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Quit You Like Men!

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"I have fought a good fight, . . . I have kept the faith."—Paul.



WATCH ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong." Those words were written from the battlefield of life by one of God's grand knights of the cross, the Apostle Paul. He lived in days of tumult, when all the powers of hell seemed determined to prevail against the infant church of Christ. Adversaries sought to pollute its doctrines by heresy, to intimidate believers by threats and persecution, and to lower the standard of Christian living by enticements of the flesh and the world. Above the noise of conflict, the voice of the apostle came ringing down to the hard-pressed soldiers of Christ: "Quit you like men, be strong." Surely such a message is needed today.

The same apostle also declared that in order to win some for Christ he was willing to "become all things to all men," so we see he was no fanatic. There were details of fashion and fancy he could compromise with in order to reach men; but on matters fundamental he refused to be moved. He preferred death to compromise when vital questions of doctrine or morals were involved. "Stand fast in the faith," was the counsel of Paul to that early church; and

he certainly practised what he preached. What a different state of affairs must have continued in Christendom if all of Christ's followers had been as loyal as Paul! His refusal to compromise ended in his death at Rome. Before the axe of the executioner fell, however, Paul could say in triumph, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." Paul found it a grim fight to keep the faith, but in the strength of Christ he was more than conqueror. Those who witnessed his martyrdom no doubt thought that he was a stubborn fanatic, or maybe they thought that he was to be pitied for his tragic ignorance; but the apostle knew that there was laid up for him a "crown of righteousness." Time has proved that Paul was one of the greatest of the human race, and the judgment to come will make it openly manifest to all that he decided wisely and well.

Jesus, the Master Paul served so well, was urged by Nicodemus, by the Sanhedrin, and even by His disciples, to compromise; but the One who showed Himself so ready to mix with humankind in order to save them, remained as fixed as the eternal

hills. His refusal to follow the multitude at last ended in His crucifixion. We are told in Luke 23: 27 that when Jesus was being dragged away to Golgotha, "There followed Him a great company of people, and of women, which also bewailed and lamented Him." Those poor creatures saw only the shame of crucifixion. They knew that Jesus was a noble, holy young man, but they would have persuaded Him not to die, for they thought that His zeal had carried Him away. But the vision of Jesus enabled Him to see past the shame and confusion of the day. He knew of a surety that He was doing the will of His Father, and would reign with Him in glory after the testing was done. Turning to those who wept, He said, "Weep not for Me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children." The Master told them He did not need their tears. He saw that Israel's compromise with error and sin would lead at last to that dreadful destruction to be wrought by the Romans. They thought that by compromise they showed great wisdom, and would thus put off the evil day, buy off their adversaries, and ensure peace and prosperity for their race. They made a fearful mistake, and paid the full price.

The spirit of compromise has cost the church dear in every age, and is making it a reproach in some quarters today. Those who contend for the old-time gospel, with its old-time standards, are regarded as faddists and fanatics by those who claim to be more liberal in the church, but this should be expected. Those who held Christ and Paul up to ridicule, and later betrayed them, were men who professed to fear God, but in whose hearts was that spirit which is ever ready to compromise with evil. A sour, narrow-minded fanatic does not adorn any church; yet it is to be feared that the church of Christ has suffered less from this class than from those who claim to have greater breadth of mind than their brethren. Christ and Paul were great lovers of humanity and, earnestly desiring to save men, they scorned religion that savoured of the cloister and moved amongst their fellows. But what a great gulf there was between their spirit and that of those in thrall to sin! The Master could say, "The prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in Me." Those whose hearts are easily enticed by the prince of this world's follies would do well to give up boasting of superior vision and keep far away from the world. Unless kept by that Spirit who filled the Saviour's mind, no man dare think to mix

with those who live for the pleasures of sin.

The church today is called to witness in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation. Masses of the people are drunken with the wine of Babylon's fornication. History shows that ancient Babylon, by lying and fornication and frenzied pleasures, defied the great Judge until He could refrain His indignation no longer. That wicked city lies buried beneath the silent desert sands, a lesson to the people of God. It is an honour today to be called to withstand lies with truth, to reprove lust by

firm virtue, and to condemn unholy pleasures by things that edify. God is counting on His church. "The greatest want of the world is the want of men—men who will not be bought or sold; men who in their inmost souls are true and honest; men who do not fear to call sin by its right name; men whose conscience is as true to duty as the needle to the pole; men who will stand for the right though the heavens fall." May God give us grace to be like these. "Quit you like men, be strong"!

jecters of light to stumble, and fall, and be snared, and be taken."⁸

Inquiry: Then, Sister White, we take it that the counsel we find in your books will be of vital importance to us in the coming crisis.

Sister White: "Perilous times are before us. Everyone who has a knowledge of the truth should awake, and place himself, body, soul, and spirit, under the discipline of God. The enemy is on our track. We must be wide awake, on our guard against him. We must put on the whole armour of God. We must follow the directions given through the Spirit of prophecy. We must love and obey the truth for this time. This will save us from accepting strong delusions. God has spoken to us through His Word. He has spoken to us through the testimonies to the church, and through the books that have helped to make plain our present duty and the position that we should now occupy. The warnings that have been given, line upon line, precept upon precept, should be heeded. If we disregard them, what excuse can we offer?"⁹

Number THREE of the Series

Sister White Answers a Few Inquiries Regarding Her Work

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

Inquiry: How are your messages related to those of the prophets of old?

Sister White: "In ancient times God spoke to men by the mouth of prophets and apostles. In these days He speaks to them by the Testimonies of His Spirit. There was never a time when God instructed His people more earnestly than He instructs them now concerning His will, and the course that He would have them pursue."¹

Inquiry: What relationship, then, do your writings sustain to the Word of God?

Sister White: "The Word of God is sufficient to enlighten the most beclouded mind, and may be understood by those who have any desire to understand it. But notwithstanding all this, some who profess to make the Word of God their study, are found living in direct opposition to its plainest teachings. Then, to leave men and women without excuse God gives plain and pointed testimonies, bringing them back to the Word that they have neglected to follow. The Word of God abounds in general principles for the formation of correct habits of living, and the Testimonies, general and personal, have been calculated to call their attention more especially to these principles."²

Inquiry: Can you make the point of relationship a little clearer?

Sister White: "Little heed is given to the Bible, and the Lord has given a lesser light to lead men and women to the greater light."³

Inquiry: Occasionally, Sister White, we hear reports of what you were supposed to have done or said, but we cannot find the statements in your books. Many of these reports seem questionable, and yet we do not know just how to relate ourselves to them.

Sister White: "To all who have a desire for truth I would say, Do not give credence to unauthenticated reports as to what Sister White has done or said or written. If you desire to know what the Lord has revealed through her, read her published works. Are there any points of interest concerning which she has not written, do not eagerly catch up and report rumours as to what she has said."⁴

Inquiry: What do you consider the most convincing test by which to judge your writings?

Sister White: "Let the Testimonies be judged by their fruits. What is the spirit

of their teaching? What has been the result of their influence? All who desire to do so can acquaint themselves with the fruits of these visions. . . .

"God is either teaching His church, reproving their wrongs, and strengthening their faith, or He is not. This work is of God, or it is not. God does nothing in partnership with Satan. My work . . . bears the stamp of God, or the stamp of the enemy. There is no half-way work in the matter. The Testimonies are of the Spirit of God, or of the devil."⁵

Inquiry: In case you should pass away, Sister White, what about your writings?

Sister White: "Whether or not my life is spared, my writings will constantly speak, and their work will go forward as long as time shall last."⁶

Inquiry: We can see where our workers, of course, should have your books; but how about their use by the rank and file of Seventh-day Adventists?

Sister White: "The volumes of 'Spirit of Prophecy'* should be in every family, and should be read aloud in the family circle. More than one-half of our people know little or nothing of the contents of these books, and they are losing much by their neglect.

"The Testimonies contain instruction which meets the case of all, both parents and children. Should these be read aloud to the entire family, the children as well as the parents would be benefited by their counsels, warnings, and reproofs. While these are placed out of sight and neglected for the reading of fictitious, sensational literature, both yourselves and your children will be retrograding mentally and spiritually."⁷

Inquiry: Have you anything to say regarding those who take an indifferent attitude toward the Spirit of prophecy?

Sister White: "Through His Holy Spirit the voice of God has come to us continually in warning and instruction, to confirm the faith of the believers in the Spirit of prophecy. . . . Time and trial have not made void the instruction given, but through years of suffering and self-sacrifice have established the truth of the testimony given. The instruction that was given in the early days of the message is to be held as safe instruction to follow in these its closing days. Those who are indifferent to this light and instruction must not expect to escape the snares which we have been plainly told will cause the re-

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*The five volumes of the Conflict of the Ages series, Mrs. White's amplification of the conflict story from its inception to its close, replaced the earlier four-volume set bearing the title, "Spirit of Prophecy."

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God Leads the Consecrated Colporteur-Evangelist

Experiences related by Captain E. J. Kraft, U.S. Army, at the Albion church, Brisbane, on Sabbath, March 24.

I take my Scripture from Psalm 107: "O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good: for His mercy endureth for ever. . . . Then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble, and He delivered them out of their distresses. . . . Oh that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men! . . . He sent His word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions. . . . Then are they glad because they be quiet; so He bringeth them unto their desired haven."

That expression appears over and over again, "Oh that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men!" I know of no better way to praise the Lord for His wonderful works than to tell of the wonderful things He has done for us. I will relate a few experiences the Lord has given me in my lifetime, as a colporteur-evangelist. Somehow they never grow old to me.

When I was a boy going to college, I had a great desire to get a Christian education; but there was one thing I refused to do to get this education, and that was to enter the colporteur-evangelist work. I did not want to do that work, though I did want to be a worker in God's cause. But the Lord directed things so that there was no

other way for me to get an education than through the colporteur work. So I became a colporteur, and I have seen since that the very thing I did not want to do was what the Lord wanted me to do. He knew my ability better than I did.

The Lord blessed my first efforts in this work, and helped me to win a scholarship the first few weeks that I worked; and eventually, when I was about to finish college, a man came from the General Conference and asked if I would take up the colporteur-evangelistic work as field secretary for the Japan Union Mission. I had always promised the Lord that if a call came to me from any field I would not reject it. So I told Brother Eastman that I would pray about the matter and give him the answer next morning. I shall always remember that night. I asked the Lord to direct, and next morning I told Brother Eastman I would go.

It was only a few months after that when I found myself in Japan, a land which at the present time is causing us a great deal of trouble, probably because of the lack of power in the church and the failure to convert some of the Japanese leaders. Still, we must remember that God has His children in Japan as well as in every other country.

My first duty was language study, which at first was very primary work. In a few months I learned enough of the Japanese language to memorize a canvass for one of our books. At that time they had no such large books as "Daniel and Revelation." My first experience was with one of these books. The brethren on the mission committee decided they would publish "Patriarchs and Prophets." It was to cost five yen, about £1 10s. This was a very high price to the Japanese. Some of the brethren on the committee thought it would be impossible to sell it; nobody would ever pay five yen for a religious book. We should make it to sell for one and a half yen. One of the men said to me, "You will have to demonstrate that it can be done." I told him I would do my best. Finally the book was published at the price of five yen.

My first trip into the field was with this book. I called the colporteurs together to an institute, and had a canvass for them to memorize. That was no good, and they decided to prepare a canvass for themselves. When it came out it was a revised edition of the one I had given them—just a few words were changed. I could not persuade anyone to memorize it.

The colporteur I took with me had never sold more than 15-20 yen worth a week in his life. I took him to Osaka, which is smouldering at the present time. We picked out a prosperous street with many business offices and I said, "We are going to start here." We went into the first office and sat down. I gave a little introductory talk and showed the man "Patriarchs and Prophets." "Well, that sounds interesting," he said. "What is the price of it?" I said, "Only five yen." He said, "Give me two." The colporteur's eyes opened. At the next place the man took one book, the third man took one. At the fourth place the man said, "I will take one." Then he added, "Just a minute," and went out with the book into the office where there were a number of men. Soon he came back with four five-yen bills in his hand, paying for four more books—he had paid for his—making nine copies that morning.

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The Home Missions Department

T. A. MITCHELL
Union Conference Home Missions Secretary

The time has fully arrived for the most intensive and far-reaching mission campaigning to be waged by this people both in the home fields and in the islands. "God will soon do great things for us if we be humble and believing at His feet. Doors that have been closed or only ajar will be swung wide open. The walls of Jericho will fall before the onward march of the soldiers of the cross. Even amidst trial and seemingly unsurmountable difficulties great progress will be made and many souls added to the believers." Nothing on earth will prevent its progress in the future, for "that is the last message, there are no more to follow!"

The Appeal for Missions

This is the church's chief means of raising money for missions. It is bringing into the treasury large sums of money. The 1945 ingathering of funds should be the outstanding event in our financial history. A united army of 18,000 people, filled with the spirit of service, ought to do much for God in a month's concerted effort. Our young people in the colleges join in the rich experience to be gained by helping in this home-and-island mission effort. Many of the youth who now help at home will in the near future be in the forefront of service in the mission field. The Lord inspires our members to work for missions; He also moves upon the hearts of people to respond to the invitation to help on this grand and noble work. More than £21,000 has already been raised this year, and as the good work continues we hope to establish another record.

"The end is near, stealing upon us stealthily, imperceptibly, like the noiseless approach of a thief in the night. May the Lord grant that we shall no longer sleep as do others, but that we shall watch and be sober. The truth is soon to triumph

Thou Must Not Fail

N. P. NEILSEN

O thou Church of the living God,
Thou art like a burning light
Far out upon a rocky shore
That sends its rays at night.
The sky is dark. The storm is on.
The waves are running high;
But the sure light sends out its beams
To vessels far and nigh.

Thou art that light, O Church of God,
To millions in this life,
With sunken reefs and ragged rocks,
And boiling waves of strife.
Thou art that light! Poor, sin-wrecked
souls
Are struggling in despair—
Send out thy beams of hope and cheer
To sinners everywhere.

Thou Church of God! Thou must not
fail
In time of greatest need—
A world in sin, perplexed, distressed—
Hark! hear them as they plead!
Send forth thy light, thy brightest
beams,
Across the world of sin;
Light up the earth in this dark night,
And thousands thou shalt win!

gloriously, and all who now choose to be labourers together with God will triumph with it."—"Testimonies," Vol. IX, page 135.

Lay Evangelism

The great commission to "Go ye into all the world" was not given to a special or favoured class. It was given to the church of God on earth, which includes the lay members as well as the leaders and workers. Jesus sent out not only the twelve, but also the seventy. This world is about to experience the greatest lay-evangelical movement that has ever been witnessed. "Before the final visitation of God's judgments upon the earth, there will be among the people of the Lord such a revival of primitive godliness as has not been witnessed since apostolic times. The Spirit and power of God will be poured out upon His children."—"Great Controversy," page 464.

"Hundreds and thousands were seen visiting families and opening before them the Word of God. Hearts were convicted by the power of the Holy Spirit and a spirit of genuine conversion was manifest. On every side doors were thrown open to the proclamation of the truth."—"Testimonies," Vol. IX, page 126.

Here is a picture of a mighty army—hundreds and thousands of the advent family explaining the Word—a real picture of lay-evangelistic movement. "God will work a work in our day that but few anticipate. He will raise up and exalt among us those who are taught rather by the unction of His Spirit than by the outward training of scientific institutions."—"Testimonies," Vol. V, page 82.

Every honest-hearted soul needs to find his or her place in the most important army that has ever been organized, and take an active part in the war against sin and death, and be an instrument in divine service for the salvation of others.

The laymen are enthusiastic promoters of the 20th Century Bible Course, and already a number are studying the lessons with neighbours and friends. There is no limit to the possibilities of this course. More home missionaries are needed to enrol students and where possible to study with those enrolled. "Through the church eventually will be made manifest the final and full display of the love of God to the world, that is to be lightened with its glory."—"Testimonies to Ministers," page 50.

By the community lending library, by house-to-house visitation with literature, giving Bible studies, and holding cottage meetings, the laymen will be helping to spread the message.

The Church Periodicals

The "Record" is highly appreciated, and its circulation stands at 4,553. "Our Little Friend" stays about where its paper supply allows. The "Signs of the Times" now has outstanding opportunities, Pastor A. G. Stewart, the editor, with Pastor R. P. Brown, who has come to us from the evangelists' ranks in New Zealand, and Miss Marian Hay, will give the field just the material we need for these times. The Publishing House Board has arranged for a 10 per cent discount on all "Signs" subscriptions sent in by the churches. Of this 2½ per cent is for the Book and Bible House and 7½ per cent for the churches, which is approximately one penny per dozen for the church missionary society. Now is the hour of opportunity for the

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Our Island Field

Fulton Missionary School, Fiji

G. M. MASTERS
Superintendent Indian Mission

We have now been back in Fiji nearly two weeks, and have been able to visit the Indian school at Samabula and many believers and friends of the mission around Suva. We also have had the privilege of attending services in the Fijian church at Suva Vou, the headquarters of our work in Fiji. But today I want to tell you of the very happy week-end we spent at the Fulton Missionary School where Fijians, Indians, and representatives of other Pacific island groups have come together to train for the service of God. This school has been established since we left the field five years ago, and is a combination of three training schools which were then being conducted. For many years I have been interested in such a plan, so naturally looked forward to my visit to the new school.

We were certainly not disappointed. The degree of development attained and the progress made in so short a time do great credit to all who have had a part in building up Fulton school. Of course they are not yet past the pioneer stage. There are still new buildings to be erected and others to be completed, and the courses of study have to be further developed and adapted. But to this end teachers and students alike are all enthusiastically busy.

As we had come to the leadership of the Indian work, Fulton school gave us a real Indian welcome. The whole faculty, with the Indian boarding students and the pupils who attend from the surrounding district, assembled in the Indian primary school. Six hundred roti (Indian bread), with an appropriate amount of curry and iced sweet drinks, had been prepared and were very much enjoyed by all present; for the Indians certainly know how to make tasty curry. Pastor A. P. Dyason, interpreted by Brother Ramsarup, spoke words of welcome which were heartily endorsed by all. It was interesting to look into the faces of the Indian young people and see the expression of pleasure as I replied in their own tongue. Nearly twenty young Indians resident in the school and about seventy day students provide for us a field for evangelism which we are eager to cultivate.

From Pastor Dyason's house one gains a comprehensive view of the whole estate. Possibly the first thing that impresses one is the abundance of tapioca (cassava) growing all over the estate. This forms the staple diet of the Fijians. Bananas and coconut palms are also in evidence, and some of the breadfruit trees which were planted are already beginning to bear. The gardens are still being extended, and soon food for a large body of students will be assured.

At first the buildings look very scattered, but one soon discovers that they are conveniently grouped on the ridges of the hills—the main buildings being quite close together on one long ridge. The hilly nature of the land has made necessary much work in roadmaking, and one ap-

preciates the good roads and paths which connect the various departments, and the pretty hedges and shrubs which are beginning to make them very beautiful.

Water is now distributed all over the estate by a pump which fills a concrete reservoir on a high hill. A generating plant has been installed which supplies all the buildings with electric light and supercedes the many and troublesome kerosene and petrol lamps.

The educational activities cover a large and varied field. Near the entrance of the estate are two neat primary schools—one for Fijians and the other for Indians. These take the children to class four and provide practice for the teachers in training. From here the pupils pass on to the main school, where they complete their primary studies and qualify to enter the training school. In the upper classes English becomes the common medium of instruction. This makes possible larger classes under the care of one teacher, and greatly extends the students' field of research. Already there are in the school representatives of at least five language groups of the Pacific. It is a revelation to see the high standards being developed in Bible as well as other subjects. Eventually the school will provide advanced ministerial and teachers' courses, a shorter course for Bible workers, a manual training, and possibly a business course. Manual instruction will include agriculture, carpentry, wickerwork, and homecrafts for girls.

Pastor Dyason is the principal, and is assisted by Brother K. Gray, F. Gifford, H. Dickens, P. Ramsarup, and their wives, also Miss E. E. Edwards, Miss A. Whippy, and several Fijian and Indian teachers.

It is a pleasure to associate with these Christian workers. The spirit of enthusiastic, happy co-operation is an inspiration indeed. One has only to talk with Pastor Dyason for a little while to learn of wonderful and unexpected ways in which God has led in obtaining materials and equipment needed so urgently. Truly we should thank God for Fulton Missionary School and pray for His blessing on the two hundred and fifty young people who crowd its halls.

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Particulars of Chief Bambu's Award

Some weeks ago in our brevities column we announced that Chief Bambu, one of our members in the Solomons, had been awarded the Distinguished Service Order. We have since found that our information was not quite correct. The details as received from the Solomon Islands Government officials are these:—

"Gazette Notice 11, of the 4th July, 1944.

"Honours

"His Excellency the High Commissioner directs it to be notified that His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to approve of the award of the medal (Civilian Division) of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire to Bambu, District Headman of Dovele in the island of Vella Lavella, in the British Solomon Island Protectorate.

"Citation

"This headman, during the enemy occupation of his area, maintained a most efficient organization for collecting information from coastal sentries which resulted in the destruction of enemy vessels. His organization also rescued a number of survivors from an Allied ship despite the close proximity of the enemy. His leadership and coolness in most difficult times was a source of inspiration to his people."



PHOTO OF FIJI MISSION STAFF AS AT THE END OF 1944

Front Row: I. R. Stratford, secretary; L. V. Wilkinson (now principal of the New Zealand Missionary College); A. P. Dyason, principal Fulton School; K. J. Gray, also of Fulton. Back Row: S. C. Pennington (now engaged in self-supporting work); F. Gifford and H. Dickens, Fulton; A. G. Jacobson, W. G. Ferris, and J. Rowe, district directors.

Around the Conferences

The Ingathering a Comprehensive Work

W. D. SMITH

At the commencement of the Ingathering this year at Quirindi, North New South Wales, I must say the weather conditions were by no means inviting. The heat seemed terrific. With a limited time to finish in the municipality and with our usual helpers unable to come to our aid, the situation looked dark. It is at just such times, when we need supernatural help, that the Lord is pleased to give it to us. This was wonderfully manifest, and now that the effort is over we all rejoice in the fact that the good hand of the Lord has been with us. Personally, I fully realized His helping hand with me, and I feel that I know more of the meaning of the promise of Isa. 40:31: "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall . . . not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."

How often we find when we go out by faith to labour that He is the God of circumstances. Good faithful sisters were able to come to our aid both here and then later at Gunnedah, just when they were needed; and in spite of their physical feebleness, the Lord gave strength which enabled them to work in a really wonderful way. We felt grateful for their co-operation and cheerful effort to reach our aims in each place. How this work does help our members, too, as they come in contact with those they may not otherwise meet! I know none were sorry who went out in the Appeal. And what opportunity there is for offering the friendly and sympathizing word regarding those away from home in these days of war!

One of the leading business men in Gunnedah gladly donated £2 2s. to the work. He had heard of the good our sanitarians do, and was quite friendly and sociable. In his conversation this gentleman told me that he was seriously concerned about the moral collapse of almost everything that was good. He felt that the condition had a pronounced effect on the individual who sought to do right, stating that if one upholds what is right in business he is put down. I was impressed as I listened to this man's conversation, that not all in the world have turned from God and from the principles of honesty. This man's health was by no means good, and this gave me opportunity to talk along the lines of hope, as one who could sympathize through experience. In my visiting I hope to call and see this contributor again, and I pray that he may be benefited eternally thereby.

Souls can be reached and won to the Lord both at home and abroad as the result of the Appeal for Missions. We are rejoicing in a whole family's being brought into the message in Quirindi who were first met when we were on our Appeal last year. It is wonderful to see the children of this home now in Sabbath school who last year knew nothing of the Lord except as they had been taught at a certain institution here.

Another experience came to me some miles out in the country, when I called upon a poor man who, as the result of an accident some twenty years ago, was bereft of both legs, and both arms above the elbow. I hardly knew what to do when I saw this dear soul sitting in his wheelchair, but I simply explained my reason for calling, stating that I had visited him as I had others for a donation for missions. "Put your hand into my pocket and get a shilling from my purse," he said. This year one of our sisters made the call to this home and was kindly treated. Later I paid this gentleman a visit and found that he was quite interested in Pastor Naden's Radio Church addresses, to which he now listens; and by request I sent for one of the broadcasts that particularly appealed to him. I find people everywhere are turning to the Advent Radio Church.

In a personal letter accompanying this report, Pastor Smith mentions that his collections in the Appeal amounted to £60. Also, he has a club of "Signs" which he distributes, and finds the people like them. When he recalls past illnesses, and remembers how near he came to death on more than one occasion, Pastor Smith is full of thankfulness that he is still able to work for God. These remarks remind us that as brave missionaries among savages in the New Hebrides, the lives of Pastor and Mrs. Smith were often in danger. Their godly lives are now a savour of life to the church members to whom they minister in the homeland.

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Increased Production in Time of Drought

T. R. KENT

In the 58th chapter of Isaiah, verse 11, we read the promise of God to those who offer to Him acceptable service and walk in His ways. He says: "And the Lord shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones; and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not." While we know that we may apply this promise in a spiritual sense, and the Lord surely has fulfilled it in this way to His faithful people, still we must not limit it to the spiritual realm. The promise also has its application to the temporal needs of God's people. He promises to supply the needs of those who serve Him, while the world may languish around them.

This truly has been the experience of our members in the far western districts of Dubbo and Mumble Peg, New South Wales. While the greater part of Australia has been suffering from one of the most severe droughts that our country has known, it is wonderful to see how God has blessed His people in basket and in store. It has been so noticeable that people not of our faith have been led to marvel at the miraculous way God has provided for His own. In most cases our people on the land have received more from their flocks and fields

for the year just closed than at any time in the past. In my association with the message for almost half a century, I have never witnessed such a manifestation of the blessings of God as the result of faithfulness in tithing, along with all other principles.

Those not of our faith living beside our brethren reaped bags to the acre less than our people; while in some instances others suffered almost failure. One brother living miles away in an isolated place, who is a raiser of sheep, has sold more fat stock this year than he did in good seasons, while many of his neighbours' sheep have been dying of starvation. Truly God is good to those who are obedient to Him.

One business man, speaking of the crops of wheat in the district where our brethren live, said: "It seems that your district has been protected." And, dear brethren and sisters, if we are faithful to Him, should we not expect the Lord to do this for us? He has promised to do it, and praise His name He never fails if we trust and obey. A leading banker, reviewing the financial standing of one of the brethren in this district, was so amazed at the way he has progressed financially since accepting the message that he asked him how he could account for his success in farming during the past four years. Our brother was not slow to tell this good man that it was his relation to the Lord that had made all the difference. Thank God for His Word which, when taken into the hearts of men, makes the world to wonder. Also, it is good to know that our brethren recognize the fact that their success does not come because of human devising or wisdom. It was grand to hear the testimonies that flowed from hearts full of praise and thanksgiving to God as we celebrated the ordinances of the Lord's house on the last day of the old year 1944. The expressions of praise were mingled with vows to walk nearer to the Lord in the future.

Some of our friends who read these lines may like to know why all these blessings have been made possible to God's people in the west, while the dust storms have been carrying tons of rich soil into the ocean. We do not mention this from the standpoint of personal glory—glory be to God. In the Book of Malachi 3:8-10, we read of God's promises to bless all who are faithful in returning to Him His tithe. He is able to fulfil the promise if we are willing to carry out the conditions; and He always will do it if it is for our good. The tithing is an insurance plan that will provide for us not only in time of drought, but also during the time of trouble when the seven last plagues are falling on men.

Our brethren in the districts mentioned are learning to walk in God's ways. In the year 1942 the tithe paid by them was £54. In the year 1943 it increased to £219. But in 1944 the amount rose to £1,257. How we should thank God for a message that produces faithful people and that brings rich blessings from Him as the result of their obedience! Not only is the Lord leading our members into the fullness of truth, but we thank Him that through their co-operation the membership of the church is growing and new souls are joining the grand procession to Zion.

Our radio work has been greatly blessed. Besides those who are now rejoicing in the blessed hope, we have our hands full dealing with new interests. From station 2DU in the far west we are able to send God's last warning to men and women far re-

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With Our Boys in the FORCES

Rejoicing to Be a Member of God's Family

Pte. F. H. Gray of Tasmania tells us that he has not long been a member of the Adventist church:—

"I often think back on the time I took my stand, after being with a unit for five years. They must have thought I'd gone off my head, particularly when I asked for relief from duties on Sabbath. I was with an artillery unit, so I applied for transfer and here I am a nursing orderly, and thoroughly enjoying my work. I find it very interesting, am always busy, and there is plenty to learn.

"Just prior to coming here I received word from a friend of Capt. (Dr.) Kent's arrival in the area, so I made myself known to him. Soon he had found quite a few lads of like belief, and we enjoyed our Sabbath study and prayer together. We regularly have Dr. Kent, Terry Sowden (W.A.), Doug McPherson (Sydney), and another couple now and again whose names I have forgotten. Not knowing what is ahead we take every opportunity of being together. Dr. Kent is a truly sincere worker who has been a great help to others and to me.

"We have a fellowship meeting here conducted by Padre Watson, a very fine Christian man. Usually we have a sing-song, prayer, Bible study, and discussion. Also, there is morning prayer at 7 o'clock for any who wish. It is a great help to each one of us. I have a great respect for this man. He never lacks in interest, and we've had some very enjoyable times."

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U.S. Adventist Soldiers and Missionaries Meet in Manila

From **Sgt. Norman A. Rogers**, on March 29:—

"About three weeks ago I wrote you about my first contact with the missionaries who had been released from a Jap internment camp. Last week I again had the privilege of meeting with our workers, but not the same ones. These were some who were rescued from the Japs by paratroopers:

There were fifty-nine of our people included in a group of over two thousand internees rescued in that one action. Through a fortunate chain of events I was permitted to be with them most of the Sabbath. I arrived in time for Sabbath school, and stayed over at the camp until Sunday morning. Brother Adams, the pioneer worker in the Philippines, took a kindly interest in me, calling me out for a quiet season of prayer before I came back.

"I can truthfully say that I had a wonderful experience. It has been over two years since I had the opportunity of meet-

ing with American brethren not connected with the army. Whilst at the prison camp I met several whom I knew in the States. Maybe you can imagine my feelings. I have been assured that the work has gone ahead in spite of set-backs. The workers all have the highest praise for the Filipino brethren."

From **Sgt. A. Saphiloff**, March 28:—

"I must tell you before closing that I've had several marvellous experiences since arriving in the Philippines.

"1. Our first contact with one of our organized churches in a year and a half, the knowledge that our work did not stop with Japanese occupation. The people are of good courage, many are ready for baptism, and churches have been raised up in some provinces. The Philippine Union College should soon re-open its doors to students, although this is the only institution we have in this particular area, the others having been destroyed.

"2. The biggest news about which you, too, will rejoice was my meeting fifty-nine of our liberated missionaries and their families, only one of whom remains seriously ill. I have since heard of others who have been liberated in other areas. Our hearts are filled to overflowing as we see these dear people, many of whom are friends and even old school-mates, safe and well."

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A Note from the Philippines

Sgt. Harry N. Olson, U.S. Army, says: "I enjoyed reading a copy of the 'Record,' which had been sent to me recently from some very good friends in Sydney. I had the great privilege of being there for three months, assigned to the 118th General Hospital. While there I attended the Stanmore church, whose members were all very friendly. The Russell family was especially good to me and made me feel quite at home during my frequent visits there. That true Christian spirit of fellowship means much to a soldier when far from his home. True S.D.A.'s manifest the same Christian spirit all over the world.

"At present I am on one of the earliest occupied islands of the Philippine group. We are situated in a nice coconut grove near the ocean. We no longer have any visits from the Japanese, which used to be quite frequent when we arrived. There is great satisfaction in being able to put one's trust in a higher power when in the face of danger.

"We have the use of the chapel on Sabbath for the S.D.A.'s in many different units. The attendance is generally good, and we have inspiring meetings. It is wonderful to meet others of like faith whom we have known before, and it is a great source of encouragement to us to discuss our varied experiences.

"Some of the fellows have contacted some of our Filipino believers on this island. I saw a picture of one small group of them, and they were very neat appearing, revealing a marked difference from others."

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Queenslander Writes from the Solomons

"I have been very pleased to receive several letters from your department," **L/Cpl. W. J. Thorpe** writes. "I have passed them round to other boys in my unit. There are nine S.D.A. boys in our unit now. On Sabbath a large number of us meet in a chapel to have our meetings. Once there were thirty-six present, but a number have now moved to stations where it is impossible for them to attend. We have some very good meetings together.

"We were delighted to renew our acquaintance with a number of lads we met in New Guinea, and now we are together again in the Solomons. We are quite comfortable here. For a time my company was camped right on a nice sandy beach. Since arriving here we have seen action, but are now resting."

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The Home Missions Department

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church to circulate this splendid soul-winning paper. "If there is one work more important than another it is that of getting our publications before the public, thus leading them to search the Scriptures."—"Testimonies," Vol. IV, page 390.

"The world is to receive the light of truth through an evangelizing ministry of the Word in our books and periodicals." Vol. IX, page 61.

"Our publishing houses are God's appointed centres, and through them is to be accomplished a work the magnitude of which is yet unrealized."—Vol. VII, page 144.

The great need is for an increased circulation of this weekly journal; and the whole membership can help by ordering one more paper per week to be posted, sold, or given for missionary work. The circulation is now 26,000 copies, about one and one half copies per member. The colporteurs selling doctrinal books hope to send in orders for approximately 1,000 a month. A lift from the church members is needed now to make the output 50,000, to be scattered among our eight million neighbours and friends. While reading this, make a decision and arrange for another "Signs" to do some soul-winning work for you. The effort will be worth while. "Heaven's care will be over the printed messages, and eternal rewards will be gained." "All over the world men and women are looking wistfully to heaven. Prayers and tears and inquiries go up from souls longing for light, for grace, for the Holy Spirit. Many are on the verge of the kingdom, waiting only to be gathered in."—"Acts of the Apostles," page 109.

One faithful sister with a "Signs" round of thirty copies a week introduced the 20th Century Bible Course to her readers, and twenty-seven of them enrolled. Every church member could do similar work for the Master. In these days when the sinner does not come to church, the church must

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WEDDING BELLS

BALLOCH-TARRY.—In the evening of March 6, at Gisborne (N.Z.) church, Phyllis Alice Tarry was united in marriage to George Desmond Balloch. The bride is well known in New Zealand, having served in the Auckland conference office and in the South Island Health Food office. The church was beautifully decorated, and looked like a sacred garden. The service was witnessed by a large assembly, and later a reception was held at "Le Grand." We pray that these young people may walk so faithfully that by and by they may walk together in the garden of the Lord.

Gordon Robinson.

SHEPPARD-DRAKE.—The Warrnambool church, Victoria, was very tastefully adorned on March 28, 1945, as Muriel Joyce, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Drake of Cudjoe, came to the altar to exchange marriage vows with Mervyn, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Sheppard of Dennington. The high esteem in which these young people are held was evidenced by the number of relatives and friends who crowded the church beyond its seating capacity. Many were the congratulations and good wishes expressed to the happy couple: We join their friends in wishing them every happiness as they pursue life's way in fellowship with their heavenly Father.

H. W. Hollingsworth.



"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints."

CHRISTIAN.—On September 27, 1944, a feeble flame of life flickered out as Sedella, the fifteen-year-old daughter of Melville and Ninette Christian, rested after years of suffering from tuberculosis. Though quiet and retiring, she had many friends who miss her and who look forward to seeing her with new and vigorous life at the resurrection. Brethren Roy Clark and Fred Christian assisted the writer at the service in the home and at the graveside.

D. H. Watson.

WARREN.—It was sweet relief for Sister Rhoda Warren when she fell asleep in the arms of Jesus, after suffering for some months with the dreaded tuberculosis. Born on Pitcairn and baptized by Pastor W. D. Smith in 1934, she spent most of her thirty-one years on the island of her birth.

Towards the evening of her day she often spoke of her confidence in her Saviour and of her longing to see the beauties of the new earth. On Pitcairn her husband, a young son, and two brothers mourn their loss, but look forward to meeting her soon when Jesus comes.

D. H. Watson.

LOHSE.—It is with regret that we pass on news of the death of our beloved sister, Mary Louise Lohse of Maryborough, Qld. Our late sister accepted the third angel's message when Pastor A. I. Mitchell ministered in this city some years ago. Till the time of her death her confidence in it was unwavering. It was on April 3, 1945, that she fell asleep in Jesus, at the age of sixty-five years. Her loving service in various departments of the church will long be remembered. Pastor H. J. Meyers spoke words of comfort and encouragement to relatives and friends who assembled at the church; the writer completing the service at the graveside. May the day soon dawn when the glad reunions for which we hope will be effected, and sorrow and tears for ever flee away!

F. J. Allen.

YOUNG.—At the age of sixty-nine, Brother David Young, a well-known resident of Pitcairn, quietly continued his natural sleep into that deeper one from which only the Lord Jesus can awaken. His death was due to accidental burning and complications. Baptized by Pastor E. H. Gates in 1890, he was one of the charter members of the Pitcairn church. He was one of the crew of a boat brought many years ago from Tahiti by Captain Jones, our well-known missionary in the Pacific. In 1937 he had the privilege of representing Pitcairn at the coronation of the present King in London, and as recently as 1940 acted as magistrate for part of the year during which the latest Pitcairn Government laws were being drafted. He leaves four sisters, two sons, and one step-son to look forward to reunion with him on the resurrection morning.

D. H. Watson.

SHARP.—Brother Norman William Sharp passed peacefully to his rest at the Sydney Sanitarium and Hospital on March 22, 1945, in his 58th year. Brother Sharp was born in Ashfield, Sydney, and as a boy went with his parents to Napier, New Zealand. When a young man he returned to Australia, and became a naval architect. Until his last illness he occupied a very important position with the United States Navy in Sydney.

Although he had been acquainted with the third angel's message for many years, he being a nephew of Pastor F. L. Sharp of New Zealand, he did not identify himself with the church until last year, when he was privately baptized at the Sanitarium because of health conditions. Brother Sharp rejoiced in his new-found hope, and laid down life's burdens with confidence in his Saviour, and hope in a resurrection at the Lord's return. Pastors Robert Hare, R. E. Hare, and the writer officiated at the burial service at the Northern Suburbs cemetery, Sydney. To those left to mourn his passing, we extend our deep sympathy.

A. W. Knight.

go to the sinner; and when she performs her appointed work, men and women will be led back into true church life, quickly the gospel commission will be fulfilled, and the Saviour return.

"There is no limit to the usefulness of the one who, putting self aside, makes room for the working of the Holy Spirit."

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Increased Production in Time of Drought

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moved from the thoroughfares of life. And we know in the time of the harvest we shall see many precious souls gathered into the kingdom of God because of this work.

While souls have been added, we also praise the Lord for the donations that have come in from our loyal listeners, along with those from our own people. These have enabled us to conduct our weekly session for more than two years without being in any way a burden to the local conference. After paying for the sessions each week and distributing about one hundred small books free to listeners, the year 1943 closed with a small credit balance of £3. At the close of 1944 the credit balance was £10, after paying all running expenses. We thank God and His people for this, but most of all we rejoice over the dear souls who have been won through the radio here.

As we march onward into the year 1945, and on towards the finishing of the gospel commission here in the west, with our faithful people we rededicate our hearts and lives to God's service, praying that He will help us to be true to our trust, so that one day we may be among those who will hear the words from the Master's lips, "Come, ye blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

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The Witness of the "Voice of Prophecy"

RUSSELL M. KRANZ

Throughout the declining days of Israel's spiritual experience God found in the "voice of prophecy" His most effective weapon of reminder. It possessed the sting of the lash, and yet the tenderness of a child's caress. It denounced Israel's wrongdoing and threatened judgment for waywardness, yet it encouraged and pointed to a ray of hope piercing a blackened future.

And today such a weapon is to be used. It alone can illumine the spiritual darkness of this world and offer something tangible for the future. Truly it is said, "The key of divine prophecy unlocks the door of future events."

Under the title, "Voice of Prophecy," an extensive mission campaign has been organized and carried into operation here in Adelaide. Through the medium of newspaper, tramway advertising, handbills, and personal invitation cards, citizens of the city have been prompted to attend a series of very interesting lectures in the Claridge Theatre, Gawler Place, every Sunday evening.

Scripture says, "And I, if I be lifted up . . . will draw all men unto Me." This should be the sole aim and determination of those participating in the sacred work

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WANTED: A reliable girl for light home duties. Good wages and home. A. C. Dawson, 132 Forrest Road, Hurstville, Sydney. Phone LU2113.

BREVITIES

Pastor Arthur White, formerly M.V. secretary in South New Zealand, lately arrived in South New South Wales, where he has undertaken similar duties. He was accompanied by his wife and family.

Following her graduation from the Sydney Sanitarium last year, Miss Ida Pierce went to the Paddington Royal Hospital for Women. As she has now finished her course there, and commences her nursing career with a double certificate, we offer our sincere congratulations.

Reinforcements have been provided for Monamona Mission in the well-chosen persons of Brother and Sister B. Blanch. Brother Blanch has just come from the A. M. College, where he was twice voted the most popular young man. His newly acquired wife, nee Gwen Wright of New Zealand, graduated from the Sydney Sanitarium last year.

One church in the Union Conference has gathered in £1,000 for missions. The aim was £500, but the leaven of enthusiasm from the leaders was so potent that the goal was far exceeded. Then, after a few weeks of rest, an agitation was made to reach £1,000. Forthwith a party went out and returned with the required sum. And thus Wahroonga has brought in one-quarter of the Appeal total for South New South Wales. The Sanitarium nobly did its part. With an aim of £140, the staff collected £385.

UNUSED APPEAL MAGAZINES

Pastor A. J. Campbell writes from Bundaberg, Queensland, that the church there set its Appeal aim at £300, seven and a half times the sum allotted to them officially. Already they have £200, but have exhausted their supply of magazines. Will anyone who has surplus stocks kindly send them immediately to Pastor Campbell at 66 Walker Street, Bundaberg. He will also be grateful for old numbers for the railway reading-rack.

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Their First Camp

E. L. MINCHIN

Queensland, during the Easter holidays, held its first senior Youth's camp at their beautiful new camp site at Yandina, about eighty miles north of Brisbane, on the main north line. It was a time of inspiration from first to last. The total attendance was 110.

Pastor Lauder and his team did a valiant work in preparing for the camp. The permanent buildings are not yet erected. The young people were accommodated in a number of American military tents, all purchased at a very reasonable price.

Devotional meetings, an open-air concert, a camp-fire, swimming in a magnificent rock pool below a splashing waterfall, the M.V. Forum periods, a bird hunt, a picnic, the secret friend feature, the enthusiastic singing, delightful weather, all amidst a setting of bush, mountain, and stream, made a never-to-be-forgotten experience for the Queensland advent youth gathered from all parts of their large and hospitable state.

Pastor Rudge and Brother Adair in America

Letters written to their families a few days after their arrival in Washington, indicate that Pastor E. B. Rudge and Brother R. H. Adair had been warmly welcomed by the brethren at the General Conference and Australian friends over there. Pastor Rudge mentioned that he was very well and that his injured hand was still progressing. These excerpts are from Brother Adair's letter, written on March 12:—

"We arrived in Washington last Wednesday night, almost a week ago. We came from New Orleans by train and passed through Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, North and South Carolina, and Virginia. The last-named state was the prettiest, I think. It was very interesting. There are plenty of darkies about, and we saw the lands where 'the cotton and the corn and taters grow.' The 'woods' have all been leafless, but there are signs of spring about.

"We were met in Washington by Pastor McElhany, Pastor Cormack, and Brother Cummins, one of the assistant treasurers. It was lovely to see the Cormacks, and they gave us quite a greeting. They have been very kind, and in the office he has been very attentive and helpful.

"We are staying at the Washington Sanitarium. The San and the Washington Missionary College are built in a semi-circle, with lawns and roadways in the centre.

"Washington is really a beautiful place. There are lots of trees around, and they say in the spring and autumn they are a beautiful sight. We have seen a few squirrels about. Pastor Cormack and Brother Cummins took us out one afternoon to see the sights. We saw quite a bit of the city—General Lee's home, Arlington Cemetery, Washington Monument, and went to the top of the Needle Monument by 'elevator.' It is 555 feet 5½ inches high. We had a wonderful view. We also saw the White House and the Pentagon building, which covers about fourteen acres. Pastor Cormack told me before we went that he had been given a fine assignment. He and Brother Cummins had been asked to show us around. Mrs. Cormack went with us. The girls are over in California, and we hope to see them later.

"The morning after our arrival we went to the General Conference office, about a mile from here. We had a good chat with Pastor McElhany and Brother W. E. Nelson. The General Conference men have been very nice to us. Brother McElhany is a very fine man, and seems very kind and true. We met with the officers today. They were glad to see us, and said how wise it was for us to come.

"We have met Pastor Roy and Dr. Cliff Anderson and their families. We had lunch and spent the evening with the Andersons yesterday, Sabbath. I took the first service in the headquarters church, Takoma Park. They have two services, one at nine o'clock and another at eleven-thirty. Pastor Rudge took the second service. I then went round to the new Sligo church near the Sanitarium. It is a great new church.

"The days have been fine since we came. The air is still crisp, but pleasant. We wear our overcoats when we go out—most folk do. Inside, the central heating works first rate, but sometimes it is excessively hot. The life here is entirely different

from ours in Australia. We are very comfortable in the Sanitarium and we eat quite good food in the San cafeteria. There is also a cafeteria in the Review grounds, and we eat there sometimes.

"We were at Turner's last night."

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The Witness of the "Voice of Prophecy"

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of evangelism. Under the able leadership of Pastor Joseph W. Harvey we have endeavoured to bring the Christ before the people. Confidence in the Lord leads us to believe that this being done we shall reap a harvest of reward. Although but five weeks have passed since the commencement, God has richly blessed. Such attractive subjects as "The Big Three and the Yalta Conference—Can the Objectives be Realized?" "Do We Need Fear Russia's Domination of Europe After the Coming Peace?" "Christ on Modern Marriage and Divorce," "U.S.A. in Bible Prophecy," and "The Man Who Posed as God and Fooled Millions," have proved the power of prophecy. A growing audience is held in its grip every week. Keener interest has been aroused by the use of an impressive cut-out system for display of prophetic symbols. The untamed beasts of prophecy are thus presented in a realistic way. Today "action attracts."

Revivals of the past have proved that music plays a large part in successful evangelism. The "Voice of Prophecy" meetings offer twenty-five minutes packed with musical features. Christ is presented in song by a sixteen-voice ladies' choir, by solos, duets, quartettes, and congregational singing. Many words of appreciation have already been received as a reward for the efforts of the singers. A choir conductor of thirteen years' experience said he had spent thirteen years looking for what he had heard and found in the singing that night at the "Voice of Prophecy." The audience is realizing that the enthusiastic song service is something that cannot be missed.

In her mid-week lectures, Miss G. Barnett is directing the minds of the people to the need for healthful living. These lectures will prove invaluable, as folk are being introduced to the "right arm of the message" right from the very commencement.

Applications for address synopses and enrolment in the Bible Correspondence courses are growing in number week by week, and God is leading to the homes of the people. Pastor Harvey and the staff are kept busy following up interests and giving Bible studies. The work of God calls for hard and continuous work; and finally, as a result of that work, due reward shall be given.

It is only as the love of God burns within our own hearts that we can impart that love to others. Pastor Harvey, Brother W. Ferguson, Miss G. Barnett, and the writer ask you to remember them in your prayers, as individuals, as the Adelaide Voice of Prophecy staff, and as a unit proclaiming this third angel's message. In answer to your prayers God will add sheaves to His harvest.

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"Give, give, be always giving,
Who gives not is not living;
The more we give, the more we live."