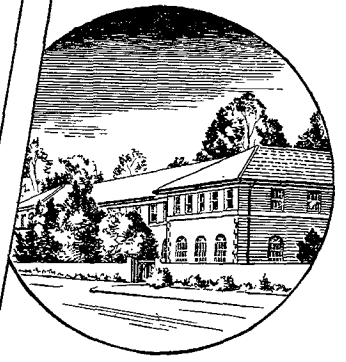




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AS you doubtless all know, this Sabbath brings to a close the Bible Conference that has been in session here since September 1. We have representatives here from all our world divisions. These men have come to join in a renewed study of the great doctrinal truths that make up the framework of the advent movement. It is a great privilege indeed to greet these men and to listen to their reports of the growth and progress of the work in their fields.

I ask for the privilege of bearing my personal testimony regarding the work of this conference. My feelings are well described by those words written of the Apostle Paul, who, on his journey to Rome, was met by certain brethren who came from Rome as far as the Appii forum, "whom when Paul saw, he thanked God, and took courage." Acts 28: 15.

I thank God today that this conference has kept to the affirmative in dealing with the great truths of the Scriptures, and further, that non-essential and secondary questions have been left out. Every man who has led out in the studies has revealed the results of weeks and months of study and research.



As from day to day men have appeared on this platform to open the Word of God to us, our faith in, and love for, the great outstanding truths that make up the framework of the advent movement have been rekindled into a bright flame.

I believe I can speak for almost all those present when I say that we have had our courage lifted to a higher level. Yes, we thank God and take courage. Doubtless in days to come it will be seen that this conference has been another milestone in the onward progress of this message.

As the workers attending this Bible Conference scatter again to their fields throughout

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the world, with their hearts aglow with deepened love for Jesus, our precious Redeemer and High Priest, and with a quickened sense of the nearness of His coming, the spirit that has prevailed here will spread from heart to heart, from worker to worker, and thus the blessings of this conference will be multiplied manifold. A deepened love for the coming of Jesus will result in a great revival of spiritual life and power in the heart and life of every true believer. As the important truths of the third angel's message are proclaimed with increasing power, our workers and members will feel less and less inclined to spend time in discussing minor matters.

The Work of the Pioneers

A number of times during this conference reference has been made to the work of the pioneers of this movement. This has repeatedly reminded me of the words found in Psalm 44, the first verse, which read as follows: "We have heard with our ears, O God, our fathers have told us, what work Thou didst in their days, in the times of old."

These words were true of Israel of old. They are still true regarding the work of the fathers of the advent movement. Let me give you some illustrations. Here is an excerpt from an editorial in the first number of "The Midnight Cry," published November 17, 1842:—

"Our work is one of unutterable magnitude. It is a mission and an enterprise, unlike, in some respects, anything that has ever awakened the energies of man. It is not a subserviency to human institutions, it is not a conflict on a political arena, it is not the operation of a distinct religious sect. But it is an alarm, and a cry, uttered by those who, from among all Protestant sects, as watchmen standing upon the walls of the moral world, believe the world's crisis is come—and who, under the influence of this faith, are united in proclaiming to the world, 'Behold, the Bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet Him!' It is an enterprise that swallows up all the petty peculiarities of sectarianism, and unites us upon an elevation so far above those mercenary undulations, that they are utterly lost to our view below."

A further illustration of the attitude of the pioneers is revealed in a statement by James White appearing in "The Review and Herald" of October 4, 1853, which reads as follows:—

"But it requires faith to go forth now, and preach the unpopular doctrines of the present truth. Brethren, pray for your preachers, and pray in faith. As they go out into a cold world, with all hell stirred against them, they need your faithful prayers. Shall they have them? At the family altar and in the closet, O remember the servants of Christ who are searching out and feeding the scattered flock.

"And, preaching brethren, go out leaning on the arm of your Master. Have faith! faith!! FAITH!!! A little more FAITH! Without it you can do nothing. Don't go out to give light to others while you are enveloped in darkness yourselves. Enter into the solemn work of God, and never rest satisfied unless you feel the responsibility of your calling, and the worth of precious souls. Don't get in the way of the church. O may God help us as a church to be as a city set on a hill; to let our light so shine, that those

around us may, by beholding our order and good works, be led to glorify God in observing all His commandments."

During this conference I have listened to studies on the imminence of the coming of Christ and of the fulfilling signs of His coming. These studies have brought back to me the day, many years ago, when I saw and heard a Seventh-day Adventist preacher for the first time. That preacher was J. N. Loughborough. My young heart was stirred as many times I heard him proclaim the coming of the Lord. I saw him unroll his charts and explain the fulfillment of prophecy and the signs of the times. That was the preaching that helped to make a Seventh-day Adventist of me. Thank God for the blessed hope. It is still a bright and living hope.

Many times I have listened to that outstanding Bible student, S. N. Haskell, preach on the subject of the sanctuary, its types and shadows, in relation to the work of our great High Priest in the heavenly sanctuary. Again I have had the privilege of listening to those themes here in this Bible Conference. Let me emphasize the fact that they are still landmarks in Seventh-day Adventist belief and teaching.

The Gift of Prophecy

More than half a century ago I listened to many of our leaders preach on the gift of the Spirit of prophecy to the remnant church. During this conference I have heard these themes reiterated. How glad

and reaffirmed in the studies from the Word of God here in this conference, but I thank God and take courage. The foundations of this message stand firm and unshaken on the eternal Word of God. How the fathers of this message would rejoice if they too could have been here and heard their successors in this movement emphasizing the great outstanding truths that have made this movement what it has been and is today!

A few years ago I was invited to take part in the one-hundredth anniversary service of our Washington, New Hampshire, church. You are all familiar, I am sure, with the fact that that is our first Seventh-day Adventist church. I need not now go into its history. In that anniversary service we called attention to what God had done for His people and for this movement during the existence of that church. I know of no better way to describe it than by the words of the text that I have already read: "We have heard with our ears, O God, our fathers have told us, what work Thou didst in their days, in the times of old."

The next day a number of brethren and sisters drove across Vermont to Low Hampton, New York. We visited the home of William Miller, and saw his church and other places connected with his work. We drove up a country road to the old cemetery where William Miller is buried.

The driver of the first car had left his radio turned on. As we stopped by the gate, and got out of the cars, there burst forth on the air from that radio the theme song of the Voice of Prophecy: "Lift up the trumpet, and loud let it ring; Jesus is coming again." We walked over to William Miller's grave as the radio continued the message: "Cheer up, ye pilgrims, be joyful and sing; Jesus is coming again."

Yes, as we stood there that day we could count ourselves among the pilgrims, and it did cheer us and cause us to thank God as the Voice of Prophecy programme came on the air proclaiming the great truth of the coming of the Lord.

You can well imagine the tremendous impression made upon our minds by that most singular and impressive incident. There in that grave lay the man who, more than a hundred years before, started a movement that had resulted in laying the foundations of the advent message now being given to the world. Of the hundreds of men in both the Old and the New World who joined in the proclamation of the coming of the Lord, he was the only one whose work finally resulted in the definite organization of the great advent world movement.

The years of the century that have intervened between his work and the present hour, have seen the sounding of the message of the coming of the Lord in almost all parts of the world. The importance of re-emphasizing this great truth has been reiterated during this conference. We have been told that some preachers do not preach on the coming of the Lord as they once did.

Watchmen on the walls of Zion, wake up and proclaim your tidings. If you would have revivals in your churches, lead the people to see the Lamb of God, who takes away their sins and prepares them for the coming of their Lord.

Prophecy Rapidly Fulfilling

Never from the time of creation to this hour have we seen so many prophecies fulfilling and so many signs appearing as

GOD'S DAY OF TRIUMPH

MRS. T. BUCHMAN

*God's great V-day is coming;
The time will not be long,
When the mighty conquering heroes
Shall sing their victory song.*

*The day is fast approaching
When blood and sweat and tears
Shall be gone, henceforth, for ever,
Be gone, with all our fears.*

*See now the gates, wide open,
Oh, hear, come, enter in.
The King now bids you welcome,
Victors o'er death and sin.*

*Ring out, ye bells of heaven,
Sing on, ye angel host,
All honour to the King of kings,
To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

I am for this great gift that God in His grace and mercy has placed in the remnant church! These studies have recalled to my mind the many times I have heard Sister White preach. I have seen the power of God rest upon her in a remarkable way as, in the midst of a Sabbath sermon, she stopped and bore a message that God had given her. We all have great reason today to thank God for the gift of the Spirit of prophecy. I commend it to your faith and confidence. Do not allow anyone to rob you of the blessings of this gift, or allow detractors to undermine the foundations of your faith.

In the few minutes I have today I cannot even mention many of the precious themes of truth that have been reiterated

we see at the present time. What more can God say to us or do for us in pointing out the times in which we live? In this our day the evidences of the signs thicken and multiply around us. Oh, that we may be aroused by these things to a new and persistent action in proclaiming the coming of our blessed Lord!

There needs to be a great revival in developing the advent experience, for says Jesus: "Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." Matt. 24:44. And again He declares: "Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrow, or in the morning: lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping." Mark 13: 35, 36. The messenger of the Lord gives us these solemn words:—

"Prophecy is fast fulfilling. More, much more, should be said about these tremendously important subjects. The day is at hand when the destiny of every soul will be fixed for ever. This day of the Lord hastens on apace. The false watchmen are raising the cry, 'All is well'; but the day of God is rapidly approaching. Its footsteps are so muffled that it does not arouse the world from the death-like slumber into which it has fallen. While the watchmen cry, 'Peace and safety,' 'sudden destruction' cometh upon them. . . .

"People are now settling to rest, imagining themselves secure under the popular churches; but let all beware, lest there is a place left open for the enemy to gain an entrance. Great pains should be taken to keep this subject before the people. The solemn fact is to be kept not only before the people of the world, but before our own churches, also, that the day of the Lord will come suddenly, unexpectedly. The fearful warning of the prophecy is addressed to every soul. Let no one feel that he is secure from the danger of being surprised. Let no one's interpretation of

prophecy rob you of the conviction of the knowledge of events which show that this great event is near at hand."—"Special Testimonies on Education," pages 107, 108.

The Sudden Coming of Christ

It is not enough in these days simply to preach the second coming of Christ; we must also proclaim the sudden coming of Christ. We must be Adventists, not only in name, but in fact, in experience. In our daily living we must proclaim our faith. This is a new day, a new time for all of us. Its demands are more urgent, its calls more insistent.

The messenger of the Lord has told us "that our churches are dying for want of teaching on the subject of righteousness by faith in Christ, and on kindred truths."—"Gospel Workers," page 301.

The Bible teaching on righteousness by faith in Christ has been given its rightful place in this Bible Conference. We have listened to a plain and forceful exposition of this all-essential doctrine during the days of this conference. We rejoice in this.

May I add, by way of emphasizing the importance of this, that we must not stop by merely accepting this truth as an article of belief. Rather, we must accept it as a life experience in order to be ready for the coming of Jesus. Today we need Jesus in all His blessed fullness. We need to accept Him as the propitiation for all our sins. We need to accept Him as our great High Priest. We need to prepare to meet Him, as He shall soon come. We need the Holy Spirit in His fullness and power. We need full and complete victory over sin, over all the temptations of the world. We need to be a consecrated people. Who today will stand with me in seeking, by God's help and grace, the blessings we need for this great and eventful hour?

vited the preachers and the teachers of the advent movement to become better acquainted with this Book.

Pioneer workers present at this devotional meeting doubtless recalled the time when Mrs. White made one of her last appearances before our people at the General Conference of 1909. Holding the Bible in her hand before the ministers assembled, she said with quiet dignity and true conviction, "Brethren, I commend unto you this Book."

R. M. Whitsett, associate secretary of the General Conference Ministerial Association, made sacred to us the thought of God's presence when he declared, "God is here, brethren, and it is that fact that makes these meetings significant."

The Compulsion of Christ's Love

E. W. Dunbar, world youth leader, quietly urged upon our ministry the gentle compulsion of Christ's love in dealing with our youth. He read from J. N. Loughborough's Bible, in which the pioneer worker had inscribed the words: "Completed reading the Old Testament by course the seventieth time, December 28, 1922. Completed the seventy-first reading of New Testament . . . Dec. 30, 1922." What a challenge to personal Bible study!

These devotional messages, and others equally stimulating, were followed by spirited testimony services and wholesome seasons of prayer. The sweet fellowship present at these most important meetings was indicated by the testimony of an older worker, W. W. Eastman, former publishing department secretary of the North American Division, who, with shoulders bent and aging, yet with a strong voice declared: "I am always glad to bear my testimony as I have done for the past seventy-five years in this advent movement. My soul seems to say today, 'Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.' I find no discord in this meeting. There is rather a spirit of unity and oneness here. For this I thank God."

In an interview with M. E. Kern, former secretary of the General Conference, a man of deep earnestness and a careful observer, we heard the cheering words: "There is an excellent spirit here, with oneness of purpose. I think the reason for this is plain. The conference is well organized, the topics are timely, and the subjects are cogently presented. I think that these meetings will encourage our workers to study the Bible more."

The delegates were conscious, as they listened to the different papers presented—not read, but presented more or less as sermons are given—that the men chosen to present these topics knew what they were talking about.

L. E. Froom, field secretary of the General Conference and author of the monumental volumes, "Prophetic Faith of Our Fathers," sketched for us the absorbing picture of the temple of truth God has been building through the ages, with the advent message firmly settled on the top as the gleaming tower of the superstructure. Our message is built upon the foundations of many generations, and our spiritual ancestors may be numbered among Christians and Jews of various persuasions who have caught glimpses of God's truth. Our prophetic faith is confirmed by historical evidences. Adventists proclaim a gospel that is everlasting by its very nature. The third angel's message

Bible Conference Closes on Revival Note

D. A. DELAFIELD

The second and last week of the never-to-be-forgotten Bible Conference was as full of spiritual power as the first. Thirteen days (Monday, September 1 to Sabbath, September 13) of intensive Bible study and prayer, deep heart searching and confession of sin, has cumulative effect upon the minds and consciences of men, and particularly upon their lives and experience. Like the great moving sweeps of an orator rising to the majestic crescendo at the close, so in these meetings, the Spirit of God has made impressions that reached their climax in the last full and busy days of the conference.

The General Conference committee did not anticipate that the Bible Conference should simply reaffirm our faith in the great truths of the third angel's message. They also encouraged, and looked forward to, a great spiritual revival at the meetings that would reach out through the 450 delegates to our churches in all the world. The greater, more compelling result of sanctification of life through the truth was realized to a highly gratifying extent by the meetings.

The 1952 Bible Conference, which was held in the Sligo church in Takoma Park, will be remembered as one of the truly historic gatherings of Adventist church leaders in more than a century of activity. But its chief good is not in the past. The conference looked to the future, the immediate future, when the delegates will take up the tools of inquiry and dig deeper into the mine of Bible truth.

The devotional meetings of the conference gave great emphasis to the importance of personal study into Scripture themes. These were truly seasons of pentecostal refreshing. There were no tongues of visible flame resting upon the heads of the delegates and the speakers, but it was clear to all whose hearts were opened to the Spirit's influence that God had met with us.

In the devotional study on Monday morning, September 8, H. M. S. Richards, Voice of Prophecy speaker, urged that we set apart certain times each year to feast upon the Bible in "massive doses," then take it as a steady diet every day. He held the Book of power in his hand and in-

did not originate in the minds of extremists, but in the mind of God. It is our business to know this message. Pastor Froom climaxed his series of four lectures by quoting these words from Mrs. White:—

"Our people have been regarded as too insignificant to be worthy of notice, but a change will come. . . . The Christian world is now making movements which will necessarily bring the commandment-keeping people of God to notice. . . . Every position of our faith will be searched into, and if we are not thorough Bible students, established, strengthened, settled, the wisdom of the world's great men will be too much for us."—Letter No. 65, 1836.

As we listened to the various speakers through seven full meetings each day, our heads rapidly filled with facts and our hearts began to overflow with a love for the truth, which had been so clearly reaffirmed before us. We all felt that we should know the message better if we are to meet acceptably the challenge of these times.

Adequate Reasons for Our Faith

One of our older workers remarked, referring to a statement of Eugene Farnsworth: "When I was young in my ministry, I could tell all I knew about a subject in an hour's lecture. Now I have come to the place where I feel a man should know ten times as much about his subject as he can present in an hour."

As we record our impressions of the lectures, we feel that the different speakers knew twenty or thirty times more about the subjects they offered to us than they had offered in the time allotted. This is an age when we must be able to give a reason for the hope that is within us with meekness and fear.

In between meetings were intermissions of ten to fifteen minutes, when the workers gathered together in small friendly groups and discussed the conference or rehearsed briefly the message presented by the speaker of the past session. There were differences of opinion expressed on small points, but in none of these small groups could we hear any word of doubt concerning the great fundamentals of the advent message. And these men had come from many distant places around the circle of the world. Representatives of the world divisions were present, and ministers from the ten unions of North America. We walked across Flower Avenue to the new parking lot on the Washington Missionary College campus, and as we glanced at the licence plates, we noted twenty-one different states of the United States and several provinces of Canada represented. Doubtless there were many more.

The delegates were well cared for as far as personal needs were concerned. Three cafeterias supplied warm, refreshing meals three times a day, but many of the delegates were so filled with spiritual food that they felt very much like Jesus at the well of Samaria when He said, "I have meat to eat that ye know not of." Rooming houses in the Takoma Park area were packed with these delegates and their families. Good weather prevailed for most of the days of the conference, and the sun shone down in benediction upon the gathering. . . .

The hunger of the workers for more light and truth was anticipated in the preparation of the large literature display in the foyers of the church. Some of the delegates spent all their money on books.



Take Time

STANLEY COMBRIDGE

*So much hurry, so much tear,
Ever rushing here and there,
Little time for this and that,
Scarcely time for what we're at.
Hardly time to hear this call,
And for that one—none at all—
Only just a minute here,
Not a moment more, we fear.*

*Are we right in living thus,
With this fretting and this fuss,
With our eyes turned to the earth,
Missing all true love and mirth?*

*Not a moment left to see
Bird on wing and lofty tree,
Or the painted butterfly,
Or the speedwell's "darling eye,"
Or the sunset's golden charm,
Or the country's peace and calm?
Not a moment to espy
Fleecy clouds across the sky?*

*Sad indeed our lot will prove
If we live in such a groove,
Missing beauty everywhere,
Because we have not time to spare.*

It was a good omen of the desire to get down to original sources and know true facts on the Bible and history and other great themes of truth.

Democratic Spirit Prevails

A democratic spirit was present at the conference in spite of the absence of general discussion from the floor. The question box periods allowed for free expression, but the speakers who answered the questions, humbly recognized their own limitations. They felt as Sister White did when she wrote her preface to "The Desire of Ages," "I walk with trembling as I present the great truths of the atonement." A spirit of consecrated humility was apparent. "Who is sufficient for these things?"

We cannot publish in the "Review" the lectures, the questions and answers of-

ferred at the Bible Conference. Two volumes including these features will be prepared and made available to our workers at a subsequent date. We are happy that the brethren have made provision, and it need not be stated that when these published volumes appear, they will not constitute a creed for the Seventh-day Adventist Church. We have no creed. The Bible and its ever-widening panorama of truth is the foundation of our faith.

A few lectures were delivered at the conference that attracted great interest because they dealt with topics widely discussed but not fully understood. W. E. Read, field secretary of the General Conference, presented several carefully planned studies on "The Closing Events of the Great Controversy," including an enlightening discussion of Armageddon. T. H. Jemison, professor of theology, Washington Missionary College, talked to us about "The Companions of the Lamb." This message was a spiritual portrayal of the future joy of the 144,000. There was no speculation in these presentations, yet we felt that rays of light burst forth from the pages of Holy Writ as the brethren skillfully placed the Armageddon of the sixth plague and the 144,000 of apocalyptic prophecy in the over-all picture of closing events and the coming kingdom. The servant of the Lord said: "It is not His will that . . . [we] should get into controversy over questions which will not help . . . [us] spiritually, such as who is to comprise the 144,000. This, those who are the elect of God will know in a short time without question."—E. G. White manuscript, 1901. (Concluded next week)

QUERY COLUMN

(This column is dedicated to earnest youth who want straight answers to perplexing questions.—Division Young People's Department.)

Question: "We wanted to plan a mock wedding as a 'stunt' at a party for a couple who have just become engaged, but we have been advised not to do it. What would be the harm in that?"

Answer: Jesus began His public ministry at a marriage festival. "Thus He sanctioned marriage, recognizing it as an institution that He Himself had established. . . . Christ honoured the marriage relation by making it also a symbol of the union between Him and His redeemed ones. . . . The family tie is the closest, the most tender and sacred, of any on earth." ("Ministry of Healing," page 356.) Thus is the sacredness of marriage emphasized. The marriage service which binds a man and a woman in this sacred union is a solemn rite. Thoughtful people who have a sense of spiritual values and of propriety do not make a mock of sacred things. "Nothing that is sacred, nothing that pertains to the worship of God, should be treated with carelessness or indifference."—"Testimonies," Vol. V, page 491.

No one with any understanding of the fitness of things would ever make a mock of prayer or worship, or of the sacred pledge which binds men and women in marriage. Christians will not profane sacred things. Alfred W. Peterson.



Our ISLAND FIELDS

Second Session—New Hebrides Mission

E. N. HOKIN, Secretary-Treasurer

With the M.V. "Leleo" from Aoba, and the M.V. "Ka Seli" from Malekula anchored at Aore, and more than 150 delegates assembled, it was with joyous expectancy that we commenced our second session in the New Hebrides. We were privileged to have Pastors Reuben E. Hare, A. W. Martin, and Brother E. W. Howse present with us. The ministry of these brethren was greatly appreciated, as they led out in the devotional meetings, and gave counsel on the various committees.

Our president, Pastor O. D. F. McCutcheon, after welcoming all to the session, reminded us of the strong foundation laid by the early pioneer missionaries who came here about forty years ago, and faced many trials and difficulties in order to establish the work.

In reviewing the progress of the work over the two-year period, the secretary revealed that the European staff had been reduced by one and the native staff had been reduced from sixty-six to sixty-five. There had been 102 baptisms, and the church membership now stood at 572, representing 1.3 per cent of the native population.

Financial Report

The financial report revealed substantial increases in tithes and offerings. The total tithe received in 1951 was £4,535-6s. 10d., representing a 62 per cent increase over the previous year, and also averaging £7 18s. 7d. per church member. The Sabbath schools gave £1,205 8s. 3d. for mission work in 1951, and this was 52 per cent above the Sabbath school offerings for 1950. In addition to the regular offerings, the committee made an appeal to our people for assistance in certain of our local needs by a week of sacrifice, the generous response to which amounted to £785 2s. 6d. Naturally the committee was deeply grateful to our people for this sacrificial offering. (We would point out that because of the high price at which copra was sold during 1951, it was only natural that tithes and offerings should rise. Just the opposite is happening during 1952 when the price of copra is unusually low.)

While there was an unusual increase in income during 1951, there was also an increase in expenditure, owing to the steep rise in running costs. The operating statement for that year showed only the small surplus of £69 10s. 11d.

This financial report reveals that our native people are willing to do their part in sharing the heavy cost of carrying on with our mission programme. We know that our believers in the home fields will continue their sacrificial giving so that we will not only maintain existing work, but

will be able to press into the regions beyond.

Departmental Reports

The report of the Publishing Department gave evidence of progress in this new phase of the work in this field. During 1950 Pastor R. L. Aveling, from the Central Pacific Union Mission, gave valuable help by inspiring some of our students to take "God's Way Out" to their people. Since that time two hundred of these books have been sold. While as yet there are no full-time colporteurs at work here, from our Book and Bible House and through the efforts of workers and students, £1,759 worth of books, including Bibles and hymnals, have been sold over the two-year period.

There being no Government education department in New Hebrides, our school-work here is important. We have about 656 pupils in twenty-eight schools. Our great need is for better-trained teachers. To help supply this need, we are sending picked students to the Fulton Missionary College in Fiji—four having been sent early this year.

The J.M.V. Progressive classes have been commenced and forty-nine Friends were invested last year. We hope this branch of the M.V. work will grow as the new plans formulated at the session are put into operation.

In the Sabbath school report it was interesting to note that the membership was 1,385, compared with the church membership of 572. The Sabbath schools in New Hebrides are active evangelical agencies.

District Reports

Keen interest was manifested as the district leaders gave their reports to the session.

Malekula: New openings were reported south of Atchin Island, and these have come as the result of the "right arm of the message." The people walk many miles to come to the Adventist missionary for "stick medicine" (injections). Visitation among Big Nambus people is gradually breaking down opposition in this stronghold of heathenism, but there are other unentered sections in the south containing more very primitive people.

Central: The bright spot among the Central Islands is Tongoa Island, where a little over a year ago our work recommenced. We have placed two teachers there, and new interest is reported on nearby islands.

Aoba: In the Aoba district new work was in progress on the island of Pentecost. Our native worker, Pastor Jose, described his walkabout inland where he met many people. It is estimated that about 8,000 people are living there who have not as yet heard this message. Many of these people received Pastor Jose's glad, and he, too, was able to help them with "stick medicine."

Ambrym: Because of the severe volcanic activity, our work on South Ambrym was interrupted. Most of the natives were evacuated to Malekula and nearby islands. Recently, however, one of our teachers from North Ambrym paid a visit to the people on south-east Ambrym. He found them in very straitened circumstances. They had been hurriedly evacuated to the island of Epi. Volcanic activity had destroyed most of their possessions left on Ambrym, and the violent hurricane of December last year left them almost destitute. They have recently returned to Ambrym, but are in short supply of all the essentials of life, particularly clothing. In spite of this situation they were very anxious for us to send their teacher back to them. Of course, the committee was happy to do this, and he will return with gift clothing sent to us recently by our believers in Australia and New Zealand, and for which, on behalf of these poor people, we would express our heartfelt gratitude.

Santo: In the Santo district on the small island of Mafia, a new school with thirty students has been opened. Several visits have been made inland to the very primitive tribes living there. Because of the opposition of the high chief of the inland, our work has not found an opening to date, but recently the sub-chief named Bullock, has announced that he is willing to receive a teacher. We hope that soon we shall start work for these needy inland people.

Tanna: The report from Tanna revealed that our believers there were "hungry" for a missionary to come and stay with them. Their missionary was transferred from Tanna some three years ago, and because of our financial position he was not replaced. About ten years ago a spiritualistic cult swept out on to the seas of unbelief many of our members. It is reported that today these folk's hearts have been softened, and they are waiting now to listen to the message for these days.

The problem of placing a European missionary on Tanna was referred to the committee on plans and recommendations. A plan was suggested whereby a good proportion of the expenses of a worker for Tanna would be met by the native believers themselves. Each of the districts will share the burden by having a district goal, to be attained by gifts of money, copra, garden produce, or handicrafts. The Tanna delegates expressed their joy on hearing this proposal, and it was unanimously adopted. Surely this shows a wonderful spirit, and we know a rich blessing will be theirs, as they gladly dedicate their meagre funds to the service of God. Plans are already afoot to place a family on Tanna early in 1953.

During the session, we held two solemn but beautiful services. On Sabbath afternoon Pastor Martin and Pastor Joel had the privilege of leading seven native and four European young people into the waters of baptism. These were the results of soul-saving work done during the year at the Parker Missionary School.

Our hearts were cheered on the last morning of the session when four of our faithful workers were ordained to the gospel ministry. We were reminded by Pastor R. E. Hare of the sacred nature of the work of the ministry, and as Takau, Joel, Isaac, and Iati were set aside by the laying on of hands, we all felt that the

Spirit of God was present. Pastor Takau has been appointed to the new work of assistant district director to Tanna, Pastor Joel is to do evangelical work on Pentecost, Pastor Isaac will continue his work for the Big Nambus people, and Pastor Iati will be assistant district director of the Malekula district.

We believe the session proved to be a blessing to all who could attend. As we reviewed the progress of the work, and saw the great task ahead of us, we were led to a reconsecration of our all to the finishing of it. May God grant us all a double portion of His Spirit, so that the work will soon reach "every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people." We thank our faithful believers in the homeland for their prayers and offerings, and may the day be hastened when the earth's harvest shall be reaped.

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Perth's National Flower Day

R. H. POWRIE

Press Relations Secretary, Western Australia

The National Flower Day in Perth is sponsored by the Silver Chain District and Bush Nursing Association which is devoted to caring for the sick and aged, especially in their homes.

The city of Perth, always picturesque, was bedecked on September 12 with masses of beautiful blossoms. Lovely floral designs were admired by the thousands of people who flocked into the city on this special occasion.

The centre of the festival was the delightfully decorated Perth town hall. The symbolic exhibit entered by the Seventh-day Adventist Missionary Volunteer department was shown in the town hall. It consisted of a revolving floral globe, on the left of which was a cross of pink everlasting flowers, and on the right a model of the Bible. The Geraldton wax flowers used to represent the printing gave the appearance of an old vellum copy. The edges of the book were made of golden everlasting flowers. On a mat of cream-coloured flowers, fringed with the dark red and green kangaroo paws, were the words outlined with deep purple stocks, "God so loved the world."

The Governor, Sir Charles Gairdner, opened the National Flower Day. While inspecting the exhibits we were happy to receive his favourable comments on our display. It was difficult for those in charge to move the people away from our exhibit, and we feel confident that God used this means of awakening in thousands of minds thoughts of Himself.

Our exhibit received first prize in its class. "The West Australian," Perth's only morning newspaper, had on its front page a picture, 7in. by 5in., of our exhibit.

The Missionary Volunteer secretary, Pastor D. A. Brennan, and the writer, led a most enthusiastic group of voluntary



Four of our sisters engaged in the happy task of preparing the Adventist exhibit for the Flower Festival.

workers in preparing the exhibit. Country members and the children attending church schools gathered wild and garden flowers for our use. Previously the young people of Adelaide had exhibited a floral globe in their city's flower festival, and we are indebted to Pastor Roy Brandstater for the many suggestions which he made.

A flower stall operated by our members under the direction of Brother S. H. Shell sold over £50 worth of flowers, and in their collecting boxes gathered a further sum.

We were pleased to share in this community effort for those in need, and we were happy to receive the unprecedented favourable publicity.

"Your Story Hour"

W. A. STEWART

Radio Secretary, Greater Sydney Conference

The Greater Sydney Conference has just signed a contract with one of the main commercial radio stations, 2UW, Sydney, to commence a distinctly different children's programme on Sunday, October 19. This session, called "Your Story Hour," is already being broadcast over thirty-four radio stations in the United States, and it is expected that before long it will go on television.

The programme is very cleverly dramatized in dialogue form. It centres around two very interesting characters, Aunt Sue (Mrs. P. V. Lovell) and Uncle Dan (Stanley Hill), who welcome the neighbourhood children to their home each week. The broadcast is divided into fifteen-minute periods. First Uncle Dan narrates the Bible story, brought to life by dialogue, sound effects, and music. The programme is carried forward in serial form, commencing with the creation of our world.

In the second part Aunt Sue tells stories of a real adventurous and emotional nature, every one of them having a background of moral principles emphasizing courtesy, honesty, kindness, and love for others. Eight children, ranging in age from ten to fifteen years, complete the

permanent cast. These children impersonate numerous child characters in the weekly stories. Prepared musical selections round off the programme.

The first nine series of broadcasts cover from the beginning of our world to the story of the Flood. This will be followed by a Christmas broadcast entitled "Sammy's First Christmas."

The listening response to "Your Story Hour" overseas is phenomenal. Parents as well as children write in their appreciation. One father writes: "We heard your programme for the first time today, and we all enjoyed it. We have five children. There are too many stories on the radio these days which are not fit for children to listen to, but yours was excellent." We feel sure that many who have opportunity to hear these broadcasts will express themselves like the little eight-year-old who writes: "You give the most nice stories I ever heard," to which her mother added, "There are so few programmes that tell of Jesus' love. Enclosed is something to help keep you on the air."

The Greater Sydney Conference plans to offer the Voice of Prophecy Junior Bible Correspondence Course with minor changes, and under the caption of Junior Bible Treasure Guide. To all those who support this programme each month one

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WEDDINGS

TAYLOR-LOMMAN.—Amidst a beautiful floral setting arranged in the Adelaide city church, Valda, youngest daughter of Brother F. Lomman of Kensington, walked down the aisle to keep tryst with Milton, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Taylor of Prospect, on the evening of August 6. A large number of relatives and friends came to share in the happiness of this occasion. We wish these young people God's richest blessing as they walk life's pathway together towards the heavenly home.

H. M. Kent.

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ANDERSON.—Suddenly on August 31 in her little garden at Mildura, Victoria, Mary Jane Anderson (nee May), fell asleep in Jesus. She was laid to rest in the picturesque cemetery at Sterling, South Australia, and leaves to mourn, her husband, five daughters, and one son. Her helpful and happy nature will always be remembered. "Safe in the arms of Jesus" was the hymn most dear to her heart.
E. R. Tucker.

MORGAN.—Sister Marjorie Zandra Morgan fell asleep in Jesus at the Sydney Sanitarium on the evening of September 11, 1952. Our dear sister had been a sufferer for years, but her hope in the Lord was never dimmed. Her body was conveyed to Grafton, where at the side of her deceased husband we committed her to the Lord to await His life-giving call on the glorious resurrection morning. Our deepest sympathy goes out to her relatives, including Sister Felsch of the Sydney Sanitarium and Brother Dick Felsch of Sydney.
C. H. Raphael.

SPILLSBURY.—Leoni Antionette Spillsbury was born in Ballarat, Victoria, eighty-nine years ago and was laid to rest in the Brisbane crematorium, September 20, 1952. Wife of T. J. Spillsbury, well-known confectioner in Brisbane's early days, she was an active worker in women's organizations, and contributed many articles and poems on education to the public press. Four years ago, through the efforts of the Reeves mission, she accepted the message, and up to the last was a faithful worker in the Central church, Brisbane. To the surviving daughter, Sister Renton, and other relatives we extend our sincere sympathy. Pastor T. A. Mitchell officiated at the funeral, assisted by the writer.
A. Mee Lee.

KONCHENKO.—Lakemba (Sydney) church lost a faithful member with the passing of Brother Grigory Konchenko, a new Australian of Russian nationality, who recently came to us from China with members of his family. Aged seventy-three, our brother was a regular attendant at Sabbath school and church during the period of his residence in Sydney, his faithfulness being an inspiration to all, although he was unable to understand the language of his adopted country. Pastor Whitehead, assisted by the writer, laid him to rest in Rookwood cemetery on September 1, 1952, there to await the call of the Life-giver. To all his loved ones we extend our warmest Christian sympathy, and pray that the sustaining grace of the God of all comfort will be abundantly theirs, until the day of glad reunion.
W. D. Lauder.

Teach me to feel another's woe,
To hide the fault I see;
The mercy I to others show,
That mercy show to me.
This day be bread and peace my lot;
All else beneath the sun
Thou knowest if best bestowed or not;
And let Thy will be done.

—Poet.

WANTED.—To buy, "Astronomy and the Bible," by Lucas Reed. Please write F. L. Watson, 28 Torquay Road, Scarness, Queensland.

Adventist lady, near Sydney, offers rent-free cottage, etc., to active Adventist married couple; man, knowledge garden. Full particulars "A.Z.," care "Record" office.

WANTED.—Active pensioner manage irrigated market garden, going concern. Suitable accommodation and tools provided. Further particulars, apply to G. Berthelsen, West Burleigh, Queensland.

HOUSE FOR EXCHANGE.—Owners of large brick house, all conveniences, ten minutes' walk to station, wish to exchange for two weeks Christmas holidays with S.D.A. family near beach. H. L. Brahne, 87 Parkes St., West Ryde, N.S.W.

STAMPS.—Do not throw away your used postage stamps. Use them for evangelism. The need is great, so please send them to Mrs. George Burnside, Queensland Conference of S.D.A.'s, 37 O'Connell Terrace, Bowen Hills, Brisbane, Queensland.

FOR SALE.—Cottage at Cooranbong, near shops, college, and bus. Two bedrooms, lounge and dining-room, kitchen, bathroom, breakfast-room, back and front verandas; laundry and shed. Quarter-acre ground; vacant possession. Apply R. Black, Thompson Road, Speers Point, Boolaroo, N.S.W.

SITUATION VACANT.—The Sydney Sanitarium and Hospital is seeking the services of a nurse holding an Obstetrical Certificate (not necessarily a trained general nurse) for night duty. This need is urgent and any young lady who may be interested in filling the position should contact the manager immediately.
A. H. Forbes, Manager.

FOR SALE.—Nicely furnished six-roomed weather-board cottage. Good condition; newly painted inside and out. Three bedrooms, large glassed rear veranda, garage. Electric light, city water, refrigerator, electric and fuel stoves. Good garden, lawns, concrete paths and driveway. Handy college, church, stores. Quick sale, £1,750. Write "Advertiser," P.O., Cooranbong, N.S.W.

FOR SALE.—Within easy reach of the S.H.F. and A.M. College, 6½ acres land, 2 acres under crops; rotary hoe, water laid on. Weatherboard cottage with two bedrooms, lined sleepout, lounge, dining-room, breakfast-room, kitchen; electricity. Furnished or unfurnished, can be two self-contained flats; laundry and garage. Particulars D. H. care 57 Fox Valley Road, Wahroonga, N.S.W.

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DUNNETT-NASH.—On September 23, 1952, the Rockhampton church, Queensland, was exquisitely decorated for the occasion of the wedding of Delphine Lilian Nash of Townsville to Herbert George Dunnett of Rockhampton. Many friends and relatives were present to witness the ceremony and offer congratulations. As these young people make their home in Rockhampton we join their many friends in wishing them God's choicest blessings as they walk the pathway of life together.
W. A. Coates.

HANCOCK-HANCOCK.—On September 30, 1952, in the Mildura church (Victoria) which had been tastefully decorated for the happy event, Desmond, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hancock of Cardross, and Junette Mary, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Hancock of Cardross, were united in holy matrimony. Many relatives and friends were present to wish them well. May the blessing of God rest upon this young couple as they set up their home in the Mildura district, and walk the pathway of life together.
A. J. Gathercole.

JACOBSON - STEVENSON.—On the evening of September 25, 1952, friends and relatives assembled at the Balmoral church, Auckland (N.Z.), to witness the marriage between Pastor A. G. Jacobson, who has spent some years as a missionary in Rarotonga and Fiji, and Lois Joan Stevenson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Stevenson of Auckland. We wish Pastor and Mrs. Jacobson real happiness and much of the blessing of the Lord as they unite their lives in the service of their Master. May their united labours be crowned with many souls.
A. G. Judge.

BUTCHER - COLE — DYSON-COLE.—On August 13, 1952, a double event was celebrated in the Geelong church, Victoria, when the two daughters of Brother and Sister J. Cole—engaged in evangelistic work—were given in marriage. Lorna Maude plighted her troth to Kenneth George Butcher, and Dawn Sylvia to Frederick Edward Dyson. Pastor W. T. Hooper, president of the conference, Pastor E. S. Butz, veteran minister, and Pastor A. F. Parker, pastor of the Geelong church, assisted the writer in conducting the service. Later about two hundred guests gathered at the wedding breakfast and joined in wishing the young couples much happiness and blessing.
H. W. Kingston.

BREVITIES

It is with deep regret that we record the passing, on October 5, of Pastor L. J. Imrie, after forty-nine years in the organized work. Our sympathies go out to his loved ones in their sorrow.

Our readers will be pleased to know that the Acting Governor of Fiji has given his sanction to the request that Pastor N. A. Ferris and his wife go to Pitcairn Island as resident missionaries. A booking has been secured for these workers, leaving Wellington, New Zealand, during the month of November.

We have learned by cablegram from London that Miss Irene King, daughter of Brother and Sister A. L. King of Victoria, was among the injured in the recent major rail accident at Harrow, England. Fortunately Miss King was not seriously injured, and though in hospital, was making satisfactory progress towards recovery.

After nearly four years in charge of the Parker Training School at Aore, New Hebrides, Brother A. R. Hiscox, with his wife and family, has arrived in Sydney on furlough. This family will proceed to Western Australia after some medical attention at the Sydney Sanitarium. We feel sure they will all benefit by a sojourn in the "golden west."

Very definite progress in building up the constituency in the South New South Wales Conference was evident in the recent camp-meeting held at Young. Well over one hundred tents were used to accommodate the campers, who greatly enjoyed the meetings. Five hundred and twenty-two pounds was given in cash and pledges toward our overseas mission work.

In order to promote further the interest of our New Zealand constituency in the special offering to be given on November 29 for the Australasian Missionary College, Pastor A. H. Piper is spending a few weeks in the Dominion prior to that date. Pastor Piper is well versed in the history of Avondale, and was one of the first students to leave there for work in the South Seas over fifty years ago.

In order to visit the Gilbert and Ellice Islands, lying away north of Fiji, Pastor G. Branster has come to Australia to join a steamer leaving Melbourne for the Ellice Islands, where the mission vessel "Aho Fetu" will meet him, and after a visit around the field, will return him to the same port. He hopes to be back in Australia in time for the annual meeting of the Australasian Inter-Union Conference committee meeting to be held at Wahroonga early in December.

Returning by way of Australia from the Autumn Council and Bible Conference recently held at Washington, D.C., Pastor R. H. Pierson, president of the Southern Asia Division, and Pastor M. E. Kemmerer, treasurer, spent two days in Sydney on their way to Poona. They brought a very fine report of the helpful Bible Conference under the able leadership of Pastor Branson. Among the highlights of the Bible studies presented were those by Dr. Murdoch on the sanctuary and its services.

Farewell

On September 23 a social was held in the music room at the Australasian Missionary College, where an appetizing buffet meal was served at 5.30 p.m., the guests of honour being Professor and Mrs. G. W. Greer, who sailed from Sydney on September 25 for the United States of America, their homeland, and Mr. and Mrs. H. Grosser who have transferred from the college to the Sanitarium Health Food work in Cooranbong.

During the evening Pastor Kranz addressed the gathering, speaking in his usual sincere and happy manner of the work done by Brother Greer throughout his six-year term at the college as head of the department of music and a member of the college faculty. He had striven to lift the whole tone of the denominational music at this centre by implementing a thorough course of musical training, thereby offering students the opportunity to develop their talents along the lines of instrumental and vocal music, conducting, etc.

The Avondale Symphonic Choir, source of so much aural delight wherever it has been heard, was formed under Brother Greer's administration, and had become an integral part of college life. Its service was not wholly confined to Avondale, for each year tours had been made, and all the capital cities of the eastern states of the Australian Commonwealth, besides numbers of country towns, had been privileged to listen to the beautiful performance of this A Capella choir. Pastor Kranz assured Brother Greer that the services he had rendered to the cause here in Australia would never be forgotten, and that both he and his good wife would be greatly missed.

Mrs. Greer also had won for herself the affectionate esteem of the college family, by the consistent life she lived in their midst, aiding her husband so loyally and efficiently, rendering community service in the Sabbath school, and other activities, always ready to participate and co-operate to the fullest degree. The Greer home was a rendezvous for students, a home away from home, and in many hearts there will remain happy memories of "The Laurels."

Pastor Kranz then presented to Brother and Sister Greer a very lovely picture painted by the director of the college art department, Brother Totenhofer. It portrayed a scene from local topography with "The Bluff" in the background and Australian gum trees in the foreground. This picture afforded much pleasure to the recipients, as they had planned to take over to their homeland a picture typically Australian. In responding to Pastor Kranz, Brother Greer, after a few suitable words, sang his farewell song, "The Hills of Home," and delegated his wife to make their concluding speech, which Mrs. Greer did in her natural easy way. She stated that she loved Avondale and would have been content to remain there indefinitely. Speaking for her husband and herself she expressed their affection for Australia and its people, particularly the Adventist family amongst whom they had lived and worked.

Brother V. Nilsson then came forward and in happy mood recounted incidents that had occurred while the choir was on tour. A minister, not of our faith, in one of the country towns, after listening with

delight and astonishment to the choir, arose to second a vote of thanks for "magical musical ministry" as he termed it. On behalf of the choir members, Brother Nilsson asked Brother and Sister Greer to accept a token of esteem and regard, and as the silver fruit bowl and butter dish were unpacked, followed by a small china koala bear, Mrs. Greer's spontaneous exclamation of delight was sufficient indication of the appreciation which was later expressed.

A presentation was also made to Brother and Sister Grosser, though in their case no parting was involved, but as Pastor Burns handed them a pressure cooker he stated how much their daily lives had been appreciated, and the college faculty wished them to know this. Brother Grosser responded for himself and Mrs. Grosser.

The Symphonic Choir rendered several pleasing items during the evening, one being an old favourite, "Let us Cheer the Weary Traveller," and another, a new number, entitled, "Carol of the Birds." This charming little song was composed by William James, of the A.B.C. in Sydney. It was recorded for Columbia at their own request.

Our heartiest good wishes go with Brother and Sister Greer as they journey homeward over the ocean, and we pray that God will continue to bless them and make them a blessing. S.C.

Your Story Hour

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of Uncle Arthur's "Bedtime Stories" will be sent.

"Your Story Hour" should be of particular interest to our laymen everywhere, for this programme, which commenced about four years ago, grew out of a Sabbath afternoon story-telling project to non-Adventist children. The manager of a nearby radio station heard of this good work and offered the group a half hour entirely free every Sunday. This seemed like a providential opening to the group, as a means of teaching the truths of the Bible to millions of children lacking in religious training. None of the group had had any radio experience, but since God had opened the door they felt they must step in by faith and carry out His plan. Little did they dream at that time that their programme would become so popular. Nor did they imagine that their session would enable us in Sydney to find the way through, in a very providential way, on one of the best commercial stations, for we had tried for a number of years to find time on these stations in Sydney for our Voice of Prophecy programme, but to no avail.

This delightful programme, which is produced in Berrien Springs, Michigan, takes many hours of study and work, and prayer, and it is all voluntary work, for no one is paid. This is truly a work of love.

We are particularly anxious that our folk who live on the eastern seaboard tune in to this programme, and let us know just how far afield it can be heard. The programme commences on Sunday, October 19, at 5.30 to 6 p.m., and is a weekly broadcast. Please tell your friends and neighbours about this new children's programme, and please remember us in prayer as we launch into this new avenue of evangelism.