young Man's Appeal for His People

[The following neatly written letter in English has been received from a Samoan young man who is connected with our evangelistic work in Apia.—Ed.]

DEAR RECORD READERS:

I am Sanika Afa'ese, a native teacher of Apia, Samoa. I am now three years associated with this glorious faith. This is my first report I now send to the believers throughout Australasia and the islands of the Pacific.

First of all, I have to thank the Union Conference because of the appointment of Brother and Sister T. Howse for the work in Samoa. I think that is a very wise suggestion, because they are very much acquainted with the people here, and they also know our language.

On their arrival I was surprised to hear them speaking very plain Samoan. Immediately on the following Sabbath Brother Howse conducted the service at Vailoa school, and Sister Howse took part in our young people's meeting in the afternoon. By this, I have to say, *Faafetai tele lava*, which means "Thankyou very much."

When I was a student of Malifa Government school, I was taught that Samoa is a group of ten beautiful islands. That is right, but in how many of these ten beautiful islands is our work being conducted? Our work is being conducted only on the island of Upolu. How about the rest? How about other islands? Shall we leave my people unpreparing for our Lord Jesus Christ? I may take this text, "What man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone?"

One day I bought a second-hand bicycle

to help me in the distributing of *Tala Moni*, as I was so tired of walking such long distances to visit the people and distribute the paper. Sometimes I have to ride twenty-eight miles a day, carrying with me a bag full of *Tala Moni*.

I visit a village of Tugulele once a week. The village is situated about fourteen miles to the west of Apia, and there we have had some right lessons with the people. Yes, Samoans are gradually coming to realise that the "*Lotu Aso Fitiu*" faith is built on a solid Biblical foundation.

Not only that, but also I used to visit Vailoa, about three miles to the east of Apia. There are some Sabbath-keepers in that



Afa'ese. One of our Leading Evangelistic Workers in Samoa, and Afele, a Teacher in the Vailoa School

village. You would be very surprised to see how the house is filled up by the people who are interested so much in our class.

Surely the work in Samoa is progressing. I hope we may see some changes in Samoa by the coming year. I earnestly beg you to pray for us in Samoa, that we may sow the right fruitful seeds for the kingdom of God.

May God bless you, leaders of the work.

Your native friend in this blessed hope,

AFa'ESE.

Church Dedication, Bougainville

I WOULD like to tell you of a new church on Bougainville that we dedicated to the worship of God. The service took place June 6, 1934, at Rarutui, which is over the mountains straight ahead of our Rumba Training School, and is reached after about five hours' walking.

Early in the morning on June 5, Pastor Tutty left here with most of the school students. As a Government patrol officer was due at Rumba that morning, the writer had to remain behind to meet him. After a very pleasant hour he left, and I with three boys started out to overtake Pastor Tutty and the school people or to meet them in the village of Rarutui. As

the earlier party started much sooner, they arrived some two hours before we did.

We were cordially welcomed with handshakes, after which we began to prepare for evening worship. Seeing the large company that had gathered, it was decided to have worship outside on the grass. The writer was asked to conduct this, and a very keen interest was given to the thoughts presented from Matt. 11:29, 30 and Isa. 55:7.

After worship many baskets of food were brought from different houses for the visiting brethren. Next a native oven was prepared and food made ready to cook for the feast which was to follow the dedication of the church. The natives are accustomed to having feasts, and we want to let them have some of their own customs, provided they are in accordance with the will of God. A large hole was dug and then lined with stones, and a fire was lighted that more than filled the hole. About ten o'clock the fire was drawn off, the food placed on the hot stones, and then the whole thing was covered with a large quantity of leaves and left till the afternoon of the following day. This done, there was much talking, but finally all settled down for sleep. Many of the boys went into the Government shelter house, as there was not sufficient accommodation in the village.

At sunrise all were astir, and the usual morning worship took place, similar to the evening worship in the open on the grass. Worship being over, the people were busy washing and preparing generally for the main event of the day.

Several strangers appeared among us who had come to receive injections from Pastor Tutty, but as this was a special visit the medical kit had not been brought, much to the disappointment of these people. They were invited to remain with us for the service, which they consented to do.

At 2 p.m. the bell sounded, and a stream of clean natives began to file into the new church building. More than 120 people crowded into the little building, and all were seated. Pastor Tutty and two native workers and the writer took our places upon the rostrum, and all were silent for a short period. It was good to see so many come together to worship the Lord. A hymn in the vernacular was sung to open the service, and a native teacher offered prayer. The Rumba school people sang a hymn of praise. Pastor Tutty then gave his address, which was followed closely by the people all the way through. At this point a special hymn was rendered, followed by two prayers giving the building to God and asking Him to take each life into His care. A solo with chorus was next given. Again the congregation rose and sang in the native language, and Pastor Tutty pronounced the benediction.

After shaking hands and taking a few hurried photos we all gathered around the native oven, and grace was sung in the vernacular. Then the food was divided out, and all were busy for a while.

The heathen visitors expressed their surprise, and said that the mission way was the better way. At evening time most of the people again assembled in the church for worship, thus starting on the usual round of worshipping the Lord morning and evening in a very comfortable little building. DAVID H. GRAY.

Sabbath School at Suva Vou, Fiji

HERE in our happy little island surrounded by all the beauties of nature—and they are many—among a lovable, God-fearing people, the Fijian brethren, our small but very bappy and progressive Sabbath school of European members meets each week at Suva Vou.

Mrs. E. B. Rudge was our very able superintendent for the past quarter. Our aim for the weekly Sabbath offering was thirteen shillings, and only once did we fail to reach it. At the close of the quarter, we found that the membership was 32, with an average attendance of 27, the daily study being 96 per cent. Four Sabbaths during the quarter we had 100 per cent in daily study.

The birthday offering for the quarter was £2 1s. 11d., representing 503 years. Our Investment Fund realised the sum of £6 1s. 5d. Some of us made coconut ice and sold it for sixpence a bag; some made calendars; some, dress and coat hangers; others made face-washers. One girl member made a child's frock and received 10s. 6d. for it, while Brother Pearman added the large sum of £1 by fixing old lawn mowers which were given to him, and making one good one and selling it.

Our eldest member is over seventy years, and our youngest six years. Sometimes, as a very great treat, some of the Fijian brethren attend our Sabbath school and sing to us. Those who have never heard these dear people sing cannot realise the pleasure they have missed, but I suppose Brother Adair has told you all how very much he enjoyed the singing and how happy he was to have that great pleasure.

Now I must tell you a little about our chart for last quarter. Pastor Stewart remarked that it was one of the best he had seen. The subject matter of the chart was cleverly thought out by Sister Rudge, but the actual drawing and colouring were the artistic work of Sister Sandford, who was before her marriage a Miss Hathaway, sister of the late Brother George Hathaway, who fell asleep at the Sydney Sanitarium in 1933. The chart was a typical Fiji scene, with coconut palms gently swaying in the breeze, overhead the blue sky, while the dazzling sun cast his sunny rays across a wide expanse of water, the waves gently washing their way on the beach, where stood many natives, both men and women, awaiting baptism. Others were seen coming around the coast in their canoes. On the shore a native church was erected week by week, according to our Sabbath school progress. At the close of the quarter Pastor Stewart paid a visit to the mission, and on the Thirteenth Sabbath was in the picture, standing in the doorway.

Then we had a large thermometer, which rose steadily each week until at last on our Thirteenth Sabbath it burst with the sum of £6 1s. 5d., this being £1 over our aim.

We have had a large number of visitors this last quarter, many being country brethren attending meetings and preparing for the *bose*.

We all look forward to Sabbath with great joy, and are all happy to meet together and to study God's holy Word. We are a very fortunate people to have the privilege of being members of one great truth. Let us not keep to ourselves

all these wonderful things we learn, but let us all help those less fortunate than ourselves, by spreading the Word of God and telling of His wonderful mercies, and soon shall the end come.

BETTY HATHAWAY,
Secretary.



A Most Helpful Sabbath School Convention

ALTHOUGH in age well past the time of life when one naturally takes a deep interest in the spiritual training of very young children, I was induced to attend the first of a temporary weekly series of illustrated lessons for kindergarten, primary, and intermediate Sabbath school teachers, arranged and presented in the Ashfield church by the local conference Sabbath school secretary, Mrs. M. E. Tank, supported by Miss H. K. Lewin of the Union Conference.

So helpful was the first lesson of the serial that I made time to attend every one of them, the constantly increasing attendance indicating that the teachers recognised the value of the lessons presented as I myself did. Somewhere between forty and fifty primary and intermediate teachers listened attentively to the last of the lessons, and learnt how the simplest illustrations made with brown paper and other very ordinary articles of everyday use could be made to stimulate the interest of young children.

In building an arch the builder first erects a supported framework; this he surrounds with brick or stone, and lastly, when it is thoroughly set, he removes the supports and the arch stands alone. So with the young child, the very simplest framework of truth must be erected in heart and mind. As he grows older, deeper spiritual instruction is imparted, a strong spiritual arch being constructed in his life, so that in advanced life the individual stands complete in Christ. Nor must it be forgotten that the greater the arch, the deeper must be the foundation, and the stronger the temporary supports.

Special emphasis was rightly laid upon the importance of the correct grading of children, so that boys or girls of similar mental capacity be in the same class. "Better is it to provide teachers for many small classes with children mentally similar than to have large classes composed of children of different age and mentality."

When the intermediate stage is reached, teachers must be chosen who understand boys and girls of ten or twelve or fourteen years, men and women who will realise that the teaching methods of the primary department will no longer interest. "Childish things have been outgrown and forgotten, but in their place much that is new and valuable has taken root in the garden of the soul, and outwardly the boy or girl is as restless as a sky at times, as uncertain as sheet lightning, but inwardly they are as true as steel." Do not expect

too much, but, as with the young trees of the orchard, surround them with spiritual food and a spiritual atmosphere that will in the near future produce an abundant spiritual fruitage.

It is not possible for me to reproduce in this short article the many interesting illustrations, with blackboard and without, that were presented from evening to evening, but they were most helpful, the model kindergarten class taught by Mrs. Tank to living children, and the model primary class study given by Miss Lewin being specially so.

One feature of the lesson series impressed me deeply—the appeal throughout to teachers not only to teach instructive lessons, but to pray much and to watch each child individually, thus being ready to co-operate with the Spirit of God in winning the young heart to the Saviour. "While the average age of definite decisions for Christ is about fourteen years, the great majority of children should simply grow up into Christ."

How splendid it would be if every Seventh-day Adventist child were taught by the parents at the earliest signs of intelligence that they belong to Christ, treated by the primary teachers as infant Christians, instructed by the intermediate teachers as boy and girl followers of Christ, and later admitted into the church, following baptism, as trained soldiers of the cross—Christ's from birth to death or translation.

E. R. C.

Soul-Saving Experiences

AFTER the seed sowing comes the harvest. The day when fourteen new believers were admitted by baptism into the Liverpool church, England, was a happy day for all concerned, and some of the experiences related by the new converts are worthy of passing on.

One brother is a tram conductor who took his stand through reading the serial, "Friendly Talks," in *Present Truth*. He retains his employment and takes the Sabbath off.

Another man became a subscriber for *Present Truth*, and with no human prompting, went to his employers to request the Sabbath free. He and his wife were baptised together.

A lady and her son and daughter were received into the church that day because an Adventist man, during a short visit to Liverpool, had lodged in her house, borne his testimony for truth, and given her address to our local worker when leaving.

An officer on a large Canadian Pacific passenger steamer joined the church that day because nine years ago a missionary doctor on his way to Africa taught him the truth when he was then second officer. Six months ago, when in perplexity, he sought out the Adventist worker in Liverpool for advice, and so came in touch with our people again.

Another woman was first interested through a copy of *Present Truth* purchased at the door. She in turn carried the truth to her mother, and today both are members in Liverpool.

NOTHING is denied well directed labour; and nothing is achieved without it.—*Sir J. Reynolds*.

Colporteurs' Summary

JULY, 1934

Queensland

	Hrs.	Ord.	Helps	Total
<i>Home Physician—</i>				
J. W. Nixon (del.)	163½	35	£5 8 0	£77 8 0
W. F. Reid	252	64	26 9 9	158 7 9
H. Paice	128	59	3 17 0	124 18 0
W. G. Hodgkinson (d.)	80	42	1 5 0	88 1 0
E. B. Murray (del.)	94	32	15 1 6	80 1 6
S. Dymock	81	24	3 1 6	51 7 6
E. B. Morris	26½	12	14 0	25 18 0
<i>Home Nursing—</i>				
R. Gray	91	12	1 7 0	19 19 0
R. Stevens	51	8	17 0	14 5 0
<i>Our Day—</i>				
C. L. Rowland			7	8 6 6
D. G. Livesey	68	3	14 9	5 5 3
S. A. Stevens	26	3	4 0	4 18 6
<i>Bible Pictures and Stories—</i>				
S. Dymock	14	2	7 9	27 9 3
W. F. Reid			2	3 10 0
<i>Practical Guide—</i>				
C. L. Rowland	108	18		18 0 0
<i>Bedtime Stories—</i>				
D. G. Livesey			2	15 0
J. W. Nixon			1	12 0
1169 338 £61 7 3 £709 2 3				

South New South Wales

	Hrs.	Ord.	Helps	Total
<i>Ladies' Handbook—</i>				
A. Tinson	118	30	16 0	£61 8 0
<i>Home Physician—</i>				
W. J. Murray (del.)	22	2		4 6 0
J. S. Trim (del.)	74	8	10 6	16 11 6
Miscellaneous	31	9		18 0 0
D. Sutherland (del.)	102	15	5 0	28 17 0
Miscellaneous	153	35		69 14 7
<i>Daniel and the Revelation—</i>				
E. G. Foster	100	7	12 0	6 19 0
F. Sutton (del.)	44	6	1 13 0	4 10 0
R. Price (del.)	87	11	15 6	7 10 0
A. Peach (del.)	114	6	2 14 6	4 4 6
<i>Through Turmoil to Peace—</i>				
F. L. Taylor	108	10	3 18 0	19 14 0
W. L. Gill	108	9	3 15 0	16 12 6
<i>Home Nursing—</i>				
S. H. Wood	70	28	4 5 6	50 16 6
Miscellaneous	94	6	14 6	12 5 6
R. H. Earles	131	54	3 9 6	26 0 0
L. Evans	64	6	16 6	10 12 6
<i>Bible Pictures and Stories—</i>				
Miss A. Jones	79	6	1 2 6	11 3 0
F. M. Secretary			11 0	11 0
<i>Desire of Ages—</i>				
R. Richardson	25	1	6 0	1 18 6
G. M. Hughes	36	4	1 7 0	7 5 9
1560 253 £27 12 0 £448 19 1				

West Australia

	Hrs.	Ord.	Helps	Total
<i>Home Physician—</i>				
G. Harmer (del.)	131	17	£3 11 6	£39 5 6
Field Mission Sec.			11	4 0 23 6 0
T. Austin	41	10	9 0	21 9 0
L. Maxwell (del.)	68½			
A. J. Gathercole (del.)	75			
Miscellaneous	10			20 2 6
<i>Bible Pictures and Stories—</i>				
E. R. Tucker	71½	25	8 12 6	55 15 0
Field Mission Sec.			28	8 6 50 14 6
C. Hill	112	23	3 1 6	45 15 0
Miscellaneous			1	4 6 1 19 0
<i>Coming King—</i>				
Miscellaneous	8	10	0	3 10 0
500 133 £17 1 6 £261 16 6				

North New Zealand

	Hrs.	Ord.	Helps	Total
<i>Home Physician—</i>				
H. A. L. Freeman	84	22	£2 7 6	£47 7 0
R. H. Matthews	92	7	3 0 7	17 11 0
J. H. Burton	94½	23	3 13 9	50 8 3
C. Kermod	153	11	3 3 6	25 1 0
J. Ivey	22	16	1 6	32 19 6
<i>Coming King—</i>				
R. H. Matthews	1			9 6
<i>Desire of Ages—</i>				
J. H. Burton	1			17 8
<i>Great Controversy—</i>				
J. H. Burton	1			7 9
<i>Bedtime Stories—</i>				
Miss E. B. Butt	8			3 0 0
Miss L. McCutcheon	2			1 7 0
Miss M. Devine	1			7 6
J. H. Burton	2			18 0
<i>Home Nursing—</i>				
Miss E. B. Butt	56½	17	3 9 6	25 14 6
<i>Practical Guide—</i>				
I. M. Broad (del.)	3½			
<i>What Is Coming?—</i>				
H. Thompson (del.)	30½	12	1 3 6	5 3 6
H. A. L. Freeman			6	2 5 0
R. H. Matthews			1	7 6
J. H. Burton			1	5 0
<i>Bible Readings—</i>				
I. Broad	33½	12	7 6	9 13 6
D. R. Broad	18	5	1 6	3 9 6
<i>Christ's Object Lessons—</i>				
Miss S. J. Langdon	8½	1		5 0
<i>Helps—</i>				
Miss L. McCutcheon	37		1 15 10	1 15 10
Miss M. Devine	21½		17 0	17 0
735 151 £20 1 7 £230 10 6				

South New Zealand

	Hrs.	Ord.	Helps	Total
<i>Home Physician—</i>				
T. Chick	108	31	£3 13 6	£62 14 0
N. Neill	24	17	1 3 6	33 10 0
W. J. Hawken (del.)	108	23	1 7 6	46 5 6
V. H. Saunders (del.)	96	3	13 0	6 10 0
L. Whitford	59	24	9 10 0	57 16 6
F. Fox	70	11	2 6 6	23 3 6
R. H. Heggie	67	10	3 0 6	22 9 0
Miss M. Hoggack	51	11	2 0 9	22 1 9
Miss N. Levitt	46	13		26 8 0
<i>Bible Pictures and Stories—</i>				
F. Fox	10	2	1 6 4	1 0
R. H. Heggie	11	1	11 0	2 3 6
A. Bucknell	80	3	13 14 6	18 4 0
E. Stonyer	109	11	15 0 9	33 13 9
A. E. Newton	46	2	3 16 9	7 7 9
Miss L. Bonnington	21	3	7 0	5 4 6
<i>Miscellaneous—</i>				
				12 13 0
906 165 £57 6 9 £384 5 6				

Tasmania

	Hrs.	Ord.	Helps	Total
<i>Our Day—</i>				
A. A. Cox	26		£1 1 6	£1 1 6
J. R. Young (del.)	33	1	17 0	1 18 0
<i>Home Physician—</i>				
Miss D. Knight	18	7	10 0	14 13 6
L. O. Souther	7			12 3 0
<i>Bible Pictures and Stories—</i>				
G. Burnside (del.)	74	9	1 3 0	17 3 6
Miss Umfreville	31	2	4 8 0	7 13 0
F. Umfreville (del.)	87	9	4 14 6	20 2 0
A. Gallagher	62	11	7 0	20 1 6
<i>Ladies' Handbook—</i>				
L. O. Souther (del.)	62	12	1 17 6	21 19 6
<i>Through Turmoil to Peace—</i>				
J. H. Laredo	43	3	4 3 0	7 0 6
436 69 £19 1 6 £123 16 0				

Victoria

	Hrs.	Ord.	Helps	Total
<i>Bible Pictures and Stories—</i>				
I. Bitcon	131	11	£2 14 0	£23 5 0
T. Brash (del.)	136½	10	2 6 6	20 11 6
A. D. Brown (del.)	146	6	2 8 0	14 0 0
Mrs. E. M. Clarke	16½	3	6 0	5 19 6
I. Lawrence	86½	4	4 0	7 10 0
Miss D. Lean	61	9	1 7 0	17 17 6
Miss S. Reeves	86	18	11 6	32 6 0
Miss E. Sorrell	43	7		12 6 6
Mrs. E. Tyrrell	1	1		1 12 6
W. L. Taylor	107½	4	4 12 6	11 14 0
Miss D. Young (del.)	105	20	5 0	32 13 0
Asst. Field Mission Sec.	7			12 15 6
<i>Bedtime Stories—</i>				
Mrs. G. Swinden	4			1 19 0
<i>Christ's Object Lessons—</i>				
Mrs. A. Wyatt (del.)	74½	15	4 6	4 14 6
<i>Home Physician—</i>				
A. B. Archer	50½	2	12 0	4 16 0
Mrs. L. Dickins	39½	8	6	16 2 6
Mrs. A. Hayden	16	5		10 6 6
Mrs. S. Horne	31	2	2 0	3 19 0
Mrs. Loughlin	17	3	9 0	6 11 6
R. Mackay	156	17	1 3 6	35 9 0
Mrs. H. Powis	1			2 2 0
J. E. Ross	110½	21	2 6 6	45 4 0
C. T. Stewart	128	50	12 0	103 10 0
Mrs. G. Swinden (del.)	16½	5	7 6	10 10 6
Mrs. E. Tyrrell	1			1 18 6
C. A. Whitehead (d.)	1½	9	5 0	17 18 6
Mrs. F. Willis (del.)	8½	23	7 6	46 11 6
<i>Helps—</i>				
Mrs. H. Devine			19 0	19 0
E. W. Pick	29		3 0	3 0
1828½ 266 £22 6 6 £505 6 0				

North New South Wales

	Hrs.	Ord.	Helps	Total
<i>Home Physician—</i>				
C. T. Parmenter	76	25	£1 9 0	£52 7 6
J. P. C. Smith (del.)	116	15	4 6	30 17 0
E. Norris (del.)	126½	27	4 11 6	55 0 0
A. Jorgenson (del.)	30	2	7 6	3 15 6
F. J. Reynolds	85	32	10 6	70 7 6
<i>Bible Pictures and Stories—</i>				
J. Howse	109½	62	15 1 0	91 4 6
W. A. Baines	71	32	11 9 6	35 5 6
O. Knight (del.)	111	3	7 0	5 12 0
R. A. Middleton	7½	10	1 11 6	17 2 0
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South Australia

	Hrs.	Ord.	Helps	Total
<i>Home Physician—</i>				
Mr. & Mrs. A. Bull (d.)	144	28	£3 0 3	£59 7 3
J. H. Cotton	54½	6	7 6	11 6 0
P. Claus	140½	40	4 6 6	85 10 6
L. Robins (del.)	116	26	4 8 0	54 18 6
Nurse James	18	12	11 6	24 0 6
Mrs. M. Josephs	18	4	9 0	8 10 0
<i>Bible Pictures and Stories—</i>				
J. W. Fraser	125	14	6 11 0	33 2 0
W. J. Poole (del.)	9			
<i>Our Day—</i>				
E. Lomman	5½	1		12 6
<i>Helps—</i>				
Miss Cahir	10		6 0	6 0
640½ 131 £19 19 8 £277 13 3				

Totals for July, 1934

	Colptrs.	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
Queensland	12	1169	338	£709 2 3
Victoria	24	1828½	266	505 6 0
South N.S.W.	19	1560	253	448 19 1
South New Zealand	13	906	165	384 5 9
North N.S.W.	9	805½	208	363 10 6
South Australia	9	640½	131	277 13 3
West Australia	6	500	133	261 16 6
North New Zealand	12	735	151	230 10 6
Tasmania	8	436	69	123 16 0
Union	112	8575½	1714	£3304 19 10

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Queensland
97 Hours per colporteur.

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Most sales :
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**In "the Orange Valley of
New South Wales"**

ON Sabbath, August 18, an interesting day was spent with the church at Ourimbah. The morning prayer meeting, directed by Brother John Martin, church elder, was well attended, and shared in by many. The Bible is God speaking to man, prayer is man speaking to God.

The young people's meeting followed. Sister D. Cowan gave an interesting study on "Cross Bearing." Pleasure might drop out from the trials of life, but trials lift heavenward. Several songs and poems were nicely presented by the young people. These were followed by a talk on "House Building." The human body is a living temple. Man can build, but there is no life in his work. All living things were built by God.

With Brother Cook as superintendent, the Sabbath school proved both interesting and effective. The review was taken by Brother Moore, from Erina. It was clear and to the point. The lesson followed in which the "love of money" was seen to be the cause of much evil. Money is not evil in itself. Twelve good men are mentioned in the Bible as being rich men. But Balaam loved the wages of unrighteousness and went down.

At the service following there was a good attendance. A number from Gosford and Erina were present. It was very encouraging to see the little church well filled with earnest, attentive hearers. A study on the "World's Crisis Hour" took up the two periods of trial,—that of God's people from 538 to 1798, when 50,000,000 lost their lives in persecution for their faith, and the coming time of trouble that overtakes the earth dwellers, when God's people are to be delivered.

It was a good day and gave great pleasure in meeting with the people of God. A lantern service on Pitcairn was held in the Gosford church on Sunday night. Brother Cowan's help tended much toward making the meetings successful. May the Lord greatly bless all the dear workers up in "the orange valley of New South Wales."

R. HARE.



**Not Too Isolated to Work
for God**

PASTOR S. V. STRATFORD has passed on to us a letter from Sister R. A. Thrift, the Sabbath School and Missionary Volunteer Secretary for North Queensland, which tells of progress in the far North. Sister Thrift is an experienced conference Sabbath school and young people's worker. Her itineraries throughout New South Wales before she went to India and changed her name from Miss Ethel James are still remembered by many in this State. We quote portion of her letter dated August 9:

"I am at the time of writing in Mackay. Last Sabbath was spent at Finch Hatton. After a full day in Sabbath school, Young People's, and Junior Missionary Volunteer talks, and definite planning for the Appeal work, they took me at night by car away up into the hills, 3,500 feet above the sea, where three young couples and their father have their homes. We stayed over night, and in the morning discussed the possibilities of visiting another family away in the forest. The roads were too bad for a car to climb even part way, and some who made the attempt to walk had returned the day before. But we lightened ourselves of all burdens save a walking stick and a parcel of literature, and followed the foot track, climbing more than a thousand feet higher up the mountain, through the thick forest, and there we found a neat little log home. It is too far off main tracks even to get timber from the mill a thousand feet below; but we found a happy family of parents and five children, faithful to the Lord and to His message, holding their own Sabbath school and training their children to study and work. The mother teaches her children by the correspondence system, and has them up to the sixth and seventh grade. They linked up with the J.M.V. movement and the progressive classes, and will do well, I am sure. They give their Sabbath cream to the Investment fund. Although the little mother said she had not seen a woman for four and a half months until I called, they desired to have an Appeal collecting card, and will watch for opportunities to collect.

"We felt well repaid for the climb, even though some muscles still acknowledge that they were stretched a bit.

"The following night we motored down the other 3,500 feet to a Sabbath school meeting with a group of young folk and older ones who are interested in progress along the lines of 'Sabbath school order' and 'how to study a lesson.'

"While visiting a neighbour next morning and planning M.V. and J.M.V. work and study, I was given an opportunity to ride on a motor lorry to another home of young folk. It was good to meet them. No time was lost, I can assure you. Family worship with seven young folk, the singing of J.M.V. and other hymns, in-

specting Investment aprons and other needlework, helped to keep us employed. The night before I left, the younger boys brought in a stalk of sugar cane, and the whole family watched while they measured off ten feet three inches, and cut it to the height of Giant Goliath, of whom we had talked in family worship.

"The next day I visited another isolated home by train, and enrolled two more J.M.V.'s, and at night was back in Mackay, where we are having meetings with the Sabbath school, Y.P., and J.M.V. officers. Last night we had a prayer meeting where fathers and mothers and brothers and sisters united in prayer for the J.M.V. movement in Mackay. Leaders were appointed by the church last Sabbath, and we plan to launch the movement next Sabbath. In the Farleigh church of coloured people we are hoping to organise the J.M.V. work next Sunday. Monday night I go on farther north to Bowen and Ayr.

"I am very glad of the opportunity to come into personal touch with officers and members, children and isolated folk."

A J.M.V. Witness

IN one of the large State schools in Brisbane the teacher one day was giving her class the Scripture lesson. In some way the Ten Commandments came into the study and the teacher asked, "Does any one in the class know the Ten Commandments?" Up went the hand of one little boy, who was requested to stand before the class and repeat them. He was able to do it so perfectly that the teacher was very pleased with him and inquired, "What Sunday school do you attend?"

"The Seventh-day Adventist," was the lad's reply.

"Well, I'm very proud of you," remarked the teacher.

This little Missionary Volunteer is too young yet to be even a "Friend" although he knows all the work of the Friend class. The brother is working for his Companion badge, and while he has been learning the commandments his younger brother has learned them also. We do not know just what will be the result of this little incident, but we know it will be an inspiration to other boys and girls to be faithful in learning the Bible requirements for the Progressive Class work, and to the parents in helping them.

The teacher evidently was much impressed with the fact that this little boy knew the commandments so well, as after lunch she again repeated, "I'm very proud of you." Of course mother is very pleased with her little son, and so is the M.V. leader.

EDITH M. BOURNE,
Albion M.V. Leader.

Important Dates

Camp Meetings:

Northern Rivers, N.S.W.: September 13-17.
Queensland: September 18-30.
South N.S.W.: October 2-14.
North N.S.W.: November 20-December 2.
North N.Z.: January 8-20.
Victoria: January 15-27.
South N.Z.: January 22 - February 3.
Tasmania: February 12-24.
South Australia: February 19 - March 3.
West Australia: March 5-17.
North Queensland: May 9-19.

Big Week: November 10-17, 1934.
Appeal for Missions: February 23—
Week of Prayer: May 11-18.
Annual Council: August 27 - September 5.

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Cowra's New Church

Dedication by Seventh-day Adventists

"THERE was a packed building last Sunday afternoon on the occasion of the dedication of the new Seventh-day Adventist church, Denman St., Cowra. Visitors arrived by car from Mandurama, Grenfell, Wyangala, and the surrounding district. Pastor A. G. Stewart, Vice-President and Island Secretary of the Australasian Conference of Seventh-day Adventists and Pastor W. J. Westerman, Vice-President and Home Mission Secretary of the Union Conference, were present from Sydney. The Mayor (Ald. Whiby) and the Deputy Mayor (Ald. Wark) and Ald. Tucker, from Cowra, and



Cowra Church

Cr. S. Healey, from Mandurama, were the civic representatives.

"Pastor Scragg, in welcoming the visitors, on behalf of the church, said how pleased and gratified he was to find the church packed to the doors on such an afternoon when rain was falling. . . .

"In responding, the Mayor said he was privileged to be present to welcome all to Cowra. In a most impressive speech he said that it was heartening to see such edifices being built. There were forces at work today endeavouring to crush out the spirit of worship and Christianity. The building was a protest against such propaganda. Adventists have shown a wonderful spirit of religious enterprise to raise in such a short space of time such a splendid edifice. Not only was it an advantage to them, but it was also an adornment to the town and also an evidence of their faith in the future of Cowra and a distinct mark of the progress of the town. He prophesied that the church would have to be enlarged in the near future.

"The Deputy Mayor, Mr. Wark, spoke in eulogistic terms of the building. Its workmanship was of the best. He said the building graced the park and the park added beauty to the church.

"Ald. Tucker said that when he heard that the Adventists had bought the allotment next door to his place he believed

he would be dead before it was built on and he was not expecting to die for a long time yet. But here in a few months, this fine church had been built. He said such a spirit of religion was a challenge to those who desire the abolition of religion. . . .

"In his sermon, based on the Scriptures describing the dedication of Solomon's temple, Pastor Stewart said that the temple went up without a sound of a hammer, and that 83,000 Jews, besides many foreigners, worked at the contract. This silence is indicative of the work of the Holy Spirit on the human temple, which is the temple of the Holy Ghost. In the South Pacific, the splendid work of cleaning up the natives from betel-nut chewing with all its accompanying filth, from the use of tobacco, and from barbarous cruelty to their wives and to one another, was the quarrying work God was doing today, to build a spiritual house for a habitation of God.

"Pastor Westerman in his Scripture reading and the dedicational prayer affirmed and confirmed in deep spiritual feelings the sentiments of the speaker. It was human hearts and not bricks that God desired today.

"The dedicational hymn was sung nicely by five of the young people of the church. . . .

"Pastor Scragg praised the women of the church for their untiring zeal and the men for their untiring effort in the raising of the building. Half of the work was done voluntarily. The church would cost them in hard cash about £260. He said the finances were very satisfactory. The young people had also played a fine part in the work. . . .

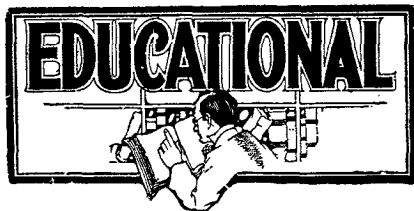
"At night, Pastor Stewart gave a wonderful and impressive lantern lecture on the island mission work of the Adventists.

The church was packed again and all eyes feasted on the pictures of island life and the marvellous results of gospel work, in its three distinct features—spiritual, educational, and medical. He also showed some of the magnificent Sanitaria owned and manned by the denomination throughout the world.

"Like the people who went away from the dedication of Solomon's temple, glad and merry of heart, so on Sunday all went to their homes from the meeting of the dedication happy and inspired, with what they had seen and heard."

When sending the foregoing clipping from the *Cowra Free Press*, Pastor W. M. R. Scragg gave the following description of the church: "It is of Gothic design. There are ten Gothic windows of lead-light, one Gothic louvre, and the front door is a double swing door, also Gothic. The building is brick with a fibro-plaster ceiling, white and cream, with azure blue covering battens. The auditorium is 33 ft. 6 ins. by 18 ft. 6 ins. A cubicle for private use crosses from the rostrum. The porch is 9 x 7 ft. The church will seat 100 people. There were 140 present at the dedication which took place on August 19.

"A WISE man is continually adding to his wisdom."



Sabbath at A.M.C.

ON Sabbath, August 25, the students of the A. M. College enjoyed a day filled with blessings which drew all hearts a step nearer to the Master. Many of the leaders of our work in the Australasian field had gathered already at Wahroonga in preparation for the Council, and we gladly welcomed those who visited us during the week-end. Especially were we pleased to see Mr. Greenaway, now Principal of the N.Z.M. College, once more among us; our rostrum looked more like home to many old students with his face there again.

At our Friday evening service Pastor S. L. Patching, from South New Zealand, talked to us with great earnestness on the subject of sincerity. When all around us there is so little truth and certainty, the Christian church should stand firm for right on the Rock, Christ Jesus.

At the Sabbath morning service Pastor R. Thrift, from North Queensland, revealed to us still greater and deeper beauties in the message we know and love so well.

Our young people's meeting was taken by Pastor H. L. Tolhurst, who told us something of the work in Tonga. Between the lines of the story he related, we could read discouragement and heartbreak and long years of patient work and waiting, yet he brings a message of hope and "courage in the Lord."

The Sabbath day passed quietly into night, and we stepped back to a world of work from the portals of heaven. But the week began well with a lecture from Mr. Page, who has spoken to us before on "The History of Music." Mr. Page's lectures are being thoroughly appreciated by all who hear them. It was interestingly illustrated by gramophone records and by vocal solos by Miss Kezie Fraser, of Newcastle, and by Mr. Page himself.

LILIAN HUNGERFORD.

As an Ex-student Sees W.A.M.C.

W.A.M. COLLEGE! What memories came to me as after eight years I found myself once again in one of the beauty spots of the "Golden West." I was once a student here amidst the surroundings of nature's loveliness. How quickly the intervening years had passed, and now as I looked about I saw so many improvements, so many changes.

The college certainly does great credit to its principal, and Pastor C. S. Palmer can well be proud of it.

The Health Food factory is a beautiful little building, all in white, standing out in contrast to the green trees in the background. It appeared to me to be a grand symbol of the purity of the message being given to the world through the agency of our Health Foods. Without doubt it is a great asset to the college and gives added interest to all visitors.

Standing on the verandah of the principal's home as the sun was setting, I gazed

on the sloping grounds below, thickly studded with orange and lemon trees. I fondly looked on the place of my birth, but now the little home is not visible,—it is marked only by rows of orange trees.

The evening shadows were gathering in, and nestled among the dark green foliage was the school dam. Here some years before I had given my heart to God and had been baptised. Since then I have lived in Fiji, Cooranbong, and Melbourne, but no place is so dear to me as the pretty little college situated in the hills of the Darling Ranges. Here the very atmosphere seems to breathe peace and quietness.

There is great satisfaction in progress, and the school work ever goes onward. After being away many years I would now say, "Better is the end of a thing than the beginning thereof," and "the desire accomplished is sweet to the soul."

GRACE F. MARTIN.

W. A. M. College

Blessed school, where love and duty,
Hope and truth, with peace and prayer,
Fashion lives of grace and beauty
Of the scholars in thy care.

Jesus as our great Headmaster,
Planning, teaching, bearing rule,
Help us learn our lessons faster,
Graduate in life's high school.

MARGUERITE MAY WARD.

WEDDING BELLS

Diamond Wedding

BROTHER AND SISTER EDWARD HARE, two old Seventh-day Adventists of almost fifty years' standing, residing in Auckland, N.Z., celebrated the sixtieth anniversary of their wedding recently. They were married in Auckland July 13, 1874. For several years they lived in Kaeo, and then came to Auckland, where Mr. Hare commenced business in this city as a herbalist.

One day a friend met him and asked if he had any room in his home for a boarder, who proved to be Pastor S. N. Haskell. They thought him a very peculiar man, tapping in his room and talking to himself. Mr. Hare thought he would investigate one evening, and found the tapping to be a typewriter, and the talking to himself, praying, and as he listened he heard prayer offered for himself and family, which made him very curious. By degrees Pastor Haskell explained all the doctrine of the third angel's message, which Mr. Hare and his family accepted, and a little company was organised in their home.

About twelve months later Pastor A. G. Daniells came to Auckland, and eventually organised and built the present Ponsonby church. Brother and Sister Hare were charter members of this church, and through the years have worked for its upbuilding. Sister Hare was specially interested in the Dorcas work, being the president of the society for many years and rendering faithful service.

On Saturday evening, July 14, many old friends of Brother and Sister Hare from the different churches gave them a pleasant surprise party in honour of this auspicious occasion.

Truly it is wonderful to see how the

Lord has specially blessed this aged couple, and we trust they will still be spared to be a blessing and power for good among their wide circle of relatives and friends.

MILLICENT FLINN.

OBITUARY

Atkins.—At the "Mitcholton" Rest Home, Hohart, Sister Emma Atkins passed peacefully to rest July 29, in her eighty-fifth year. Our sister had walked in the light of present truth for nearly forty years, having been baptised by Pastor Corliss. She loved the message, which became more precious with the passing of the years, and she maintained a close walk with God to the end. It was her delight to fellowship with God's people until about twelve months ago failing health prevented her attendance at church. This was her one regret. It was a beautiful afternoon when we laid our dear sister to rest in the Sandy Bay cemetery, confident that when the morn of eternity breaks, she will hear the call of the great Life-giver and come forth to immortality. The service was conducted by the writer. W. MORRIS.

Porter.—On August 7 Sister Isabella Porter fell asleep at the ripe age of eighty years. She had been ailing for some time and was at last compelled to seek treatment at the Auckland hospital, where she passed peacefully away. She accepted the message in Liverpool, England, and was baptised by Pastor Armstrong in 1902. For some years she had been an isolated Sabbath-keeper, residing in Tokomaru Bay, N.Z. In the presence of the immediate members of her family and a few friends, we laid her to rest in the Waikumete cemetery on the morning of August 8, to wait till the Life-giver shall come to awaken those who sleep in Jesus.

F. L. SHARP.

Thomson.—At the early age of sixteen years, Alma Laurel, daughter of Brother and Sister Thomson of Kooringa, S.A., fell asleep in Jesus on July 24, after an illness of several months. Her patience and kindly manner testified that her courage was strong in the Lord and in the truths she loved. Born in the message, Alma received that training which only a godly mother can give, and with whom she spent her days in happiness. Early this year it was the writer's privilege to baptise our sister, and later at her request we anointed her for healing. Brother F. J. Butler spoke words of cheer, especially to the sorrowing young people gathered in the home to pay their last respects to their little comrade, while at the graveside the writer directed the attention of relatives and friends to the blessed hope which means so much to the parents. P. G. FOSTER.

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THE colporteur work had a successful month during July, the orders being only twopence short of £3,304. This is the fifth time this year that the Union has exceeded its monthly aim. In July the bookmen went £471 above their monthly aim, and are now £2,091 above their total aim for the first seven months of the year.

THE first camp meeting of the season will be held at Lismore, for the believers on the Northern Rivers of New South Wales. Pastors A. W. Anderson, and A. G. Stewart and Miss H. K. Lewin from Union Conference headquarters will attend this meeting.

THE Queensland camp meeting opens on September 18 at Yeronga Park, Annerly, a suburb of Brisbane. It is expected that the following general workers will be in attendance: Pastors A. H. Piper, A. G. Stewart, A. W. Anderson, J. J. Potter, and S. V. Stratford.

AN interesting bit of history is recalled by the sixtieth wedding anniversary of Brother and Sister Edward Hare, mentioned on page 7. This couple were the first Sabbath-keepers in New Zealand. After accepting the message under Pastor Haskell's labours in Auckland, they requested him to visit Brother Hare's father and many other relatives in Kaeo, 130 miles north. Here Father Hare and five other sons (including Pastor Robert Hare), two daughters, and many relatives accepted the message, and a Sabbath school of about forty members was formed.

The Council in Progress

THE largest Annual Council ever held in Australasia was opened in the Committee room of the Union Conference office at Wairoonga at 2.30 p.m., Tuesday, August 28. It was a warm, sunny day, making our island visitors feel at home. The chairman, Pastor Turner, spoke of the pleasure it affords us to have with us in Council again Pastor C. H. Watson, formerly leader of this Union and now President of the General Conference.

A special welcome was also extended to our veteran workers, Pastor Robert Hare and Pastor G. F. Jones. The former has served this cause the longest of any one in Australasia, having entered the tent work in 1885 and given forty-six years of continuous ministry. Pastor Jones has spent twenty-nine years in the island mission work, and has recently returned to Australia after four years abroad.

Sympathetic reference was made to an absent member of the Committee, Brother W. O. Johanson, who for the first time in eighteen years is not in attendance at the Council, but lies very ill in the Sydney Sanitarium. With the greatest fortitude

and patience he has borne his long and trying illness, and sent to the brethren a message of courage and faith. In the Council meetings and also in the early morning prayer bands Brother Johanson is most earnestly upheld in prayer each day. The Signs Publishing Company is represented at this meeting by the acting manager, Brother R. E. G. Blair.

The next issue of the RECORD will be the Council Number. When this paper goes to press reports are still being presented from Union Departments and conference presidents, and the various committees are hard at work. Pastor Turner informed us the first day there were 300 items on the agenda, and more have been added since.

A peep into the large upper room where the Council meets each year will be of interest to our readers, whose minds are turned this way and whose prayers are ascending daily that divine guidance may be given at this time. Seated at a large table at the head of the room are the chairman, our President, with Pastor C. H. Watson at his right hand. Pastor Piper, the Secretary, is seated at one end, and Brother Hammond, the Treasurer, at the other. The chairman's place is occupied in some meetings by Pastors A. G. Stewart or W. J. Westerman, the two Vice-Presidents. Grouped around two other large tables are the presidents of conferences. Down one side of the room are two lines of missionaries, almost every chair representing a different island group,—Samoa, Solomons, New Hebrides, Tonga, Fiji, etc. Pastor Wicks is here for the first time since he went out to take charge of the work in the Cook Islands seven years ago. Pastor Sterling, from Tahiti, has spent one month in Australia in the last sixteen years. Brother McLaren has stepped out of the wilds of primitive New Guinea to attend this important meeting. The Monamona Mission for Aborigines is represented by its superintendent, Brother W. O. Broad. Brother A. H. Ferris, who has come to the Sanitarium from Lord Howe Island for a little medical care, sits between his two missionary sons on furlough from the Solomons and the New Hebrides.

On the opposite side of the room we notice the three college principals, Pastors Speck and Palmer and Brother Greenaway. Farther up the line are the Health Food men, leading out in a department that has grown to large proportions, with its numerous institutions. Brother G. T. Chapman, the General Secretary, has with him Brother G. E. Adair, the Associate Secretary with special responsibility for the wholesale and advertising departments; Brother H. J. Halliday, the Assistant Secretary, who has special responsibility for the retail shops and vegetarian cafés throughout Australasia; and Brother C. W. Tinworth, Assistant Secretary of the Department who undertakes the general supervision of New Zealand.

The evangelistic work is represented by three of our leading city workers, Pastors J. W. Kent, E. E. Roenfelt, and L. F. Were.

We are glad to see Dr. T. A. Sherwin, the Manager of the Warburton Sanitarium, at all the meetings, this being the first time he has visited Wairoonga since removing his home to Victoria seventeen months ago. Dr. C. W. Harrison, the

Secretary of the Medical Department, also comes in when his heavy work at the Sanitarium permits.

The arrival of Brother A. L. King, the acting editor of the *Signs of the Times*, reminded us that we shall never again see the familiar form of Pastor C. M. Snow at these annual gatherings. Some years ago Brother King was connected with the Union Conference office, assisting Pastor Anderson in Press Bureau work, and we welcome him back to Wairoonga on this visit.

Doubtless the presence of the acting editor of the RECORD reminds many of the absence of our dear Sister A. L. Hindson, who has attended the council meetings practically ever since this Union Conference was first organised.

Though not now in the organised work, Pastor F. A. Allum, for seventeen years in China and later a worker in the home field, can still help the cause he loves so well by his godly influence and counsel.

The colporteur work is represented by Pastor J. J. Potter and his assistant, Brother J. R. Kent. Of course each of these men is intensely interested in every line of work that comes up for consideration, as well as his own.

Others present are, Pastor Gilson, the Educational Secretary; Pastor Stratford, the Union M.V. leader; Brother G. S. Fisher, Sydney Sanitarium Manager; Brother B. O. Johanson, Manager of the Avondale Industries; Miss H. K. Lewin, the Sabbath School Department Secretary; and Brother R. R. Gooding, the auditor, not forgetting Brother R. H. Adair, the Associate Treasurer for the Union and Secretary of the A.C.A. Ltd. Altogether, fifty-six are in attendance at the Council.

A telegram has been received from Pastor W. N. Lock, superintendent of the work in Papua, saying that he will reach Wairoonga on September 1. Temporary repairs were effected on the *Montoro* after she ran aground on August 8, and she is now on her way to Sydney. We are glad that Pastor Lock can be here for the last six days of the Council. V. M. R.

LAST week we mentioned the interest of a family who attended the young people's demonstration in the Assembly Hall, Sydney, on Saturday night, August 11. This was the first time they had heard an Adventist speak. Their contact with our people was through a son of fourteen attending the Sabbath school. The following Sabbath the mother and five children were present at Gladesville Sabbath school. The father, who, we understand, is a tram conductor, determined to keep the Sabbath, applied for exemption from duty on that day, secured it, and observed his first Sabbath within two weeks of the demonstration. They are now a united family in this message. Brother Price has written a most interesting account of his impressions of that first meeting. We regret that space prevents our publishing it in full. We quote the last paragraph: "Since that evening when I witnessed such a display and such devotion, I have done some tall thinking, and I have come to the conclusion that the Lord Jesus will imbue us with strength to carry out with cheerfulness and conviction those matters He has chosen us to perform, as He did those folk who took part in the conference. He has enabled one blind man, at least, to see."