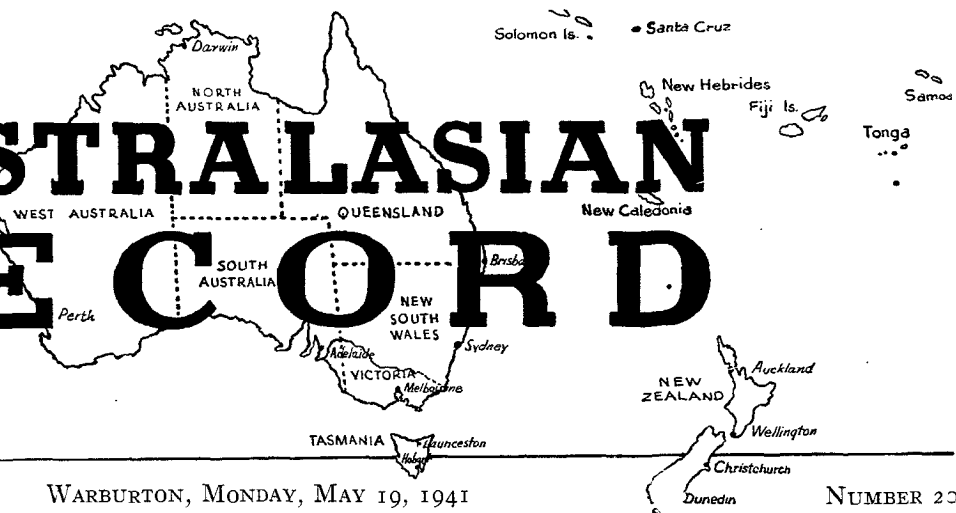


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## For Him--For Me

*Elizabeth Rosser*

He put His royal sceptre by,  
He laid aside His crown,  
He left His shining throne on high,  
And to the earth came down.  
He had no place to lay His head,  
Though Lord of all was He;  
For Him, a stall where oxen fed;  
A mansion fair for me.

He fasted in the wilderness,  
No friend was with Him there  
To comfort Him in His distress  
Or bow with Him in prayer.  
He wrestled with the tempter long,  
Though Lord of all was He;  
For Him, temptation fierce and strong;  
The victory for me.

By His own faithless friend betrayed,  
By His disciple sold;  
In dark Gethsemane He prayed  
Beneath the starlight cold.  
His locks with midnight dews were wet,  
Though Lord of all was He;  
For Him the tears, the bloody sweat;  
But rest and peace for me.

The rabble clamoured for His blood  
And shouted, "Crucify!"  
They scourged the spotless Lamb of  
God  
And led Him forth to die.  
He bore the pain, the shame, the loss,  
Though Lord of all was He;  
For Him the death on Calvary's cross;  
Eternal life for me.

What gift of service shall I bring,  
What offering shall I make,  
What sacrifice for Christ my King,  
That He will deign to take?  
One gift alone can I impart,  
For Lord of all is He—  
For Him my sin-polluted heart;  
His pardoning grace for me.

## From Judaism to Christianity

No. 8

F. C. GILBERT

### Preparing to Enter the Work of God

Among my first impulses, after having found the Messiah, was the desire to acquaint myself with Christian modes and Christian thinking. The information I had gleaned through the years of rabbinical Judaism of the customs and beliefs of professed Christendom, led me to believe that I would need years of study and contact to fall in line with Christian customs.

At every step of the way I became more firmly convinced that not only had I found the Messiah, but I had also found God's everlasting truth. I had nothing of real value and merit to dispense with. I noticed that the Adventist people accepted the Old Testament as well as the New; they observed the seventh-day Sabbath; they ate no unclean foods; they spoke frequently of the ministry of the sanctuary service, though now it was conducted in heaven instead of in Palestine. Such beliefs I had known and followed, with some variation, all my life, and my ancestors before me. What an added joy I felt when I learned that from the beginning of this religious movement there had been associated with it a true prophet of God! I repeatedly said to myself: This must be the true religion.

Judaism, through the Talmud, teaches that circumcision in the flesh, the offering of sacrifices, the many Biblical and rabbinical customs followed by the descendants of Jacob, would be abolished at the coming of Messiah. Many of the most outstanding rabbis have left such a testimony, and it is current belief among qualified Talmudic students that there will be no permanent value in the many religious forms bequeathed to the descendants of the patriarchs after Messiah appears. The evidence accumulated, as I followed on to know Christian teaching, that this people were true Israelites according to the Spirit.

It was rather difficult, however, to cast away immediately all rabbinic manners and traditions. After having been bound by them my entire life I found the full load of man-made commandments a bit heavy to discard at one time.

To my family, my near relatives, and friends, I was as one dead. In some strictly Orthodox communities a funeral has been known to be held and a coffin buried when a Jew has apostatized and has become a Christian. The Talmud is bitterly severe toward apostates. To such a person there must be given no quarter. He may be handled more harshly and severely than a leper.

I was unable to communicate with my family, most of whom were in England. However, I was reminded of God's promise: "When my father and my mother forsake me, then the Lord will take me up."

I spent nearly a month in preparation to enter the colporteur field. I found Christian brethren who were extremely kind. On account of my poor health my funds were low. But the Lord came to my rescue. Colportage was a line of endeavour I never had explored; but I was happy that I could enter a preparatory field of service for the Saviour.

### The Bible More Than Food

I spent many, many hours in the study of the New Testament. That Book so interested me that I was unwilling to leave it for food or sleep. There was a charm in its study that gave me mental pleasure. I longed that the Jews might know of the existence of such a book. While I was doing colporteur work, in my spare time I undertook to translate the New Testament from the English into the Hebrew. It was a slow process, but the burden for my Jewish brethren increased. I wanted the Orthodox Jew especially to know of the Messiah and of this wonderful Book, and desired to make it available in the Hebrew tongue.

When I called upon a Baptist minister in western Massachusetts with "Bible Readings for the Home Circle," he discovered I was reared a Jew. He asked me: "Have you seen Professor Delitsch's Hebrew New Testament?" I assured him that I had never heard of such a book. He brought from his library a copy of the Hebrew New Testament. I was overjoyed to learn that such a volume existed. Professor Delitsch has given a faithful translation.

Periodically in my labours as a colporteur I met Jewish friends. How bitter and abusive they were! What epithets they hurled at me! How cruelly they would abuse the sacred name of the blessed Saviour! The Orthodox Jew could not understand how a Jew could believe in the Christian religion if he had been indoctrinated with rabbinic Judaism. With my limited knowledge of the New Testament joined with my familiarity with the Old Testament I endeavoured to prove to them that Jesus is the Messiah. Most of them were unable to disprove these truths; their answers were execrations and abuse. In those days it was not beyond the people to do one bodily harm.

The Talmudic Jew has methods of interpreting the Old Testament Scriptures in a variety of ways. He claims that there are five kinds of inspiration. In actuality, the Old Testament as the inspired testimony of God means very little to him. Nevertheless, the New Testament application of certain Messianic prophecies of Moses, Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Daniel provokes serious thinking in many of the descendants of Abraham.

After spending many months in colporteur labour I was anxious to secure further educational preparation. There were few opportunities in those days to secure work in our schools; yet I felt it absolutely necessary to gain further preparation, to be better qualified to preach the gospel.

## Faithful "Noahs" Needed Today

M. L. RICE

When we think of lay preachers or lay evangelism, our minds turn to one of the outstanding characters found in the Bible. Noah was a great man, a mighty preacher, with a wonderful message. We must thank Peter for much that we know about this great man. The Flood destroyed a great deal that might shed light on this man's work.

Noah was a shipbuilder, and a good one, too. But in addition to this, he was a good preacher. Like many preachers, he

had an unpopular message. The territory where he had to work was hard. The people had very little time for religion.

Those of us who have tried preaching can have a great deal of sympathy for Noah. The conditions and the people of our time are just about the same as Noah had to meet. "But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." Matt. 24: 37.

Those interested in lay preaching might do well to study Noah's life and work. One outstanding qualification was, "Noah walked with God." For one hundred and twenty years this association continued. This constant companionship with God kept him from discouragement. This intimate contact with God will keep of good courage all those who go forth to proclaim God's message even in hard territory, with a godless people, and small results.

Noah communed with God. "God spake unto Noah." What a privilege! He had a message that he knew was from God. Only those who know they have God's message can preach with power. Only those who commune with God can know this. So we may conclude that Noah was a praying man. Because he listened to God he had a message for the people.

Every lay preacher, yes, every minister, should be interested in Noah's subject. Most people are not aware of his theme. Many think he preached about a coming flood. No doubt he told the people that a flood was coming, but he did not stop there. Simply to warn the people of such a disaster would be of little value. He must go farther than that. The preacher today who simply warns the people that the end of the world is coming has delivered no saving message. When a house is on fire the people not only need to be awakened, but also shown the way to the fire escape.

Noah was "a preacher of righteousness." This is the only message that ever saved people, either in Noah's time or in our day. The people in Noah's day were sinful. They were without hope. They needed to realize their unrighteous condition, and the need of Christ's salvation. This message Noah attempted to give them. This is the only kind of preaching that will prepare a people either for a flood or a fire.

Noah's immediate results were not great. There may be a little encouragement in this for some of us. But those who did accept his message were those who knew him best. This is of itself a great tribute to any preacher. In this may we not see a good place for lay preachers to start their evangelistic work—in their own homes, and around their own firesides? To these Bible studies or cottage meetings they can invite a few neighbours and friends, and in this way render a great service.

Those engaged in lay evangelism should not be discouraged if the results are small. I am sure that Noah, even though disappointed by the fruit of his labour, was not discouraged. The success of Noah's work did not end with the Flood. He still speaks to us, and his life still draws men to God. So will it ever be with the man who faithfully preaches God's Word. Long after he may be gone his words will follow him. It is the business of those who are called to preach God's Word faithfully, to give their message and leave the results with God. We need many lay preachers like Noah today.

## From Fields Afar

### Prayers Answered in the Mission Field

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Medical Superintendent Tsiensien Dispensary, Sikang, China.

The record of missions is filled with stories—stories that stir your heart and mine. There are stories of deliverance and of God's care for His children in time of trial and great need. I have chosen to tell you a story of how God not only protects and looks after those who are labouring in far distant lands, but also looks after those things which are necessary for the carrying forward of that work.

Let me preface my story by an account of what we have to meet out in Tibet with respect to transportation difficulties, and it will help you to understand better the setting. The Tibetan Mission is perhaps the most isolated of our mission stations and hospitals. Supplies and workers all must come over very difficult roads, and supplies in particular have to come in from the coast of China, up the Yangtze River, across the mountains and gorges, and into Tibet. It is a long hard journey, which takes six months or more. The last twenty or thirty days of the trip the supplies must be carried upon the backs of men. Those coolies strain under their load, hour after hour and day after day, over those mountains, sometimes making five miles in a day, sometimes ten, and at last our supplies reach us.

Since the war has broken out our difficulties have increased. The war has brought many problems which are not easy to solve, and that of transportation is one of the greatest. Instead of coming up the great Yangtze River as in the past, our supplies now have to come in farther to the west, and much more slowly. Therefore we have had to lay with the greatest of care our plans for getting supplies.

It was about two years ago that we had a great need. The supplies of two vital drugs had run low. I refer to sulphanyl-amide and neosalvarsan—drugs of which we use a great amount. It is with the latter that we combat relapsing fever, that great scourge of the Tibetan borders, and we use large quantities of it. As I said, the supplies have to be provided for many months ahead. One day we received word that two shipments of our drugs had been destroyed in bombing raids. That meant disaster as far as our supply plans went. So we immediately got into action. We asked the government radio station to send a wire to Hong Kong directing our brethren there to fall back on the airplane service, which we use in emergency only, since it is very expensive. So the brethren in Hong Kong prepared an immediate shipment, but it had to wait in Hong Kong for a long time, how long we do not know. After some weeks we had word that the shipment was on its way.

Every day as I went to the drug cabinet and looked in, it seemed that the supplies would never last. They dwindled rapidly, and yet there was no further word of the

emergency shipment. We had tried every means we could think of to conserve our supplies, using everything we could to substitute for them.

At last came the day when it seemed we could get on no longer. The drug cabinet was almost empty. That morning as I sat at the desk where I could watch the front gate of the compound, I saw a man walk in the gate. In his arms he carried a small box. It was a great event, I assure you, to have a box come through, and so I hurried to the door to meet him. As I looked at the box it seemed intact, with everything there. But the man who had brought it kept standing there, and said to me, "Will you open that box, and see if everything is there?"

I replied, "Yes, I will open it, but we will have to get some tools."

"Please look quickly," he said.

"What's the rush?" I asked. "This box has been on the road twenty or thirty days. What's the hurry?"

Then he told me the story. "This box was given me in Chengtu about twenty-five days ago. They told me to bring it to you. We put it on a cart and came across the plains to Western China. There, as you know, we have to change all our things, and put them in smaller boxes for the journey over the mountains. Your box was light; so we put it on top of a man's load to go over the Yangshe Pass. As you know, that is a dangerous pass, and many people have been robbed there. When we started up that pass, the robbers came down out of the mountains. There were many of them—many more than there were of us. They had guns and knives; we had only sticks. Don't blame my men, but they all ran away."

"Well," I said, "I can't blame your men for running. What did you do then?"

He continued; "All our loads were gone—fifty loads of merchandise—and your box was among them. I knew that your box was very valuable, but it was gone. My men had all run away. I felt like running away, too, and never showing myself again. After two or three hours, when we thought the bandits had gone, we went back to see if they had left anything. We came back to the scene of the robbery, walked up the trail, and saw papers and broken boxes and dishes scattered along the way. Nothing of any value was left. I didn't know what to do. Then I walked up the trail a little farther, and there on one side of the road I found this box. And now I have brought it to you after eighteen days over the mountains. Is everything there?"

I checked the box and found that nothing in it had been disturbed. It was a box the value of which amounted to at least half of the entire sum of goods that those fifty men were carrying—a box vital to the needs of our mission—and it wasn't even scratched.

In the Spirit of prophecy there is a statement which says that the prayers of God's people are not always answered immediately. They are laid up beside the throne of grace, and in such time as God

sees fit they are brought forth and answered in accordance with His pleasure. And that afternoon our prayers—yours and mine—brought that box through. Let me say that it was your prayers. I know that each of you remembers those of our people who are labouring in faraway lands. You are remembering us in your prayers, and I know that your prayers were answered that afternoon.

As I was leaving the Tibetan Mission to come home on this furlough I had occasion to come through the great war-torn city of Chungking. You have doubtless read in the newspapers of the terrific bombing that city has been receiving during the last two years. While I was there I had occasion to visit two of our native doctors, Drs. Samuel Phang and H. Liu. There they were, carrying forward the work of our medical department in that great city. They have established a small hospital, and are trying their best to carry on in the face of the difficulties they have to meet. Pray God we shall never have to meet such difficulties.

How many of us ever stood and watched while the great war birds thundered overhead? How many of us have seen houses destroyed and other buildings crumble before our eyes? How many of us have seen the great scourge of fire sweep over a city after a bombing? How many have seen our hospitals fall, and how many of us have had to carry forward under such conditions? Those men are seeing things like these, and are having to meet such conditions, and they are carrying on. They are depending upon you and me for strength. I am not speaking of financial help. I appeal, not for your means, but for your prayers.

I can assure you that the Lord God who watches over those small boxes of supplies that go to our individual stations throughout the great world is also watching over His servants who labour in these lands. And I can assure you that those prayers which you send up day by day are laid up by the throne of grace, and in such time as they are needed they will be brought forth and answered. You may not know those for whom you pray, and may not even know that your prayers have been answered, but I appeal to you, brethren and sisters, pray for those of our workers who are labouring under these tremendous difficulties in this trying time of earth's history. The Lord knows who and where they are.

### In Strange Ways

G. E. NICKLE

It has been very interesting to me to note the different means the Lord uses to carry His message to those who are honest in heart and will receive it. Recently, while visiting the little church at San Andres, in the Province of Chiriqui, Panama, I heard of a man living in an adjoining valley who was very much interested in the Adventist doctrines and who had received his first definite impressions from some representatives of a certain lodge. I desired very much to meet this man, and one day Brother Teofilo Quiroz, who is the elder of this little San Andres church, and I saddled our horses and started out to find this Mr. Espinosa. It was a long trail over to his place, and at least six hours of horse-

back riding was required to cover the distance.

I was surprised to find that Mr. Espinosa was recognized as the leading citizen of that district. He owned a beautiful cattle ranch, and had perhaps twenty men working for him. His place was very well kept, his workmen well organized, and he had the appearance of being a business man. Nevertheless, he had time to entertain us very courteously and to shower us with questions about the Bible.

The thing that I particularly wish to relate here is how he became interested in this message. It seems that the representatives of the lodge mentioned were making a drive for members through the rural district, and they naturally attempted to secure as members persons of means and influence. Mr. Espinosa is quite a religious man, and when he was approached by these men he pointed out to them that he felt that his social interests should be devoted to the church, and declared he had no desire to join a lodge. However, they argued that the lodge, as they understood it, was better than the church, that it virtually took the place of the church, and that the church was in error in many respects. In order to clinch this part of their argument, they presented to him a Bible, one prepared by their organization. It was a true version of the Scriptures, and contained additional helps. He promised them that he would study it and be prepared to give them his answer when they returned.

Several months later the men made their second visit. He opened his house to them and made them feel at home. Anxiously they awaited his answer. After the evening meal he opened the subject by saying:

"Gentlemen, I very much appreciate your having called on me and opened my eyes to the truth." This statement from him gave his visitors much encouragement. But he further continued: "You showed me things in the Holy Scriptures which I did not know existed. I have studied over and over again the prophecies you referred me to, and have also read other prophecies with deep interest. I have found that your statements about the Roman Church are true. It is not the true church, but the fallen church. However, I must disappoint you by saying that even though you are correct in this, yet you have not gone far enough. Until you can show me that your organization is keeping the commandments of God and is preparing a people to be received by the Lord at His second coming I can have no further interest in your lodge except to thank you for having started me thinking in the right direction."

After telling us this story, Mr. Espinosa then told us how he had obtained little bits of information here and there about the people who do keep the commandments of God and who are looking for the coming of the Lord. He said, "I am keeping the commandments the best I know how, but I need more help, and I trust that you can stay here with me for several days so that I may be taught the true path of righteousness, and that I, in turn, might be able to teach others who are here with me in this place."

To me this is only another demonstration that the Spirit of God is definitely at work, and that He has means of which we have no knowledge, of opening the doors and carrying the message to honest hearts. It is also noteworthy that once

## Victory

ETHEL McBRIDE STONEMAB

Sing when the day is darkest,  
Sing when the clouds hang low;  
Sing when the sun is shining,  
Sing with the afterglow.

Sing though the rain be falling,  
Sing when the tears flow free;  
Sing when in deepest sorrow,  
Vict'ry your song will be.

Sing when the heart is breaking,  
Sing with the bird on wing;  
Sing when the way is weary,  
Rest to your soul it will bring.

Sing when the outlook is brightest,  
Sing through the staggering loss;  
Sing then the song of the victor,  
The crown comes after the cross.

this interest is aroused, the seekers for truth immediately search diligently for God's servants, humble Seventh-day Adventists, who are living out in these remote districts. And such men as Mr. Espinosa, leaders in their communities, financially and socially, are willing to sit at the feet of humble, uneducated men, and receive from them this wonderful third angel's message.

## Activities in Egypt

T. J. MICHAEL

The Seventh-day Adventist meeting place in the city of Cairo, Egypt, has recently been completed. It is known as the Adventist Auditorium, and is a beautiful building. The modernistic style of architecture is in keeping with the type of buildings that are being generally erected in that section of the city. There is accommodation for approximately two hundred and fifty people in the main hall, and in the building there is space provided for church, school, mission offices, and some living quarters. During the first meeting held in the auditorium the seating capacity was taxed to the utmost.

E. L. Branson, the superintendent of the Egyptian Mission, and his meagre force of helpers have been conducting evangelistic efforts in Cairo as well as in Alexandria. The recent Cairo effort was held in the new Adventist Auditorium, and the results have been gratifying. News just received indicates that it was necessary to have two meetings on Sunday evening to accommodate the interested ones.

A large room in a well-known hotel in Alexandria was rented for the meetings in that city, because we have no meeting place of our own. In spite of the fact that Alexandria has been repeatedly bombed by the Italians, our evangelistic meetings in that city were very well attended. Some baptisms have already taken place, and the brethren have a list of one hundred and thirty names of persons who are definitely interested, and among whom follow-up work is being done.

Some months ago an incident occurred in Alexandria which gave a great deal of favourable publicity to our work, and contributed to the excellent attendance at

our evangelistic meetings. The husband of one of our Adventist sisters, who is a Greek Catholic, at first opposed his wife's attendance at Adventist meetings. Later, as a result of the prayers and witnessing of our faithful sister, the husband came to some of our meetings. The Greek bishop severely reprimanded him for this and threatened to excommunicate him if he continued to attend meetings with those heretical Seventh-day Adventists. He persisted, however, although still continuing to attend faithfully the services of his own church. Finally the bishop lost patience with him and had him excommunicated. This action was announced in the newspapers.

Ordinarily such an action against a man would result in his being boycotted by the stores and business houses under the influence of the Catholic Church. In Western lands we have little conception of how serious and painful an experience it is to be excommunicated from this powerful church in those lands in which it holds sway. In this case, however, the action of the bishop was resented by a large number of people, and in protest and out of curiosity many of them attended the Adventist evangelistic meetings and have become genuinely interested in God's message of truth for these last perilous days.

War and persecution serve only to stimulate interest in our message. The meagre working force in Egypt needs to be reinforced so that these remarkable new interests can be taken advantage of. Let us pray for the continuance of God's protecting care upon the Branson family, who have so nobly carried on with their work in Egypt when hundreds of other foreigners, including missionaries, left the country because of the dangers of war. May there be a bountiful harvest of souls during this year from this ancient land of the Pharaohs.

## Our Doctors in Africa

J. F. WRIGHT

One phase of our mission work that is being greatly blessed of the Lord today is our medical work. We have ten hospitals and twenty-seven dispensaries. I wish we had many more hospitals. Our doctors today who are devoted and consecrated to our work are wielding a mighty influence in helping to break down the powers of witchcraft and superstition and in battling with disease. We are seeing miracles performed under our doctors in Africa that are just as great and genuine as anything that happened in apostolic times.

One of our doctors not long ago was called to perform an operation on a man who had been given up by other doctors. Our doctor was finally called in for a consultation, and when he arrived he found the patient at the point of death. He said a blood transfusion must be given. They knew nothing about that sort of thing in that part of the country. The transfusion was given, and the patient began to recover somewhat. Later he had to undergo a very heavy operation. When the operation was performed, with government doctors standing around, this doctor quietly bowed his head and said: "O God, help; direct this knife, guide my hand, help me to find the trouble." And it is wonderful what the Lord did for that man, and his fame went through all that country.

Today several of our doctors are being used wonderfully of the Lord, and they love this message. Not long ago a chief medical director of the government came to one of our doctors and said that they would gladly give him £80 a month with all expenses paid if he would leave the mission and work for them. The doctor looked this medical officer in the face and said, "I didn't come to Africa to do that sort of thing. When I am ready to do that I will return to my home country." The Lord is using that man in a wonderful way in Bechuanaland.

We have today four well-regulated leper colonies. Recently the Nyasaland government chose the leper colony at Malamulo Mission as the chief leper colony of the whole district, and it is encouraging us to build it up to take care of five hundred lepers. During the time it has been there about one hundred have been discharged with the leprosy healed or arrested.

### Among the Indians of South America

G. A. ROBERTS

Two years ago, about one hundred families of Indians of the Sierra Nevadas of Santa Marta, Colombia, while living in the lowlands, learned of this truth and began to keep the Sabbath. They were persecuted, and they moved up in the mountains to establish a new town. Recently six chiefs from that section came two days' journey down the mountains to meet our people and to request teachers. They have built a house for the worker and have erected a church. One of our faithful lay families has moved there and is teaching them the truth.

### Around the Conferences

#### Valedictory

A. N. MURCHISON

A valedictory service was held on Sunday morning, 23rd February, in the home of the writer, for the purpose of bidding farewell to our beloved Pastor P. G. Foster and family, who have been transferred to Bairnsdale.

They have officiated in our midst for the past six years; and although their charge here extended from the Otways to Hamilton, embracing Warrnambool, Campedown, Colac, and many lesser centres, so zealous was our faithful pastor in the work of the Master that even we isolated members were not forgotten, but rather, as one member remarked, we had received one-hundred-per-cent service.

Pastor Foster enjoined his hearers to hold faithful and true to the promises of God, particularly stressing that beautiful promise found in John 14: 2, 3, the fulfilment of which will be God's good pleasure to all those who at His coming are found steadfast and true.

At the conclusion of his address, Brother Murchison, senior, on behalf of the Ferguson company, presented to Pastor Foster and family a Pyrex casserole and stand nicely inscribed, as a small token of love and esteem; and intimated the regret we all felt at losing such good friends, who had somehow entwined themselves about

our hearts. Other members spoke in a similar strain of appreciation.

In responding, both Pastor and Sister Foster expressed their heartfelt gratitude and pleasure for the beautiful gift, and told of the joy they had in visiting this particular area, as they always felt they were coming home.

Thus ended a very pleasant function, although tintured with regret at the temporary loss of our friends.

### Regional Meetings, N. N. S. W.

The evening of Friday, March 21, found a contingent of conference workers making their way through a driving shower of rain to the well-lit interior of a hall in Wingham, a town situated about 130 miles north of Newcastle. The Advent believers from Taree and Wingham and surrounding districts were assembled, as well as a few interested friends who came to hear the message of the hour. Pastor J. S. Jackson, the local evangelist, was in charge, and he passed the meeting over to Pastor J. W. Kent, conference president, and Pastor W. D. Lauder, conference M.V. secretary, who each spoke timely words of exhortation. Pastor Lauder spoke on the need of giving the world a practical demonstration of Christianity—letting the world see Jesus in us, and Pastor Kent took for his subject, "Knowing the Times."

On Sabbath morning the Sabbath school at Taree, under the care of Brother Terry Brooks, found its numbers enhanced by visiting members from Moorlands, Forster, Tuncurry, and Coopernook, as well as the main body from Wingham. Our Sabbath school membership at Taree-Wingham is about fifty. Miss Rogers, conference Sabbath school secretary, spoke on the achievements of the Sabbath school in the world field. Pastor Kent's topic for the service following was, "Give diligence to make your calling and election sure." Brother Wright, the local M.V. leader, passed the afternoon session over to Pastor

Lauder, and in this meeting three dreams of Christ were told by Miss Rogers, Mrs. Lauder, and Pastor Kent, revealing the Saviour as He visited, one by one, those who needed His presence. At night a social gathering in the home of Brother and Sister Bowen was enjoyed by M.V.'s and J.M.V.'s, with the older folk looking on. This meeting concluded the series, as the sad news of the death of our dear Pastor Steed necessitated our immediate return to Newcastle to attend his funeral.

On Friday evening, April 25, about thirty gathered in the Oddfellows' Hall, Kempsey, where Pastor and Mrs. Evan Tucker are labouring, to enjoy the lantern slides shown by Pastor G. H. Engelbrecht, lately returned on furlough from the New Hebrides. Pastor Engelbrecht's sympathetic portrayal of the needs of the people—physical and spiritual—as well as his inspiring stories of the good work accomplished there—held the interest of all. The picture of "Little Lottie Atchin"—the heroine of a recent Sabbath school missionary exercise as the baby who was nearly buried alive with her dead mother, was shown. The New Hebrides Sabbath school membership is 1,200—just a little less than half the Sabbath school membership of the North N.S.W. Conference, and the baptized membership is 500.

Sabbath morning two carloads of Port Macquarie members swelled the ranks. The Sabbath school, under the care of Miss Rogers and Brother W. Lewis, enjoyed the study of Peter relating his experience with Cornelius to the brethren at Jerusalem, and the gospel reaching Antioch. The children enjoyed the lesson of the raising of Lazarus. Brother Engelbrecht related Sabbath school experiences from the New Hebrides. In the M.V. meeting Pastor Lauder spoke on the call of Christ to the youth of today, and pictured the reality of the Christian life. His words brought a stirring appeal to the hearts of those who listened. After a short interval another meeting convened, this time with Pastor Engelbrecht in charge. He told us that the school work in the New Hebrides accomplishes a great deal for the people there, men and women, boys and girls. Where other means fail, the school work reaches them all. One very touching story was told of a girl named Jave, who was given the position of preceptress in our school. Her wages were to be £1 a month. As she had a husband, James, the brethren approached her to discover whether they should pay the full wages to Jave, or divide them between her husband and herself. After a discussion with James in their own language, Jave turned to the brethren and said, "If you give James five shillings and give me five shillings, that will do." The brethren were greatly impressed with this spirit of sacrifice. Needless to say, they did not accede to the request, but paid the full £1. Surely such stories as this prove to us that in the islands of the sea God has in reserve a firmament of chosen ones that will shine forth amid the darkness, revealing clearly to an apostate world the transformation that comes to those who keep His law.

On Saturday night an enjoyable time was spent at the home of Sister Bardon, where the surplus energies of youth were consumed in games, under the supervision of Pastor Lauder.

Sunday was "Departmental Day." The five objectives of the Sabbath school were dealt with by Miss Rogers, assisted by



### To a Butterfly

SAMUEL ROGERS

Child of the sun! pursue thy rapturous flight;  
Mingle with her thou lov'st in fields of light;  
And where the flowers of paradise unfold,  
Quaff fragrant nectar from their cups of gold;  
There shall thy wings, rich as an evening sky,  
Expand and shut with silent ecstasy!  
Yet wert thou once a worm—a thing that crept  
On the bare earth, then wrought a tomb,  
and slept!  
And such is man; soon from his cell of clay  
To burst a seraph in the blaze of day!

Pastor Kent and Pastor Lauder, and a demonstration was given of "teaching a Junior class." Pastor Lauder for the M.V. Department presented the challenge of the present hour to the Advent youth, and outlined the purpose of the M.V. Society, reporting, giving a talk or reading, and the Master Comrade course. Pastor Kent's practical demonstration of how to read was greatly appreciated.

"For what were you born?" was the question Miss Rogers asked the Juniors in presenting to them the wonderful heritage God has given them in the call to follow the footsteps of the great pioneers of this movement. Eyes round with interest were fixed on Pastor Lauder as he pictured the joys and activities of Junior Camp, and hands went up enthusiastically when asked for a decision to attend the next camp.

A cold change had set in, so a blazing camp-fire on the bank of the pretty Macleay River seemed in order for the teatime session. Stirring Junior songs and a brief star study were all that could be fitted in, for there was the night meeting to follow, and the potatoes had to be cooked for tea. Roasted chokos and hot toast added variety to the meal, so it was a real camp-fire after all!

The audience that listened to Pastor Kent's exposition on "Russia in Prophecy," though limited in numbers, was certainly not lacking in interest.

Monday morning the conference car turned its nose homeward once more, the occupants feeling that it "had been good to be there." We trust that the spiritual blessings received by our dear people will be fruitful in soul-winning in the very near future. During a brief visit at Port Macquarie, further plans were made for the clearing and preparing of our permanent camp site. To see Port Macquarie is to love it, and as the beauties of this unspoiled corner of God's garden seeped in upon our senses, we thought once more of the boys and girls of this conference, and the privilege that is to be theirs next January, D.V., when the 1942 Junior Camp will be held.—M. E. R.



### *N-E-W-S of the N.E.W.S.*

Knowing that the readers of the "Record" are keenly interested in the activities of our National Emergency and Welfare Service, we are happy to pass on to you just a few facts and figures relative to the work.

From one end of this Division to the other, our church membership has rallied to the call of this service, and are working with might and main to relieve distress at home and abroad, and also to prepare themselves by intensive and efficient training for any major disaster that may overtake us in the home field. The whole-hearted manner in which our people have entered into these branches of service has won for them well-deserved commenda-

tion from the highest quarters, and we know that God's blessing is being added to the work.

To tell you the story in full would take a long time. We could tell you of cheerful, happy self-sacrifice of our members from the North to the South, from the East to the West. Hundreds and hundreds of pairs of socks have been knitted and handed over to those in need. Suits of pyjamas by the score have been made, cases of goods have been packed and forwarded to those in England who have been bombed from house and home. Other cases are still waiting shipment. Hours upon hours of Christian help work have been put in by our various Auxiliaries; one company making itself responsible for cleaning out and polishing up a new Red Cross hospital, while the men-folk of the party cleaned the grounds and cut the wood. The officials of the Red Cross were astounded at the cheerful way this party arrived early in the morning on a big lorry with a song on their lips, and after a hard day's work and everything looking as spick and span as a new pin, still going away with a song. I could tell you of another Auxiliary meeting week by week, cutting bandages and preparing dressings and swabs against the day that we all hope will never come. We could tell you of eight or nine working divisions of the St. John Ambulance Brigade overseas, that have been organized among our members, staffed with their own officers, and under our own control. Without exception, these have received the highest commendation from Brigade Headquarters for their efficiency and keenness on their work. We believe that more than 5,000 of our members have successfully passed and received certificates for their study in First Aid or Home Nursing. We think there should be at least, however, another 5,000 to 10,000, because the more we know the more our help can be given in the day of need.

It would be difficult in a short article to tell it all to you, but it is a story of self-sacrifice, with all of the actual living in the life of the Christian principles that the Master gave to His church. We read that He "went about doing good," and so as we continue with this good work we believe that God's blessing will rest upon all who participate in it. There is much to be done. Every church should have its Auxiliary, its Dorcas Society, and its members training for efficiency in these lines of Christian help work that the world needs so much just now. We are glad to report there are 25 of our Home Nursing Kits now in use in the field. We have plenty more ready to send out when needed. Here again is an excellent avenue for that real Christian service upon which the Master placed so much blessing.

It will probably interest you to know that the whole fleet of the Sanitarium Health Food Company's delivery vans have now been fitted so that in a matter of minutes they can be converted from ordinary commercial vehicles to completely fitted ambulances, the majority of them capable of carrying six patients at one time. This fleet numbers 43. The staff of the Sanitarium Health Food Company is giving of its best, and preparing efficiently for the time when these might be needed. Each van when turned out is staffed by a trained driver, an off-sider, and in most cases a lady attendant, to-

gether with a fully equipped Emergency First Aid Outfit. The authorities in every state have expressed themselves as being very grateful indeed for this gesture. So the story might go on. Eternity alone will reveal the full measure of self-sacrifice that these lines of practical Christian help work have entailed, but we know that God's blessing will rest upon you all as you endeavour to fit yourselves more efficiently for His service.

R. E. Hare.  
Secretary, N.E.W.S.

### *Some Interesting Correspondence*

C. S. LONGACRE

An editorial appeared on February 2, 1941, in one of the leading Roman Catholic periodicals known as "Our Sunday Visitor—the Popular National Catholic Action Weekly," written by the Most Reverend John F. Noll, D.D., editor in chief. In this editorial Bishop Noll said:

"The communist, the socialist, the Jehovah's Witness, the Mormon, the Seventh-day Adventist, those belonging to organizations which are either anti-Christian or at considerable variance with the Catholic and Protestant religions, make good use of the press, and every member is expected to be a missionary for its wider introduction. If error can be so zealous, then, of course, truth should be ten times more zealous."

On February 11, the writer addressed the following letter to the Reverend John F. Noll, D.D., of Huntington, Indiana:—

"Editor of 'Our Sunday Visitor,'

"In the 'Sunday Visitor' of February 2, 1941, you wrote an editorial in which you said: 'The communist, the socialist, the Jehovah's Witness, the Mormon, the Seventh-day Adventist, those belonging to organizations which are either anti-Christian or at considerable variance with the Catholic and Protestant religions, make good use of the press, and every member is expected to be a missionary for its wider introduction. If error can be so zealous then, of course, truth should be ten times more zealous.'

"You did not specifically say in which classification you placed the Seventh-day Adventist—'anti-Christian' or 'at considerable variance with the Catholic and Protestant religions.' If we are anti-Christian as Seventh-day Adventists, I wish you would point out wherein we are anti-Christian. If we are at considerable variance with the Catholic and Protestant religions, that at once places Seventh-day Adventists not only outside the Catholic creed but also outside the Protestant religion. We thought we had many things in common with the general Protestant religion, and the Protestant leaders have always been willing to affiliate with us as co-equals in the Protestant faith.

"I can understand your statement about Seventh-day Adventists being at variance with certain doctrines held by the Catholic Church, but I cannot understand wherein we differ very fundamentally from the Protestant religion. In spite of our disagreements with the Catholic creed in some respects, yet we have never hesitated to defend the Catholics in their rights to their beliefs.

"I was surprised when I read your editorial, and you put us in the same class with communists and socialists. We have no more sympathy for such un-American

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organizations than your church has, and it does not feel good to be classed with these ungodly elements which deny the fundamentals of Christianity. We Seventh-day Adventists believe in the inspiration of the Bible and believe that Jesus Christ is our only hope of salvation, and that He has made complete and final atonement for all our sins. We believe that God offers salvation to all Catholics as well as He does to Seventh-day Adventists, if they will accept it.

"I do not think there is any justification for what you said in that article about Seventh-day Adventists. Such statements do not make for Christian unity and harmony between Catholics and Protestants in these days when it is so desperately needed.

"Sincerely yours,

On February 20, 1941, the writer received the following courteous, Christian, and apologetic letter from the Bishop's House, Diocese of Fort Wayne, Fort Wayne, Indiana, from Bishop Noll himself:—

"Dear Mr Longacre,

"Your letter addressed to me in care of 'Our Sunday Visitor' was sent here for an answer, and I beg to reply as follows:—

"I can readily see how the clause within the sentence which begins 'communists, socialists, the Jehovah's Witnesses, the Mormon, the Seventh-day Adventist' might be related to those groups, but that was not my intention. If the word 'and' had followed the word 'Adventist,' it could not be given the construction which you give it, and which was not at all in my mind.

"In that article appearing in 'Our Sunday Visitor' an effort was made to stimulate our Catholic people to show a little zeal for the spread of the Catholic Press, such as do members of the organizations mentioned.

"I have long known the zeal of the Seventh-day Adventists, and not only have admired it, but have often praised it in public addresses as well as in 'Our Sunday Visitor' in past numbers.

"No, I certainly do not rate the Seventh-day Adventists with the communists and socialists nor with any anti-Christian group.

"What was really in my mind when I wrote that article was to ally the Seventh-day Adventists with the members of other organizations who make great sacrifices to further their particular cause. I am more familiar than you may realize with the Adventists' battle for freedom of conscience, having seen quite regularly your

periodical 'Liberty' while I was actually the editor of 'Our Sunday Visitor,' prior to 1925. My name still appears as editor, although I have not very close contact with the publication any longer, and do not get to its office more than once in every three months.

"I assure you once more that instead of entertaining any animosity toward the Adventist organization, I have considerably more sympathy for it than for Protestant organizations generally which are far less consistent than is the Adventist in this that while repudiating the authority of the Catholic Church, they have not only accepted the Bible from her hands as genuine and inspired, but they have followed the Catholic Church also in observing Sunday rather than the Saturday as the day of public worship.

"With best wishes, I am,

"Yours sincerely in Christ,

The writer greatly appreciates the kindly Christian spirit in which this letter is written, and also the compliments Bishop Noll gives the Adventists for their missionary zeal. But the most significant statement in this frank and courteous letter is the fact that this eminent Catholic writer and editor regards the Seventh-day Adventists as the only "consistent" followers of the Bible in their refusal to follow "the Catholic Church in observing Sunday rather than the Saturday as the day of public worship."

We wish Seventh-day Adventists might deserve the zeal for which they are credited. God forbid that we should ever compromise the truth and the great fundamental principles for which our forefathers have so loyally stood. Let us remember that it is easier to apostatize than it is to suffer martyrdom.

"Each man is a walking coal mine, and it is for him to decide whether it shall send forth light and heat, or only soot and smoke."

## WEDDING BELLS

HOLMESBY-ARDLEY.—On April 15, 1941, Henry Edmond Holmesby and Frances Dorothy Clarissa Ardley were joined in the bonds of matrimony at Hurstville church, N.S.W. After the ceremony guests were entertained by Brother and Sister B. Hart, who have proved to be real foster parents to the bride since she lost her own. May God bless these young people, and help them in upholding the standards of the message which they have learned from the days of their youth.

G. G. Stewart.

DINES-DI SALVIA.—On April 10 a large number of relatives and friends gathered in the Parramatta church, N.S.W., to witness the marriage of Geoffrey William Dines and Thelma Maud di Salvia. The bridegroom has been in the employ of the A.U.C. for the past five years, assisting in the tent house at Strathfield; while the bride is a member of a very fine family which has always been active in church work. We rejoice in the establishment of another home where the standards of the message will be well maintained.

G. G. Stewart.

FURNESS-NEWBOLD.—The South Brisbane church was tastefully decorated for the marriage on March 26, 1941, of Neil Furness with Muriel Newbold. The bride is the daughter of Brother and Sister L. E. Newbold of Annerley, Brisbane. The ceremony took place in the presence of a large number of friends, whose good wishes the young couple carry with them in their united lives.

E. H. Guilliard.

STEPHENSON-FORD.—A quiet wedding was celebrated at the home of Mr. F. Ford of Murwillumbah on April 14, 1941, the contracting parties being Miss Merle Ford, daughter of the above, and Mr. James Stephenson. Relatives and friends of both Mr. and Mrs. Stephenson wish these young people every good thing as they make their home in Wollongong, N.S.W., and we pray that God's blessing may be on this union.

T. Howse.



"In the morn of glory breaking,  
Beautiful shall be thy waking."

PONTEY.—After a long and painful illness, borne with great patience and fortitude, Edworth Pontey passed to his rest in the Lord on April 28, 1941, at the age of 53. Brother Pontey first gave his heart to the Lord under the influence of his wife, who will be remembered by many as a very successful colporteur in Newcastle, and about fifteen years ago took a definite stand at the Broadmeadow camp. To his sorrowing wife and family we extend our deepest sympathy. Pastor S. W. Carr and Brother J. T. Young assisted in the services at the house and in the cemetery.

E. H. Guilliard.

## Notices

**WANTED:** A few acres, with dwelling if possible, near river or water. E. A. Angel, Ermington Post Office, N.S.W.

**WANTED:** Lad for poultry farm; wages (with keep), 15s. or more according to ability. Live with family. Apply in first instance to J. L. Smith, Box 27, P.O., Hamilton, N.S.W.

**FOR SALE:** 65 acres, 1½ miles from Dora Creek station; water and electric light available. Particulars: 12, Dora Creek P.O., N.S.W.

**FOR SALE:** 8 acres, frontage to Coorabong Road (fenced); 40 navel orange and few mixed trees, bearing. Few fowls, cow and calf, wire-netting for trellising peas. House: weatherboard, 6 large rooms, hall, kitchen, bath, laundry and garage, veranda three sides; electricity, water under construction in the area, lawn and flowers. Price £850; reasonable terms arranged. Archie Foster, Dora Creek, N.S.W.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT:** Will the anonymous sender of £1 7s. tithe to the South N.S.W. Conference please accept the thanks of the treasurer.

**HOME FOR PENSIONER:** Clean, sober, male pensioner offered good home and food in return for services. Write F. Possett, Showground Road, Castle Hill, N.S.W.

## BREVITIES

Sister Ralph Farrar arrived in Wahroonga from Lord Howe Island a few weeks ago, and will be remaining some time in the homeland.

Our readers will be sorry to learn that since Pastor Tolhurst's return from Tonga to connect with the Maori work in New Zealand, he has been confined to his bed for many weeks. We are glad to learn, however, that his health condition is now improving.

We are happy to provide in this issue most interesting matter from the world field. We regret, however, that reports from our own field are conspicuous by their absence. Presidents, evangelists, missionaries, let us have your brief and inspiring reports. Please look upon this as urgent. Many thanks.

Brother T. A. Mitchell, Union Home Missions Secretary, has reported that the 1940 Big Week results are a record in Australasian denominational history. More than £1,900 has been recorded to date. This year's Appeal for Missions is the best for the home field for twelve years, the present total of the aim reached being 120 per cent. Amounts for this fund are still coming in. Surely, "This is the Lord's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes."

In a recent letter from Pastor W. D. Smith of Norfolk Island, after expressing his confidence in the Message and the ultimate triumph of the cause of God, he speaks of the "Record" as follows: "I must compliment you on the good things which the 'Record' is now producing. As one reads the various articles written by those at home and those in the mission field, it seems that a new life has come into the little paper. We welcome its visits, you may be sure."

A few items of news from the South N.Z. Conference minutes: "At Dunedin Brother S. H. Wood is settling into his work nicely, and his mission is enjoying an average attendance of about 150. At Timaru Brother G. Weslake commenced a mission on the 30th March. At Christchurch the workers are kept very busy, and Pastor S. M. Uttley expects to gather good fruit from the Sydenham Mission. Brother Christian's work at Nelson is opening up in a quiet way, and he is getting into some very good homes."

### After Many Days

S. H. CARNAHAN

Some weeks ago I received from one of our church workers in Puerto Rico some information which was of keen interest to me. He said that he had met a man who had a copy of "Steps to Christ," which he treasured because a man named Carnahan in Oregon, had sent it to him in 1922.

I had often wondered what had happened to the man to whom I sent this book. It seemed that now, after eighteen years, this gift is bearing fruit for God.

Having been informed of the present address of this man, I sent him a card, and received a very heartening response, which I quote in part as follows:—

"The book you sent me eighteen years ago is still in good condition. I use it frequently, especially when a perplexing problem falls upon my soul. First I pray; then I open the book at random, and where it falls open, I read. It has never failed to give me good counsel. Following the 'Steps to Christ' I have reformed my ways of living, and God has improved my health, when doctors of the world have failed.

"For some time I tried to live the Christian life by myself, but this year I have felt the need of a church; so every Saturday I now go to the Seventh-day Adventist church to study the Bible. On Monday nights I attend a class for the instruction of baptismal candidates, and I think I shall soon be ready for baptism. Then I will try even harder to follow God's directions found in the Scriptures.

"I have always remembered you for the valuable present you gave me.

"I am yet teaching English and Spanish in the intermediate grades of the public school. I hope to meet you in the Promised Land."

### "He Bides Here"

DAPHNE WARBURTON

"Yes, Matron, I'm happy and comfortable. I did not think there was so much rest to be found anywhere in the world."

"The atmosphere here reminds me of Sunday, or what Sunday ought to be."

"Years ago I stayed at the Sydney Sanitarium when very ill. The night I arrived I was very depressed, but when I saw the nurses next morning I felt I was lifted into a heavenly atmosphere. I have loved these people ever since."

"I am writing to many friends who should come here for rest."

"One has only to walk into the peaceful atmosphere of this place to know that the people here live their religion—not just talk it."

"I have enjoyed myself, so I shall be back here next year if I am spared."

"There was a little flower on the tray on Sabbath morning, with a nice little verse. I have kept mine."

### HAVE FAITH AND COURAGE

Let us be encouraged by the thought that the Lord is soon to come. Let this hope gladden our hearts. "Yet a little while, and He that shall come will come, and will not tarry." Heb. 10: 37. . . . We are homeward bound. He who loved us so much as to die for us, hath builded for us a city. The New Jerusalem is our place of rest. There will be no sadness in the city of God. . . . Soon the garments of heaviness will be changed for the wedding garment. Soon we shall witness the coronation of our King. Those whose lives have been hidden with Christ, those who on this earth have fought the good fight of faith, will shine forth with the Redeemer's glory in the kingdom of God.—"Testimonies," Vol. IX, page 287.

"All these people are sincere."

"I have never been so contented anywhere away from home before. The atmosphere is so friendly, and no discording."

"I feel years younger, and am boosting this place to everyone I meet."

"All here seem to catch the good spirit."

Thus spoke the many patients with whom it has been my happy privilege to mingle during the past weeks at the Warburton Hydro; and to my mind came the encouraging thought that our Jesus is doing in the lives of His children the work He has promised to do even though at times the enemy does attempt to discourage us with thoughts of failure. His promises are sure.

When planning to write these words for the "Record," there came to my mind a little story which I feel aptly describes our restful Hydro.

A dear old lady who lived in the vicinity of Balmoral Castle loved to show a cup and saucer which had been used by Queen Victoria when she visited her cottage on one occasion. A minister of the gospel when visiting her one day was somewhat concerned lest the dear lady was thinking too much of earthly royalty; so he asked her the question, "And does the heavenly King visit you in your cottage sometimes?" "Yes," said this child of God, "He bides here."

That each one of those who read this "Record" at the Hydro and in every home throughout the land may be able to say continually, "He bides here," is my sincere prayer.

### An Atheist Silenced

Pastor F. A. Allum has kindly sent us for publication portion of a letter received by him from a colporteur friend, who relates this experience:

"You will be pleased to hear that the Lord is blessing my efforts on the spiritual book.

"Yesterday I canvassed a lady, and she was very susceptible to the sections on our times and their meaning. She sent me out to see her husband. Imagine my surprise when I opened my prospectus to see him throw his hands to heaven, saying, 'There is no God. If there were He would strike me dead now for saying this.' He further blasphemed in livid language. God did not strike him dead, but He struck him almost dumb. I personally felt a strange power, and said nothing. The man could say nothing for a few seconds. Then he said in a very quiet, subdued voice very much in contrast to his loud, blasphemous shouting of a few minutes before: 'How much are the books?' I told him, and showed him the combined plan, saying, 'You know what you will be getting, don't you? Three books on the Word of God and two medical.' He was still silent. He suddenly turned to his son and quietly said: 'Go up and give him a cheque for the lot (£4 5s.) and take the books today.'

"The power of the Holy Spirit's presence was so marked that I actually felt it, and if you had first heard this man when he said he would have nothing to do with the books, and used most filthy language, you would appreciate more the mighty power that made him change so quickly as to seem a miracle. I thought of the hymn: 'There is power, wonder-working power.'

"For two days this week I have received eighteen orders, valued at £38 5s."