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"I am pressed under." Here we have a picture that ought to stir our souls as nothing else ever has. God is speaking and He, although omnipotent, admits on this occasion that the burden He is bearing is indeed heavy. He is under pressure.

In order that there be no misunderstanding as to the reality of the load, He says He is pressed under "as a cart is pressed that is full of sheaves." Let us endeavour to view the picture clearly. To most of us a picture of a cart or waggon pressed down with a load of sheaves of wheat is not difficult to recall. Familiar to most is the sound of waggon wheels creaking as though complaining of the heavy load. The horse team plods resolutely on, leaning into the collars as it draws the heavily loaded waggon to its destination.

That is a picture which in the light of our text should constantly speak to our hearts about the love of God—love that led Him to be placed under a terrific load—a heavy burden—*under pressure*, on our behalf.

This is a personal matter, for it is so stated. "I am pressed under you." By His grace we may lift the load from His heart by constantly doing His will.

Something of the kind of burden that is borne by the Father heart is revealed to us in the story of the prodigal son. The old man's heart was heavy when his boy left home; often he could be seen gazing down the lonely road in the direction in which his boy had gone. But one day his gaze was rewarded, for he saw the prodigal "a long way off." The load

was lifted; the burden rolled from his heart. In lightness of heart and with abounding joy he commanded the fatted calf to be killed and the occasion to be one of rejoicing.

Some of us, perhaps, have seen a loving father whose

boy had failed him. We have seen the father's hair whiten, his face become drawn and lined, his shoulders become bowed, and his gait feeble. His son's sins were bringing him down by reason of their burden.

One writer has said, "If we could know from without the suffering, sorrow, and sin of a single tiny town or village we would break down. If we knew it from within we would go mad." God knows from within, is involved in, and identified with, *all* the suffering, sorrow, and sin of *all* the world through *all* the ages. Yes, friends, God is under pressure.

The thought of God's burden ought to send us out to change the world in His name. It ought to lift us right out of our littleness, our self-centred way of life, into a largeness of vision, of activity, and of devotion in an endeavour to lift the burden.

The more constantly we have before us the vision of God's being pressed under us "as a cart is pressed that is full of sheaves," the more earnest I feel we shall become in bearing sheaves for Him. What a joy it would be

God Under Pressure

H. WHITE

SOMEHOW, my thoughts of recent weeks have been returning again and again to the message of Amos 2: 13. These words introduce in no uncertain way the sobering thought of God's being pressed down by the burden of man's wrongdoing. The preceding verses record God's appeal to His erring children. He reminds them of His mighty acts on their behalf. Verse 10: "Also I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and led you forty years." Verse 11: "I raised up of your sons for prophets." And then comes that small yet significant three-lettered word "BUT." Yes, verse 12 indicates that in spite of all God had done down through the long years they had gone their own way, and in their going had rolled a tremendous burden upon His heart.

if we could enter the pearly gates with more sheaves than we could carry! Let us determine to go in "as a cart is pressed that is full of sheaves," for by so doing we shall accomplish a twofold purpose. First, we shall make some contribution toward lightening the heavy burden that is now bearing down upon God's great heart of love.

Some day the burden will be entirely lifted. I love the picture in Zeph. 3:17, of God light-hearted, with the burden lifted, rejoicing with great joy. Some day I want to actually hear God sing for joy. Here is the picture, "The Lord thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; He will save, He will rejoice over thee with joy; He will rest in His love, He will joy over thee with singing."

That is the situation at the end of the road—God at rest and rejoicing with song. No longer is He to be burdened down and under pressure. May God speed the day. May we by earnest consecration and devotion to the task hasten on apace the relief from His load.

Secondly, we ourselves shall be blessed, for by faithfully bearing the seed now the individual, according to the promise of Ps. 126:6, "shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

Yes, friends, it is really true in the case of both God and His people—there are definitely no burdens yonder. Hasten on, glad day!

GOD WALKS ALONE

MILDRED WOOD HARRIS

*God walked alone in Eden
At the close of that dreadful day,
His heart all broken with sorrow—
He had sent His children away.*

*God walked alone in Eden;
And the lovely garden was bare,
No answering voice or footstep
In the dim, shining stillness there.*

*God walked alone in heaven
The night that Christ came to this
earth,
While all the celestial choir
Were singing to mortals His birth.*

*God walked alone in heaven,
And not even angels above
Could know the weight of His anguish,
The wonderful depths of His love.*

*God walks alone in heaven
Once more when this old earth is done,
Waiting in glad expectation
Return of His glorified Son.*

*With the redeemed of all ages
To gather around His great throne
In thankful, satisfied glory,
Our God walks no more alone.*

of the room up to twelve feet by the length and width of the space. It is not always possible in the home to obtain the optimum amount of fresh air; therefore, all who can, should spend at least an hour a day in the great out of doors drinking in draughts of invigorating fresh air.

Have you ever questioned just why so much pure air is essential? Oxygen is essential to support combustion, or the burning, of the food in the body. It is indispensable to animals and vegetables. Without proper oxidation of food the body cannot be properly nourished. "We are more dependent upon the air we breathe than upon the food we eat." ("Counsels on Health," page 173.) If there is a lack of oxygen, digestion will be hampered. Dr. Rehffuss, Professor in Clinical Medicine, says: "Oxygen is the most potent tonic we know, and any number of sufferers from indigestion who complain of this troublesome symptom at home lose it and are surprised at their ability to consume precisely the same food when relieved of tenseness, mental anxiety, and are able to enjoy sunshine, fresh air, and the out of doors, which a real holiday promises."

"When we studied the action of isolated gastric strips we were impressed with the vital necessity of oxygen. Any falling off of oxygen supply resulted in a falling-off in muscle contractions. I believe this is one of the explanations for the beneficial effects of vacations. Recently I received word from a patient who travelled clear across the continent in order to have a digestive survey. During her trip she did not have a trace of indigestion, but as soon as she returned to the routine of household drudgery and the innumerable cares of a home and a large family, the trouble recurred. She was confined to the house all day with no opportunity to get out and enjoy the sunshine and fresh air."—"Indigestion, Its Diagnosis and Management," page 363.

Fresh air is also essential to health because it "improves the tone of the skin and body generally, keeps the mucous membranes of the respiratory tract healthy, and lessens the liability to 'catch cold.'"—"Anatomy, Physiology, and Hygiene," page 200.

Fresh air, too, has actually been found to aid in the cure of disease. We quote from "Health" for May, 1942: "Nature's simplest remedy, fresh air, has proved efficacious in the treatment of rheumatic fever in children. . . . Doctors John P. Hubbard and Walter A. Griffin tell in the 'New England Journal of Medicine' how they placed twenty children who had recently recovered from rheumatic fever in an open-air sanitarium near Boston (U.S.A.). They slept outdoors and remained in the open air as much as possible in the daytime, all through the winter. None had any recurrence of the fever or evidence of increased heart disease in the institution.

"The next year twenty-eight children were admitted who had active rheumatic infection, some of them with severe heart disease. None of these had any further attacks. It has been learned that there is a close relation between rheumatic fever and certain nose and throat infections. Hence precautions were taken that none of the patients took cold. . . . In consequence, only one or two slight colds developed in the two years. General health was much improved."

TRUE REMEDIES

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I—PURE AIR

The value of pure air is such a commonplace matter that it might even seem unnecessary to discuss it. However, it may be of some benefit if we review in our minds the reasons why it is so important.

Air that is pure is a colourless, odourless, transparent mixture of nitrogen, oxygen, a very small amount of carbon dioxide, water, and some organic matter. It is free from dust, dirt, and harmful gases. The act of respiration produces carbonic acid gas, so we find the air which has been breathed and expired contains over four times as much carbonic acid gas as pure air, with a correspondingly less amount of oxygen, and also with more organic impurities.—"Anatomy, Physiology, and Hygiene," page 212.

Ideally the air should be free from impurities and of suitable temperature and moisture content, also there should be movement of the air. But it is difficult to keep air pure, for there are a number of ways by which it becomes contaminated.

(1) Impurities are added to the atmosphere whenever combustion occurs. Thus, the combustion of coal sets free carbonic acid, carbon monoxide, and sulphur compounds, and particles of carbon in the form of soot. (2) "Dust of all kinds makes the air impure. Ordinarily, dust consists of particles of soot and fine coal ash, grit from roads, vegetable pollen, minute fragments of clothing, epidermal scales, and other human organic matter, with bacteria which may sometimes be noxious, e.g., the tubercle

bacillus." ("Practical Nursing," 1946, pages 9, 10.) (3) The air of work-rooms is likely to be polluted, according to the nature of the trade, with particles of arsenic, lead, phosphorus, flax, or flour, etc.

We find, though, that provision has been made in nature for the purification of air. This is accomplished through the commingling of the gases by their constant movement or diffusion of their particles, and by the warm air rising and the cold air descending to take its place, and by the action of the wind. Vegetables and plants decompose the carbonic acid gas and in this way help purify the air. And many impurities are washed from the air by the rain. The action of oxygen or in other words oxidation, decomposes other impurities.—Id., page 10.

Air need not be cold to be pure. Many buildings now are air-conditioned. This is accomplished through mechanical ventilation. Air is drawn in from the outside and either warmed or cooled according to the outside temperature and forced through the building, thus maintaining a steady, healthful, and comfortable temperature.

Normally, each healthy adult should have 3,000 cubic feet of fresh air per hour as the optimum amount. To obtain the number of cubic feet, multiply the height

**"And God works in the little as the great,
A perfect work and glorious over all—
Or in the stars that choir with joy elate,
Or in the lichen spreading on the wall."**

Again, physicians in New York City (U.S.A.) gave forty-four children suffering from acute rheumatic inflammation of the heart a carefully regulated oxygen atmosphere. The general course of the condition was favourably affected in twenty-four cases. Oxygen has been proposed as a means of arresting this damage.

Breathing

We often fully recognize the body's need for fresh or pure air, but at the same time fail to recognize the important part breathing plays in the proper circulation of the blood and lymph. "We complain of the stupefying effect of sedentary work in a poorly aired room, but rarely do we make more than occasional use of the tonic effect of vigorously breathing pure, fresh air. . . . It is important that we provide a well-ventilated environment, and that we do not impair the respiratory mechanisms by poor posture and inactivity."—"Ministry," February, 1946, page 27.

"The entire surface of the normal human lung is equivalent in area to a strip of land thirty-one feet square." ("Health," Sept., 1941.) Shall we not sit and stand erect so that it will be possible to make full use of this lung capacity?

The harmful effects of a lack of pure air are numerous. "In a crowded room where the air is unchanged, there is loss of oxygen and increase of carbon dioxide, moisture, and temperature. Human beings give off organic matter as they breathe and perspire, and the odour is often offensive. The increase in temperature and moisture causes the pulse to rise, respiration to increase, headache, and if too long continued, dizziness and nausea. When a person lives in bad air over a period of time, he loses his appetite, becomes anæmic and is more susceptible to disease."—"Textbook of Attendant Nursing," pages 377, 378.

Dr. T. Gordon Pugh says: "It is common knowledge that being in an ill-ventilated room causes languor, sleepiness, headache, and, not infrequently, fainting; and that life spent constantly under such conditions leads to pallor, loss of appetite and energy, and general debility associated with a greatly increased liability to infectious diseases, especially tuberculosis."—"Practical Nursing," page 10.

"Living in badly ventilated and overcrowded rooms tends to produce lowered vitality and increased susceptibility to diseases of all kinds, especially tuberculosis; also under these conditions bacteria and parasites flourish and infect." ("Anatomy, Physiology, and Hygiene," page 213.) Research has revealed that death rates in pneumonia, pulmonary tuberculosis, and respiratory-tract cancer are related to the intensity of pollution in the air. A British study reveals that dust particles liberated into the air of a small room from a person's skin and clothing can carry infection. About ten per cent of the bacteria-carrying particles remain in the air for at least an hour.

By the messenger of the Lord we have been told, "Air is the free blessing of heaven, calculated to electrify the whole system. Without it, the system will be filled with disease, and become dormant, languid, feeble. None can possess clear, unclouded brains while breathing a poisonous atmosphere."

Truly, then, pure air is a health-giving agent and a "sure remedy."

An Australian on the Rhine

E. L. MINCHIN

(Concluded)

Since the currency reform last year, conditions in Western Germany have improved immensely, almost unbelievably so. Thousands are still flocking across the border from the Russian zone every week. The people present a great problem. I have seen whole families of such refugees trudging down the street, having travelled hundreds of miles and escaped overnight across some lonely part of the border in order to seek freedom.

Here in the British zone I am proud to say, from my observation, the British authorities have earned the respect of the German people. They regard them now as their protectors from the Eastern menace. Our own people are free to acknowledge that they see the hand of God in the overcoming of the Nazi tyranny, and know that they have a freedom now that they never had or would have had under those godless leaders.

I attended a camp at our college at Neandertal near Dusseldorf, where over eighty Adventist students from various parts of Western Germany came together for a study of problems peculiar to Adventist students in outside colleges. I have been greatly impressed by the earnestness and ability of these young people. Several were present from Berlin, and two students came from Leipzig in the Russian zone. I sat at meals and chatted with them as much as possible. Many of the boys were prisoners of war in Russia, France, the United States, or England. On the day of our trip on the Rhine, one boy showed me the place where he was captured by the Russians. Another lad was present who was shot in the foot and had had it amputated. He also lost all the toes on the other foot through frost-bite. Another young man explained that he could not run fast because he was shot through the lungs during the war. A splendid young woman from the Berlin University, the daughter of the previous principal of our Missionary College, told me that her father was taken from the college by the Russians when they occupied Germany and they have not heard from him since; they believe him to be in a concentration camp. She was almost afraid to talk about it for fear of the Russians. Her mother and sister are still at our college. I also met at the camp an Adventist lad of the name of Walter Klinge who recently won a world championship in swimming. He has been offered a position as instructor at

Bonn University, but he has decided to train for the ministry at our college.

A memory I shall always cherish is that of a group of nearly one hundred German Adventist youth gathering around me on the boat as we travelled that evening up the beautiful Rhine singing in the most perfect harmony their lovely old German folksongs. Whether it be chorus or hymn singing, the German people have a natural gift for singing in parts. This country has produced many of the world's most famous musicians, and I told them that if the German youth would live for the lovely and beautiful things of the soul and heart which have inspired so many of their great men and women of the past, they would rise to true greatness again. That day we saw the magnificent hotel on a hill above the Rhine where Chamberlain met Hitler in September, 1938. Chamberlain flew home to London to announce "Peace in our time." Twelve months later the nations were plunged into war. In yonder valley, I was told, is a cemetery where six thousand German boys, sixteen years of age, are buried, killed during a battle in the vicinity. What a fearful crime against humanity have the perpetrators of this terrible war committed!

The day closed at last. Long shadows crept up the steep vine-clad hills each side of the Rhine. All day we had passed beautiful historic towns and villages and dozens of ancient castles on hill-tops proclaiming the glory and terror of the wars and struggles of other years.

This week-end I spend with our four hundred and fifty youth at a camp at our college near Darmstadt, and then I return to England via Belgium. I thank God for the privilege of making this visit. I felt I was representing Australasia as well as Britain, and gave special greetings from you. Repeatedly our members asked me to tell you of their love and gratitude, and this I am glad to do.

I have also had the privilege of visiting Holland and Denmark on this trip. In Denmark I spent two days at our Skodsborg Sanitarium, and spoke to the patients and staff. Everything there is beautifully clean and well appointed. It was an inspiration to see over two hundred Adventist nurses filing into the chapel for morning worship. In the evening, Miss Val Rudge and Miss Doreen Davey (who were holidaying there) and I joined our people in an excursion on the Baltic Sea. Except that they didn't speak our language, they were just like a happy laughing party of advent youth in our homelands.

Since writing the above, I have returned to England and attended our senior and junior youth camps in North and South England. We have been blessed with a gloriously sunny summer, and even I enjoyed the sea bathing with our youth and juniors. Two baptisms were conducted in the sea. On one occasion, four young women, each won to the faith by another youth, confessed their Lord. At one camp, twenty-two children were present from Sunday schools conducted by our young people. Fifteen out of the twenty-two requested baptism. The "Share Your Faith" spirit is still in the hearts of our youth.

Last Sabbath we had the privilege of welcoming Brother and Sister E. G. McDowell and Brother Morton Gillespie to our headquarters church. In the afternoon there was quite a gathering of Aus-

Charity

ALICE CARY

I hold that Christian grace abounds
Where charity is seen; then when
We climb to heaven, 'tis on the rounds
Of love to men.

This I moreover hold, and dare
Affirm, where'er my rhyme may go;
Whatever things be sweet and fair,
Love makes them so.

'Tis not the wide phylactery,
Nor stubborn fast, nor staid prayers,
That makes us saints; we judge the tree
By what it bears.

traliens on our back lawn. Under the shade of a large apple tree fifteen of us chatted about home, Adventist friends, and the work of God in Australasia and elsewhere. Those present were: Brother and Sister Rudge, Miss Val Rudge, Brother and Sister G. E. Adair, Miss Irene King, Brother and Sister Ivan Lacey from Victoria, Brother and Sister McDowell, Brother Gillespie, Mrs. Minchin, Yvonne, Valmae, Leona, and I.

On Sunday, Brother and Sister McDowell, Brother Gillespie, and our family visited some places of interest in London. Commencing with the stirring and colourful Changing of the Guard at Buckingham

Palace, we visited Westminster Abbey, Madame Tussaud's Wax Works, Hyde Park (where thousands were gathered around soap-box orators) and concluded the day by going to the Salad Bowl in Lyon's Corner House in Piccadilly.

Two weeks ago Pastor T. J. Bradley commenced another mission in Lewisham Town Hall. We ask for your continued prayers for the church in old England.

Mrs. Minchin and our family, also the other Australians in England, send greetings to all the friends in our beloved homeland. God bless you and keep us faithful until we stand united with the redeemed from every land.

OUR ISLAND FIELDS

Looking Back Over Thirty-two Years

R. H. TUTTY
(Concluded)

The M.V. "Batuna," with Pastor and Sister J. D. Anderson, Dr. Evans, my wife, and I, left Batuna after a delay of several days because the weather was so rough. Next day we arrived at Kwallibesi, on the top end of Malaita, an island approximately one hundred miles by thirty.

The Andersons brought the advent message here in 1924, settling at Uru. The natives are recognized as being one of the fiercest tribes in the Solomons, and before the war were largely recruited as labourers on the plantations. The population of Malaita is about 45,000. In size and population it is the same as Bougainville. Uru, incidentally, is only a few miles distant from the site where Messrs. Bell and Lilley, Government officials, were killed by the natives many years ago. For a while the situation was so ugly that Pastor and Sister Anderson lived on their small boat. Later, when Pastor Anderson was visiting another of our missions, three armed natives met him and accused him of bringing the Government officers to arrest them. With their knives and axes ready, they were in a mood to kill him, but he was protected and marvellously delivered by God.

Today there are nine hundred Sabbath school members on Malaita, and of these two hundred are baptized. On this visit Pastor Anderson baptized nine opposite the site of the massacre. One cannot but admire the grit and courage of the Andersons.

Pastor J. H. Newman is now in charge of the mission on Malaita. Pastor Arthur Parker and Dr. Mills Parker were the first missionaries to Kwallibesi. Pastor and Sister D. A. Ferris were among those who followed, and there little Colleen is buried.

Brother and Sister Tilley are in charge of the medical work on Malaita, and they have periodic visits from our doctors. We were there for the week-end and saw them at work. Not far from their house is the maternity ward, a small house eighteen by twenty feet, and into it were crowded fifteen mothers and their newly born babies. There were no nice beds or blankets. We were impressed with the confidence the

heathen women and those from other missions show in coming to our missionaries for help. In the hospital the patients sleep on the floor, often packed like sardines in a tin. The brethren are planning to erect new buildings if finances will allow.

Pastor Newman travels around his territory in the "G. F. Jones." As he has no home, Sister Newman and the two children are stopping in the transit house at Honiara. Pastor Newman is assisted by a noble band of native missionaries. One is Pastor Simi, who comes from Ranonga; he has been a missionary on Malaita for twenty-two years. Three times his life has been attempted. The first occasion was when a Malaita woman forsook her heathen ways and thus aroused the wrath of her relatives. She was attacked and killed, as well as Simi's wife. Simi was also attacked, and left for dead in the sea. He did not seek revenge, and when the murderer was arrested, Simi pleaded with him to give his heart to God.

Another time a Malaita man was sharpening his knife preparatory to attacking Simi, and sent a message to him first. Simi coolly replied that this man would be killed first by his own knife. That night the would-be murderer became involved in a quarrel with his father, and in the fight his knife inflicted a gash on the back of his neck; but it was not fatal. This incident impressed the natives, and they called for a missionary to live among them. The third time the wrath of the heathen devil man was so aroused that he rushed at Simi with his axe, but Simi stepped aside and his attacker rushed on and fell. He made a second attempt to kill Simi, but was seized from behind and arrested by the village policeman. Simi pleaded that his attacker be released, and this so impressed the heathen that they said they had no objection to the mission lads singing hymns in their village. This devil man is now very friendly with Simi, and with smiles he showed us round the sacred enclosure. Among the sacred stones the chief is the obelisk four feet high, which is usually facing the sun, the supposed life-giver. Skulls of their ancestors were lying around. We did not go near the large stone because it is still regarded with reverence. Pigs used to be sacrificed to this stone, but the devil man assured us that it has not spoken so definitely since head hunting was banned.

In my experience I have seen three stones which the natives claim actually speak to them. The one at Manus, so the natives informed the Government, spoke more vehemently after I stood it up. Another stands upright in the deserted bush at the lower end of Bougainville, and reputedly gave the natives their first language. This stone was not pleased because head hunting was stopped.

In Lev. 26:1, the Israelites were cautioned: "Ye shall make you no idols nor graven image, neither rear you up a standing image, neither shall ye set up any image of stone . . . to bow down unto it." And verse 2 draws our attention to the fact that the Sabbath and reverence for God's sanctuary will help us realize that God is the Lord. Sun and moon worship are common with the heathen. I have seen natives throw kisses to the new moon and beat their drums to welcome it.

Near Kwallibesi are several small clusters of houses built up in the shallow water which extends for a long way from the shore. The people collect stones and build up these islets, and then round them are many houses on poles in the mud. Three or four hundred natives are living on each island, the houses being only three feet apart. The centre islet was built by our members and has a church in the middle. Going there to take the service it was necessary to climb up the post on one house and go through it, and skirt the church wall by walking along a passage-way only three feet wide. Quite a nice little company gathers there for worship. The other two islets are filthy, pig sties being crowded between the houses. Many women without children nurse pigs. Such is heathenism, and amid such surroundings our missionaries work.

Leaving Malaita, our next call was at Makira, and there Pastor Jugha and another teacher are bravely witnessing for Jesus. The following day we crossed over to Guadalcanal and visited Kopia. Sister J. Gosling and her two children were there, but Brother Gosling was away at Batuna, helping Brother Cherry instal the new engine in the "Portal." Finally, we arrived at Honiara, which is also on Guadalcanal. This is now the Government port of entry to the Solomons and also our headquarters. There we met Brother and Sister J. K. L. Fletcher.

Pastor L. N. Lock is principal of Betikama, the central school for the Solomons, and Brother R. Richter headmaster. There are sixty students in the school, twenty of them doing fifth grade work. It has been our aim since the central schools were established to bring our pioneering teachers in for more education; but so far we have not been able to spare them. I was astonished to see the gardens laid out so methodically and every crop tagged in true nurseryman style. Maize was seven feet high. Pastor Lock, with the aid of six boys, also operates the press. This was donated by the Signs Publishing Company before the war, and prints literature in the Marovo or Ullisaghi language. It is now turned by hand; but soon an engine will be connected, as it was pre-war.

We were loath to leave the mission field, and our hearts are still there. However, we have confidence in the younger missionaries who are succeeding us and we know that the gospel of God is indeed the power unto salvation for all races of men.

AROUND THE CONFERENCES

"Choir Showed Rare Quality"

This was the heading that attracted our attention in the "Sydney Morning Herald," of Monday, October 3, and we hurried on to read this comment:—

"A choir of exceptional quality, the Avondale Symphonic Choir, gave a recital in Sydney Town Hall on Saturday.

"In this sixty-voiced, unaccompanied group, the conductor, Mr. George Greer, has a remarkably flexible and expressive instrument. The singing was notable for clarity of attack and the firm, even, organ-like forte tone—a thing rarely heard.

"The choir is attached to the Seventh-day Adventist Missionary College at Cooranbong, and the recital, styled 'an hour of choral worship,' was primarily devotional in its purpose. Nevertheless, more time could have been given to music of a higher standard.

"The Avondale choir will be doing a disservice to audiences if they do not reappear with a programme of more specifically musical interest."

The Avondale Symphonic Choir is first of all evangelistic. Brother Greer regards the message of the song as of more importance than the cultural value of the music.

The City Mission, Christchurch

L. G. MOULDS

This is a flash-photo of the audience in the Regent Theatre, Christchurch, New Zealand, on the twenty-eighth Sunday night of the Burnside Bible lectures. Pastor Burnside has been very well received, as is proved by this audience, which still attends after hearing health reform, the Spirit of Prophecy, the Millennium, the State of the Dead, the World Programme of Seventh-day Adventists, and a dozen lectures on the Sabbath with a good old-fashioned ring about them. No wonder somebody said that if he would only tone down on the Sabbath he would be a great preacher!

The circle of interest in this series of Bible lectures is widening, and it is clearly seen that another year of public meetings in Christchurch would produce twice the results seen this year. It all boils down to what we concluded before, that—

"The gospel has not lost its power,
Nor has it yet grown old;
'Tis still the way for sinful men
To enter in the fold."

Melbourne Holds a Youth Rally

MARGARET Y. MARTIN

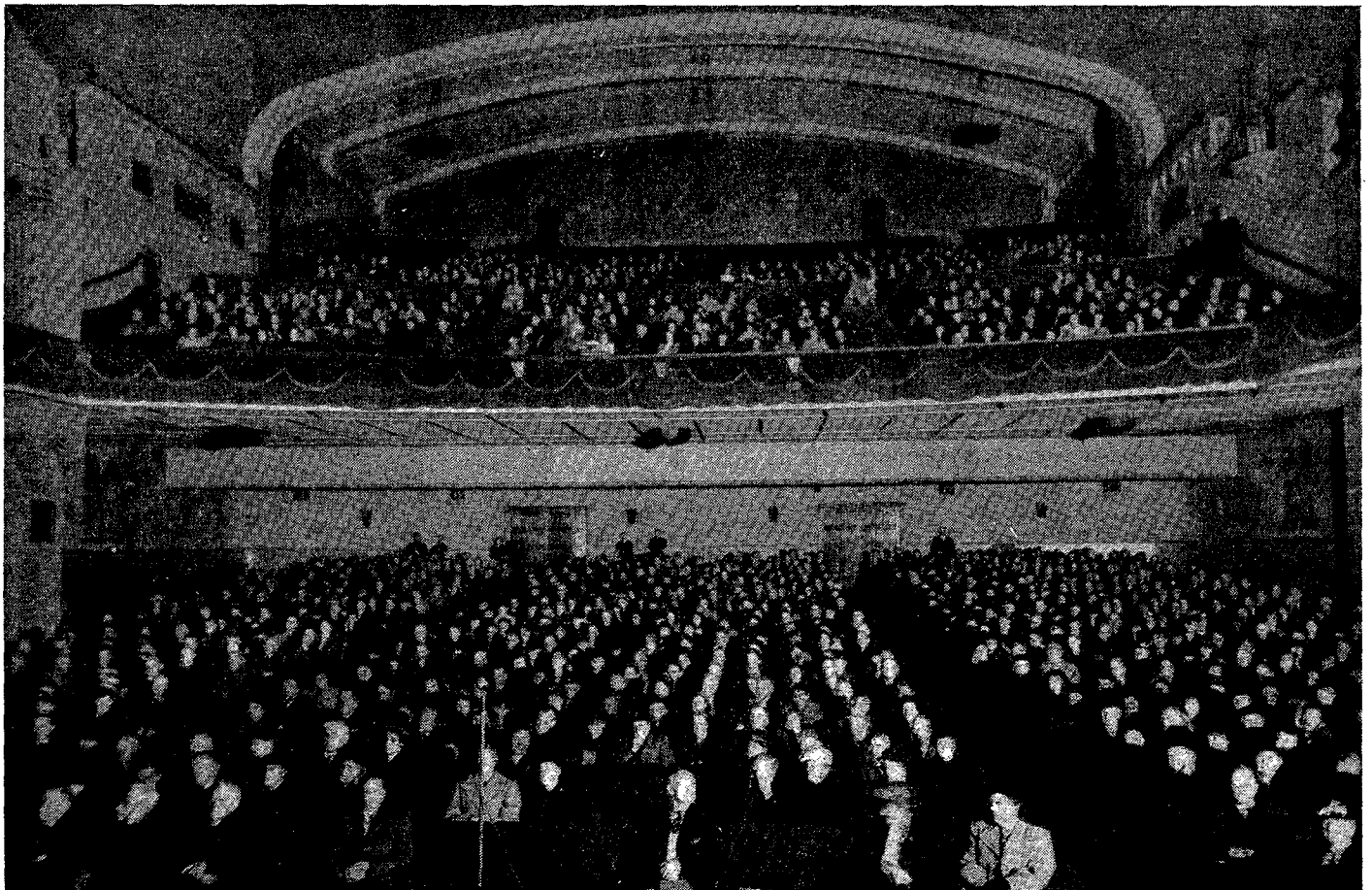
Have you ever attended a youth rally? Perhaps you say, yes. However, if you have not attended such a meeting, join us now.

It is the morning of September 24, a big day for the youth of the city of Melbourne. By 9.15 young people from all parts of the city and suburbs have gathered in the Assembly Hall, Collins Street, for a "feast of spiritual blessings." They have come at the personal invitation of Pastor W. E. Rudge, Victorian Conference youth leader.

Sabbath school is held under the able direction of Miss Marion L. Taylor, Conference Sabbath school secretary.

At the eleven o'clock worship hour Pastor F. A. Mote, secretary of the Australasian Inter-Union Conference, gives a stirring message, "God's Call to Modern Youth." The Spirit of God comes very near to each heart as the speaker brings us this challenge. "The Lord has appointed the youth to be His helping hand." Further, "this army of youth can do much for God if rightly encouraged," quotes Pastor Mote from "Messages to Young People." We receive a new vision of youth's place and responsibility in completing the gospel task, and determine in our hearts to "Arise, shine, and quickly finish the work."

After lunch we gather for the afternoon activities, and an invigorating song service begins. Before long the Foresters' Hall, which has been booked for the afternoon meeting, is packed to the doors with over three hundred young people. Again our



guest speaker, Pastor Mote, relates some personal and thrilling experiences of our youth in other lands who are sharing their faith. With much feeling the story is told by Pastor Mote of a little lad just twelve years of age who, after his parents' death, was put into a religious institution and beaten unmercifully because he would not work on the Sabbath as he was commanded to do. On the day of the trial the judge sentenced the priests to three months' imprisonment, but owing to the pleas of the little boy that they should go free, he discharged them with a warning. "Christ is calling for volunteers to enlist under His standard and bear the banner of the cross before the world."

Sharp at eight o'clock the evening programme begins. All enjoy the social occasion by participating in games and marches, and the films which Pastor Rudge has obtained for the evening are well received. The Melbourne Youth Association is proud to present the Rev. W. H. Rainey, Australian secretary of the British and Foreign Bible Society, who keeps us keenly interested while he tells something of his eighteen years' experience with "Headhunters of the Amazon." There is a need for more such consecrated workers for the cause of God.

"There's a work to be done,
And a world to be won."

May this rally and others around this field be the means of putting into action our rallying watchwords, "SHARE YOUR FAITH."

Avondale

There is a great deal of activity in Avondale at present in preparation for the magazine, "The Jacaranda, 1949." This year the faculty and graduates decided to sink traditional differences in respect to the year-end publication and co-operate to provide a fully pictorial magazine of much better quality than any yet produced at the College.

The work is well under way. The magazine will contain about forty pages, with plates of College activities occupying the bulk of the space. Mr. Howard Totenhofer is himself working on what is expected to be a very attractive cover, done in colour.

We hope that this magazine will be well subscribed to, so that it may become a permanent feature of Avondale life and grow bigger and brighter each year. It must do much to spread the doctrine of Christian Education among the young people of the Advent Movement.

N. P. Clapham.

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Your Daily Bible Study

We all endeavour to read a portion of Scripture every day, but often our Bible reading is of very little real profit to us because it is too haphazard—a chapter here or a verse there or a glance at the Sabbath school lesson, but without a definite objective or programme. If, on the

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WEDDING BELLS

KEEGAN-NILSSON.—In the afternoon of August 25, 1949, at Greymouth, New Zealand, Royce Harold Keegan and Mary Barbara Nilsson were united in the bonds of matrimony. The church was tastefully decorated and filled with relatives and friends. We pray God to richly bless this union; and as these young people face life together we wish them success and true happiness.

Alfred C. Ball.

YEEND-GRAY.—On Saturday night, September 17, 1949, Brian Oliver Yeend and Valma Jean Gray made their declaration of life partnership. It was in the Kensington church, Adelaide, that the sacred service was conducted, in the presence of quite a gathering of relatives and friends. Very youthful, but happy and full of hope, they set out together, while our prayers and good wishes go with them.

R. Brandstater.

HEAZLEWOOD-ELLEM.—On Sunday, September 18, in the Preston Church, Melbourne, Ailson Miriam, daughter of Sister G. Ellem, of East Preston, exchanged marriage vows with Walter George, son of Brother and Sister Heazlewood, of Ringwood, Victoria. The church had been very beautifully adorned with flowers for the occasion, and many friends and relatives gathered to wish this young couple well. We know that as these young people unitedly walk the pathway of life God will make them a blessing to the church and in the community in which they will reside.

W. E. Rudge.

HOKIN-EAGER.—During the afternoon of September 6, 1949, in the prettily decorated Avondale church, Cooranbong, N.S.W., Dorothy May, only daughter of Brother and Sister Harold Eager, was united in the sacred bonds of matrimony to Eric Noel, third son of our highly esteemed Brother and Sister Alec Hokin, of Adelaide, S.A. Many relatives and friends afterwards gathered at the reception, and expressed their sincere and good wishes for the happiness of the young couple. As Eric and Dorothy unite to continue their service in the ranks of the advent movement, we ask for them Heaven's richest blessing.

N. A. Ferris.

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SCRAGG-HANN.—At Campbelltown, Adelaide, Dr. Roy Frederick Rhodes Scragg and Elsie Joy Hann joined hands in the sacred bonds of matrimony. In the church nature lavished her glory in beautiful floral tributes befitting such a joyous occasion. The father of the bridegroom, Pastor W. M. R. Scragg, conducted the service. Joy is a daughter of Mr. V. Hann, of Campbelltown. Our best wishes go with the young couple as they commence a united life, which they hope to enjoy in medical service in the islands. May the dear Lord bless this happy union in successful service for Him. C. A. Wrigley.



"I've stood beside the grave,
I weep with those that weep;
For I have felt death's chilling wave,
And crossed its waters deep."

LANG.—On September 17, 1949, we laid to rest Mr. John Lang, in the cemetery at Karrakatta, W.A. He was born at Meadows, S.A., seventy-seven years ago, and came to Capel, Western Australia, about fifty-one years ago. There he and his wife and son accepted the advent message. For a long time his health was not good. Sister Lang is a member of our Perth church. To her and the relatives we extend our sympathy. D. A. Speck.

YATES.—On August 23, 1949, tragedy snatched from us Norman Yates, at the tender age of five and a half years. Struck by a car on his way home from school, he died almost instantly. With tender care we laid little Norman to rest in the Ballarat new cemetery, in the blessed hope of a soon-coming Saviour, of whom he had already learned. We extend our sincerest sympathy to his parents, two sisters, and brother, who weep over their loss. E. S. Bartlett.

ANDREWS.—At the Royal Melbourne Hospital on September 24, Sister Sophie Andrews, aged sixty-five years, passed to her rest. Our late sister accepted the message about ten years ago, and attended the Moonee Ponds church. Of recent years her health had been failing, but her faith in God and the message grew stronger. We laid her to rest in the Springvale cemetery in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection. To her sisters, relatives, and loved ones we extend our sympathy. E. G. Whittaker.

CLEVERDON.—Arthur G. Cleverdon, in his sixty-seventh year, passed away peacefully at the Temora (N.S.W.) Hospital, on September 19, 1949. He was a man of genuine integrity and sterling character, and will be sadly missed in the home, the church, and the community where he was so much respected. Pastor W. M. R. Scragg, who brought to his knowledge the advent message, and the writer, conducted the funeral service. The widow, seven daughters, two sons, one brother, and four sisters mourn their sad loss. We point them to the great Life-giver who will soon appear to raise His own at the last trump. C. A. Wrigley.

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GANDY.—On September 11, 1949, Mr. Arthur H. Gandy, of Subiaco, W.A., passed away in the Repatriation General Hospital, Hollywood, at the age of sixty-five years, and we laid him to rest in the Karrakatta cemetery. His widow is a member of our Perth church, and to her and the family we extend our very sincere sympathy. D. A. Speck.

KANZLER.—On September 12, 1949, we laid to rest in the Karrakatta cemetery, Perth, W.A., Sister Mabel E. Kanzler, of Victoria Park. She was well known in the Harvey district many years ago. For some months she was in hospitals and quietly passed away at the age of sixty-seven years. We extend our sympathy to the family who will miss their mother. D. A. Speck.

HART.—Albert Ernest Hart passed peacefully to rest on September 23, 1949, at the age of seventy-five years, and was buried at Rookwood cemetery, Sydney, following a service at which Pastor N. C. Wilson and the writer officiated. Brother Hart was a faithful member of the remnant church for thirty-five years, having accepted the advent message in 1914, in Calcutta, India. We extend to Mrs. Hart, Mr. Cyril Hart (New Guinea), Mr. Percy Hart, Miss Phyllis Hart, and other loved ones our sincere Christian sympathies. V. Wood-Stotesbury.

PALMER.—It was with deep, heartfelt sorrow that we laid Brother William Walter Palmer to rest in the Purewa Auckland cemetery. His eighty-two years had been spent mainly in the Master's service. He was among the first to accept the advent truth under Pastor E. S. Butz in 1898 when the "Pitcairn" visited the South Seas. For a time he was superintendent of the Tonga Mission, also holding the position of interpreter for the Prime Minister's Department in Tonga. His memory is greatly cherished by a devoted widow and several children, of whom the one best known to us is Pastor C. S. Palmer, principal of the West Australian Missionary College. Brother Palmer, senior, was a very lovable and devoted Christian, and it was always a source of inspiration to me to visit him. Another stalwart has fallen. We look forward to the day when he, with others of the early pioneers, will rejoice in the "land of fadeless day." Our sincere sympathy is extended to Sister Palmer, of Auckland (N.Z.); also to Pastor Cyril Palmer, Louis, and two daughters. R. J. Burns.

THANKS

Mr. J. S. Sandeman and family wish to express their sincere thanks to the many kind friends for their sympathy shown by telegrams, cards, and floral tributes on the occasion of their sad bereavement, particularly Pastors Hammond, Streeter, and Foster, also Bro. P. E. Neale.

The treasurer of the Australasian Inter-Union Conference acknowledges with thanks the receipt of £6 as tithe from B.L.G.; and the Greater Sydney Conference sends thanks to Anonymous for £5 4s. tithe, and 5s. for Voice of Prophecy from "Well-wisher."

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BREVITIES

Because of ill health, Brother and Sister E. Tonkin and family have been compelled to return home from Rabaul, and landed in Sydney about the 11th of October.

Pastor R. N. Heggie has returned from the Society Islands, and is now with his wife and family in Rockhampton, Queensland. They expect to shortly fill an appointment in one of the local conferences.

On Friday, the 7th October, the "Leleo" was refloated at Port Macquarie, after six weeks of battering by heavy seas, and was towed to Port Macquarie where she is now on the slips, undergoing a survey of the damage.

In the editor's final report of his overseas tour, appearing in our issue of the 10th, there occurs the statement that Pastor A. T. Robinson is in his ninetieth year. This grand old pioneer is actually approaching ninety-nine years.

After Pastor Reeves presented the change of the Sabbath to a capacity audience in the Sydney Town Hall on September 25, there was a splendid attendance the following Sunday in the beautiful Trocadero, those present at the two sessions numbering well over two thousand. Three Sabbath afternoon question meetings have been held, and on each occasion the hall has been filled. There is a consistent attendance each Thursday night at the Assembly Hall of about eight hundred.

Youth's Congress Music

ALFRED W. PETERSON

The call to "come along with hearts full of song to old Cooranbong" is no mere play on words. There will be music there, good music and plenty of it. The great Australasian Youth's Congress to convene on Australasian Missionary College campus at Cooranbong, New South Wales, December 28, 1949, to January 1, 1950, could in some respects be regarded as a music festival also, because music and song will be one of the outstanding features.

Professor George W. Greer, who has made an Australia-wide reputation because of his splendid success with the College Symphonic Choir, will be in charge of the congress music.

The conservative "Sydney Morning Herald," of September 25, 1949, carried this paragraph regarding him:—

"George W. Greer, American, who has spent thirty years training unaccompanied choirs, has for the last three years been quietly building up the Avondale Symphonic Choir, a sixty-voiced group attached to the Seventh-day Adventist Missionary College at Cooranbong. They are just back from a successful Victorian tour, and will give a recital in the Town Hall next Saturday at 3 p.m."

The young people of Australasia are to have the unusual privilege of getting personally acquainted with Professor Greer at

Pastor A. G. Stewart spent the week-end of October 7-9 at the Australasian Missionary College, occupying the pulpit on Friday evening at the invitation of the graduands. He also gave a missionary talk to the Sabbath school, when the New Hebridean crew of the "Leleo," whom the Stewarts helped to train years ago, rendered a vocal item, and addressed the factory staff during the worship hour on Sunday morning.

Pastor Mote has received this advice from Pastor V. T. Armstrong, president of the Far Eastern Division, written on September 25, from Singapore: "Yesterday we were happy to go to the airport to meet Dr. Brian Hammond and his family, and you can report that they arrived safely and that a number of us were at the field to welcome them. We are very glad to have Dr. Hammond, and believe that he will do well in his field. They seem like very fine people, and we are impressed that you have sent us a good family."

Australasia is soon to be favoured with a visit from Pastor F. D. Nichol, editor of the "Review and Herald." He is expected to arrive in Fiji about the 20th of November, and a few days later go on to New Zealand. After a week in the Dominion he will come to Australia and visit around the conferences until the 19th of January, when he will leave for Singapore. We understand that Pastor Nichol was born in Wairoonga, and went to America with his parents in his boyhood. Brother Nichol, senior, helped to build the Sydney Sanitarium, and so this family have a special interest for us. Because of his position in the denomination and his world travels we can look forward to a special refreshing and uplift of soul.

this Youth's Congress and of coming under the spell of his music.

The joyousness of youth finds expression in song. Throughout the long history of the human race, song has cheered man on his way. God intended it to be so.

"The melody of praise is the atmosphere of heaven; and when heaven comes in touch with the earth there is music and song—thanksgiving, and the voice of melody. . . . As the children of Israel, journeying through the wilderness, cheered their way by the music of sacred song, so God bids His children today gladden their pilgrim life. There are few means more effective for fixing His words in the memory than repeating them in song. And such

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song has wonderful power. It has power to subdue rude and uncultivated natures; power to quicken thought and to awaken sympathy, to promote harmony of action, and to banish the gloom and foreboding that destroy courage and weaken effort. . . . How often to the soul hard-pressed and ready to despair, memory recalls some word of God's—the long-forgotten burden of a childhood song—and temptations lose their power, life takes on new meaning and new purpose, and courage and gladness are imparted to other souls!" —"Messages to Young People," pages 291, 292.

This Youth's Congress, called for the purpose of emphasizing the need and the opportunity to "Share Your Faith," will feature music because singing is an effective means of sharing one's faith. The church of Christ is marching forward into its final conflict before the coming of Christ. Adventist youth are God's special battalion which He is marching on to the field of battle in the crisis at the end. They come with a song in their hearts, and as the walls of Jericho fell before the music from the trumpets of Joshua's army, so hard and rebellious hearts will surrender to the advent message through the ministry of song.

So, "come along with hearts full of song to old Cooranbong" and bring your musical instruments—violins, trumpets, flutes, trombones, and others and share in the greatest symphony that Australasia has ever known. If your Missionary Volunteer society is large enough and has talent enough to feature a band or a stringed group, begin now to prepare a feature for this Youth's Congress. Bring your song books, especially the Church Hymnal. Let music feature the Congress trail to Avondale.

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World Calendar Proposal Dropped from Agenda

Pastor N. C. Wilson has received this very satisfactory information from Pastor F. H. Yost, associate secretary of the Religious Liberty Association at the General Conference in Washington:—

"You will be happy to learn that the Committee of Fifteen, the Steering Committee of the United Nations Assembly, voted last Wednesday, September 21, to drop completely from the agenda of the 1949 United Nations Assembly the World Calendar proposal for blank-day calendar revision. For this extraordinary result I know we shall all join in thanking our heavenly Father for His goodness."

Dr. Jean Nussbaum, Pastor B. F. Perez, and I, who with Dr. Menkel, returned medical missionary from India, were in attendance the first few days of the United Nations Assembly session at Flushing, New York, will make a report to the General Conference Committee tomorrow, and a proposal for future strategy in meeting the issue of calendar revision will be studied."

We shall await with interest the report of these brethren.

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When God rightly expects a Te Deum we often return to Him a Miserere Domine.—George Eliot.