



Australasian RECORD



Give of Your BEST

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"Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding. For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold." Prov. 3: 13, 14.

READING a statement such as this brings quite naturally certain interrogations to the mind, such as, "What is wisdom and understanding?" and, "What is its use?" The answers are found in the life of one of those towering personalities who has projected his potent influence into our own day, though he lived 3,500 years ago—Moses. He has left his footprints on the "sands of time" despite the wash of 10,000 tides and the tramping of a thousand times ten thousand feet.

In the renaissance period of the Egyptian arts and sciences, Moses was taken from a basket of reeds into the palace of a pharaoh. As a prince he enjoyed all the advantages of learning and training accruing to such a position. He was instructed in all branches of Egyptian learning—mathematics, natural philosophy, and medicine. Philo tells us he had Chaldean and Assyrian instructors, demonstrating the wide range of his culture, and indicating the full development of his mental faculties. The improvement of the intellect has been one of the high privileges granted to the human race.

The education of Moses must have been more inclusive than merely the cultivation of the cultural. It must have included the physical as well, for in Deuteronomy we are told that Moses was 120 years old when he died, and his eye was not dimmed nor his natural

force abated—possible only where there had been a full development of the corporal powers.

Another additional factor involved in the concept of education, is the development of the spiritual. This is absolutely essential, as it is the formative and guiding principle in life, moulding the character and shaping the ideals. This Moses received first from his mother and then (in the wilderness experience) from God. It is a one-sided notion that conceives of education solely as an acquisition of intelligence or preparation for a vocation, thereby excluding the basic and fundamental dynamic in all life—the spiritual. Only where the threefold development of mind, body, and soul takes place do we have a full, rounded growth of the whole man.

We ask then, "Of what use is education?" In our pragmatic times utility is the criterion of values. It is a false gauge, but let it stand while we delve deeper into the question.

Moses, the prince, son of a slave mother, discloses the vital service which such intangible forms of wealth can render in the social, political, and religious spheres. He felt it to be impossible to sever the social and political therapeutic ideals from the religious. To him the latter was the underlying remedy for all other ills. No less today we must recognize that life can become pregnant with the true, the beautiful, and the good as it is motivated by the impalpable realities of the spirit.

Not sordid only, but also not selfish was the use to which Moses put his enlarged capacities. He did not add to his wealth, increase his power, or enhance his position. It is quite proper for the individual to make his education profitable to himself in the dividends of larger efficiency, superior intelligence, and fuller happiness. However, there is a responsibility beyond that which points to his fellow men and finally to his God. Thus we learn how to harness the body power, mind power, and soul power of self, hitch it to the plough of service, human and divine, and turn the furrow of a new earth life.

Does this require more courage and greater idealism than you possess? What shall be the preponderant influence and effect of your trained facul-



ties? This is the time for you to define the aim and purpose of your life. For like Moses as recorded in the 11th chapter of Hebrews, verses 24 to 26, each will come to the crossroads, each must follow the sign-board of life to his final destination. Do you have romance and God in your soul? Then remember—

"It is great to be where the fight is strong,
To be where the heaviest troops belong,

And to fight there for man and for God.
Oh, it seams the face and it tires the brain,
It wearies the limbs till one's friend is pain,
In this fight for man and for God.

But it's great to be out where the fight is strong,
To be where the heaviest troops belong,

And to fight there for man and for God."

Education is the search for truth. It is not what you know that gives you recognition in the world, but what you know how to do. The world never honours an ideal intellect. There is but one nobility that lasts and that is the nobility of usefulness—coming up to the level of our very best.

When Nelson signalled from his flagship to every person in his fleet, "England expects every man this day to do his duty," it did not mean the same to all. To the captains, it meant they should do their best as commanders; to the marines and the gunners, that they should do their best at the guns; to the sailors, that they should

do their best in manoeuvring the ships; to the cabin boys, that they should do their best as messengers. Everyone succeeded who did the best he could. Do not wait, do it now. Alexander the Great conquered the world when he was thirty. Hannibal commanded the Carthaginian forces at twenty-six. Columbus had his plans all laid to find India when he was twenty-eight. John Smith staked out a colonial empire in Virginia when he was twenty-seven. Martin Luther started the Reformation at thirty. Calvin followed at twenty-one. Joan of Arc did all her work and was burned at the stake at nineteen. Patrick Henry cried "Liberty or Death" at twenty-seven. Hamilton was thirty-two when he was secretary of the Treasury. William Pitt was a member of Parliament at twenty-three, and at twenty-four was First Lord of the Treasury and Chancellor of the Exchequer. Roger Williams was a banished heretic at twenty-nine; and Jesus Christ was crucified at thirty-three—each had given of his best. To be a tinker when you might be a thinker is to be unsuccessful. He who moulds iron when he could shape destinies, or steers a ship when he could direct an empire, fails. Success in life consists in never being discouraged, but in ever moving forward, cheering, helping, doing your best, and leaving the world the better for your having passed along its dusty streets.

giving them leaders who, while large and generous-hearted, are also jealous for the truth of God, and are determined to safeguard its purity and simplicity.

And then we would like to tell you of the General Conference departmental secretaries, and also of the leaders in the various division fields throughout the world. This would be a large but an interesting task. We know all these men personally, and can assure you that they are most capable and earnest. Their lives and service declare plainly that this world is not their home, and that they seek a home in that better land toward which we are all journeying, and which we are soon to reach.

But what can one write in a brief article to convey properly the spirit and meaning of the recent General Conference session? An entire issue of the "Record" would scarcely suffice for such a task. There were twelve days filled from early until late with reports and planning of a most interesting and vital nature. What a happy and blessed thing it would have been if all our people throughout Australasia could have been with us at the San Francisco session, instead of the small delegation of thirteen! We thought of our people in the field many times during the session, and often prayed for them, and wished they could have been present, especially for some of the most interesting meetings.

Some world divisions, not much larger than our own, sent several times as many delegates as we did, but in some cases the travelling distance was not so great as from this field. Travel is expensive, and we held our delegation and expense to a bare minimum. Though rather limited numerically, we feel that our delegation was very efficient and satisfactory, and that each of the thirteen delegates represented Australasia in a very capable way.

You would have enjoyed every hour of the twelve days' session, for not one hour was lost or used unwisely. But I think of special times which you would have especially enjoyed, and when your hearts would have been thrilled. I think of the two Sabbath day services. They were times of spiritual joy and refreshing. The morning Bible studies were times of heart searching and reconsecration. The evening meetings were largely given over to reports from world sections of the General Conference. We call them Division Conferences. Never in all the history of God's work have such reports of victory and triumph come to any conference session. Night after night our hearts were thrilled and challenged as our leaders from Africa, India, Europe, South America, China, the Far East, and other fields, brought us reports of God's special leading and providence. But I feel we can state without any hesitation or fear that the night devoted to the report of God's work in Australasia was one of the very best. Each of the thirteen delegates had a part, and each one did wonderful service to our field in telling of God's abundant blessing on the work in this Division. We had a thrilling story to tell, and the Holy Spirit thrilled the brethren in telling it to the vast audience present that evening.

During the coming summer we are promised the help of two of our General Conference leaders—Pastor A. V. Olson, vice-president, and for many years leader of our work in Southern Europe; and Pastor E. E. Cossentine, secretary of the General Con-

A Great Meeting of the Advent Leaders

N. C. WILSON

Considerable material has appeared in the "Record" giving news of happenings at the General Conference session in July in San Francisco, U.S.A. You have already learned of some of the more important actions taken, of the election of General Conference officers, and of certain forward-looking plans for the completion of our world task of evangelism.

The three leading General Conference officers are W. H. Branson (president), E. D. Dick (secretary), and C. L. Torrey (treasurer). Associated with these brethren are four vice-presidents, five associate secretaries, and four associate treasurers. These men constitute the officers' group at the General Conference headquarters in Washington, D.C., and they form the central body of counsel and planning.

Pastors Branson and Dick have both visited Australasia twice, and are well known to many of our people in this field. Pastor C. L. Torrey is a missionary with twenty-five years' experience in India, the Far East, and Inter-America, and has carried heavy responsibilities in the United States. They are all men of long and wide experience, and are true and trusted leaders. They are worthy of our confidence and prayers, and we can safely rest the interests of our world work in their care, under the direction and help of the Holy Spirit.

Pastors Branson and Dick look forward with pleasure and anticipation to a further visit to Australasia. We trust these visits may be possible during the coming few years, and we assure them of a sincere and cordial welcome. Pastor Torrey is desirous of visiting Australasia at the earliest

opportunity. We shall be happy to have him come and join with us in service, and help us with our problems.

These brethren are very busy men. They have a world burden on their hearts. They lead out in a work that is large and very taxing. With God's people everywhere they are anxious to have the day come when the work the world around will be completed, and God's people will be able to go home. This world burden presses very heavily on their hearts, and the calls upon their time are many and urgent. These leaders are missionaries at heart, and each of them has spent many years in overseas mission service.

It is my happy privilege to send to our people throughout Australasia very warm and sincere greetings from our General Conference leaders. I promised Brethren Branson, Dick, and Torrey that I would faithfully convey their Christian love and good wishes to our people in Australia, New Zealand, and our great island field. These men are true and large-hearted, and they love the work and the people of God more than life itself. They are willing to make any personal sacrifice for its success. Let us remember our General Conference leaders in prayer each day, that God may strengthen and comfort their hearts, and guide them by His Holy Spirit in their planning for the world work, and for its early triumph.

It would be helpful, if we had the opportunity and space, to refer to each of the vice-presidents and associate secretaries and treasurers at the General Conference headquarters. It may be that this can be done at some later time. These men have had a very wide and successful experience. They are men of God, true and earnest-hearted. No doubt some of them will visit our field during the coming years, and they may be certain of a sincere welcome. God has been good to the advent people in

ference Education Department. This will be Pastor Olson's first visit to Australasia, and this is also probably the only Division section of the world field he has not visited. We look forward to his arrival in November with keen and happy anticipation. Pastor Olson is a man of wide experience, and we are confident God will richly bless and support him in his many responsibilities, and during his ministry in our field.

Pastor Cossentine is coming home, as it were, for he was a worker in Australasia for a number of years, having been principal of our New Zealand Missionary College, and also of the Australasian Missionary College. We are also pleased to learn that Mrs. Cossentine will probably accompany her husband to this field. Our people throughout the Division will extend to Pastor and Mrs. Cossentine a very warm and cordial welcome, and we look forward to their visit as a time of blessing and helpfulness.

On September 27, the "Aorangi" arrived in Sydney, and some of our General Conference delegates were passengers on this good ship. We are happy to have our co-workers back with us again in Australasia. The delegates who returned at this time are: Pastor F. A. Mote, Pastor and Mrs. S. V. Stratford, Pastor and Mrs. G. Branstler, Pastor W. E. Battye, Brother B. O. Johanson, Brother P. A. Donaldson, Brother Ratu Semi of Fiji, and Brother Sasa Rore of the Coral Sea Union.

The most important and far-reaching actions taken at the recent General Conference session, it would seem, have to do with the finishing of our world work. We face the great responsibility of quickly carrying God's present-hour message to every honest-hearted soul in all parts of the world. Throughout the remnant church God will quickly finish His work. Everything happening in the world today indicates the soon coming of our Saviour. The closing events of earth's history are taking place before our eyes, and the advent message is reaching the uttermost parts of the world.

It is proper and fitting that the great conference in San Francisco should be deeply concerned with one objective, and that the completion of our world task. The General Conference delegates in session pledged themselves to join in the greatest soul-winning crusade the advent people have ever undertaken. The objective is to double the church membership throughout the world as quickly as possible. The hope was expressed that this wonderful objective might be attained during the coming four years. In any case, we here in Australasia must do our very utmost in an effort to reach every family and individual with the good news of God's love, and of our Saviour's soon coming. Our opportunities for soul-winning service have never been as great. Every minister, every worker, every church officer, and lay person must join in this great soul-saving crusade for God.

From a letter received from Pastor W. H. Branson we quote: "The time has come for the greatest programme of evangelism ever undertaken by any religious organization at any time. The lateness of the hour demands it, and God has long been calling for it. Let us work and pray for the doubling of our world church membership during the next few years."

This is the time to seek God earnestly for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

This world is not our home. We shall not stay here much longer. Heaven is astir and expectant in preparation for the Saviour's return. We must redouble our efforts and consecration. This is the time for God to visit His people and endow them with the power of Pentecost.

It is good to be back again in Australasia with God's earnest and loyal people. We are members of a large and wonderful family. The advent people are God's people. He has been with us through past years in our trying and perplexing experiences; and He will be with us during the trials and uncertainties of the future. Our confidence and trust is in God.

TO WORK WITH HIM

The devil walked over the earth and back,
And rubbed his hands in glee;
"The people are busy with this and that,
And most of it is for me;
They are making shells and guns and tanks;
And even the fields they sow
Will yield something for the work I plan,
As soon as the stuff will grow."

The Lord looked down from the heavenly place,
And searched the whole world through
For those who were working in love for Him,
And He found but very few.
Said the Lord, "They shall labour not in vain,
Though the earth is dark with woe;
I will strengthen the hands of them that toil,
I will bless the fields they sow."

Then let us away to the work with Him,
A small but mighty band,
And lift the light of the gospel high
In a dark and weary land;
Let us save and give as we never gave,
Let us work till the work is done,
For the Lord shall finish in victory
The thing that He has begun.

—Bertha D. Martin.

Our College Libraries

Dr. W. G. MURDOCH

"The cloke that I left at Troas with Carpus, when thou comest, bring with thee, and the books, but especially the parchments." 2 Tim. 4:13. These words spoken by the Apostle Paul show that already early in the Christian era books were an essential part of the equipment of the work for God. What a powerful illustration we have in the life of Paul of how the Lord is able to use highly educated talents when fully consecrated to Him! The great doctrinal epistles penned by Paul reveal the convincing power of the Spirit of God working through a trained and educated mind.

The instructor may teach from his own experience, but with the aid of books he has at his command the accumulated knowledge and experience of past generations. As the student becomes familiar with and learns to use these books he begins to work independently, and is able to draw from these sources through the years of service following his graduation. He who has developed a love for good reading is never at a loss to use his spare moments to the best advantage.

Sir Walter Scott during his last illness asked his servant to wheel him into his

library. Then the great writer broke down and wept as he recognized he must say farewell to his lifelong friends upon the shelves.

How important it is that our students develop a love for books while they are in college! They may store their minds with facts and formulæ which could be of little practical value in everyday living, but if they have acquired a thirst for knowledge then their education rather than being finished at graduation has only begun.

Books are the essential equipment of every worker in the advent cause, and especially of those who enter the sacred calling of the ministry. As Dr. Wallace G. Finch says, "Did I say a preacher's books are his tools? Let me change the figure. They are his daily bread; they are sustenance for his heart, his mind, his spirit. Let me change the figure again: they are the source of his divine fire. Often he will come to them spent and exhausted, his torch gone out. They will kindle him again; they will set him on fire. The smouldering spark he holds, under their contagion, will burst into flame. . . . His books are an unending spring of refreshing waters; they slake his thirst, rest his weariness, invigorate and inspire him."

A college is built around its library. Though we have splendid dormitories, spacious classrooms and first-class teachers, unless the library facilities are adequate the student cannot form the habit of selecting sources and reading for himself.

There must be in our libraries a variety of materials. We should have books for reference such as encyclopedias, dictionaries, atlases, and current literature in many fields. A variety of subjects should be covered, such as theology, poetry, history, philosophy, archaeology, biography, travel, etc. These are the books we find in any library, but for Seventh-day Adventists there is a further need. We must make available to our young people all the writings of the Spirit of prophecy, our own denominational periodicals, and scores of valuable books from our own authors. With this equipment in our colleges our students should develop under consecrated teachers into powerful and successful workers for God. But how can this be accomplished unless our colleges are provided with the necessary library facilities, and how can these books be obtained unless you help us? It is with this thought in mind that our union and local committees have set apart **October 21** as a day to receive a special offering in the interests of our college libraries. We are sure that this appeal will meet with a generous response.

A REQUEST

Writing to the editor from Fiji, Pastor Karl D. L. Brook, who is working for the Indian people, makes the following earnest request:—

"Our interests are growing. God has blessed us since coming to Ba. At last I am getting my hands full. One thing I need badly, hence this letter. Do you think you could ask the readers of the "Record" to post me any old, or put aside, Bibles, those with English numerals preferred. I would greatly appreciate this help." The address is Pastor K. D. L. Brook, P.O. Box 26, Ba, Fiji.



Our ISLAND FIELDS

On the Trail to Coraken

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Would you like to follow closely along with us as we trek to one of the distant village centres of Tanna, New Hebrides? It is the Week of Prayer period, and the people of each village are anticipating the thrill of a big day for them as the word goes ahead of the coming of the missionary; but it is of the conversation and scenes along the way that I desire to direct your attention especially.

We are at Bethel, and the timely message of the Week of Prayer has been unfolded in the simple story language, so widely used in this part of the Pacific, and to which Pastor Spicer, that paragon of pleasing writers, recently paid tribute. Incidentally, it was not mere whim that gave this little village its name. Away back, previous to the coming of this message, a teacher of another mission society dreamed vividly of the coming of a new mission to their location. So striking was the impression that later when he sat through an almost all-night discussion of strange new Bible truths, with a strange white man, James was constrained to accept it as truth, and so gave the name of Bethel to his new village.

The first part of the trail to Coraken led along the coast. A trader had succeeded recently in cutting a motor road part of the way, so we went via truck. "But is the road good?" I queried, looking doubtfully ahead. "Yes, may be," came the not-too-assuring reply. When it was too late to turn back, we slipped into low and four wheel drive, and soon there were near spirals, dives—all the flyer's tricks except perhaps looping the loop! The last named was nearly accomplished on the return trip when it was necessary, through taking a wrong approach, to back on a steep grade in order to negotiate a sharp turn. We narrowly missed falling over a cliff. It was a thrilling experience, to say the least, and we were glad to be over it safely.

From Green Hill on, we walked, while some of the youngsters on horseback took care of the medicines. The coast is very rugged, and the long roll of the ocean comes slowly pounding into the cracks and crevices of the cliff shore, and along the long black sand beach the breakers curled in from an unusual distance. Turning to Philip, my companion, I inquired concerning the ship that had been broken to pieces in the hurricane some years back. "Yes," he said, "I remember it." "Who was it that went out to try and rescue some of the things on the boat?" I queried further: "It was me, yapu" (Philip and I had worked together on another island), "another boy and I accompanied the master." "But weren't you frightened?" "Oh, yes! when all the other boys had run away

and hid at the suggestions of going out in the dinghy, Kilfan said to me, 'Come, it is time to die now, but we will go.' The breakers were already crashing up among the fringe of forest trees. Somehow we got away from the shore, lost the rowlocks, so just paddled.

"There was not much more that we could do for the ship, as she was already a sodden log. We continued to ride high over those breakers which then went with a roar shoreward. The only small chance of getting ashore again was along the coast, a mile or so, to the sandy beach. So we paddled, then watched and waited as the seas foamed into the shore. How could we outmatch such fury? Finally there came a lull, and we paddled with all our might; but long before we were near the beach a great wall of fury was upon us; jumping out we endeavoured to support the dinghy, but it was turned upside down, and all seemed darkness and terror. We struggled to get the master to get a hold on the boat;

and discouragement, and finally find the safe beach of God's eternal kingdom.

We turned in toward the bush, and followed a zigzag path to level undulating country above the steep coastal slopes, arriving at the pretty little village of Coraken. I was astonished to see a number of peach trees just breaking into blossom. Folks had gathered in from the surrounding villages, and all listened attentively. In my heart a determination was aroused to follow after those hungry souls till they have tasted of the Living Bread. Yes, those fragrant peach blossoms seemed an earnest of the fruitage yet to be gathered from Tanna.

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"Tell It to Every Kindred and Nation"

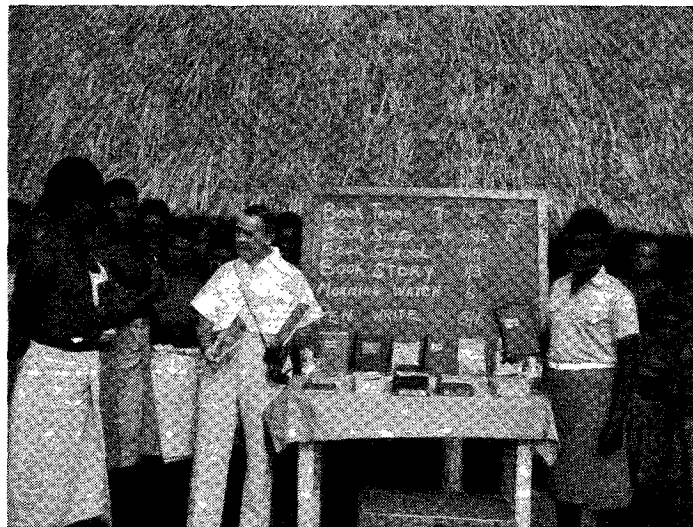
R. A. McFARLANE

Publishing Department Secretary, Coral Sea Union Mission

Just recently it was my happy privilege to attend the first camp-meeting of the North-East New Guinea Mission, held at Bena Bena, a most delightful spot in the highlands of New Guinea.

The climate of these mountain territories is a most welcome change after the humidity of the coastal areas, and needs to be experienced to be really appreciated.

More than twelve hundred natives from various tribes were gathered day after day



R. A. McFarlane and Saelo introducing our literature at the Bena Bena camp-meeting.

but the next wave came, and the next, and the next! The boys on the beach watched, and ran in as far as they could, till the seas drove them back up the beach. The master, breathing with great difficulty, said 'Boys, I am done, I must die now,' but we kept a hold of him, and soon found the beach. The master was nearly dead, but after a long time artificial respiration revived him."

So we trudged along the beach and watched the league-long waves that helped Philip to re-live that exciting experience of other days. God was indeed gracious to them. But what of his companion of that heroic experience? He has lost his faith and hold on God. I wonder if there is not just a moment or two of your time that could be dedicated to earnest intercession that this lad of the sea may even yet safely pass the breakers of doubt

to listen to the words of life, and the story of the progress of God's work as the visiting missionaries recounted their experiences in the field. Some of these people had come in from the neighbouring villages, others from around our mission stations at Kainantu, Kabiufa, Yani, Moruma, and other places, while some had walked a distance of one hundred and fifty miles, from Mt. Hagen, and still others, two hundred miles, from Wabag.

While in attendance, I had the privilege of addressing the European workers and also a large gathering of our native teachers, in connection with the commencement and future possibilities of our publishing work in this Coral Sea Union. Those responsible for arranging the programme very graciously allotted me a further period of time in which I was able to assemble the native teachers, and tell the wonderful

story of the early beginning, the growth and development of our book work, and just how the Lord led and directed it step by step. This important phase of denominational activities was, of course, quite new to them, but as I related a number of colporteur experiences it soon became evident to them that this was something closely linked with the great plan of evangelism that must be completed in all the world before they could look upon the face of the Saviour for whom they eagerly wait.

At the close of the meeting I invited any who had a question or who would like further information on the subject to discuss the matter with me. The response was most encouraging, and a number of inquiries for different books were made including three copies of "Daniel and Revelation." These requests were, of course, passed on through the proper channel.

But what is a camp-meeting without a bookstand? It was thought that here

Luluai Seeks to Prove Which Is the True Mission

C. R. STAFFORD, New Guinea

Ten minutes' walk from Kumul westward is the home of the luluai for that area. He is old and grey, but he has in some respects a very wise old head. Previous to our coming to Kumul (August, 1948), the luluai set himself the task of proving another mission, which was operating in his district, per medium of its native teachers. His manner of doing so was quite unique.

Early one morning he had it made known that he had gone to another place, when actually he had hidden himself in his house, without being seen by anyone. Later one of the teachers of the mission appeared, and the luluai's wife called to him and induced him to come into the

the natives had been under the influence of another mission for some considerable time before we settled at Kumul. The result is that the opposition is a factor to be reckoned with in some respects.

When we first introduced a roll-call for Sabbath school the natives were told by the opposition teachers that if the "Seven days" put their names down in the book they would have to go and work for nothing later. Again, when we started a class ready (baptismal class) which we hold on a Sunday morning, because most of the natives bring food on that day, it was not long before the opposition had what they called a class ready also, and it convened Friday, Sabbath, and Sunday mornings.

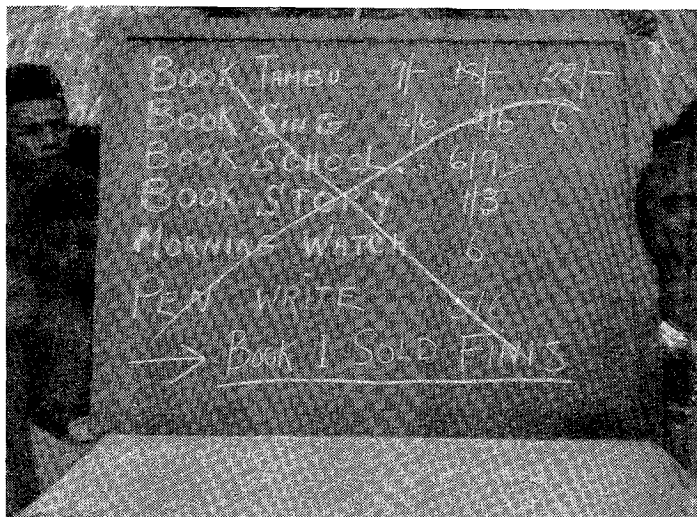
The natives were all told that when the "Seven days" baptize a native they take him or her to a deep hole in a creek, and when the native is immersed death will follow. Now I am very glad to say that some of the natives from our own area witnessed the baptism which was held in conjunction with the general meetings, August 21-27, 1950, and the very fact of their doing so made them realize that all they hear from the opposition is not true.

At some of our out-stations the natives have been told that the "Seven days" tambu not only pig and smoking, but corn, beans, and cabbage. All this is done in an endeavour to turn the natives aside from hearing the last message to the world.

In spite of opposition, God is blessing our humble efforts on behalf of the natives, and our "class ready" roll stands at over two hundred names, and the attendance is from 120-160 each Sunday. Most of these who come to the "class ready" come also on Sabbath. We feel that the Spirit of God is working on the hearts of the people, and we are praying that He will stir them up mightily to a realization of their undone and lost condition. We want all of you who read this story to join in praying the Lord of the harvest to send forth His Spirit with great power.

I must tell you of one of the school girls who came to us in November, 1948, and stayed till February, 1949. She then went away for five months, but on returning remained a further twelve months on the mission. She stayed right until the big native festival was almost over, and then ran away again. Brethren and sisters, it is heart-breaking to see one of those for whom we have laboured and prayed go back to heathenism. This girl, Ineme by name, could wash and iron and sew by hand; all of which she learned on the mission station at Kumul. Even after she ran away she came to the Sabbath services a few times; but she seemed ashamed, and stayed right at the back of the audience and covered her head with a native carrying-bag, so that we would not see her face. To see this girl, who had formerly been clean, now greased all over with pig's fat and wearing the kanaka decorations, just made our hearts ache. I wish you could have seen her before and after, for then you would have understood how we felt. She could read a little from one of the school readers, and was the brightest of all the girls. Later we managed to persuade her to return, and she removed all the signs of heathenism. But now she has gone again, and one of the school-boys told me that she is dressed up kanaka fashion once more.

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The end of the story: "Book e sold finis."

was an excellent opportunity to offer for sale a large number of various books, Bibles, and hymnals that had recently been acquired by two missions. With the assistance of Saelo, the national assistant secretary-treasurer, a bookstand was erected outside the meeting-place, and in little more than an hour the stock, amounting to almost £40 in value, was disposed of.

To me this was a positive indication of the keen desire on the part of many of these native people to possess and to study our truth-filled literature. Some of them have perhaps listened to the gospel story many times, but now with the introduction of our literature, which carries God's last message to a perishing world, we draw preciously near to the full realization of Rev. 18: 1: "And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory."

These thoughts must have left their impression on the mind of Sister White also, for in Volume VII of the "Testimonies," page 140, we read: "And in a large degree through our publishing houses is to be accomplished the work of that other angel who comes down from heaven with great power, and who lightens the earth with his glory."

God is still extending His grace and mercy to all who will accept His truth, but soon, very soon, all who will receive Him will have been gathered in, and then Jesus will come.

luluai's house. It was not very long before he emerged hurriedly and ran down the road. The reason? The luluai had promptly and severely caned him when the teacher's attentions to the luluai's wife went too far, according to the code of the luluai. The luluai's son met the teacher on the road, learned of the episode, and later related it to me.

Some time ago the same luluai decided to try out the Seventh-day Adventist (or "Sewendae") mission, per its teacher. One day, when it was drizzling rain, the teacher Kuso, who is in charge of the saw boys, stopped and took shelter just a few feet away from the luluai's house. The luluai's wife sat in the doorway of the house, whilst the luluai himself retired into a dark corner, under an old blanket. Then the wife called to Kuso, telling him that the luluai was away, and asking him to come into the house. But always the same answer was given, "If the luluai was there, all right, but not while the luluai is away." The rain having ceased somewhat, Kuso made for home with all speed.

Since that time the luluai has been fairly regular in his attendance at our Sabbath services. He told his son that he now knew which was the strongest mission.

We know that you folks who are holding the ropes so faithfully in the homeland are anxious to learn how the battle, which we are waging in His name against heathenism, is progressing. Here at Kumul



Around the CONFERENCES

House-to-House Ministry

GEORGE BUTLER

Experiences from various parts of the field are reaching us concerning the "Operation Door-bell" programme.

One writes: "I am happy to say I have accomplished a little due to my effort with the six series of leaflets. I thought it a good plan to take a few 'Signs,' as they are soul-winning papers. I obtained nineteen orders for same. Twelve papers are to be delivered weekly, six paid for a quarter in advance, and one for one year. I also obtained nine enrollees for the Bible Correspondence Course, seven seniors and two juniors. I visited thirty-nine homes for six weeks, and obtained the above orders from thirty-two of them. I found the people very interested, and all said they enjoyed reading them. One lady said her son-in-law would study the Bible Correspondence Course with her. I can surely praise God for His goodness and the strength He gave me to do a little for Him, as I am very nervous. I really enjoyed doing this work."

Another says: "During our recent tract campaign, Tumut took quite an active part. Brother and Sister Carter went out with six tracts each, and both of them enrolled a student for the Voice of Prophecy Bible Correspondence Course. That is one person enrolled per member. If all the churches in the conference did that, 888 new enrollees for the Bible course would be the result."

Here is another from Broken Hill: "Miss Cahir, one of our good members, commenced a high school Bible class—starting with six members. The interest in this class has gradually grown and grown until the latest report tells us that Miss Cahir now has twenty-three students enrolled in her Bible class. Sharing her faith—surely she is!"

Reports from New Zealand also indicate a strong house-to-house programme in both conferences, with homes being opened for Bible study and prayer.

In Lismore we talked with men and women who have the joy of seeing several souls accept the truth. Some of these converts attended their first camp-meeting. Other families are now about to accept the message.

We were pleased to meet at the Lismore camp-meeting a fine group of Missionary Volunteers who, with the older members, on Sabbath morning were among the eighty per cent who stood pledging themselves to go home and endeavour to win at least one soul for God between this meeting and next year's camp.

At this camp-meeting two hours a day were devoted to ministry-lay activity, when conference workers, church officers, and other members studied the principles of house-to-house ministry. The meetings were well attended, and the interest

was keen. Their aim is to help double the membership.

In a number of places the 1950 edition of tracts are all distributed, and churches have begun ordering direct from their Book and Bible House. The third offering for such work is to be lifted **October 7**. Let it be a liberal one, backed by the personal effort of the members to use the products of the press as a messenger to every home.

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Bringing Them In

A. D. VAUGHAN

I think every colporteur loves to share his experiences with God's people. I thank God for the publishing work, and the opportunity that I have in helping to place our books in the homes of the people.

Some time ago I was canvassing "Desire of Ages" in the district of Busselton, West Australia. On calling at a dairy farm and presenting my prospectus to the wife of the farmer, she became very interested, but told me I would have to see her husband about purchasing a copy of the book. I soon made my way to where he was top dressing in some bush country not far from his house. I have always found it a good policy to take an interest in what a man is doing, so, as the farmer drew up with his super distributor, I said, "Mr. Semmens, do you find the stock eat the clover with scrub, and so clear the paddocks?—I am interested to know." "Yes, the stock do clear the paddocks, and I am glad you are interested in these things, for I haven't much time for men who get around with a case in their hand, and one under their arm!" (A very pointed reference to myself!)

So I stepped right up to him and said, "Mr. Semmens, I am here this morning on the King's business," and proceeded to canvass "Desire of Ages." He readily purchased a copy.

Mr. Semmens then proceeded to tell me of his concern over his father's health, and that the doctor had commissioned him to tell his father to put his house in order. He requested me to visit his father, and to do what I could for him. This I promised to do when canvassing in the father's area.

About three weeks later I called on the senior man, and spent nearly five hours with him. We had a wonderful time discussing the Word of God, and what it would do for a man if only he would accept and follow the counsel given. Of course "Desire of Ages" was presented and the father said, "I have a number of Mrs. White's books, and I find if you read one, you read all." "But," I said, "I beg to dif-

fer, Mr. Semmens, and I believe that this particular book will be of real help to you in your present need."

Three weeks later I visited him in hospital, and there was "Desire of Ages" lying on the locker, and he said, "Mr. Vaughan, the first six chapters showed me my sinful condition." A month or six weeks later I visited him again. "Where have you been?" he queried. I told him I had been assisting with camp preparations, and explained to him how we have visiting brethren from America and elsewhere. He commented, "Mr. Vaughan, if those men live according to that book you have sold me, they must be wonderful."

Mr. Semmens read "Desire of Ages" through twice, and then I had the pleasure of taking our worker at Busselton to visit him. By that time he was also half-way through "The Great Controversy." Brother Stan Louis has since studied with Mr. and Mrs. Semmens, and the latter has desired baptism.

What a change the gospel brought to that man whom the doctor considered would live but a few months! It is almost three years since I first canvassed him. His son met me one day and said, "Mr. Vaughan, since your first visit dad has had help from on high." I have seen Mr. Semmens, senior, many times, and have told him that I often use his name to illustrate to others the wonderful power of God in bringing healing when it was most needed.

Has any reader felt the urge, and heard the call to this grand work? Don't delay! The Lord has more wonderful experiences for you if you will link up with His great army of colporteur evangelists.

HOME COMMISSION CORNER

All wise mothers teach their children that before they have the freedom of play they must take care of any duties that are theirs. To a tiny child, this might mean picking up scattered blocks before starting on a new play activity. To older children, it might mean practising music lessons, sweeping porches, making beds, or washing the lunch dishes on the days when there is no school.

This "work before play" is, perhaps, another way of saying, "First things first," a maxim everyone agrees is good. In any case, its practice makes a valuable asset for the child whose mother has helped him to form the habit. It becomes an attitude of mind and fits its possessor for adult life in a most satisfactory manner, so far as that phase of living is concerned. If mothers will commence helping children early enough, children will automatically and naturally learn to do the important tasks they have been given without once thinking of playing first.

A thoughtful mother will plan to have something pleasant follow the completion of any tiresome or difficult piece of work. She will not dramatize it, nor always tell her child about it in advance. The mere fact that something enjoyable usually comes at the end of a trying task will cause the two to become so closely associated in a child's mind that the enjoyment will begin long before the task is ended. —National Kindergarten Association.

**"Boil it down until it simmers,
Polish it until it glimmers;
When you've got a thing to say,
Say it—don't take half a day."**

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For the interest of those who are following this plan for 1950, and for the encouragement of those who have not yet started to read the "Desire of Ages" and the Gospels in one year, we append a few thoughts arising from the portions selected for October 15-21. M.V. Leaflet No. 25-I gives details of the scriptures and pages chosen for each day, making possible a chronological reading of the life of Christ, with an inspired commentary to give additional thoughts. We heartily recommend adults and young people to adopt this plan, and to start even yet so as to have formed the habit by the beginning of 1951. All references are within the October 15-21 schedule, namely John 13: 31-17: 26 and the "Desire of Ages," pages 659-672.

1. We often hear of hot-cross buns at Easter-time, traditionally stamped with a cross to remind us of the sacrifice that Jesus made. But in writing of the communion service "Desire of Ages" says, "The cross of Calvary is stamped on every loaf. . . . The family board becomes as the table of the Lord, and every meal a sacrament."

2. Judas Iscariot was present at the ordinance of preparation and at the communion service. How much of the cheering words of Jesus did he hear, spoken at the close of that first service, and what effect did they have or would they have had on him? John 13 gives the answer.

3. While Christ was in heaven preparing a place, His disciples were not to be idle. Had it occurred to you before that their work and His work were of a similar nature? "While He was building mansions for them, they were to build characters after the divine similitude."

4. "The works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do." Did Jesus mean that His disciples' work would be more marvellous or more exalted? Did He refer to mightier miracles? Did He envision the multiplied sphere of activity and the extension of the gospel? "Desire of Ages" gives the direct, unequivocal answer.

5. Do awkward, stammering prayers reach the Father or must they be polished

and perfect? "Every sincere prayer is heard in heaven. It may not be fluently expressed; but if the heart is in it, . . . He will present it to the Father without one awkward, stammering word, beautiful and fragrant with the incense of His own perfection."

6. Here is the remedy for all our perplexities. Why not search it out, underline it, and commit it to memory? "The Lord will teach us our duty just as willingly as He will teach somebody else. If we come to Him in faith, He will speak His mysteries to us personally. Our hearts will often burn within us as One draws nigh to commune with us as He did with Enoch. **Those who decide to do nothing in any line that will displease God, will know, after presenting their case before Him, just what course to pursue.** And they will receive not only wisdom, but strength."

7. When friends fail and hopes vanish, when darkness surrounds and afflictions press down upon us, what can we do? Here is a gem of thought that brings the answer: "At all times, and in all places, in all sorrows and in all afflictions, when the outlook seems dark and the future perplexing, and we feel helpless and alone, the Comforter will be sent in answer to the prayer of faith. Circumstances may separate us from every earthly friend; but no circumstances, no distance, can separate us from the heavenly Comforter. Wherever we are, wherever we may go, He is always at our right hand to support, sustain, uphold, and cheer."

Lulua! Seeks the True Mission

(Concluded from page 5)

Dear brethren and sisters, please unite with us in praying to our Captain, who has never lost a battle, for these dear benighted ones, that His Spirit may prevail to the downfall of heathenism in all its forms. What we need is more teachers so that we can place them in the villages that the younger children may learn of Jesus early in life, before becoming steeped in heathen ways.

We plead with you to help them by your prayers and offerings, remembering that Jesus said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me."

WEDDING BELLS

POBKE-HENNIG. — Two well-known families were linked together when Clyde, youngest son of Brother and Sister W. H. Pobke of Berri, South Australia, and June, only daughter of Brother and Sister Melvin Hennig of Wongulla, South Australia, were united in the sacred bonds of marriage, September 6, 1950. The service was held in the Baptist church, Mannum, and witnessed by a large circle of friends. Having been brought up in the message, this young couple will add the strength of their service to the local church, as they make their new home in the Berri district.

G. V. Palmateer.



WARD.—A. the ripe age of ninety-three years, Sister Lydia Jane Ward passed peacefully to her long rest. About twenty years ago, this sister came into contact with the message through attending the mission conducted by Pastor R. A. Anderson in Brisbane. She continued to serve her Lord as a member of the City church. As she now awaits the faithful steward's reward, we share with the bereaved the consolation of the Master's soon return.
B. H. Swartzkopf.

HOWIE.—On Tuesday, September 19, 1950, our dear Brother Robert Howie passed peacefully away at the ripe age of eighty-seven, at his home on Kalamunda Road, Maida Vale, W.A. Brother Howie was very well known in the early days of our work in this state. During recent years he was a member of the Victoria Park church. Our sympathy goes to the three sons and one daughter, also to Miss Howie, his sister, who had cared for him through the years. Pastor Ulrich and Brother R. W. Lang assisted at the graveside. D. A. Speck.

DAY.—Brother W. F. Day of Boddington, W. A., passed away on September 9, 1950. He had not been really well for some time, but his death came as a shock to us all. He was only sixty years of age. Since his conversion he has been a very earnest member of the church, his one aim in life being to share with others what he himself had found. He is resting at Karra-katta until the resurrection day. Pastor Ulrich assisted at the graveside. We extend our sympathy to his sisters, his brothers, and other relatives in their loss.
D. A. Speck.

RETURN THANKS

The family of the late Herbert E. and Ellen E. Kent wish to thank sincerely the many kind friends who expressed their sympathy in the double bereavement which the family recently sustained. The letters and floral tributes were much appreciated.

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BREVITIES

To bring added spiritual strength to the church on Norfolk Island, and especially the younger members, Pastor B. H. McMahon has been spending two weeks on the island, including Youth Week.

In association with Pastor A. P. Dyason of the Trans-Commonwealth Conference, Pastor E. E. White of the A.I.U.C. is spending some time in West Australia, largely in the interest of the young people of that conference.

To join Pastors A. W. Peterson and A. W. Martin in a general meeting, or "fono," of the Samoan mission field, and a workers' institute, Pastor J. B. Conley left Sydney on October 4. Our European and native workers are looking forward with keen anticipation to these spiritual gatherings.

Returning to Australia, after being in attendance at the General Conference, Pastors F. A. Mote, S. V. Stratford and Mrs. Stratford, Pastor W. E. Battye, Brethren B. O. Johanson, and P. A. Donaldson, also Pastor Rore reached Sydney on the "Aorangi" Wednesday, September 27, after a safe and comfortable trip. We feel sure their recital of the inspirational features of that memorable gathering will be a source of encouragement and help to our constituency here in the Australasian Division.

The Spirit of Prophecy in the Remnant Church

M. E. KERN
(Continued)

CERTAIN MISCONCEPTIONS

There are those who greatly counteract the influence of the Spirit of prophecy because of misconceptions regarding the nature of the prophetic gift. Some would claim a perfection for the human agent which neither she nor responsible church leaders have ever claimed, and indeed which is not claimed for the Bible writers. Many of the perplexities regarding the Spirit of prophecy which some have, are due to a misconception of what a prophet should be. As Mrs. White wrote in her diary, "The writers of the Bible were God's penmen, not His pen."—"Testimonies of Jesus," page 18.

We humans are imperfect; the languages we speak are imperfect; and God through chosen human agents—men and women like ourselves—reveals to us His saving truth in the modes of thought and expressions of humanity. Mrs. White said regarding her writings:—

"Although I am as dependent upon the Spirit of the Lord in writing my views as I am in receiving them, yet the words I employ in describing what I have seen are my own, unless they be those spoken to me by an angel, which I always enclose in marks of quotation."—Id., page 87.

ARE THE TESTIMONIES OUT OF DATE?

Unfortunately today we yet hear from the lips of a few Seventh-day Adventist workers the thought expressed that certain

counsel given through the Spirit of prophecy is out of date and does not fit present conditions. It is said we are living in a different day now, and the counsels do not have a present application. But listen to this solemn declaration of the Lord's messenger on this very point: "Time and trial have not made void the instruction 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."—"Review and Herald," July 18, 1907.

A young pastor warned a worker that he would have to adjust his thinking about education to our modern times, as instruction in the "Testimonies" on this subject does not apply today. May God pity us if the blue-print given by revelation is now considered out of date. Is it not the thinking of this younger pastor that needs adjusting?

A few of the testimonies may not seem to fit exactly the conditions we face today, but the principles of truth are timeless, and have a definite present-day application. We should diligently study to find the basic principles set forth in all the counsels. . . .

There was a denunciation of the "bicycle craze" in the late '90's. What principle of truth is involved in those counsels which is applicable today? Here it is, as stated at the time:—

"While you have been gratifying your inclination in the appropriation of money—God's money—for which you must give an account, missionary work has been hindered and bound about for want of means and workers to plant the banner of truth in places where the people have never heard the message of warning."—"Testimonies," Vol. VIII, page 51.

If buying bicycles for pleasure was robbing the mission treasury then, how is this message to be applied today? Perhaps a careful reading of such counsel will lead some to question their expenditures for a high-priced motor-car. Others may find instruction which will apply to the type of radio and television programmes which they permit in their homes. They, of course, will find no direct reference to these modern inventions, but they will find admonitions concerning the guarding of the avenues to the soul. They will find condemnations of the theatre and theatrical performances, which today can be, and are being, brought into our homes by the turning of a dial.

We should endeavour to ascertain whether certain specific Spirit of prophecy reproofs and admonitions have been heeded by the church. If wrong conditions pointed out at a given time have been corrected, it is not honest to present those testimonies as applying to the church now. If the conditions have not been corrected, then the reproof still applies. For instance, the Spirit of prophecy warned our schools against worldly conformity, saying that we must "not be tied by so much as a thread" to the educational policies of the world. Does this admonition apply today? We might ask ourselves whether since that was written forty-eight years ago the educational policies of the world have become more like the pattern given to us by the Lord, or whether our schools during this time have become more like the worldly educational policies referred to. God will help our sincere and devoted educational and conference leaders to answer these questions.

HOLDING A WELL-BALANCED VIEW

There is a great necessity, my fellow workers, that in our study and our preaching we shall preserve and present a well-balanced view of the teachings of the Spirit of prophecy. Sometimes, because we are so anxious to have authoritative backing for what we teach, or for the plans we are promoting, we give a distorted view of the Spirit of prophecy. . . .

By making extreme and unwarranted applications, we confuse our people and weaken our cause. We all agree that in the study of the Bible we must compare scripture with scripture. We should likewise endeavour to read all that the Spirit of prophecy says on certain subjects, and aim to present a well-balanced view of its teaching, rather than try to find phrases or sentences that teach what we think. One of the highest compliments of a Bible teacher I ever heard was this:—

"He seems to study the writings of the Spirit of prophecy as a guide to his thinking rather than to prove what he has thought." Many of our differences of opinion would be resolved if we would conscientiously, and without bias, study to learn the whole truth of what the Spirit of prophecy teaches.

(To be concluded)

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Foreign Mission Notes

Extracts from a letter written to Pastor N. C. Wilson by the General Conference president, Pastor W. H. Branson.

"A recent letter from Elder David Lin, secretary of the China Division, also tells of progress being made in that field. He says: 'First, I want to tell you how the Lord is blessing us in the many efforts we are holding throughout the field. Reports coming in tell of rich harvests. The effort at Hsuechow has resulted in forty-five baptisms; Pastor Chang of North China tells of an itinerary to Shansi, that province that was devastated by a long civil war, and he sums up the baptisms at close to one hundred, for the one trip. In Shanghai, Pastor Wang Tse-yuan has just baptized thirty candidates, and the other two efforts will total at least forty more. Everybody has the spirit of evangelism, and by God's grace I believe that by the end of the year we shall total more than a hundred efforts. The publishing work is reviving. The "Signs" subscription list dropped to a little over 10,000 for a while, but now we have more than 20,000 subscribers.'

"Under date of August 27, Pastor Beach writes: 'I have just spent a week in Jugoslavia. This was a most interesting trip. I think perhaps it is best not to go into detail at present. Doctor Nussbaum has done a marvellous work in Jugoslavia. It was due largely to his multiplied interventions that we still have all our church properties of the pre-war period intact, and in good shape. . . . Our brethren have been able, without any substantial help from the Division, to acquire some twenty-seven church buildings, or "prayer houses" as they call them. . . . We now have approximately seven thousand baptized members, and if the more favourable circumstances of today continue and expand a little during the coming months, we shall reap a marvellous harvest in Jugoslavia.'