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A Call to Reform in Sabbath Keeping

AT the Autumn Council of the General Conference, when much careful study was given to the need of greater faithfulness in adhering to the standards that have been recognised by us as a people from the beginning of our existence, the following recommendations were adopted relating to Sabbath-keeping:

“WHEREAS, The Sabbath was given as one of God’s greatest blessings to man, a day of ‘rest and gladness,’ a time of spiritual refreshing; and,

“WHEREAS, The Sabbath is not only a sign of God’s love to man, but also a sign of man’s loyalty to God, and in true Sabbath observance is evidenced our fidelity to our Creator, our fellowship with our beloved Redeemer, therefore be it resolved that:

“1. We earnestly heed the admonition of the Word of God to ‘Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy,’ not doing our own work, nor finding our own pleasure on God’s holy day.

“2. That we dedicate the Sabbath to the worship of God and the uplift of our fellow men by

“(a) Faithfully attending the Sabbath school, the worship hour, and other divine services;

“(b) Gathering our children into the family pew, thus encouraging reverence for the house of God, the place of prayer;

“(c) Spending the other hours of the Sabbath in visiting the sick and afflicted, teaching the Word of God, distributing our truth-filled literature, or otherwise ministering to sin-sick humanity;

“(d) Teaching our children the wonders of God’s universe and His creative power by often ‘walking with them in the fields and groves,’ studying with them the lesson book of nature, and telling them of God’s wondrous love, thus leading them to consider the Sabbath a blessing rather than a burden.

“3. That we pledge ourselves to renewed consecration in the observance of God’s holy day by

“(a) Sacredly guarding the beginning and the ending of the Sabbath, having all the preparations fully made before the setting of the sun;

“(b) Welcoming the blessed day by wor-

ship around the family altar, and again at the setting of the sun at the close of the Sabbath, rededicating ourselves and our children to the Lord;

“(c) Putting aside all secular papers, and refraining from the use of the radio except for proper religious programmes;

“(d) Refraining from unnecessary journeys and car trips;

“(e) Not engaging in idle conversation, nor in thinking our own thoughts, nor in ‘speaking our own words.’

“4. That great carefulness be exercised in the manner of raising money and disposing of literature during our Sabbath services, so that we ever keep the spiritual purpose of the Sabbath before our churches.

“5. That we consecrate ourselves and our children to God, seeking to enter into His glorious rest, of which the Sabbath is a type, thus giving to the world a testimony to the truth of the Sabbath in the lives of those who hallow it.”

Refraining from work does not necessarily constitute perfect Sabbath-keeping. We should make a very careful study of the fuller meaning of the Sabbath. It came to mean nothing to the Jewish people but a burden. There is a deep fundamental purpose in the Sabbath, and it is intended to be a great blessing to God’s children. Carefulness in all that is pointed out in these recommendations, is required, but let us become acquainted with the true nature and purpose of the Sabbath that it may be to us more than it was to ancient Sabbath-keepers.

THE SABBATH IN THE HOME

In the “Testimonies for the Church,” Vol. 6, pages 356-359, we are admonished:

“Before the setting of the sun, let the members of the family assemble to read God’s Word, to sing and pray. There is need of reform here, for many have been remiss. We need to confess to God and to one another. We should begin anew to make special arrangements that every member of the family may be prepared to honour the day which God has blessed and sanctified.

“Let not the precious hours of the Sabbath be wasted in bed. On Sabbath morning the family should be astir early. If they rise late, there is confusion and bustle in preparing for breakfast and Sab-

bath school. There is hurrying, jostling, and impatience. Thus unholy feelings come into the home. The Sabbath, thus desecrated, becomes a weariness and its coming is dreaded rather than loved.

“We should not provide for the Sabbath a more liberal supply or a greater variety of food than for other days. Instead of this the food should be more simple, and less should be eaten, in order that the mind may be clear and vigorous to comprehend spiritual things. Overeating befores the brain. The most precious words may be heard and not appreciated, because the mind is confused by an improper diet. By overeating on the Sabbath, many have done more than they think to dishonour God.

“While cooking upon the Sabbath should be avoided, it is not necessary to eat cold food. In cold weather let the food prepared the day before be heated. And let the meals, though simple, be palatable and attractive. Provide something that will be regarded as a treat, something the family do not have every day.

“At family worship let the children take a part. Let all bring their Bibles, and each read a verse or two. Then let some familiar hymn be sung, followed by prayer. . . . In a simple petition tell the Lord your needs, and express gratitude for His mercies. Thus you invite Jesus as a welcome guest into your home and heart. In the family, long prayers concerning remote objects are not in place. They make the hour of prayer a weariness, when it should be regarded as a privilege and blessing. Make the season one of interest and joy.

“The Sabbath school and the meeting for worship occupy only a part of the Sabbath. The portion remaining to the family may be made the most sacred and precious season of all the Sabbath hours. Much of this time parents should spend with their children. In many families the younger children are left to themselves, to find entertainment as best they can. Left alone, the children soon become restless, and begin to play, or engage in some kind of mischief. Thus the Sabbath has to them no sacred significance.

“In pleasant weather let parents walk with their children in the fields and groves. Amid the beautiful things of nature tell them the reason for the institution of the Sabbath. Describe to them God’s great work of creation. . . . Show that it was sin which marred God’s perfect work;

that thorns and thistles, sorrow and pain and death, are all the result of disobedience to God. Bid them see how the earth, though marred with the curse of sin, still reveals God's goodness.

Read with them the interesting stories in Bible history. Question as to what they have learned in the Sabbath school, and study with them the next Sabbath's lesson.

The green fields, the lofty trees, the glad sunshine, the clouds, the dew, the solemn stillness of the night, the glory of the starry heavens, and the moon in its beauty, all bear witness of the Creator. Not a drop of rain falls, not a ray of light is shed on our unthankful world, but it testifies to the forbearance and the love of God. . . .

"As the sun goes down, let the voice of prayer and the hymn of praise mark the close of the sacred hours and invite God's presence through the cares of the week of labour.

"Thus parents can make the Sabbath, as it should be, the most joyful day of the week. They can lead their children to regard it as a delight, the day of days, the holy of the Lord, honourable.

"I counsel you, my brethren and sisters, 'Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.' If you desire your children to observe the Sabbath according to the commandment, you must teach them by both precept and example. The deep engraving of truth in the heart is never wholly effaced. It may be obscured, but can never be obliterated. The impressions made in early life will be seen in after-years. Circumstances may occur to separate the children from their parents and their home, but as long as they live the instruction given in childhood and youth will be a blessing."

GUARDING OUR THOUGHTS AND WORDS

"When the Sabbath commences we should place a guard upon ourselves, upon our acts and our words, lest we rob God by appropriating to our own use that time which is strictly the Lord's. We should not do ourselves, nor suffer our children to do, any manner of our own work for a livelihood, or anything which could have been done on the six working days. Friday is the day of preparation. Time can then be devoted to making the necessary preparation for the Sabbath, and to thinking and conversing about it. Nothing which will in the sight of Heaven be regarded as a violation of the holy Sabbath should be left unsaid or undone, to be said or done upon the Sabbath.

"God requires not only that we refrain from physical labour upon the Sabbath, but that the mind be disciplined to dwell upon sacred themes. The fourth commandment is virtually transgressed by conversing upon worldly things, or by engaging in light and trifling conversation. Talking upon anything or everything which may come into the mind, is speaking our own words. Every deviation from right brings us into bondage and condemnation."

—*Testimonies for the Church,* Vol. 2, pages 702, 703.

"It's a wise man who has his after-thoughts first."



Progress in Nigeria

What a densely populated country! That is the first impression received upon visiting Nigeria. Statistics tell us that twenty-two million people live within its borders. In other words, one-seventh of Africa's population lives in Nigeria. We have turned our attention to the less populous areas of this vast continent in times past, mostly because of the bad reputation the West Coast of Africa has had climatically. True, it is the black man's country. On the other hand, climate is no excuse for neglecting the most densely populated country in all Africa.

Eight families plus one single woman comprise the present European staff of workers in Nigeria. They are heroically developing a staff of native workers, as well as organising the growing membership to become an evangelistic force. You need not be a mathematician to figure out that each family is responsible for about 2,750,000 people. However, with the power of God great things are done. So in Nigeria the slender force of workers are happy to link up with Almighty God in service, and they have not been disappointed with the results.

Two thousand five hundred new members were added to the Sabbath schools during the year 1935, bringing the total number of adherents up to 10,000 in Nigeria. Certainly the harvest is ripe! The cry is, "Where are the reapers?"

In the midst of rejoicing over increased membership and a good financial showing, a cup of sorrow was given the believers to drink. Miss Wharrie, the Union treasurer, had just returned from furlough full of life and plans for aggressive advance. In the midst of preparation for the annual committee session she was struck down by the dreaded mosquito, Cerebral malaria laid her in the grave after only five days' illness. I entered a house of sorrow, our sister having been laid to rest the day previous to my arrival. Memorial services were held on the Sabbath. Both European and African workers mourn the loss of a beloved and faithful worker.

The camp meetings are wonderful things. They create a great spirit of oneness and sacrifice. In the Awton district, at least twenty groups of believers were represented, some having walked as far as sixty miles to attend. Especially noticeable was the increased number of women attending. That is taken as a hopeful sign of an awakening among them. At least a dozen mothers were present from one church, with a bundle of food on the head and a baby tied on the back. These mothers had walked fifteen miles to be present. The South-Eastern Nigerian camp meeting numbered over 4,000 in attendance.

A large girls' school compound was in process of erection at the time of my visit at Aba. It is hoped that this girls' school will meet a long-felt need in South-East Nigeria.

A Missionary Volunteer band was out preaching in a certain village. A devil-possessed man was impressed with what he heard and challenged the group by saying, "If you cast out the evil spirit that takes possession of me, I will serve God." "If you believe in Jesus Christ, the spirit will leave you," was the answer. "All right, I believe. Now you pray for me," was the response and the request of the tormented man. Those Missionary Volunteers took the matter to God without delay. The following Sabbath this man was present at the services and has not been bothered by the spirits since.

Some women were attending our meetings. Everyone in the home compound did not approve of this, hence the witch doctor, or the Juju priest as he is otherwise called, was asked to intervene. First he threatened the women, and then he used medicines, expecting to intimidate them. Finally he resorted to charms, expecting them to fall ill, but nothing happened, except that the women continued to worship God. This series of failures caused the doctor to conclude that witchcraft was of little profit. He attended the Sabbath services himself. One Sabbath he invited the members to his home, and in their presence burned all his fetishes and idols.

One young evangelist told of an elderly woman who had been bedridden for nineteen years. She sent for him, saying: "I have spent much on witch doctors and in sacrifices for my health, but am no better. I have spent 1,200 manillas [£60] and sacrificed goats, dogs, chickens, snails, and eggs without number. I have heard about you having helped my neighbour. Will you introduce me to your doctor?"

"I shall be glad to," was the response, "and He will charge you nothing but faith and obedience." "I prayed for her," said the evangelist, "and she was relieved of her sickness. Three months later we burned her idols. She is now a member of the baptismal class."

I was impressed with the way these men told of God's wonders. It seemed to them the natural thing, and a part of the preaching of the gospel. Workers with faith in God and power to do exploits for Him are needed everywhere. Pray for the work in Nigeria. C. V. ANDERSON.

In the "Advent Survey."

"Sabbath-Day Hospital"

Some time ago, while one of our colporteurs was canvassing for the "Signs of the Times" magazine in an interior city in the province of Shantung, China, he came to a small hospital. Looking at the sign hanging near the door, he saw the characters, "An Hsi Yuan" (Sabbath-day Hospital). Our colporteur was attracted by this strange name, and as he met the doctor in charge he spoke to him about this.

"Some time ago," replied the doctor, "a man visited me, and I subscribed for a magazine called the 'Signs of the Times.'" The doctor continued by saying that through reading the "Signs" he had learned of the seventh-day Sabbath, and was endeavouring to keep it. When the colporteur announced that he was a Seventh-day Adventist and was bringing the "Signs of the Times" magazine to him again, the doctor was very happy. He did not know that there were other

Seventh-day Adventists, but was endeavouring to live out the truths he had found in the magazine.

The proprietor of the "Sabbath-day Hospital" readily subscribed for the "Signs" magazine for another year. Our colporteur told him more of the special truths for this time, and directed him for further study to our evangelist working in that area.

The "Signs of the Times" does win souls. Its purpose is to make Sabbath-keepers and prepare a people to meet the Saviour when He returns.

JOHN OSS.

Has Open Order to Board Any Liner Passing Island

Sydney, Saturday.—With an open order to board any liner he can stop, Mr. Fred Christian, a descendant of Fletcher Christian, of the Bounty Mutineers, is to leave Pitcairn Island at the end of next month for Sydney. Mr. Christian is an elder of the Seventh-day Adventist Church on Pitcairn Island, and he has been invited to attend the Australasian Conference of Seventh-day Adventists which will begin in Melbourne on August 31, and continue for a fortnight.

Early in the week a passage order was posted from Sydney to enable him to join ships of any line passing close to the island. The island has a small wireless transmitter, and it is expected that this will be used in an endeavour to divert the first passing vessel after the order is received. He will be placed aboard by small boat from the island.

The handful of people in Sydney who know Mr. Christian say that he has never been near big cities in his life. He once made a trip to Tahiti, but his travels otherwise have been in the open boats built on Pitcairn Island chiefly to the uninhabited Henderson, Ducie, and Oeno islands. Pitcairn Islanders make occasional and sometimes perilous journeys to these islands to gather coconuts and firewood.

The liner he may catch probably will end its voyage in Auckland, and he will have to join the first vessel sailing from there for Sydney. It is doubtful whether Mr. Christian will reach Australia many days before the conference begins.

—Melbourne "Herald," July 4, 1936.

Busy Days on Pitcairn Island

The sound of hammering is heard on Pitcairn. What do you think it can mean before the light of dawn? You never could guess. Someone is nailing boxes together to pack oranges. If you could only be here on the island today, what a sight you would see! Men will be wheeling hundreds of cases of oranges to the landing place. The islanders will be so busy today and tomorrow that the school board has decided to omit school so that the children may help. Already there are many cases of fruit at the landing, waiting for the steamer which will arrive tomorrow about 2 p.m.

The captain of the "Mataroa" sent word through another ship that he will call for cargo for New Zealand. Last week tons of oranges were packed, and today

the work will continue. At the very least there will be about 500 cases to go aboard the "Mataroa." To take them off we shall have to use all our boats. Imagine six boats leaving Bounty Bay piled high with cases of oranges, crew, and even some passengers. The islanders have recently built two strong new boats, over thirty-six feet long.

There, I have just extinguished the small kerosene lamp by which I have been writing. I can now see by the light of day. We shall in a very short time have our regular family worship. We are singing the "Christ in Song" through, and have reached No. 296,

"Walking with Thee, my God, Saviour benign,

Daily confer on me converse divine." We find that there are many sweet hymns that we do not know, and sometimes I ask to have these sung at meetings.

We had company last night. At our evening worship I counted twenty-one on our small verandah. I am certain that all enjoyed the simple, quiet worship time. We sang a hymn and I read nearly all the 107th Psalm, commenting on some of the verses.

There is a plan on foot to organise mothers' meetings, beginning with the first of the new quarter. Let us pray that the mothers of Pitcairn will take a deep interest in this all-important subject. It seems to me that every branch of the work of our people depends upon the mother and the home life. Of course we should not leave the fathers out, but mothers have the greatest responsibility.

ROY P. CLARK.

Youthful "Signs" Workers

Readers of the "Record" are always interested in missionary work, whether it be in the distant foreign fields or here in our own fair homeland. The following is a story of quiet persevering endeavour by two very youthful Missionary Volunteers.

Ruth Holmsby lives with her parents near Liverpool, N.S.W. After personally canvassing each home in her community, Ruth now sells twelve copies of the "Signs of the Times" every week.

June Smith also has a "Signs" round, which is growing every week. Liverpool is a hard town in which to sell gospel literature, and there are many fierce dogs; but June goes on steadily with her good work.

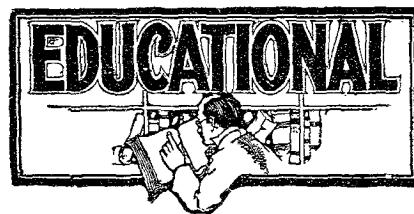
These two small workers, who are great friends, collected for the last Appeal for Missions, and their efforts helped the church to reach an overflow.

During the present "Interpreter" campaign there may be many adults who could obtain orders for the "Signs," and yet feel they have not the time to deliver them personally every week. Could not these orders be passed on to willing juniors, who have the necessary time, and who would be delighted to have a part in such a good work?

The writer is a Christian today as a result of Adventist neighbours calling with "Signs," and because of their friendly persistence in the face of an unpromising attitude.

ARTHUR PEACH.

To find his place and fill it is success for a man.—Phillips Brooks.



A Remarkable Season

WEEK OF PRAYER AT N.Z. M.C.

It would seem that the 1936 Week of Prayer has been everywhere an outstanding season of real blessing to the church of God. It was certainly so at the New Zealand Missionary College. The Lord in no way disappointed our highest expectations, and a more definite working of the Spirit and more earnestness in results it would be difficult to imagine. There were no flights of feeling, but a quiet working was manifest, which was good to behold and to share.

Prior to the beginning of the week, thoughts were turned to heart-searching and clearing of the highway, ready for the coming of the Heavenly Guest whom we expected to have among us in a special way. And from the very first meeting it was apparent that God in His love had already answered our requests for the Spirit's power to be present. As the week proceeded with studies on the Christian life, Week of Prayer readings, and that which makes such a season memorable—the prayer bands—the spirit of intercession deepened, and the power to witness grew. Hearts that had not known a Saviour's love responded, many whose experience had not been bright were revitalised, and one and all shared in a very blessed refreshing. When the week closed with the vesper service of praise, there was not one single student who had been unable to express in prayer, or praise, or testimony the saving power of the God of Jacob. It was a wonderful yet solemn time, long to be remembered.

The lead in the exercises of the week was taken by Brother Aubrey Mitchell, Missionary Volunteer secretary of the local conference. His inspirational talks in the chapel periods, as well as the quiet and helpful personal interviews in the school homes, were powerful factors in the hands of the Lord to the spiritual attainments of the week. We believe that the results of this Week of Prayer will have a very wide and lasting significance in the lives of many of the young people, and to the Giver of every good gift our grateful praise is offered.

G. H. GREENAWAY.

Essentials for Workers in Training

This was the title of some helpful instruction given in the form of chapel addresses to the students of A.M.C.

Those who would serve efficiently in any cause must train. The course of training is determined by the nature of the service entered, and for those who aim for the Master's service, the essentials are laid down in His Word in what has been called "Peter's ladder."

Faith is the foundation, and upon it

are added by diligence all that the qualified worker must have. Thus diligence consists of the steady application of the daily lessons and experiences. "Nothing can be gained without constant effort and continual activity." Perseverance is required that "with all diligence," with watchfulness, virtue may be added to faith.

Manliness, courage, vigour, and firmness to principle in face of ridicule are denoted by virtue. It is not a passive attribute. Knowledge is added to virtue, and knowledge is power. Our first desire should be to know Him, and all other knowledge will be added.

Temperance follows knowledge naturally when there is an understanding of the principles which call for temperance. True temperance is mastery over self, over passions and evil propensities.

Patience is the natural fruit of temperance. It includes patience in enduring trial, as well as in acquiring knowledge and in the execution of all duties.

To the character must also be added godliness, and with it brotherly kindness toward those in the church, and more love for the souls for whom Christ died.

Obedience is essential, that is, doing exactly as the Lord commands. If we are ready and obedient, He will work on our behalf. Only by obedience to the One in command will success attend our service.

The apostle Paul was one who laid the foundation of this great Christian movement, in the finishing of which we are called to assist. Listen to his advice given through Timothy: "The things that thou hast heard of me, . . . the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also." Thus our aim should be to pass on to others all that we have acquired, either from study or association.

The successful trainee will be distinguished by the order and arrangement found in all to which he sets his hand. There will be definitely a time and a place for everything, and neatness and thoroughness will mark his work and his person.

Those who, "like good soldiers of Christ Jesus," are loyally working for His cause will accept without complaint their share of sacrifice. Their conversation will indicate their attitude toward life; useless wrangling and talk that is not elevating will have no place among those seriously in training. Our standard is high. Let us maintain it.

In connection with the work of God there must come to all, as to Isaiah, a vision of God: then in the light of His holiness we shall see ourselves as we really are. A realisation of our condition and the cleansing with "the live coal from the altar" will prepare us to answer the call, "Who will go for us?" Let us pray for such a vision, and that we may be ready when the call comes.

True courtesy is needed to bring to perfection those ready to accept the call. Many have gone out as workers, unfitted in this respect, whose discourteous manners repel rather than attract souls to Christ. God would have His people models of courtesy.

To be successful we must give attention to these things. Then shall we be servants of power, and appreciated for what we are worth as we take our place in His service.

ELSIE WOOD.

Colporteur Work

With Our Colporteurs in India

The following experiences are taken from our church paper published in India, the "Eastern Tidings," dated June 1, 1936:

ON THE TEA ESTATES

"Among the Tamils there are outstanding colporteur activities. Brother E. D. Wilmott is constantly finding new recruits. Recently a young man accepted the message who held a very responsible position on a tea estate. He did not feel that he could stay in that work any longer because of the urge in his heart to tell others. He therefore resigned from his splendid post, took a prospectus for 'Our Day' and the Tamil magazine, and began work right there on the tea estates. Every month he sells over 100 rupees' worth of literature, and is very happy in his new service."

SUCCESS WITH THE MEDICAL PROFESSION

"In the Telugu area Brother M. B. Israel has a large group of young men who are having excellent success. One of them who is working for our health magazine, secured a medical directory and took down the names of all those who made a profession of medical practice. There were forty-nine in number. He visited every one of these men, and secured forty-seven orders."

A PLAIN HOME TRUTH

"A railway employee who gave his order to one of our colporteurs, used his influence to help our bookman to secure seven other orders. To one man who tried to make an excuse that in these days there was no money for such things, his railway friend said, 'And yet you spend more than the amount of the subscription on "grog" at one sitting.' Immediately the man brought out the money. The same colporteur called on the sub-judge in a district centre, and found him engrossed in working out a crossword puzzle. 'He immediately started asking me what I would put down in certain cases,' the colporteur reports. 'He seemed so pleased with my advice that he at once paid me the full price of the book, five rupees, and helped me to secure six more orders.'"

VISITING SHIPS

"Being crowded for territory led a colporteur to try the water's edge. At Eranakulam, the newly opened harbour, he received permission to go aboard the steamers. He reasoned that if hawkers could sell brass and ivory ware and all sorts of curios, why could not our message be sold, too? In faith he went aboard one of the big ocean greyhounds and approached the passengers and crew. To his joy he soon discovered that the people were only too glad to buy our literature. On one vessel he approached the captain and the chief engineer. Both purchased big books

in the best binding. Who knows but what another Captain Joseph Bates may be found on board one of these liners as the result of a good marine colporteur?"

A REMARKABLE DREAM

"During his spare time Brother Bazray held Bible studies at Dhanabad. He called at the bedside of a man who, with tears streaming down his cheeks, said, 'I am sick because I did not obey Jesus. Jesus appeared to me in a dream and told me to give up smoking and other filthy habits and "follow not men, but ME, for I am the truth." I want to be in the truth. I will give up smoking and other bad habits. Pray for me and give me a calendar for my daily guidance.' Our colporteur gave him a Morning Watch Calendar and an old Sabbath school lesson pamphlet and encouraged him to be true to his God."

LED ASTRAY BY THE LORD TO FULFIL TWO PURPOSES

"While working with two colporteurs in northern India, we canvassed a man who asked us to call at his house that night. Late in the evening we started out to find his place. We were new to the town and walked a long distance, wondering if we were on the right road, but feeling impressed to go on. Presently we met a respectable-looking man on the road who stopped us and asked, 'Are you selling health books?' 'Yes,' we said. 'I have been looking for you all day,' he continued. 'I have to leave town tonight for a long journey, and want some of your books before I go. I want six books from you. I have already seen one at a friend's place.' 'Here you are,' we replied, and handed him the books and he gave us thirty rupees [£2]. After this we inquired of him and he told us that the man we wanted lived about four miles from there, and he asked how we came to that end of the town. We thanked the Lord for leading us in that direction, thus enabling us to sell six books. Later we found the man for whom we were looking, and sold him two books, one for a friend who was there when we arrived, and one for himself. Had we not been delayed we would not have met his friend, for he had just arrived when we got there. The Lord truly does work with the colporteur."

HOW A RUNAWAY HORSE HELPED

"Not long ago, while working in Jhansi, we were in search of a certain subscriber to the 'Watchman' whose subscription had expired. We searched for a long time without success, and finally decided to give up the chase and do some canvassing for new orders. We had not gone very far when the driver of the carriage in which we were riding lost control of his animal, and we found ourselves going somewhere we did not intend to go. Presently the horse swerved to the left and entered a gate and ran on till it came to the house. The driver here succeeded in controlling the animal and brought it to a stand still. As the carriage stood in front of this house, our eyes fell upon the signboard of the occupant, and what do you think we saw? There right in front of us was the name of the very man we had been looking for all the morning! We were not long in securing his subscription for the 'Watch-

man,' and were soon on our way again. I have no doubt that the reins of this runaway horse were in the hands of the angel of the Lord.'

Encouragement at the Publishing House

Letter after letter comes to our publishing house in Poona, India, expressing interest in our literature. Mohammedans, Hindus, and Christians of other missions write, telling how they have been impressed with some book or magazine of ours, and asking for more. Just today a letter came from a Mohammedan gentleman, as follows:

"I am staying with my friend named _____, B.A., L.L.B., who is the district judge. In his library I found in Urdu 'Health and Longevity,' written by one of your doctors. This is the first, last, best, and most wonderful book in the Urdu language. . . . Will you be kind enough to let me know the price, and the main object for the existence of the Oriental Watchman Publishing House? I will be most thankful if I can secure a catalogue of publications from your press. And please let me know how I can join with you in this good work."

This week the Government Inspector of Factories (a Mohammedan gentleman) paid us a visit. After inspecting our factory he came into my office and talked for nearly an hour, asking questions about our work and beliefs. He is a reader of the "Oriental Watchman," and is much impressed with it. He said he would be in Poona over the week-end, and would attend our church service on the Sabbath, and this he did.

God's Spirit is going with the "Oriental Watchman" and the Tamil "Nalwazhi" and the Burmese "Kin Saung," and our other books, tracts, and periodicals. Every morning as our publishing house family, consisting of about fifty men and women, meets for worship, earnest prayer is offered for the colporteurs going out with the pages which we print here. J. O. WILSON.

Specialising on Priests

"And a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith." Acts 6:7.

One of the most interesting features of the colporteur work in the Inca Union, South America, was the placing of our literature in the hands of the priests. In Bolivia our books were sold to a large number of the priests in the old capital. The colporteur who worked there said he would pass no priest, for they were responsible to God for giving a false gospel to the people, and he did not want them to have an excuse in the day of judgment. Therefore he canvassed the priests as he saw them walking along the streets.

One day I was in La Paz and the colporteur came to me and said, "See this name. While walking down the street this morning to the office, I sold a book to a priest, and in the afternoon delivered the volume to the priest and also sold him several Sabbath School Picture Rolls."

In Sucre the colporteur visited the secretary of the bishop, and while speaking

with him he met several other priests who had bought books. They told him, "You are a wonderful man; we cannot understand how you sold us those Protestant books. The books are good, but it is too bad that they are not Catholic." Then the colporteur told them he had another book he would like to sell them, and forthwith sold six copies of "The Great Controversy" to the same priests who had bought "Toward the Golden Age." This colporteur went to the old city of Cusco and repeated his work there. He wrote me that he would not let a single priest escape. In Ecuador our colporteurs had similar experiences. The Lord really touched the hearts of some of these men, so they would buy the books and become acquainted with the truth.

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Some Week of Prayer Experiences

With the coming of the Annual Week of Prayer, it was necessary for us to plan a long itinerary among the companies and believers scattered throughout the south-western district of Victoria. So once more we packed our car with luggage and camping equipment, preparatory for a five-weeks' tour.

The services at Camperdown were held a week early. From the outset, joy came to our souls as we saw, even in spite of inclement weather, almost the entire membership, including a family of four who have recently taken their stand, present at every evening meeting.

As the church at Geelong had recently lost by death its much-loved pastor, Brother Michaels, the writer was asked to include that district in his itinerary. It does not take long for a newcomer to feel at home when he arrives, for practically the first time, in the midst of a company of believers. It can truly be said that when the time came for us to push on, we were sorry that we could not remain for the last Sabbath in this centre, as we were much impressed by the keen interest taken in the services. Truly this family of God is "a good family to belong to."

Proceeding to Hamilton, we arrived in time to join that warm-hearted company in their ringing testimonies on the last Sabbath of their Week of Prayer. We were glad to learn that all who had engaged in special prayer and the study of those excellent readings, either with others or in their own homes and camps, had been richly blessed of God.

The isolated believers at Casterton and Lyons were in their usual good spirits. It really does one's own soul good to see the courage with which our people uphold the banner of truth in remote parts. Our hearts go out to them because of their isolation, and our own faith in the message is strengthened as we see the good Christian experience enjoyed by those who are not

fortunate enough to be able to meet even occasionally with others of like faith.

The next few days were spent at Portland, the oldest settlement in Victoria. The little group of members here, with the bright and happy faces of the children, make one feel at home immediately.

After spending some happy hours with friends at Yambuk, Koroit, and Woodford we arrived at the city of Warrnambool. Here the meetings were in full swing, and well attended. Although some families found it difficult to come in because of dairying work and long distances to travel, yet the promise of the Lord to give strength to the weary was again definitely fulfilled, for almost every member was found at the night services.

At the close of last year it was the writer's privilege to baptise a mother and her son, who were then received as members of the Warrnambool church. Two daughters and a younger son were being prayed for, and a few weeks before the Week of Prayer both daughters took a very definite stand. Soon their test came. The factory in which they were employed did not generally work on Sabbaths. A rush of work came, however, which called for overtime work that ran into Sabbath morning. Our two sisters were the very first to be asked to come to work on Sabbath morning. They explained that their religious convictions would not permit them to comply with the request. The result was they were both given a week's notice. When the rest of the employees in that department learned the circumstances connected with their dismissal, they approached the management and requested that the two girls be reinstated. The request was immediately granted. While the majority of the employees associated with these two sisters have little or no spiritual experience, yet when it came to a matter of principle they were not afraid to stand for those whom they knew had been wronged. Truly God works on behalf of those whose hearts are sincere toward Him.

We have been holding studies in two other homes in the Warrnambool district. The wife in one had already commenced the observance of the Sabbath and was attending our services. The husband, though he believed in the Sabbath, could not sever his connection with his former church, where he often took an active part in the services. On visiting the home during the Week of Prayer we were met at the door by the wife who said, with eyes glistening with delight, "I have some good news for you. My husband has decided to attend our church." The husband, who came in a few minutes later, said he had finished with the other church, and now he was coming to the one which taught the Scriptures.

The lady of the other home said to us on our last visit, "Now I have something for which I have been looking for years, and nothing will ever make me give it up." That was only her fifth study with us. Surely her heart was ready for the truth. This sister needs our prayers, as her husband is much opposed to our teachings. As yet he knows nothing of his wife's stand, but she is determined to hold on.

Passing on from Warrnambool, we called

at the home of a farmer with whom we have had several studies. This interest was first aroused through Sister Ritchie's distributing the "Interpreter." Though convinced of the importance of Sabbath observance, this man was at a loss to know how to keep the day as it should be kept. We made this case one of special prayer, and that night the victory was gained. He decided there and then to obey the Lord. The following week I received a very impressive letter, telling of his joyful experience in his new-found faith. We are now praying for his two daughters.

There is much more we would like to say. At Beech Forest, the Spirit of the Lord broke through barriers that had arisen through a little misunderstanding, and now the believers are all as one happy family, worshipping in a regularly organized Sabbath school.

At Colac what seemed to be mountains of difficulty became as a plain under the mighty influence of prayer. This little company is now happy as the result of another Week of Prayer victory.

While it took us a long time to cover our territory, and we were glad of a rest after so many night meetings, day visiting, and long hours of travelling, yet we felt more than repaid by the evidences of the manifold grace of God, seen in the different places visited.

I want to express my hearty appreciation of the good help given by my wife and "Topsy;" and when Pastor Meyers comes around my field with me shortly in the interests of the young people, I know he will appreciate that which these sisters have endeavoured to do for the Junior members.

Will you please mingle your prayers with ours that the Lord will enable us to do even greater things, and that when Jesus comes to make up His jewels there will be a wonderful gathering of souls from this south-western portion of the Lord's great vineyard in Victoria.

P. G. FOSTER.

Tribute of Respect to the Late Pastor Michaels

The Ballarat church members have many happy recollections of our late dear Pastor Michaels. He came to Ballarat many years ago as a colporteur, canvassing that inspired book, "The Great Controversy Between Christ and Satan." Several members who are still with us remember well Brother Michaels' telling them of his pile of books over seven feet high, ready for delivery. Many times during his canvassing work he warmed the hearts of the believers by his presence and by relating his experiences in the book work.

In 1932, he responded to a call to take the pastoral oversight of the Ballarat church. Throughout the district he was known as a tireless worker for God. His pony and jinker were to be seen at all hours and in all weather conditions traveling the roads, conveying truly a pioneer with a message. The testimony borne by those who knew him, is that he never failed to keep an appointment.

His bright, warm Bible stories, presented during his recent five years of ministry in this church, are never to be forgotten.

His spiritual influence still binds many souls to the great message of love and of high spiritual living. As a leader of the flock, he has left an example of the life lived in Christ.

In all his activities in connection with the church he sought the advice of the local elder, Brother Davies; even in small matters he considered it no trouble to travel from one end of the city to the other that he might confer with the local elder. He was wonderful in visiting and shepherding his flock in both city and country. His one concern in his ministry was the acceptance of, and loyalty to, the fundamentals of the message.

On behalf of the Ballarat members,
J. R. BROWN.



Sabbath School Work in North Queensland

"An open Bible for the world" is the sentiment and the object of the Sabbath School Department of this denomination.

"The effort to grasp the great truths of Revelation imparts freshness and vigour to all the faculties. It expands the mind, sharpens the perceptions, and ripens the judgment. The study of the Bible will ennoble every thought, feeling, and aspiration as no other study can. It gives stability of purpose, patience, courage, and fortitude; it refines the character, and sanctifies the soul. An earnest, reverent study of the Scriptures—bringing the mind of the student in direct contact with the Infinite Mind—would give to the world men of stronger and more active intellect, as well as of nobler principle, than has ever resulted from the ablest training that human philosophy affords."

During the past year, over 400 scholars in North Queensland have endeavoured to be in daily touch with heaven by means of an open Bible. Some have missed only one day, or one or two special occasions, and 330 have been awarded cards for perfect quarterly records—an average of 82 for the year.

To gain some idea of the blessings received from the "open Bible," we recall the joy of even the infants in our homes as they count the days of the week for Sabbaths to come; and hear the tiny tots telling their playmates through the fence the stories learned in the Sabbath school lesson. One lad of tender years, after his mother had been to the mission, found himself for the first time in Sabbath school. Eyes and mind alert, he learned things new to him, and retold the same Bible stories to the children next door, to grandma, and to auntie, and wanted to call in the boarders also. Come into another home; peep through that door, now slightly ajar, and see an eight-year-old girl sitting up to the table in her pyjamas to do daily study. This was a regular thing before the family altar had been erected. See that older girl taking the children through the lesson and praying with them,—this before the parents had learned to pray

aloud. Recall the thought expressed by one father, new to the message, that his school child kept him up to his daily study. Right habits are being formed, even by infants and youth. Think of the homes where the open Bible plays such an important part that even the children hesitate to start the day without the family gathering and the Sabbath school lesson. Think of the imprint being left daily on minds of old and young alike!

Think also of the divided homes, where mothers are seeking, single handed, to lead the children in the paths of righteousness in spite of opposition, stealing the opportunities for the daily study of the Sabbath school lessons. A heart-breaking letter came recently telling how an unbelieving husband had discovered a Bible under his wife's pillow, and tore it up, along with other papers, saying, "Religion has broken up our home." She adds, "Do not write just now, but pray for my health and my husband." Shall we not pray for the struggling parents of divided homes?

One grandmother passed away this year. She had been instructing the grandchildren regularly from the Bible, but received the promise from the granddaughter of school age that she would take up the work where grandma had to leave it, and study herself, and teach little brother. Since that time, these children have faithfully kept their promise, reading the Morning Watch texts, praying, and studying their regular Bible lessons.

An isolated mother tells how her little girl enjoys the Sabbath school lessons, and brings two playmates to the home Sabbath school, thus sharing their joys.

One young woman, who has recently accepted this message, has returned to her duties on a station away out west, 200 miles from a railway, and over 800 miles from Townsville, and has started a Sabbath school for the children of the station home. She writes: "Yesterday we had Sabbath school with the whole family. The boys had been studying the lesson each morning and knew their memory verses well. It made them take much more interest in the school to see their father and mother there, too."

There is another way in which we have been sharing our Sabbath school blessings. During the past year the sum of £364 4s. has been given by our North Queensland Sabbath schools to help provide workers to open Sabbath schools in the islands of the sea.

I believe our united prayer is,—
"Blest Word of God! Send forth Thy light
O'er every land and every sea,
Till all who wander in the night
Are led to God and heaven by thee."

ETHEL M. THRIPT,

Nth. Qld. Sabbath School Secretary.

The Sabbath School a Soul-Saving Agency

TWO EXPERIENCES

As we view the great work of the Advent movement today, we often lose sight of the large part that the Sabbath school plays both in leading souls to the Master, and in sustaining their spiritual life. I would like to relate two experiences which speak for themselves:

While at Avondale, it has been my privi-

lege to pay many missionary visits in the surrounding neighbourhood. One of these will always be outstanding in my memory. At first the call consisted merely of giving papers, but after a time Bible studies brought forth good fruit. The lady of this home has passed through many severe trials as she has lived the truth and endeavoured to win her husband, who is addicted to the terrible habit of drink. But in spite of all these things, she is now rejoicing in the message, and still has strong hope that her husband will yet be saved.

The Sabbath school pamphlet soon found its way into this home; and how often the Sabbath school lesson became the means of breaking the bread of life, and led to the discussion of many important questions that concern the ways of God and the new life in Christ Jesus. But that is not all. The Sabbath school lesson has reached the hearts of the children. The young ladies who have visited this home on Sabbath afternoons, have rejoiced to hear the children repeat the memory verses and tell portions of the lesson.

Among all the spiritual exercises of the Sabbath, the Sabbath school is the most cherished in my heart. There is a reason for this. I shall never forget the first day that I attended a Sabbath school. That first visit resulted in the greatest experience of my life. It was there that I took my stand for Christ. Through the influence of the Sabbath school I was led to decide definitely for the truth. A wonderful experience of hope, peace, and victory followed that decision which I always look upon as a miracle of divine grace. Can you wonder that I love the Sabbath school? CHARLIE SOUTHWELL.

Notes from Adelaide

(From a Letter)

It was planned for me to spend the Week of Prayer with the Prospect church, and we arranged to have early morning meetings for the young people. The weather was glorious through the week and we had a splendid time. The average attendance was thirty-four, although on one occasion there were forty-two young people present.

I am proud of the young people in Prospect; I was thrilled by the way they came out to the meetings, and I know that very definite help was received. The evening services also were very well attended.

When one or two of the other churches learned that we were having early morning meetings, it was decided that the Kensington folk would meet at six-thirty for an hour on the last Sabbath morning. Pastor Patching had a very successful meeting with them. As a result, the Kensington members have decided to have two prayer meetings a week,—one at six-fifteen every Sabbath morning, as well as the Wednesday night meeting.

We had cards printed with extracts from the Spirit of Prophecy as a Souvenir for the Prospect 1936 Week of Prayer.

Miss Ineen Cornwell of Melbourne has recently connected with the teaching staff at the Prospect Central School, where her work is greatly appreciated, as well as by the Adelaide church members, who have appointed her as young people's leader for the ensuing period.

The Adelaide church building is nearing

completion, and in a few weeks the contractors will be commencing on the new conference office and young people's hall, on the same allotment. The office will occupy the ground floor, while the second floor will be a good sized hall for our Adelaide young people.

A. H. FORBES,
S.A. Conf. M.V. Sec.

WEDDING BELLS

FRENCH-WITHERS.—On Sunday evening, June 20, the North Sydney church was filled to its utmost capacity with relatives and friends to witness the wedding of George Albert French of North Sydney and Winifred Elsie Withers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Withers of Parramatta. The company united in showering upon the happy young couple their heartiest congratulations as they walk the pathway of life together. May the blessings of God attend them all the way.

R. GOVETT.

OBITUARY

LOVEJOY.—On June 14, in the Royal North Shore Hospital, Margaret Lovejoy, at the age of sixty-one years, passed peacefully to rest. Sister Lovejoy accepted the message of present truth under the labours of Pastor F. W. Paap at Galston about twenty-seven years ago. During the later years of her life, she endured much physical suffering, but through it all manifested a patient and cheerful spirit. We laid her to rest in the Anglican cemetery, Dural, to await the voice of the Life-giver on the resurrection morning. She leaves to mourn their loss four sons and three daughters and many grandchildren, to whom we extend heartfelt sympathy.

E. PERRY.

MUNRO.—On June 30, at the residence of her sister, Mrs. Ford, at Glen Iris, Melbourne, Alice Louisa (Dolly), the beloved wife of Walter G. Munro, and daughter of the late Alfred and Rose Walker, formerly of Bendigo, fell asleep in Jesus at the age of sixty-one years. We laid her to rest in the Burwood Road Cemetery, to wait the call of Him who said, "I am the resurrection and the life." Words of sympathy and prayer for the bereaved by Pastor G. G. Stewart and the writer were spoken at the graveside.

L. CURROW.

NIPPRESS.—At the age of sixty-one years, Sister Isabel Nippress, of Wangaratta, Vic., passed peacefully to rest on June 11, after ten days' illness caused by shock and chill following the death of her brother, whom she had nursed through his last sickness. Sister Nippress accepted the Advent message through reading a few old copies of the "Signs of the Times" about twenty-seven years ago. Later, her belief was confirmed through her attendance at a tent mission conducted at Whitfield by Pastors Smart, Waldorf, and C. Head. Among our members none was more consistently loyal than Sister Nippress, who was indeed an "example of the believers," both in devotion to and service for God. Missionary work was her delight. Her loved ones have cause to treasure words

such as these, which were among the last that came from a heart so tried and faithful: "Lay aside the world and hold to Jesus. He has done His part, and we must do ours." "I am going to rest; I will meet you all in heaven." On Sabbath afternoon, June 13, we laid our sister in the Wangaratta Cemetery till "the day break, and the shadows flee away," while to the mourners we ministered the comfort that the "blessed hope" affords. May we, with all the loved and loving who mourn their loss, share in the glad reunion of that great day. Sister Nippress is survived by her husband, four daughters, and three sons. Her daughter Pearl is engaged in Bible work in the West Australian Conference, while another daughter, Aileen, is a graduate nurse of the Sydney Sanitarium.

G. G. STEWART.

QUICK.—Brother James Daniel Quick was born at Spring Mount, Victoria, August 12, 1868, and passed peacefully away in the Ballarat Public Hospital on June 8, 1936. Brother Quick had been ailing for several months, but the end came suddenly. He embraced the Advent message in 1912 under the personal labours of Brother Alf Davies, and was baptised with his wife in the same year by Pastor J. E. Steed. Later he had the joy of witnessing the baptism of eight of the nine children of his family. For twenty-four years Brother Quick was a member of the Ballarat church. During the recent Week of Prayer our brother's testimony was one of assurance and confidence in God and His message, and his plea was for all to hold fast to the truth, no matter what man might do or say. The last Sabbath morning of his life, as the writer stood by his bedside he again expressed his confidence in the Lord. The esteem in which Brother Quick was held by a large circle of friends was evidenced by the number of floral tributes and the last respects paid by so many, both at the home and the graveside. On June 10 we laid him to rest in the Creswick cemetery to await the call of the Life-giver. To the bereaved wife, five daughters, and four sons, we extend our heartfelt sympathy, believing our brother will rise again on the resurrection morn, when death will give place to life evermore.

G. J. PARKER.

Return Thanks

Mrs. J. D. Quick and family sincerely thank the many kind friends for the love and sympathy expressed in telegrams, letters, personal expressions, and beautiful floral tributes received during their recent sad bereavement. Will each friend please accept this as an expression of their deep appreciation and gratitude.

Mrs. W. Blakey of Cooranbong desires to thank sincerely all who assisted her in nursing her late mother, Mrs. Ann Furby, during her recent illness, also those who so kindly assisted with their cars during that time and at the funeral services.

Mrs. E. J. Upham sincerely thanks kind friends for the sympathy and love expressed in letters and telegrams in her recent sad bereavement, especially Pastor Whitehead and members of the Concord church. The prayers of God's people and the assistance rendered have been much appreciated.

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The clipping from the Melbourne "Herald" which we reprint on another page, was given prominence in Sydney, Brisbane, Melbourne, and Newcastle dailies on the same day.

It is with sorrow that we record the sudden death of Pastor R. Govett on July 9. When in seemingly excellent health, Pastor Govett was suddenly cut down by a paralytic stroke, and passed away within a few hours. Much sympathy is felt for Sister Govett and their son Robert. An obituary notice will be given later.

From Vilirupu, Papua, Sister C. E. Mitchell wrote by the latest mail: "We are pleased to have all the news again. We rejoice with the church in all that prospers God's work, and sorrow with those who are passing through sorrow. When all the news is read we sit and talk it over as only those do who are far away from home and loved ones. At present we have the 'Diari' and Pastor Lock with us. There was a big 'Sail-Oh' yesterday, and sure enough, it was the 'Diari.' Brother Lock brought all our goods and had news to tell us that we had not heard, so we sat and listened-in. Today my husband and he have gone on a visit to an outstation. They will return tomorrow, so we must have our mail ready, as one never knows when he may have another chance to send mail to Port. Parcels and letters have just been sent over from a neighbouring plantation to go to Port by the 'Diari.'"

"We rejoice to see how the message is spreading," Sister C. E. Mitchell continues, "and to see people come and ask to be baptised. We have been conducting a baptismal class here for a few months. Last Sabbath just before meeting time the policeman, the ex-policeman, and some other leading village men came over to the mission to join the class. They have been taking studies in their own village, but wanted more. Everywhere we hear good reports, and people calling for teachers."

Fourteenth Session

AUSTRALASIAN UNION CONFERENCE

The fourteenth session of the Australasian Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will convene at Central Hall, Little Collins St., Melbourne, Victoria, on Tuesday, September 1, at 7.45 p.m., when all delegates are requested to be present.

Reports of the various activities of the Union Conference, together with local conference work, will receive attention. The officers of the Union for the coming year

years will be elected, and other business transacted.

We have had several inquiries from those thinking of attending as to accommodation and other matters. We are planning lodging accommodation for the delegation at the Victoria Palace, Little Collins Street, and the Melbourne Sanitarium Health Food Cafe is planning to care for the boarding needs of those attending the meeting.

Visitors other than delegates can secure accommodation in any section of Melbourne, and even at the Victoria Palace.

The Secretary of the Victorian Conference, Brother F. J. Butler, will be glad to assist any who may need counsel as to accommodation, or visitors can make their own arrangements. All will be heartily welcomed to this meeting.

May God's richest blessing attend this important gathering. To this end we should all pray.

S. V. STRATFORD,

Acting Secretary.

Incoming Missionaries

From every organised mission field in the South Pacific, the leaders of the work will soon be gathering in Melbourne for the largest and most important meeting in this Division. Each field will be represented by its superintendent, as follows: G. L. Sterling, from Eastern Polynesia; H. B. P. Wicks, from the Cook Islands; R. Reye, Samoa; H. L. Tolhurst, Tonga; R. W. Lane, Fiji; G. H. Engelbrecht, New Hebrides; W. O. Broad, Solomon Islands; G. Peacock, New Guinea; and W. N. Lock, Papua.

In addition, our veteran missionaries, Pastor and Mrs. G. F. Jones, are coming in from Lord Howe Island; while New Caledonia and the Loyalty Islands will be represented by Miss C. F. Guioit.

Nor is the meeting to be without its native representatives. Ratu Mosese (Moses) is coming from Fiji; and for the first time Pitcairn Island is sending a delegate. Having been invited by the Union Conference Committee to select a representative, the church on Pitcairn has appointed its elder, Brother Fred Christian. Brother Christian writes that he has long cherished a desire to visit Australia, and is delighted to accept the invitation.

Some Impressions

With almost 25,000 miles of travel behind me, I arrived at the colossal Auditorium in San Francisco on the morning of May 26, only a few hours before the opening of the greatest world conference of Seventh-day Adventists. As I stepped from the train in which we had been speeding toward this place for the past three days, it seemed that everywhere Seventh-day Adventists were to be seen, bent on one object, that of hearing messages of progress from the uttermost parts of the world. Conductors on trains and trams knew it. Taxi drivers had driven hundreds from trains and wharves to the hotels where these visitors were to stay. Hotel waiters had shown the thousands to their rooms. Cafes had cooked tons of food for these hungry men and women; and scarcely was there a business place without some notice of welcome.

On entering the Auditorium for the first time, I thought, Wherever in such a crowd as this shall I find any of the people I know? Just then as I looked over the sea of heads I caught sight of a familiar face in the centre of a company of people. It was Rangoso, the Solomon Island chief. Almost the same instant he saw me, and up went his hand in welcome. What a scene! Here was this black brother, once a cannibal, from away over yonder in the Solomons, standing in this seething mass, and on glimpsing one he knew, forgetting for the time everything and everybody around, he came forward to give me a hearty handshake.

Whilst we were speaking with this brother, another, not black, came forward, took my hand, and with his happy smile welcomed me to America, at the same time expressing his wish for God's richest blessing to rest upon us during our visit among them. This was Pastor Fulton.

One after another they came, and all with that lovable way, until I could only remark, Oh, this is marvellous! When first I accepted this message my friends and relatives said scornfully, "What are you going to do? You will starve. Nobody will want you; you will be friendless and helpless." And here I was surrounded with men from all parts of the globe, expressing their welcome to such a meeting as this. Truly this is a wonderful family to belong to.

Soon I found my way to the Australasian delegates' seats. During the days that followed, many were the inspiring messages received. For what purpose has that large map been placed there? was the question that ran through the minds of the vast audience one morning, as the Secretary of the General Conference came forward to read his report. Not long had we to wait for the answer. "You will see by our map," said Pastor M. E. Kern as he proceeded, "that the vision Sister White had years ago is being rapidly fulfilled. She said she saw jets of light spring up here and there, illuminating the whole world, and the map before you shows that this is the very thing that has taken place. Each decade of the progress of this message is shown by the globes that will light at their set time."

The first ten years had only one little light, showing the founding place. Later a few more shone forth, and then more, and more, and still more, until the whole map was a blaze of light. So thrilled was I, I looked to see what effect the display had on Rangoso, who was seated alongside of me. With eyes almost standing out of his head he exclaimed, "Hanu na tina! Kisa gua tie!" (You by the thousands! You, my friends!) And he continued, "Oh, if only my people in the Solomon Islands could see this! It's beyond me. The Seventh-day Adventists are everywhere; the message of Revelation 14 is fulfilled." This is just what it seemed to me, that the third angel's message has belted the world, and with the switch in God's hand He could turn it and in a moment of time all who have not heard it could hear.

The whole Conference impressed me as a wonderful testimony of God's saving grace. It showed most forcibly that amidst all the turmoil and strife of the world, its trials and temptations and persecutions, God has a people who are standing true to Him.

J. D. ANDERSON