



Amazing Growth of Pathfinder Clubs in Victoria

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"IT'S AMAZING! It's spreading like a prairie fire! A short time ago we had only four Pathfinder clubs, and now we have eighteen. And just to think there are at least 150 Counsellors, Directors, and Instructors with almost 600 Pathfinders in Victoria today!"

Pastor K. H. Mead was all excitement as he looked at the 150 leaders, counsellors, and observers gathered in the H. J. Meyers Hall at the Basin Youth Camp over the week-end of May 29-31.

Assisted by Brother Ray Martin, Lorraine Powell, and Coral Newby, Pastor Mead had arranged a well-balanced programme that was to make this gathering one that would never be forgotten. Its impact upon those present was such that Pathfinder clubs and churches throughout Victoria will receive a new impetus.

The opening meeting, taken by the president, Pastor H. White, challenged all present with the need to lead our youth into service for the Master because of the summons to combat issued by the events happening all around us. The Sabbath school and church service led us to confront the youth with the situation, both in the church and outside of the church, and with the need to present ourselves to God as living sacrifices. What a thrill it was to see this group dedicating their lives in service for the young people and seeking the sanctifying power of the Spirit, that through their sanctified lives the youth may also be sanctified.

Sabbath afternoon was an exciting time, when clubs reported what God



An enthusiastic group of Counsellors and leaders watch a demonstration of tent pitching, outdoor firemaking, and camp cookery.

was doing and told of the spiritual aspects of the work. One club mentioned a girl connected with another youth organization coming to the Pathfinder Club and then to Sabbath school and church. The mother has been considerably influenced by the effect our club has had on her daughter. Another told of a young person won to the Advent truth as the result of a Vacation Bible School followed by a Pathfinder club. Another club is almost wholly made up of non-Adventists from a Vacation Bible School.

The Sabbath hours passed, leaving a deep impression on the hearts of all that Pathfinder club service at its best is a programme that brings the older church members and especially senior youth, into an association with junior and teenage youth, a programme that

can be the means of moulding and shaping characters after the divine similitude.

The Glenhantly Pathfinder Club members gave a demonstration programme on Saturday evening. After they had left the hall, opportunity was given to discuss and criticize on a constructive basis, the activities, methods of procedure and commands. This proved most helpful.

Sunday morning was highlighted by a most practical and informative talk by Brother W. J. Gilson on the development of the junior. Those in attendance so appreciated the material presented that a number expressed the desire that the information be given in a wider sphere so that parents and teachers might benefit.

Demonstrations of hobbies and skills

by instructors from the various clubs brought to us many new approaches that were both pleasing and captivating. They also helped us to see that our senior church members can be of inestimable value in this connection. In the afternoon a model camp erected under the supervision of Brother Martin became the setting for a demonstration of camp cooking and fire-building.

Is it any wonder that the counsellors and leaders are returning with a new determination to prepare for the Pathfinder camporee at the year end, and above all, to lead their club members so that the path they find in life will lead through the pearly gates into the eternal city of God?

These statements are typical of those made by officers, church elders, senior church members, and senior youth:

"This week-end together, apart from the pleasures of fellowship, has really given us a unified and enlightened approach as we shared the inspiration of this Christ-centred Pathfinder programme. We were inspired to hold all of our youth for Him." D. Berry, Glenhuntly Club.

"With the experience of the Pathfinder Convention at the Basin still so vividly before me, I feel I should convey my sincere appreciation for a truly inspiring week-end. The exchange of ideas, the fellowship, the eagerness of clubs to cooperate with one another, and the future plans for Pathfinder activities, must act as a wonderful stimulus to every leader and officer who attended. While the Pathfinder organization is primarily aimed at helping our boys and girls it also does so much for the leaders." L. Harrowfield, director of the Ballarat Club.

Three or four months later came an invitation to go on another station, WCEN, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan. How, we wondered, could we be in two places at once? There was just one answer. We would have to record our programme. But recording costs money, and money was what we didn't have. The Story Man says it was a miracle and I think so, too, when the help we prayed for came and we were able to buy necessary equipment to the value of \$1,200.

Perhaps you think that was the end of our problem, but it was more like the beginning. Now we had to have somewhere to record our programmes; we had to have a studio.

Maybe you would have laughed at our first arrangement when we fixed up a studio in the basement of The Story Man's house, with mattresses to make it sound-proof. Poor Story Man's wife dared not walk across the floor when we were recording. Then we were offered a room at the rear of a barber shop. That worked fine until the laundry on one side and the printing press on the other started working at night when we wanted to record. So, what do you think we did next?

Why, we bought our own studio. It was a garage, really, but we converted it into a real studio.

By this time there were some wonderful people helping us. You can't imagine Your Story Hour without Aunt Sue, can you? Aunt Sue not only plays her own part,

Uncle Dan Looks Back

"YOUR STORY HOUR'S" TENTH BIRTHDAY

We waited, hardly daring to breathe, till the letters, ON AIR, flashed red: "Your Story Hour's" first broadcast had begun. That was ten years ago, on March 27, 1949, at Radio Station WHFB, Benton Harbour, Michigan.

That was a real thrill, but it was also something that we had never even dreamed of when the first story hour was planned. You see, the story hour idea goes back even further than that. It goes back to 1947, when some good friends of boys and girls wanted to do something for them. So they decided to hold a story hour each Saturday afternoon.

The first was held in the little upstairs room that is the Eau Claire Town Hall. There were just nine children present to listen to a Bible Story and two other true-to-life stories. But they must have had a happy time, because the group grew as a similar programme was presented each week along with some spirited singing. How those boys and girls enjoyed it!

Yes, that was where we began the Good Deeds Club and encouraged boys and girls to think of kind acts to others. But do you know what? The Story Hour seemed like too good a thing to keep to ourselves, and we wanted others to enjoy it, too. We were sure that it was something God wanted for boys and girls, and we prayed that the idea might spread. It did spread, too, till at one time there were sixteen different groups holding story hours in Southern Michigan and Northern Indiana.

When, some time later, a well-known broadcaster suggested that we "air" our programme, our mouths dropped open. To begin with, none of us knew how to write a script for radio; we hadn't found the Story Man (Virgil Iles) yet. But when we did find him he wrote that first script, and he has been writing the scripts ever since.

Even so we still don't have a station, and as you know, you just can't broadcast from nowhere. How happy we were when the station manager of WHFB became in-

terested and agreed that his station would be the first to broadcast Your Story Hour.

You can just imagine how nervous we were that first time, but we asked God to help us (and we still always have prayer before each radio broadcast), and He certainly was with us.



Uncle Dan and Aunt Sue of Your Story Hour.

but directs the programme too. She doesn't receive any pay for the many hours she puts in, either. Not many boys and girls know Aunt Sue's father, but certainly our programme would never have been able to carry on without him. He is Mr. Ray Haasted, president of Your Story Hour. Our fine new studios in Medina, Ohio, are the result of his generosity.

Then there is "Marj" (Miss Marjorie Hamp) our secretary, treasurer, and—well there are so many things she does that I can't remember them all. She, too, works many long hours without pay because she believes in Your Story Hour.

And what about our programme today? Did you know that Your Story Hour is now heard on more than 150 stations in the U.S.A., nine stations in Australia, and others in Hawaii. Good Deeds Club members number about 20,000. So you see, we have been growing all the time. To me it is a thrilling story, thrilling because it is the story of what God has done for boys and girls in answer to the prayers of a little group who believed in their idea.

And so we say, Happy Birthday, Your Story Hour, and by God's grace may you have many, many more.

—"Good Deeder," March, 1959.

only his compositions. In exactly one year from now this will be repeated by the Voice of Prophecy in the Australasian Division.

Our visitor expressed the opinion that we do not sing enough scripture. We sing about it but not the Word itself, and he promised later to compose a new melody from a text. He advised, "If you wish to enrich your spiritual life, memorize much scripture."

Seating himself at the piano, Mr. Harkness interspersed some of his favourite compositions with stories of how they came to be written. On one occasion he went on a journey and was met at the railway station by a man in a dray and travelled in this springless vehicle from early morning till five o'clock in the afternoon, when they reached a cattle station. In the evening, when the owner and his wife came into the drawing-room and entered into conversation with the visitor, the hostess told of the continual sadness she felt because her only child, who served in the Medical Corps during World War I did not return. Often she looked out the window and imagined she saw him walking in the garden, whistling.

Endeavouring to comfort this lady, Mr. Harkness quoted 1 Peter 5: 7: "Casting all your care upon Him; for He careth for you." Next morning she looked happy and assured Mr. Harkness: "I have cast my troubles on the Lord and I am no longer lonely." The phrase "no longer lonely" caught the musician's ear. "It seemed to me there must be a hymn in that expression," he said. So he announced to the lady, "I shall compose some music and verse and entitle them, 'No longer lonely, for Jesus is the Friend of friends to me.'" And the Wahroonga congregation sang over and over the comforting words of this hymn.

That well-known hymn, "Safe in the Arms of Jesus," Mr. Harkness played in a beautiful chime arrangement.

Then he called for texts from the Sacred Word for which he might compose music. Eight were suggested, and by invitation, Dr. White selected, "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." The church organist, Brother Baldwin, was requested to choose the key, and he suggested E in three flats. In two or three minutes Mr. Harkness was playing the melody, which the congregation soon learned, and Pastor G. Rollo sang it as a solo, with the promise that he would receive the music as a memento of the occasion. Mr. Harkness had never used this particular text before.

A spiritual lesson was drawn from the playing of five notes which produced a discord. These consisted of two harmonies, three notes in Key F and two in Key G, and it was explained that the only way to eliminate the discord was to separate the harmonies. If we wish to live harmoniously with God we must be separated unto Him. "If you try to live in two different keys you will have discord," we were told.

"Home Sweet Home" was played in two different keys, which also created discord. "This might sound all right to



Around the CONFERENCES

June News from North New Zealand

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The Auckland Harbour Bridge is now open. Our Seventh-day Adventist band led the five-mile-long Cavalcade of Progress on two sections of its twenty-mile route. The band received a rousing ovation. Auckland Adventist churches had a float which graphically told that the Bible is the bridge from the fear, sickness, darkness, and death of heathenism to the joy, health, light, and life of Christianity. The name "Seventh-day Adventist" was prominently displayed on this float. It received many words of warm appreciation along the route.

Hamilton church had a stand at the Waikato Winter Show. During week hours they did a brisk trade in the good things busy Adventist hands had prepared. During Sabbath hours they showed sound films on suitable subjects and gave out free literature and Bible Course enrolment cards.

Brother L. Smith of Balmoral is determined that their representative church on an arterial road will be open on Sunday evenings, so is already gathering material that will attract the public. They expect to complete their fine structure toward the end of this year.

Thames Branch Sabbath School secretary, Sister J. Strange, has just given us their schedule of Branch Sunday Schools. Here is their programme for every Sunday: 9.30-10.30 at Waiomu; 11.00-12.00, four miles away at Puru; 2.00-3.00, eighteen miles away at Manaia. Thames will soon prove that fruit grows on branches.

We have had a letter of thanks from Brother L. H. Barnard for the gifts of clothing and other useful articles our members in New Zealand made for the people of New Guinea. Brother Barnard was particularly touched by the spirit of

a blind sister of eighty-four who knitted twelve cardigans. Her daughter-in-law would call once a week and tell her if she had dropped a stitch and she would then unpick and re-knit. Our sister also handed £5 to the missionary.

At Coromandel, Brother and Sister W. Ashton, as a result of Appeal for Missions contacts, have been asked to conduct prayer meetings in non-Adventist churches.

Are You Playing the Melody of Life in the Right Key?

The famous hymn writer and composer, Mr. Robert Harkness, gave a delightfully informal programme in the Wahroonga church in the evening of June 16. Nine years ago he visited both the A.M. College and the Wahroonga church, and on this occasion a large number of admirers came to see and hear him.

Born in Bendigo, Victoria, in 1880, he was in his younger days associated with the international evangelists, Torrey and Alexander, and is still virile and a charming Christian gentleman. For the last thirty years he has lived in U.S.A. but retains his Australian citizenship.

Our distinguished visitor was welcomed by Dr. E. E. White, who arranged for the gathering, Pastor A. G. Stewart, and by many others privately. In reply, Mr. Harkness said it was a real pleasure for him to be present and to bring us the gospel with song and story. He had a happy memory of his former visit.

An arrangement between himself and the Voice of Prophecy organization in America was also referred to. This consists of the production of a hymn-book containing thirty-two numbers by Mr. Harkness which is being used as the book of the month for this July. During this month also, the King's Herald's will sing

some," observed Mr. Harkness. "Is your key in Christ or in self, in condemnation or salvation, death or life? When sin entered this world there resulted one vast discord, but Christ died on the cross that He might bring us into harmony with Himself, out of despair into hope, out of death into eternal life. Put your life entirely into Christ's hands," was his concluding counsel.

Coming—Three Great Laymen's Congresses

Something new! Something altogether different for Australasia, and it is for you, and you, and you. Don't miss it. Calling all church members, both delegates and volunteers to attend one of three laymen's congresses scheduled to be conducted as follows: Palmerston North, N.Z., October 1-5; Brisbane, October 28-November 1; Melbourne, December 30-January 3.

General, division, union and local conference leaders will be in attendance and participate in the programme, making it a never-to-be-forgotten event. You must be there!

Conference committees, together with church boards, will name delegates to attend the congress, but all church members are urged to come, whether you are a delegate or not. A warm welcome awaits you. Join the hundreds of delegates and volunteer visitors who are now planning to be there.

Come and learn new soul-winning techniques; participate in "hours of power"; train in the "know-how" of decisions. Hear challenging sermons. Feature programmes, trophy processions, and evening enactments will hold you spellbound to the last minute. Workshops and special classes will provide training for young and old in Christ-centred evangelism.

Have we not been told by the servant of the Lord that "The people have had too much sermonizing; but have they been taught how to labour for those for whom Christ died?"—"Testimonies," Vol. VI, page 431.

While this statement does not minimize the importance of real spiritual sermons which are so greatly needed, yet it emphasizes the necessity of greater organization, planning, and training. So come to the congress and learn a better approach to your neighbours with the message you love so much.

"Wherever a church is established, all the members should engage actively in missionary work. They should visit every family in the neighbourhood, and know their spiritual condition."—"Testimonies," Vol. VI, page 296.

This is the time for Adventist ministers and laity to bestir themselves to vigorous activity—into energetic service for God and His cause. God is calling you to work for Him in His vineyard, proclaiming the message of salvation from door to door.

"From door to door His servants are to proclaim the message of salvation. Hundreds are waiting for the warning to es-

Why Should Adventist Children Be Educated in Adventist Schools?

(Part IV)

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Because the social forces in their environment are well-nigh invincible.

If the prevailing winds blow from the east every tree bends to the west. In the schools of the State the prevailing winds blow from the world.

In every important capital city in the world there is a little piece of England. Within the walls of the embassy lies a British Empire in miniature, fiercely proud and quite inviolate. Here a group of officials and public servants live and work as a closely-knit society. They treasure their associations together because they need each other very much. Their ideals, their attitudes, their beliefs are so different from those of the people around them. It is true that they speak the language of the country. They read the news in the newspapers of the land. They listen to discussions of this news in buses and trains. But in their interpretation of these things, in their very concepts of truth, they are painfully different and alone. They are aliens in a strange land. It is not strange that they should become intensely British, proudly British. They listen to the B.B.C. broadcasts with a warm feeling. They stand for the National Anthem with a lump in their throats and pronounce the name of their country with a caress.

Did you ever pause to think of the children of these people? They present a problem indeed. Where do they go to school? How do their parents shield them from the powerful influences that are all about them?

cape for their lives."—"Gospel Workers," page 29.

"The work of God in this earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work, and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers."—Id., page 352.

How can I as a layman best co-operate with my pastor in an all-out soul-winning endeavour? is a question often asked by church members. The congress will provide you with the answer. Come and join us in the greatest training school in the art of soul-winning ever to be conducted in Australasia.

"And Saul also went home to Gibeah, and there went with him a band of men, whose hearts God had touched." 1 Sam. 10: 26.

That is what God wants today—men and women whose hearts are filled with the love of Christ and who have a vision of their own need; men and women who have experienced an infilling of the Spirit of God and His power; men and women and young people whose hearts

Suppose you were an official in the embassy in Russia. Would you send your children to Russian schools? Would you dare expose them to the subtle influences of the new philosophy? Would you despise the protection provided by the Embassy school and prefer the broadening education of a great Russian school, convinced that the home influence would be adequate to counteract the slow poison of Communism?

Of course it is inevitable that the children of such parents will grow up with more liberal attitudes than their parents. They will not be so intensely British or so anti-Russian. They will tend to think of Russia as the home of their childhood, as the fatherland of their friends. Even the Embassy school cannot protect them from that. But the children who go outside the walls of the embassy to the schools of the nation often become Russian at heart. They do not understand the subtle difference in feeling that is slowly separating them from their parents. It must be a heart-breaking moment when a father looks with puzzled panic into the eyes of his boy to realize that he is no longer British in anything but name. Often when the time comes to go home to England such children do not want to go.

But this is an extreme case. We are talking now of countries like Britain and Russia, that are poles apart in their ideals and beliefs. It is a problem that we will never have to face.

No, we do not have to face that problem. But we belong to the Kingdom of Heaven. We are beleaguered in a vast, evil world. Within the walls of our citadel we have our own schools. They are worth all they cost. But it will soon be time to leave for home.

I wonder if our children will want to come with us.

have been touched with the need of the world for Christ. To this experience God is calling you today.

Come and pray with us the prayer of David.

"Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. . . . Then will I teach transgressors Thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto Thee."

It was when King David turned his eyes upon Jesus that he found joy, peace, and pardon and a desire in his heart to share his blessing with others.

I believe that we have come to a new day—the day is here when we must enlist every member of the church to turn to God in earnest seeking for clean hearts and a burden for lost souls.

Someone has told the story that in one of his great wars Cyrus took a nobleman and his family as prisoners. One day he took the man aside and asked him, "What would you give if I were to set your children free?"

The nobleman looking into the face of Cyrus said, "I will give you half of all that I possess."

Once again Cyrus asked him a question, "What would you give if I were to set you free?"

"If you will set me and my children free, I will give you all that I possess," was the nobleman's reply.

Impressed with the sincerity of this man, Cyrus looked into his face and once more asked, "What will you give if I set your wife free?" For a moment the nobleman looked at Cyrus and then he replied, "If you set my wife free, I will gladly give my life." Deeply impressed with this man's attitude, Cyrus set the whole family free.

After the nobleman and his wife were by themselves, he turned to his wife and asked, "Wasn't Cyrus the most handsome person we have ever seen?"

"I did not notice," was her reply.

"Well," he said, "where were your eyes?"

She replied, "My eyes were upon him who said he would give his life for me."

Jesus not only promised to give His life for us, but He gave His life on Calvary for you and for me that we might be set free. Therefore, let us fix our eyes upon Him, the author and finisher of our faith. Let us lift Him up in our lives, and witness for Him to all those with whom we come in contact. Did He not say, "I, if I be lifted up . . . will draw all men unto Me."

Come to the congress and sing with us the beautiful chorus—

"Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full into His wonderful face.
And the things of this earth will grow
strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace."

LIFE STORY OF CAPTAIN G. F. JONES---3

In the Footsteps of John Williams

CAPTAIN JONES GOES TO RAROTONGA

In May, 1903, less than two years after Captain and Mrs. Jones had entered upon their chosen work as island missionaries, a general council was called to meet in Papeete, Society Islands. The general superintendent of the work in this area was Pastor E. H. Gates, who had recently established his home at Avondale, Cooranbong, about eighty miles north of Sydney. His territory included the islands in the South Seas as well as the East Indies, including Singapore, Malaya, and the Philippines. Pastor Gates had been to the homeland, and reached Tahiti from San Francisco a few days prior to the council.

Of this meeting Sister Cady wrote as follows: "The day after Elder Gates arrived from California, Pastor Piper and his companion came from Rarotonga; also Sister Nelson and three of our young people from Raiatea. Five days later we were happy to welcome the little cutter, "Pitcairn II," with Pastor and Sister Jones, Brother McCoy, and six other Pitcairn Island people on board. We felt that the Lord not only directed them as to when to come, but also gave them favourable winds so as to arrive in time for the meeting." Do not forget that this group travelled some 1,200 miles in a small sailing vessel.

Brother and Sister Jones had been working on Mangareva Island, and at the meeting they reported the conversion of an intelligent European gentleman who had fully embraced the teaching of Scripture, and was awaiting baptism. During the council Captain Jones was set apart for the gospel ministry by ordination, and granted his credentials.

The "Pitcairn II" sailed for Mangareva Island a few days after the council closed, with fifteen souls aboard, including Pastor and Mrs. Jones. At Mangareva Pastor Jones administered the rite of baptism to his recent convert. After a short time the

captain and his wife returned to Tahiti, for at the council Brother Jones had been appointed superintendent of the Cook Islands Mission. The Joneses replaced the Pipers who, because of Sister Piper's poor health, had to return to New Zealand.

When the Joneses reached Rarotonga, they found that a nice new church was under construction and a prospering church school had recently been established. It was fortunate that Pastor and Mrs. Jones could be made available to take over the work of the growing mission that had been faithfully nurtured by the devoted service of Pastor and Mrs. Piper and the schoolteacher, Miss E. Gooding, from Australia.

To help meet the needs of the people of Rarotonga, a request had been made at the council in Tahiti asking that the Australasian Union Conference print an abridged edition of the book "Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation" in the Rarotongan language, which is the language of the Cook Islands.

As an indication of the interest in the Bible that Pastor and Mrs. Jones would find on Rarotonga, the retiring superintendent, Pastor Piper, wrote on the eve of his departure: "As we move around among the people of Rarotonga we find many inquiring for the truth. The other day we met an influential native from Aitutaki who told us that he had read his Bible through three times to find the truth on the Sabbath question, but had failed to find any evidence of the sanctity of Sunday, the first day of the week. He pressed us to promise that we would soon come over and present the truth on his island."

It is little wonder that the first letter from Pastor Jones after reaching his new field of labour should begin with an optimistic note, which was characteristic of most of his correspondence. He wrote: "The Cook Islands are now before us as a field to open up. Rarotonga is the only

island in the group that has so far been entered. I am looking forward to the time when with a knowledge of the language we can visit the different islands. I do not think it will be long, for there must be delay no longer. We are building a church here on Rarotonga, and hope to have it completed before Pastor Piper and family leave. The brethren on this island have a mind to work, and this to me is ample evidence that we can accomplish much on the other islands. We are of good courage. G. F. Jones."

The new church was completed on May 23, 1904, the anniversary of the introduction of the gospel to Rarotonga by John Williams. The church, measuring twenty-two by forty feet, was built of coral rock from the reef skirting the island. It had a galvanized iron roof. The church still stands in a good state of preservation. All the labour involved in its construction was voluntary. As in the days of Nehemiah, when the rebuilding of the temple was accomplished, the people had a mind to work. Undoubtedly Pastor Jones's optimism was contagious.

His forward-looking attitude is seen in a paragraph he wrote at that time regarding educational work in the area: "A church school has recently been started at Titikaveka, where our new church building stands, and where most of our native brethren live. Not having a school-house ready we began in the rear of the church, expecting soon to put up near Maori a building for the school and another for the teacher. Knowing as we do that there will be no more delay we are forced by the inspiration of the message to make bare our arms and finish the work. We have a burning desire to enlarge the place of our tents, and hope soon to carry out our wishes. At present we have about fifty Sabbath-keeping people, four Sabbath schools, one church school, and also a small boarding school, started in our own home."

Called to a Larger Field

At the next annual meeting, held on Raiatea, July, 1904, Pastor and Mrs. Jones and Miss Gooding attended from Rarotonga, some 600 to 900 miles away. A line from the secretary's report reads: "We listened with much interest to the reports given by Pastor and Mrs. Jones and Miss Gooding of their work. Pastor and Mrs. Jones went to Rarotonga last August and have since laboured hard to build up and establish the work in that field. One of those baptized at the general meeting was a lad from Aitutaki who has spent the past year with our workers in Rarotonga." Upon returning to Rarotonga, Pastor Jones had the joy of baptizing three more people.

Captain Jones and his equally versatile companion had demonstrated their qualifications as successful missionaries in the few years already served in the mission field. It was therefore not surprising that their sojourn in the Cook Islands was not a long one, notwithstanding their being much loved by the people of those beautiful and charming islands.

Elder Gates, when not engaged in visitation work in the South Seas, spent a good deal of time in Singapore, Malaya, Manila, and other places where the work of Adventists at that time had scarcely begun. Having seen the Joneses at work and knowing well their devotion to the cause and their enthusiasm, it is easy to understand that Elder Gates would recommend their names when workers for this vast mission field were being chosen. So, on August 30, 1904, the Joneses found themselves responding to the call of God to serve in the territory north of Australia.

Singapore had been waiting for just such workers to move in among its cosmopolitan and needy multitudes. Pastor and Mrs. Piper were now able to return to Rarotonga, so Pastor and Mrs. Jones packed up and began their journey to their new, larger, and much more needy field of labour. They arrived in Australia, en route, on September 9, 1904. No sooner had they been welcomed in Sydney than the request came from the Avondale school (now widely known as Australasian Missionary College), for them to address the 120 members of the student body. These young people were keenly interested in the Joneses and their missionary work, and no doubt they hung on their words as they told of their travels and hardships, as well as their joy in seeing souls won from darkness to the light of the gospel in Christ Jesus.

Few men, if any, who have graced the college platform have so impressed the student body. Pastor Jones's fine diction, replete with nautical terms and vivid illustrations of divine providence, made a profound impression. As he told of his sailing from island to island in a small boat, which he frequently referred to as a "tub," some of the uninitiated pictured in their minds a large metal receptacle usually found in the ordinary washhouse. Is it any wonder that quite a few of the students in chapel that day subsequently found their way to the mission fields? They were fired by enthusiasm to serve their Lord as had these pioneer workers.

Judging by his physical size, Captain Jones could hardly measure up to the tremendous task now before him as he took up his work in Singapore, the centre of operation for the territory now known as Indonesia and Malaya. However, it is not the height of a man but the measure of his consecration and courage that brings success in such an undertaking as was assigned to our beloved Captain and Mrs. Jones.

Opportunities in Singapore

Finding themselves in a city of half a million people in the heart of Indonesia, with its population of more than 100 million was, to say the least, a great challenge. Singapore not only has a large resident population but since the city has an extensive harbour and is on perhaps the busiest commercial shipping route in the world, it also has a large transient population. Right at the door of South-east Asia, it presents unending opportunities for mission work. Every nation, kin-

dred, and tongue is represented there. Scores of different languages can be heard spoken in its narrow streets and broad highways.

A lone colporteur from Australia, Robert Caldwell, had been in Singapore for a year or more before Captain and Mrs. Jones arrived. Pastor R. W. Munson, of America, had also visited there from Padang, and



GOD'S UNSEARCHABLE WISDOM

Wisdom is spoken of many times in a secular sense in the Bible, but what this lesson deals with is the clear teaching of the Word that wisdom flows from God who alone possesses it in its purity and fullness. "The Holy One of Israel . . . is wise" (Isa. 31: 1, 2; cf. 2 Sam. 14: 20; Matt. 16: 17).

A true perception of such divine wisdom as God reveals to man places both God and man in true perspective. "The greatest wisdom, and most essential, is the knowledge of God. Self sinks into insignificance as it contemplates God and Jesus Christ whom He hath sent."—"Fundamentals of Christian Education," page 451.

1. Divine and Human Wisdom Compared

Isa. 55: 8, 9. "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, saith the Lord." Nowhere do we find the exalted wisdom of God contrasted more startlingly with the debased wisdom of man than in the plan of salvation. "The preaching of the cross is . . . foolishness" to the carnal mind, but to the enlightened it is "the power of God" (1 Cor. 1: 18). "The wisdom of God" sent "prophets and apostles" to disseminate truth, but a tragic reception awaited them (Luke 11: 49). To be "weighted with the spirit of wisdom from God" we must humble ourselves and be divested of all human pride, whether

some interest in the teachings of Seventh-day Adventists had been created. A few had already begun to observe the Sabbath. Elder Gates, of course, had been there to spy out the land and could offer counsel as to the location of the mission and the methods of work to be pursued.

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SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON HELP

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of position or spirit. (See "Testimonies to Ministers," page 357.)

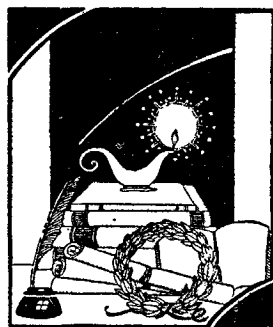
Eph. 3: 10, R.S.V. "That through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known." God's church is composed of saved sinners. They become His elect, initiated into a new way of life, a new understanding of man's destiny. What the world sees of Christians now should be a revelation of saving grace. Ultimately the way of redemption will vindicate God's ways before the universe: "Through Christ's redeeming work the government of God stands justified."—"Desire of Ages," page 26.

Rom. 11: 33. "O the depth . . . of the wisdom and knowledge of God." Isaiah used the simile of height. Paul here uses that of depth, to illustrate the unexpected ways by which God accomplishes His purpose. "Depth" recalls His use of "height" in Rom. 8: 39; "riches" applied here to "wisdom and knowledge," is used of "goodness and forbearance and long-suffering" in 2: 4, of "His glory on the vessels of mercy" in 9: 23, and of God's grace in 10: 12. We can share Paul's wonder at the riches of God's love and wisdom when we remember that this plentitude comes to us not by human endeavour but because God gives it freely to the recipients of His grace.

2. God's Wisdom Is Universal

Ps. 44: 21. "He knoweth the secrets of the heart." Jeremiah attributed the impossibility of understanding the human heart to its desperate wickedness, but the Lord declared: "I . . . search the mind and try the heart" (Jer. 17: 9, 10, R.S.V.) The field of conflict in the battle between good and evil "is the domain of the heart." And the greatest battle for man is to surrender his heart to the love and will of "the only wise God." ("Thoughts from the Mount of Blessing," page 141; 1 Tim. 1: 17.) It is because God knows every thought of the heart that He is competent to "give every man according as his work shall be." Rev. 22: 12.

Isa. 46: 10. "Declaring the end from the beginning." We know little or nothing about either the eternal past or the eternal future, except as the Word speaks



of them. In Prov. 8:22-30 wisdom is spoken of in these words: "The Lord possessed me in the beginning of His way, before His works of old." In "Patriarchs and Prophets," page 34, these words are attributed to Christ, by whom "the Father wrought . . . in the creation," etc. The same "Wonderful, Counsellor," whose "goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting," is called the "Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last." (Isa. 9:6; Micah 5:2; Rev. 22:13.) The wisdom of God, whether personified in "Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God" (1 Cor. 1:24), or as an inherent quality of the Godhead, embraces and controls the future. When God so pleases He reveals "new things," and "before they spring forth" He declares them in His Word. (Isa. 42:9.)

Ps. 139:1-6. David was astonished to think God knew all his thoughts and movements. There is something terrifying in this for the insincere and the sinner. There is comfort for the saints. "He who understands the thoughts afar off, and places the right estimate upon men, says, 'I know him.'" This is spoken of Abraham in "Patriarchs and Prophets," page 141, but applies to all men. There will be tremendous revaluations when the secrets of all hearts are made public. See Luke 8:17; cf. 1 Chron. 28:9.

Job 37:14-24. Job is asked what he knows about the "when" of creation, the "how" of cloud balancing and temperature and weather control, etc. "The whole creation is a poem, every species a stanza, and every individual creature a verse in it." (Charnock, "The Attributes of God," page 279.) "The Lord by wisdom founded the earth; by understanding He established the heavens." Prov. 3:19, R.S.V. If God were not perpetually wise, every form of life and law might perish from His universe. With man, human wisdom comes with mature years and leaves him in his dotage. With God, wisdom is inherently and unchangeably complete and everlasting, and accounts for the beneficent providence underlying creation and the outworking of divine purpose in human history.

3. God's Wisdom and His Creatures

Matt. 6:26. God not only sees and knows every creature, He cares and provides for them. "All things in nature testify to the tender, fatherly care of our God, and to His desire to make His children happy."—"Patriarchs and Prophets," page 600.

Rom. 8:28, R.S.V. "In everything God works for good with those who love Him." This may at times be difficult to see, "but the fact is there, given and assured, not by speculation upon events, but by personal knowledge of an Eternal Person. 'Love God, and thou shalt know.' They 'love God,' with a love perfectly unartificial, the genuine affection of human hearts, hearts not the less human because divinely new-created, regenerated from above."—"The Expositor's Bible," on Rom. 8:28.

James 1:5. This is a precious promise of wisdom to those who ask a God who gives "to all men generously" (R.S.V.).

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WEDDINGS



GOLDSTONE-HILLS. The Tauranga (N.Z.) church was beautifully decorated for the wedding of David Hugh Vincent Goldstone and Nancy Doreen Hills, which took place on May 25, 1959. The bridegroom is the second son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Goldstone, and the bride the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Hills. At the reception, which was attended by a large gathering of relatives and friends, many messages of congratulation and good wishes were received from as far as Norfolk Island and Australia. We know the Lord will graciously bless this young couple as they take up residence in the district.
C. T. Potter.

ROWE-REIMERS. Manjimup church (W.A.) members, as well as many relatives and friends gathered in the church on May 31, 1959, to witness the wedding of Reginald George Rowe and Hazel Jean Reimers. The bride is the daughter of Brother and Sister G. Reimers of Manjimup. Reg is a promising young man whose talents will prove a blessing in the work of God. As these young folk seek to further their knowledge of God's message it is the prayer of the entire church membership that the Lord will bless their home and lives in the Palgorup district in the West.
Gordon I. Wilson.

WILSON-KING. Out of a very foggy morning emerged a beautiful sunny day on June 7, 1959, when relatives and friends assembled in the prettily decorated Bayles church in Gippsland, Vic., to witness the marriage of two well-known members of the Adventist family. The contracting parties were Samuel Allen Wilson of Gippsland and Edna Grace King of the Avondale, N.S.W., community. We were afterwards entertained at the home of Mr. R. King, Vervale, where an excellent breakfast was partaken of and many good wishes expressed. May God's richest blessing accompany Brother and Sister Wilson as they continue to hold aloft the banner of truth.
J. S. Jackson.



UNTIL THE DAY BREAK

**"Blest are the dead, for ever blest,
Who from henceforth in Jesus rest."**

FAULKNER. Mrs. Edith M. Faulkner passed peacefully to her rest on June 17, 1959, at the age of eighty years. After her baptism by Pastor G. G. Stewart in 1917 she joined the Wellington church, where she continued in fellowship till the time of her death. She loved the things of God, and through her faith, cheerfulness, and helpfulness brought encouragement and hope to many. To her son Edwin and daughters, Mrs. Creighton and Mrs. Carter, who mourn the passing of a good mother, we extend our sympathy and commend them to the care of the God of all comfort. Our sister lies sleeping in the Karori cemetery, awaiting her Master's call to eternal life.
A. E. Magnusson.

COPLAND. In the Mauku (N.Z.) cemetery, overlooked by the historic loop-holed church, stronghold of early settlers during the Maori wars, Robert Martin Copland, aged eighty-one years, was laid to rest on the 16th of June, 1959, in the blessed hope of the resurrection. Mr. Copland was the beloved grandparent of our Alwyn Copland and Lorraine (Mrs. Lance Rogers). To his three sons, three daughters, and thirty-six grandchildren we extend our Christian sympathy.
R. Pavitt Brown.

WIGG. Sister Olive Wigg died suddenly at her home in Kati Kati, N.Z., on May 5, 1959, at the age of thirty-six. Her first contact with present truth was fourteen years ago, through our late colporteur, Brother S. Dixon. Pastor S. Bartlett studied with her, and Pastor R. Bullas baptized her. All who knew Sister Wigg are sure she was ready for this sudden call. We spoke words of comfort to her husband and five children, and other relatives and friends, in the Tauranga church before laying her to rest. May God abundantly bless and comfort her loved ones, and may we all be ready to meet her at the daybreak.
E. F. Giblett.

RETURN THANKS

Mrs. Alice S. Thomson and family of Cooranbong wish to sincerely thank all their kind friends for expressions of sympathy—floral, verbal, and written—in the recent loss of their husband and father, Christie G. Thomson. Will all accept this as a personal expression of appreciation.

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BREVITIES

Friends of Brother A. H. Ferris will be glad to know that he is recovering from surgery in the Perth hospital. His daughter, Sister V. J. Heise, reports: "While somewhat feeble, he is doing very well for his ninety years and more."

On an educational expedition to the denominational Potomac University, U.S.A., Evangelist L. Moulds left Sydney by the "Oronsay," June 23. He was accompanied by his wife, two children, and mother, Sister L. Moulds. He expects to spend two years there in theological study and in gaining experience in methods of evangelism.

The division treasurer, Pastor E. J. Johanson, left Sydney on June 29 to attend the Coral Sea Union half-yearly meeting and the dedication of the headquarters churches in Lae and Rabaul. From July 15 to August 27, Pastor R. R. Frame will be attending local mission sessions in West Fiji, the Cook Islands, and Tonga. July 30 to August 25, Pastor F. G. Clifford will be ministering to those assembled for the Eastern Highlands Mission Session and other gatherings.

After a long period without any interchange of leadership personnel in the Publishing Department, these transfers were effected earlier this year: N. H. J. Smith, Victoria to Qld.; F. Baker, North N.Z. to Victoria; P. Starr, Qld. to Greater Sydney; S. H. Shell, Greater Sydney to North N.S.W.; C. Lowe, North N.S.W. to North Qld.

Bookings made for missionaries to the highlands of New Guinea as we go to press are: June 29, Pastor and Mrs. A. D. Pietz and David to Goroka, returning from furlough; July 2, Brother and Sister Lance Waddington, Sheryl and Hal (formerly of the Solomon Islands), to Mt. Hagen for service at the Hansende Colony; July 3, Pastor Rex Tindall, a Queensland evangelist, with his wife, Robyn and Terence (twins), and Lynne bound for Kainantu.

Sister F. Sloan wrote from Manurewa, Auckland, N.Z., on June 15: "I was very interested to read the paragraph by Sister Conley in the 'Record' of May 11, where she mentions seeing the eucalyptus growing in Kotagiri, Nilgiri Hills, India, and which reminds her of home. It was my husband's father, Robert Sloan, who planted the eucalypts at Kotagiri from seed he took over from Victoria in the early 1880's, when he went to take over the estate of Herrianhutty, where my husband, Frank Sloan, was born. There is, or was up to 1910, a magnificent avenue of bluegums on this estate."

The last week in June, Pastor W. M. R. Scragg came to Wahroonga, bringing to the Sydney Sanitarium and Hospital for treatment, Brother J. Mutch, a well-known and dependable worker on the South New South Wales camp-ground. On retirement in January, 1957, Pastor Scragg elected to reside in Young and care for four churches. He says he officially retired on the 14th of the month and started work on the 16th! He regularly takes two services and two Sabbath school classes a week, averages £200 annually for the Appeal for Missions, and has baptized eighteen young and older people, some new converts.

Car Accident in Rabaul

Pastor E. A. Boehm, president of the Bismarck-Solomons Union, wrote this letter to Pastor R. R. Frame, assistant secretary for the division, on June 22:

"I am writing to advise you that yesterday an unfortunate car accident put a few of our folk, including Pastor Weis, temporarily out of commission, although not seriously injuring any of them, unless X-ray examinations now being made reveal that some injuries may be worse than is apparent at the moment.

"Pastor Weis was staying with the Dickins family for the week-end and was being taken by them to Kokopo for an outing and to attend the annual show. The Kokopo road is notoriously bad at this

time of the year, with loose patches of gravel and pumice, and is exceedingly dusty, particularly with show traffic on it.

"Pastor Dickins' car skidded in a loose surface, went out of control, and finally rolled over and came to rest with its wheels in the air and its top resting in a deep ditch beside the road. In it were Pastor and Mrs. Dickins, their four children, Pastor Weis, and the cook boy. All were badly shaken and bruised and suffered a few cuts, but managed to climb out of the overturned car. A passing motorist who knew them took them in his car to the hospital at Rabaul.

"Pastor Dickins, Pastor Weis, and two of the children were discharged as soon as the doctor had examined them, and Mrs. Dickins and the other two children were allowed to go home later in the day. They all felt fairly well by evening except two of the children who were the worst cut and bruised.

"However, we decided to cancel arrangements for Pastors Weis and Dickins to go to Honiara today, and it was just as well, for this morning they were feeling very stiff and sore and in no condition to travel. The family doctor came this morning and was concerned about Brother Dickins' condition, suspecting a cracked vertebra. [Later: X-rays revealed that Pastor Dickins has suffered a fractured vertebra, and he will have his neck in a cast for some time.]

"We had a look at the car today and it is a sorry sight, with a very badly buckled top and dents here and there all over it. The engine has broken away from its mountings and is thrown to one side. But truly we can be thankful to the Lord that the outcome was not a lot more serious than it is. We all believe the Lord's protecting hand was over the party, preventing worse injury than they sustained."

None Like Unto Him

His birth was contrary to the laws of life. His death was contrary to the laws of death. He had no cornfields or fisheries, but He could spread a table for five thousand and have bread and fish to spare.

He walked on no beautiful carpets or velvet rugs, but He walked on the waters of the Sea of Galilee and they supported Him.

When He died, few men mourned, but a black crepe was hung over the sun. Though men trembled not for their sins, the earth beneath them shook under the load. All nature honoured Him. Sinners alone rejected Him. Corruption could not get hold of His body. The soil that had been reddened by His blood could not claim His dust.

Three years He preached His gospel. He wrote no book, built no church house, had no monetary backing; but after nineteen hundred years He is the one central character of human history, the Pivot around which the events of the ages revolve, and the only Regenerator of the Human Race.

—"Go."