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## “His Purpose Is Ours”

*From Pastor J. W. Kent's Graduation Address to the Sydney Sanitarium Nurses, Delivered in the Wahroonga Church on Thursday Evening, December 6, 1934*

MY DEAR GRADUATE NURSES:

You plant your feet tonight in the footprints of a consecrated band of men and women who have passed through these doors and out into a world that is waiting for the service that is yours also to give. Girded for duty by the great God of this place, they are keeping the banner flying. They wait for you to join them in maintaining by consecrated devotion to duty the traditions of your Alma Mater. Some are resting in the shadow land. They have fought the good fight and finished their course, but with this triumph, they kept the faith.

We congratulate you as individuals for having chosen this place to study for your calling. You know that the Sanitarium has placed the emphasis where it rightly belongs. Your physical, spiritual, mental, and moral life has been safeguarded by a careful training that has sought to send you forth faithfully equipped for the tasks life assigns. Such service faithfully and sincerely rendered by you will reflect on this institution the credit that it so truly deserves.

We also congratulate you as a class for choosing such a lofty ideal as your class motto, “HIS PURPOSE IS OURS.” There is a passage of Scripture I wish to read which I believe will give a setting to the motto you have chosen. It is this:

“And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ: to the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God, according to the eternal purpose which He purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord: in whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of Him.” Eph. 3:9-12.

Within these verses we find that (1) the purpose of which you speak is an eternal one; (2) there are unsearchable riches associated with it; (3) there is a mystery fellowship; (4) the manifold wisdom of God is there, too; (5) the purpose centres in Christ Jesus; (6) through this Christ we have boldness and access with confidence; and (7) all of this wonderful purpose and association is your privilege through faith. Well may you exclaim, Wonderful! Wonderful! Jesus, may we ever be true to such a sanctifying purpose, to such an ennobling fellowship!

Were it not for such access to such a fellowship, admitting you by faith to participation in such an eternal purpose, the selection of such a motto would be rankest presumption. But as it is here stated in the promises and provisions of the gospel of God's dear Son, and made sure by the sacrificial blood from the flowing wounds of your Master Physician, I commend your choice of such a motto and encourage you to make full proof of the privileges that are yours therein. Never forget, that purpose is to enter with the Saviour into His ministry of redeeming love for fallen mankind. Remember, that for this purpose He ever liveth. From the throne eternal the pulse beat of

of that purpose throbs through all the creation of God.

The blessings and privileges of life's purpose in which your youth rejoices tonight flow to you through the veins of Immanuel. It broke His heart on Calvary to bring such a motto within your reach. You hang it here before the eyes of all tonight. It is your privilege so to do. But never forget this: that motto of yours bears the blood marks of suffering—suffering for a purpose. It is this that shall make it triumph eternally. It is my prayer that the thought of this shall sanctify forever that great and glorious motto for you.

### “His Purpose Is Ours”

For Thy service, dear Lord, we have pledged  
our lives

Thy purpose to fulfil.  
All forgetful of self, leaning only on Thee,  
We seek to do Thy will,  
To bring comfort and hope to the weary and worn,  
To whisper, “God loves thee still.”

If by word or by deed we can help some soul  
The loving Christ to see,  
Not in vain are the hours spent in ceaseless toil,  
Spent with a thought of Thee;  
Not in vain are the words as the light grows dim,  
O Man of Galilee!

Wilt Thou grant us the skill of Thy healing hand  
That healed in days of old?  
With Thy skill grant us power and that name-  
less grace  
That blesses lives untold.  
For Thy will is our will, Thy purpose is ours,  
Thy vision we behold.

'Tis a vision indeed of a sin cursed world.  
Then high the banner wave,  
Till the echo resounds from the ends of the  
earth,  
The Christ! Mighty to save!  
And our hearts will glow, no regrets to know  
That our lives in His service we gave.  
Olive M. Bathgate.

Will you permit me to step back to that manger-cradle in old Bethlehem? Slipping from the skies in divine mercy, that purpose clothed itself in our flesh, Immanuel, God with us, and the angels sang above the hills of old Judæa, "Glory to God." There "is born this day . . . a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

I see that purpose growing into a noble life of self-denying ministry to fallen man. I see Him entering the homes of human need to relieve their sufferings and dry their tears. Even the huts and hovels of the outcasts are not passed by. Their degradation did not defile Him, nor did it make Him despise them. His purpose was to rescue them from wrong, and the touch of that sympathetic purpose in the personality of Jesus lifted and saved them. And I am told that when He had passed along, in the villages and towns through which He went not a sigh of pain was left behind Him.

The Saviour's ministry to the suffering, His words of cheer to the despairing, were outstanding features in a life of selfless service for others. But that was not all. Reviewing His experience on earth, near the close of His life, He could voice this in prayer to His Father, "I have finished the work which Thou gavest Me to do." His was a life of faithful devotion to that purpose. He finished what He had begun. He did not fail of that purpose, nor leave it partly accomplished. He completed it. The tempting offers of worldly ambition, the sympathy of friends that sought to have Him spare Himself, the withering scorn of foes, and the bitter and malignant opposition from the dark forces of wrong, all failed to keep Him from the completion of the purpose committed to Him. "He set His face steadfastly," we are told in the Gospels, and, undaunted, He went through with the task. Only thus could He say, "I have finished the work which Thou gavest Me to do."

The Great Physician gives you access by your faith in Him to that purpose; for thus He declares to the Father: "As Thou hast sent Me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world." The purpose is shared.

As you place your feet in the footprints of that purpose to serve, remember He is with you. Not only does He leave you a wonderful example to follow, but also He gives to you the assurance that, as you go, He will be with you all the days, even to the end.

So I charge you tonight, my dear graduates, be true. Take your diploma as a pledge of your devotion to that purpose you have chosen in life. So will you honour the old "San" that trusts you with it tonight. Thus will you bring joy to parents and home and friends. And your instructors who have watched over you through the days of your training will rejoice together. And the Great Physician, whose life and example are your guerdon for service, awaits you with His "well done" at the close of life's day, and to rejoice with you over the fruitage of "His Purpose Is Ours."

Be a true yoke-fellow with Him in the task. Do not let the sacrifice intimidate you. Through the school of affliction He passed. And when the course of suffering was done, and His life went out in the emphasis, "It is finished," "into Thy hands I commend My spirit," He handed

that diploma of trust, written in the blood of His suffering and sacrifice, into the keeping of the Father of all. Such was His relation to that purpose. It is for you to follow Him, and, like Him, hand your diploma of trust in the commission of "His Purpose Is Ours" when the work is done into the safe keeping of the Great Physician.

"Fear not to build thine aerie in the heights  
Where go'den splendours stay,  
And trust your Lord unto thine inmost soul  
In simple faith alway.  
And He will make divinely real  
The highest form of thine ideal."



### Sydney Sanitarium and Hospital Graduation of Nurses

"His Purpose Is Ours." Such was the motto chosen by the 1931-1934 nurses' class. The large gathering of relatives, fellow workers, and friends who assembled in the Wahroonga church on the evening of Thursday, December 6, could not escape the lesson of the graduation ceremony. As we entered the church we were faced by this motto, worked in cluster roses, and set up high over the rostrum. As we listened to the various speakers, we were reminded again and again of the high aim of the nine young

counsel as he presented the diplomas, and Matron Speck's words of "parting advice" gave food for thought to the audience as well as the graduates.

The chairman, Brother G. S. Fisher, reminded us that this was the thirty-first class to graduate, and spoke of the far-reaching influence of the Sanitarium and the noble service being performed in many spheres by its graduates.

The class poem had been written by Miss Olive Bathgate, a sister of one of the graduates. This was recited by Nurse R. Bunney.

Messrs. T. J. Bradley and E. L. Minchin sang, "Break, Diviner Light," Pastor R. E. Hare read suitable portions from the Gospels of Matthew and Luke, and the writer offered the closing prayer.

The decoration of the church was, as usual, a labour of love entrusted to the succeeding class, "the third-years." This added much to the pleasure of the occasion, for it was bright, cheery, effective, and withal simple. The graduates occupied the semi-circular portion of the rostrum, and were flanked on either side by those taking part in the ceremony. The front of the rostrum bore the appearance of a solid stone balustrade, over which climbed golden nasturtiums. The pillars of the balustrade were capped with baskets of roses in which were cleverly concealed numerous electric light bulbs which gave a most charming effect.

Miss H. M. Osmond once again presided at the organ, opening the programme with a selection entitled "Meditation," very sweetly rendered.



Back Row (left to right): Edna M. Mitchell, Catherine L. McEwen, Amelia M. Bathgate, Eleanor Risbey, Ruby A. Bunney. Front Row: Adelaide Stirling, Rita D. Forbes, Marjorie E. Greive. (Absent) Joan I. Twine.

ladies who that night were to receive their diplomas as evidence of the success which had crowned their efforts of the past four years. Strenuous service, earnest study, and faithful ministry had wrought for them the victory. Their joyous satisfaction was shared by all present, and every item of the programme struck a responsive chord of sympathetic gladness in all hearts.

Pastor A. G. Stewart's prayer that they might be kept true to the motto they had chosen, Pastor J. W. Kent's exhortation in the graduation address which he delivered, Dr. C. W. Harrison's words of

The usual greetings and congratulations followed the benediction, and these nine newly fledged nurses were sent forth to their life's mission, with hearty Godspeeds and handshakes, to make God's purpose theirs. C. H. PRETYMAN.

"Do the duty Love has set thee,  
Thy best warrant Christ's command.  
Sin and sorrow in a thousand  
Touching aspects, round thee stand.  
Do it promptly, do it bravely,  
Whatever comes to hand."



## Baptism at Aore, New Hebrides

PICTURE the scene, if you can. It is Friday afternoon. In the western sky the sun is lowering, the clouds are tinted with gold, and across the water is a path of golden sunshine, reminding us of the streets of gold in the city of God. On the shore the students and some of their friends have gathered. All is quiet, save for the gentle breeze, the soft lap, lap of the wavelets on the shore, and the evening song of the birds.

Brother Perry steps forth and conducts a short and appropriate service, speaking words of admonition and encouragement. The young people standing ready for baptism number eight, and represent four islands in the group; namely, Tanna, Amhrym, Santo, and Malekula.

All how while Brother Cherry asks that God's special blessing will rest upon these dear young people, and that He will keep them true to Him.

As all join in singing,

"I will follow Thee, my Saviour,  
Where-so'er my lot may be;  
Where Thou goest I will follow;  
Yes, my Lord, I'll follow Thee."

Brother Engelbrecht leads the candidates into the water together, and baptises them. He then accompanies them to the shore and pronounces the benediction.

As the newly baptised members stand in a row, the handshake takes place. All join in this performance from the older ones down to the tiny tots. Our hearts greatly rejoice as we see these dear young people giving their hearts to God. The Holy Spirit has worked a wonderful transformation in the lives of these non-Christian young people.

Dear brethren and sisters in the homeland, continue to pray and give that others, too, may be drawn into the fold. This is the second baptism held here this year. Pastor Turner baptised ten young people at our council time.

EVA M. CHERRY.

## Batuna Training School, Solomon Islands

"BETTER is the end of a thing than the beginning thereof," was the opening remark of our chairman when about 600 visitors and students gathered in the Batuna church to listen to the programme prepared for the close of the school year.

The church had been very prettily decorated; the lights all trimmed and burning brightly were a welcome to all; and before the last bell had pealed out, the seats were being filled with expectant faces. They were literally packed in, the overflow taking advantage of the windows and doors.

We were pleased to welcome two of our trader neighbours, also Brother Hickie and daughters, besides a number of natives who are not of our faith.

Mr. Ashley, the Resident Commissioner, was also invited to attend, but after ac-

cepting our invitation he found that business which took him farther up the group would not enable him to be back in time; but he expressed his pleasure at receiving the specially prepared invitation folder and programme, which had been printed at the Batuna Press.

## Programme

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS	...	...	Mr. A. F. Parker
PRAYER			
ANTHEM	...	"Stand Up for Jesus"	School
SOLO	...	"I'm a Pilgrim"	Mr. Barham
SONG	...	"Rainy Day Brigade"	Children
DUET	...	"Looking This Way"	Tutue and George
SONG	...	"Water, Pure and Free"	Girls
SOLO	...	"Living for Jesus"	Nurse Totenhofer
QUARTETTE	...	"Fishers of Men"	Boys
DUET	...	"Unanswered Yet"	Eni and Igudao
SOLO	...	"Hold to the Helm"	Pilipi
STORY	...	"The Indian's Gratitude"	Rini
SONG	...	"Swing, Little Blossoms"	Children
SOLO	...	"Able to Keep"	Dr. Parker
SONG	...	"Just a Little Talk with Jesus"	Fifteen Boys
DUET	...	"If You Love Him"	Mr. Martin and Nurse
SONG	...	"Where Is My Wandering Boy Tonight?"	Girls
QUARTETTE	...	"Winsome Every Day"	Boys and Girls
SOLO	...	"Three Meetings with the Saviour"	Mr. Barrett
DOUBLE QUARTETTE	...	"All Hail Immanuel"	Boys
SONG	...	"Beneath His Wings"	White Workers
TABLEAU	...	"The Cross"	Girls
SOLO	...	"The Broken Heart"	Mr. Martin
ANTHEM	...	"The Evening Shadows Slowly Fall"	School
		"GOD SAVE THE KING"	

The programme went off very nicely, each item being enjoyed. The "rainy day brigade," composed of five little girls with their umbrellas up, delighted all with their action song. Later fifteen boys sat cross-legged in real native style in a double ring on the platform, while they sang, "Just a Little Talk with Jesus." Near the end of the programme the climax was reached by the rendering of the tableau, "The Cross." It was perfectly done by ten native girls, and left a good impression on all.

The closing anthem rendered by the students expressed the sentiments of all present,

"Dear Saviour, may we by Thy side  
Through life's dark night in peace abide."

Examinations were held the last six days of school, and showed a marked improvement in most subjects.

At 2 p.m. on November 1, a double wedding was performed in the Batuna church, when two of our best school girls were married to two teachers. Koloburn, one of the bridegrooms, is Rangoso's brother and is a teacher at Dovele.

At 3 p.m. all assembled at the wharf to witness the baptism of ten candidates by Brethren Barrett and Parker. One of the candidates was the man whom Dr. Harrison cauterised for cancer during his visit out here.

The Marovo district students have gone for their six weeks' vacation, and those remaining are settling down to vacation life.

Next Sunday the *Portal* leaves with Brother and Sister Martin and the six Rennell boys on board. After Brother Parker has visited his field, the six boys will be returned to their home to visit their parents, as the "five moons" are up, according to promise.

May God add His blessing to the work done during the school year.

EVELYN R. TOTENHOFER.

## Little Lord Howe Holds a Camp Meeting

THE third camp meeting on Lord Howe Island is now in the past, and it was declared by all to be "the best yet." We certainly had an excellent meeting. The Lord was present in the spirit of unity and love.

The brethren erected a preaching tent from two huge tarpaulins on the front lawn of the mission home. Some of our people were in tents, others on verandahs and in rooms provided for them near by. A large iron petrol drum provided the "hell," and at almost every meeting we had an excellent attendance.

Brethren G. F. Jones, S. H. Nohhs, N. Fenton, J. Schick, and A. H. Ferris took the burden of the meetings. We had as visitors with us Brother and Sister N. T. Greig, Miss Beulah Todd, and

Sister Cameron, from New South Wales; Sister Guiot, on furlough from New Caledonia; Sister Pratt, from Norfolk Island; and for the last week-end, Miss Bessie Fisher and Miss Sheila Wilson, from Wahroonga. All of these dear visitors were a real inspiration to us.

Brother and Sister Jones and Sister Guiot delighted the folk with mission stories. It seemed as if the people would never grow tired of hearing of the miracles of missions.

The Sabbath school was good, with almost a perfect attendance and excellent offering, and the consecration service was one to be long remembered. Our M.V. leaders provided a fine programme for the young people. At this meeting on the last Sabbath of the camp the M.V. quarterly offering amounted to more than six guineas for the support of a worker in New Guinea. This was talent money, and it would be interesting to mention the different ways in which it was earned, but time forbids. Brother Norman Fenton has the art of keeping the young folk—and older ones, too—constantly making use of their talents for the furtherance of missions.

One interesting meeting was the reciting of experiences in which a definite answer to prayer was received. Five minutes was given to each speaker.

Sister Cameron, from the Guildford church, Sydney, is the mother of the Government nurse on this island, and the nurse is the wife of the headmaster of the school here. Her son-in-law was present at this meeting, and spoke a few words at the close, in which he commended our people for the spirit of enthusiasm in their religion, high aims, and unity of purpose.

We feel full of gratitude to the Lord for answered prayer in connection with this camp meeting. We are also grateful for the helpfulness of our men-folk in erecting and dismantling the camp, and cutting a great pile of wood for use during

the meeting; also for the kindly helpfulness of the sisters in sharing the cooking and other work so that it was possible to attend every meeting. Sisters G. F. Jones, Lilian Fenton, and Celia Austic had charge of the music, and Sister Pratt and Muriel kept the children interested.

JESSIE FERRIS.



### J.M.V. Work in South New Zealand

IT is good to see the "J.M.V." coming into its own in South New Zealand. Parents, adult members, and church officers are now taking it up with real enthusiasm, and the J.M.V. army in that field is rapidly increasing. Greatly did the writer enjoy an evening with our boys and girls gathered from the various Christchurch Junior Societies while on a visit to that field recently.

We were privileged to have as chairman the Union Conference Educational Secretary, Brother B. H. McMahon. Each society in turn rendered interesting and helpful items. Rally songs were sung, Bible drills conducted, and Nature and First Aid demonstrations given,—the treatment for cuts, broken limbs, drowning, etc.,—all revealing most thorough training, and a good knowledge on the part of the boys and girls who participated.

The Nature test in the matter of the birds of New Zealand was particularly good. All the Juniors were lined up at one end of the room, while Miss Douglass, the Conference M.V. Secretary, stood at the other end, turning the leaves of a large bird picture book in an attempt to catch the young folks with one with which they were not familiar; but all to no avail. There was not a moment's hesitation on the part of the Juniors throughout any part of the test.

The J.M.V.'s then gave rapt attention to the brief address given by the writer, while workers and older people present also listened in. The evening closed with the singing of "Happy Loyal Juniors," Pastor W. D. Smith pronouncing the benediction. We thank God for the J.M.V. movement and all that it means in the winning, holding, and training of the young blood of the denomination in readiness for the crisis hour.

S. V. STRATFORD

### Activities at Ballarat

THE Ballarat church is the second oldest organised church in Victoria, and from its ranks in the years that have passed, have gone young men and women who are now to be found scattered as workers in many parts of the world.

We have at present a "live wire" young people's society, a number of whom are definitely planning to give their whole lives to the furtherance of the message they have grown to love. In this old gold mining centre a successful mission is being conducted, and our society is looking forward to having its numbers augmented very early in the new year by some more

bright jewels. The efforts of our Ballarat young people were oftentimes last year commented upon.

Some weeks ago our conference Missionary Volunteer leader, Pastor H. J. Meyers, visited this society, and we were all inspired with the message he gave us in our afternoon meeting. He told us of the true aim of a Missionary Volunteer, which must never be lost sight of, also of the responsibility which rests upon each one of us to faithfully witness for our Master. Ways and means of increasing our offerings were later discussed by the leaders of our society, and the suggestion of a "busy bee" was ultimately decided upon. During the following four weeks every member of the society worked hard to make this event a huge success.

Saturday evening, December 22, was the night chosen for the sale of work completed, and our brightest hopes were all surpassed when we counted some sixty friends who had come along. A short but enjoyable musical programme preceded the sale. The gifts for sale had been laid out and priced on the preceding Friday, and those behind counters found no difficulty in selling their wares. Needle work, knitted garments, jams, eggs, woodwork, and other articles sold readily for Christmas bargains. Cool drinks were in demand.

A happy evening was made happier when we were told that our offerings had been augmented by over six pounds, and we trust that as this money is forwarded to our needy island field, it will be richly blessed by the Lord, and used in the winning of many precious souls for His kingdom, to whom we give all the praise and glory for ever.

J. BILLINGS.

### J.M.V. Investiture Service at Kempsey, N.S.W.

FOUR boys came to the mission tent, and listened to the studies upon prophetic and doctrinal subjects. They came, and they might have gone again, for some of the deeper studies were difficult to comprehend. But one of the mission staff was Brother James Cormack, and his hobby is working with juniors. Since his early teens he had led the young folk of his church in outdoor and vocational activities, and for two years he had been working on the requirements for the Master Comrade course. Therefore the sight of these boys fired him with enthusiasm. In a short time the little group of boys was memorising the Scripture set, and the Junior pledge and law, and were working on the knots and, later, on First Aid.

Meantime, their industrious leader was working on the Master Comrade requirements to be completed by him, and this on top of a strenuous mission programme.

There came a day in October when a letter was received from Kempsey saying that all were now ready for investiture. I was invited to come, to make the examination, and to present the badges. I went. A happy Sabbath was spent with the fine new Sabbath school there. It is still growing, and is afire with zeal and love.

Later, when making the examination and talking with Brother Cormack, I learned that two of the boys were from non-Adventist homes, but were standing staunchly for every detail of the J.M.V. ideals. I asked about the Health Habit

certificates. With the others, these two boys stood against tea-drinking and other evils, though tea was served in their homes. I asked about the Scripture memory work. In the school when the minister was giving religious instruction, the class was asked to repeat the ten commandments. One little J.M.V. boy was the only one who could, but after he had repeated the first three without a flaw, and was starting on the fourth, the minister sharply told him to sit down. When Brother Cormack's turn for examination came, I was pleased to find that he had completed every requirement for the Master Comrade course, and so was eligible for the badge.

Sunday afternoon, October 28, was the time set for the service. A number of Sabbath school folk and interested friends gathered in the hall. While "Onward Christian Soldiers" was being sung, the boys marched in, bearing the J.M.V. banner. We expected them to be rather nervous during the public examination, for public work was a thing unknown to them; but in clear, strong voices they repeated the ten commandments, the Shepherd Psalm, and the Lord's Prayer. Especially refreshing was their individual and original interpretation given after the Junior pledge and law had been repeated in unison.

In turn, each of the four boys stood up, tied three knots in succession, and as he held each up to view, told what its uses were. Although not in the Friend course, First Aid had been taught to the boys, and the bandaging demonstration was greatly appreciated. The final scene was especially good. The four boys were walking together, when one supposedly sprained his ankle. Another told what to do—remove the boot, bathe the sprain in cold water, and bandage tightly—and a third bandaged the affected part. Two carried him home in a way to relieve the pain.

A little talk with the Juniors about the solemnity and importance of the step they were taking, was followed by the challenge, and then came the climax of the year's work—four blue Friend badges were pinned to the lapels of four proud coats. But they were not the only ones to receive decoration for faithful work. Their leader, too, received a badge—the first Master Comrade badge to be given out in all our large Australasian Division. It was indeed a happy gathering, and reflected at once great credit upon the leader for his strong, consistent work in teaching, and on the boys for their determined study and continued effort in learning.

We feel that God has a grand life-work planned for these boys, and pray that they will find and follow it.

MARIAN HAY,  
Nth. N.S.W. Conf. M.V. Sec.

### South New Zealand, Notice!

THE twentieth session and camp meeting of the South New Zealand Conference will be held at the Addington Show Grounds, Christchurch, commencing January 23, 1935. All church members are heartily invited to be present. The regular voters at this conference will be one for each church and an additional one for every five of the church's membership.

A. S. HERBERT,  
Secretary.



## Convention in Southern Tasmania

THE Moonah church, Hobart, was crowded with representatives from the six southern churches of Tasmania for the Sabbath school convention held on Sabbath afternoon, November 17. The meetings were extended into the evening, and the interest continued. We were pleased to have with us Miss H. K. Lewin, the Union Conference Sabbath School Secretary; and with her help, together with the assistance of a number of local members, a very profitable time was spent in discussing the various features of Sabbath school work.

"The superintendent should be a Christian, above all else. He should be known as a Christian by report, and known for his loyalty to the principles of this message. His example should be such as will not militate against the lessons presented." These were some of the opening words of Pastor C. E. Bird in discussing "The Superintendent." "The assistant," he said, "should always be a prospective superintendent, and should be given sufficient opportunity to help in Sabbath school so that, when called, he will be able to assume the responsibility."

As Miss Niebuhr brought before us the fact that the Sabbath school secretary plays no small part in the Sabbath school, and can do much for its success, we were led to realise, as she said, that "the secretary should be carefully chosen."

"We can all look back and think of some time in our experience when we have been influenced by our teacher," said Brother H. Eyre. "One of the greatest factors in making a success of teaching is one's attitude and personality, for the teacher must personalise the truth. Prayer helps us to gain a closer touch with God, and prayer is a necessity in the life of the teacher who would desire a closer touch with those in his class. The greatest Teacher was Jesus, and He accomplished everything through prayer."

Brother A. Westerman stressed that it is not the amount we give, but the willingness with which we give, that counts, for God does not expect us to give what we do not have. In this connection, the value of the Investment plan was brought before us, and we could see that by this plan it is possible to give much more for the support of missions. Mention was made of one sister in this conference who, during the last three years, had given over £60 for missions through the sale of flowers as an investment. How much more speedily could the message of salvation be forwarded if more of our members adopted this system of giving!

"Were you at Sabbath school this morning? What example are you setting your children?" asked Miss C. Judge in speaking of the membership of the school. While a 100 per cent record is of great importance, yet it is not so much the actual pres-

ence that counts, as the blessings one receives through the study of the Word of God. How many miss the blessing of God through carelessness or failure to attend Sabbath school!

Pastor Roenfelt spoke for a few moments on "The Programme of the Sabbath School." He said it should be well planned, the items given out at least a week beforehand. The programme may

## Make a New Resolve!

POSSIBLY some of us are reading too many newspapers, too many worldly magazines, too many story books. What about those sixty-six books that make up the library of God's Holy Word? Do they have the emphasis in our lives they should? Are we reading that Book of books and threading its principles into the warp and woof of character? There is danger of our becoming newspaper minded, or magazine minded, or story-book minded, instead of Bible minded. "Mind heavenly things." "Think on these things." "Search the Scriptures."

"When God's Word is made the man of our counsel, and we search the Scriptures for light, angels of heaven come near to impress the mind, and enlighten the understanding, so that it can truly be said, 'The entrance of Thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.' It is no marvel that there is not more heavenly mindedness among the youth who profess Christianity, when there is so little attention given to the Word of God. The divine counsels are not heeded; the admonitions are not obeyed; grace and heavenly wisdom are not sought, that past sins may be avoided, and every taint of corruption cleansed from the character. David's prayer was, 'Make me to understand the way of Thy precepts; so shall I talk of Thy wondrous works.'"—*Fundamentals of Christian Education*, p. 133.

Let the year 1935 see the Bible read by more of our dear church members and youth than ever before. God help us to learn to meditate on God's Holy Word day and night, and to experience the transformation of life such a study will bring about.

"This Book, this holy Book, on every line  
Marked with the seal of high divinity,  
On every leaf bedewed with drops of love  
Divine, and with the eternal heraldry  
And signature of God Almighty stamped  
From first to last, this ray of sacred light,  
This lamp from off the everlasting throne,  
Mercy took down, and in the night of time  
Stood, casting on the dark her gracious bow;  
And evermore beseeching men, with tears  
And earnest sighs, to read, believe, and live."

J. E. FULTON.

be varied to avoid monotony. The missionary exercise should be clearly read, and sometimes related or presented in dialogue form.

The review and lesson are the body of the Sabbath school, and some helpful thoughts were given concerning their presentation. "The review should be a re-view, or another view, of the main points of the lesson," said Brother Eyre, "and not a recital of the lesson itself,

which has already been studied on the previous Sabbath and through the week prior to that. The study of the lesson is the most important part of the Sabbath school, and much thought must be given to this by the teacher. He must not confine himself to the pamphlet only, but should seek all the information possible. The teacher should question, and thus draw out thoughts from his class."

In many of our Sabbath schools the children's division is neglected to a great extent, and so during the convention the value of this very important section of the Sabbath school was emphasised. "Save the children, and we save the church." Instruction concerning the cradle roll, the kindergarten and primary, and the intermediate divisions were given by Mrs. D. Fehlberg, Miss H. K. Lewin, and the writer, with the sincere prayer that more interest will be given to the needs of the children in the Sabbath schools.

Judging by the questions asked and the discussions following each item, the officers and prospective officers of the various schools received light on their problems, and we trust that as a result of this convention even greater interest will be taken in the Sabbath school work throughout the conference.

We were pleased to have with us on this occasion Pastor and Mrs. Roenfelt and family, and after the evening meeting opportunity was taken to extend to them a hearty welcome to this conference.

FLORENCE ASHTON.

## Those Missing Copies!

A NUMBER of subscribers have written to the Avondale Industries complaining that the last two issues of the RECORD for December failed to reach them. We regret the disappointment, but would point out that the writers evidently overlooked our announcement that the December 10 paper would be the last for 1934. Through the years it has been our practice to publish only fifty issues annually, omitting two weeks' papers during the holiday season when the Avondale Press is closed. Last year was a very unusual one, there being 53 Mondays instead of 52; this made the interval longer. The January 7 issue was therefore posted early.

## "We Shall See Him"

I John 3:2

I am dreaming as I'm watching—  
I am listening as I wait—  
For I hear the sound of footsteps,  
And His hand is on the gate.  
It is opening, surely opening,  
He is coming soon again.  
Do you wonder at my gladness,  
When it means the end of pain?  
To be like Him, when I see Him,  
Spotless, purified, and free,  
Living out a life abundant,  
Through a glad eternity.

M. H.

BEWARE of despairing about yourself; you are commanded to put your trust in God and not in yourself.—*Augustine*.

"NIGHT conceals a world, but reveals a universe."

## Crossing the Continent

WE arrived in Perth on November 19, after our long trip across from Cowra, N.S.W. On our way we stopped at Combaning and Leeton in New South Wales, at Mildura in Victoria, and Murray Bridge and Adelaide in South Australia, and held meetings with the believers in four of these places.

The work at Mildura, which was begun sixteen years ago by Pastor H. Letts, Miss Hodgetts, and the writer, is progressing remarkably well under the supervision of Brother Grolimund. It looks as if the membership will be doubled. We were so pleased to meet the people who took their stand sixteen years ago, and the children and the new believers.

A week was spent at Adelaide, visiting my relatives. My mother is eighty-four, and still loves the message. Of course it was with a great sorrow at heart that we parted, this time perhaps till we meet in the kingdom of Christ.

On Sunday morning, November 13, we turned our car to the great wilderness between South Australia and the West. It was really a magnificent trip. We feel grateful to God for His protection and care over the long run of 2,600 miles. The Lord placed a blanket over the sun every day until late evening, and the moon shone at night. We thought of the children of Israel. Only those who have travelled the route can fully appreciate the great stretch of unproductive land across the vast Australian Bight; 1,400 miles and not a stream of water. There were six of us in the car besides our necessary luggage, with two cases of fruit, two cases of petrol, water bags, and food. We camped eight nights on the way. The road is well defined, and the chart received from the N.R.M.A. was true to every detail, so that we could not lose the way. The longest distances between petrol depots were from Nullabor station to Eucla, 125 miles; Eucla to Madura, 126 miles; and Madura to Bulladonia station, 206 miles.

The country is very interesting. At Nullabor station we saw the blacks harnessing a team of fifteen camels. These animals go five days without drinking, and eat bushes, grass, and trees. They live and thrive on everything. At Eucla cliffs we came into full view of the Southern Ocean and the huge sand hills. The township once boasted a population of 260, but now the place is falling into decay. One family owns all the buildings. The Government buildings made of freestone from the cliffs still stand. At Madura Pass we enjoyed the hot water that rises from a bore. The cattle love this water. From the top of the pass we travelled through eighty miles of waving grass. It was dry and semi-tough. After this we entered the bush and negotiated it for eighty miles. Leaving this, we reached more open country, and then Coolgardie and on to Perth. Flowers grew all along the way here; blue, purple, red, yellow, and pink spread around us on every side. In New South Wales we saw a number of emus and kangaroos. The bird life along the Murrumbidgee in New South Wales was wonderful. There are not many birds along the Great Australian Bight, but some birds of bright plumage are found all the way.

We are grateful to be back once again in civilisation, to have a part with others in this beautiful Perth to carry the mes-

sage to the thousands here. We have renewed acquaintance with Pastor and Mrs. C. S. Palmer, Brother and Sister S. C. Butler, Sister Stirling, Sister Clarke, and others. Pastor Lemke is away. They have given us all a warm welcome, and we feel that our sojourn here will be pleasant and full of service.

We send our Christian greetings to the brethren and sisters and children at Mandurama, Combaning, Cowra, Grenfell, Young, and the many other friends in the South N.S.W. Conference, assuring them of our tender regard for them, and asking them to pray for us in our work here.

W. M. R. SCRAGG.

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## Baptism at Kaikohe

FEW of the RECORD readers may know of the little township of Kaikohe, situated 180 miles north of Auckland. Though small and obscure geographically, it was within a few miles of this district that the pioneer Advent workers under Pastor A. G. Daniells first preached the Sabbath truth in New Zealand forty-five years ago.

God's workers during the year 1934 have been permitted to sow the gospel seed on good ground and stony, and to find honest souls in Kaikohe. Two men in particular have long been searchers for truth, and when the prophecies were explained and the law of God studied, they gladly acknowledged and obeyed what was obviously the leading of an ever-watchful Providence.

On November 24 thirty of God's people, kind friends from Whangaroa and Kaeo, gathered by a quiet wooded riverside to witness the new Sabbath-keepers join themselves to the Lord by baptism. It was a Sabbath day, and God granted a warm New Zealand summer day. Pastor T. A. Anderson baptised six precious souls, four men and two ladies being buried in the emblematic grave.

(Mrs) L. T. GRAHAM.

## Baptism at Dargaville

ON October 13 last, with due rejoicings, our young church at Dargaville was organised with nineteen charter members. A number who were present on that occasion were not included in the membership, having not up to that time had the privilege of baptism. It was a day to be remembered by such when that privilege was accorded them on Sabbath, December 8. Visitors were present from the church in Whangarei and from the companies of believers in Hikurangi and Kaikohe. These places are in a radius of about fifty miles from Dargaville.

Twenty-one candidates were baptised at this time. Eighteen of these were from Dargaville and are now added to our church membership in that locality, two are uniting with the church in Whangarei, and one with our earnest company of believers in Hikurangi.

Husbands accompanied their wives into the water, and in one case a fine family of five persons—father, mother, and three

grown-up children—were united in this beautiful service. The father in this family had many years ago seen in a remarkable dream some of the very truths that we as a people believe. He at once began to keep the Sabbath and desired to be baptised. He did not feel free, however, to be baptised by those who were not in harmony with what he believed to be truth, and he now rejoices with his family that the Lord has led them all into the fold of His own sheep. Some of these persons were bound with the enslaving habit of tobacco, but the sunshine of truth cleared away this distressing smoke screen from before their spiritual vision, and the transformation of life effected has in a number of cases been a matter of comment by those not of our faith. We praise God for these victories, and out of gratitude are constrained to renew our vows of consecration to His service.

T. A. ANDERSON.

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## Glenorchy Mission

GOD'S faithfulness is frequently referred to by the inspired Psalmist as a reason why we should be continually praising Him. Every sincere and faithful ambassador for Christ is privileged, from time to time, to see evidences which assure him that the Lord of the harvest is ever mindful of His work. Such evidences are manifest in the demonstration of divine power that transforms hearts and makes them a fit "habitation of God through the Spirit."

Following the camp at Glenorchy in February last, the writer, assisted by Brother J. C. Warren, conducted a mission to stimulate the small interest created by the camp meeting.

This was continued until the cold weather necessitated our dismantling the tent and transferring to a hall in West Hobart. As the wonderful truths of the message have been presented, honest-hearted souls have responded to the gracious wooings of God's Holy Spirit.

Sunday, October 14, was the day set apart to hold a baptismal service at Hobart. Owing to the greater number of the candidates being affected with the influenza epidemic, there were but four baptised on that day.

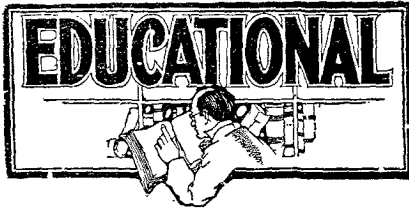
Just a fortnight later, October 28, seven others went forward in this sacred ordinance, thus signifying their intention of living the new life in Christ Jesus. The hearts of God's children were lifted to heaven in praise as we witnessed these scenes. The services were conducted by Pastor F. G. Rampton and the writer.

Some of the harvest has yet to be reaped, as others are studying with a view to baptism in the near future.

Our grateful thanks are due to Brother Alan Westerman, members of the choir, and others who contributed in any way to the success attained.

We solicit an interest in your prayers on behalf of these dear people, that they may be kept faithful until the glad day of the Saviour's appearing.

W. MORRIS.



## Definitions of Avondale

By South Australian and Tasmanian Students

*H. B. Christian:* Avondale—the centre of true education; the home of ambitious yet self-surrendered youth.

*F. R. McKay:* Avondale—the place where true friendships are formed and where the mind is turned towards eternal realities.

*C. A. Tucker:* Avondale affords a balanced outlook on life and a harmonious development of the physical, mental, and spiritual powers.

*Sheila Jackson:* Avondale—where one realises that higher than the highest human thought is God's ideal for His children.

*Violette Jackson:* With the name of Avondale will always be associated the ideals of consecration, service, and sacrifice.

*Kathleen Cromer:* Avondale—where one's Christian experience is tested and strengthened.

*C. Morgan:* "The harvest of life is character, and it is this that determines destiny, both for this life and for the life to come."—Avondale moulds for eternity.

*L. Randall:* Avondale—the place for spiritual, mental, and physical growth.

*Roma Langstaff:* Come to Avondale and share with us the companionship of true friends and the beauties of nature.

*R. Matthias:* Avondale!

"The home of sweet reflection,  
Of joy and God's delight;  
A school of higher vision,  
Integrity, and right."

*R. V. Rampton:* Avondale—where the Master Potter moulds the clay.

*S. T. Brown:* Avondale prepares you for "the school of the hereafter."

"Make me as one that casteth not by day  
A dreary shadow, but reflecting aye  
One little beam, loved, warmed, and  
golden, caught  
From the bright sun that lights our daily  
way."

## WEDDING BELLS

*Devlyn-Gregory.*—Enhanced by their simplicity, the decorations adorning the Avondale church, Cooranbong, on Sunday afternoon, December 16, on the occasion of the wedding of Brother Harold Joseph Devlyn and Miss Myrtle Ellen Gregory, lent a very sweet influence to this happy ceremony. A large circle of relatives and friends of the bride and bridegroom was present as these devoted young people pledged their fidelity to each other in their

nuptial covenant. Both had spent several years at the A. M. College in preparation for life's responsibilities, and upon the conclusion of their college training had been invited to connect with the Health Food work. Brother Devlyn is at present employed in the Sussex Street branch, Sydney, while Miss Gregory was until recently connected with the Hobart branch. We wish this young couple much of Heaven's blessing as they unitedly walk life's pathway. A. G. STEWART.

**Broad-Porteous.**—In the home of Brother W. J. Porteous in the city of Auckland, on November 8, 1934, Berwen Harcourt Broad and Agnes Porteous were united in the bonds of matrimony. If kindly words spoken and good wishes extended are contributing factors in making married life a success, these young Christian people should enjoy a very happy future. Every person at the reception delivered a speech, making the occasion a novel one. The bridegroom is a grandson of our late beloved Brother Codling of New Zealand, whose daughter Stella is Mr. Broad's mother. C. A. PAAP.

**Clouten-Hawkins.**—November 1, 1934, Brother Herbert Clouten and Miss Pearl Irene Hawkins were united in the bonds of holy matrimony at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hawkins at Toronto, N.S.W., near the beautiful Lake Macquarie. Brother and Sister Clouten have made their home at Toronto, near the home of the mother of the bridegroom, and are members of our church at Blackalls. We wish them much of the grace and the fullness of His blessing as they travel life's pathway together, and trust they may be used of God to lead others to Jesus Christ. R. A. SALTON.

## OBITUARY

**Inglis.**—Bessie Lishman Inglis, the beloved wife of Robert Inglis, deceased, late elder of the Coburg church, Melbourne, passed to her rest on Dec. 10, 1934, at the age of forty-six years. Sister Inglis was a devoted and vigilant follower of her Lord. Twenty years of her life were associated with the Seventh-day Adventist believers, with whom she kept even and regular step in all church activities until failing health necessitated the laying down of her burdens. A mother, two brothers, and two sisters remain to mourn for her, as do also a large circle of friends. We feel confident that her anchor held. H. A. HILL.

**Chitty.**—On Sabbath morning, November 24, Sister Martha Chitty peacefully passed away at the age of eighty-five years, to await her certain reward of life more abundant. A true mother in Israel was laid to rest in the quiet little Jumpeding cemetery, W.A., on Sunday afternoon in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends. Our beloved sister's husband predeceased her by thirty-eight years, leaving her to care for ten children, three sons and seven daughters. Five daughters are today rejoicing in the message. She left forty grandchildren and twenty-seven great-grandchildren. Thirty-two years ago she gladly accepted the truth and became one of the charter members of Jumpeding church. Sister Chitty was associated with the pioneering days of this

State. Her mother was the first white child to land in Western Australia. She, too, had used sickle and flail. Occasions arose when, as a nurse trained in the old school, Sister Chitty would ride twenty miles on horseback to attend a patient. Her resolve was to sow beside all waters, and on these occasions, as on every other occasion, she would tactfully tell her patients of the blessed hope. As a result of her ceaseless ministry, many are now united with this people. When she faced death there was no fear. Calm, and with full assurance, she closed her eyes to rest from her labours. At the home and at the graveside the writer, assisted by Brother Gathercole, pointed the sorrowing ones to the dawning of a better day when death shall be no more. H. G. MOULDS.

**Fletcher.**—On November 16, 1934, at the age of eighty-six years and eleven months, Mrs. Margaret Fletcher, the dearly beloved mother of Sister A. Koker of Mitcham and Sister Rapps and Mr. John Fletcher of Warburton, passed away at the home of Sister Koker. She made many friends and was greatly beloved by all for her loving, sympathetic nature, in her ministry to the needs of others. We laid her to rest in the Coburg cemetery, sleeping till He comes. L. CURROW.

**Haug.**—At the Toowoomba Hospital on Nov. 21, 1934, John Gottlieb Haug passed to his rest just as he had completed sixty-five years of life. Brother Haug received the message under the labours of Pastor M. H. Whittaker, and joined the Toowoomba church. He was a brother of Sister F. Becker, and will be greatly missed by his many relatives, to whom his kindly disposition had much endeared him. In the Drayton cemetery he awaits the call of the One to whom he had committed his all. E. H. GUILLIARD.

**Smart.**—Many years ago Mrs. Janet Smart of Wynyard, Tasmania, accepted the truth under the labours of Pastors Harker and Gillis. Although isolated from church association, she "kept the faith" and her hope was bright when she passed away on December 14, at the mature age of sixty-eight years. During the last years of her life Sister Smart endured much suffering, but maintained the strong fortitude which the "blessed hope" provides. Services at the home and graveside were conducted by Pastor C. E. Bird, assisted by the writer. D. A. BRENNAN.

**For Sale.**—About one mile from A. M. College, 6 acres of land, 4-room house, with hall, kitchen, bathroom, store room, verandahs, copper, cistern, shed, garage, and cemented cowbail. About 3 acres orchard, about half citrus. Kitchen garden. Permanent running creek. Apply F. W. SAWERT, Alton Rd., Cooranbong, N.S.W.

**House for Sale.**—Close to church and college. Four rooms, kitchen, and bathroom-laundry. Electric light. Easy terms. H. Y. SMITH, Alton Rd., Cooranbong, N.S.W.

**Wanted.**—Young girl, 14 to 16, to assist light house duties and children. Good Adventist home. Apply 10 PENNANT HILLS ROAD, Wahroonga, N.S.W.

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BEGINNING with the new year, twelve young ladies and four young men entered upon the nurses' training course at the Sydney Sanitarium. Three States in Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, and India are represented in the personnel of the class.

BROTHER AND SISTER B. H. MCMAHON and their two little sons arrived in Wahroonga from New Zealand on December 28, travelling by the *Niagara*. Brother McMahon has been in charge of the Central School in Christchurch, and has come to take up his appointment as Secretary of the Union Conference Education Department.

PASTOR N. C. BURNS arrived from Fiji on December 28, and after a week at the Sanitarium proceeded to South Australia, where Sister Burns and the children had preceded him. Pastor Burns will take up his labours in the Victorian Conference at the close of the Melbourne camp meeting.

RETURNING from Singapore, Brother and Sister E. J. Johanson and their two boys reached Wahroonga on December 31, having broken their journey in West Australia and Victoria to visit relatives en route. They will spend some months at headquarters before returning to the East.

BRETHREN A. H. PIPER, A. G. Stewart, and J. R. Kent sailed from Sydney for New Zealand on January 3 to attend the camp meetings at Hamilton in the North Island and Christchurch in the South.

THE following general workers will be present at the Victorian camp meeting, which opens at Preston, a suburb of Melbourne, on January 15: Pastors W. G. Turner, W. J. Westerman, J. J. Potter, N. A. Ferris, G. Peacock, and Brethren T. A. Mitchell, B. H. McMahon, and Kata Rangoso.

MISS CLARICE M. PIPER has been invited by the Australasian Union Conference to connect with the South N.S.W. Conference as a junior teacher at the Wahroonga Central School.

AFTER twenty-four years in the islands—ten on Norfolk and fourteen on Lord Howe—Brother and Sister A. H. Ferris and their daughters, Muriel and Edna, returned to the homeland on December 28 by the *Morinda*, leaving Pastor and Mrs. G. F. Jones in charge of the work on Lord Howe. During their stay on these islands they have greatly endeared themselves to the people, and their labours have been very fruitful. Just before leaving, Brother Ferris baptised three persons, one of whom is a fine young man, the deacon of another church, who has since been appointed deacon of the Adventist church

on Lord Howe. The Ferris family is proceeding to Victoria on January 13 to visit relatives for some weeks.

WRITING to the RECORD on another matter, Brother H. G. Moulds adds this paragraph regarding his work in West Australia: "At present I am labouring in the town of Northam, which has a population of six thousand. Brother E. P. Jewson and Miss Pearl Nippress are with me. Our tent is pitched in the central part of the main street. The people are very conservative, but God has given us favour, and we have been able to find our way into the homes of some very promising people. With the Lord's help, souls will be gathered out of this town."

BROTHER DAVID FERRIS writes in his first letter after returning to the New Hebrides from furlough: "We are glad to be back on our selection, and it would appear by the commotion and noise on shore when we came to anchor that the people were glad to see us again. The captain kindly brought the *Morinda* right off Limbul instead of to the usual anchorage. He called me up to the bridge to give him a suggestion about the best approach. He laughed quite heartily as he heard the boys on shore, and replied with his whistle. We were glad to find the people well and standing firm. At Baiap and also at Willet in North Ambrym, we were glad to see a number of new faces. Noel, the Tannese teacher at Novohar, reports thirty-one in his Sabbath school. In view of the fact that Novohar is one of Ambrym's strongest centres of heathenism, it is evident that the Lord has blessed his effort. Best of all, he has won the friendship of the people, so the future is bright indeed. We see much work ahead, but feel confident that with the Lord's blessing much will be won. We are not without opposition, as another mission body is now busy building quite close to us. Personally, however, they are quite friendly."

### Our Latest World Figures

THE General Conference Statistical Report for the year ending December 31 1933, has recently been received and the following paragraphs are reprinted from the first page:

"The membership of the 7,640 churches of the denomination throughout the world at December 31, 1933, was 384,151. This is a gain of 269,594 during the past twenty years, or 126,277 during the past ten years, or 98,858 during the past five years. This makes a net gain during the past five years 19,771 annually. The net gain during the past year was 22,050.

"The number added during 1933 by baptism was 37,824, and on profession of faith, 3,128, a total of new members received during the year of 40,952.

"This work is now conducted in 295 countries and islands, by 22,254 evangelistic and institutional labourers (an increase of 1,539 during 1933), who are using in their work 504 languages and dialects. The increase in languages during the last seven years is 248, or one new language added on an average of every ten days. This is an increase of 20 countries and islands in which we began work during 1933, and of 19 new languages in which labourers are conducting work.

"Denominational literature is now produced in 161 languages, in the form of 6,902 books, periodicals, pamphlets, and tracts, containing 510,952 pages, one copy of each costing £455 13s. 10d. The number of persons employed by the 69 publishing houses producing this literature is 1,060; and the number of persons employed in its circulation is 3,107. The value of denominational literature sold in 1933 was £769,992; since 1863, £22,584,320.

"The number of primary schools is now 2,064, with 2,807 teachers, and an enrolment of 71,579. There are 207 advanced schools employing 2,325 teachers and with an enrolment of 23,481; or a total of 2,271 schools, with 5,132 teachers, having an enrolment in all the schools conducted by the denomination throughout the world of 95,060. In other words, the total enrolment is equivalent to one-fourth of the total membership of churches. The value of buildings and equipment thus used is £2,359,360.

"There are 66 sanitariums, 57 treatment rooms and dispensaries, a total of 123 institutions where the sick are cared for, employing a total of 4,466 physicians and nurses, treating during the year 423,576 persons, and giving charity to the extent of £100,228. The value of the institutions thus engaged is in excess of £2,000,000."

As far as the Australasian Division is concerned, some of the figures are already out of date. Since sending our statistics for this report to the General Conference we have added well over a thousand to our Sabbath school membership, more than 500 to our church membership, and 24 new church schools have been started. Of the 504 languages in use in our world work, over seventy belong to our territory.

In an early issue of the RECORD we shall print a full list of languages spoken by the believers in our Australasian Division, with the districts and islands in which they are used.

H. STOCKTON,  
A.U.C. Statistician.

PASTOR H. L. TOLHURST writes from Nukualofa, Tonga: "It was with great pleasure that we learned of the success of our four students in the recent Government examinations. Two who had secured the Teachers' Certificate last year were successful this time in passing the Leaving Examination, which was formerly called the Public Service examination. Two others took both examinations this year, and they, too, secured passes. The Leaving Examination is the same as the Teachers' with the addition of three business subjects,—typewriting, shorthand, and elementary bookkeeping. Brother Hadfield worked hard to prepare these students during our prolonged absence from the field, and he well earned the satisfaction of seeing all his candidates pass everything attempted."

### Important Dates

#### Camp Meetings:

North N.Z.: January 8-20.  
Victoria: January 15-27.  
South N.Z.: January 23 - February 3.  
Tasmania: February 14-24.  
South Australia: February 19 - March 3.  
West Australia: March 5-17.  
North Queensland: May 8-19.  
A.M. College opens: February 13.  
Appeal for Missions: February 23—  
Week of Prayer: May 11-18.  
Annual Council: August 27 - September 5.