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THE inhabitants of this war-torn world are longing for peace to come. However, but few realize that real peace can come to the heart and to this troubled world only as we allow the love of God to rule in our lives.

Today it appears that victory for the armed forces of the Allies is in sight. But we are cautioned against complacency, and urged not to cease our vigilance and activities in providing the munitions of war necessary for the promotion of the war to final victory. There is great danger of complacency on the part of the people of our nation, thinking that the war is already won.

Even more serious is the fact that the sin of complacency regarding the promotion of the work of God in the earth is to be found in the remnant church today. "It is a mystery that there are not hundreds at work where now there is but one. The heavenly universe is astonished at the apathy, the coldness, the listlessness of those who profess to be sons and daughters of God. In the truth there is a living power."—*Testimonies*, Vol. IX, page 42.

The Lord has this to say regarding the sins, self-satisfaction, and indifference: "Curse ye Meroz, said the angel of the Lord, curse ye bitterly the inhabitants thereof; because they came not to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty." Judges 5: 23.

The hope for a time of peace following this war is causing many of us to believe that we shall yet be granted a time of peace in which to complete our unfinished task of giving the gospel to all the world. It is true, we must finish our

Preparation for SERVICE

● H. W. VOLLMER, M.D.



Franz Hanfstaengl

By Zimmerman

"Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."

task, but note the following admonition: "The work which the church has failed to do in a time of peace and prosperity, she will have to do in a terrible crisis, under most discouraging, forbidding circumstances. The warnings that worldly conformity has silenced or withheld must be given under the fiercest opposition from enemies of the faith. . . . The members of the church will individually be tested and proved. They will be placed in circumstances where they will be forced to bear witness for the truth."—*Testimonies*, Vol. V, page 463.

From our study of the prophecies, we should know that even though actual hostilities on the battle-field may cease, we shall still be living in a troubled world. Years ago these words were sent to the church: "Soon grievous troubles will arise among the nations, troubles that will not cease until Jesus comes."

No well-informed Seventh-day Adventist will doubt that we are living in the time of trouble referred to in "Early Writings," page 85. A time just before the closing of probation and the pouring out of the seven last plagues.

Note this timely admonition, "Christians should be preparing for what is soon to break upon the world as an overwhelming surprise, and this preparation they should make by diligently studying the Word of God, and striving to conform their lives to its precepts. . . . God calls for a revival and a reformation." ("Prophets and Kings," page 626.) "Christians should be preparing." Note that this preparation calls first of all for a diligent study of the Word

of God. Such a study will lead to a revival and a reformation in our life practices in every respect. It will create within our hearts a greater burden for the salvation of souls, and this will, in turn, lead us to realize our need of a more definite preparation for the service that God is calling for in this crisis hour. "Not one in a hundred among us is doing anything beyond engaging in common, worldly enterprise. We are not half awake to the worth of the souls for which Christ died."—"Testimonies," Vol. VIII, page 148.

"We should not let slip even one opportunity of qualifying ourselves intellectually to work for God." ("Christ's Object Lessons," page 334.) As ministers and leaders in every line, our responsibility is pointed out in these words: "The best help that ministers can give the members of our churches is not sermonizing, but planning work for them. Give each one something to do for others. Help all to see that as receivers of the grace of Christ they are under obligation to work for Him. And let all be taught how to work. Especially should those who are newly come to the faith be educated to become labourers together with God." "There should be no delay in this well-planned effort to educate the church members."—"Testimonies," Vol. IX, pages 82, 119.

Soon the church is to experience opposition to God's work even more than we do today. "Soon the battle will be waged fiercely between those who serve God and those who serve Him not. Soon everything that can be shaken will be shaken, that those things that cannot be shaken may remain." (Id., pages 15, 16.) Day by day we are witnessing increasing evidence of the fulfilment of this prophecy. Our liberties are being threatened. Are we prepared to meet the events as they arise? "As religious aggression subverts the liberties of our nation, those who would stand for freedom of conscience will be placed in unfavourable positions. For their own sake, they should, while they have opportunity, become intelligent in regard to disease, its causes, prevention, and cure. And those who do this will find a field of labour anywhere. There will be suffering ones, plenty of them, who will need help, not only among those of our own faith, but largely among those who know not the truth." ("Counsels on Health," page 506.) These words infer that religious persecution and epidemics will prevail in our nation at the same time.

Legislation pertaining to the curtailment of our liberties is being promoted by misguided zealots. Our public health authorities are warning us continually regarding the dangers of epidemics of disease. "Again the four horsemen of the apocalypse are riding. Once more war, hunger, disease, and death destroy mankind. The horsemen of today travel with the increased speed of mechanized transportation. Today the possibilities for sudden and widespread outbreaks of disease arising far from their endemic foci are more likely than ever previously."—"Journal of American Medical Association," Aug. 2, 1941.

God's call today is for His church, leaders and lay members, to prepare for the kind of service demanded by the needs of the world. These needs are fast becoming more acute. Our slogan should be, "Every church a training school for Christian workers."

We all need to study that we may know how to give the right arm of the message its rightful place in our personal lives and in our service to others. "Every church should be a training school for Christian workers. Its members should be taught how to give Bible readings, how to conduct and teach Sabbath school classes, how best to help the poor and to care for the sick, how to work for the unconverted. There should not only be teaching, but actual work under experienced instructors. Let the teachers lead the way in working among the people, and others, uniting with them, will learn from their example. One example is worth more than many precepts."—"Ministry of Healing," page 149.

Wherever possible we should organize such classes. Where this is not possible, plan home study groups as suggested by

the following counsel: "Many who desire to obtain knowledge in medical missionary lines have home duties that will sometimes prevent them from meeting with others for study. These may learn much in their own homes in regard to the expressed will of God concerning these lines of missionary work, thus increasing their ability to help others."—"Counsels on Health," page 427.

It may not always be convenient to organize for such study, but do not the needs of these last hours demand that we inconvenience ourselves for the salvation of souls who are dying in sin? Christ did this for us when He left heaven and came to this world. "The world needs today what it needed nineteen hundred years ago—a revelation of Christ." ("Ministry of Healing," page 143.) A Christ who "mingled with men as one who desired their good."

Number TWO of the Series

Sister White Answers a Few Inquiries Regarding Her Work

A. L. WHITE, Secretary Ellen G. White Publications

Inquiry: How do you find time to do so much writing?

Sister White: "I am very busy with my writing. Early and late, I am writing out the matters that the Lord opens before me. The burden of my work is to prepare a people to stand in the day of the Lord."¹

"Through nearly the whole of my long experience I have endeavoured day by day to write out that which was revealed to me in visions of the night. Many messages of counsel and reproof and encouragement have been sent out to individuals, and much of the instruction that I have received for the church has been published in periodicals and books, and circulated in many lands."²

Inquiry: Tell us a little more about the writing. Did the Lord direct you in the exact wording of your messages?

Sister White: "Although I am as dependent upon the Spirit of the Lord in writing my views as I am in receiving them, yet the words I employ in describing what I have seen are my own, unless they be those spoken to me by an angel, which I always enclose in marks of quotation."³

Inquiry: Surely you must have had literary assistance in preparing many articles and books for publication. Won't you explain this to us?

Sister White: "While my husband lived he acted as a helper and counsellor in the sending out of the messages that were given to me. We travelled extensively. Sometimes light would be given to me in the night season, sometimes in the daytime before large congregations. The instruction I received in vision was faithfully written out by me as I had time and strength for the work. Afterward we examined the matter together, my husband correcting grammatical errors and eliminating needless repetition. Then it was carefully copied for the persons addressed, or for the printer."⁴

Inquiry: How about this part of your work in later years?

Sister White: "As the work grew others assisted me in the preparation of matter for publication. But the reports that are circulated, that any of my helpers are permitted to add matter or change the meaning of the messages I write out, are not true."⁵

Inquiry: Now, Sister White, we should like to ask a few questions about the writings themselves. We observe that in the "Testimonies" you have published many messages of a personal nature. Why is this?

Sister White: "Since the warning and instruction given in testimony for individual cases applied with equal force to many others who had not been specially pointed out in this manner, it seemed to be my duty to publish the personal testimonies for the benefit of the church. In 'Testimonies' 15 [Vol. II, page 9], speaking of the necessity for doing this, I said: 'I know of no better way to present my views of general dangers and errors, and the duty of all who love God and keep His commandments, than by giving these testimonies. Perhaps there is no more direct and forcible way of presenting what the Lord has shown me.'⁶

Inquiry: But how are these personal testimonies written years ago of importance to us today?

Sister White: "When the Lord singles out individual cases, and specifies their wrongs, others, who have not been shown in vision, frequently take it for granted that they are right, or nearly so. If one is reproved for a special wrong, brethren and sisters should carefully examine themselves to see wherein they have failed, and wherein they have been guilty of the same sin. They should possess the spirit of humble confession. If others think them right, it does not make them so. God looks at the heart. He is proving and testing souls in this manner. In rebuking the wrongs of one He designs to correct many."⁷

Inquiry: Is belief in the Spirit of prophecy vital to one's being a good Seventh-day Adventist?

Sister White: "It is Satan's plan to weaken the faith of God's people in the Testimonies. Satan knows how to make his attacks. He works upon minds to excite jealousy and dissatisfaction toward those at the head of the work. The gifts are next questioned; then, of course, they have but little weight, and instruction given through vision is disregarded. Next follows scepticism in regard to the vital points of our faith, the pillars of our position, then doubt as to the Holy Scriptures, and then the downward march to perdition. When the Testimonies which were once believed, are doubted and given up, Satan knows the deceived ones will not stop at this; and he redoubles his efforts till he launches them into open rebellion, which becomes incurable, and ends in destruction. By giving place to doubts and unbelief in regard to the work of God, and by cherishing feelings of distrust and cruel jealousies, they are preparing themselves for complete deception. They rise up with bitter feelings against the ones who dare to speak of their errors and reprove their sins."⁸

Inquiry: You would then consider it essential for new converts today to understand your work?

Sister White: "As the end draws near and the work of giving the last warning to the world extends, it becomes more important for those who accept present truth to have a clear understanding of the nature and influence of the Testimonies, which God in His providence has linked with the work of the third angel's message from its very rise."⁹

Inquiry: But, Sister White, there are a few things in your writings that I find difficult to explain to my own satisfaction.

Sister White: "Satan has ability to suggest doubts and to devise objections to the pointed testimony that God sends, and many think it a virtue, a mark of intelligence in them, to be unbelieving, and to question and quibble. Those who desire to doubt will have plenty of room. God does not propose to remove all occasion for unbelief. He gives evidence which must be carefully investigated with a humble mind and a teachable spirit; and all should decide from the weight of evidence. God gives sufficient evidence for the candid mind to believe; but he who turns from the weight of evidence because there are a few things which he cannot make plain to his finite understanding will be left in the cold, chilling atmosphere of unbelief and questioning doubts, and will make shipwreck of faith."¹⁰

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From Fields Afar

Welfare Work in Old Mexico

C. E. MOON

We began to work for the poor and needy in Mexico in a very humble way. Dorcas societies, cooking schools, classes in home nursing; clinics were organized; and then our welfare work at Monterey was started. We have tried to perfect an organization that would really help people to help themselves. We are visiting those who come for help, and determine the best way to administer the help, whether the need is for food, clothing, work, medical assistance, or the visit of a nurse. Food is given only to people who are incapacitated. The clothing, most of which is furnished by our Dorcas societies in the States, is distributed with care. The cooking schools help many people, especially mothers who must prepare food for their families.

We find the Mexican people very eager to better themselves along any line. We have held several nurses' training classes, bringing in selected members from the different missions to take a short course and thus prepare to go out and help others, and this has worked out in a wonderful way.

One of our student nurses, Brother Vicente Rodriguez, recently had a very interesting experience. He was on a train when a cyclone swept down, followed by a drenching rain that impeded forward traffic and washed out a bridge over which they had come so it was impossible to go back. They were left in a small town which had only two small hotels. The rain increased in intensity, and the conductor of the train told the passengers they could not go on. Everyone sought shelter, and our brother was assigned to a room in one hotel with a malaria patient occupying the same room. The roof leaked and everything in the room, including the beds, was soaked.

Our brother took out his medical kit and began helping the sick people and praying with them. Among the refugees from the train were engineers, lawyers, the chief of the health department of the state, salesmen, and American tourists. Many were sick. As our brother gave injections, administered pills, and gave water treatments, he attracted the attention of the health officer, who was not pleased. But when he found the people getting well he changed his attitude and became friendly. He introduced Brother Rodriguez to the judge and the mayor of the town.

One night the river rose, threatening the town, and the people took the image of the patron saint of the town into the streets, praying to it for relief. Our brother was glad that he could pray to the God of heaven, and know that He heard the prayer. He scattered literature, and even lent his Bible to some interested ones. Soon the people forgot about the saint and were remarking about the wonderful work of Adventists.

In Monterey our medical work is well established, with Dr. Raymundo Garza in charge. With the help of several nurses, as many as 10,000 patients are treated in a year.

We are planning that as soon as funds are available we shall tear down the old

building and build a large structure for our welfare work. The building will have a model kitchen for cooking demonstrations, a classroom for the home nursing classes, a place to store clothing and to keep food to be given to the poor as needed.

We recently had a visit from Dr. Gonzales of the State Hospital. After visiting all departments of the clinic and the church, which are nicely housed, he saw the welfare department in its old wooden building. When he spoke to our group of workers he said: "I am most impressed with your system of welfare work; more than anything else, this is what our people need."

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The Voice of Prophecy

(From the "Pacific Union Recorder")

The Seventh-day Adventist perspective is world-encompassing. If it were anything less than this, we would be untrue to the great commission of Matt. 28:19: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them."

From South America, where our programme is transmitted over more than fifty different stations in the Spanish and Portuguese languages, come the following translated excerpts as sent to us by Lylon H. Lindbeck, Radio Secretary of the South American Division. We pass them on to our readers for their encouragement.

Cauquenes, Chile: "The prophecies of the Holy Scriptures have always interested me, and I have often tried to find some interpretation for them. Fortunately now, through the help of the Voice of Prophecy, I have hopes of having my questions answered."

Republic of Chile: "I heartily congratulate you for this wonderful radio programme—a modern pulpit for all believers, and even for those who do not believe. Taking advantage of your offer, I am asking you to send me all the lectures which you can. For me, each one has great value. The one who writes you is a member of the Diocesan Council of the Catholic Action of this diocese, who, along with this request, takes pleasure in putting himself at your service."

Argentina: "The one who is writing this, a delegate of the Catholic Action of this place, the Parish of the Sacred Heart, addresses the directors of the very popular broadcast, The Voice of Prophecy, a broadcast to which I listen with great pleasure, with the object of asking you to enrol me in the course on the Holy Scriptures."

Tucuman, Argentina (a government official): "Being greatly interested in the themes which are presented in the broadcasts of The Voice of Prophecy, I take pleasure in extending to the director my heartiest congratulations for the achievement which it represents, especially in these moments of general unrest. In addition, I send my wishes for the complete success of this programme, carrying with it also greater prestige for this important station."

Every Thursday The Voice of Prophecy prayer circle meets to pray for our vast unseen audience. Will you join us?

Around the Conferences

North New South Wales Conference

W. J. WESTERMAN, President

As we review the results of our work in the North New South Wales Conference for the year 1944, we cannot fail to recognize God's care over His own work, and His blessing upon the labour of our hands, and as "labourers together with God" we express to Him our sincere gratitude for His abundant blessings.

At the beginning of the year the prospects for a good soul-winning year were anything but bright, as the public attendances at our evangelistic meetings were very discouraging, and a source of deep concern to us all; but discouragement must not be permitted to rule in our hearts, however dark the outward appearances might be. We remembered it was written of the One who is our example in soul-winning endeavour, "He shall not fail nor be discouraged." As the people did not appear desirous of leaving their homes to hear the message, the only thing to do was for us to take it to them in their own homes. Time was spent together in prayer and counsel, and emphasis was laid on the great need of planning for stronger personal evangelism. The counsel given us by the servant of God was presented, that, as with the Bible in our hands, and belief in the promises of God, we rendered to Him an earnest, consecrated, prayerful service, watching for souls as they that must give account, success would come to our work.

We cannot say that in any one particular place very spectacular results have been achieved, but as the reports have come in our hearts have rejoiced to find that the total number added to the church for the year's work was one hundred and one souls. We wished we could add another one to the sum and make it 1,101; but encouraged by the worthy example of the great apostle, we thanked God and took courage.

Our tithe receipts for the year constituted an all-time record for our conference, and the receipts for January of this year showed a big increase over the receipts for the corresponding month of last year.

We are pleased to report that our literature workers are not neglecting their responsibilities, and throughout the year they have sent in names of interested folk, and a number of souls are now rejoicing in the message as a result.

We have been doing our best to "gather in the sheaves" from Pastor Naden's broadcasts, but we cannot say we are entirely satisfied with the result; so we are asking one of our College graduates who has recently connected with our staff to devote his full time to seeking out Radio interests.

We believe, too, that our 20th Century Bible Correspondence Course also affords an excellent opportunity for the winning of souls, and we are planning to make this Bible course a part of our soul-winning programme. We propose to advertise this course in our local newspapers. We have recently inserted our first advertisement, and the results have been quite encour-

aging; twelve applications to engage in the study of the Bible in this way have been received. At the moment we have over 300 studying the 20th Century Bible Course, in addition to those taking the Radio Bible Correspondence Course.

We believe that the Radio Course and the 20th Century Bible Correspondence Course are an excellent means of "beating the enemy" when so many men and women are too busy with life's pleasures to attend our meetings.

Great difficulty has been experienced in securing housing accommodation, and this matter is causing us deep concern, as six of our conference workers are without satisfactory homes in which to live. Rooms and small flats are the only places offering. We must seek God for a way out, for the message of God must be preached in every town and village.

The Appeal for Missions campaign has been a wonderful success, for the aim has been exceeded, and a number of interests have been reported for follow-up work. Students arrive at the College after the other churches have completed their work, nevertheless they enter into the campaign with enthusiasm.

We rejoice to report that quite a number of our church companies have determined to "arise and build." We can expect the rich blessing of God to be poured out upon His people as they plan to build a place of worship to the glory of His name, and a witness for God's last message in the district in which they live.

Brother J. Hankinson, who is located in the Kyogle and Casino districts, has prepared plans to proceed with the erection of a small church building in Casino, where our believers have experienced serious difficulty in renting a suitable hall for Sabbath worship. Funds are in hand,

and in a few months we hope to see a neat little place of worship in Casino.

The members at Mullumbimby, located in the far north of the conference, have already completed the erection of their building. I expect to leave Newcastle immediately to be present at the dedicatory service, and spend some time visiting in the Northern Rivers district.

In Kempsey, where Pastor T. W. Hammond has been labouring for about two years, the believers are working enthusiastically for a church building. A very substantial amount has been raised, a suitable building site purchased, and sufficient funds are in hand to warrant the preparation of definite plans to proceed with the work. Our work has made steady progress in the conservative centre of Kempsey and district. Quite an encouraging number of new believers have been added to the church, and the prospects for further additions are excellent. The Lord has greatly blessed the earnest and faithful labours of Brother and Sister Hammond, and I am sure their hearts will rejoice when they see a monument erected in Kempsey to witness for God's last message. They are now awaiting government permit to go ahead with the building of the church.

Tamworth is one of the largest of our towns outside of Newcastle. For many years our work has been established in Tamworth, and the brethren and sisters, under the leadership of Pastor J. B. Keith, have come to the conclusion that it is time to plan for a church building. One of our liberal-hearted brethren has promised to provide the wherewithal to purchase a suitable site of land, and gifts from the brethren and sisters have created a substantial building fund. They will soon be applying to the authorities for permission to proceed with the good work.

May these words of the prophet Haggai bring blessing and encouragement to the hearts of our dear people who are planning to build these churches: "Be strong, all ye people of the land, saith the Lord, and work: for I am with you, saith the Lord of hosts." "From this day will I bless you." Haggai 2: 14, 19.

For the many evidences of the blessing of God upon His work in the North New South Wales Conference, we render our heartfelt thanks to our heavenly Father.

Treasures Eternal

ROBERT HARE

So near to the kingdom of heaven,
So near to the home of the blest,
So near to the many mansions,
So near to the sweet land of rest!
Then why do you linger, my brother,
Forgetting the promise of God,
Enchanted by trifles that perish,
And flowers that bloom on the sod?

Remember time's treasures all perish,
The brightest earth-born will decay,
And hopes that challenged the darkness
May pass with their rainbows away.
Life here has no deathless shading,
No promise time cannot destroy;
Its vision must centre in heaven,
To offer thee endless joy.

Like summer's fair leaf, man is fading,
His glorified splendours depart,
To leave him in sad disappointment,
The child of a broken heart.
Forget not life glories are fleeting.
Both hopes and joys hasten by.
Oh, seek then the kingdom of heaven,
Where love-treasures never can die!

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A Laymen's Society

B. A. SIMM

A realization that there was a grave danger of our lay members failing to take a keen interest in the affairs of their own denomination, and of their leaving everything to the ministry while they sat back comfortably in their pews, led some of the brethren in Melbourne to form the Victorian Seventh-day Adventist Laymen's Association. The aim of the society is not to usurp the privileges and prerogatives which rightly belong to the conference administration, but rather to rouse our laymen to appreciate and utilize the opportunities and responsibilities which are theirs. Now after a year's experience it is felt that our association is not just another society, but has proved that it is filling a need among our members. As the year has progressed, there has come a deeper appreciation of the privileges of the association and a greater realization of its future possibilities as well as its

present opportunities. To the members there has come a growing fellowship and a joyful brotherly association in prayer, in study, in helpful discussion of common problems, and in social intercourse.

The topics discussed at the meetings were many and varied, and were always in furtherance of the association's objectives, the first of which is "to maintain and deepen the spirituality of its members." The first portion of every meeting was devoted to worship, conducted by various members, and a season of prayer in which a large proportion of those present always engaged. These periods of worship proved very helpful and refreshing. The second objective, that of fostering the spirit of Bible study in relation to present world events, was kept well in

A Four-Day Trip

The Climax to Warburton's Ingathering Campaign

DAVID TAYLOR

Money was not the only thing gathered in—most noteworthy was the pervading Spirit of God.

What a joy to receive a smiling welcome and a cheerful giver; to be told by a donor here and a donor there, "We don't want to miss giving you something," or, "We like to give to you."

Not all were so willing, of course; but, striving for expression in all was the power of the risen Saviour, an indication, perhaps, of a growing realization of the futility and hopelessness of dependence on

Thankful for our deliverance, we continued on our way. A vivid autumn tinted tree, lit up beautifully by the sinking sun, seemed to give good promise to our mission.

The first little hamlet, a goldmining township, is visited, and a fine response made. And, through the hearts of the children, the Holy Spirit shows forth abundantly. Enraptured by our papers, they gather round and follow us, chatting joyfully, hungry for truth, and truly sorry, when, our errand concluded, they learn that our next appeal will not be for another twelve months.

Beyond that township, next morning, a very small boy is waiting, and follows our worker tenaciously from one to another of the scattered houses. On reaching his home we learn that that resolute, godly youngster has been up since early morning, waiting and watching, with last year's appeal magazine, and on the kitchen table some money, which his mother tells him now to give.

Next is a very warm welcome, and a request for an exposition of Daniel 2, gladly given, and received with much interest.

Strong opposition from a mine-worker is next encountered, but, happily, turned to kindness and beneficence.

A foreign lady, unable to speak English, asks "Missionairee, Missionairee?" and has some money ready in her hand to give.

Outspoken opposition from one who has fallen by the wayside is turned to friendship, and she finally invokes on our work the blessing of the Lord, and expresses her hope that we may have a place in the kingdom. Assurance of our cordial reciprocal wishes is given her.

Thus, hot, dusty, and a little footsore, we journeyed, Woods Point, Gaffney's Creek, Jamieson, Mansfield, Yaak, Molesworth, Yea, Alexandra, and many hamlets, with the splendid financial response of £99 11s. 3d., and evidence of the powerful proclamation of the third angel's message.

Speed on Thy truth, Eternal One!

And may we all, like that small, resolute, boy, be **Waiting and Watching**.

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Farewell, Christchurch!

GEORGE L. STERLING

Smiles on our faces concealed considerable sadness as we bade farewell to our Adventist people of Christchurch, New Zealand, en route to our new appointment in Newcastle, N.S.W. A sojourn of three years and one month in Christchurch not only developed a love for the city with its beautiful parks and gardens, but our hearts had become yet more firmly bound up with the hearts of our dear people of that city and the surrounding areas. It had been a joy to minister to them, especially to the dear aged and infirm ones, in both temporal and spiritual things. We pray that others may be found to carry on the ministry that we have been called to lay down.

As we proceed to Newcastle, it is with confidence in God's leadership through the Australasian Union Conference; and also full confidence in the message and its early culmination. And we are determined through God's grace to be faithful, and to triumph with this people.



A family of J.M.V.'s in Tauranga, North New Zealand, who won all the gardening prizes out of all the schools in the Tauranga district. Gordon Griffin, nine years of age, who is seen sitting on the left of the picture, has won the shield for the second year running.

mind in the presentations, and subsequent discussion, on topics such as "The Parallel between the Exodus and the Advent Movement" and "Prophetic Correlation as between Daniel and Revelation." Further objects of the association, namely, the encouragement of a greater interest in the advancement of the third angel's message and the preparation of members for more active participation in church and conference activities were well catered for, and practical results were shown by the proportion of our lay members who were present at various meetings convened by the Victorian Conference.

Many problems, confronting us as a people at this time were discussed, as the following summary of topics indicates: "Our Attitude to Postwar Reconstruction," "Our Relationship to Movements for Social Betterment Sponsored by Other Bodies," "Can a Seventh-day Adventist Be a Member of the Masonic Lodge?" "Calendar Reform," "Life Insurance."

Much progress has been made in the first year, and a very rich blessing having been gained by the members, we look forward with confidence to the year that lies ahead, fully resolved that with divine aid we will seek to perform "God's Work in God's Way."

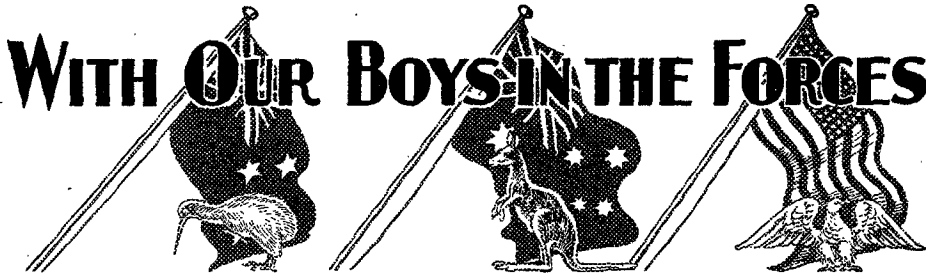
mere human flesh, and all its intrigue, to bring lasting happiness to mankind.

We were early impressed with our Creator's omnipotence and splendour, as we traversed the steep, winding, mountainous roads, looking down into deep, timbered gullies, and over distant majestic mountains arrayed in glorious sunshine.

We received, also, a timely warning of the paramount necessity of divesting ourselves of all thought of human self-sufficiency, and of looking to our Maker for our every need. An early mishap to our car, the breaking of the main leaf of a rear spring, and the unavailing brake-pedal, its merciful occurrence on one of the very few comparatively level stretches of roadway, and the speedy Providential aid we were given despite our isolation, served to remind us of our entire dependence on the Lord of all.

We had just realized our predicament, the meagre prospects of effective repairs, when, with miles of rugged country before and behind us, and with passing traffic very infrequent, aid came from around a bend, in the form of a motor-truck, the driver of which not only supplied, but also, in expert style, applied a suitable chain to the broken spring, and remedied the defective brake.

WITH OUR BOYS IN THE FORCES



Adventure on a Raft in New Guinea

From a letter written by W/O2 Louis Greive:—

"Your letter was brought to me by a policeman while I was on patrol, and I relished the bit of mail more than my daily meals.

"With nearly three hundred native patients and a short staff you can imagine how things are. Fortunately, the boys are reliable; but we have had some serious cases, and one small boy died of dysentery yesterday.

"At the present time I am feasting on Chinese cabbage, silver beet, tomatoes, beans, and corn. Most everything is growing well just now.

"The patrol was made to the foot of very high mountains where the scenery is magnificent and inspiring. We stood on mountains probably higher than Kosciuszko, and were enthralled at the sight of clouds drifting along successive ranges towering over us, higher and higher.

"On the last stage of the trip we travelled by raft down a large, rushing, boiling river. It was exciting and enjoyable to sit on a bobbing raft, as every corner turned brought changing scenes. The bed of the river is shallow with deep pools here and there, and in other sections rough and uneven. In places there are large, evil-looking whirlpools which swirl in upsurging circular and downward motions; and there the rafts were usually sucked under a few inches; but their length saved us from anything more alarming. Where the river bed is uneven and rocky, the water is thrown up in a series of short, choppy waves, which adds a little excitement to the pot pourri of river travel by raft.

"Quite a fleet of rafts was needed to convey the members of the patrol. To these were added several for recruits for the Papuan Infantry Battalion, and still more to carry people going to hospital. At each village one or two were added, until our fleet was scattered over several miles of turbulent river.

"One boy about fourteen years of age made a raft for himself and three young girls from his village, on the way to hospital. It was by no means elaborate, and they were sitting in water all the way. Beside them reposed their bags woven of native string, containing a little food and perhaps a spare rami (loin cloth). My raft was abreast of these youngsters and about sixty yards away, when my heart leapt and missed several beats as I saw the raft, which had got into some difficult currents and what appeared to be dangerous whirlpools, completely disappear. The girls' heads were bobbing on the surface, but the boy in front went right out of sight. I was feeling a bit sick when a few seconds later his head appeared with a wide, fearless grin, the raft rose to the

surface, and our fears were drowned in the noise of laughter and back-chat. No crocs were seen, and the natives say that when the river is in flood even these hardy saurians find living conditions a bit uncomfortable. I think that experience will live long in my memory."

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News from Noemfoor Island, Dutch New Guinea

F/Lieut. Denis Patrick writes:—

We picked up a new Beaufort at Townsville and flew north to Marauke, Dutch New Guinea, and on to our base. The coral reefs and Cape York Peninsula were interesting from a purely romantic point of view, but in reality very desolate. The flight was without incident. Marauke was something new; we borrowed a jeep and rode round the town. The population comprises Dutch, Malaysians, Chinese, and natives; each factor lives in communities, all eking out a living by feeding the other factor. Driving down the main street, one sees joss houses, pack-a-poooh shops, Javanese girls, and fat Dutchmen who look as though whiskey and soda is their principal diet. Like Panama and other places I have visited, these places are interesting to see once, but very smelly and uncivilized to the town-bred Britisher.

Having flown on a few more hundred miles, a mere bagatelle in this age of speed, I am based on a coral isle free almost from Japs, wogs, and other pests; living with a few comforts—a tent, a bed, a reading-lamp worked off a 12 volt battery, only a stone's throw from the surf. Crabs and shellfish teem in millions; this would be an ideal place for Doug (McPherson); he could collect bags of beetles and strange reptiles. We are practically sitting on the equator; perspiration trickles from one's body in an endless stream, but at night a cool breeze from the sea is assured. Every single morsel of food comes out of a tin; I imagine that after several months one will consider eating a necessary evil. Will you send me some vegetable seeds? I may not stay long enough to enjoy them; but some scurvy-ridden soul may reap what I have sown.

The natives are an amusing sight; father always precedes, carrying a huge waddy or axe, the women, poor creatures, follow, carrying all the bags of taro, yams, and things; most of the youngsters, in a state of nature, wear an outsize soldier's hat they have managed to scrounge. Huge thunderstorms rock the island at night. We are operating a sort of aerial bus run carrying urgent equipment, mail, and personnel to an advanced base. Once when I had a padre as passenger, we struck a bad patch of weather due to an electrical storm. A member of the crew said, "When

do you start praying, padre?" he replied, "My friend, I have been praying ever since we left the ground." It seems that always my lot is to fly over many miles of the trackless deep. We have crossed the equator eighty times in the past three months. At 6,000 feet one reaches a layer of air that is ideally cool; visibility is without limit; the skies of deepest blue reach away till they meet the sea; billowy clouds drift along like a fairy dream; no artist nor camera could fully capture the scene. Only an airman, I think, can fully appreciate that classic—

"Up, up the long delirious burning blue
I've topped the wind-swept heights with
easy grace,
Where never lark or even eagle flew."

The author, a pilot, died at the age of nineteen, and "how could man die better?"

You ask, "Who does my washing?" I do, but don't toil, only boil. I usually hurl my garments irrespective of colour or shape, into the copper; they always look much paler after this treatment. To date I am very well, but am expecting to get an attack of yaws or something peculiar to this tropic clime. In the meantime you can picture me eating a yam under a breadfruit tree.

Parcels from Epping church and local Comforts Fund were much appreciated.

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Among the Believers on Bougainville

Cpl. Frank Craig writes home:—

"These Solomon Islands are much the same as New Guinea, but I think the climate is much more humid. We get lots of earth tremors here. It is quite a funny feeling when the earth does a roll and the trees sway. I would hate to be on the wrong side when the end of all things comes.

"I have had a few interesting experiences. A fortnight ago I had the very great pleasure of meeting with about seventy of our native brethren. Numbers of them are teachers who were under Pastor Cyril Pascoe. I was asked to speak to them. I had a 'Missionary Leader' with me, and one of the teachers, who reads very well and also speaks English, fastened himself on to it. He was delighted to read a missionary story which spoke of himself. I took the service and a native teacher interpreted for me in pidgin English. It was a real thrill, I can tell you. They are a lovely lot, and the mission is a wonderful thing. They sing beautifully, and have lots of copies of 'Advent Hymnal' and 'Christ in Song.' Two of the natives sang a duet for us, 'Meet Me in the Homeland,' out of 'Gospel in Song.' The marys were there, too, and the little fellows. They all must shake hands; even the tiny ones in mothers' arms put out their hands. They are so happy to have us come and worship with them. There are certain restrictions placed on us by ANGAU, but the natives say, 'Me fella happy too much you come along.' They are so earnest and sincere, and the sooner our missionaries are back the better.

"We have our own Sabbath school, where about forty of us meet. We run Sabbath school on set lines as we do at home. We have an offering of approximately £2 10s. each week. Strange that this quarter's offering should be for this field."

Soldiers' Sabbath School in Northern Australia

News from Pte. A. E. Hornsby:—

"Since I last wrote to you we have gained an addition to our number in this unit. Pte. John Schultz joined us about ten days ago. Pte. George Cook also made the trip to this locality with John, but has gone to the 7th Field Ambulance.

"I have a good piece of news for you. The Thirteenth Sabbath offering, taken yesterday, was £13 10s., bringing the total offerings for the quarter ending March 31 to £38 10s. 9d."

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Another Soldier Keeps the Commandments

T/5 Wilbur Mauk writes from the U.S. 47th General Hospital in New Guinea:—

"Chaplain Bergherm and a group of our enlisted men are on a boat trip to a mission to attend services today.

"My work continues as usual, and I find it good experience being Chaplain Bergherm's assistant. Two nights a week I hold Bible studies, and one man has begun keeping the Sabbath partly due to my studies and the chaplain's.

"An old friend of Chaplain Bergherm's, Dr. Erickson, now Commander, dropped in last week. For three years he has been a prisoner of war in the Philippines. He said that he had put on forty pounds since his release. He was on his way to the States.

"Surely God has been with His people in a special way. My He continue to guide and lead us till we reach the other shore, is my prayer."

God Expects Personal Service

C. G. CROSS

The success of an organization lies largely in the securing of personal, whole-hearted service of each member. The church of God is no exception to this principle. "God expects personal service from every one to whom He has entrusted a knowledge of the truth for this time."—"Testimonies," Vol. IX, page 30.

Now, when our people handle more money than ever before, it appears humanly natural to become material-minded and less active in proclaiming the message. "Not one in a hundred among us is doing anything beyond engaging in common, worldly enterprises. We are not half awake to the worth of the souls for whom Christ died."—"Testimonies," Vol. VIII, page 148.

"All heaven is looking with intense interest upon the church, to see what her individual members are doing to enlighten those who are in darkness."—"Christian Service," page 89.

"He who becomes a child of God should henceforth look upon himself as a link in the chain let down to save the world, one with Christ in His plan of mercy, going forth with Him to seek and save the lost."—"Ministry of Healing," page 105.

"So vast is the field, so comprehensive the design, that every sanctified heart will be pressed into service as an instrument of divine power."—"Testimonies," Vol. IX, page 47.

The hour is late. The end is near. May God direct and each heart follow into specific lines of service at this critical time.

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WEDDING BELLS

NEWMAN-SALMOND.—A few friends and relatives assembled at the Parsonage, Homebush Road, Strathfield, N.S.W., on February 10, 1945, to witness the marriage of Miss Ethel Grace Salmond to Mr. Walter Henry Newman of Parkes, N.S.W.

In Wahroonga the bride was well known, having rendered faithful service in the Sydney Sanitarium for several years. We know that her many friends will join us in wishing this dear young couple God's blessing as they traverse life's pathway together.
H. C. Harker.

GREENWOOD-GRACE.—On the evening of March 27 the Woollahra (N.S.W.) church was the scene of a very happy event when the marriage of Miss Dorothy Grace, the only daughter of Sister G. A. Grace, and Brother Richard J. Greenwood of the United States Navy Medical service was celebrated. The best man, Brother Melvin Waldron, also hails from the United States, where he and the bridegroom were happily associated. The best wishes and prayers of their brethren and sisters and friends, both far and near, accompany this dear young couple, believing that the principles of God's last message will continue to be upheld in the new home now in being.
A. H. White.

TILLEY - PRETYMAN.—Brother Allan W. Tilley, son of the late Brother and Sister Tilley, charter members of the Mount Gambier, S.A., church, and Nurse Ruth Pretzman, second daughter of Brother P. H. and the late Sister M. F. Pretzman of Castle Hill, N.S.W., were united in marriage in the Wahroonga church on the evening of March 20, 1945, in the presence of a very large gathering of relatives and well-wishers.

Both these young people are graduate nurses of the Sydney Sanitarium and Hospital, and have accepted a call for medical missionary work in Papua, for which field they soon expect to leave.

We wish them both joy and happiness and the Lord's rich blessing in their new phase of life's responsibilities and the work to which they have been called.

A. W. Knight.

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The treasurer wishes to acknowledge with thanks the sum of £11 received anonymously for "A.M.C. Expenses." This donation has been placed to the credit of the Australasian Missionary College Library Fund.



"He who stood beside the sorrowing mother at the gate of Nain, watches with every mourning one beside the bier."

ROZYNSKI.—Thomas Charles Rozynski, dearly loved husband of our dear Sister Rozynski, passed suddenly away on March 9 at the age of 56 years. Mr. Rozynski was apparently in good health, and as usual went to work in the afternoon on his farm at Nicholson (Victoria). As he did not return home by dark, a search was made, and at 8.30 his body was found by his daughter Thea; death had occurred some hours previously. While not of our faith, Mr. Rozynski upheld the message, and often spoke in favour of it to his friends. He was a good, kind husband and father, and will be greatly missed by his wife, two sons, and three daughters. Words of comfort were spoken in the Bairnsdale church and at the graveside by the writer assisted by Brother L. Hardy. We commit the sorrowing ones to the care of a loving heavenly Father, "Till the day break, and the shadows flee away."
P. G. Foster.

LLOYD.—A patient sufferer over a long period, our dear sister Mrs. Sadie ("Nursie") Lloyd fell peacefully asleep in Jesus on March 21. Forty-seven years ago at the Stanmore camp-meeting at which Sister E. G. White, Pastors Daniels, Fulton, and Colcord were present, our dear sister stepped on to the pathway of God's commandments; was baptized at the Ashfield church, and became a charter member of the Stanmore church. Her husband passed away twelve years ago. "It is required in stewards that a man [or woman] be found faithful." 1 Cor. 4:2. Faithfulness characterized her walk with God. One daughter and a granddaughter mourn her passing, but not without hope. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."
A. H. White.

LUCAS.—Another link with the past was broken when Brother Thomas Turland Lucas, the oldest member of our Kensington church, S.A., passed to his rest at the advanced age of ninety-three years, on March 13, 1945. His connection with the message dates from its earliest days in South Australia, as he was in the first company of those who were baptized and united with the church under the labours of Pastor Corliss in this state. He was a keen follower of the Lord Jesus, and he loved to converse on the things that pertained to his spiritual life. Especially dear to him were the words of the refrain, "There is a land of pure delight where saints immortal reign. Infinite day excludes the night, and pleasures banish pain." Left to mourn, but not as those who have no hope, are his widow, our dear Sister Lucas, one son, and two daughters. Words of consolation and comfort were spoken by the writer at the funeral parlour and also at the cemetery, where our brother awaits the call of his Master. Those who mourn were pointed forward to the joyful resurrection day, when, if faithful to God's commands, they will join their loved ones.
S. C. Butier.

BREVITIES

Another teacher has sailed for Fiji, in the person of Brother D. Lane. He was accompanied by his wife and child.

Recent arrivals from New Zealand were Pastor and Mrs. G. L. Sterling and Pastor and Mrs. W. H. Stevens, both couples bound for Newcastle, where they will engage in pastoral work; and Miss N. Knowles, who has gone on to Victoria, her home state, as a Bible worker.

To the Union Conference headquarters have come two young ladies, Miss Audrey Gilchrist from the Victorian Conference, who has joined the treasury staff; and Miss Naomi Barnett, from Tasmania, who has been welcomed to the Health Food department.

Writing from Fiji on March 29, soon after his arrival there, Pastor G. M. Masters says: "I wish you could see Fulton. It would do your heart good to feel the happy, brotherly atmosphere of the place, watch the large number of students working to higher standards of education than have heretofore been attained in our schools in Fiji, look at their Bible examinations—quite advanced and all in English—walk through the beautiful crops of native food, and realize that all this has been built up in four years! Pastor Dyason is loved by all, and is doing a splendid work there.

"The Indian part of the programme is certainly lagging behind, much to the discouragement of the Indians; and Brother Dyason is as anxious as any of us to see this speeded up now. We could have quite a number of girls if we had a dormitory, and we could have more boys if we had better arrangements for caring for them. Despite all obstacles, some of the Indian boys have been influenced for the truth, and we hope they will soon take their stand fully and be baptized."

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Promise Yourself--

To be strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.

To talk health, happiness, and prosperity to every person you meet.

To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.

To look upon the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.

To think only of the best, to work only for the best, and to expect only the best.

To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.

To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.

To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and to have a smile ready for every living creature you meet.

To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.

To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.—South American Bulletin.

Seen Through American Eyes

In a letter to Pastor N. A. Ferris, Captain Russell B. James gives his impressions of his visit to Australia last year. His excellent addresses, with the old-time ring, were keenly enjoyed by our people, and it appears that the pleasure of association was mutual. Dr. James writes:—

"As I look back upon my visit to Australia during the leave that was granted me, the one thing which stands out in my mind most and which was of the greatest satisfaction to me was the privilege of social and spiritual communion with our own people. Of course I enjoyed your



Brother and Sister Irwin Harvey, who have recently arrived in New Hebrides. Brother Harvey has taken charge of the school there.

modern cities, feasted upon your beautiful scenery of lakes and rivers, mountains and canyons, rolling grassy hills and snow-tipped forests. I delved to the fullest into your good food, your salads and fruits, and your milk and wholesome cereals which were served so tastefully and plentifully in your institutions and in the homes which so hospitably entertained me. My gain in weight of nearly fifteen pounds during my entire leave testifies to how well I enjoyed your food. But above all I cherish the memory of the spiritual rest, the feeling of being made at home in the hearts of our own people.

"I had heard many of our missionaries tell of how they had been welcomed into the homes and hearts of our believers as they travelled about the world field, regardless of race or colour; but this was the first time that I had the opportunity as a layman to appreciate to its fullest the real meaning of the 'tie that binds.' After the unavoidable contacts with worldlings, with their smoking and drinking, with their profanity and indecent language, and with their raucous talking and music, the peace and quiet and the thoroughly Christian atmosphere at Avondale were almost heavenly. Although the people there thought they were working me to death, the contacts with the young people and the opportunities to give help from my experience to those who were seeking advice, was to me a privilege; and I can truthfully say that in mind and heart I was in a state of peaceful rest.

"No doubt many have wondered what impressions were made upon me as I visited our people in the various sections it was my privilege to reach. At Avondale I was impressed by the alertness and enthusiasm of the young people. I appreciated greatly their cleanness of mind, their keen, eager desire to get at the foundation of things as it related to our problems of Christian living. I admired their deep spiritual interest and the active part

they took in the prayer sessions and the testimony meetings. Although I was unable to come into as close contact with all of our young people in the various sections I visited, I was convinced that the future of our work in Australia, if it depended on the wholesome men and women I found, would give us nothing to fear.

"It is certainly true that the truth makes us one. The atmosphere of the Sydney and Warburton Sanitariums and the earnest attitude of our workers there employed made me feel just like I was in any one of our many like institutions in my own homeland. The quality of the work done in the food factories and the publishing house bore the same stamp of character and aims that accompanies the work of the members of the remnant church the world over. I was particularly gratified to find the same loyalty and devotion to the Scriptures and the Spirit of prophecy which are such an integral part of our message.

"As I talked to our ministers and teachers, our doctors, nurses, our factory and publishing house managers, our young people's and Sabbath school leaders, and with the many lay members it was my privilege to meet, I was able to say to myself, 'If the opportunity were ever presented to me to work in Australia I would feel very much at home and would enjoy to its fullest the associations with our people in the land "down under." I am sure that my family would agree with me had they had the same opportunity to contact our people as I did.'

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Another Old Friend Writes

Just a note to inform regarding change of address which I should have done three months ago. Our last address was Route 2, Felton, Delaware, and now our new home in this pleasant location is—Melva E Cobb, Route 1, Box 44, Lincoln, Delaware, U.S.A.

We greatly enjoy the "Record," and deeply appreciate the kindness of friends who have so remembered us with this annual gift across the years.

Mother and I greatly treasure this renewing link with the interests and progress of the work in the Australasian field.

If spared until February 20th, mother will have reached the eighty-ninth milestone on life's journey—she says it is a pleasure to hear from old friends; but she is looking forward to that greater joy of meeting with the redeemed when Jesus comes. It was eleven years last month since I walked, yet in a world of suffering how great our blessings! We are glad to join in prayer for the many interests of the Lord's work, and the many called as ambassadors for Christ while in world-wide military service. Surely we are in the time long foretold. Our trust is in Him who said, "And, lo, I am with you always"—"Be of good cheer I have overcome the world."

Yours in hope,

Melva E. Cobb.

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It is a little thing to trust God as far as we can see. Him, so far as the way lies open before us; but to trust in Him when we are hedged in on every side and can see no way to escape, this is good and acceptable with God.—John Wesley.