



## Our Youth in the World Crisis

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**C**HALLENGING alarms sound over a world that rocks beneath the threatening destruction of alphabetic bombs. Civilization has come to the place where the end of the trail is in sight.

The prospect of catastrophe would be dismal indeed were it not for the fact that Christian youth know the way of escape. From this world of madness the church of God rises above the debris and points victoriously to Christ. The world's hope and only hope is in Christ. He has the only solution to the world's problem.

In such a day as this God calls our young people to make Christ supreme in their lives. To make that discovery is a transforming experience that changes our whole outlook, especially as we turn from ourselves and face Him with the sincerity and earnestness of youth, seeking the lasting things of life.

Jesus did far more than set up a discipline of spiritual exercises that would give us mechanical answers in any given situation. He set the Christian standards and patterns through His attitude and His spirit. Through our efforts to learn the mind of Christ we must seek to follow the way of life He lived. His spirit and His teaching are as up to date as the newspapers of today.

The Christlike spirit is unselfish love in action. Love for Jesus is shown by goodwill toward men.

He invites us to a personal Christian experience, to an open commitment of



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heart and hand to Christian tasks, Bible study, personal devotion, the Missionary Volunteer pledge with its time-honoured and vital covenant relationship to Christ, participation in worship, cultivation of Christian friendships—these are at the foundation of sharing our faith.

"Amid the perils of these last days, the only safety of the youth lies in ever-increasing watchfulness and prayer. The youth who finds his joy in reading the Word of God, and in the hour of prayer, will be constantly refreshed by draughts from the fountain of life. He will attain a height of moral excellence

and a breadth of thought of which others cannot conceive. Communion with God encourages good thoughts, noble aspirations, clear perceptions of truth, and lofty purposes of action. Those who thus connect themselves with God are acknowledged by Him as His sons and daughters. They are constantly reaching higher and still higher, obtaining clearer views of God and of eternity, until the Lord makes them channels of light and wisdom to the world."—*"Messages to Young People,"* page 247.

There is no easy way to win for Christ the vast multitude of young people who are today longing for the Saviour's touch. Perhaps you have often wondered why God did not devise some easy way to make men come flocking to His church. Could He not cause some great supernatural sign to appear that would frighten the people into accepting Him?

"God might have committed the message of the gospel, and all the work of loving ministry, to the heavenly angels. He might have employed other means for accomplishing His purpose. But in His infinite love He chose to make us co-workers with Christ and the angels, that we might share the blessing, the joy, the spiritual uplifting, which results from this unselfish ministry."—*"Steps to Christ,"* pages 83, 84.

Our real task begins as we go out to share our faith with the unreached youth on the highways and byways of life. We must go to them where they

are. We cannot wait for them to come to us. Jesus did not establish Himself on a mountain and send out an announcement that all who wished to become disciples should come to meet Him on a certain day and at a certain hour.

Instead, He walked down to the seashore where Simon and Andrew were working. He went to the tax table where Matthew was sitting. In fact, He was constantly going where the people were.

"The work of Christ was largely composed of personal interviews. He had a faithful regard for the one-soul audience; and that one soul has carried to thousands the intelligence received.

"The most successful toilers are those who will cheerfully work to serve God in small things. Every human being is to work with his own individual thread, weave it into the fabric that composes the web, and complete the pattern. . . .

"Educate the youth to help the youth; and in seeking to do this work each will gain experience that will qualify him to become a consecrated worker in a larger sphere. Thousands of hearts can be reached in the most simple way.

"The most intellectual, those who are looked upon and praised as the world's great and gifted men and women, are often refreshed by the most humble, simple words spoken by one who loves God, who can speak of that love as naturally as worldlings can speak of those things which their minds contemplate and feed upon. Words, even if well prepared and studied, have little influence; but the true, honest work of a son or a daughter of God in words, or in a service of little things, done in natural simplicity, will unbolt the door, which has long been locked, to many souls."—"Messages to Young People," page 203.

As the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth seeking those whose hearts are toward Him, they light again and again on the fine stalwart young men and the keen thoughtful young women of our day. He longs that you will give yourselves unreservedly to Him. He has great tasks for you to perform, calling for the highest courage, the steadiest nerve, the greatest endurance. Among your ranks He sees His strongest champions who will maintain the honour of His name though the heavens fall. To you He looks for witnesses who will remain loyal to Him.

To you He commits the task of taking to all mankind the last warning and saving message. It is for you, with all the power of your being, by voice and by pen, by preaching and visiting, by missionary service and the printed page, to arouse young men and young women everywhere to give their hearts to Jesus.

By loving ministry to the poor, the sick and the needy, God would have you reveal His love for men and win them from their evil ways to serve Him with all their hearts.

God's invitation to young people today is indeed a call to noble tasks. All who

yield themselves to Him and throw themselves wholeheartedly on His side, determined to champion His cause against all opponents, and at all costs to keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus, will find that He will honour their faith and courage, He will not disappoint them.

Young people, you have heard the call of the Lord. This is your moment of supreme opportunity. Listen with all care. Tell Him that you want to do His will and that you desire His help. Say to Him as Isaiah said in his youth, "Here am I, send me."

—"Middle East Messenger."

## Over the Border They Had Their Struggles, Too

HAINO VIJSMA

We have heard a lot about the mission field of New Guinea, but seldom do we cross the boundaries of Australian New Guinea into Dutch territory.

In this area there are a few small towns. Hollandia, which is the capital, has a growing population (approximately 20,000 Europeans), and it is here that our headquarters are situated. There are some other towns on the north coast, such as Manokwari, Sarmi, and on islands, Biak and Seroci.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church started to work in this area about six years ago, when the first missionary and his son sailed into the harbour of Hollandia. Nobody seemed to notice them and there was not even a house for them to live in. The missionary and his son commenced operations immediately. Soon they found a suitable site for a house and later for a church. They cleared the land and built their own home, which was the first mission home in that area. Three months later the missionary brought his wife and the rest of the family from Indonesia.

In the following three years the number of adherents grew and the living-room where the Sabbath school and church services were held, became too small. So the Sabbath school members laid plans for a church to be erected. A site was selected on the same property as the mission home. But there were difficulties. Who was going

to work on the project? In the morning the missionary was giving Bible studies: his wife was teaching in the government school: his eldest daughter was looking after the house: the children were at school, and his eldest son was canvassing. It was a real problem.

However, the problem was solved, for in the afternoon the whole family was employed as an earth-moving company, digging and carting till the hill had been levelled and prepared for the building. Now there was no timber, and so the church members prayed and waited. Before long, the Lord provided and the work was commenced.

That was in 1953. From the minister to the last church member, they gave of their time to the erection of the house of worship. Toward the end of 1954, truly a milestone in the history of our work in this place was passed, for the little church, filled with members and guests, was dedicated to God.

Up to that time the missionary had been evangelising among the Dutch people, but now he felt a call to help the natives. The opportunity arose to show some gospel film strips, and so meetings began. The first was a failure. Three people came to the second screening. That was not too good, so the equipment was shifted to the main street, and everybody who passed was attracted to the display. On the first Saturday evening there were fifty in the audience. The next time there were 100, and at last between 400 and 700 natives attended regularly. The mission-



Haino Vijsma with his sister Helen, who is also studying at the Australasian Missionary College. Photo, B. Simandjuntak.

ary explained the pictures, and though most of those natives knew something of Christ, they had never seen Him as He was now presented. Some of them requested that a minister visit their villages and show the gospel pictures again.

One day the missionary and his son went to a far village, travelling by jeep and bush track. They had to cross seven rivers without any bridges. Only a few miles from their destination they became stuck in a river. With water up to their waists, they pushed the jeep and struggled for hours, until they gained the bank.

They checked and dried the engine as well as they were able. Then the starter was pushed in faith, the engine obeyed, and on they went. Though they arrived late they found the people, who had come from far and near to hear the sweet story of Christ, still awaiting their arrival. The missionary, tired and wet, had to go forward and in the strength given from on high, preach the gospel.

This same village gave permission to select a piece of land for a training school. This was the climax of the missionary's work. But there remained the problem of money. The only thing to do was to appeal to the world-wide Sabbath school, with the result that last year Dutch New Guinea received the overflow of a Thirteenth Sabbath Offering. That money was used to purchase a piece of land and a large building on it. And now our first training school, which started with six students, is well under way, training men and women for service.

Those original six students all graduated from the Bible Instructor's course, and were sent out to various parts of Dutch New Guinea.

The missionary, seeing that the gospel was advancing rapidly in this locality, chose to transfer to another place 750 miles distant. There he is pioneering again, but this time without the help of his son, for I am his son and I am studying here at the Australasian Missionary College. I trust that our heavenly Father will bless me as I prepare myself for His service.

## Your Body Changes

Although you may think that your body is pretty much the same as it was a year ago, it is actually 98 per cent different, according to Dr. Paul C. Aebersold of the Atomic Energy Commission. He discovered when making a physiological study with radioactive isotopes that the various elements making up the body replace themselves at varying rates.

Within a two-week period half the sodium, hydrogen, and phosphorus atoms are replaced with new ones. Half the carbon atoms are replaced in about forty-five days. Identical phenomena occur in regard to all the other elements.

When a twelve-month period has passed, 98 per cent of the old atoms are supplanted by those that have entered the system through air, food, and drink.—“Life and Health,” America.



# Around the CONFERENCES

## Jesus the Healer Still in Practice

“During His ministry, Jesus devoted more time to healing the sick than to preaching. . . . Where He had passed, the objects of His compassion were rejoicing in health and making trial of their newfound powers. Crowds were collecting around them to hear from their lips the works that the Lord had wrought. . . . He was like a vital current, diffusing life and joy.

“The Saviour made each work of healing an occasion for implanting divine principles in the mind and soul.”—“Ministry of Healing,” pages 19, 20.

Jesus is still in practice, performing miracles, and His praise is continually being sung. Here are a few of the multitudinous testimonies received at the Sydney Sanitarium and Hospital, Wahroonga:—

From a Catholic gentleman: “The stay at the sanitarium contributed to my having given up smoking and drinking and strengthened my faith in our Lord and the power of prayer.”

The writer of this letter is an official of the Hospitals Contribution Fund in Sydney:—

“I have been hearing a great deal of praise of the San these last weeks, as a friend of my sister's has been a patient there. He could not say enough about the kindness of the nurses and the attention he received while a patient. It's nice to know your efforts are appreciated and passed on to others who may profit by it themselves at a later date. I hope I'll have the pleasure of seeing you again some time, and one day would like to visit the sanitarium as a visitor, to see what I've missed.”

“May we send you our grateful thanks for all you did for our son. Everyone was most helpful and we have come away with a feeling that our worries for him are much lighter. We found an atmosphere of quiet rhythm, and this indeed leaves one a confidence not usually experienced in hospital. May God bless you all and further your good work.”

“The whole atmosphere of your wonderful institution is something I never knew existed, and your faith which you carry in your busy daily duties is something which I greatly appreciated. I felt I was among a great, good people. Again thanking you for your attention and the happiness you gave me in my illness.”

“For your personal kindness to me, also to the most junior of your staff, my most

sincere thanks. The sanitarium is unlike any other institution known, not only to the writer, but to countless others. God indeed works in a mysterious way. I regretted leaving, and, D.V., I hope to return. To Mr. Newman please convey my heartfelt thanks for his wonderful contribution towards my recovery.”

“I have been fortunate in that this was the first time in my life that I have needed hospital attention. But I have also been fortunate in that when the ‘first time’ came I should find myself in such good hands. The feeling I had was that from the most junior nurse to all the male nurses, the sisters, and your good self, I was ‘a very special patient.’ I am sure that is how every other Upper Medical patient viewed it. I left the San feeling greatly benefited in health, and henceforth will be an ardent supporter and advocate for your splendid institution, its beautiful environment, and its splendid services.”

“In some small attempt to show my gratitude to the girls, who are really lovely, I hope you will accept these few books for the library in the nurses' quarters.”

“I recently spent a very happy fortnight with you all, and I received great help physically and spiritually. Your nurses were the kindest and most obliging girls I have ever met.”

“I would like to take this opportunity of thanking the matron and staff for the kind way in which my wife was treated during the four weeks she was at the sanitarium. Nothing was a trouble to your girls, who were always kindly, smiling, and efficient. My wife thinks they are wonderful. She would also like to thank your dietitian for his patience and attentive care. We appreciate very much what was done by your staff. It was a privilege to see them putting Christianity into action.”

“Now that mother's troubles are over I would like to thank you very sincerely for the care and attention which she received from you all. She had faith in you, a faith which consoled her, and which it would have been almost impossible to create elsewhere.”

“As the time for my departure from your hospital draws nigh, I feel the need to thank you and your staff for what you have done for me both physically and spiritually, during the five months I have been here. Strange as it may seem, they have been five of the most pleasant

months I have spent in my life, if you can understand what I mean.

"When I came here I was very lonely and had a big gap in my life which I did not know how to fill; but within a few weeks of being in here and after much mental anguish, I finally won through—a new man.

"It seems strange to me that after travelling almost around the world, believing there was a God but not knowing Him, He saw fit to send me here to get to know Him better, and this I could not have done had it not been for you and your staff.

"I've seen many hospitals in my travels and I feel yours comes up to any I've seen. It is hard to believe that so many people could work in such harmony. I don't think I've seen it anywhere else.

"I sincerely hope that now I am making my home in Australia, my association with your hospital will continue. If at any time at all there should be something you feel I could do to help you or the hospital, please do not hesitate to ask. Your request is my pleasure."

### *A. Chinese Sabbath School at A.M.C.*

A Chinese Sabbath school of about forty members was recently organized at the Australasian Missionary College. The decision to form a separate group arose from the fact that some of the young people were new to the faith, and their knowledge of English being limited, they were not deriving the full benefit from the programme in English. The wisdom of this arrangement is seen by the visitor even though he cannot understand what is being said. All the youthful members are able to take an intelligent interest in the various items, and especially the lesson study.

Pamphlets and Missions Quarterlies in Chinese have been obtained from Formosa, and Chinese Bibles are used (reading downwards instead of across the page). The hymns are sung in English, and music is provided by a piano and a string quintette. There is a high proportion of musical and speaking ability in the group, and all present obviously enjoy the hour of spiritual communion.

Brother Eugene Hwang is the superintendent, and Brother Edward Ho the regular teacher. Brother Ho is a translator for the Singapore Publishing House, and his father is a minister in Borneo. The secretary, Brother James Tsai, is a son of the editor of the Chinese "Signs of the Times" published in Singapore. The assistant secretary, Miss Doreen Leung, and her brother John (who are the Sabbath school pianists) are the children of a minister in Borneo who was formerly the principal of the college in Hong Kong.

On Sabbath, July 14, Nurse Grace Chow and Nurse Mona Chan were visiting the college from the Sydney Sanitarium, and took part in the Sabbath school. Grace was the first young person of the influx of Chinese students to A.M.C. which commenced several years ago.

Brother Peter Lee, a visitor on this occasion, gave a testimony of thanks to God. For seven years his sight was so poor that he was unable to study, and later he attended the school for the blind. Recent operations, however, have been successful, and this inspired his sacrifice of praise to God for eyesight restored.

It is stimulating to associate and worship with these able and dedicated youth who, no doubt, are destined to act a leading part in the final drama of the ages.

### *Cabramatta Includes a Clinic*

H. RICHARDSON, Church Elder

Since its inauguration by the president of the Greater Sydney Conference, Pastor H. J. Halliday, on May 12, 1956, the Cabramatta church has steadily grown both materially and numerically. We met in the home of our much esteemed Sister Sang for four weeks, during which progress was steadily made on the erection of a suitable meeting-place on our own land right in the heart of Cabramatta.

Consequently, on Sabbath, June 9, the first service was conducted in the new church hall by our district leader, Pastor Selwyn A. Bartlett. Counting the children, fifty-four persons were present on this occasion, and seating accommodation was taxed to capacity.

In his forthright sermon Pastor Bartlett stressed the need of the church as a whole being consecrated to the task that lies ahead, and complimented the church officers and members for their effort so far in erecting a church in such a prominent place and so convenient to transport for all who attend. The church hall is situated right at the railway station in a corner position, and can be readily seen from the train.

That part of the hall now being used for services will eventually be the physiotherapy clinic rooms, and is intended to be another link in a chain of clinics giving much needed health service to the community. Much has been accomplished by successive Sunday morning working bees as the rest of the main hall is gradually taking shape. The help of our good brethren from the Russian church has been greatly appreciated. Pastor Rodionoff plans to use the building as he visits among the many New Australians living in the district.

Evidences of the Lord's blessing in answering our prayers are the many donations of money and materials and necessary equipment which are coming to hand. One leading store in Cabramatta recently sent me a cheque for ten guineas, and some kind soul has been moved to give anonymously all the required equipment for the ordination services.

It is felt that the hall will fill a most urgent need in this district, as it will be a suitable and convenient place to hold district rallies and social functions for our growing youth in the surrounding suburbs. We thank God for His leading and look forward with joyful anticipation as we see His name being exalted in this district.

### *Excursionists En Masse at Cooranbong*

On July 8, 315 passengers on the regular Sunday railway excursion train from Sydney alighted at Morisset station and were conveyed by bus around the scenic Macquarie Lakes. By pre-arrangement they spent one hour at the health food factory at Cooranbong. Unknown to the management until they arrived was the fact that



Group present at the first service in the new church hall, Cabramatta, on June 9. Front row: Pastor and Mrs. S. A. Bartlett, Pastor and Mrs. E. Behrens, and Pastor and Mrs. J. H. Newman. H. G. Richardson, photo.

ninety Adventist young people from the city had availed themselves of this opportunity to visit this centre of church influence.

The manager, Brother W. R. Wilson, explained to the guests the guiding principles and relationship of the factory to the college in training young people for Christian service. Pleasing evidence of what is being accomplished was provided in a vocal duet rendered by Brother B. Simandjuntak from Indonesia and Brother Cliff Fua of Tonga, who were accompanied on the piano by Brother John Leung of Hong Kong.

A health talk and demonstration by Miss Marjorie Long, the college nurse, was followed by the dispensing of hot Kwicbru and Marmite sandwiches by Sister Schowe and her helpers. Finally, the visitors were taken on a quick tour of the factory. They freely gave vent to expressions of appreciation for the courtesies extended to them, remarking also on the cleanliness and efficient operation of the factory.

The following Tuesday the factory management entertained twelve members of the Hunter District Water Board to lunch and showed them how our health foods are manufactured. Among these men were leading citizens of the shire—mayors and several who had served or were serving in the state government. Their reaction to the visit was also very favourable.

It seems appropriate here to commend Brother Schumann and his assistant gardeners, who maintain the parklike surroundings of the factory in such excellent order. The extensive green lawns, the trees and flowers in season are a delight to the eye right down to the picturesque suspension foot bridge spanning Dora Creek. In this charming setting the factory, with its silo towers, stands like a castle.

This natural beauty, combined with the atmosphere of goodwill and friendliness, and the working principles of cleanliness and order, create an impression on visitors that is an invaluable advertisement.

### *Will it Please Jesus?*

We are happy to publish this letter from Mt. Wittenoom Station, Yalgoo, Western Australia, written by Sister S. I. Turner:—

"Because we enjoy the 'Record' so much and all its contributions, I thought it might not hurt if I contributed my little bit, and so I write.

"God works in a mysterious way His wonders to perform, and He has ways and means of blessing and encouragement of which we know not, and yet these things come to us in the most natural way.

"We are a very isolated family. My husband (newly baptized), myself, and two small children are 200 miles from the next nearest Adventists, as far as we know. We are seventy-eight miles from the railhead, which is barely more than a siding anyhow. Church is an annual affair, with two or three visits during the year from ministers, usually at great sacrifice of time and effort.

"Sabbath is a problem in reverse. It is not a case of what we shall refrain from

doing, but what we can do to fill in the long Sabbath hours, especially for the children. You can only read for so many hours, and the children won't listen to stories for very long, even with the help of the sand tray. Also, we have no means at present of making music for hymns. I have tried many things for the children, the most successful being a short drive in the car on Sabbath afternoon, and a nature lesson at the end of it. We sing choruses as we go along, and I'm sure it must startle the kangaroos and emus a bit. I also teach the children psalms to learn by heart, and they have their Sabbath colouring books.

"Nevertheless, it still leaves many hours that seem to get filled with every-day kind of play. So I was greatly encouraged last Sabbath when the following little scene took place. The children had finished their breakfast and I had given them bread and honey and told them they could go for a walk down the creek in the sun while they ate it. As my five-year-old son went towards the door with his bread he turned and asked, 'Will Jesus let us?' And so through the person of my little boy the Lord has given me higher ground to stand on, and a new-old rule to live by: 'Will Jesus let me?'"

Having experienced similar difficulties through isolation from others of like faith, many of us can sympathize with Brother and Sister Turner and their children and all who find themselves so situated.

## ISLAND FIELDS

### *Missionaries Among Men with Floral Wigs and Daggers*

Resume of a report presented to the Half-yearly Meeting of the Coral Sea Union Mission by PASTOR A. D. PIETZ

It is now almost six months since we took up our appointment at the headquarters of the Western Highlands Mission situated at Mt. Hagen, New Guinea. The call came to us as a complete surprise, for we were nicely settled in our work at Warwick, Queensland, where we were busily engaged in building a new church in this recently opened centre. However, we were happy to respond to the call of the Lord, and sincerely pray that we may render acceptable service to the Lord of the harvest.

In the six months that have gone it has been my privilege to visit around the field a little, and though at present the way is hedged with problems in some parts, I am confident the message we proclaim will break through and a great influx of souls result.

We sincerely appreciate the work that has been accomplished by those who have gone before us, and who left many comforts behind which we now enjoy. In the short time that Pastor F. T. Maberly and his wife were stationed here they certainly must have worked hard and long.

It was a privilege to be called to carry on the task they relinquished.

It is our plan to commence a series of Sunday night meetings in the new church and we hope that when we begin showing pictures of the gospel, interest will be shown. It is hoped in the near future to erect a representative office, a much-needed addition to our headquarters buildings.

The field is made up of three districts: Waghi Valley, Wabag, and Tari.

Western Highlands headquarters is within the Waghi Valley, but the district headquarters is situated at Paglum, about twelve miles from Mt. Hagen. We have seven teachers scattered through this valley and all report that interest is growing and many other calls are coming in.

At Paglum Pastor L. T. Greive held the fort from the beginning of the year until recently, and in the few months he was there produced a real transformation. Gardens have been planted on a large scale and roads bordered by flowers will in time make the station one of which the mission may be justly proud. Paglum has some drawbacks, mainly the road that leads to it and its lack of water. The government is coming to our rescue as far as the road is concerned, by cutting a new one which will link the Baiyer River road to the Banz road, and it will pass quite close to our property. The water problem we believe is about to be solved, for we have plans for pumping spring water up to the station. With these two difficulties overcome, that which has been looked upon as an unsatisfactory site for a mission should become a most suitable and profitable mission station.

A week or two ago I had the privilege of going into the newly entered field of Tari, and I must first of all pay a tribute to the faithful national workers who were left behind about twelve months ago to work for a new people in an unknown country and in an unknown tongue. The station was a credit to them; the lawns and gardens were a picture, and there were three new houses as well as enough pit-sawn timber to almost complete the framework of the house for Pastor Greive.

It is too early to make any predictions concerning Tari, but some good contacts have been made, and we who have seen and known the results of preaching the everlasting gospel in other places have no doubt that a harvest of souls will accrue in Tari. The people there are a most interesting group.

They are small of stature and real exhibitionists. They seem to delight in making you laugh, and the more you laugh at them the more they perform. On the other hand, they are most easily provoked. This, along with the fact that they all carry daggers made of the bone of the cassowary's leg, often results in serious trouble. Their huge wigs, gaily decorated with everlasting daisies, gives them a touch of colour in their otherwise rather drab type of dress. Our prayers are with Pastor and Mrs. Greive as they open this new territory and raise standards here and there for Prince Emmanuel. We know you will join us in this prayer.

Now a word about Wabag. Here we have our most encouraging and fruitful field. The three angels' messages have certainly found their way through the mountains and valleys of this area. What a thrill I received on landing at the air strip to find such a fine company of people waiting to greet us! and to think they were all Adventists!

When we reached the mission, still more and more came along, and on Sabbath the church was crowded to capacity. I do not think I have spoken to such a large native congregation before, and how eager they were to hear what was said! It was almost a pleasure to speak through an interpreter, for while he was talking I was watching the faces of the congregation and noting their nods of approval.

The next morning a baptismal class was conducted and we went along to say a few words. I thought there might be up to fifty people present, and what was my surprise to find a company of something like 250. Several teachers had churches to dedicate. We walked from 8 a.m. till 1.30 p.m. to dedicate one, and then returned to district headquarters in the afternoon.

We have a faithful band of teachers who have carried on in the absence of their district director, Pastor J. H. Newman, on furlough. When Christ is recognized in the two other fields as He is in Wabag, the Western Highlands will be a very wonderful field. We trust that the day will soon come.

Recently we received a very pleasant surprise which came originally from the young people comprising the Missionary Volunteers of Australasia—£1,000 toward the establishment of a central school in our field. This is a very real need, and we are negotiating for land in various places which will be suitable for such a project, praying that the Lord will overrule so that the final decision will be that which He would have us make. We do appreciate the grand effort on the part of the MV's and hope that some day many will follow their gifts.

No report on the Western Highlands would be complete without mention of the

colony at Togoba. Under the capable and spiritual leadership of Dr. Yeatts, the name of Seventh-day Adventists is becoming more highly esteemed by natives and Europeans alike. Recently another baptism was held when a number of patients took their stand for God. They have learned that there is One who is able not only to cleanse from leprosy of the flesh but also from the leprosy of sin.

Sister Yeatts is doing an admirable work in the local school. We do appreciate her service. In fact, all lines of church work are being fostered by the staff. Just lately a band of juniors were invested after completing their progressive classwork. Surely this institution affords a most fruitful field of evangelism, and every effort is being made to capitalize on it. May God continue to bless the radiant witness of the consecrated staff at Togoba.

May God also bless you as you pray for the advance of His truth in the Western Highlands.

#### FIGLETS AT SABBATH SCHOOL

Writing from Tari on the 12th July, Sister Greive gives this picture of Sabbath school:—

"Sabbath school is going well. The first Sabbath the attendance was sixty-eight, and the next 101. It's so amusing, yet we must be patient with the people when they come. Some bring their piglets (two each time so far), some eat kau kau (sweet potato), one was working his billum (string bag)—the men make their own here—and one was filing his kina! (large flat shell worn on the chest usually).

"The gramophone was and is a wonderful attraction, and I know our flannel-graph work will be, too, when I get it started. The audience is very interested, noisy, and happy. We have only the one meeting so far but I'm planning to start JMV classes for the mission staff as soon as possible.

"As soon as I'd sewn up and given out lap laps we had a great influx of boys wanting to come to school! We told them to wait till we have a few more houses."

later applied these six verses exclusively to Calvary, to which, obviously, such expressions as "I have trodden the winepress alone" do refer. "He was treading the winepress all alone [on the cross]; and of all the people there was none with Him." (Ellen G. White, "The Story of Redemption," page 222.) Compare "The Desire of Ages," page 754. Yet this passage also pre-figured the Conqueror in the enemy's land, avenging His own, and slaying His enemies in final triumph.

"The day of vengeance is in Mine heart." Moses was commanded to "avenge the children of Israel" (Num. 31:2), and in his great prophetic song we read: "Rejoice, O ye nations, with His people: for He will avenge the blood of His servants, and will render vengeance to His adversaries." Deut. 32:43; cf. Rev. 19:15. That prophecy is fulfilled by the events in Isa. 63:4, 6. "The day of vengeance" and "the year of My redeemed" are distinct events, but the Lord Jesus Christ is the instrument of God in each. Here is the complete answer to the age-old question: "Why doesn't God intervene?"

Verse 7 begins a section in which Zion prays, praises, and extols the loving-kindness of God, and this extends through chapter 64.

"I will recount the steadfast love of the Lord" (R.S.V.) is almost the same as in Ps. 89:1, with which psalm there are other similarities (Cf. Isa. 63:18 with Ps. 89:40). With the next two verses this forms a delightful picture of the trustfulness of the Father toward His children: "Surely they are My people, children that will not lie: so He was their Saviour." If the trust of a proud father is an inspiration to his children, we, as believers, have the greatest of reasons for inspired living.

#### "He Was Afflicted"

"In all their affliction He was afflicted, and the angel of His presence saved them." Isaiah confirmed here what God promised to Moses in Ex. 33:14: "My presence shall go with thee." "In all these revelations of the divine presence [in the Old Testament], the glory of God was manifested through Christ. Not alone at the Saviour's advent, but through all the ages after the fall and the promise of redemption, 'God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself.'"—"Patriarchs and Prophets," page 366.

May we think of a loving Saviour at work not only in spectacular victories that led Israel into Canaan, but in every one of those testing moments when they needed the light of God's countenance to shine upon them? (See Ps. 44:3. Cf. Ps. 80:1.) "Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, Thou that leadest Joseph like a flock."

Verse 11 puts two questions on the people's lips, one concerning leadership out of Egypt, the other being: "Where is He that put His Holy Spirit within him?" Some have seen an intimation of the Trinity in the use here of Jehovah, the Angel of His presence, and the Holy Spirit.

The latter term is used here and in Ps. 51:11 ("Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me") in an unusual Old Testament

## SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON HELP

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(Please preserve for reference)

For Sabbath, September 15, 1956

### A SAVIOUR REVEALED

The question in Isa. 63:1, "Who is this that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah?" recalls the comparison in chapters 34:5, 6, and 35:10 between the desolation of Edom and the everlasting joy of "the ransomed of the Lord." It is a striking picture of God's triumph over His enemies, symbolized by Edom.

"The image presented is one of the most impressive and awe-inspiring in the Old Testament, and it is difficult to say which is most to be admired, the dramatic vivid-

ness of the vision, or the reticence which conceals the actual work of slaughter and concentrates the attention on the Divine Hero as He emerges victorious from the conflict."—Skinner, "The Cambridge Bible," on Isa. 63:1-6.

"Edom was Israel's inveterate foe. Hence the prophet represents Jehovah's judgment of the nations as taking place on Edom's unhallowed soil." (Robinson, "The Book of Isaiah," page 155.) Compare a fuller statement in the S.D.A. Bible Commentary, Vol. IV, page 323.

Many of the Church Fathers and others

sense of God's personal nature. It is clear that Israel grieved "the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption" (Eph. 4:30), and were thereby deprived of God's presence. (See Isa. 63:10.) It is still unalterably true that the unholiness of man grieves the Holy Spirit of God.

We meet a sudden, almost tempestuous change in verse 15—a peremptory appeal to God, a confession of sin and separation, a pitiful cry for divine aid.

Their harsh experiences led them to feel that like Abraham and their earthly fathers (verse 16), God may have forgotten them. The sunshine of divine favour was withdrawn, and they lived in a spiritual winter. What God had not forbidden He was responsible for, they reasoned. Hence such cries as: "O Lord, why hast Thou made us to err . . . and hardened our heart?" Verse 17.

How often the heavens seem sealed against struggling man! "Look down from heaven!" cried these distraught Hebrews. "Oh that Thou wouldest rend the heavens, that Thou wouldest come down!" Isa. 63:15; 64:1. The favour of God was embodied in the idea of His looking down upon them: "Look down from Thy holy habitation, from heaven, and bless Thy people Israel." Deut. 26:15. Solomon prayed: "When the heaven is shut up, and there is no rain . . . yet if they . . . confess Thy name, and turn from their sin, . . . then hear Thou from heaven." 2 Chron. 6:26, 27.

When the Saviour was baptized, "the heavens opened." (Mark 1:10.) David attributed His blessing to the fact that God "bowed the heavens also, and came down" (Ps. 18:9). Here in Isa. 64:4 they desire God to come down as He did of old, and cause the nations to tremble at His presence. What produced this terrible "closed heavens" experience? "Behold, Thou wast angry, and we sinned," they confessed pathetically, and then asked in despair: "And shall we be saved?" Isa. 64:5, R.S.V.

How only can God's children open the heavens? By removing the cause of separation, as when God later assured them that He would open the windows of heaven upon them if they would pay the tithes they were withholding. (Mal. 3:10.) Long before, God had told Israel that heaven would be closed against them if they turned aside from loyalty, but it would be opened in blessing upon them if they steadfastly served Him. (Deut. 11:13-15.)

—"Review and Herald."

## WEDDINGS

PARRETT-CAMPION.—The city church, Christchurch, N.Z., was well filled with relatives and friends of William Vernald Corner Parrett and Elizabeth Margaret Campion on the afternoon of July 4, 1956, when these two young people met and pledged their love to each other in a lifelong union. As they set up another Christian home in the Springston district we wish for them God's richest blessings and the sunshine of His love to be continually poured upon them.

J. T. Howse.

WILSON-McCALLUM.—On June 19, 1956, in the tastefully decorated and well-fitted North Fitzroy church, Victoria, Frederick Ernest Wilson and Lois Isabel McCallum met to pledge their troth in matrimony. These young people have grown up in the teachings of the Adventist Church—the bride at North Fitzroy and the bridegroom at Preston—where each has contributed his part to the services of the house of God. As they set up a new home may the blessing of heaven rest upon them and make them more useful in the cause of their Master.

H. S. Streeter.



## UNTIL THE DAY BREAK

ROBERTS.—On June 15, 1956, Mrs. Jane Roberts fell asleep in Jesus at Cheltenham, Victoria, at the age of eighty-three years. She belonged to the Kendall family of Broken Hill and Ivanhoe, whose ministry of nursing and song has brought blessing to many people. Sister Roberts was sustained by a wonderful Saviour during her last illness, and her trust in God and cheerful hope will ever remain an inspiration to nobler service. Two daughters, Ethel and Violet (Mrs. Bentley), and her grand-daughter Hazel (Mrs. Burley), will miss her. To these loved ones and the Misses Kendall we commend the precious promises of the Word of God. Our sister was laid to rest beside her relatives in the Diamond Creek cemetery.

H. S. Streeter.

HALBERT.—After many years of suffering and discomfort, Mrs. Ann Eliza Halbert of the Coburg church, Victoria, went quietly to her long rest on July 10, 1956, at the age of sixty-four years. When Pastor E. G. Whittaker was conducting a mission in Preston our sister gladly accepted the Adventist teachings, and was baptized in the old Windsor church in 1932. Through the years after, though suffering from Parkinson's disease, she came to church regularly until a few years ago, and then continued to enjoy the study of the Word of God on Sabbath afternoons with the Misses Allen of Coburg. She leaves behind a life made fragrant with unselfishness and thought for others. May God sustain the mourning husband and two daughters by a sense of His presence.

H. S. Streeter.

The treasurer of the Greater Sydney Conference gratefully acknowledges receiving £6 tithe from Mr. A. E. Oatley.

Sister D. Rogerson of Denmark, W.A., expresses thanks to all who so generously responded to her request for copies of the "Signs" for distribution, whom she was unable to thank personally.

WANTED.—Sincere Christian Seventh-day Adventist lady to assist woman in country town sixty miles from Newcastle who has recently had a leg amputated. For particulars please write to C. Mackaway, 77 Chat-ham Road, Hamilton, N.S.W.

EXCHANGE for home in Adelaide, or sell, home Wahroonga, near San, shop, bus. Asset income, flat. V.P. to owner. Inquire X, care "Record," Wahroonga.

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## NORTHERN RIVERS (N.S.W.) CAMP-MEETING

The annual camp-meeting of the Northern Rivers section of the North N.S.W. Conference will be held at the camp site, Goonellabah, via Lismore, August 30 to September 8, 1956. This meeting will be devoted entirely to spiritual activities. Please obtain your application forms from your church elder or from the secretary, P.O. Box 27, Hamilton, 2N, N.S.W.

## BALLS AND CLOTHING FOR MISSIONS

Referring to a suggestion published in the "Record" recently, that balls of any kind can be used to advantage by the missionaries in New Guinea, we omitted to mention that tennis clubs will often sell used balls quite cheaply.

It has been a regulation in Papua-New Guinea that any used clothing entering the territory must be fumigated, to eliminate any possibility of spreading disease among the native people. No doubt because of the difficulty in arranging for fumigation, some of our people have been sending clothing without this treatment. Word has now come from one of our missionaries that used clothing unaccompanied by a fumigation certificate will be dutiable, which of course will tax the missionaries' meagre budgets. In Sydney our members may leave goods with Esda to be fumigated, but they must be packed ready for despatch, with postage affixed. In other conferences, home missionary secretaries will be pleased to assist intending donors of good used clothing for missionary purposes. Certificates must be gummed to outside of parcel.

Parcels for the missionaries themselves must be marked "Personal," otherwise duty will be levied on them.

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## BREVITIES

In announcing a chain of transfers in the Health Food Department last week it was stated that these would take place at the end of the year. We have since discovered that those concerned will move on to their new positions as convenient.

On July 24, Sister Myrtle Allum left Wahroonga for Monamona Mission in North Queensland, where she will act as nurse and office assistant. Sister Allum, senior, accompanied her daughter, and we trust that they both will find life satisfying and pleasant away up in the north.

"We are enjoying our work in 'Tassie,'" writes President C. D. Judd from Hobart, "and we have a very happy team of workers who are alive evangelistically. Although our membership and income are both small we are expecting big things in soul-winning this year." That is the spirit of achievement!

A big THANK YOU to Brother H. E. A. Minchin of the North New South Wales Conference, a retired school teacher, who has undertaken to supply us with data on those countries and islands to which the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering overflow is currently being devoted. The facts presented in the article in this issue you will find very readable and will help to inspire us all to give to the maximum of our ability when the time comes.

The Public Relations Department of the General Conference has advised that the National Geographic Society plans to carry out a major project on Pitcairn Island in January, 1957. This means that subsequently an article and pictures will appear in the "National Geographic Magazine," and inasmuch as most of the inhabitants of Pitcairn are members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, the denomination could receive favourable publicity.

Pastor A. G. Stewart shares this most interesting note from a letter written to him by Pastor R. A. Anderson of the General Conference on July 16: "I leave for New York tomorrow, and a little over a week later I go to Southern Europe and the Middle East, returning via England. You will be interested to know that I will be having workers' meetings in Lisbon and Madrid, and that there will be a united workers' meeting of all the ministers of the Middle East Division in old Jerusalem. It surely will be a privilege to recapture the spirit of the infant church. The brethren have asked me to speak on Sabbath morning at the Garden Tomb, and the subject of the address is 'He Is Not Here.' I am to speak there the following Sabbath also, and in the afternoon of the last Sabbath I have an ordination service on the Mount of Olives. I am sure it would bring great joy to our workers in Australia if they could be just as close to these places as some of the rest of us who mingle with the ministry in various parts of the world."

## Are You Planning on a Big Overflow Offering?

H. E. A. MINCHIN

Our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering overflow for the third quarter is to be devoted to these objectives:—

1. A modest Adventist hospital in Trinidad.
2. A library and theological workshop area for our Antillian Junior College in Cuba.
3. Dormitories for our Pacific Agricultural and Industrial School in North-west Mexico.

I. An Adventist hospital to take the place of the present small clinic is greatly needed in Port-of-Spain (112,000 population), the surprisingly fine capital, port, and railway centre of the important British West Indian island of Trinidad. This island is situated quite close to the north-east corner of South America, and in area is 1,864 square miles, the very mixed population numbering 655,000. It contains a world-famous 114-acre lake of natural pitch or bitumen, so useful for "sealing" motor highways, and also rich oil wells. Nevertheless, a good deal of poverty exists.

Our Caribbean Training College is located in Port-of-Spain.

In Trinidad we now have sixty-eight churches and a membership of 6,990.

II. A library and theological workshop area are a must for our Antillian Junior College at Santa Clara (55,000), in the Republic of Cuba. This important college is centrally and healthfully situated in mountainous territory. Santa Clara is a railway junction town a little north of the important city of Cienfuegos (100,000). Near the latter are some of the largest sugar estates in the world. Cuba, which produces one-third of the world's sugar supply, is known as the "Queen of the Antilles," and is a very long island, half the size of Victoria, with a population of 5,420,000, of whom almost one-quarter are Negroes, a reminder of the dreadful slavery days of old.

The capital is Havana (700,000), which is also a busy port.

In Cuba we now have 115 churches and 4,160 members.

Our headquarters are located in Havana and Camaguey (85,000).

III. More dormitories are urgently required for our expanding Pacific Agricultural and Industrial School, which is situated in Navojoa (11,500), a healthy and pleasantly-located railway junction town near the Gulf of California in north-west Mexico.

Mexico is a large republic, equal to Queensland plus Victoria, with a popu-

Some think they are following their natural bent when they are just too lazy to straighten up.—"Church Management."

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lation of twenty-six million. The capital is the splendid Mexico City (1½ million) down south; and the next largest city is Guadalajara (240,000) in the central west.

The greater part of Mexico consists of a high plateau, which greatly influences the climate. Mexico produces nearly half the world's silver, immense quantities of copper, and much oil.

The men wear extremely wide hats and brightly coloured blankets across their shoulders; and enjoy sitting down. The women also love bright colours, but they are expected to be quite energetic!

Although religious broadcasting is strictly forbidden in Mexico, yet our message is spreading into every nook and corner, because the Mexicans have merely to "tune-in" to Adventist broadcasts in Spanish that come over the borders.

We now have 174 churches and 16,400 members in Mexico. We also have a college and a sanitarium at Montemorelos in the centre; another agricultural and industrial school in the extreme south; and clinics in Monterrey and the ports of Tampico and Vera Cruz. Our principal headquarters are situated in Mexico City; Puebla (141,000), a little to the south; and Monterrey (190,000) in the centre of the republic.