



“Fear Not, For I Am With Thee”

A Story with a Moral, from Burma

AUNTY, you must come to the city with me and be operated on for that huge cyst.”

“Oh, Thra, how could I dare go to the city—the city—I’ve never been there before! I’ve only heard people tell about it.”

“But I’ll go with you.”

“And will you stay with me while they operate?”

“Sure!”

“And you’re sure it won’t hurt?”

“You’ll be asleep and won’t know anything about it.”

“But how will I go? I’ve never seen a boat, never seen a motor car! And they say Daw-ta-kars (man eaters) live in the city. Oh, Thra.”

“But I’ll go with you, all the way.”

“Oh, yes! That’s right, I nearly forgot; and you will tell me what to do.”

“Yes, I’ll be with you on the boat and in the motor car and right into the hospital.”

“Of course, there’s nothing to fear. I’ll go!”

“Yes, and keep thinking of the happy day when you’ll come back!”

“But, Thra, how’ll we eat during the journey? And how’ll — They say—”

“Aunty, don’t worry about anything. I am attending to every want of the trip,—food, water,—you bring your bed. I’ll have a nurse.”

“Oh, yes! of course, I should have thought. You’ll be there and attend to everything. But, Thra, I can’t talk English, and what can I say when they ask me questions? Oh, Thra, I’m —”

“But I’ll be there. I can talk English, and Yin Ni the nurse can talk Burmese.”

“Oh, yes! That’s right, I must remember. You will be with me always, and I needn’t worry over a single thing. If I can only remember that, I won’t be frightened. All right, Thra, I’ll be ready when you come in the morning.”

Thus it was, after tapping this poor patient’s huge watery cyst three times and taking from her a kerosene tin or more of fluid each time, that at last I gained her confidence, allayed her every fear, and started off on the long journey to the city.

This poor heathen woman could not comprehend God very well, but she could comprehend her Thra, and throughout the whole experience I received much help as I saw the text, “Fear not, for I am with thee,” so practically illustrated. Throughout the journey as we prayed and showed our dependence on God, and as each necessity showed thorough preparation, her confidence was complete. There was not a trace of fear.

Right into the hospital we went. She smiled at everything, and as she saw me making all the arrangements and doing all the talking, peace was written on every feature.

I visited her every afternoon, and after a few days’ observation the doctors were ready for operating.

“Hopeless,” said the Civil Surgeon.

“I’m afraid it’s not operable,” said the assistant.

“Her blood pressure is too low,” said the sub-assistant. But they said it all in English. The patient couldn’t understand, and I told her, “They are going to operate in the morning, and we will all be praying for you. And away up in the jungle the whole mission compound is having special—”

“You’ll be with me while I smell the chloroform, and while they cut, won’t you, Thra?”

“Of course, I’ll be there!”

“Then I won’t be afraid.”

The Civil Surgeon was glad that the Jungle Missionary could be present at the operation.

“She has such confidence in you, that you are better than a dose of heart stimulant,” he said.

So I was there and after prayer followed into the operation room. Clothed in a hospital operation gown, she hardly recognised me.

“Breathe deep, Aunty,” I whispered in her ear.

Her eyes opened wide. “Is that you, Thra?” she said. I nodded. She closed her eyes and breathed deep for all she was worth. There was no fuss. I was proud of my patient.

I thought she was nearly off, then her eyes opened again. There were no more words, she was fast going under, but she wanted to be sure I was there,—I was. And again she peacefully closed her eyes and breathed deeply.

More and More

The Light of the world shines brighter and brighter
As wider and wider God opens my eyes;
My trials and burdens seem lighter and lighter,
And fairer and fairer the heavenly prize.

The wealth of this world seems poorer and poorer
As further and further it fades from my sight;
The prize of my calling seems surer and surer
As straighter and straighter I walk in the light.

My waiting on Jesus seems dearer and dearer
As longer and longer I lean on His breast;
Without Him I’m nothing seems clearer and clearer,
And more and more sweetly in Jesus I rest.

My joy in my Saviour is growing and growing,
And stronger and stronger I trust in His Word;
My peace like a river is flowing and flowing,
And harder and harder I lean on the Lord.

—Selected.

Yet again would she assure herself,—but eyes wouldn't open. Only her thin arm groped for mine, held it tight a moment and then relaxed into sleep.

"Well! Well! She's an easy patient," said the anæsthetist. "All ready."

Then followed the operation, in which the hopeless proved hopeful, and the inoperable, operable. A huge cyst weighing 45 lbs. was taken out.

"A very lucky woman," said the Civil Surgeon, wiping his brow.

"Sure, must have been born under a lucky star all right," added his assistant.

"Never saw anything like it," agreed the sub-assistant. "It was huge; and fancy, no adhesion!"

The Jungle Missionary stood out of the road in a corner, wiping off joyful perspiration, and offering up a prayer of praise.

About an hour later she opened her eyes, and after looking bewildered for a while asked, "When are they going to cut?"

"It's all finished, Aunt," I said, "all finished."

"All finished, and I didn't know."

"But you were a good patient! Weren't you frightened a little bit?"

And as she dozed off to peaceful sleep she slowly added, "Not frightened a bit. As long as I could see you, you were there. As long as I could feel you, you were there. And I knew it was all right."

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Experiences in Medical Missionary Work in Africa

(Related by Pastor C. H. Watson in his address on Africa)

IN Bechuanaland we have established an interesting work. This is where Dr. Kretchmar was working. We never could have begun to do the work we are doing in Africa but for medical missions. Wherever they are established they have created centres of influence for us. The doctors have not gone out to find new places, but have followed the way marked out by our pioneer missionaries, such as W. H. Anderson. It seems to me that when you follow the trail of our work in Africa, it is the trail of W. H. Anderson. It took that man some months to go away up here in an ox cart when he first penetrated into that country, but we who now follow the trail of the work speed along by train or car, and even fly in an aeroplane.

When Pastor W. H. Anderson tried to get the work started in Bechuanaland, the queen refused to let us go into the territory, until Brother Anderson suggested medical work. The queen admitted Dr. Kretchmar as a doctor, but made him sign a contract. Under this contract he was forbidden to say anything about religion, although he could practise medicine. He started practising medicine, but he lived his religion. He kept the Sabbath; he would do only that which emergency required him to do on that day. If a person inquired into his religion he would always say, "I cannot talk to you about that, because I am bound by contract with your queen not to talk about religion."

In the course of time it was necessary for the queen's daughter to come to him, and she wanted him to explain his religion, why he did this and that. He told her, "I am under a contract to your

mother, and I cannot say anything to you about religion, because I am bound by contract not to speak of religion." That interested her. She was a good woman, and she went to her mother and discussed the matter with her. The mother sent for Dr. Kretchmar and asked him to explain certain things about his religion. He said, "I am sorry, but I cannot talk to you about religion." The queen replied, "That contract does not bind you in matters regarding me." He replied, "The contract does not make any exemptions whatsoever. I am bound by it. You tear up the contract and I will talk to you." It took her some weeks to decide to do that. Her daughter was trying to prepare the way.

The queen was blind. She had never seen her grandchildren. She consulted Dr. Kretchmar, and he undertook to perform an operation on her eyes. God blessed the operation, and she received her sight. She was very glad to see her grandchildren and to have the precious gift of sight restored. All this led her in time to tear up the contract.

The queen and her daughter both accepted the message. The queen died an Adventist. After her death the daughter became queen regent, the son not being of age, and not having finished his training for his responsibilities. During the time of her regency our work extended very much.

Just as soon as the son came to the throne, however, he began to persecute our people. He bitterly persecuted his sister, and exiled her with no means for her support. She appealed to Dr. Tonge, who had come to take Dr. Kretchmar's place. She sent a message to him that gave him information as to the treatment she was receiving. Dr. Tonge began to create friendliness between himself and the king, and in time talked to him about his attitude toward Adventists, and particularly toward his sister. The result was that she was brought back, and given absolute freedom in the matter of religion. That king is now our friend instead of our enemy. He sends for Dr. Tonge to get his counsel on many matters concerning his own relationships, as well as on medical matters. That regent queen is now our Bible worker in that territory. God blesses her, and she has become a very fruitful soul-winner.

Doctors Wed Fifty Years

WASHINGTON, D.C., July 9.—[Special.]

—When Dr. Daniel H. Kress and Dr. Lauretta Kress began to discuss the guest list for the reception in observance of their golden wedding anniversary, held today, Dr. Lauretta was firm on one point. "All my babies must be invited," she announced.

"What?" said Dr. Daniel. "The whole 3,573?"

"At least as many as I can find," replied the wife.

So it came about that invitations to the reception went to more than 2,000 persons whom Dr. Lauretta, as obstetrician, had ushered into this old world during a career of forty years.

They accepted, five hundred of them. The oldest of Dr. Lauretta's "babies" is 39. The youngest couldn't come. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Fairchild of Washington, and the gray-haired doctor

spanked the breath into him only yesterday.

Through the spacious residence of the Drs. Kress pressed the throng this afternoon. There were mature men and women, lanky youths, debutantes, little girls shedding their first teeth, smaller toddlers hanging to their mothers' skirts, and quite a number who hadn't yet learned to walk.

And How They've Changed

"I remember them all," said the doctor. "But, oh, how some of them have changed since I first knew them. And wasn't it wonderful that the reception wasn't interrupted by a call to take care of another eligible for the guest list?"

Dr. Daniel Kress, who is 72, is a specialist in diseases of the stomach. He asserted that he and his wife, who is 71, were never busier in their lives and intended to keep on practising.

The couple had been married nearly ten years and had two children of their own before they were graduated in medicine at the University of Michigan in 1894.

Urges Slower Living

Dr. Lauretta said that while medical science has done much to lower the mortality of mothers and infants in child birth, some of the benefits are lost by the failure of expectant mothers to give up smoking, drinking, strenuous sports, and freak diets.

"They should slow down," she said. "The bringing of children into the world can't be geared up to the speed of modern living."—*Chicago Tribune, July 10, 1934.*

Literature Ministry in Great Britain

ALL classes living in Britain's ten million homes, from the humble cottager in his isolation, or the slum dwellers in our populous cities, to the rich in their homes of luxury, have had their thresholds crossed by the feet of the Adventist colporteurs.

We are cheered by the thought that even as we write, many a fireside becomes "holy ground" tonight as the printed pages tell their message of eternal hope from the Adventist book on mother's lap.

Although last year closed with the coldest December for fifty-four years, our colporteurs finished the year strongly, topping the 1932 actual sales total of £13,672 by £284.

While the experiences coming to our colporteurs are perhaps not so spectacular as those in some other sister Unions of the Division, we do have, nevertheless, signal evidences of our Lord's loving providences over His work here. Just a few among many:

Brother F. J. Kinman called at Windsor Castle while the King was in residence. He got through to interview the Queen's private housekeeper, and was overjoyed to sell "Bible Readings" to her. This lady was so satisfied with her book that she wrote to Brother Kinman a few days later, asking him to deliver another copy at the castle.

Brother George Hardy, comparatively new to the work, delivered £531 worth of books last year, giving him a weekly average of nearly £11.

From Northern Ireland, Sister E. Logan just writes: "I canvassed a well-to-do lady. She became greatly interested as she saw the pictures. With tears she ex-

claimed, 'These are the pictures that passed in review before me as I was going through a serious operation.' She eagerly placed an order for the book and also bought some small literature."

We hear, too, of souls being definitely won. Three people have begun to keep the Sabbath through becoming regular readers of *Present Truth*, writes a minister. A Liverpool tram conductor, impressed by articles in *Present Truth*, has taken his stand for the message, the Lord overruling so that he retains his employment. And Colporteur Wallace, of London, tells of a mother and two sons accepting the message after reading *Present Truth* for ten years. If you can include the British Union colporteurs in your prayers, we shall be very glad.

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Queensland's Master Comrade Class

THE Junior Progressive Class work has slowly, but surely, made headway in Queensland, till today fathers and mothers, along with their boys and girls, are thankful that such plans have come into being which give exercise for all the Junior powers, and at the same time focus them upon the greatest object of the ages.

With it all there has grown a realisation of the great need for trained leaders, who not only understand the nature of the Junior, but are also proficient in working out the Junior Progressive Class work.

Nine months ago a Master Comrade Class was commenced in Brisbane. Several young women, already having had some experience in J.M.V. work, and feeling their own need, entered very enthusiastically into the class work. Each Monday evening they met to study "The Art of Story Telling," following on with a course in Home Nursing and then First Aid, while at another time they have been taking the Bible Study and Service League Course. The accompanying picture shows some of the class members practising their Home Nursing work with Mrs. H. W. Carr as their instructor.

On completing their vocational work in nature study, they will be fully qualified as Master Comrades, and therefore leaders for the Juniors.

We have felt very much encouraged to see the way these young people as a whole have worked untriflingly, ever with the definite aim in mind that they might really be able to meet the needs of the boys and girls, and guide them into the broad avenues of Christian life and service. We trust that the Lord will abundantly bless their efforts in the future, and we hope that before long there will be many such classes answering the call of God's servant, given in the following words: "Who of our youth will give themselves to God for the purpose of labouring for their fellow youth?"

HELENA K. LEWIN.

J.M.V. Investiture Service

AT 7.45 p.m. on September 29, the students of the A. M. College were privileged to listen to a most inspiring and interesting programme given by thirty of our Junior Missionary Volunteers.

These children had been studying and working hard for several months, and now the time had come for them to receive their badges which would initiate them into the band of "Friends."

Many pleasing items in song and verse were rendered, and a practical demonstration of knot tying was given in which much skill and accuracy were exercised.

Miss H. K. Lewin, Sabbath school secretary for the Australasian field, spoke to the children of the childhood of Jesus, and explained that He, at a very early age, decided to be true to God. The children then stood and pledged their young lives to God, each stating that he would indeed be a "servant of God and a friend to man."

Miss R. Vetter, their teacher, called the names of the children, and they in turn stepped on to the platform where Miss M. Hay, Sabbath school and young people's secretary of North N.S.W. Conference, was waiting to present them with their pins, and to speak a few words of appreciation and encouragement to each.

As the little ones knelt in a semi-circle Pastor A. F. J. Kranz offered the dedicatory prayer, asking God to accept the young lives that were surrendered to Him, and use them as He saw best.

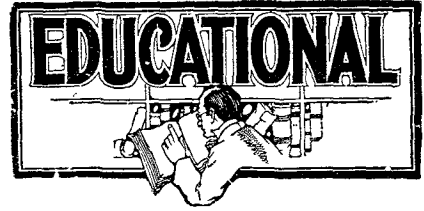
Junior camps, where holidays are combined with discipline, and where all enjoy wonderful lessons amid nature, were next discussed, and a camp fire scene served as a fitting conclusion to the happy service.

Surely the One who said, "Suffer little children to come unto Me," rejoiced at the decision made by these lambs of the flock. It is the prayer of all that God will richly bless the J.M.V. work, that it may be the means of saving the children and youth of the Australasian Division.

ISABEL CASLEY.



Some Members of the First Master Comrade in Australia



Missionary McLaren's Visit to Avondale

IN the hushed stillness of the A. M. College chapel, students and friends waited in eager expectancy to drink in the message we knew would come from the lips of Brother McLaren. We were not disappointed, for the moment he began to tell us of the work in New Guinea, all manifested keen interest.

Missionary McLaren began his address with the narrative of a Fijian boy who, when asked what impressed him most in the city of Sydney, replied, not trains, nor trams, nor electricity, as all expected, but "the clocks." He accused us of being ruled by them.

We learned further that the natives are very humorous, and can always see the amusing side of life. On board one of the mission ketches were three types of natives, a Fijian, a Solomon Islander, and a New Guinea boy. A discussion arose comparing our English word, "Good-bye." The Fijian said "Samolhi," the New Guinea native "Yoko," but the Solomon Islander declared that they had no word for "Good-bye," for they put all callers in the pot.

We were surprised to hear that New Guinea is one of the world's richest countries in gold. The 'planes are doing much toward opening up the country. They carried more cargo in one month in New Guinea than had been carried in any other country in twelve months. It is evident that the 'planes will play a big part in speeding on the message in this corner of the vineyard.

Although most of us had read about the opening up of the work in Nusi we were thrilled to hear from Brother McLaren himself of the experiences which he and his native boys had been through. Their thoughts had been directed to Christ's commission and promise, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel, and, lo, I am with you alway." In that perilous time they grasped the promise, and God saved them from danger. Our hearts were lifted up in praise to God as we listened to the way in which the work is now prospering in Nusi, under the leadership of a brave Mussau boy, Peter.

In Mussau also there has been a wonderful transformation, for all on the island are now Seventh-day Adventists. If those people could willingly give up their betel-nut, tobacco, devil worship, and pigs, surely we ought gladly to relinquish those things which would hinder us in our daily walk with the Master.

Brother McLaren directed our minds to a text in Matthew, "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness." Although it seems almost an impossible task in this generation, he assured us that it is possible, and is being done, for the Lord's leading hand is being seen very definitely in New Guinea. He and

five willing native boys travelled by plane to Ramu, an uncivilised district in the interior. Although previously several white men had been speared at Ramu, our workers were not harmed. How could they be, when they carried as a weapon "the sword of the Spirit," the Word of God? The work is making rapid progress in that field.

On the mainland there are about a quarter of a million natives yet to hear the good news of salvation. Brother McLaren said that if every student in Avondale were to go to New Guinea, there would be work for each one to do; but, of course, not all can go. However, God says to some, "Go!" and He will sustain. He says to others "Give!" and He will bless. But He says to all, "Pray!" and He will triumphantly answer.

As Brother McLaren returns to his field of labour we wish him glorious success in the Master's service, and we assure him that our prayers will continually ascend to the Father above who ever watches carefully over those who give themselves ungrudgingly in His service.

BELLE CAMPBELL.

A Missionary Visits the West Australian Missionary College

It was with expectancy that we came to Friday evening, September 22; and no wonder, for we had received word a few days previously that we were to be favoured this week-end with a visit from the New Hebridean missionaries, Brother and Sister D. A. Ferris. It is some time since we had such a privilege, and we determined to make the most of it. Sister Ferris is a West Australian, and was returning to her Alma Mater.

It was a very happy company that gathered in the chapel at 7.30 p.m. for the regular Friday evening meeting. After we had opened our meeting with several rousing hymns, some of which were "The Whole Wide World is Pleading," and "Far, Far Away," we bowed for a season of earnest petition and praise to our heavenly Father. Brother Ferris presented in a very interesting and inspiring address the need of the New Hebrides. I do not think we shall forget that meeting. As we listened to the accounts of hardship, years of patient toil, and earnest labour in love and sincerity, our hearts were touched. Judging by the spirit evident among us, these words appear to have created a lasting impression.

During the service at Bickley church on Sabbath morning and the young people's meeting in the afternoon, we were told of experiences in soul-winning in this once dark land of the New Hebrides Group. We listened to stories of the pioneering days among the primitive races. In many cases these precious souls could be won only by years of tender, patient toil with the power of personal love and the influence of the Holy Spirit.

On the Saturday evening we were favoured with a lantern lecture. By the aid of very beautiful pictures, we were carried to Lord Howe Island, and were told something of its unique early history. Next we travelled to the New Hebrides. Here we were given an insight into the customs, religion, and general conditions that prevail among these needy people. The medical work is the strong arm of missionary en-

deavour. Its power to break down prejudice and hatred was amply demonstrated in this mission field.

Throughout the addresses we were all impressed by the great need, and also the genuine fruitage of earnest toil. We are determined to so fully prepare our lives that we may be ready when the Lord of the harvest calls.

As Brother and Sister Ferris return to their field of labour, we wish them true success. They have the assurance that our prayers will follow them.

A. R. KING.

The Avondale Central School

"THE schoolroom is needed just as much as is the church building."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 6, p. 109.

Realising the definiteness of this need in Avondale, and because the existing accommodation for primary and central school grades was entirely inadequate, the Avondale church has recently erected a school for the grades above the sixth; this renders it possible for the former school to be utilised as a primary school and for the work of the Normal Department of the College.

The new building, erected on A. M. College property adjacent to and facing the side of the Avondale church, is a wooden structure built on modern lines and capable of accommodating approximately fifty scholars. Of the two classrooms one is very large so as to serve as a general assembly room; there are also separate cloakrooms, an office room, a library room, and a spacious verandah. The section so generously granted by the A.M.C. Board for school grounds has an area of about four acres of natural parkland, which, with its shady trees and splendid aspect, is an ideal situation for a school.

After conducting school in a room behind the church, labouring under crowded and difficult conditions since the beginning of the year, it was a great relief to pupils and teachers to move into such commodious and convenient quarters at the beginning of the third term of this year.

On the morning of September 9 when the building was dedicated to the service of God, the assembly room was filled by a large audience of parents and friends, whose presence in the face of adverse weather conditions testified to their sincere interest in the school and its work. Among those assisting in the service were Pastor A. H. White, the President and Educational Secretary of the North N.S.W. Conference, Pastor F. A. Allum, and Pastor A. E. Speck, Principal of A. M. College.

We were especially privileged in having with us Pastor C. H. Watson, President of the General Conference, who delivered an inspirational address on the growth of our educational work, and on the positive need for Christian training for our children. In remarking on the gap once evident between the primary and high school grades, Pastor Watson expressed his warm appreciation of the educational system undertaken in recent years by this Australasian Union Conference. Pastor Speck, in offering the dedicatory prayer, invoked God's blessing on the work of the school, and besought the Lord that He would accept the dedication of our lives to His service, and that He would bless

the work of the school in the saving of our youth to this cause and to His heavenly kingdom.

At the conclusion of the service the church treasurer presented the financial report of the building costs of the school, the outstanding feature of which was an anonymous donation of £100 to the building fund, making it possible for us to commence school free of debt. We sincerely thank the Lord for this, and believe that so splendid a beginning augurs well for the success of the school.

On the following day school began with an enrolment of thirty-four enthusiastic children who are working with redoubled energy, endeavouring to do all in their power to make school a success.

Our sincere prayer is that this school will be a definite blessing in the lives of the children of the Avondale community, and that in years to come these boys and girls may be labourers for the Lord's needy children in mission fields, definitely as a result of the Christian influence of the Avondale Central School.

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Farewell

AFTER a period of nearly eight years' service in Western Australia, Pastor E. E. Roenfelt has been called to the presidency of the Tasmanian Conference. During his sojourn in the West he has greatly endeared himself to the hearts of the members here; and to the large number who are today rejoicing in the light of present truth as a result of his efforts he is especially dear.

It was fitting that after so long a term of service a meeting should be called to give all the opportunity of saying farewell, and to give Pastor Roenfelt a last opportunity of addressing those who had so often sat under his ministry. Accordingly, such a meeting was arranged for the evening of Monday, October 1, in the Salvation Army Citadel in Perth, which was kindly lent to us for the occasion.

The large number present testified to the esteem in which Pastor Roenfelt is held, and the sincere references made during the course of the meeting to his work amongst us bore a like testimony.

Most of our metropolitan churches had representatives present, and one was chosen to speak on behalf of each church. The programme was interspersed with musical items which were much appreciated.

One feature of the meeting worthy of comment was the fact that four of our churches were represented by four church elders who, with their wives and families, have been brought into this message by Pastor Roenfelt's labours during the past few years.

Presentations were made by the conference workers and the church members to Pastor and Mrs. Roenfelt as a tangible evidence of the love of God's people for them, and an expression of appreciation of all the labour put forth, and the untiring energy expended during his term of service in this field.

The sincere prayers of many of God's

people will follow Pastor Roenfelt as he takes up his new responsibilities in Tasmania.

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The Scone Sabbath School

THE Thirteenth Sabbath is always "an high day" in the life of our Australasian sisterhood of Sabbath schools. We look forward to it expectantly and welcome its coming, for, like the milestones along our highways, it is a symbol of progress and achievement. To those of us, moreover, to whom the second advent of Jesus is "the blessed hope," it reminds us quarter by quarter that we are nearing our eternal home, that soon the rifted clouds will reveal the coming of the Son of man.

Most of us are more or less familiar with the nature of a Thirteenth Sabbath programme in our larger metropolitan and country churches, for, apart from personal participation in them, we have read delightful accounts of their proceedings in the RECORD from time to time. But what does the Thirteenth Sabbath—and the Sabbath schools generally—mean to the little companies, oftentimes isolated and remote, scattered here and yon throughout our fair continent? It appealed to the present writer, therefore, that by way of response, an account of one of our isolated Sabbath school companies, with special reference to its last Sabbath programme, would be of interest to RECORD readers.

The township of Scone has well been described as "the Garden City of the Upper Hunter." Like Jerusalem of old, it is "beautiful for situation." In close proximity to it, rugged mountain ranges rear their lofty summits. And the everlasting hills are always uplifting and inspiring! Then, too, Scone itself is a pretty little centre, neatly laid out, and bedecked with trees and gardens. To look down upon it from one of the surrounding hills is to be reminded that a well-planned town, no less than the open landscape, may be "a thing of beauty" and charm.

While, as yet, there is no organised Adventist church in Scone, twelve believers gather together for Sabbath school and Bible study each Sabbath morning. These members, apart from two colporteurs who meet with them, are the fruit of an effort which Brother S. Jackson conducted in this centre some four or five years ago. The meetings are held in the hospitable home of Sister L. Blayden, and are keenly anticipated by all.

Though exceedingly small in comparison to some of our larger Sabbath schools, the Scone school has two divisions, a senior and a primary. Its regular officers are a superintendent and a secretary, Brother J. S. Carrol filling the former office, and Sister W. Wilkinson the latter. The school is conducted along conventional lines, the hymns and prayer, the missionary exercise and the review, the lesson study and the offering following in the usual order.

Its last Thirteenth Sabbath programme, generally speaking, differed little from the regular routine followed each Sabbath, as for various reasons it is difficult to include special musical and other items such as usually characterise the Thirteenth Sabbath of a larger school. But that which did create considerable interest was the special offering of the day—the largest Thirteenth Sabbath offering yet donated by the Scone company. Actually the amount was £2 10s. 9d., an excess of 14s. 6d. over that of the previous highest offering. It is interesting to note, too, that of this total £1 4s. 3d. represents Investment savings. The total offerings for the quarter were £5 4s. 6d. When the financial circumstances of the company are taken into account, these offerings represent a very creditable achievement.

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The South N.S.W. Camp Meeting

"A FORETASTE of heaven." This aptly describes the twelve days spent together in one of the most magnificent parks in the State; with ideal weather conditions; in an atmosphere of Christian love and unity; attending meetings which truly made the hearts of the hearers burn within them as they gave consideration to a variety of deeply interesting and important subjects.

As the Parramatta Park has not always been available for our camp meetings, we felt the more grateful that a kind Providence opened the way last year and this for us to use these beautiful grounds, which are accessible for both country and city members, and for a large population in the vicinity.

A new record for Australasia has been established by the camp just closed. Never before has a meeting been held with more than 302 tents. This time there were 310, all occupied. In addition, many secured rooms handy to the encampment, or came by lorry loads, cars, and trains to the evening and week-end services.

Throughout the period there was almost an entire absence of rain, wind, or heat. On one day only showers fell, freshening the beautiful green carpet that covers the entire park.

Excellent organisation was manifest in all the arrangements for so large a gathering. Nearly 200 of the family tents had electric light installed. An ironing tent was provided, with two electric irons which gave good service. The camp was connected with the city sewerage. The store and kitchen gave very efficient service, helping to keep every one happy. The office tent with its telephone, its plan of the whole camp, and an alphabetical index, was usually a busy place. The entire encampment was divided among the ministers, so that a personal visit was made to the occupants of every tent. The large family were found to be very happy, and reaching out for higher things.

Five medical lectures were given by Sanitarium physicians, Drs. W. G. and F. K. Harding, and Dr. Harrison, and Sanitarium nurses were always on duty at the medical tent.

The truths that have made this a distinct denomination were presented with a clearness and beauty that all felt absolutely incontrovertible. The only regret was that not every man, woman, and child of the conference could have had the privilege of attending this helpful gathering. That the camp meeting idea is indeed ordained of God, deeply impressed us during this time of spiritual refreshing in the darkest days of the world's history. "Christian Perfection Required," "Getting Rid of Sin," "Watch and Be Ready,"—these subjects formed the theme of some very helpful early morning devotional meetings. "It is not sufficient for us to have the theory of the truth. You will drown just as surely if you are under one inch of water as if you were one hundred fathoms down," Pastor Kent reminded us. Pastor Westerman warned his hearers of three ways in which Satan gains a stealthy entrance into the heart:

1. Doubt.
2. Real or supposed injuries.
3. Looking at the brethren and sisters instead of at Christ.

By no means the least interesting meetings were the conference sessions, held for an hour and a half each morning and an hour each afternoon. The delegates attended consistently, and were thrilled by the reports from practically every conference worker and colporteur. An official report from the secretary will appear in a later issue.

As a result of reading reports in the local and city newspapers, some people decided to visit the camp. The first Sunday evening Pastor J. W. Kent gave an impressive sermon on "The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse." The opening of the seven seals of Revelation 5 and 6 was illustrated by seven charts, unfurled one after another; but the first and last theme of the address was the love of Christ. An impressive picture of the removal of the body of our Saviour from the cross pressed home his words. When the call was made to visitors to the camp to surrender to Christ that night, six took their stand for Him, and came forward at the close of the service. During the succeeding days of the camp these all made good progress in studying further into the message. One lady who lives a long distance away, on the other side of Sydney, had never attended an Adventist meeting before, nor met any of our people. But on reading about the camp in the daily paper she felt impressed to come. She did so, and took her stand at this first meeting to be a Seventh-day Adventist. Night after night this earnest seeker for truth came back to the camp, drinking in the message.

Another lady came up to the speaker and said, "Pastor Kent, I have been faithful all the year." He did not recognise her at first, but she was one who dropped into the camp last year, and responded to the first appeal. Though worshipping alone since, she had held on firmly.

The second Sunday evening Pastor Scragg, at the conclusion of his address on "Why I Am a Seventh-day Adventist," made an appeal to visitors, and was rewarded by five.

Other New Believers

It was an inspiration to meet new Sabbath-keepers living on the grounds, enjoying their first camp. From near and far they had come. Through reading the book, "Our Day," sold by an unknown colporteur to a lady who did not value it, but had lent it to her, a young woman was with us from an isolated country town. She reports that a man in that district also read the book and today is a Sabbath-keeper.

Having accepted the message through stepping into our young people's demonstration in the city on August 11—his very first acquaintance with Adventists—another brother was camping on the grounds with his wife and five children, a united family in this message, entering heartily into all the meetings. He and his wife and eldest son were baptised at the camp.

Other new believers were three deacons from the same church who came into the message through the work of a colporteur. Another brother who heard the message at the Sanitarium a few months ago, travelled hundreds of miles to the camp to be baptised. Two young girls, each the only representative of her family, took a firm stand for truth through attending a small Sabbath school, endured much opposition, and came to camp to be baptised.

To many in our own ranks we believe this camp was one of definite victory and conversion.

Sabbath Revival Services

The large four-masted pavilion, with its microphone and seating accommodation for 2,000 was wholly inadequate for the Sabbath throngs; and so the services were held in three separate pavilions on the first Sabbath morning, and in four pavilions on the second Sabbath. While Pastor W. G. Turner was speaking to the adults, Pastor A. H. Piper addressed the young people, Brother A. J. Dyason talked to the boys and girls of intermediate age, and Pastor N. A. Ferris told interesting stories to the youngest children. These were all very helpful meetings.

At the second Sabbath revival service there were about 700 young people in their pavilion, and when the call was made for consecration, every young person in the tent stood. After the singing of a hymn, the invitation was given to those desiring to get special help and victory to come forward. By ones, twos, and threes they came, till nearly 200 had responded. Their M.V. Secretary, Brother E. L. Minchin, was deeply impressed by the work that God was doing for his fellow young people, and he rejoiced to see youth whom he had been trying for two years to help, definitely surrender to Christ that day.

Colporteurs' Meetings

Three meetings daily were held in the colporteurs' small pavilion. The "knights of the road" met together as a prayer band at six o'clock each morning; for Bible study at 9 a.m.; and for institute work at 4.30 p.m. Four new colporteurs were definitely secured for the book ministry.

Children's Classes

How the little ones loved the meetings in their pavilion! Each morning, with a staff of loyal teachers, the primary division

under the leadership of Brother E. J. Felsch took up the parables of Jesus; and the kindergarten, led by Miss Laurel Fisher, studied about the Good Shepherd. All the children worked under direction to fill their beautiful little notebooks to take home after camp.

It was a pleasing sight to see the tiny ones gathered around their little tables. Before camp Brother Bryant, of the Thornleigh church, had kindly made a dozen strong tables from packing cases. As the legs fold up, they may also be used as sand trays, when desired. Substantially constructed, they will serve as long as camps are held.

Each afternoon the children greatly enjoyed bright mission talks from a number of island missionaries who were on the grounds. Following the afternoon session, the teachers led the children in organised games on the soft green grass.

Little Nurses

We must add just a few words about this organisation among the children. More than a dozen little girls of the primary division, wearing white veils and scarlet capes like Sanitarium nurses wear (except that the capes were of silk instead of warm wool), acted as helpers to busy mothers, minding babies. There was a threefold purpose in this. (1) It helped the tired mothers to attend meetings; (2) it gave the children something interesting to do; (3) it served to give them true ideals of life, and the decision to be useful.

All through the week they were inviting mothers to bring their infants to a special meeting on the last Sunday afternoon, and were gathering names for the Cradle Roll. The mothers came, and when the infants were taken up on the platform by the little nurses and placed in a large cot, the audience was captivated by the assembly of lovely little human dolls. In an interesting programme, the advantages of the Cradle Roll were set forth by dialogue and talks. It was pointed out that even the Cradle Roll has proved to be a soul-winning department of the Sabbath school. It wins back mothers who have drifted from the message. The little ones themselves, by being noticed and cared for in their early days, grow into the Sabbath school. Moreover, it is a useful means of bringing in co-operation between the parents and the Sabbath school and the church, for the Sabbath school is a "feeder" to the church.

Mission Appeal

There was an excellent response to the mission appeal in the thanksgiving meeting the last Sabbath afternoon. Here also a new record was made for South New South Wales, when £940 was given in cash and pledges. Adding the Sabbath school offerings of £116, and the proceeds from the sales in the young people's mission tent during camp, £54, the total is £1,110. A large amount of jewellery was given besides, which will further increase the offering to the needy island work.

"A Cruise through Tropic Isles; Afloat and Afloat with Camera and Cinema," was the title of a wonderfully interesting and instructive lantern lecture by Pastor A. G. Stewart on the first Saturday night of camp. The second Saturday evening the programme was presented by young people and children. We hope to give a fuller report of this meeting in a later issue. V.M.R.

QUEENSLAND

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Queensland Conference

THE session of the Queensland Conference just convened on Yeronga Park, Annerley, introduced the thirtieth year of the conference, when from September 18-30 about 600 of the brethren and sisters met together. More than 150 tents were pitched on a delightful spot on a gentle slope among the trees. The surroundings were all that could be wished for, and the weather during the time of the encampment was good.

The Union Conference was represented by Pastors A. G. Stewart, A. H. Piper, A. W. Anderson, S. V. Stratford, and J. J. Potter, and for part of the time Dr. Harrison of the Sydney Sanitarium was also present. The ministrations of these brethren were much appreciated by all.

Good interest was manifested throughout the session in the affairs of the conference. The Bible studies and other meetings were very well attended, every one expressing satisfaction at the good studies given at these times. An excellent spirit pervaded the whole of the meetings.

The newly organised church at Sandgate was, by vote of the delegates assembled, accepted into the sisterhood of churches.

The various departmental reports revealed growth in every line of work. While our membership showed a net gain of only 43, yet we had the abnormal number of 109 transfers of members to other conferences, so that our gain was really better than might appear, the present church membership being 1,139. Our Sabbath school membership is 1,266, and the Missionary Volunteers number 483.

There was an improvement in tithes over the previous year of £507, the total for the year being £4,403. The Tract Society, with book sales amounting to £2,572, showed a profit of £94. The supplementary report till June 30, 1934, showed even bigger figures for both tithes and book sales, and we are looking forward to a good time for this year.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

PRESIDENT: E. H. Guilliard.
SECRETARY-TREASURER: L. A. Butler.
TRACT SOCIETY SECRETARY: L. A. Butler.

SABBATH SCHOOL AND MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER SECRETARY: Miss G. H. Hadfield.

HOME MISSIONS SECRETARY: E. H. Guilliard.

ASSISTANT HOME MISSIONS SECRETARY: L. A. Butler.

FIELD MISSIONARY SECRETARY: E. A. Turner.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY AND EDUCATIONAL SECRETARY: E. H. Guilliard.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: E. H. Guilliard, W. W. Rogers, F. J. Trute, N. H. Faulkner, W. J. Shields, R. J. Burns, E. Beckett.

The report of the committee on credentials and licences was adopted as follows:

MINISTERIAL CREDENTIALS: E. H. Guilliard, A. I. Mitchell, F. A. McFarlane.

ORDINATION AND CREDENTIALS: R. J. Burns.

MINISTERIAL LICENCE: L. A. Butler, R. A. Greive, E. A. Turner.

MISSIONARY LICENCE: Miss H. L. Czerns, Miss G. H. Hadfield.

TEACHER'S LICENCE: F. P. Ward, Miss E. Beveridge.

COLPORTEUR'S CREDENTIALS: S. Dymock, W. G. Hodgkinson, E. B. Murray, W. F. Reid.

COLPORTEUR'S LICENCE: R. Gray, D. G. Livesey, J. W. Nixon, H. L. Paice.

Another record in the matter of camp Sabbath school offerings was shattered. The aim set for the offering for camp Sabbath school was £85. On the first Sabbath the amount received was £38 5s. 4d., and on the next Sabbath the high-water mark of £114 2s. 6d. was reached, making a total of £152 7s. 10d., almost doubling the aim set. In the praise service held in the afternoon, cash and pledges amounting to more than £500 were received on behalf of missions.

E. H. GUILLIARD, *President.*

L. A. BUTLER, *Secretary-Treasurer.*

BIG WEEK

"Fruit Unto Life Eternal"

WE have already notified our RECORD readers that our annual Big Week campaign is drawing very near. November 10 to 17 is the date set for this good work.

The books chosen are,—

"Bedtime Stories" No. 10, by A. S. Maxwell. Retail price, 1/6.

"Simple Treatments for Common Ailments," by L. A. Hansen,—1/6.

"Great Issues of the Age," by A. S. Maxwell. Price 1/—.

"Life and Health," November-December issue.

Morning Watch Calendars, De luxe and plain.

The aim set for the Australasian field for 1934 is £1,200. We exceeded this amount by £150 in 1933, and we have faith to believe that we shall succeed in exceeding our objective again in 1934.

The whole of the proceeds of our Big Week work will again be devoted to rendering assistance in our very needy island mission field in the following way:

Support of Native Teachers	... £550
Aboriginal Work at Monamona	150
Opening of New Aboriginal Mission	250
School Building, Matupi, New Guinea	150
Medical Supplies for Island Fields	100
	£1,200

We are following our usual plan, appealing to our brethren and sisters to devote a certain amount of time to selling literature, the profit of which will go to the Big Week fund; and those who are unable to assist by personal work are invited to give an offering to this very worthy work. Full details of the plan will be forwarded to you from your local conference office.

We have some very fine literature to offer to the public, and as we tell the story of the work we are doing in mission lands, there are many who will be very

pleased to purchase our literature when they know that the money received is devoted to such a worthy work, and that we voluntarily give of our time to bring help to others who are in far greater physical need than ourselves. The Big Week campaign affords an excellent opportunity to tell others of the wonderful work we are doing, and the seed thus sown will spring forth in some hearts, and yield its fruit in life eternal. We would urge all workers to take the name and address of every interested person for follow-up work.

A Threefold Blessing

In raising money through the sale of literature, we shall receive a personal blessing as we consecrate ourselves to the service of God. Secondly, as the literature is purchased, it will bring a blessing to the reader; and thirdly, the means thus brought to the treasury will bring physical and spiritual help to our neighbours in the South Sea Islands.

A school is very much needed in Matupi. Brother Petrie is teaching his students in a rough building of iron, with no ceiling, and the burning tropical heat is proving a great physical strain to him. We are anxious to give our faithful missionaries the opportunity to retain their health, so they may continue in the service of the Master.

I saw our staff of Solomon Island native teachers in Mussau. They are doing a wonderful work. We must send them help.

Hundreds of these natives in the South Sea Islands are unable to receive physical relief because our missionaries have not sufficient medical supplies.

Brethren and sisters, this is a very needy work. The South Sea Islanders call for your help. Let us all arise and do our very best to make our 1934 Big Week the best ever, and thus give the needed help to these suffering people, bring blessing to our own souls, and give to our neighbours and friends the knowledge that God's last work is now being accomplished in the earth.

W. J. WESTERMAN.

WEDDING BELLS

Black-Booth.—On September 18 in the Wairoonga church, which was beautifully decorated for the occasion, Brother David Forrest Black, son of Brother and Sister A. C. Black of Auckland, N.Z., was united in marriage with Miss Florence E. Booth, daughter of Brother and Sister W. J. Booth of Hornsby, N.S.W. During the service a beautiful solo, "A Song of Thanksgiving," was sung by a friend of the bride and bridegroom, and Brother E. L. Minchin rendered some excellent organ music. The bridegroom is on the evangelistic staff of the South N.S.W. Conference, and the bride has been for several years on the Union Conference headquarters' staff as stenographer to the writer. As these two young people unite their labours in field work, we trust that God will make their efforts very fruitful in soul-winning. A. W. ANDERSON.

Pascoe-O'Connor.—The Wairoonga church was well filled with good wishers on the evening of October 1 when William Lewis Pascoe, third son of the writer, and Mona O'Connor, third daughter of Sister O'Connor of Warburton, were united in holy wedlock. The church was neatly

and artistically decorated for the occasion. After the marriage ceremony a large number of relatives and friends gathered in the hospitable home of Pastor Reuben Hare to congratulate the young couple. As expressed, it was the desire and anticipation of all present to meet them again at another impending wedding table, around which they would unite in giving praise and glory to the great Bridegroom. W. H. PASCOE.

"God's Greatest Gift"

THIS is a new book written by S. A. Wellman, Associate Secretary of the General Conference Sabbath School Department, for the specific purpose of being the official Sabbath school lesson help for the first quarter of 1935.

It is based on the "love chapter" of the Bible (1 Corinthians 13) and contains twelve chapters, one for each lesson of the quarter. Not a dry dissertation—not a book to be cast aside at the end of the quarter, but a vital, up-to-the-minute book that will lead the reader to a deeper realisation of what GOD'S GREATEST GIFT of love means. A book that you will want to keep, to read and re-read. A book that will stimulate you to higher thoughts and nobler living. Contains 80 pages, paper cover, price 1/3 each. Order of your church missionary secretary or Tract Society Secretary at once.

OBITUARY

Watkins.—In the early hours of Sabbath morning, October 6, our loved Sister Gladys Irene Watkins of Waikeri, S.A., aged twenty-nine, fell asleep. She heard the call to service four years ago under the writer's ministry. Never more loyally has a heart beaten for God. The fragrance, beauty, and consistency of her life, living still, stand as a monument to the power of God to save and keep from sin. She leaves a husband and four young children to mourn their sad loss. Our hearts go out to them as tenderly we commit them all to heaven's care. Pastor Foster conducted the burial service and committed our sleeping sister to her last resting-place, from which at the call of the Life-giver, she will surely come, clad in the bloom of perennial youth and clothed with the garments of immortality.

W. T. HOOPER.

Gardener.—Gardener wants work, is. 6d. per hour. MASSEY, 10 Edna St., Willoughby, N.S.W.

Wanted.—Young man gardener on shares, good worker. Good local market. With or without capital. W. SEARLES, Hynam, S.A.

Your Opportunity.—Do you desire a holiday within touch of our Sanitarium doctors? Furnished bungalow to let for three weeks from November 30 to December 21. Every convenience. Three minutes' walk from San. gates. Apply A. T., "Mizpah," Wairoonga, N.S.W. 'Phone 461 Wah.

Home Offered.—A sister living alone who desires company, offers comfortable home in return for light services. Apply MRS. W. BONE, 17 Thompson St., Earlwood, Sydney.

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PASTOR S. V. STRATFORD left Wahroonga for New Zealand on October 17 by the *Monterey*. He goes to visit the churches in both the North and the South Islands in the interests of the Missionary Volunteer work.

BROTHER AND SISTER HILTON KENT and Brother R. R. Gooding were passengers by the same boat as Pastor Stratford. Brother Kent goes to North New Zealand to lead out in the colporteur work; and Brother Gooding, Union Conference Auditor, will give the half-yearly audit to the conference and institution books in the Dominion.

FROM the training school in Mirigeda, Papua, Sister C. J. Howell wrote on September 23: "School has just started again after the term-end holiday. We have a bright, happy lot of young men. We are glad to have Mrs. Wiles with us for three months to help with the school. Our first canvasser gave an interesting report of his work today. He has sold twenty-seven copies of 'Bible Studies' so far. Some of the boys who went to Bisiatabu with Mr. Howell have taken books which they hope to sell to some of their friends in Kolari land."

AT the ordination service on the first Sabbath of the Parramatta camp, four brethren were set apart to the sacred work of the ministry: Pastors T. W. Hammond, the Treasurer of the Union Conference; R. Reye, Superintendent of the Samoan Mission; N. A. Ferris, a district director of the Solomon Island Mission; and E. H. Parsons, an evangelist of the South N. S. W. Conference. The address was given by Pastor A. G. Stewart, the dedicatory prayer by Pastor A. H. Piper, and the charge by Pastor W. G. Turner, while Pastor Westerman welcomed them on behalf of the Australasian Union, and Pastor R. E. Hare on behalf of the local conference.

SISTER A. S. ATKINS writes from Mussau Island: "Today we began our new quarter. We had a change in our Sabbath school here at Lomakunauru. Two of the younger boys, lads about fourteen, have been assigned as leader and assistant leader. They filled their places very well. With the utmost confidence and quiet dignity they took their places in front of the school. Each item was announced without hitch or mistake. This morning one of the boys from the training school came across to take the service. He spoke in the vernacular. His subject was clearly and intelligently delivered. Although rather a long talk, the interest did not once wane."

WRITING from the Monamona Aboriginal Mission on October 8, Sister H. Mills reports further gains in membership and attendance, and the highest offering ever given at Monamona. In fact, the offerings for the three quarters of this year have shown steady advancement,—£14, £16, £18. "We had a delightful item while the Thirteenth Sabbath offering was being taken up," Sister Mills writes. "After the children had joined the seniors and all was quiet, the superintendent announced a special musical item. Four of our girls went out to the front with their mouth organs and played, 'They Brought Their Gifts to Jesus.' Then we asked the Lord to accept and bless this offering. We live in faith that some day there will be souls in the kingdom as a result."

Distribution of Labour

THE following distribution of labour was announced on the closing day of the Parramatta camp:

CITY.—The mission recently opened at Dulwich Hill and Enfield will be continued by Pastor J. W. Kent, assisted by Pastor E. Behrens, Brother H. Hollingsworth, and Miss E. M. Moran. A new mission will be opened at Manly by Pastor T. J. Bradley and Brother D. F. Black. Brother J. A. Lawson, after returning to Leeton for a short time, will come into the metropolitan area, labouring at Bexley and Carlton. The pastoral work in the city is so great that it requires three men to care for it, and this responsibility has been given to Pastors R. Govett, J. S. Stewart, and Brother C. H. Pretzman.

COUNTRY.—Pastor E. H. Parsons returns to Albury, and Brethren Llewellyn Jones and Alfred Parker to Mudgee. Brother R. H. Powrie goes to Bathurst, and will also visit Lithgow. Gilgandra has been calling for a worker for some time, and the lay members have gone ahead and worked zealously. Now Pastor H. C. Harker has been chosen to labour in that centre. Brother J. Eggins goes to Tumut. Pastor E. R. Whitehead will take charge of the work in Leeton and Narrandera. The interests at Harden, Young, Cowra, and Grenfell will be cared for by Pastor J. Thompson. Brother A. L. Pascoe returns to Bega, South Coast, and will be assisted by Brother W. A. Mackley. Pastor H. Mitchell will go to Mandurama for a few weeks when Pastor Scragg leaves for West Australia, and will see the company there over the building of their new church.

Notes From Warburton

PASTOR J. J. POTTER arrived from Wahroonga on October 8 to take over his responsibilities as Acting Manager of the publishing house. His wife and son are waiting in Wahroonga until Lance's school examinations are concluded some time next month, and will then come down to Warburton.

Brother R. E. G. Blair will disconnect with the publishing house about November 19, when he plans to sail from Sydney for New Zealand by the *Monowai*.

We are planning to have a book exhibit at the Royal Agricultural Show Grounds in Melbourne, which is to be opened by the Duke of Gloucester on October 19. We

are to have a tent erected, with the Victorian Conference folk in charge. A souvenir bookmark has been printed, giving facts regarding the world-wide work of Seventh-day Adventists, for distribution to visitors to our book exhibit.

W. S. RENN.

LAST year the *Australasian Little Friend* began its career, and already it has won a great many friends; but we would like to see the circle of its influence greatly widened. Will you help? The cost is small compared with the inestimable value it may be to children at the formative age. Decide now to take a small club, and increase it as you secure regular customers. It is a fortnightly paper, selling at threepence a copy. It will be welcomed in homes where there are children. Our colporteurs take scores of subscriptions. Order through your church missionary secretary or Tract Society. The price per year is a little less than previously mentioned. It is 5s. 6d. per year, or 2s. 9d. per half year.

Letter From Dr. Kress

WE have recently received some very interesting newspaper photos taken on the fiftieth anniversary of the wedding of Drs. D. H. and Lauretta Kress, formerly of Wahroonga, and now residing in Takoma Park, Washington, D. C. One of the press reports is given on another page of this paper. Writing after the event, Dr. Lauretta Kress states:

"We have received many letters from Australia, and appreciated them, too. I have been and still am too busy to write many letters, but will endeavour to answer them all some time.

"We surely had a wonderful time. There were 602 'babies' in the picture that was taken on the lawn in the afternoon, and in the evening 958 persons passed through our house. There were many who could not wait to come in, and so went home again. We were standing in line from 7.45 p.m. till 11.15 p.m., so you can imagine the crowd we had to greet. We served 759 gallons of fruit juice, and used 1900 paper cups. It was a great time, I can assure you.

"We are still going strong, at work every day. Dr. Kress is in his seventy-third year and I am in my seventy-second. Part of two mornings each week I spend at the Women's Clinic, giving my service to poor women. I spend one hour each Wednesday morning at the juvenile court. I make calls at homes when needed, and have my office hours from 3 to 7 p.m. daily, except Sabbath.

"If I happen to have to make a call on Sabbath or do emergency work that day, I give all proceeds to the Investment Fund at the Sanitarium Sabbath school. My class has raised nearly £40 so far this year. I feel sure we shall have £50 before December. It is a joy to give to God, who gives us so much each day. He gives us our health, and all we have, and He loves a 'cheerful giver,' which we all ought to be.

"I have not sent any clippings to any one else in Australia, so you may keep these and show them to any one who would be interested in them. I only wish you all could have been with us. We both join in sending our love to all we know over there."