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An Adventure for God



THE EDITOR

LEAVING New York one morning for Washington, D.C., in one of America's streamlined trains with its air-conditioned carriages fitted with swivel chairs, the writer found opportunity to relax for a few hours, after a most strenuous week of appointments with Pastor Robert Salau in one of the world's largest cities.

Picking up a copy of that morning's "New York Times" dated May 30, 1949, and scanning its large and numerous pages for something of interest, my eyes fell upon the following intriguing column head, "Adventure to Live Religion." It was a report on an address delivered the day before by Dr. Louis Pitt, visiting chaplain at Columbia University, at the annual baccalaureate service in St. Paul's chapel.

Dr. Pitt is reported to have said: "One of the reasons why religion often fails to mean much to young people is the apparent lack in it of the spirit of adventure. . . . Instead of being a discovery and an achievement, it is often commended as a retreat, a withdrawal, an escape from the vicissitudes of life. But if religion is to deal with life as it really is, it must satisfy, not only the desire for safety but also the spirit of adventure."

"In referring to the recent great war, Dr. Pitt said: 'While many motives contributed to making young Americans face it bravely, important among them was the summons to a great adventure, a risk worth running, a cause worth dying for.'"

The doctor concluded his inspiring address with the challenge, "The peoples of Europe and

the Far East are in such dire distress that they look to America for magnanimity and compassion. 'Safety first' would mean indifference. We know that we must make a great adventure, saving our souls by service."

When Pastor W. H. Branson took office nearly two years ago, as president of the General Conference, he set before the whole Adventist Church a mighty challenge, and that was the doubling of our world membership during his quadrennial term of office.

In the providence of God, the winds of universal strife have been held in check, affording His church an unparalleled opportunity to rise and accept the challenge. With people's consciences jolted out of complacency by unusual political changes, and rapidly increasing financial problems, there never was a better opportunity to present the inevitable sequence to all these perplexities.

What can be said just now to arouse God's people out of their condition of lethargy and indifference, stirring them to an unprecedented effort to enlighten neighbours and friends with this last-day message? God's sleeping servant still speaks to us in an urgent appeal, saying:—

"A thousand doors of usefulness are open before us. We lament the scanty resources at present available, while various and urgent demands are pressing us for means and men. Were we thoroughly in earnest, even now we could multiply the resources a hundredfold. . . . Church members, let the light shine forth. Let your voices be heard in humble prayer in witness against intemperance, the folly, and the

amusements of this world, and in the proclamation of the truth for this time. Your voice, your influence, your time—all these are gifts from God, and are to be used in winning souls to Christ.

"Visit your neighbours, and show an interest in the salvation of their souls. Arouse every spiritual energy to action. Tell those whom you visit that the end of all things is at hand. The Lord Jesus Christ will open the door of their hearts, and will make upon their minds lasting impressions.

"Strive to arouse men and women from their spiritual insensibility. Tell them how you found Jesus, and how blessed you have been since you gained an experience in His service. Tell them what blessing comes to you as you sit at the feet of Jesus, and learn precious lessons from His Word. Tell them of the gladness and joy that there is in the Christian life. Your warm, fervent words will convince them that you have found the pearl of great price. . . . This is genuine missionary work, and as it is done, many will awake as from a dream."— "Testimonies," Vol. IX, page 38.

Shall we not then, during this year 1952, accept this challenge to a great adventure for God and accepting these inspired admonitions and promises go forth, and in endeavouring to save others "save our own souls by service."

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—Selected.

A God-given Responsibility

F. A. MOTE

President, Australasian Inter-Union Conference

As we approach the 1952 Appeal campaign it is natural for us to look back over the past two years and see how God has blessed in this phase of His work. Surely we have much to be grateful for as we think of how He has so wonderfully blessed our members and workers as they have taken part in this most important campaign in the raising of funds for the advancement of the gospel message into all sections of the world field.

We wish to express our heartfelt appreciation to all who have been so faithful in assisting in the Appeal work during the past years. We come to you again with a request that each worker and church member, together with the young people who have not yet been baptized, take an active part in the Appeal work. We should not be satisfied until we have more than reached our aim.

We have been told, "If all who are engaged in the Lord's work would realize how much depends upon their fidelity and wise forethought, far greater prosperity would attend their efforts. Through diffidence and backwardness we often fail of securing that which is attainable as a right, from the powers that be. God will work for us, when we are ready to do what we can, and should do on our part."—"Southern Watchman," March 15, 1904.

We have been instructed most carefully regarding the work of presenting our Appeal papers to the public when we request them to assist us with our great mission programme. The following statement from the pen of inspiration should help us to appreciate the twofold nature of the Appeal campaign, namely, that of finding souls for the heavenly kingdom, as well as receiving funds to take the message to those who live in the unenlightened places of the earth:—

"To all who are about to take up this special missionary work with the paper prepared for us in the Harvest Ingathering campaign, I would say: Be diligent in your efforts; live under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Add daily to your Christian experience. Let those who have special aptitude, work for unbelievers in the high places as well as in the low places. Search diligently for perishing souls. Oh, think of the yearning desire Christ has to bring to His fold again those who have gone astray! Watch for souls as they that must give an account. In your church and neighbourhood missionary work, let your light shine forth in such clear, steady rays that no man can stand up in the judgment and say, 'Why did you not tell me about this truth? Why did you not care for my soul?' Then let us be diligent in the distribution of literature that has been carefully prepared for use among those not of our faith. Let us make the most of every opportunity to arrest the attention of unbelievers. Let us put literature into every hand that will receive it. Let us consecrate ourselves to the proclamation of the message, 'Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.'"—From manuscript, "Consecrated Efforts to Reach Unbelievers," June 5, 1914.

It is our God-given responsibility and privilege to take to our friends and neigh-

bours as well as others the special periodicals which have been prepared for the Appeal work. Let us first consecrate ourselves fully to God whose name we wish to exalt. Let us pray earnestly on behalf of those whom we expect to visit. Let us approach men and women in wisdom, acquaint them with the work which is being carried on in different places, and then give them an opportunity of doing that which they can do to help in the advancement of God's work.

February 9, 1952

APPEAL RALLY DAY

★ EVERY MEMBER is invited to participate—both old and young—and make this 1952 campaign THE BEST EVER.

Australasian Inter-Union Conference Aim £90,000

The Soul-saving Appeal for Missions

CHARLES HEAD

Home Missions Secretary, Trans-Tasman Union Conference

That world-renowned missionary who cobbled shoes to meet the expenses associated with the soul-winning activities of his life's objective, has bequeathed to the people of the advent movement an incentive for our Appeal for Missions which can, with God's blessing, greatly multiply the success of this very important work.

The expenses involved in the soul-winning programme of today are infinitely greater than they were in the days of William Carey, and, although the funds of the church are more abundant, they are not sufficient to meet the tremendously increased expenses involved in the rapidly expanding work of God in every country of the world.

However, the additional finance required can be satisfactorily supplied by the Appeal for Missions which, undoubtedly, is a God-ordained soul-winning plan provided in the last days to help hasten God's glorious work of salvation to its end.

For many years Sabbath school offerings have been our greatest source of financial help for the development of the work of God in the mission field, but today the Appeal contributes greater assistance, and consequently its value can be fully appreciated. A double service has operated since the commencement of the new Appeal plan whereby the homeland benefits by an amount equal to fifty per cent of the overflow, allocated from other funds, and therefore the soul-winning possibilities of the Appeal are greatly increased.

The acceptance of an individual responsibility by the constituency of the Sab-

bath school has been instrumental in building wonderful weekly offerings, and when the same personal responsibility is realized in the work of the Appeal, then from the unlimited resources available, a bountiful supply, far beyond all past achievements, will be obtained.

It is most gratifying to know that the Appeal for missions is a layman's work, and was originated by a layman. Pastors, evangelists, and other conference workers are privileged to associate with the laity in this special soul-winning activity and unitedly work for the greatest possible results.

To all who have participated in the work at any time, we would express our hearty appreciation and commendation. Furthermore, we desire earnestly to request your best service and also the help of all others in the advent family, to make the 1952 campaign the greatest soul-saving effort in the history of the Australasian Appeal for Missions.

At the recent Inter-Union Conference council, after careful consideration of the vital needs of the mission field, it was decided to invite our people of the Trans-Commonwealth Union Conference and the Trans-Tasman Union Conference to accept an individual Appeal aim of £5.

You will, I am sure, recognize that it is quite a reasonable proposition, for many of our children, youth, and older people have gathered that amount, and many others have collected much more. The £5 objective is a minimum, and should be a good incentive for those who have not yet advanced that far in the work. Quite a number, however, will desire to secure a larger amount, and therefore will plan and work to that end.

Today we can clearly hear that urgent overseas Macedonian call, "Come over and help us"; come over and preach the gospel of the soon-coming kingdom to us before the end comes.

"Time is short," for "it is later than we think," and "soon the night cometh when no man can work."

What shall we answer? "Here am I, send me." I can go, and you can go, through the medium of the Appeal for Missions.

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"Exploits for Jesus"

ADLAI ESTEB

One of the most remarkable stories of Ingathering exploits is the story of Sister Lillian Purcell, a patient at the Glendale Sanitarium. She has been an invalid for twenty-five years, and through all these years thought that she could not take part in Ingathering because she could not leave her bed, except when carried on a stretcher.

However, last year, after hearing an Ingathering sermon over the earphone by her bed, she felt inspired to try to do something for Jesus. But what could she do? She could not walk; she could not write. Oh, if she only had one good hand! But she felt she should try writing by printing each word. She tried to print some letters. It took her two days to write each letter, and it was a painful ordeal. But she proved that "where there is a will, there is a way." She sent her letters—a dozen of them—and prayed much and hoped on with faith.

God rewarded her "labour of love and work of faith and patience of hope." When she asked me to count her returns at the close of the campaign, the total was \$56.56. It was a mighty triumph of faith and love!

This year her relatives, who are not Adventists, very kindly and thoughtfully made her a bank into which she might put her money received in answer to her letters. It was a ceramic bank, and had her name on one side and **INGATHERING** on the other. Last Sabbath when her bank was broken, they counted the total, and it was \$138.38, much more than she had ever dared to hope for. How happy she was! And how it thrilled the entire church to hear the marvellous story of her infinite patience and sacrificial love. She had done the "difficult" last year. This year the "impossible" took her a little longer. She said, "I have certainly worked this year. I started out the first of March. It is very, very hard to write. I wrote longer letters last year and got less. I wrote more letters this year, but shorter ones, and got more. My relatives have promised to make me a bigger bank next year, so next year I hope to do much more." When I heard her say that, I felt a lump in my throat, and tears filled my eyes. Oh, what wonderful exploits are being recorded by the angels! It is the modern acts of the apostles! May God help us all to do exploits for Jesus.—"Pacific Union Recorder."

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Our Largest Single Source of Mission Funds

W. L. PASCOE

Treasurer, Australasian Inter-Union Conference

During the past few years the Appeal for Missions campaign has developed into one of the very important features of our church activities. As a matter of fact, the sum raised annually for missions through this channel is now by far the largest single source of revenue for foreign missions within our Australasian territory.

For the year 1951, our members and workers were able, under the blessing of the Lord, to bring to the treasury an all-time record Appeal for Missions amount, totalling more than £79,000 Australian currency. Even in these days of inflation, this is a very large sum. How grateful we should be for the overall mercies of God which made it possible for this amount to be contributed by the public for the support of our medical missionary programme!

Living as we do under conditions of freedom, some of us may be inclined to take for granted the privileges we enjoy of being able to visit from door to door and accept donations from our non-Adventist friends, and others who are interested in our mission programme; and, furthermore, having received these donations to be able to forward the money to the mission fields concerned. In so many lands it is not permitted to raise funds for use outside the country—for their laws prohibit money being sent to any other place for mission purposes. We should thank our heavenly Father for the freedom of government in our territory which enables us to carry forward our Appeal

for Missions programme without hindrance.

We recognize, furthermore, that the collection of almost £80,000 represents a very large amount of effort on the part of the members of the church, the young people, the children, and the conference workers. It represents many miles of travel, many miles of footsteps in all kinds of weather, and many flights of stairs ascended and descended by willing feet. It represents the combined efforts of thousands of messengers for the Lord actuated by willing hearts and happy spirits. All this effort is greatly appreciated, and we know that the Lord takes note of the many footsteps taken and the many words spoken for Him.

For the year 1952 the Australasian Inter-Union Conference has voted the largest budget ever for our island mission field—for the Central Pacific Union Mission and for the Coral Sea Union Mission. In voting this record budget, the brethren have gone ahead in faith, believing confidently that all the faithful helpers throughout the whole field will rise to the occasion and again demonstrate what can be done when the Lord opens the way.

Without the financial support that comes through the Appeal for Missions each year, our island medical missionary programme would be most seriously embarrassed. While we drive our stakes in firmly at home, let us continue to lengthen and strengthen the cords to the distant fields. We must not slacken our efforts to "arise and shine" for surely time is short. Soon the work must be finished in all the world, and that time cannot be reached until every island in all our South Pacific territories has heard the message of a soon-coming Saviour.

May God bless us one and all as we move into the Appeal campaign for 1952.

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Conquering Timidity

H. D. HENRIKSON

During the ten-minute missionary service in one of our churches, the missionary leader invited the members to relate a recent Ingathering experience. One of the sisters responded, and everybody listened with real interest as, in short, clear sentences, she told of meeting a district attorney, and after a pleasant visit, how she succeeded in obtaining a very substantial contribution for our work.

Judging from her experience, it was evident that if this sister had ever possessed a feeling of fear and timidity, she was no longer thus afflicted. In conversation with her later on I learned that she was a comparatively new convert to the faith, and that a few years ago she was so timid that she hesitated even to speak to her neighbours. "But how came the transformation?" was my surprised inquiry. "By the grace of God," our sister replied. "Any effort on my part alone would have been fruitless."

The principles that this sister had followed in overcoming her timidity are fundamental in our battle against faint-heartedness. The "Four P's" as described herewith will, if carefully practised, bring victory to those who long for freedom from the slavery of fear.

PREPARATION: "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed." 2 Tim. 2:15. Carefully plan your work and programme. Make the necessary preparation to meet any anticipated eventuality. "Know your canvass," is an excellent slogan. Be prepared to answer objections. Failing to prepare is to prepare to fail.

PRAYER: Prayer is the crowning act of our preparation. Said Jesus, "Without Me ye can do nothing." John 15:5. Speaking from experience, Paul exclaims, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Phil. 4:13. Such confidence and assurance may be yours and mine. Someone has said, "If you prevail with God in prayer you cannot be defeated anywhere." In prayer is victory, victory over all our fears and tremblings. In prayer is power, power for joyful, fearless, Christian service.

POWER: "But ye shall receive power" (Acts 1:8) is God's unfailing word to all who seek to be loosed from the bands of spiritual weakness and timidity. Again, "Fear thou not; for I am with thee: . . . I will strengthen thee; . . . for I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee." Isa. 41:10-13. How could anyone doubt such plain and precious promises of God? With God at my side, with my hand in His, I have nothing to fear. I shall fear neither friend nor foe.

PRACTICE: "Go ye therefore and teach all nations." Thus sounds the gospel commission. (Matt. 28:19). The cause of God is the greatest thing on earth, and you and I are part of it. To be labourers together with God in proclaiming the gospel to a doomed world is the highest honour and privilege ever conferred upon mortal man. There is reason to be justly proud of such a high calling.

Each morning as you are confronted with the activities of the day, stop a minute and think of the "Four P's," and then say, "God is with me, He loves me, I can trust Him! so in all my duties this day I will not be afraid." After having followed this practice a few days, you will find that, by the grace of God, fear and timidity will have vanished from your life and experience.

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Triple Ingathering Blessings

F. C. WEBSTER, JR.

Nothing is more thrilling to one who really believes in the soon return of Jesus than to be united with a church that is placing unrestrained emphasis on soul-winning and to see the results that obviously follow. To be part of a divinely directed movement that takes the great commission to heart gives a soul satisfaction that is elsewhere unknown.

This year our emphasis has been placed on field adventuring, and through the promotion of this phase of the work new soul-winners are joining the ranks of God's militant army of truth-bearers.

Field adventuring is really nothing new, for we have had a host of loyal workers and laymen adventuring for God for a long, long time.

One of the greatest modern-day adventurers was Jasper Wayne. His heart was warm with a desire to win souls for God's kingdom. He had the faith and willing-

ness to try an adventure, and God blessed his adventure and made it a success. With a supply of message-filled papers he set out to distribute them, and in return received freewill gifts for God's ever-expanding work on the earth. As a result of his adventure, today we have the world-circling, triple-blessing Ingathering campaign.

We have come to look at Ingathering through needs of a world-wide programme of expanding missions. Sometimes we have felt rather remote from the soul-winning that Ingathering made possible in other lands. Today I am writing these lines from one of these remote places which we term a mission field. It is a field where last year 1,366 new believers were baptized into the church. Ingathering funds made possible educational facilities, public evangelistic programmes, and health institutions, which are the backbone of soul-winning in these parts. We have just completed our annual meetings here; and with an even larger budget at our disposal this year, we find that the prospects are for a much greater harvest of souls. Many of these souls are reached by funds made available through Ingathering pounds. Yes, your Ingathering pounds are soul-winning pounds.

Another, and perhaps more important, among the triple-blessing results of Ingathering is the Christian visits that we are privileged to make. In homes that are bathed in the atmosphere of worldliness, the Christian worker pauses on his heaven-ordained mission to give the occupants an opportunity to hear what the great God is doing in a world not wholly under Satan's influence, and to make a financial investment in that work. Many times we have felt a warm handclasp and heard the words, "I'm glad you came to my home. Come again."

A worker often gains access to the office of a busy industrial executive who has many opportunities to give to charitable causes, and who is sometimes annoyed by such petitions. But with prayerful lips and accompanied by an angel messenger, the Christian worker brings to that office the atmosphere of heaven; and another opportunity is afforded the Holy Spirit to work on the heart of one whose life otherwise may be wholly absorbed in the lust for worldly gains. Such contacts often lead the conversing parties to their knees in prayer and result in starting a soul toward the kingdom.

We have many different ways of contacting people in Ingathering. They all may be soul-winning contacts if we make them so. Somehow, Ingathering seems to have a force to lead us to make interviews that we might otherwise never make. The third of our tri-blessings comes to the individual worker, not to the mission field, not to our confused and bewildered neighbour who is contacted, but to the worker of God who is sent by divine commission to do this work. Life eternal is a gift of God given freely to all who accept, but we must keep that gift when we have received it; and strange as it may seem, the only way to keep it is to give it away—to share it with others. The only way that a Christian can keep his own spiritual vigour is to share salvation's story.

And so it is that the Ingathering worker keeps aglow the love of the message by giving it to others.



Around the CONFERENCES

Time that is past thou never canst recall;
Of time to come thou art not sure at all;
The PRESENT only is within thy power,
And therefore now improve the present hour.
—Byron.

A Sabbath School and a Boy

ADA E. WARHURST

"Who is that boy?" Pastor Farnsworth, one of our earliest pioneers, asked this question of the brethren as he with others, including Sister E. G. White, faced the expectant congregation at one of South Australia's early camp-meetings.

"That lad is my son," answered Brother Curnuck. "He will be an Adventist all his life," responded Pastor Farnsworth, as if he could see into the far distant future, even to the year 1951.

This seemingly prophetic utterance found its fulfilment in the faithfulness of Brother Curnuck's life and the organizing of the new Yumali Sabbath school. That young lad, now grown to an elderly man, sat with his family and grandchildren and eagerly awaited the appointment of the first Sabbath school officers for the new school on December 1, 1951. With a membership of twenty-two, ten of whom are direct descendants of this grand old man, and twelve connected with the family of the original Brother Curnuck who talked with Pastor Farnsworth, it was no wonder that Grandfather Curnuck felt proud to see his son voted in as the school's first superintendent.

Attending Sabbath school was not always easy for Grandfather Curnuck. He recalled the time when he as a young man walked twenty miles to attend, and always arrived on time each Sabbath. Leaving home on Friday evening he would walk to a friend's home, and there sleep until 4 a.m. when the rest of the journey would

be resumed on foot. "It is not done these days," Brother Curnuck hesitatingly commented, as though wishing he could see our present-day youth filled with such a determination to attend Sabbath school.

Situated ten miles from one of South Australia's main highways, accessible only as travel is made through vast wheat and grazing fields, we wish this new Sabbath school God's richest blessing, confident in the fact that the same spirit which kept a young lad faithful to his God, his Sabbath school, and his parents' teaching will guide and direct as through this Sabbath school opportunity will be given to others in the district to become acquainted with God's message of truth for these times.

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Tallebudgera Youth Camp

ALFRED W. PETERSON
M.V. Secretary, Australasian Division

Tallebudgera beach on which is located the large National Fitness camp, is located eight miles north of the New South Wales-Queensland border line, and sixty miles south of Brisbane. This National Fitness camp is located on one of the most attractive stretches of beach along the eastern sea board of Australia. Tallebudgera Creek runs into the sea at this point.

This youth's camp was undertaken jointly by the Queensland Conference and the North New South Wales Conference, and was planned by and administered under the direction of Pastors L. A. Dyason and J. Hankinson, who were assisted by an efficient staff. Pastor W. W. Petrie, secretary-treasurer of the Queensland Conference, was business manager. He was assisted by Pastor C. Raphael. Pastor W. A. Coates had charge of the detailed supervision of the camp. Pastor J. D. Anderson, assisted by Pastor A. C.



THE TALLEBUDGERA YOUTH CAMP, H

Needham and Brother B. C. Grosser, was in charge of planning and apportioning the domestic duties of the camp. Pastor K. J. Wooller, assisted by Brother J. Cherry, was in general charge of the counselling. Mrs. Coates and Mrs. Cherry had charge of the medical unit. Sister Gadsden was in charge of the kitchen, and was assisted by the wives of the workers present and others.

Both Pastor D. Sibley, president of the North New South Wales Conference, and Pastor R. A. Greive, president of the Queensland Conference, were on the ground. Pastor Sibley had general charge of the singing, and what wonderful singing it was, too! Brother and Sister Ralph Watts of the Australasian Missionary College were there, and vigorously promoted the interests of the college. They made a very fine contribution to the success of the meeting. Brother Watts brought up several very instructive films.

Distance is no barrier to youth, and they came from places in New South Wales as far as 600 miles to the south, and in Queensland 560 miles north. They came 355 strong from the churches in this wide area, and stayed right through the period of the camp, which opened December 26, 1951, and closed January 3, 1952.

When they arrived everything was in readiness, cabins, dining-rooms, Book and Bible House store, the meeting hall, recreational fixtures, showers, and the beach. It was a time of splendid fellowship in worship, in study, and in play. It was a holiday camp, but these hundreds of wholesome young people came not only for a holiday but for devotion, and for the study of youth's problems.

Everything moved like clock-work. The programme of the camp was a busy one, but not burdensome. The day began with a devotional meeting. The speakers for these meetings had been carefully chosen, and they brought inspiration and set the spiritual tone for the day. The young people will long remember the visit of Pastor Eric Hare of the General Conference Sabbath School Department. On Friday evening he gave a very inspirational study on Seventh-day Adventist youth standards. It challenged and lifted the young people. At the conclusion of the Sabbath morning service, he made a call to consecration to which not only our own

young people responded but several non-Adventist youth who had come to share in the blessings of the camp.

The National Fitness camp is a large and important establishment, and there were other religious organizations conducting camps there. However, there was no confusion or interference whatsoever between these groups.

Mr. E. U. Harris, director of the National Fitness Council for Queensland, was on the ground, and gave particular attention to the Seventh-day Adventist camp, which was the largest group there. He was watching to see that only our own youth came into the Seventh-day Adventist section, and knowing something of the fine standards of our young people gave orders that only Adventist youth should be admitted.

On one occasion when a young man and a couple of young women were about to pass through the gate into our area, he stopped them. They protested that they were Adventists, but one was carrying a cigarette, and they were turned back! On another occasion several girls wearing lipstick came to use the showers after a swim, and he turned them back because he "knew Seventh-day Adventists do not use lipstick." Mr. Harris, with his wife and some of the other members of the National Fitness Council dined occasionally with the Adventist group. The food served throughout the camp was excellent, and Mr. Harris commented on the happy, satisfied atmosphere of our camp.

Pastor McMahon of the Trans-Tasman Union Conference was on the ground, and gave greatly appreciated help.

The Master Guide work was not forgotten, and during one meeting Pastor Sibley and his wife, Pastor Petrie and his wife, and Pastor Greive were enrolled in preparation for an investiture to be held within twelve months. A fine group of young people followed their lead, and are undertaking to become Master Guides during this year.

Time for the camp passed rapidly, and one sunburned young man, with a good layer of freckles across his nose, said, "It just isn't long enough!" But the end came, and like a flight of swallows they were gone, gone back to their home churches to carry the spirit and the inspiration of this camp.

Trans-Tasman Union Conference Annual Meeting, 1951

R. R. FRAME, Secretary-Treasurer

The third annual meeting of the Trans-Tasman Union Conference executive committee was held at Wahroonga, December 10-12, 1951. Of the twenty-three members of the committee twenty-one were in attendance, and we were very privileged to have with us the officers of the Australasian Inter-Union Conference, whose counsel was greatly appreciated.

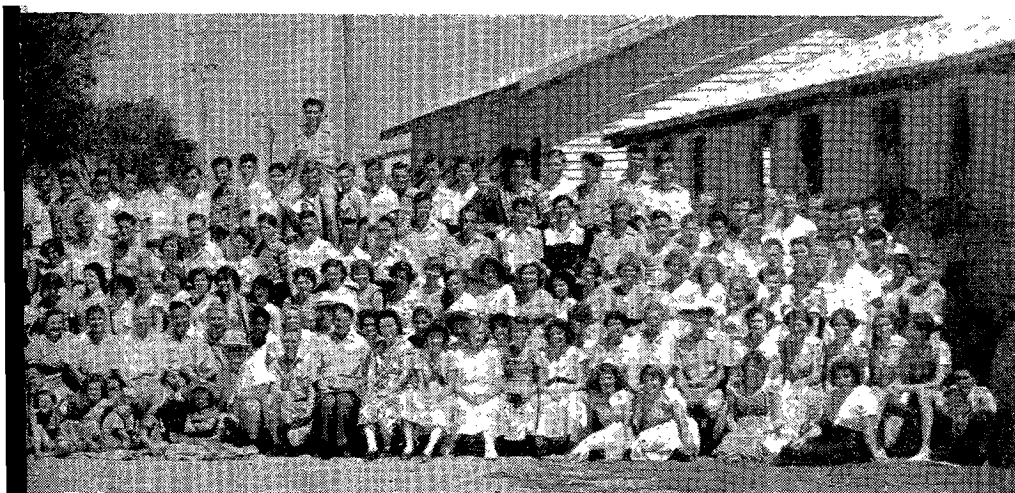
Brethren Mote and Moulds led out in the devotional periods each day. All present were reminded of their responsibility as workers for God, and emphasis was laid upon the seriousness of the times in which we live. In earnest seasons of prayer the brethren sought power and grace from God to better fit themselves for the work they had been called upon to do.

Reports presented at the meeting indicated progress in all branches of the work. In the two years and nine months from the setting up of the Trans-Tasman Union Conference in January, 1949, to September 30, 1951, 1,974 members have been added to the church in this territory. At September 30, 1951, the church membership was 13,129, meeting in 156 churches. The constituency generally throughout the Union continues to pay a faithful tithe, and give liberal offerings for home and mission-field work. Tithe for the year 1950 amounted to £241,521, which sum was an increase of approximately £33,000 over that paid in 1949. This money, the greater portion of which remains in local conferences, will do much to help in evangelizing the many cities and towns in our Union. Offerings for foreign missions in 1950 totalled £93,563 (including Appeal for Missions), and in 1951 the figure will be much greater. May God bless His faithful church members as they contribute liberally to His cause.

During 1950 the average Sabbath school membership throughout the Union was 12,470, but during 1951 this has risen to over 13,000. The Sabbath school offerings for 1950 were £36,697, which per capita amounted to 1s.1.2d. Our conference Sabbath school secretaries have earnestly worked to build the membership and attendance at Sabbath school, and some success has been achieved.

In the Home Missions Department 1,079,234 units of missionary work were recorded for 1950. As the results of this work are seen, we know that many souls will be brought to a knowledge of Him. The Appeal for Missions campaigns are going from success to success, and for 1950 a total of £42,125 was collected. For 1951 the amount was almost £50,000. These figures tell a wonderful story of earnest service for the mission field with its reflex influence upon the work of God in the home field.

The Education and M.V. Departments of our organization are closely tied. In the Spirit of prophecy we have clear instruction regarding the importance of training our children so that they can preserve the traditions of this movement and successfully take their place in carrying responsibility and bearing the burdens in the rapidly developing work. As at



DECEMBER 26, 1951, TO JANUARY 3, 1952

August, 1951, there were in the Trans-Tasman Union Conference, thirty-two schools employing sixty-four teachers, and the number of pupils totalled 1,223. Over the past three years that we have operated as a Union it is gratifying to notice the steady increase in schools, teachers, and pupils enrolled. In government examinations our students have done most satisfactorily, in most cases the results being well above the average of high schools. Plans are being made for the opening of several new schools in 1952.

Today the work of the Missionary Volunteer Department is operating strongly in all conferences. In addition to regular missionary activities, our youth are forging ahead in M.V. classwork. For the year ended September 30, 1951, the following were invested:—

Friends, 206; Companions, 95; Guides, 30; Master Guides, 36.

Figures reveal that the number of baptisms of young people has increased considerably, and there have been more persons baptized as a result of the work of the young people. We believe that just as the strength of our soul-winning work in the church is dependent on the whole church being at work, so the strength of the M.V. work is to have the society leadership strong and all of our youth actively engaged in service.

The inception of the Trans-Tasman Union Conference in 1949 was followed by remarkable growth in the Publishing Department, although record achievements marked the years prior to that time. In 1950, 123 colporteurs took orders valued at £119,866 15s. and delivered books to the value of £81,485 6s. 9d. The figures for 1951 reveal still further increases, particularly in deliveries. In all conferences colporteurs are opening up homes for Bible studies, and each year many souls are won as a result of the work of these faithful men and women.

The work of the Voice of Prophecy in this territory is carried on in a strong way. The message is now broadcast over twenty-four stations in the Trans-Tasman Union Conference, and we are happy to state that during 1951 the first New Zealand stations were added to the network. A survey revealed that of the 250,000 people who listen to the Voice of Prophecy in the capital cities of Australia, 150,000 are in Sydney and Brisbane. In each of these cities there are two stations broadcasting our programmes. We rejoice in the success of the radio work, and when it is understood that one conference in our Union baptizes on an average of fifty souls a year, as a direct result of the Voice of Prophecy, the value of this branch of the work will be readily appreciated.

In addition to reports concerning various departments of the Union, Pastor G. Peacock, superintendent of Monamona Mission; Pastor G. Burnside, Union evangelist; and Dr. E. G. McDowell, principal of New Zealand Missionary College, presented brief reports. All indicated that God is blessing His work in the spheres in which they are engaged.

The committee in annual council took far-reaching actions for the advancement and development of God's work in this Union. The actions will be passed on through the local conferences to the churches, and should do much to inspire God's people to greater activity for Him.

It is usual at year-end meetings for transfers of workers to be effected, and at the recent meeting some were invited to change their location. For the past several years Pastor G. Peacock has been giving a strong lead to the work at the Monamona Mission, but for health reasons he has asked that he be transferred to other responsibilities. Pastor Peacock has now accepted an invitation to transfer to the Greater Sydney Conference. The work of Pastor and Mrs. Peacock through the years has been greatly appreciated, and God has greatly blessed all their efforts for Him. As they move to the Blue Mountains in New South Wales we know that all "Record" readers will wish them God's continued blessing. Brother W. E. Zanotti has now been on the mission staff for several years and we know that he will carry on the good work of his predecessor.

Brother J. K. Irvine, Trans-Tasman Union Conference accountant, has been appointed accountant of the Australasian Inter-Union Conference, and Brother I. R. Stratford has been invited to serve as the new accountant for the Trans-Tasman Union Conference. As Brother Irvine leaves our office we express our appreciation of his very efficient service during the past three years. As Brother Stratford joins our staff we extend a very warm welcome to him.

Other transfers of workers authorized at the annual meeting and in recent weeks are as follows:—

Transfers within the Trans-Tasman Union Conference

Pastor J. S. Wallace from Greater Sydney to North Queensland for departmental work.

Brother G. Hedges from Greater Sydney to South New Zealand for departmental work.

Brother H. C. Barritt from South New Zealand to Greater Sydney for departmental work.

Pastor D. K. Down from North New Zealand to Queensland for field work.

Brother O. Ferris from Queensland to North New South Wales for teaching work.

Brother J. Dawson from North New South Wales to Monamona Mission for teaching work.

Brother F. Rocke from North New South Wales to Greater Sydney for teaching work.

Miss G. Peatty from Queensland to North New South Wales for teaching work.

Miss June Ellis from North New Zealand to South New Zealand for teaching work.

Brother W. G. Dowling from Greater Sydney to South New Zealand for field work.

Brother D. Self from Greater Sydney to South New Zealand for field work.

Transfers from Other Organizations to Trans-Tasman Union Conference

Pastor J. B. Keith from Central Pacific Union Mission to North New Zealand for field work.

Pastor A. D. Pietz from Central Pacific Union Mission to Queensland for field work.

Pastor R. W. Howes from Trans-Commonwealth Union Conference to South New Zealand for field work.

Brother D. Caldwell from Coral Sea Union Mission to Queensland for teaching work.

Brother R. Lawrence from Trans-Commonwealth Union Conference to North New Zealand for teaching work.

Brother H. Millist from Australasian Missionary College Central School to Greater Sydney for teaching work.

Brother W. D. Bidmead to North New Zealand for teaching work.

Brother R. J. E. Dobson from Central Pacific Union Mission to South New Zealand for teaching work.

Brother H. A. Trevethan from Trans-Commonwealth Union Conference to Greater Sydney for departmental work.

Brother E. H. J. Steed from Trans-Commonwealth Union College to Greater Sydney for departmental work.

Miss N. Barnett from Australasian Inter-Union Conference office to Queensland for Bible work.

Miss Val Letts from Sanitarium Health Food Company head office to Greater Sydney for office work.

Miss E. O'Connor from Trans-Commonwealth Union Conference to Greater Sydney for office work.

Miss E. Bade from Australasian Missionary College Central School to North New Zealand for teaching work.

Miss E. Young to Greater Sydney for teaching work.

Miss B. McMahon from Sanitarium Health Food Company, Brisbane, to Queensland for office work.

Miss R. Nobbs from Australasian Missionary College to North New South Wales for office work.

Brother E. Nilsson from Australasian Missionary College to South New Zealand for colporteur work.

Transfers from Trans-Tasman Union Conference to Other Organizations

Pastor J. H. Wade from South New Zealand to Trans-Commonwealth Union Conference for field work.

Brother F. W. Gifford from South New Zealand to Central Pacific Union Mission for departmental work.

Brother C. R. Thompson from North New Zealand to Central Pacific Union Mission for teaching work.

Brother S. Gillis from Greater Sydney to Coral Sea Union Mission for teaching work.

Brother W. Hill from Greater Sydney to Trans-Commonwealth Union Conference for teaching work.

Brother E. Tonkin from Greater Sydney to Australasian Missionary College for teaching work.

Brother A. Lowe from Greater Sydney to Australasian Missionary College for teaching work.

Brother W. J. Stafford from North Queensland to Sanitarium Health Food Company, Cooranbong, for office work.

Brother Neil Smith from North New Zealand to Coral Sea Union Mission for colporteur work.

Miss P. Kilroy from Greater Sydney to Central Pacific Union Mission for office work.

As we commence another year of service we trust that workers and members throughout the Union will be conscious of God's abiding presence, and that 1952 will be a highly successful year for all as they endeavour to advance the cause of God.

WEDDING BELLS

CLEVERDON-SHEA.—In the evening of January 9, 1952, the Hurstville church, N.S.W., was filled to its utmost capacity to witness the marriage of Arthur Clive Cleverdon and Joan Ethel Nellie Shea. As they make their home at Temora, we wish them every happiness in their life and work for the Master. E. R. Whitehead.

HUTCHINSON-BOHRINGER.—On December 19, 1951, The Entrance Methodist church was kindly lent us, and well filled with relatives and friends who came to witness the wedding of June, daughter of Mrs. Bohringer, and Jim, eldest son of Brother and Sister Hutchinson. We wish Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hutchinson much of God's blessing and guidance as they set up their Christian home in Queensland. L. R. Harvey.

WENSLEY-SWEET.—On January 2, 1952, two of our young people from South Australia were united in the holy bonds of matrimony in the Thornleigh church, New South Wales. It was before a group of interested relatives and friends that John Malcolm Wensley and Muriel Dawn Sweet pledged their troth each to the other. As this young couple set up another Christian home we pray that its influence may witness strongly for Christ and His blessed truth. L. C. Naden.

FRASER-HODGSON.—On Monday, December 17, 1951, a pretty wedding was celebrated at the Concord church, N.S.W., when Alwyn Fraser and Lynette Hodgson were united in marriage. Alwyn is the only son of Brother Ray Fraser and is a member of the teaching staff of our Burwood High School. As this couple make their new home we join their many friends in wishing them Heaven's richest blessing in their united witness and service in the Greater Sydney Conference. O. K. Anderson.

HONOR-DES LANDES.—The Balmoral church, N.Z., was most attractively decorated on December 20, 1951, the occasion being the union in marriage of Charles Elmore Honor to Beverly Ilma des Landes. The bridegroom is the son of our very well known and respected Brother and Sister Honor of Walton, while the bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. des Landes, Balmoral. As these devoted Adventist young people make their home in North New Zealand, we wish them God's richest blessings. R. J. Burns.

FISHER-CROCKFORD — ELLIS-CROCKFORD.—On the afternoon of October 29, 1951, a double wedding was solemnized in the New Plymouth church, N.Z., between Stanley Fisher of Avondale, N.S.W., and Edna Crockford of New Plymouth, N.Z.; also between Leonard Ellis and Alma Crockford (twin sister of Edna), both of New Plymouth. These two young couples have given devoted service in their home town, and as they set up their homes and their family altars, we pray God will abundantly bless their united lives, and that they will be used of God in witnessing for Him. A. G. Ratcliffe.

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WILLIAMS.—On Monday, December 24, 1951, Mrs. Mavis Williams passed quietly to her rest at her home in Willoughby, N.S.W. We laid her to rest, confident that she will be among those who will respond to the call of the Life-giver on the resurrection morn. To the sorrowing loved ones we extend our heartfelt sympathy. E. R. Whitehead.

WATTERS.—A faithful and godly mother laid down her burdens when Sarah Jane Watters passed away at her home, Victoria Street, Maitland, N.S.W. We laid her to rest among many of God's sleeping saints who wait for the glorious day when Jesus shall return to call them forth. Three sons and two daughters live on to cherish her memory. R. Thrift.

LAING.—Miss Mary Laing, aged sixty-seven years, passed quietly to her rest at the Wellington, N.Z., hospital on December 15, 1951, after a brief illness. Sister Laing was a most earnest worker for the church in Wellington, and will be greatly missed by all who knew her. Our sister was laid to rest in the Karori cemetery. Our loving sympathy is extended to the bereaved ones.

MCKAY.—Brother Vernon William McKay, aged thirty-seven, of Longford, Tasmania, accidentally met his death on January 1, 1952. We laid him to rest in the Launceston cemetery, where words of comfort and hope were spoken to the sorrowing. We extend our deepest sympathy to the relatives, especially his wife and four small children, and with them we look forward to the glad day of reunion. Claude D. Judd.

BRYCE.—Janet Bryce, aged eighty-four years, beloved mother of Mrs. H. Hubber, and Mrs. Roderique of the Invercargill church, N.Z., fell asleep in Jesus on December 13, 1951, after a brief illness. Following a service in the Invercargill church, we laid her to rest in the East Road cemetery, on the Sabbath morning. We extend to her family, and all those who mourn the loss of a loved one, our sincere sympathy. Fred L. Taylor.

MARTIN.—On January 4, 1952, Anna Mary Martin, wife of Brother J. J. Martin of Ourimbah, N.S.W., passed peacefully to rest in her seventy-fourth year. She, with other of her relatives, accepted the message nearly forty years ago. Pastor L. R. Harvey was associated with the writer in the last rites as we laid Sister Martin beside her mother in the Gosford cemetery. G. G. Stewart.

REID.—On Sunday, January 13, 1952, a very faithful and zealous worker for God, Sister L. Reid, was called to rest until Jesus comes. Although in ill health for some time, she was in her place at the Moonah church, Tasmania the previous day. To her sorrowing loved ones and friends we extend our deepest sympathy, confident that her name is enrolled in the books of heaven. L. H. Hay.

EMMERSON.—Archibald Vivian Emerson, beloved husband of Sister Emmerston of the Townsville church, North Queensland, passed away suddenly at the General Hospital on January 10, 1952, aged sixty-six years. A service was conducted in the home, after which he was laid to rest in the Townsville new cemetery. To the bereaved wife and family we extend our sincere sympathy. S. G. Wood.

RETURN THANKS

Pastor and Mrs. P. Glockler desire to express their very grateful thanks to all who so kindly ministered to their late daughter, Dulcie, during her illness, and for the expressions of sympathy and love received from many friends in New Zealand and Australia, which brought comfort to them in their bereavement.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The secretary of the Greater Sydney Conference wishes to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of £10 tithe from "North Sydney."

FOR SALE.—New modern home, three bedrooms. Electric stove and copper. Garden and fruit trees. Main Road, near College. Apply G. W. Rappell, Morisset Road, Cooranbong, N.S.W.

FOR SALE.—Fibro house, six rooms, veranda; electric and fuel stoves; city water; handy to college. Vacant possession. Apply W. Delamothe, Beauty Point Road, Morisset. Phone Morisset 89.

FOR SALE.—Cooranbong, ideal building block 60 x 200 feet on bitumen road. Electric light and water available. One mile to College. Apply S. Parfitt, "Sunnybank," Morisset Road, Cooranbong, N.S.W.

FOR SALE.—New five-room W.B. home, elevated position, electric lights, detached garage, extra room. 4½ acres, 10 minutes to S.H.F. and A.M. College. Poultry shed and run. V.P. For full particulars apply Mrs. M. Boalth, Curran's Road, Cooranbong, N.S.W.

FOR SALE. Warburton. House with four flats fully furnished, one VP. Good position and view, electric hot water, septic tank, S.T.C. refrigerator. Large corner block, room to add to; good proposition. If interested, write Home, care Signs Publishing Company, Warburton.

BREVITIES

Recently in mentioning the transfer of Pastor C. A. Hart from the Coral Sea Union Mission to the Voice of Prophecy office in Sydney, we stated his appointment as "accountant," whereas it should have read "as business manager and accountant." We regret this omission.

Our numerous readers will be pleased to learn that our widely known and highly esteemed Dr. C. W. Harrison is making a satisfactory recovery following a surgical operation in the Sydney Sanitarium. The staff are unanimous in saying he is not only a good doctor but a good patient!

We are pleased to report that the new health food factory at Palmerston North, New Zealand, is nearing completion. It is built close to the New Zealand Missionary College, and it is planned that a certain amount of student labour will be employed in its operation. The official opening is planned for the first week in April.

After a sojourn in Australasia for several months, Pastor A. W. Cormack and Mrs. Cormack are leaving Australia, February 4, visiting the Southern Asia and the Northern European Divisions on their return journey to Washington, D.C. Pastor Cormack addressed the Wahroonga church on Sabbath, January 19, and gave a very helpful message.

The annual camp-meeting in Victoria, from January 10-19, was one of the largest ever held in Australasia. It is estimated that 2,500 people were in attendance each Sabbath. The Sabbath school offerings for the two Sabbaths amounted to £450, and the special offering for missions taken up on the last Sabbath afternoon in cash and pledges amounted to £3,300. Undoubtedly the recent visit to the mission fields by Pastors E. A. Turner and A. J. Gathercole, and the presence of the two native workers, Pastor Manovake and Masive, accompanied by Pastor E. A. Boehm, helped to present more vividly the needs of the mission fields.

The Exploits of a New Zealander Abroad

Recently a letter came to the editor's desk from the press department of the Walla Walla College Missionary Volunteer Society. In part, it reads as follows:—

"Brother Norman Maberly from New Zealand, who is a student here at Walla Walla has, because of outstanding leadership, scholarship, co-operation, and promise of future success, been listed in the 1951-1952 edition of Who's Who in American Colleges. Candidates for this publication are chosen from over six hundred colleges and universities in America. It is only rarely that a non-American receives this distinction. It is an indication of complete collegiate success.

"Brother Maberly came to Walla Walla in 1949, and has worked his way through

hardships to success. In 1950 he was awarded a prize in an oratorical contest involving one thousand students. Subsequently he was appointed the leader of our college Missionary Volunteer society, which is the largest in the world. At the present time he is leader of the foreign mission band, and is also a deacon in the church.

"I understand that Brother Maberly is known in both Australia and New Zealand, so no doubt your readers will be interested in a success story such as this."

We are interested! and offer Brother Maberly our hearty congratulations.

Further, in the "North Pacific Union Gleaner" our eyes fell on this little announcement:—

"Norman C. Maberly and Phyllis M. Moselen, both of New Zealand, were united in marriage on the afternoon of September 28 in College Place, Washington. Elder A. P. Ritz officiated. Mr. Maberly is attending Walla Walla College. May the Lord bless this new home."

And we in the homeland add our sincerest wishes that Mr. and Mrs. Norman Maberly may be richly blessed as they give their lives unitedly in service for the Master.

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A Church Dedication in Papua

MONA D. PAGE-DHU

September 25, 1951, was the day set apart for the dedication of a new church at Apaiva, a village just over the hills from the mission here in the Abau district of Papua.

For six months Marai Mau, the Papuan teacher, and his helpers had worked hard gathering together the building materials and erecting the church. The materials consisted of timber split and planed by hand, and bark from the rib of the sago palm leaf plaited to make the walls, and the leaves of the nipa palm sewn together to make the roof. Despite the primitive materials, the building was very attractive and roomy.

Having decorated it beautifully with wild flowers and palm leaves cut to resemble streamers, the village people were justly proud of their new meeting-place.

All was ready as we sailed up the river in the "Lao Heni," and were welcomed by their hearty Sail O! Dr. Hargreaves, Pastor Mitchell, and Pastor H. M. Pascoe were present for the occasion. After shaking hands with everyone, we entered the church for the dedication service, which was conducted by Pastor Mitchell and Dr. Hargreaves.

At the close of the service we said goodbye, and soon the "Lao Heni" and visitors were on their way again, but they left behind them a village of people happy in the thought of a task well done.

This village is unique in that all but three of the population have accepted the advent message. Recently over thirty were baptized, and there is a large class preparing for baptism in the new year. This represents a real awakening on the part of a people who a few years ago were steeped in heathenism and ignorance. We look forward to the time when every village in Papua will have opportunity to hear this message, and to come out into the light of truth like the people of Apaiva.

"Lord, if My Life is Spared . . ."

A BUSINESS MAN MAKES A BARGAIN WITH THE LORD AND KEEPS IT

It all started in the winter of 1945-1946. I had been receiving Bible studies, and was learning more of Christ's life and His teachings. The conditions of the world had been troubling me; I wondered just what all the confusion would eventually lead to.

I had been called to a manufacturing concern because of an emergency; the call was urgent enough to warrant chartering a small aeroplane. While returning home, the pilot and I encountered a bad storm; darkness overcame us, and the plane, being a small one, had no light or radio. It was then we became lost. Being without lights, we knew not the direction in which we were travelling or the altitude at which we were flying. I became very frightened for my life, and the only thing that I could think of to do was to pray. I couldn't understand how my life would be spared; but I prayed desperately. God answered my prayers, and a miracle happened that night.

As I prayed, I said, "Lord, if my life is spared, I will spend the rest of it serving You and humanity." Truly it was a remarkable conversion that took place that night.

For nearly five years my wife and I have been witnessing for the Lord by helping others to find Him. One of our first Bible studies was attended by a young woman who was visiting from a distant town. She seemed to be drinking in every word we said. After the study she came to me with tears in her eyes and said: "This is the most wonderful thing I have ever heard. Please, may I hear more before returning home?" We invited her to visit our home, and we had four more studies over the week-end. Her reactions were both sad and joyous to us. Since then she has been baptized, together with her husband, brother, and sister-in-law.

Another couple invited us to their home to study; and at the outset the husband said, "You will never convince me that Saturday is the Sabbath. And another thing—you will never get me inside a church." Since then he and his wife, and one daughter have been baptized, and he is now local elder in one of our churches. He is also giving Bible studies.

Certainly God is calling His people to action at this time, and is now opening the way for a greater work.

I feel that I need to learn more about how to present the Lord to others in a better and more convincing manner. If we are sincere in our faith and believe Jesus when He said, "The harvest truly is great but the labourers are few," we shall double our efforts.

Local Colour

A. CAWSE

In bright sunshine and in a natural rural setting, the members of the Greensborough, Victoria, company recently met together at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Epps in Greenhills Road. The occasion was the church picnic and sale of gifts. This sale, which showed the zeal and interest of the members, benefited the building fund by over £17.